

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thursday 16th March 2023, Week 7, Term 1 2023 NEWSLETTER



Acknowledgment of Country

We acknowledge this land as the Traditional Lands of the Wurundjeri People of the Kulin nation and we pay our respects to all elders past, present and emerging.



We will respect the land, animals and waterways, from the roots of the earth to the tops of the trees.

Thank you for letting us learn and grow on your mother earth. We understand that if we protect and look after the country, then the country will look after us.



School Vision

St Peter's is a faith filled and inclusive community that embraces diversity.

We aspire to engage and empower all to think critically and act justly, guided by our catholic values, on our journey as lifelong learners.

Principal Report

Good afternoon St Peter's Community,

An exciting week coming up with our Footy Week launch - the pie and sausage roll lunch catered by our wonderful parents committee. We also have our school Trivia Night on Friday 24th March.

The purpose of the Trivia night is to engage in relationships with school families and build friendships with other families. All money raised will go towards improving our students' outdoor education space and the oval.

A sneak preview of some of the student ARTwork that will be only available for silent auction on the TRIVIA night only.

Each year level have worked with our Art Teacher Kelly Manos to create a unique piece of art representing each year level at St Peter's 2023. They are stunning!!







We have some amazing door prizes, raffle prizes and games prizes.

If you don't have your tickets yet: Tuesday 21st of March is the last day to purchase Trivia Night tickets. Please ring the school office for details.

REMEMBER TO BRING GOLD COINS TO THE TRIVIA NIGHT. LOTS OF FUN GAMES AND TERRIFIC PRIZES. BYO: Drinks/ Food and Alcohol. No students attended this adults only event.

St Patrick's Cathedral

Our school captains and education & faith leaders will attend the St Patrick's Day mass tomorrow at St Patrick's Cathedral. All schools in Melbourne are represented at the beginning of year mass.

Melbourne Catholic Archdiocese School Visual Arts Competition







Our school community is excited to announce that Pip (2022 Year 6 Student) entered her **self portrait** last year into the Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools visual arts competition.

Pip was awarded first place: Portraiture Prize Winner 2023! Congratulations Pip!

This achievement is wonderful for Pip and her family and displays the depth of curriculum we create for our students to achieve success.

Physical Education

Christine Moore has been our Physical Education teacher during our new chapter at St Peter's. Some of you may be aware that Christine's husband had a heart attack late last year. We are thrilled to share with our community that her husband is recovering well and is enjoying life. As a result of the experience Christine and her husband Bruce, have decided to reset their lives and relocate to Queensland to be closer to her husband's family.

We are very sorry to say goodbye to Mrs Moore and grateful for her contribution to our community, but at the same time supportive of Mrs Moore's decision to be with her family.

We are currently advertising for a Physical Education teacher to replace Mrs Moore in Term 2.

Correct School Shoes

A number of students are not wearing the correct school shoes. <u>I kindly ask that by Monday 20th March all students are wearing black school shoes with their summer uniform</u>. Runners can only be worn on sport days. The correct school uniform is part of our enrollment agreement. Families have had sufficient time to purchase new school shoes for the 2023 school year. Thank you for your support.







School Expo 2024

St Peter's Primary school has experienced massive improvement changes in the last three years and our school enrolments have reflected the community excitement in our changes. We have grown from 260 students to 350 students in three years.

Most recently we have become a school recognised for excellence in STEM and a number of Melbourne schools visiting our school and engaging with Melissa Gatt to unpack how STEM can be embedded in our curriculum.

The 2023 year of the mathematician has achieved praise in recognising the importance of differentiating the way students learn and we teach mathematics.

Challenging and stretching our students in Visual Arts has seen amazing results in 6 pieces of our student Art work displayed in the MACS visual Art expo.

We encourage all our families to share with family, friends and pre school communities the amazing opportunities we offer our students at St Peter's. Prospective families are welcome to come and be part of our school expo and consider being part of our school community moving forward.

SCHOOL 2024 EXPO: TUESDAY 21st MARCH 7.30pm

Harmony Day / Say No To Bullying Friday 24th March

On this day our school community is encouraged to wear orange or their family traditional dress clothing. It is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of migrants into our community.

Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it. Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values.

Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Week. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect. Australians can choose to wear something orange during Harmony Week to show their support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia.

<u>Our cultural diversity:</u> Australia is a vibrant and multicultural country — from the oldest continuous culture of our first Australians to the cultures of our newest arrivals from around the world.

Our cultural diversity is one of our greatest strengths and is at the heart of who we are. It makes Australia a great place to live.

An integrated multicultural Australia is an integral part of our national identity. All people who migrate to Australia bring with them some of their own cultural and religious traditions, as well as taking on many new traditions. Collectively, these traditions have enriched our nation.



Say no to Bullying

https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/

Bullying is an **ongoing** and **deliberate misuse of power** in relationships through **repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour** that intends to cause physical, social and/or psychological harm. It can involve an **individual or a group** misusing their power, or perceived power, over one or more persons who feel unable to stop it from happening. Bullying can happen **in person or online**, via various digital platforms and devices and it can be **obvious** (overt) or **hidden** (covert). Bullying behaviour is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time (for example, through sharing of digital records). Bullying of any form or for any reason can have **immediate, medium and long-term effects** on those involved, including **bystanders**. Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying.

There is no tolerance for Bullying at St Peter's Epping!

Ensuring that students know how to report bullying can reduce the chance of bullying going unreported or students being reluctant to tell someone. Encouraging students to report bullying helps schools to gain a more accurate picture of bullying in their community and provide help where it is needed.



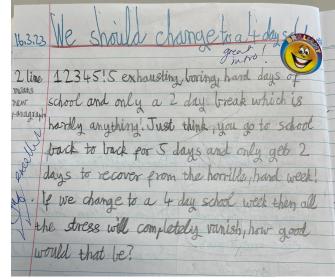
Kind regards, Angela Tonkin Principal

St Peter's School Improvement Framework

To empower students to learn
To build teacher pedagogical practices
To strengthen partnerships with families and the wider community

Literacy News

Our middle and senior school students have been practising their writing skills in composing persuasive texts. The teachers have been modelling how to formulate an opinion on different topics and how to think about 2-3 different arguments to support that opinion. Some students have been extended to experiment with rhetorical questions and including facts and statistics to make their arguments even stronger. Here we are spotlighting Samara's (Year 5/6SC) persuasive text.





Learning and Teaching

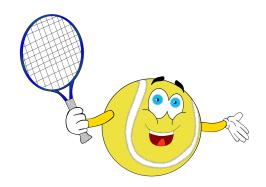
Our students are immersed in the Italian language here at St. Peter's. Last year was our first year studying the Italian language, as we made a change from Japanese. It is so wonderful hearing our teachers and students holding simple conversations and greeting each other in Italian.

We would like to introduce our two new Italian Language curriculum coordinators, Miss. Louise Pantano (Year 1 teacher) and Miss Emma Perri (Year 5/6 teacher). They are so excited to plan a fun and engaging curriculum that focuses on the Italian language and culture.

Interschool Sport News

Last week, our senior students put in another great effort competing against Lalor North Primary School.

The St Peters Bat Tennis Mixed team won their game 15 -14 and our girls put in a strong effort to win 20-8. Our Rounders Mixed team fought hard but lost 0-16. Our girls fought hard but lost 0 - 9. Our cricket team put in great efforts but lost 39 - 56. Both schools showed excellent sportsmanship. Great job seniors! We look forward to our next game against Epping Primary School on Friday 17th March. Go St Peter's!



School Photo Information

School photos were taken on Tuesday 7th March, including all siblings, by Arthur Reed Photos.

Arthur Reed Photos uses an online ordering system where you can view your photos prior to ordering.

- There is no need to return any forms or money to school.
- Unique image codes were sent home with students on the day, so families can register online to view images when they become available in the webshop. If you did not receive your child's photo information, please contact the school office on 9401 1157 or office@stprepp.catholic.edu.au
- Registration is simple, just follow the 3 simple steps on your child's personalised flyer and remember to add the codes for all your children attending this school.
- When images are ready to view and in the webshop, all parents who have registered will be notified by SMS and email.
- Once registered, please wait for notification that 2023 images are online to view before making your purchase.
 - A sample of the flyer that was sent home is included below:



This week the Archdiocese of Melbourne is celebrating Catholic Education Week (March 12-19).

The week has provided an opportunity for our school to join with all 334 Catholic schools in the Archdiocese to celebrate our distinctive Catholic identity, our achievements, and the role our school plays within our parish and local communities.

The theme for this year's celebrations is 'Forming lives of faith, hope and love in the light of Christ'.

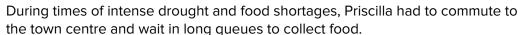
Celebrating Catholic Education Week at St Peter's:

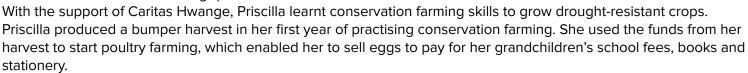
- Our Year 6 Faith Leaders, School Captains and School Vice Captains will attend the Mass of St Patrick on Friday March 17th. The mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Peter Comensoli and will be followed by the Concert in the Park
- Some of our student art work has been entered into the Creative Arts Exhibition, which showcases the wonderful artwork of primary and secondary students in the Archdiocese of Melbourne.
- Each class is engaging in Catholic Education Week activities and acknowledging the feast day of St Patrick

Lent: Project Compassion

Each week during Lent the students explore local and global issues through the stories of people that Caritas has supported.

In the third week of Lent, the Project Compassion story is of Priscilla, who lives with her husband, Charles, and two of their grandchildren in Zimbabwe. Climate change continues to bring unprecedented challenges for people living in Zimbabwe's most vulnerable and remote communities.





Poultry farming provides a safety net for Priscilla and her family during times of hardship, like the current drought.



PRAYER



We pray that all people will have just access to the necessities of life, especially water.

May we, in our support for Project Compassion this Lent, do all we can to become a source of hope for those who thirst.

Amen.

While the situation in Zimbabwe and across eastern Africa remains dire, the work of Caritas Hwange means that Priscilla can learn the techniques, tools and resources she needs to build resilience and support her family during this current food crisis.

Watch Priscilla's story here:

www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/priscilla-story-video

Support Project Compassion today by adding a donation to your child's classroom Project Compassion box.

Feast Days

St Joseph

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of St Joseph. As I shared with you last week, the month of March is dedicated to St Joseph.

As a family you might like to share a prayer to St Joseph or talk about what you know about him.

Prayer to St Joseph, by Pope Francis

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from eyery evil.



St Patrick

Friday March 17th is St Patrick's Day.

Saint Patrick was born in England, but when he was a teenager, he was captured by Irish pirates who took him to Ireland as a slave. After six years, Saint Patrick escaped and returned to England and his family.

When Saint Patrick became a priest, he traveled to Ireland as a missionary so that he could teach the people about God. He used examples to explain the mysteries of the faith in simple ways. One day, Saint Patrick compared the Trinity to a shamrock. He said that the shamrock has three leaves, but it is only one plant. In the same way, God is three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—but one God.

God used Saint Patrick's kidnapping to convert the Irish people. In our lives, God uses the bad times to bring about a good we do not always see. We must be patient and trust Him.



Level Parish Masses

Parents, carers and family members are invited to join levels at Parish mass. Level Parish masses are held on **Wednesdays** throughout the school year. Families that are wanting to attend are asked to meet the students and teachers in the church. **Mass begins at 9:15am**

Below is the mass schedule for the remainder of Term 1

Date	Year Level
22/3/23	Prep and Year 5/6
5/4/23	Year 1



Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students for receiving a S.T.A.R or Agreed Ways award at assembly last week.

Following our school values and agreed ways help others to feel welcome, happy and safe in our school community. Keep up the great work!

Prep SC Ivana	1AM Shan	2BM Cleo	2DD Evie B	3/4EK Zak	3/4TD Charli	5/6EW Chloe	5/6SE Mia
Prep GV Isaac	1LP Alexandra	2ED Alleynah	3/4BG Nass	3/4PS Ishaan	5/6EP Cullen	5/6SC Kiyarra	PE Isaiah (5/6SC)
							STEM Nass (3/4BG)

Resilience Rights and Respectful Relationships

Resilience Rights and Respectful Relationships (RRRR) is a program that supports students to develop their knowledge and skills to strengthen their sense of self. It also develops their ability in building and managing safe and respectful relationships.

RRRR is a whole school approach with a goal to build positive change in student's learning outcomes, improved wellbeing, improved classroom behaviors and strengthened relationships within the school community.

The RRRR program provides age appropriate learning activities that align with the content of the Victorian Curriculum. It includes lesson plans and activities that help students learn and practise social skills and apply them in a positive way to learning, life and relationships.

The Resilience, Rights & Respectful Relationships resources cover eight topics for each year level.

Topic 1: Emotional Literacy

Topic 2: Personal Strengths

Topic 3: Positive Coping

Topic 4: Problem Solving

Topic 5: Stress Management

Topic 6: Help-Seeking

Topic 7: Gender and Identity

Topic 8: Positive Gender Relations

We look forward to sharing our journey in building respectful relationships at St Peter's

FOOTY IS BACK!

The 2023 AFL season is set to commence next week, and to celebrate we are having **FOOTY FRIDAY** on *Friday 17th March*.

It will be a **free dress day**, with students encouraged to come in the supporter gear for their favourite AFL team, or for any other sport they follow.

Students have the option of ordering a **hot lunch and popcorn**. These will replace frozen friday - icypoles will not be for sale on this day.

Lunch orders must be ordered and paid for by Friday 10th March. Late orders will not be accepted after this date.

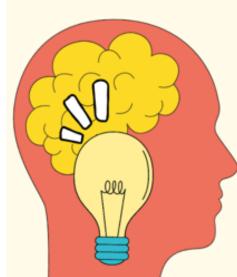
Lunch Orders are optional only, if you choose not to order one, students will need their normal lunch brought from home.





NIGHT

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BYO FOOD & DRINK

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2023		TERM 1
WEEK 7	14 - 17 March	13th March - Public Holiday (Labour Day). No school Tuesday 14th March: Second Hand Uniform Shop Open 08:45 - 9:15 / 2:45 - 3:15 Preps attend school full time (Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri) Wednesday 15th: Yr 3 & Yr 5 NAPLAN Writing 9 - 11am Thursday 16th: Yr 3 & Yr 5 NAPLAN Reading 9 - 11am Friday 17th: FOOTY FRIDAY (Free Dress, AFL, other sport) NO ICY POLES FOR SALE TODAY
WEEK 8	20 - 24 March	Preps attend school full time (Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri) Monday 20th: Yr 3 & Yr 5 NAPLAN Language Conventions 9 - 11am Tuesday 21st: Yr 3 & Yr 5 NAPLAN Numeracy 9 - 11am Tuesday 21st: Second Hand Uniform Shop Open 08:45 - 9:15 / 2:45 - 3:15 Tuesday 21st: PREP PARENT INFORMATION EVENING 7pm Wedneday 22nd: Prep & Yr 5/6 Mass 9:15am (Church) Thursday 23rd: Prep Tour 9: 30am Friday 24th: HARMONY DAY (wear orange or traditional dress) Friday 24th: Frozen Friday icypoles \$2, zooper dooper \$1 Friday 24th: **change of time**Assembly 11:30am (Galilee Space - parents welcome) FRIDAY 24TH: ST PETER'S TRIVIA NIGHT 7PM
WEEK 9	27 - 31 March	Preps attend school full time (Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri) Tuesday 28th: Second Hand Uniform Shop Open 08:45 - 9:15 / 2:45 - 3:15 Tuesday 28th: First Reconciliation 5pm (Year 3 Sacramental Students)
WEEK 10	3 - 6 April	Wednesday 5th: Year 1 Mass 9:15am (Church) Last day of Term 1: Thursday 6th April, 1.30pm finish

MARCH		TERM 2
WEEK 1	Monday 24th	SCHOOL CLOSURE - STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING - NO SCHOOL
	Tuesday 25th	Anzac Day - Public Holiday. School Closed
	Wednesday 26th	First day Term 2 Gates open at 8:30am

Parent Volunteers

Please note, it is a requirement that all St Peter's volunteers have a Working With Children's Check (WWCC). If you already hold a WWCC, it is important to add St Peter's Primary School, Epping to your 'Organisation Details' list and it is free as you will be volunteering.

https://service.vic.gov.au/find-services/work-and-volunteering/working-with-children-check/update-your-working-with-children-check-details/start

If you need to apply for a WWCC you can do so online via this link. https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/

Procedure for Reporting an Absence

Thank you to the families that are using the notices@stprepp.catholic.edu.au email account or the 'Report an Absence' link on our website, to notify the school of an absence. It is not alway possible for teachers to access emails before they mark the morning roll or they may also be absent. By sending an email to the notices email address, the office staff can make sure the roll is updated. Please send an email for each day your child is absent, or specify a date range for their absence. A reason for the absence must be noted.



The exemption from school form is to be completed for students that are absent for more than 10 school days. The form is also available from the school office.

Updating your personal and contact information & changes to student medical conditions

Do we have your most up to date contact details? If not, please contact the school on office@stprepp.catholic.edu.au so we can update our records. This includes parent/carers' name, address, phone numbers, email address and emergency contact details.





Please ensure any changes to student medical conditions are communicated directly to the office in person or via email. This will help to ensure that appropriate measures are put in place to manage your child's medical condition.

Feedback

We are always looking for ways to improve our school community - please email principal Mrs Angela Tonkin if you have suggestions or feedback you would like Thank you



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