



ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thursday 10th August 2023, Week 5 , Term 3 2023
NEWSLETTER

St Peter's Epping
S.T.A.R.
Acronym



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.

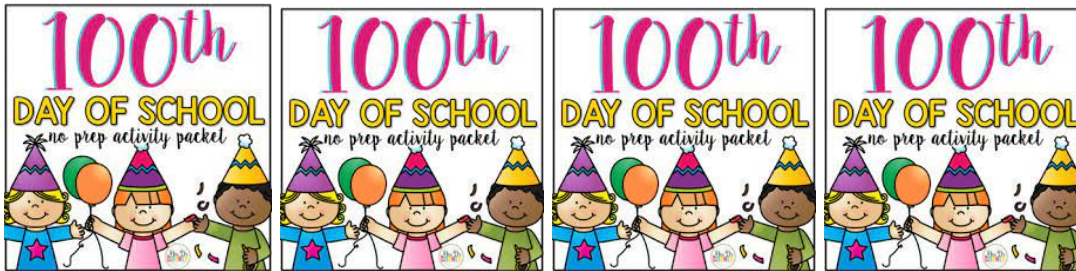


School Vision

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,



On **Friday 11th August** our 2023 Prep students will be celebrating **100 days of Prep**. Our amazing teacher team has planned some fun activities for our Prep students to celebrate this important milestone in their first year of school.

Woolworths Cricket Blast starts on **Tuesday 15th August** 3.30pm. Be sure to register your child / children in this free cricket clinic run at St Peter's on Tuesday afternoons by scanning the barcode below. A maximum of 50 students will be permitted to register.



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Coulstock Street

We have been in contact with the Whittlesea Council and the time delay in restarting the works has been moved out to restarting on the 21st of August. It is disappointing that it has taken so long - however I am grateful for the way our community has accommodated the changes. The council's letter regarding the delay can be viewed here: [St Peter's letter August 2023.pdf](#)

I have emailed the council requesting understanding and compassion around the parking challenges our families are encountering. A response was received this morning as follows: ***It is highly recommend that parents utilise legal parking options in nearby streets if they cannot stay within the specified time indicated on the signage, allowing overstaying takes legal parking away from other parents hence any vehicles overstaying or found to be illegally parked in any other manner will be issued with an infringement.***

We strongly encourage families to obey the street signs in order to avoid receiving infringements. It is anticipated that the work on Wedge Street will begin in Term 4, 2023.

Using the Kiss and Drop: Wedge Street



- 1. Drive to the end of the kiss and drop lane way**

This allows maximum amount of cars to be off Wedge Street to avoid traffic and council fines for parking on the road

- 2. School bags in the cabin of the car.**

For safety the children never stand or walk between cars, in case a car accidentally accelerates forward and a child is jammed between cars

- 3. The driver or adult passengers do not get out of the car.** *Teachers on duty will assist the students. Adults getting out of the car, holds up the traffic flow. If you want to get out of the car: park the car in a side street and walk*

- 4. Child only gets out the passenger side.** *If this is not possible do not use kiss and drop*

- 5. Be patient and do not overtake cars.** *Some children need extra assistance with entering and exiting the car*

- 6. If you want to assist your child getting out of the car or walking to the gate - please park your car and walk to the Wedge Street gates.**

School Disco: Strengthening partnership with families



Tickets on sale from Monday 7th August: cash only

This event is run by the parents committee - teachers will not be supervising students on the night.

Tickets must be pre purchased before the evening. A flyer went home with students earlier in the week [Friday Fluro Disco](#). Students enter via the Galilee doors and exit via the front office. No money exchanged on the night. Students will be required to bring their own drink bottle of water. Drink bottle tubs will be provided.

Parents are welcome to stay in the staff room and community lounge and gather socially while the students are at the disco. Water, tea / coffee and biscuits will be provided.

Only designated parents will be able to enter the Galilee disco space. All parents supervising at the disco have working with children checks and suitability has been approved by the school.

The parents assisting at the disco are part of the parents

committee. At this point in time we do not need additional parents. However we will review when we know the exact number of children attending and reach out to families for assistance if required.

Children and Social Media

It is always a concern that students have access to many different forms of social media. Please monitor your child's use of social media and what they are watching on YouTube. There are images and language that are not appropriate for primary school aged students. I strongly encourage the use of phones, iPads, laptops and computers to be only used in an open living area space and should never be used in the bedroom. Families may also choose to review the browser history on their child's device to see what they have been viewing. Sit down regularly with your child and discuss their use of the platform.

Unfortunately tick tock and other accounts are being opened by students in our school and inappropriate content is being posted. Please check your child's accounts and be aware of the legal age for being active on these social media platforms.

I will be away from school from today, the 10th of August. In my absence Daniela Torcaso will be the acting Principal and Sara Brundell the acting Deputy Principal. We have an amazing team of leaders / teachers and administration staff who will ensure the school runs smoothly over the week. I hope to be back for the Friday night disco.

Kindest regards

Angela Tonkin

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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

Mary MacKillop Prayer



God of the Pilgrim, Mary MacKillop trusted your guidance in her journey of life and deepened her confidence in your will. May we renew our trust in your Providence to lead us to hope as we bring our prayer before you. May we grow in the fullness of your love and the depth of your mystery

Second Hand Uniform Sale & Donations

The school will be holding a second hand uniform sale on **Monday 14th August from 3:00 - 3:45pm.**

The uniform shop can be accessed via the main office entrance.

If you are unable to attend but would like to check if we have uniform in stock, please fill in the

📎 [St Peter's Second Hand Uniform Request Form.pdf](#) form and return it to the school office.

We have many families looking to buy second hand uniform items. Second hand uniform donations are greatly appreciated and can be handed into the school office at any time. Thank you.

Teeth on Wheels Second Visit

Teeth on Wheels will be onsite in Term 4 for their follow up visit. Families will need to complete the form for their child to be seen for their second visit for this year. Please scan the QR Code to complete the form.

If there are any families who missed out last time and would like to book their child in to see Teeth on Wheels you are most welcome to fill in the form to register.

EXCITING NEWS



Teeth on Wheels will be visiting our School for Dental Check-ups and Oral Health Education!!



SCAN THE QR CODE TO COMPLETE YOUR FORM

Late Arrivals & Early Departure from School

Parents/Carers are requested to ensure their child/ren arrive on time to school each day. Lateness can be upsetting for the child involved and unsettling for the teacher and the whole class. The time before school starts provides a time to share stories and events with other students and the teacher and is an important part of their social development. Students are encouraged to arrive at least 10 minutes before school commences which means they are settled ready to work at the start of the school day.

If lateness is unavoidable, parents/carers must accompany their child/ren to the main office and sign their child/ren in on the iPad with a reason for the lateness.

It is preferable that all private appointments for students, including medical appointments, are made outside of school hours. If an appointment needs to be made within school hours, parents/carers are asked to email the school office notices@stprepp.catholic.edu.au in advance to enable both teachers and students to be organised for the early departure.

Parents/Carers are not to enter the learning spaces without prior permission.

Our school day is structured as follows:

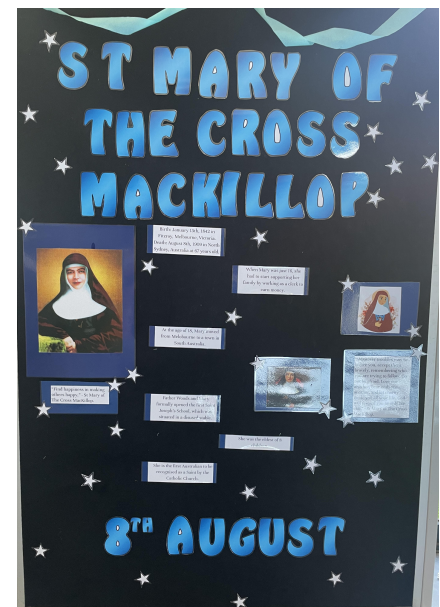
8:30 - 8:50	Gates open & supervised
8:50 - 8:55	Students enter class
8:55 - 9:00	Prayer & Attendance Roll
9:00 - 11:00	Learning time
11:00 - 11:30	Recess
11:30 - 1:30	Learning time
1:30 - 1:40	Lunch eating time
1:40 - 2:30	Lunch play time
2:30 - 3:25	Learning time
3:25 - 3:30	Pack up
3:30	Students dismissed
3:15	Gates open (Currently Wedge Street only until works in Coulstock St are complete)
3:30 - 3:45	Gates supervised

Religious Education

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

On Tuesday August 8th we celebrated the feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia's first saint. Mary MacKillop was an inspiring woman. Working alongside Fr Julian Tenison Woods, she opened the first Josephite School in a disused stable in 1866 so all children could receive an education, especially those that were less fortunate. In her later years, Mary spent most of her time traveling, opening orphanages, schools and hospitals to help those people who were most in need.

Each class reflected on the life of Mary MacKillop through a liturgy. They explored her saying: **“never see a need without doing something about it”** and discussed ways that we could reach out in kindness at school, home and in the community. Each student then created a portrait of St Mary MacKillop that will be used to create a whole school display.



Thank you to Bethany and Chloe, two of our Year 6 Faith Leaders, for creating our Mary MacKillop display board with images, facts and quotes to share with our school community.

Next Tuesday, August 15th, we will be celebrating the Assumption of Mary. We look forward to sharing our learning about this feast with you in the next newsletter.



Level Mass Schedule Reminder

Throughout the term each class will participate in a parish mass providing the students with an opportunity to connect with the parish community

Families are warmly invited. Mass begins at 9:15am. If attending, please meet the students and staff in the church by 9:10am. The table below indicates the dates and times for masses for the rest of the term.

Date	Classes/Level Attending
Wednesday August 16th	3/4PS and 3/4EK
Wednesday August 23rd	Year 2
Wednesday August 30th	Year 1
Wednesday September 6th	Prep

Wellbeing

Resilience Rights and Respectful Relationships and Berry Street Model; Our Journey

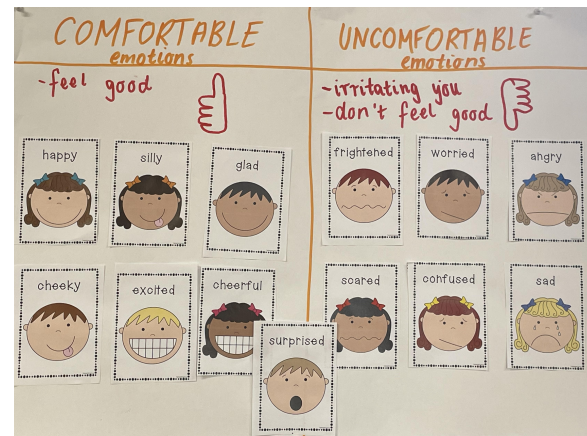
Over the past few weeks we have been working on developing our students' understanding and vocabulary around emotions. Students in all levels have been exploring different emotions as well as naming uncomfortable emotions.

Using body maps the students have explored how the changes in their body when they experience these tricky emotions; the things they feel, think and do.

Classes are also talking about regulation strategies they can use to help regulate emotions.

A student from each level shared the following about their learning in wellbeing over the past two weeks.

Prep: We made a poster of uncomfortable emotions and comfortable emotions and we made a body map that shows where we feel upset. **Rubani PGV**



Year One: In wellbeing we have been making a poster about safety people that can help you and protect you. We know that we can feel different emotions like excited, happy, angry, sad and many more. **Harnaman 1AM**

Year Two: We can have different emotions. Some emotions are mad, angry, sad and upset. These are uncomfortable emotions. If you are feeling these you can talk to a teacher or another adult that is with you that you trust so they can help you. **Trimaan 2DD**

Year 3/4: Body maps show us the body clues that we have when we feel uncomfortable emotions. Some body clues are sweaty palms, crying, butterflies in your tummy and wobbly legs. **Lucas 3/4EK**

Year 5/6: On a body map I labeled where I feel stressed and on another one I labeled how I feel when I am embarrassed. As a class we came up with some strategies that we can use if we are feeling uncomfortable emotions. **Fabronya 5/6EW**

eSmart Schools



As an eSmart school we are continually working supporting our students, families and the community on developing an awareness of digital technologies and cyber related issues.

With the increase of digital devices at our fingertips it is often difficult to find the right balance for our children between screen time and other activities.

This week we are sharing a DigiTalk fact sheet from the Alannah and Madeline Foundation to support families with becoming screen smart.

■ Fact-sheet-Finding-balance-becoming...

eSmart
Smart. Safe. Responsible.



Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the students that received an award at our last whole school assembly for displaying S.T.A.R. Values and following our Agreed Ways

Prep SC	Boston and Madison S	3/4 EK	Nirvair and Enoch
Prep GV	Alissar and Alessio	3/4 PS	Aiyarna
1 AM	Elie	3/4 BG	Abel
1 LP	Dylan and Nimar	5/6 EW	Fabronya
2 DD	Trimaan	5/6 EP	Shreya
2DD	Inaya	5/6 SC	Shreya
2 BM	Cleo	5/6 SE	Julian
3/4 TD	Ayaan and Hilary		



A reminder that our next whole school assembly will be held tomorrow, Friday August 11th in the Galilee Space beginning at 2:40pm. Families that are attending are asked to enter via the gate at the entrance of the Galilee Space.

Class Leaders

This week the class leaders will be working with Mrs Brundell to discuss how we can model our S.T.A.R. Values and Agreed Ways. We will use the discussion points to create a display that we will place around the school to remind students to be respectful, positive, responsible and persistent in all that we do.

Congratulations Erin Whitbread our Numeracy Leader

As communicated in our last Newsletter, Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) will shortly commence working with schools to develop high-quality, comprehensive curriculum resource materials to better support our teachers to deliver the F–6 Victorian Curriculum.

MACS called for expressions of interest from mathematics educators to write the new curriculum resources for publication and use in Catholic schools across Melbourne.

We are very fortunate that our Teaching and Learning/Numeracy Leader, Erin Whitbread, has been selected to write resources targeting the Foundation - Year 2 curriculum. She will begin this exciting partnership in Term 4



This is an exciting new venture for our school and a wonderful acknowledgement of the commitment that the St Peter's staff have for the continual growth and improvement in the teaching and learning of Mathematics.

Seniors Camp

The seniors had a blast at Arrabri Camp last week! We had so much fun making damper, playing archery, bush dancing, rope climbing and participating in a sensory walk. Lots of us faced our fears by going on the giant swing and flying fox. Even the teachers had a go! We then met some Australian animals including a freshwater crocodile, a turtle, baby bandicoots, snakes and a frog named Freddo. We strengthened our friendships and developed new relationships with others. We were all very tired on the bus ride home but we all had so much fun!





BOOK WEEK: August 19th - 25th 2023

Each year the Children's Book Council of Australia announces a theme for Book Week as well as awards for the best new children's books in a variety of categories. We have purchased these books for our Library and the teachers will be using these books as the basis for their Literacy lessons in Book Week. The theme for this year is **READ, GROW, INSPIRE**. The students are

encouraged to keep this in mind when choosing a costume for our **Book Parade**, thinking about what they like to read, how reading helps them grow, and what books inspire them. It is never too early to start planning your costume for this event, especially when there are prizes for the best dressed in each class!



During Book Week, we will once again run our **Book Fair**. This event was extremely popular last year, with the sales raising over \$2000 for us to spend on new resources for the Library. We are hoping that the 2023 Book Fair will be even bigger and better than last year!

During Book Week, the Preps and Juniors will have a visit from the **Flying Bookworm Theatre Company** who will bring some classic stories to life for the children. The Middles and Seniors will have a visit from popular author **Oliver Phommavanh**. If your child has any of Oliver's books at home, you might like to send them along on the day of his visit so that he can sign them.

You might also like to note the following dates and times on your calendar.

Friday 18th August:	Oliver Phommavanh to visit Middles and Seniors
Wednesday 23rd August :	Book Fair opens to parents 3:30-4:30
Thursday 24th August:	Book Fair open to parents 8:30-9:00 Book Parade in Galilee 9:15- 10:00 Juniors to attend Flying Bookworm Performance Students able to make purchases at Book Fair throughout the day Book Fair open to parents 3:30-4:30
Friday 25th August :	Book Fair open to parents 8:30- 9:00 Students able to make purchases throughout the day

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

■ Application for Student Exemption From School.docx (1).pdf

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 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.



THANK YOU ST MONICA'S COLLEGE, EPPING



Thank you St Monica's Epping students for building two cubby houses for our students.

We are very grateful for the generosity displayed by the students at SMC to create two cubbies for our students to enjoy on our school oval.

We hope to have them installed next term!

Strengthening partnerships with families and the wider community



**THANK YOU
DULUX TRADE SOUTH MORANG
FOR YOUR VERY GENEROUS
DONATION OF PAINT FOR OUR
CUBBY HOUSES.**

Did you know that DULUX TRADE
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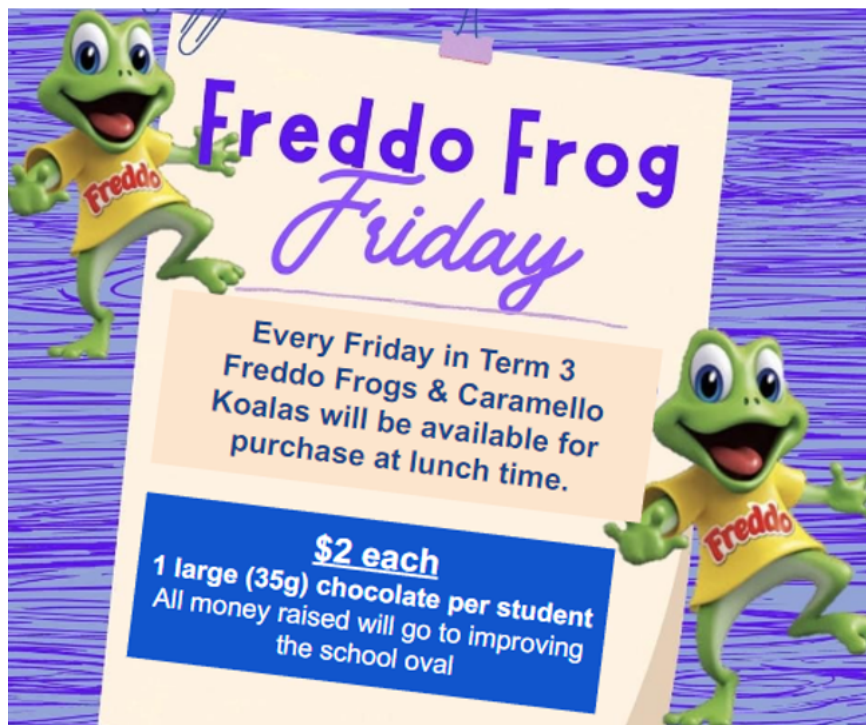
MACSSIS

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

The MACSSIS **family survey** is open
Monday 28 August – Friday 15 September 2023.



The MACSSIS family survey opens on Monday 28th August. Families will be emailed a link and PIN to access the survey early on Monday 28th August. 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 Coles / Myer 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.



JULY	TERM 3 KEY DATES
WEEK 5 7 - 11 Aug 	St Peter's Science Week Monday 7th: Year 2 Scienceworks Excursion Thursday 10th: STEM / Maths family engagement expo 3:30 - 5 pm Friday 11th: Year 3/4 Gymnastics program, YMCA Epping 9:45 am - 12 pm Friday 11th: Freddo Frog Friday Friday 11th: Prep 100 days incursion Friday 11th: Whole School Assembly 2:40pm (2DD hosting) families welcome
WEEK 6 14 - 18 Aug 	Monday 14th: Second Hand Uniform Sale 3:00 - 3:45 pm Tuesday 15th: Cricket Victoria - Afterschool Skills Program 3:30 - 4:30pm Friday 18th: Freddo Frog Friday Friday 18th: Middle / Seniors Author Visit Oliver Phommavanh (for book week) Year 3/4 Gymnastics program, YMCA Epping 9:45 am - 12 pm Friday 18th St Peter's parent committee disco Yrs Prep - 2 (6 pm - 7:15 pm) Yrs 3 - 6 (7:30 pm - 8:45 pm)
WEEK 7 21 - 25 Aug  	St Peter's Book Week Monday 21st: Year 5/6 Excursion - Melbourne Zoo Tuesday 22nd: Cricket Victoria - Afterschool Skills Program 3:30 - 4:30pm Wednesday 23rd: Book fair open to parents 3:30 - 4:30pm Thursday 24th: Book fair open to parents 3:30 - 4:30pm Book Parade in Galilee 9:15 - 10:00 Juniors to attend Flying Bookwork Performance Students able to purchase books throughout the day Book fair open to parents 3:30 - 4:30pm Thursday 24th: Year 5/6 HoopTime Mill Park Basketball Stadium Friday 25th: Book Fair open to parents 8:30 - 9:00am Friday 25th: Senior Girls Fustal @ Futsal OZ Thomastown (All Day) Friday 25th: Freddo Frog Friday Friday 25th: Assembly 2:40pm, Galilee Space, 5/6SC hosting families welcome
WEEK 8 28 Aug - 1 Sept	Monday 28th: MACSSIS Survey Opens Tuesday 29th: Cricket Victoria - Afterschool Skills Program 3:30 - 4:30pm Thursday 31st: Fathers Day Stall Friday 1st: Senior Boys Futsal @ Futsal OZ Thomastown (All Day) Friday 1st: Freddo Frog Friday Friday 1st September: Open afternoon - Fathers / special person
WEEK 9 4 - 8 Sept 	Child Protection Week Tuesday 5th: Cricket Victoria - Afterschool Skills Program 3:30 - 4:30pm Friday 8th: Freddo Frog Friday Friday 8th: Assembly 2:40pm, Galilee Space, families welcome
WEEK 10 11 - 15 Sept	Friday 15th: End of Term 3, 1:30pm finish

Children enjoyed doing rainbow and pirate activities from last two weeks. They were involved in making butterfly clover craft, button rainbow craft, Pirate hat and eye patch making.

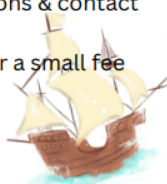
Children also played with building blocks, tumbling tower game, palying with hula hoops, dress ups.



How to enrol:

- Create an account through www.theircare.com.au. Manage casual and regular bookings & cancellations on your account.
- Provide CRN Centrelink details, any medical conditions & contact details.
- Bookings or changes made within 48 hours will occur a small fee

Service Contact number: 0491911121
Service email address:
stpetersepping@theircare.com.au



Child Care Subsidy Fact Sheet

More families can now access cheaper child care with TheirCare!

- ▶ Families who were previously not eligible for CCS may now be eligible.
- ▶ A higher rate of CCS is available for most families that do access CCS.

From 10 July 2023, the Australian Government is changing the Child Care Subsidy (CCS).

What you need to know:

- The family income limit to be eligible for CCS is increasing from \$356,756 to \$530,000 per annum.
- The maximum amount of CCS is increasing from 85% to 90% for families earning \$80,000 or less.
- Families earning between \$80,000 and \$530,000 will receive an increased CCS rate.
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children can get at least 36 subsidised hours of early childhood education and care per fortnight, regardless of their family's activity level.

What you need to do:

- **Not currently registered for CCS?** If your family earns below \$530,000, you may be entitled to CCS from 10 July. You should check your eligibility now. Create a Centrelink online account through myGov or the Express Plus Centrelink mobile app.
- **Already get CCS?** You don't need to do anything to get the new rates. Services Australia will apply CCS changes automatically for you from 10 July.
- **Do you have an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander child?** You can access at least 36 hours of subsidised care per fortnight, by contacting Services Australia on 136 150 to update your child's CCS details. It is voluntary for you to tell Services Australia this.
- **Need extra support with child care fees?** If you are eligible for CCS and meet certain criteria you may also be eligible for Additional Child Care Subsidy

Learn more

www.theircare.com.au/ccs/

Have a question?

Please call TheirCare's Customer Support Team on 1300 072 410





St Monica's College, Epping Year 7, 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

**Applications for Grade 5 students starting Year 7
in 2025 are now open and will close on
Friday, 18 August 2023.**

**Application for enrolment is available on the
St Monica's College website
www.stmonicas-epping.com/apply
Complete your online form and submit with the
documentation required.**

**For enquiries, please contact the College
Registrar, Mrs. Lina Sirianni on 9409 8800 or
email registrar@stmonicas-epping.com.**



Apply online today!

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