



ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thursday 1st December 2022, Week 9, Term 4

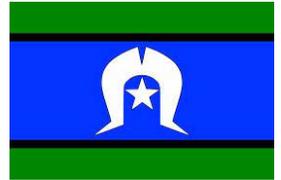
NEWSLETTER

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.

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

Good afternoon St Peter's Community

Candle of Peace

The Second Week of Advent is **the week of Peace**.

This verse tells us that Jesus came to be the Prince of Peace. The word peace is the Hebrew word shalom which means completeness or well being. Jesus did not come just to end wars, but to make us complete by saving us from our sinfulness.



Inclement weather

Given the changing weather we are experiencing at present, the students have permission to wear their winter or summer uniform in Term 4, 2022.

Changes in learning spaces

Over the coming weeks there will be a number of furniture changes to learning spaces to accommodate our 2023 learning space structure. We have also decided to name the different spaces in our school building.

2023 Prep space will be called Bethlehem. The Year 3/4 space will be called the River Jordan and the Year two space will be called Nazareth. The current Emmaus space will stay as is and the year 1 students will share the space with our senior school students next year.

Class groupings 2023

The staff are currently involved in preparing the class groupings for 2023. We take into account the social, emotional and academic needs of all students. All students have at least one student they have selected they work well with. The class groupings for 2023 will be sent home the same night as the reports are made available online to families.

The class groupings and teacher allocations are final and requests for change will not be considered.

Families can access reports via informa from 4pm on Tuesday 13th December.

A letter will be sent home explaining the steps to access the report.

No place for racism

St Peter's Primary school does not tolerate racism. There is no place for it in our school. Families and educators play a role in not tolerating acts of racism and we need to work in partnership to ensure our children / students create an environment where all feel welcome and valued. We ask parents to have conversations at home as our students' primary educators to ensure our students understand that racism is not tolerated at St Peter's.

We must always lead by example.

Thank you for your support.

Farewell Jo Galic

After over 20 years of service to the St Peter's community - Jo Galic has decided to embark on a new journey as a Learning Support Officer (LSO) in another school. Jo has been a valued member of our community and she has enhanced student engagement in her role as a LSO for many years. We are most grateful for her contribution and we wish her every success in the future.

Passing messages onto students

Please ensure you explain after school pick up arrangements with students in the morning at drop off. We are getting an increasing number of parents ringing the school office at the end of the day and asking for afterschool arrangements to be passed on. While we send messages to the classroom teacher they may not see them till after the students have left for the day as they are busy teaching.

School Christmas Carols

The countdown is on in preparation for our school community Christmas carols.

The Parents community are working hard to ensure it is a wonderful evening. Food trucks will be serving food from 5pm to ensure our families have some yummy food to eat. Students must be accompanied by an adult / parent or guardian. Teachers will not be supervising students at night.

Council maintenance in Coulstock and Wedge Street

The school has made a number of calls and lodged concerns regarding the maintenance and care of the driveway and barriers in our student collection areas. Unfortunately nothing has changed. If the area also concerns you, please raise your concern with the council. It may take many voices to make a change.

Student extended leave applications

A number of families are currently requesting exemption forms for students to travel overseas to visit family. I understand that due to COVID many families have not been together for long periods of time. Long absences from school will impact students academic growth and as a result their school reports will show gaps in their learning.

Our last newsletter will be December 15th

As we enter the period of gift giving and exchanging of christmas cards. A gentle reminder that we do have a no sharing of food policy. This includes candy canes and chocolate.

Last day of school is Thursday December 15th at 3.30pm

Kind regards

Angela Tonkin

St Peter's Christmas Carols on the school oval Thursday December 8th, 2022

Families are invited to bring a picnic rug and a basket of food and enjoy the carols.

The children will sit with their families and all children must be accompanied by an adult for the entire evening.

Children are encouraged to come dressed in Christmas t-shirts and hats.

Teachers will not be supervising students at night.

5pm Food Vans

On the parish car park providing meal options for your family

6.30pm Carols



News from the Maths Hub

This year, selected students from Year 4-6 were invited to join the Australasian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiads program - Maths Games. The program challenges students beyond the school curriculum to solve complex problems in creative ways. The program has a strong emphasis on collaboration, with students working in teams to solve challenging problems and learning from each other.



Absent: Sebastian and Emma

This year, 16 aspiring mathematicians were invited to join. They met on a weekly basis, learning a variety of strategies to become effective problem solvers. During the year the students participated in 5 contests, where they applied the strategies that they had learnt in class to solve challenging tasks.

All students were awarded certificates for their participation and achievement. Their enrichment teacher - Penny Connelly also awarded badges to 5 outstanding mathematicians - who displayed perseverance, innovation, leadership and collaboration when solving challenging tasks.

<p><u>Initiative award:</u> For trying a range of problem solving strategies to determine the answer when one strategy did not work. For taking on challenges at home and seeking support when required.</p>	Kody B
<p><u>Teamwork/Leadership award:</u> For displaying excellent leadership skills when working within a team of students, consistently demonstrating active listening and ensuring their team’s success by helping students listen and respond to each other’s ideas appropriately and respectfully.</p>	Anna T
<p><u>Perseverance award:</u> For an overall improvement throughout the contest. Your dedication and motivation throughout the contest was outstanding</p>	Nathan Z
<p><u>Highest Achievement Award:</u> For being in the top 10% of all Australasian participants and receiving the highest overall score in 2022 at St. Peter’s</p>	Niyam S
<p><u>Perseverance award:</u> For determination in completing challenging problems with a positive attitude</p>	Chloe R

We congratulate all students on their involvement and achievement in this program.

Mrs Whitbread
Numeracy Leader

Advent

Advent marks the beginning of the Church's new year and is a season of waiting and preparation. In fact, this season of Advent focuses on Christ's threefold coming - past, present and future. We await and prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ at Christmas.

We hope and give thanks for Christ's presence within us and in the Word and sacraments.

We look to the future, waiting for Christ to come again.

In the coming weeks we prepare with mounting expectation for the coming of Christ in a spirit of waiting, conversion and hope.



The word 'Advent' means 'coming'. Lighting the candles on the wreath symbolises the coming of light (Jesus) into the world. The first candle (violet) represents hope, the second (violet) peace, the third (rose) joy, and the fourth (violet) love. The central white candle is lit on Christmas Day and represents Christ. During Advent we act and pray for a more just and fair world – a world full of hope, peace, joy and love.

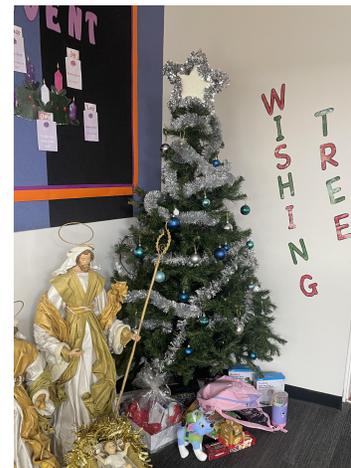
This Sunday, December 4th, is the second Sunday of Advent. The second candle will be lit, the PEACE candle.

Advent Prayer for Peace

*May the light of God's peace shine forth
to every person and every nation in our world.
Come, O Prince of Peace,
come into our hearts.
Amen.*

Vinnies Christmas Appeal

Thank you to all of the families who have contributed to the Christmas Hampers and Wishing Tree for Vinnies. It is fabulous to see the generosity of our school community. **The last day to donate items will be Monday December 5th** so there is still time to add to the family hampers in your child's classroom or make a donation to the wishing tree.





Library Book Returns and Lost Books

As we approach the end of the school year, you are kindly reminded to look for any misplaced or lost borrowed books that your child may not have returned to our school library. Over the past 2 years, we have invested a considerable amount of money to build books in our beautiful school library. The students are responsible for the books that they borrow and take

home.

If any book is not returned by the end of the year, you will be charged a replacement fee so that the school can repurchase the book. Please have a careful look for library books around your home and return them to school as soon as possible if they are not being read. Thank you.

Second Hand Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be open for the last time this year on Tuesday 6th December in the morning from 8:45 - 9:15 am. A big thank you to our parent helpers Sera Starczak and Reema Salloum for running the uniform shop this year.



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 always 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

■ **Application for Student Exemption From School.docx (1).pdf** is to be completed for students that are absent for more than 10 school days. The form is also available from the school office.

School Gates

A reminder to families that the school gates on Coulstock and Wedge Street open at 8.30am. When the music bell sounds at 8.50am, the gates will be closed. **Students arriving after 9am must be signed in via the iPad at the school office. Thank you**

Key Dates Term 4 2022

(Please note dates may be subject to change)

December	
Thursday 1st	Prep 2024 Tour
Friday 2nd	Prep & Seniors local excursion to Peppercorn Park Frozen Friday (icy poles \$2 / Zooper Doopers \$1)
Tuesday 6th	Uniform shop open AM only
Thursday 8th	2023 Year 6 students will be involved in bear signing School Christmas Carols 5pm - food available 6.30pm Carols begin
	
Friday 9th	All students onsite (no longer a school closure day)
Monday 12th	Year 6 Big Day Out - Arthur's Seat
	Last day for 2022 Year 6 students 3.30pm Year 6 Graduation Mass 7pm in the church Rose planting ceremony after mass at school entrance 2023 Moving up Orientation 12.00- 1.30pm - New students joining the school in Years 1 - 6 welcome to attend
Tuesday 13th	Reports available to download from Nforma website from 4pm
Wednesday 14th	Assembly - School Captains announced for 2023
Thursday 15th	Whole School (Prep - Year 5) end of year Mass 10 - 11am Kaboom Year Prep - Year 5 celebration 11:30am - 1:30pm
Thursday 15th	End of Term 4 - 3.30pm (Grades 1 - 5)

Key Dates Term 1 2023

(Please note dates may be subject to change)

2023	TERM 1
Friday 27th January	Commencement of Term 1 - Staff Professional Development - Numeracy NO STUDENTS ONSITE Applications for Year 5 students commencing Year 7 in 2025 open today
WEEK 1	
Monday 30th January	Staff Professional Development - Numeracy Staff First Aid Training - CPR and Anaphylaxis / Asthma

Tuesday 31st January	Prep Orientation <i>*Enter via Coulstock Street Gate</i> Prep's will be rostered to attend one session 9 - 12pm or 1 - 3:30pm <i>Children can wear casual clothes and their St Peter's t-shirt</i> Year 1-6 students testing days (Schedule to be sent shortly)
Wednesday 1st February	Prep Orientation <i>*Enter via Coulstock Street Gate</i> Prep's will be rostered to attend one session, 9 - 12 or 1 - 3:30pm <i>Children can wear casual clothes and their St Peter's t-shirt</i> Year 1-6 students testing days (Schedule to be sent shortly)
Thursday 2nd February	All Preps onsite 9 - 1:30pm. <i>Students to wear their school uniform</i> Year 1-6 students testing days (Schedule to be sent shortly)
Friday 3rd February	Preps - First official day of school. Full day. <i>Students to wear their school uniform</i> Preps will find out who their teacher is on this day Whole school onsite today - full summer uniform. TheirCare before and after school service first day of operation 
WEEK 2 6 - 10 February	No preps at school on Wednesday 8th Feb (preps rostered to come in for 1:1 testing) Friday 10th - Assembly 2.30pm (parents welcome)
WEEK 3 13 - 17 February	No preps at school on Wednesday 15th Feb (preps rostered to come in for 1:1 testing)
WEEK 4 20- 24 February	No preps at school on 22nd February (preps rostered to come in for 1:1 testing) Friday 24th: Assembly 2.30pm (parents welcome)
WEEK 5 27 Feb - 3 March	No preps at school on Wednesday 1st March (preps rostered to come in for 1:1 testing)
WEEK 6 6 - 10 March	No preps at school on Wednesday 8th (preps will be rostered to come in for one on one testing) SCHOOL PHOTOS TUESDAY 7th MARCH - Students wear summer uniform Friday 10th: Assembly 2.30pm (parents welcome)
WEEK 7 14 - 17 March	13th March - Public Holiday (Labour Day). No school Preps attend school full time (Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri) 14th, 15th, 16th March: Grades 1 & 2 - Water Safety Awareness Wednesday 15th March: Yr 3 & Yr 5 NAPLAN Writing Thursday 16th March: Yr 3 & Yr 5 NAPLAN Reading
WEEK 8 20 - 24 March	Preps attend school full time (Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri) 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd March: Grades 1 & 2 - Water Safety Awareness ST PETER'S TRIVIA NIGHT 7PM Friday 24th: Assembly 2.30pm (parents welcome)
WEEK 9 27 - 31 March	Preps attend school full time (Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri) Tuesday 28th: First Reconciliation 5pm (Year 3 Sacramental Students)
WEEK 10 3 - 6 April	Last day of Term 1: Thursday 6th April, 1.30pm finish

APRIL	TERM 2
WEEK 1 Monday 24th	SCHOOL CLOSURE - STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Tuesday 25th	ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL
Wednesday 26th	First Day of School Term 2. Gates Open 8.30am



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