



**ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**Thursday 31st March 2022, Week 10, Term 1**

# **NEWSLETTER**

## **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**

## **Principal Report**

**Ciao St Peter's Community,**

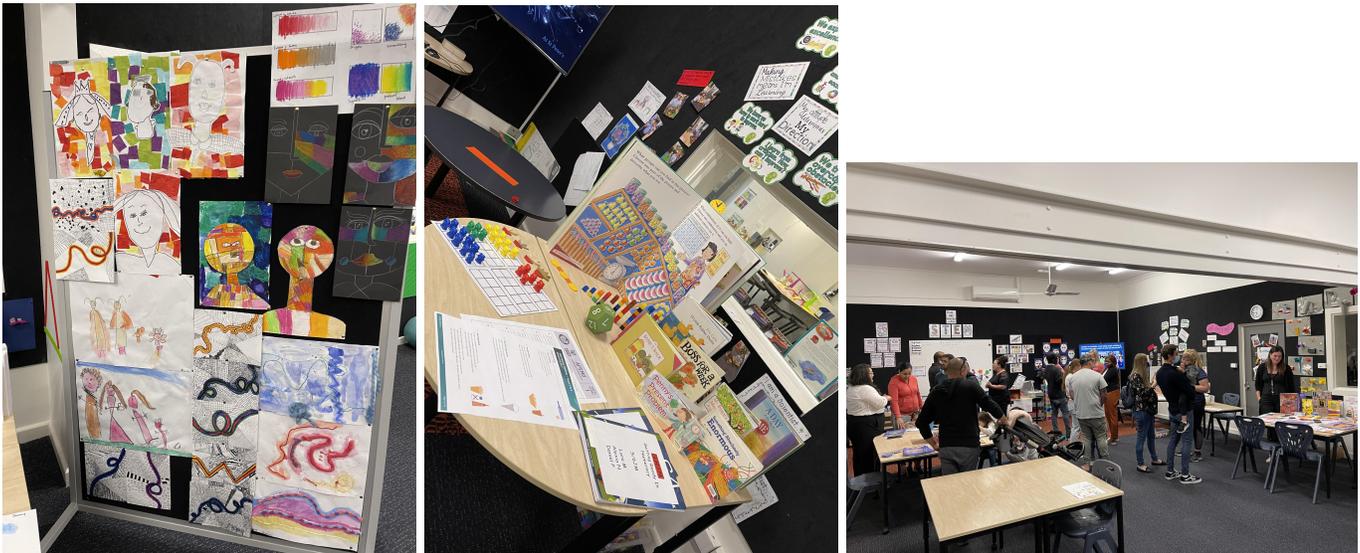
We are very quickly approaching the end of our first Term, 2022.

There have been many highlights this term

- Welcoming our 2022 Preps and new students to our community
- Reconciliation
- Introduction of our SMART Spell program across the school
- Run squad in the mornings
- Participation in the district swimming carnival
- Our school community indigenous canvas
- Vibrant learning spaces
- Senior school acceptance into the STEM Aviation program
- Return of Kate Wilde into the senior school
- Twilight sports on the 7th of April 3.30-5pm

Most importantly the student engagement in the classroom. Walking through our school each day we see happy and engaged students in their learning spaces.

Thank you to our teaching and Learning support Officers who come each day enthusiastic and energized to ensure our students are challenged and reaching their full potential.



### **Prep Information Evening**

Last night we had a terrific attendance at our 2023 information night. We had three expo rooms setup with tables that gave new families an insight into our specialist subjects, junior, middle and senior learning spaces, STEM, Literacy, Numeracy and Education and Faith.

Thank you so very much to our dedicated staff that stayed last night and met with our community and shared their learning space experiences.

Our school captains shared their journey at St Peter's and the engaging learning they are involved in this year, a new Prep mum and a representative from our Advisory Panel shared their stories.

If you are an existing family please return enrolment forms to the school office as soon as possible. Our Prep enrolments are filling quickly for 2023.

### **School Holidays**

Our school will close on Friday 8th of April at 1.30pm for the term 1 school holiday.

The school will reopen on Tuesday 26th of April. The school gates will open at 8.30am

### **School uniform**

At the commencement of Term 2 - the students can begin to wear their winter uniform. There is a two week change over period. The students are expected to be wearing their winter uniform on Monday May 9th.

Please note: shorts can not be worn during the winter uniform period. Long pants, track pants or the winter tunic and stockings need to be worn.

Academy Uniform shops have uniforms in stock.

## Winter uniform options

Blue long sleeve shirt  
Pinafore dress  
Zip neck jumper  
Grey stockings



Navy & light blue polo shirt (long or short sleeve)  
Grey pants (navy tailored option for girls)  
Zip neck jumper  
Navy socks



Additional items:  
Beanie  
Fleece lined rain jacket with hood

## Winter Sports Uniform



Pale blue polo shirt (long or short sleeves)  
Navy track pants  
Navy bomber jacket  
White socks  
Runners

## **Twilight Sports**

Next Thursday 7th of March our school will celebrate the end of term with a Twilight Celebration. The senior school students will run in the evening.

On the 7th of March

1. The students will wear their sports uniform to school.
2. At 3.30pm the students will assemble outside with their teacher and class.
3. The students will rotate from one spotting station to the next sporting station under the direction of their teacher.
4. 4.30pm the students will stop at the stations. The senior students will pack up the equipment and the rest of the school will take part in a group aerobics activity.
5. 5pm the students will line up with their teachers and families can collect the students from the teacher.
6. Please do not take a child home without notifying the teacher.

Families are welcomed to join the community for the outside Twilight Sports event. I encourage adults on the school site to wear masks to protect our students that have not been vaccinated.

## **School Parking**

Just a gentle reminder that cars can not stop beside a yellow line while waiting for a car spot. Please obey the road and local council rules to avoid a fine.

Kindest Regards  
Angela Tonkin  
Principal



# News from the Maths Hub



This term 33 students from Years 3-6 have been invited to join two mathematics enrichment groups. The groups are participating in the Australasian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiads (APSMO) programs -



**MATHS  
GAMES**

the Maths Games and Maths Explorer.



**MATHS  
EXPLORER**

Each week, during school time, the students meet together to work on challenging collaborative problem solving tasks that extend their mathematical thinking and reasoning skills. The program promotes creativity and highlights the fact that there may be multiple ways to reach a solution.

Every 6 weeks, the students get to participate in a contest along with students from schools all over Australia, New Zealand and other neighbouring countries.

Here is a sample question to try at home:

I have 45 bricks in six stacks, all in a row.

Going from left to right, each stack is one brick taller than the previous stack.

How many bricks are in the smallest stack?

Hint: You could draw a diagram.

Congratulations to all the students selected and good luck in each of your contests.

Mrs Whitbread  
Numeracy Leader

## Physical Education

Our inter school sports participation in the Lalor sporting district is well underway with upcoming events. Congratulations to those who qualified for our Cross Country and Athletics squads. These events were open to 10-13yr old students and results were published on Middle and Senior Google Classrooms. Qualifying students were also notified via parent/carer Operoo accounts.

I am excited to see our students represent St Peter's,  
Mrs Christine Moore

## Strengthening Partnerships with families and the wider community

### Introducing our Learning Support Officers

#### Tammy Di Cicco

Hi my name is Tammy Di Cicco I am a Learning Support Officer at St Peter's. This is my first year at St Peter's and I am fortunate to be working in the prep area. Being an LSO in the prep area is very rewarding, I love watching the preps grow and become engaged in their learning.

Outside of school I am married and a mother of 2 children. In our spare time my family and I love to go to the beach and go on Family vacations.

It has been such a wonderful start to the year and I am looking forward to my Journey here at St Peter's.



#### Laura Mendoza

Laura Mendoza, 3/4 LSO working with a range of students and supporting their individual needs in the classroom, implementing strategies under the guidance of the room teacher, facilitating social interaction, promoting independence and assisting them with their daily tasks.

Teaching has been my profession for 20 years, for the last 2 I've been working as a LSO which allowed me to continue my career from another perspective.

I am an enthusiastic educator who combines skills as an Learning Support officer and Spanish teacher, I love working with kids, languages, crafts, singing out loud, socialising, travel and cultures.

I am looking forward to a year full of happiness, beautiful memories and enjoyment with my 3/4 SC group.

## Religious Education

### Project Compassion

This week we had a casual clothes day to raise money in support of the Project Compassion Campaign run by Caritas Australia. Thank you to all of the families that contributed to this appeal. Money can continue to be donated and placed in the box in each class. A reminder that the class that has the most amount of money raised will receive an icy pole reward next Friday.

### Holy Week and Easter

This week each class has been working on reflecting on a specific event in Holy Week. Teachers, with their classes, have prepared a scripture reflection and display which the whole school will visit throughout text week as part of our “Journey Through Holy Week”. These displays will remain up in the Galilee Space for Parish Masses throughout Holy Week and the celebration of Easter.



## Wellbeing

### Community Visit - Epping Police

Last week officers Mick and Liz from the Epping Police Station came in to talk to our students. The focus of the discussion was to talk about stranger danger, contacting the police, The role of police in our community, being safe online and how we can be respectful in the community. The Police Officers then answered student questions. The feedback from the students was positive and we look forward to continuing to build on this relationship with the Epping Police.



### Agreed Ways Award Winners

At our school assembly this week we acknowledged the following students for following our Agreed Ways.

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Prep GC: Lani</b>     | <b>Prep GV: Nicholas</b> | <b>1LP: Nicholas</b>      |
| <b>IAM: Suyog</b>        | <b>1EW: Meera</b>        | <b>2JL: Heidi</b>         |
| <b>2SC: Michelle</b>     | <b>2AC: Nicholas</b>     | <b>3/ 4 TD: Natalia</b>   |
| <b>3/ 4 SC: Adam</b>     | <b>3/ 4 BG: Thomas</b>   | <b>3/ 4 PS: Shaun</b>     |
| <b>5/ 6: EP: Abraham</b> | <b>5/ 6 JW: Mason</b>    | <b>5/ 6 JM: Alexander</b> |

Congratulations to our award winners!

### News from St Monica's

The 2021 graduate students from St Peter's primary have had a fantastic start at St Monica's College. Students have settled in well, made friends, tried new activities and have learnt many new skills and concepts. They have enjoyed College events in term one including the two-day Year 7 Orientation program, athletics carnival, swimming carnival and participated in many co-curricular activities.

We are very proud of how students have transitioned to secondary school.



| <b>April</b>                           | <b>KEY DATES TERM 1</b>  |
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| Wednesday 6th                          | Prep attendance at school whole day                                    |
| Thursday 7th                           | Twilight Sports 3.30 - 5pm   |
| Friday 8th                             | End of Term. Students finish 1.30pm                                    |
| <b>April</b>                           | <b>KEY DATES TERM 2</b>  |
| Monday 25th                            | ANZAC Day  |
| Tuesday 26th                           | First Day Term 2   |
| Friday 29th                            | Transition to Secondary Parent Information Packs to be sent home today |
| <b>May</b>                             |  |
| Thursday 19th                          | Evacuation Exercise  |
| Saturday 21st                          | First Eucharist (Grade 4), St Peter's Church                           |
| Mon 23rd -<br>Thursday 26th            | Daily swimming program Grades 1 & 2 (10.30am - 1.30pm)                 |
| Monday 30th May -<br>Thursday 2nd June | Daily swimming program Grades 1 & 2 (10.30am - 1.30pm)                 |
| Monday 30th                            | Prep 2023 Conversations begin  |
| <b>June</b>                            |  |
| Saturday 4th                           | Confirmation (Grade 6), St Peter's Church                              |
| Friday 10th                            | First round acceptance offers sent out today for Prep 2023             |
| Monday 13th                            | Queens Birthday Public Holiday   |
| Friday 17th                            | Closing date for acceptance offers to be returned for Prep 2023        |
| Thursday 23rd                          | KABOOM Sports Incursion - St Peter's Day Celebrations                  |
| Friday 24th<br>10:15 - 11am            | St Peter's Day Mass  |
| Friday 24th                            | End of Term 2, 1.30pm finish   |

## Child Safety

A reminder to parents that if your child arrives at school after 9am, they must be signed in at the front office on the iPad. Please do not drop your child off without signing them in at the office.

## Student Illness

A number of students have presented to school with cough and cold symptoms over recent weeks. Whilst many COVID restrictions have been lifted, we ask that parents follow the health guidelines to keep students at home if they display cold-flu like symptoms.

- COVID-19, asthma, allergy or other viral symptoms can be similar. It is advised that those with asthma and allergy have these conditions well managed and students require up to date management and action plans from their GP.
- If routine or preventative medications are part of the plan, these should be taken in the morning before school and before exposure to allergens.
- Medications required at school require written documentation [Medication Authority Form](#)
- Please do not send an unwell child to school, even if they have tested negative for COVID-19.

## St Peter's Second Hand Uniform Shop - we need your help!

We are looking to open up our second hand uniform shop in Term 2. We are seeking a parent helper to coordinate the volunteer roster and volunteers to sell the uniform on the nominated days.

Depending on the number of volunteers we have available, the shop will open one morning between 8.45 - 9.15 am and one afternoon between 2.45 - 3.15 pm a week over a two week period (days and times to be confirmed) If you think you may be able to help, please email [office@stprepp.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@stprepp.catholic.edu.au)



### Report a School Absence

If you know that your child is going to be away in advance please send an email to their class teacher or visit our school website and click the Quick Links tab to fill out the [Report an Absence form](#).



If it is an unexpected absence please ring the front office on 9401 1157 and let the office team know.

## Feedback

We are always looking for ways to improve our school community - please email our principal Mrs Angela Tonkin if you have suggestions or feedback you would like to share. Thank you [atonkin@stprepp.catholic.edu.au](mailto:atonkin@stprepp.catholic.edu.au) All emails will be acknowledged.



### *Have your contact details changed?*

Please don't forget to inform the school office if your personal contact details need updating, phone numbers, address, email etc. It is important we are able to contact either parent / guardian in the event of an emergency and will ensure communications are directed to the correct contact.

An email can be sent to [office@stprepp.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@stprepp.catholic.edu.au)

## ST MONICA'S COLLEGE, EPPING

### YEAR 7, 2023 & YEAR 7, 2024

Dear Parents,

If you have a child presently in Grade 6 and have not yet enrolled into St Monica's College for Year 7, 2023 please do so immediately as places are limited.

Applications for Grade 5 students starting Year 7 in 2024 are now open and will close on 19 August 2022.

Application for enrolment is available on the St Monica's College Website [www.stmonicas-epping.com](http://www.stmonicas-epping.com). Click on the apply button to complete your online form and submit with documentation required.

For enquiries, please call Lina on 9409 8800 or email [registrar@stmonicas-epping.com](mailto:registrar@stmonicas-epping.com).



[www.stmonicas-epping.com/apply](http://www.stmonicas-epping.com/apply)

400 Dalton Road, Epping  
9409 8800

[registrar@stmonicas-epping.com](mailto:registrar@stmonicas-epping.com)

# 2023 Year 7 Information Evening



**Tuesday 3rd May**

2 sessions available starting at 5:15pm

*Learning for life*



Booking Essential at  
<https://www.trybooking.com/BYJUE>

Sausage Sizzle will be provided

 **friends**  
of Toorourrong inc.



Join Friends of Toorourrong for a  
**FREE** morning of fun, interactive  
waterway activities for all ages

**Wednesday 13 April, 10:00am –12:00pm**

**Toorourrong Reservoir Park - Jack's Creek Rd, Whittlesea**

Merri Creek Management Committee will be delivering a range of activities including:

- Waterbug Discovery
- Story time with finger puppets
- Make an iuk (Woi-wurrung for Short-finned eels) out of native grasses.

**Followed by a FREE sausage sizzle**



**Booking essential. Register by email:**

[fotoorourrong@gmail.com](mailto:fotoorourrong@gmail.com)

*This event has a COVID Safe Plan, and those 12 years of age and over must be fully vaccinated to attend.*

