



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

**Thursday 8th February 2024, Week 2 , Term 1 2024**



## **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.



## Principal Report

Good afternoon St Peter's Community,

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year which contains all important dates for 2024.

This week all the learning spaces have been filled with optimism and promise for a wonderful year of learning and fun. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our amazing staff for the effort placed in setting up the learning spaces to ensure they are engaging for all our students. It has been wonderful to see everyone with new haircuts, a little taller and wonderful recounts of their summer holidays over the past week.

### **Celebrating 90 years of our school community - CONNECTING FAMILIES**

It is an extra special year for our St Peter's community as we celebrate 90 years of our school community. We will start the celebration with a Family Welcome Picnic on Tuesday 13th of February. We have arranged for **Kaboom** to come and run some free fun activities for the school students and family toddlers. Families are encouraged to bring along a picnic rug and some food. Children must be supervised by their family on the night - teacher supervision is not available.

 St Peter's Whole School Family Picnic

### **Working Bee**

Many hands make light work

We have had a small number of families volunteer to assist with our working bee. We still need some more families to come along with the projects. If you could spare an hour and bring along some tools - it would be very much appreciated. My family will be there to help out on the day.

 17th Feb Working Bee

### **Bell Times**

Before school: Gates open : 8.30am Bell: 8.50am (students in their learning space) Gates close: 8.55am	After school: Bell: 3.20pm Gates close 3.35pm
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Kindest Regards,

Angela Tonkin [atonkin@stprepp.catholic.edu.au](mailto:atonkin@stprepp.catholic.edu.au)

To empower students to learn  
To build teacher pedagogical practices  
To strengthen partnerships with families and the wider community

## St Peter's Parent Committee

We would like to take this opportunity to invite parents and carers to join St. Peter's Parent Committee. This committee depends on volunteers and committee members in order to host events throughout the year. These events help bring the community together and raise much needed funds that go towards school improvements.

Being part of our wonderful committee provides a social network for parents and carers, gives you the opportunity to give something towards a community that supports your children and also fosters a close relationship between the school, parents and the wider community.

If you are interested in becoming a Parent Committee member or are happy to volunteer your time at one of the events, please complete the section below. If you are unsure, we welcome you to join our first meeting to see what is involved. We look forward to getting together with new and current committee members at our first meeting.

Please note it is a legal requirement that all volunteers working with children have a current Working with Children Check.

[New Parent Committee Information & Application Form](#)



**Don't forget to follow St Peter's Primary School on Facebook and Instagram. We love it when you like our page or write a comment. Daily posts keep you up to date with what is going on in our community.**

# Religious Education

## Ash Wednesday and Lent



Next Wednesday, February 14th, is Ash Wednesday. Year 5/6 students will be attending parish mass and all other year levels will be participating in a class liturgy on this day.

Ash Wednesday, is a significant day in the lives of Catholics as well as in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday is the first day of the season of Lent. On Ash Wednesday and throughout Lent, we are called into a time of deep reflection and personal growth.



God calls us to use the time of Lent to cleanse ourselves from sin and to be the best people we can be. In Lent we take active steps to place God at the centre of our lives. When God is at the centre of all we are and all we do, we are living in the light of Christ.

The season of Lent is a deeply spiritual time in which we reflect on the choices we have made in our own lives. As a community we can reflect on the following questions during this season as we prepare ourselves for the celebrations of Holy Week and Easter



- How am I living in the light of Christ?
- Am I making good choices?
- What can I do, especially during Lent, to deepen my relationship with God?
- Where are the opportunities to make positive changes in my life?
- How can I reach out to others in need?
- How can I show God that I love Him?
- How can I show gratitude to my family and friends?

All classes will engage in learning about Ash Wednesday and Lent throughout this term.

## Level Masses

This year we will once again have levels attending parish mass on a Wednesday, providing our students with the opportunity to connect with the parish community.

Families are warmly invited to attend. 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 that each level will be attending mass.

Date	Level Attending
9/2/24 (Friday) Mass beginning at 10:15am	Whole school mass (year 1-6)
14/2/24	Year 5/6 Ash Wednesday Mass
21/2/24	Year 2
28/2/24	Year 1
6/3/24	Year 3
13/3/24	Year 4
20/3/24	Prep and 5/6

## Sacramental Dates

Below are the dates for our Sacraments in 2024. All of our Sacramental celebrations will be taking place in St Peter's Church.



Year Level	Sacrament	Date	Time
Year 3	First Reconciliation	Tuesday April 23rd, 2024	6:00pm
Year 4	First Eucharist	Saturday May 25th, 2024	10:00am
Year 6	Confirmation	Saturday June 15th, 2024	9:30am

All students in the year level will participate in the sacramental learning program. **Only baptised Catholic students will receive the Sacrament.**

If your child has transferred to St Peter's and has missed receiving their First Reconciliation or First Eucharist, please email Sara Brundell [sbrundell@stprepp.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sbrundell@stprepp.catholic.edu.au) so your child can be added to the Sacramental program.

## Assembly Dates

Week 2	9/2	5/6SE
Week 4	23/2	2ED
Week 6	8/3	3EP AFL Season Launch Day
Week 8	22/3	4BG



## Wellbeing

### Wellbeing Week

This week we had a wellbeing week at St Peter's. The aim of the week was to promote a positive learning environment, the development of relationships and a sense of community and safety to support the development of a positive learning culture, setting the tone for the year ahead.

During this week all classes engaged in a variety of lessons with a wellbeing focus each day. Each class revisited and engage in learning activities and conversations about our school values; Respect, Positivity, Responsibility and Persistence which we remember using our S.T.A.R acronym



**S**how respect  
**T**hink positively  
**A**ct responsibly  
**R**emember to persist



Each class also revisited and discussed our 5 whole school Agreed Ways. These agreed ensure that ALL are happy and safe at St Peter's School



#### **Agreed Ways**

- Follow all directions.
- Treat property and the environment with care.
- Listen and speak respectfully.
- Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself.
- Walk safely around the school.

All students participated in a range of relationship building and getting to know you activities to support the development of relationships.

On Tuesday February 6th we celebrated **Safer Internet Day** focusing learning on an awareness of safety on the internet for all users. Students took part in a range of activities. We will continue to support students with developing safe practices when using the internet and digital devices.



**Schools Plus**



**Commonwealth Bank**

## **Great teachers, changing children's lives – Teaching Awards nominations open between 4 March to 8 April 2024.**

National education non-profit Schools Plus is opening nominations for the 2024 Commonwealth Bank Teaching Awards soon. 12 outstanding teachers will be chosen for a prestigious Teaching Fellowship valued at \$40,000, including funds for their school. 10 exceptional early career teachers will be recognised with a \$10,000 award supported by Salesforce.

Nominate an outstanding teacher or apply yourself between 4 March to 8 April May 2024. Visit [schoolsplus.org.au/awards](https://schoolsplus.org.au/awards).



Karina is a new speech pathologist who will be working with selected students on Mondays and Tuesdays. She is passionate about supporting school-aged children in the areas of speech, oral language, and literacy. Coming from Indonesia, she also has experience working with children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. In her free time, she enjoys making music, reading, watching movies, and exploring new places. We welcome Karina to our St Peter's community!

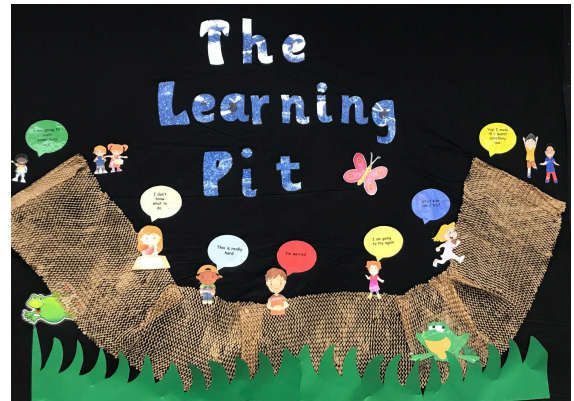
# Learning and Teaching

It's been a busy start to the beginning of a new school year. Teachers and students have spent the last week and this week getting to know each other by undergoing literacy and numeracy assessments as well as implementing Social and Emotional Wellbeing lessons to develop positive and respectful relationships.

New beginnings allow us to start fresh.

All year levels across the school will be inquiring into a central theme of Belonging and Living in Harmony with one another. Our main message within this humanities inquiry will be to explain that every member of a group has the responsibility to cooperate with and show respect for other group members, especially as a student of St. Peter's school and the wider community.

We aim to enact our school vision as an inclusive, diverse and faith filled community, where we aim to be life long, happy, healthy and harmonious learners.



It has been absolutely delightful seeing our students already positively engaging in their new classroom learning spaces with their new teachers for 2024, ready for what we strive to be a year focused on our students as effective learners!

## 2024 Term 1 Faith/Life/World Units of Inquiry

Our Term 1 overarching humanities big idea centres around the theme of Belonging and Harmony. Students will be invited to discuss and learn about what inclusivity means and how Jesus teaches us to 'Love one another.' We have a diverse cultural background here at St. Peter's, and so our students will engage in learning that will help them identify the different cultural, religious and/or social groups to which they and others in the community may belong. Term 1 will also include inquiry into how people participate in their community as active, respectful citizens. We hope that our students will come to understand that we all have a part to play in accepting a person's identity to achieve a sense of belonging, as one! At the end of the term, we will celebrate Harmony Day with a Colour Run event (more information to follow).



Below you will find links to each class level's 2024 Term One Curriculum Overviews. Click on the link to read more.

[Foundation Term One Overview](#)

[Year One Term Overview](#)

[Year Two Term Overview](#)

[Year Three Term Overview](#)

[Year Four Term Overview](#)

[Senior \(Years 5/6 \) Term Overview](#)





# Home Learning



At St. Peter's, we recognise that learning is a lifelong process and believe that a learning partnership between the home and school is at the heart of it.

Home Learning (traditionally referred to as Homework) is purposeful learning that occurs outside of the classroom which is set by the classroom teacher. It benefits students by complementing classroom learning and providing opportunities for students to be responsible for

their own learning, deepening their understanding and skills. Home Learning, therefore, should not be seen as 'work' rather than supportive learning that can be done at home with an ease of success, to consolidate the learning that has occurred at school.

Classroom teachers are in the process of preparing their students for their home learning routines.

Students will be provided with home learning tasks in the coming weeks, so look out for communication via Seesaw or newsletter notes. (more information to follow)

Hard copies of our [Home Learning Policy](#) can be collected upon request from school reception.

## Parent Helpers

This is an extended invitation to all **new** parents/carers to join us in learning how to become an in classroom Learning Helper here at St. Peter's. The Learning Helper information session will be held on **Tuesday 20th February from 9:05am - 10:00am** in our school library, with tea and coffee to follow. This is an opportunity to learn more about what is involved in becoming a helper in our learning spaces.

Please note, all existing classroom helpers do not need to attend this session again. I will be in contact with you in the coming weeks to confirm your 2024 availability.



Thank you for your support and cooperation as we build a teaching and learning partnership.

# School Photos 2024 – St Peter's Primary School

Annual school photos including sibling photos will be taken by Arthur Reed Photos on Tuesday 5th March 2024. There is no need to return any forms or money to school. Unique image codes will be issued to all students on/after photo day so families can register online to view images when they become available in the webshop.

Registration is simple, just follow the 3 simple steps on your child's personalised flyer once you receive it and remember to add the codes for all your children attending this school.

Even if you registered last year, it's important that you do again this year using your child's 2024 image code to link their images for the current year with your contact details.

When images are ready to view and in the webshop, all parents who have registered will be notified by SMS and email. Once registered, please wait for notification that 2024 images are online to view before making your purchase.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS 2024 - Important Registration Information



*School Photographs will be taken at*

**St Peter's Primary School**

Tuesday 5th March 2024

**There is no need to return any forms or payment to school before photo day**

**Flyers with Unique Image Codes will be issued to all students on or after photo day**

**When you receive your child's 2024 image code**

***Follow these 3 simple steps -***

**1** Go to [order.arphotos.com.au](https://order.arphotos.com.au) and enter your child's 2024 image code



**2** Tap on 'Add another child' to enter the image codes of any siblings



**3** Fill in your contact details & review before confirming your registration\*



\*This information will only be used for distribution of personal image codes and ordering details.

***That's it!***

**It's important to register each year to link your child's NEW images to your contact details  
When 2024 images are ready to view in our secure webshop you'll be notified by email and SMS**

**• Create photo packages with any layout & YOUR choice of images + Multiple Image Downloads  
• Order on any mobile device • Share the images with family & friends for FREE**

**\*\* Please wait to receive notifications that new images are online BEFORE ordering for 2024\*\***



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*\*Please note whilst every effort is taken to minimise changes to planned events, dates may be subject to change*

<b>St Peter's Primary School Semester One 2024 Calendar Dates</b>	
<b>TERM 1</b>	
Monday, 29th January	Staff First Aid Training - NO STUDENTS ONSITE
Tuesday, 30th January	Staff onsite - Professional Learning - NO STUDENTS ONSITE
Wednesday, 31st January	Student Testing (Years 1 - 6) 8:50 am - 3:20 pm ICT Agreements given to students Prep Orientation Sessions 9:00 am - 12:00 pm / 1:00 pm - 3:20 pm
Thursday, 1st February	Student Testing (Years 1 - 6) 8:50 am - 3:20 pm ICT Agreements given to students Prep Orientation Sessions 9:00 am - 12:00 pm / 1:00 pm - 3:20 pm
Friday, 2nd February	Student Testing (Years 1 - 6) 8:50 am - 3:20 pm ICT Agreements given to students All Preps 9:00 am - 1:30 pm
Monday, 5th February	ALL students onsite 08:50 am - 3:20 pm ICT Agreements to be returned by students
Wednesday, 7th February	No Preps at school today 9:30 am Prep 2025 School Tour
Friday, 9th February	Beginning of Year Mass for Years 1 - 6 (no preps) 10:15 am 5/6SE hosting Assembly (Galilee Space) 2:40pm Families welcome
Tuesday, 13th February	<b>Welcome Day Picnic</b> <b>Launching our 90th Year of educating our community.</b> <b>Free Kaboom activities for all children - connecting families</b>
Wednesday, 14th February	No Preps at school today Ash Wednesday Parish Mass, 9:10 am Years 5 - 6 attending
Tuesday, 20th February	How to become a Parent Helper workshop (for new helpers only) 9.05 - 10am
Tuesday, 20th February	9:30 am Prep 2025 School Tour
Wednesday 21st February	Parish Mass, 9:10am Year 2 attending
Tuesday 22nd February	Meet & Greet conversations (no students onsite - Their Care program will be running on this day)

Friday 23rd February	2ED hosting Assembly (Galilee Space) 2:40pm Families Welcome
Wednesday, 21st February	No Preps at school today Parish Mass Year 2
Wednesday 28th February	No Preps at school today Parish Mass Year 1, 9:10 am 9:30 am Prep 2025 School Tour
Monday, 4th March	Staff Professional Learning - SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
Tuesday, 5th March	School Photo Day
Wednesday, 6th March	No Preps at school today Parish Mass Year 4, 9:10 am
Friday 8th March	3EP hosting Assembly (Galilee space) 2:40pm Families welcome AFL Season launch day
Monday, 11th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wednesday, 13th March	Preps attend school every day from today Parish Mass Year 3, 9:10 am Years 1 & 2 Water Safety Awareness Program Years 3, 5 & 6 NRL Rugby Incursion - Junior League School Blitz Year 3 and 5 - NAPLAN Writing
Thursday, 14th March	Years 1 & 2 Water Safety Awareness Program 6:30 pm School Expo Year 3 and 5 - NAPLAN Reading
Friday, 15th March	Years 1 & 2 Water Safety Awareness Program
Monday, 18th March	Years 1 & 2 Water Safety Awareness Program Year 3 and 5 - NAPLAN Conventions of Language
Tuesday, 19th March	Years 1 & 2 Water Safety Awareness Program Year 3 and 5 - NAPLAN Numeracy
Wednesday, 20th March	Years 1 & 2 Water Safety Awareness Program Parish Mass Prep and Year 5, 9:10am
Thursday, 21st March	Years 1 & 2 Water Safety Awareness Program
Friday, 22nd March	Years 1 & 2 Water Safety Awareness Program 4BG Hosting Assembly (Galilee Space) 2:40pm Families welcome
Thursday, 28th March	School Fundraising Event: Colour Fun Run End of Term 1 - 1:30pm

## TERM 2

Monday, 15th April	Term 2 Commences
Tuesday, 23rd April	First Reconciliation (Year 3) 6:00 pm
Wednesday, 24th April	Assembly, ANZAC Day RSL
Thursday, 25th April	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Friday, 26th April	School Closure Day
Wednesday, 3rd May	Prep 2025 Family Conversations
Thursday, 4th May	Prep 2025 Family Conversations
Friday, 5th May	Prep 2025 Family Conversations
Thursday, 9th May	Prep 2025 Family Conversations Mothers Day Stall open for students
Friday, 10th May	Prep 2025 Family Conversations
Friday, 17th May	Prep 2025 First Round Offers sent out to families
Saturday, 25th May	1st Eucharist (Year 4) 10:00 am
Monday, 27th May	Staff Professional Learning - SCHOOL CLOSURE
Monday, 10th June	King's Public Holiday
Saturday, 15th June	Confirmation (Year 6) 9:30 am St Peter's Church
Wednesday, 19th June	Wacky Wednesday (Gold Coin Donation)
Friday, 28th June	End of Term 2 1:30 pm finish Feast Day St Peter's Mass, 10:15am



## School Bell Times 2024

06:30 am - 08:30 am	Their Care Before School Program Enrol at <a href="https://theircare.com.au/">https://theircare.com.au/</a> click on 'Book Now' Their Care Support: 1300 072 410
8:30 am - 8:50 am	Gates open and supervised on Coulstock Street and Wedge Street
08:50 am - 08:55 am	Music - All teachers in classes and students enter and prepare for the school day - unpack and welcome.
08:55 am - 09:05 am	Prayer and attendance roll
09:05 am - 11:00 am	Learning time (brain food break at 10:00 am)
11:00 am- 11:05 am	Supervised eating outside
11:05 am - 11:35 am	Recess
11:35 am - 1:35 pm	Learning time
1:35 pm - 1:45 pm	Supervised eating of lunch outside (weather permitting)
1:45 pm - 2:30 pm	Lunch play time
2:30 pm - 3:15 pm	Learning time
3:15 pm - 3:20 pm	Office tubs & pack up
3:20 pm	Student dismissal.
3:20 pm - 3:35 pm	Gates open and supervised
3:20 pm - 6:00 pm	Their Care After School Care Program



St Peter's Primary School  
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# ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN PREP 2025

[BOOK A TOUR](#)



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[principal@stprepp.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@stprepp.catholic.edu.au)

## Existing Families with children starting Prep in 2025

If your child turns 5 before 31st April 2025 they are eligible to enrol for Prep commencing 2025.

If you have not yet completed an enrolment form for your child, please do so at your earliest convenience and return the form to the school office so that your child can be allocated a place for Prep 2025. In 2025 we will have 2 prep classes. Families with siblings that have completed and handed in an enrolment form for their child will be prioritised. Remaining places will be offered to other families outside of the school until all places have been filled. Please note we can only allocate a place for your child if we know you are intending to send them to school. If we do not receive an enrolment form for your child in line with our enrolment timeline and all places have been filled, we may not be able to accommodate your child. We therefore strongly encourage you to contact the office and complete the enrolment application.

Please email [office@stprepp.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@stprepp.catholic.edu.au) if you would like an enrolment pack sent home or call 9401 1157 or please pick up an enrolment pack from the office.



## Welcome Back to before and after school care

Children were happy to be back to before and after school care and were looking forward for the fun filled activities.

Children together made a welcome back poster which is displayed on one of the door to Galilee space for parents to see.

We have introduced a Natural resources space for children where they can be imaginative and creative and they are loving to spend some time in that area.



## Pupil Free Day

Come and join us for a day of fun on

Thursday, 22nd February

Opening hours: 7:00Am - 6:00Pm

### Remember to bring:

- Snack and lunch
- Drink bottle
- Hat

### Fun Activities:

- Pancake making
- Bracelet making
- Painting
- Making mini book
- Origami making
- and many more....

Please reach out to any enquiries you may have. You can find the service number and email address below.

Service Contact number: 0491911121  
Service email address: [stpetersepping@theircare.com.au](mailto:stpetersepping@theircare.com.au)  
Head office contact: 1300 072 410

### How To Book:

- Create an account through [www.theircare.com.au](http://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.



### No Hat No Play

Please bring a spare hat to leave at the service so we can enjoy some time outdoors (does not need to be a school hat any bucket hat is great.)

All children are offered breakfast and fresh fruit for before school care.

All children are offered fresh fruit and snack for after school care

Service Contact number: 0491911121  
Service email address: [stpetersepping@theircare.com.au](mailto:stpetersepping@theircare.com.au)  
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# St Monica's College, Epping

## Enrol Now for Year 7, 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians & Carers,

If you have a child presently in Grade 6 and have not yet enrolled into St Monica's College for **Year 7, 2025** please do so immediately.

Applications for **Grade 5 students starting Year 7 in 2026** are now open and will close on **Friday, 16 August 2024**.

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

If you would like to attend a school tour, please visit our website to make a booking.

For enquiries, please contact the College Registrar, Mrs Lina Sirianni on 9409 8800 or email [registrar@stmonicas-epping.com](mailto:registrar@stmonicas-epping.com).



## Procedure for Reporting an Absence

Thank you to the families that are using the [notices@stprepp.catholic.edu.au](mailto: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.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:atonkin@stprepp.catholic.edu.au) All emails will be acknowledged.

