

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thursday 1st September 2022, Week 8, Term 3



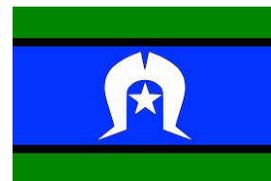
NEWSLETTER

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

Principal Report

Good afternoon St Peter's Community,

It is wonderful to celebrate so many community engagement activities since our last newsletter!!

Bookweek celebration

We started book week with a **Book Week Parade** assembly. Staff and students really embrace 2022 book week and everyone enjoyed the parade and the excitement of dressing up as their favourite book character. Our scholastic book fair was a massive success. Book sales reached \$6,300. Our school receives a percentage of the sales which will allow our school librarian Mrs Pasquali to purchase new books for our school library.

Thanks to the families that supported the book fair. There was a fantastic selection of books for our students to enjoy.

The students also enjoyed incursions during the week. Our Art teacher Ms Hunter ensured the students emerged in the book week celebration through art. Families that visited the book fair were able to see the beautiful work.

Guest author Rachel Spratt shared her journey as an author. She spoke about the challenges and success of being a writer.



Check out our school website or facebook account for more photos.

St Peter's Arcade

On Tuesday night our families were invited to view our student STEM projects. Year 3/4 students planned and built an arcade project. These handmade arcade games were inspired using science knowledge and understanding focusing on forces, such as gravity and magnetic.

Makey Makey Technology

Our Year 5/6 students displayed their interactive posters representing their learning on a human body system. Makey Makey are little circuit boards with alligator clips and a USB cable that use electrical signals to send the programmed codes (using the Scratch coding platform) to display information. Students recorded their learnt information in an audio clip that made the posters interactive to the audience. Families really supported the celebration of student work.

How Cool is Your School?

On the 23rd of August St Peter's was announced winner of a groundbreaking national school mapping competition.



■ *Press Release - St Peter's Primary School, Epping.pdf*

The school has won over \$2500 worth of drones for our students to use to enhance their STEM teaching and learning. This is such an exciting achievement and true recognition of the amazing STEM engagement tasks our students are part of at St Peter's. Since the announcement we have had a Moash university lecturer, Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic School representatives and **She Map** representative visit our school. All the visitors are impressed by our student facilities and the lessons engaging our students.



Check out our website facebook

Religious Education

This weekend we celebrate Father's Day with our dads and special father figures in our lives. We pray for these special people in our lives.



A Prayer for Father's and Special People

Loving God, look with love and kindness upon all fathers and special people in our lives.

May their example be like a beacon the guides to safe waters

As their children grow and are nourished in their care.

May their love and strength be a blessing upon each member of their family as they share special moments together.

May their openness to your love and understanding continue to nurture their faith and provide a rich example to others.

May they be blessed today with health, happiness and love as they walk life's journey with their loved ones.

We ask this through Jesus your Son,

Amen



Thank you to the wonderful volunteers from our school community that have supported our Father's Day Stall by packing and selling gifts for the students to share with their dad/special person.



School facebook

Families are encouraged to like our school facebook account. We make regular posts each day that share our school activities. It is a great way to keep up to date with school activities.

Thursday 1st September - Hats return to the school yard

All students are expected to wear their school hats at recess and lunch and sport from the 1st of September.



Legionnaire Hats (one size fits all) can be purchased from the school office for \$12.00



Bucket hats can be purchased from Academy Uniforms for \$15.00 (sizes Small / Medium / Large)

[Academy Uniforms Online Ordering](#)

No hat no play

Thanks for your support

Sensory play / Sand Pit and Soccer goals.

We are most appreciative of the amazing fundraising efforts of our school community involvement in our colour fun run. No doubt our students are enjoying their prizes.

Our new sensory play sand pit area will be constructed during the September school holidays. The soccer goals will also be installed during this period of time.

School Graffiti

Sadly we are currently experiencing an increase in students graffiti throughout the school. I have spoken with the middle and senior school students and urged them to take pride in our school environment. It is really disappointing to see the damage some students are doing to our beautiful school by scratching pictures and words (some crude) into our paint work and building. I would very much appreciate family support in having conversations about graffiti and its impact on our school environment.

Over the school holidays I have employed painters to repaint affected areas of our school. Some words and images are crude and need to be removed. It is disappointing that this damage is occurring to our school property. Thank you for your support.

Father's Day

Our students were excited to purchase Father's Day gifts today. Thank you to our small group of parent helpers who packed the goods on Wednesday and kindly helped with the stall today. Parent and family support helps these events to take place. We are always looking for more families to help. Everyone is welcome.

Tomorrow we have a Paper Plane competition: FLIGHT CHALLENGE.



Father's Day...
Flight Challenge

All fathers/special people are invited to join their children at school for a fun filled afternoon of paper aeroplane construction and a flying competition!

Friday 2nd September
2:30 - 3:30pm

Please come to the Galilee space, where you will be directed to your children's group for the afternoon.

Father's Day and Special People's Day Friday 2nd September

Student family groups will gather in different learning spaces and teachers will assist students and special visitors on making paper planes. At 2.30pm each learning space will fly planes and a prize will be given to the planes that travel the greatest distance. Students that do not have a visitor will be supported by staff and other peers. All students will take part in the paper plane competition.

Please be mindful when speaking about different family situations and stories in front of your children at home. Our families come in different shapes, sizes and stories. Children often hear adult conversations about information that doesn't need to be shared with young children.

Thanks for your understanding.

Extended family holidays



Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day. Attending and participating in school will help your child develop:

- important skills and knowledge to help them learn
- social and emotional skills such as good communication, resilience and team work.

We also appreciate that many of our community members have extended families overseas and as a school we realise that life experiences borne from the likes of travel can be extraordinarily enriching and significant learning experiences.

We are asking that families that wish to take their child out of school for an extended period, **10 school days or more** are required to complete the attached

■ [Application for Student Exemption From School.docx \(1\).pdf](#) , which outlines a mutual understanding for the exemption of attendance between parents and the school. The form should be returned to the school office and will be reviewed and signed by the principal.

Northern Principal Immersion Conference *Members of the North Central Principal Network will be attending a professional learning conference in the Northern Territory to deepen their knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the Indigenous people and culture of Australia. This is part of a development program which began in 2021. Throughout 2022 Principals have been exploring indigenous people, spirituality, culture, connection to land, art, music, sport and story. The network professional learning includes experiences and connections with indigenous people and leaders from across these areas including artists, musicians, indigenous elders, Australian Catholic Aboriginal Ministry etc. Principals will bring this knowledge and experience back to their schools and lead their schools in this important area.*

I will be attending this conference as part of the Northern Principal Network. I look forward to sharing my new learnings with our community. Daniela Torcaso will be Acting Principal from the 7th of September. I will be back at school Term 4, week 1. Thank you for your support in my attendance at this valuable experience to enhance new learning.

Kindest Regards
Angela Tonkin
Principal

Physical Education



St Peter's again showcased their sporting prowess with the Senior Girls Futsal team at the Lalor District Futsal tournament.

Thanks to our wonderful Coach Has, St Peter's values parent engagement.

The girls put on an impressive performance in their first tournament, never losing focus regardless of their wins or losses. St Peter's are proud of our Senior girls and can't wait to see how our Senior boys perform this Friday too!



Child Safety



National Child Protection Week shares the message that **'Every child, in every community, needs a fair go'**.

This year the focus is on children growing up safe and supported by looking at what works to ensure this. At St Peter's we will continue the conversation with our students about being safe and how to respond and seek help when they are feeling unsafe.

Below is some information regarding our school leaders being a part of the conversation and sharing student voice in the area of Child Safety at our school.

Class Leaders: Developing a Child Friendly 'Child Safe Policy'

The class leaders have been meeting with Mrs Brundell to develop a Child Safety Policy using student friendly language. The group has brainstormed the things that are in place to keep the school safe and have developed a draft that as a group we will review at our next meeting. This document will be shared with classes next week as part of child protection week. It will be displayed in our school and shared with the school community through the newsletter.

R U OK? Day



A reminder that we will be acknowledging R U OK? Day at St Peter's on Thursday September 8th. The aim of the day is to remind Australians to: Ask R U OK? because a conversation could change a life. You can make a difference when someone in your world is struggling with life's ups and downs by helping them feel connected and supported, no matter what they might be facing.

On this day the students are encouraged to wear a splash of yellow to school e.g. a ribbon or a t-shirt. They will engage in learning activities that will continue to support their social emotional learning and encourage them to look out for the safety of others.

You can find tips to help you know when to ask, 'are you OK?' and what to say if someone says they're not OK at www.ruok.org.au/ . The website also has a directory of national helplines if someone needs extra support.



**ST PETER'S
Footy Fun Day**
Thursday 15th September

 **\$2 Gold Coin Donation**

To celebrate the end of term and the upcoming AFL grand final, all students are invited to *dress in their team colours from their favourite sport!*

The day will be full of fun activities and a sausage sizzle hot lunch will be provided for all students (more information to follow)



The poster features a cartoon sausage character wearing a white chef's hat and apron, standing next to a black barbecue grill. The background is a light grey and white checkerboard pattern. At the bottom of the poster, there is a row of various sports jerseys and team logos.

MACSSIS

Imagine if, in about 20 minutes,
you could help improve your
child's school.



The MACSSIS family survey is open Monday 29 August – Friday 16 September 2022.

The MACSSIS family survey opened on Monday 29th August. Families were emailed a link and PIN to access the survey. St Peter's Epping is offering families that complete the survey the opportunity to be entered into a draw to win one of 2 x \$50 supermarket shopping vouchers. In order to enter the draw, once you have completed the survey, please email a screenshot of your screen showing you have completed the survey to office@stprepp.catholic.edu.au. Winners will be announced via the school newsletter.

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.

Key Dates Term 3 & 4

(Please note dates may be subject to change)

September	
Thursday 1st	Fathers Day Gift Stall (9 - 11am)
Friday 2nd	Paper Plane Competition 2.30 - 3.30pm - Galilee Space
Tuesday 6th	Second hand uniform shop open 08:45 - 09:15am & 2.45 - 3.15pm
Wednesday 7th	AFL Incursion
Thursday 8th	RU OK? Day - Students invited to wear a splash of yellow (hair tie, socks, t-shirt) AFL Incursion
Tuesday 13th	AFL incursion Second hand uniform shop open 08:45 - 09:15am & 2.45 - 3.15pm
Wednesday 14th	AFL incursion
Thursday 15th	AFL incursion Footy Day - Dress up as your favourite sports hero. Wear football or your favourite sports outfit. \$2 gold coin donation Hot lunch provided - sausage sizzle (or meat free option)
Tuesday 20th	Second hand uniform shop open 08:45 - 09:15am & 2.45 - 3.15pm
Tuesday 27th	Second hand uniform shop open 08:45 - 09:15am & 2.45 - 3.15pm
Friday 16th	End of Term 3 - 1.30pm finish
October	
Monday 3rd	First day of term 4
Monday 3rd - Thursday 6th	Grade 6 Water Safety Awareness 1:20 - 2:10pm YMCA
Monday 10th - Thursday 13th	Grade 6 Water Safety Awareness 1:20 - 2:10pm YMCA
Wednesday 12th	Prep Parent Evening 7.30pm
Thursday 13th	Grade 6 Graduation school photo - 9am
Friday 14th	Frozen Friday
Wednesday 19th	Wonder of Living Session - 7pm (Years 5/6)
Monday 24th	ART SHOW WEEK

Monday 31st	School Closure - Report Writing Day
November	
Tuesday 1st	Melbourne Cup - Public Holiday
Wednesday 9th	Prep 2023 Orientation Session 1 - 9.15 - 10.30am Second hand uniform shop open
Friday 11th	Remembrance Day
Tuesday 15th	Prep 2023 Orientation Session 2 - Reading to your child workshop 9.15am - 10.30am (Parents invited to stay for this session) Second hand uniform shop open
Monday 21st	Prep 2023 Orientation Session 3 - Math with your child workshop (Parents invited to stay for this session) Second hand uniform shop open
December	
Monday 12th	Year 6 Big Day Out
Thursday 15th	Whole school end of year Mass 10 - 11am Kaboom whole school celebration 11:30am - 1:30pm
Monday 19th	End of Term 4, 1:30pm finish



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BE PREPARED FOR FUN AT EXTEND!



There's no better way to celebrate this beautiful time of the year than to make something beautiful yourself! Create your very own wall art or kaleidoscope at Extend!

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Senior
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& Womens
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Come & Try Baseball



1. Wednesday 7 September 2022 – La Trobe University Lower Playing Fields -Bundoora
5.00pm – 6.30pm (Juniors) & 6.30pm – 8.00pm (Senior Men's & Womens)
2. Sunday 11 September 2022 – Parker Reserve - North Coburg
9.00am – 11.00am (Juniors) & 12.00pm – 2.00pm (Senior Men's & Womens)
3. Wednesday 14 September 2022 – Parker Reserve - North Coburg
5.00pm – 6.30pm (Juniors) & 6.30pm – 8.00pm (Senior Men's & Womens)
4. Sunday 18 September 2022 – La Trobe University Lower Playing Fields -Bundoora
9.00am – 11.00am (Juniors) & 12.00pm – 2.00pm (Senior Men's & Womens)



www.prestonpiratesbaseballclub.com.au

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