



ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thursday 17th March 2022, Week 8, 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

Buongiorno (Good morning) St Peter's Community,

Seeing the impact of the floods in New South Wales and Queensland is a timely reminder of the hardships people in our own community are currently facing. Some families in our community have friends and relatives living in or near flood zones and we certainly keep them in our thoughts and prayers as we consider other ways we may be able to support them during this most challenging time. The reporting and images of both the floods and the turmoil in the Ukraine can have a negative effect on our children's mental health. I encourage you to read the attached article [Traumatic events, the media and your child](#) [Emerging Minds](#), which provides some useful tips for parents.

Please continue to pray for peace in the Ukraine.



Congratulations

Congratulations to our students that received the sacrament of Reconciliation last week. We are most appreciative of Fr Anh and Fr Nathan who celebrated with our students the sacrament. Thank you Sara Brundell our Education and Faith Leader and our middle school teachers for their work in preparing the students for the sacrament.

The biggest thanks goes to our students and their families.

Reconciliation

This is also known as confession. In the Roman Catholic Church **people go to confession to say sorry for the wrong (sin) in their lives and to experience God's healing through forgiveness.** Confession also permits reconciliation with the Church, which is wounded by the sins people commit.



School Uniform

Please note the changes to the winter school uniform. The students will start wearing the winter school uniform in Term 2. The students must be wearing the winter school uniform in week 3 (9th May), Term 2.

The students have the following winter uniform options

1. **Winter tunic dress** with a blue shirt and a woollen school jumper or blue jumper with the zip
2. **Grey pants**, navy polo shirt with woollen school jumper or blue jumper with the zip (boys)
3. **Navy pants**, navy polo shirt with woollen school jumper or blue jumper with the zip (girls)

Sports uniform winter

1. Navy school tracksuit pants, navy school bomber jacket and pale blue polo shirt

Indigenous Garden

Our beautiful indigenous garden is coming together. Our garden is an extension of our school library and indigenous literature collection. Last week we introduced some ottomans designed by indigenous artists into our library space.

The students will have many opportunities to be present in the garden during library time, reading and class gatherings.



Prep enrolments 2023

We have had an unprecedented amount of interest in 2023 Prep enrolments. Please make sure you contact the school office as soon as possible for an enrolment pack for 2023 if you have a child ready for school next year.

We have a parent information evening on Wednesday 30th of March at 7pm. This evening will be an opportunity for families in our community to come see what our school has to offer the whole child at St Peter's.

School Fees

A gentle reminder that the school fee invoice has been sent to families.

The school fees cover the running of the school building and ensure we can offer the maximum opportunities for your children to flourish at school in all curriculum areas. In 2022 we certainly have the most engaging opportunities for our students.

Thank you for your support.

Please make contact with the school office if you are having difficulties with the school fees and we can discuss a payment plan option.

2022 Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics

Engaging our students in problem solving



Twilight sports

Last year we had a successful Twilight school event. Given the success and excitement displayed by our students we will have one this year.

Thursday 7th April 3.30-5pm. The students will stay at school. We ask that you pack an additional snack for after school.

The event will be run by our Year 5/6 students. Families will be able to attend in the evening. We will kindly ask that face masks are worn by families to protect our students.

School Arrivals

Our school gates open at 8.30am each day and the gates are locked at 8.55am. Students arriving once the gates are locked must enter through the school office.

We have noticed a number of students are arriving at school late. This is disruptive for the class and also makes it challenging for the students to engage in the learning as the teacher has begun the lesson.

A morning schedule or routine may assist students that take longer in the mornings to get ready.

Students participating in the GRIN tutoring program start arriving at school from 8.25am and they enter through the office doors.

All other students must enter via the Wedge Street or Coulstock Street gates at 8.30am.

Thanks for your understanding.

Have a lovely week and thank you for allowing St Peter's to be part of your child's educational journey

Kindest regards,

Angela Tonkin

Principal

Education in Faith

Catholic Education Week 13–20 March 2022



This week, all Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne celebrated Catholic Education Week. The theme for Catholic Education Week 2022 is 'The Way of the Gospel'. This theme is based on Archbishop Peter A Comensoli's 2021 Pastoral Letter.

There are 335 Catholic primary and secondary schools across Melbourne, enrolling more than 150,000 students and employing approximately 17,000 staff. Catholic schools provide a high-quality education in a faith-centred environment. This annual event is held to promote the special ethos of Catholic schools and to highlight the great things that take place in Catholic schools every day.

This week each class participated in a Religious Education lesson with a focus on this theme as well as a lesson on March 17th celebrating the feast of St Patrick. The senior school Faith Leaders joined Mrs Brundell to view the online stream of the archdiocese St Patrick's Day mass.

Project Compassion

As we continue to journey through the season of Lent, we continue to explore the stories of some of the communities that have been supported by Caritas through their Project Compassion Campaign.

We have so much to learn from the depth and resilience of Australian Indigenous culture and spirituality, both of which are intimately linked to Country. This week, Project Compassion features the story of Janice, a Wagilak woman from the Northern Territory. Janice, who lives in a remote community, is part of the Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation, supported by Caritas Australia. Janice is among those overcoming many obstacles to keeping their culture strong. She does this through dance. She honours the generations who have come before her and taught their community how to respect the land and live in harmony with it. Our response to Project Compassion is providing practical support for the blossoming of Indigenous culture for all future generations.

You can view Janice's story by [clicking this link](#)

We encourage our school community to continue to donate to Project Compassion. Every small donation can support people in communities world wide.



Wellbeing

National Day Against Bullying and Violence

This Friday, March 18th is the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. On this day, schools and communities across Australia learn about and discuss workable solutions to prevent bullying.

The theme for 2022 is 'Kindness Culture'. By building a Kindness Culture together, we can promote inclusion, respect and community belonging. At St Peter's, we will be exploring this topic with a focus on **being kind online**.

Levels will work on exploring friendships, identifying unkind and unsafe behaviour online and identifying strategies to deal with unkind and unsafe behaviour online using level appropriate language and activities.

Agreed Ways Award Winners

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

Abraham Prep GV	AlexandraPrep GC	Ronah 1EW	Cleo 1AM	Mia 1LP
Nass 2SC	Arpit 2JL	Nora 2AC	Emma 3/4 TD	Alexa 3/4 BG
Jewel3/4 SC	Jade 3/4 PS	Mark 5/6 JW	Abigail 5/6 EP	Chloe 5/6 JM

Congratulations to our award winners!

Strengthening Partnerships with families and the wider community

Introducing our Year 5/6 Team

Jane Molinaro



Hello St Peter's community!

My name is Jane Molinaro and I am part of the Senior School Team at St Peter's.

My journey began at the school during July 2020, where I began teaching Year 3/4 during remote learning. It was a challenging time for all of us and a steep learning curve.

Prior to that I have taught in both Government and Catholic school systems for a LONG time.

I believe students learn best in an environment that is predictable, values respect and where they are empowered to engage in learning experiences that are aimed to address students needs.

Outside school I have 3 grown children, one a commercial plumber, one an events and marketing coordinator and the other an ICU nurse. As part of a large Italian family, I also love participating in Salami Day! And all the other food related gatherings!

Personally, I like nothing more than relaxing on a quiet beach with a book!

James Warren

Hello St Peter's Community!

My Name is James Warren and I'm part of the Senior team for 2022. My journey at St Peter's has only just begun as this is my first year as a teacher. Before starting at St Peter's I was both an Audio Visual and an IT Technician in a Catholic Secondary College.

I strive to create a learning environment where our students are able to learn in fun and engaging ways. Outside of school I'm also heavily involved in Scouting, and enjoy escaping to either the country or the beach for weekend getaways.

Although my journey at St Peter's has only just begun I'd like to thank everyone for the warm embrace that I have received and I look forward to the year ahead.



Danica Atanasovski

Bourngiorno St Peter's Family,

My name is Danica Atanasovski and I have been fortunate to join the 5/6 team this year as a Learning Support Officer. I have worked with primary school kids for several years. I love creating a fun learning environment for the students to engage in their learning and look forward to building relationships with all of them.

I am a Mum of three and they keep me extremely busy with soccer training and match days. I enjoy sharing game results on a Monday morning with the students and swapping stories about the game.

In my spare time I enjoy camping & fishing with my husband and children. I am very excited about this year and hope we have lots of fun together.

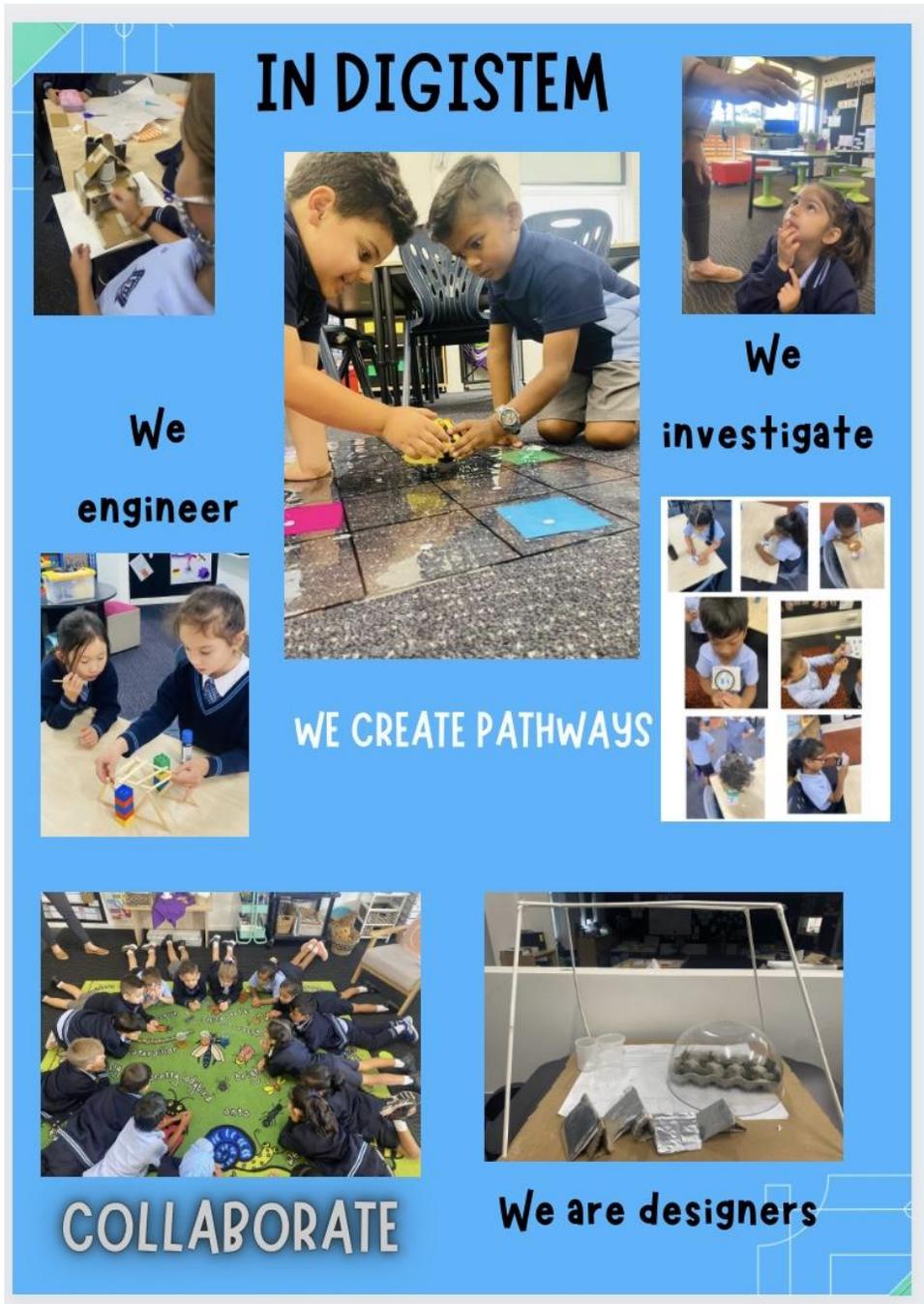
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DIGISTEM News

We would like to thank all of the families who generously donated to our STEM resources. We have plenty of supplies and are very grateful for your support.

Rachael Lorkin and Laura Mercuri



IN DIGISTEM

We engineer

We investigate

WE CREATE PATHWAYS

COLLABORATE

We are designers

The collage features several photographs: a student working on a cardboard model; two boys kneeling on a tiled floor with colorful markers; a girl looking up at an adult's hand; a group of students building a structure with sticks and blocks; a group of students sitting on the floor around a large green mat with insect illustrations; and a student working on a project with a glass dome and a metal frame.

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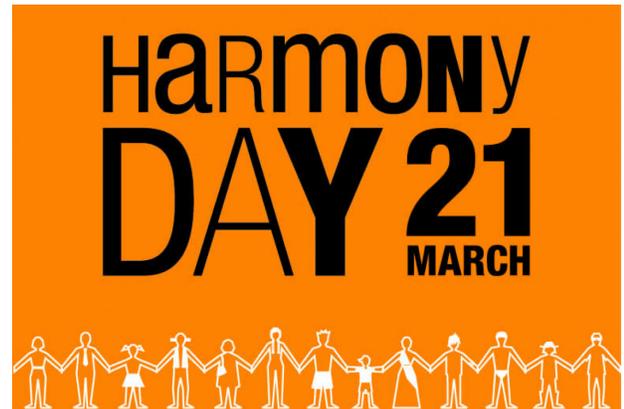
During our Term 1 inquiries, all year levels have been learning about inclusivity, celebrating each other's differences and building an understanding of God's commandment, to 'Love each other as we would want to be loved!'

We are very excited to be offering a whole school fun day centering around HARMONY!!

We will be celebrating **Harmony Day on Monday 21st March, 2022.**

HARMONY DAY: EVERYONE BELONGS

Students are invited to bring a **gold coin donation** for school fundraising and wear cultural dress or colours (orange is the national colour representing harmony) to represent all the diverse backgrounds we have here in our St. Peter's community.



We have planned a full day of activities for our students. Here is what has been organised:

- Morning: Indigenous Perspectives and Tibetan Prayer Flags
- After Recess: Bollywood Dance (Cultural Infusion incursion company) & Italian Games
- After Lunch: In class activities looking at each other's cultural dress and backgrounds

We are very lucky to have an indigenous family in our school community who have offered to create an original artwork with all of our students' thumbprints on it. What a special way to represent our inclusivity. We thank Nicholas' (Year 2AC) Mum and Nan for offering their special talents to our school. The completed Artwork will be on display outside our school library where we have created an Indigenous focus.

We are ONE but we are many in Australia; we look forward to celebrating our differences and similarities as we grow in our understanding of living in HARMONY with each other.

Thank you for your continued support as we work in teaching partnership.

Kind regards,

Melissa Gatt
Teaching & Learning

Sara Brundell
Wellbeing

Amy Clifford
Indigenous & Cultural Perspectives



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

March	KEY DATES TERM 1
Thursday 17th	Semper Dental visit
Friday 18th	Semper Dental visit National Day against Bullying
Monday 21st	Harmony Day (cultural dress or colours + gold coin donation)
Wednesday 23rd	Prep attendance at school whole day
Wednesday 30th	Prep attendance at school whole day Prep parent Information Evening 7pm
April	
Wednesday 6th	Prep attendance at school whole day
Thursday 7th	Twilight Sports 3.30 - 5pm
Friday 8th	End of Term. Students finish 1.30pm

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 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



SMC
PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Grades 4 - 6 Primary Schools
YEAR 7 INFORMATION NIGHT
TUESDAY, 31 MAY
BOOK NOW ONLINE
www.stmonicas-epping.com/2024

Tours Commencing 5:30pm
Information Session 6:00pm



 400 DALTON ROAD, EPPING VIC 3076  (03) 9409 8800

St Monica's College News

Application for Year 6 students starting Year 7, 2023 closed in August 2021, however we are still accepting 2023 Applications to fill a small number of vacancies.

Parents/carers can apply by completing and submitting an online form from the St Monica's College Website by clicking on the Apply Button. Parents/carers are asked to upload a birth certificate and a baptismal certificate with the Application for Enrolment. **Offers will be sent within a few weeks of receiving the 2023 Applications.** Parents/carers will be required to accept an offer by the date stipulated on the letter of offer.

Applications for Year 5 students starting Year 7 in 2024 opened on 28 January 2022 and will close on 19 August 2022.

Parents/carers can apply by completing and submitting an online form from the St Monica's College Website by clicking on the Apply Button. Parents/carers are asked to upload a birth certificate and a baptismal certificate with the Application for Enrolment. **Offers will be posted to prospective Year 7, 2024 applicants on 21st October 2022.**

Parents/carers will be required to accept an offer for Year 7, 2024 by 11 November 2022.

PLENTY VALLEY NETBALL ASSOCIATION



Be part of PVNA NetSetGO in 2022

Saturdays at RMIT Bundoora (indoor courts)

10.50am-11.45am

Open to players 5 – 10 years

Enquiries pv.netball@gmail.com

Come along and be part of the fun!



COME PLAY NETBALL!



At Plenty Valley Netball Association

Vacancies available for all age groups:

- 8/10 years,
- 11 & under, Mixed
- 13 & Under, Mixed
- 15 & Under, Mixed
- 18 & Under, Mixed

TEAM COACHES ARE WAITING FOR YOU TO CONTACT THEM AND JOIN THE ASSOCIATION

Games ARE PLAYED EVERY Saturday Morning
At Indoor stadium RMIT Bundoora

The Association offers:

- Netball pathway, with representative teams;
- Umpire training;
- Development and coaching training.

Email : info@pvna.com.au

PVNA also offers



for 5/10 year olds



ALSO OFFERING SHORT SEASON FOR MIXED OPEN AGE (14&OVER) COME JOIN THE FUN!





FOOTBALL SCHOOL



Manchester City Football School @ Parade College



Information Night: 7:00 pm Tues July 19th
enrolments for Year 7 2024
close Friday 19th August, 2022
Trials and Parent Briefing Nights:
7:00 pm Mon Aug 29 or 7:00 pm Tues Aug 30

Limited Places available for Year 7 2023

mancity.parade.vic.edu.au

WHO COULD YOU BECOME?

ENROL NOW FOR YEAR 7 2024



Applications for students currently in Year 5 close Friday August 19 2022



■ Limited places available for Year 7 – 12 in 2022 & 2023.

www.parade.vic.edu.au



