ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thursday 17th November 2022, Week 7, Term 4

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



It is with much excitement that together our our Maths Leader, Mrs Erin Whitbread and our teaching and LSO staff that I announce

2023 as the Year of the Mathematician at St Peter's

All of our students will be involved in exciting mathematical tasks that will extend and challenge our students every day. Our amazing teaching staff will begin the year with two days of professional learning that will empower and allow the staff to collectively enhance their mathematical teaching skills and build on engaging and stretching our students in the learning spaces. Every student will experience success at St Peter's.



2023 start of the school year

Friday 27th January: Professional Learning Mathematics

<u>Monday 30th January</u>: Professional Learning Mathematics / CPR, Asthma and Anaphylaxis training

<u>Tuesday 1st February</u>: Student Testing / Prep <u>Wednesday 2nd February</u>: Student Testing / Prep <u>Thursday 3rd February</u>: Student Testing / Prep

Friday 4th February: All students on site

Miss Kim Brewin

Kim Brewin has been part of our Learning Support Officer (LSO) Team for the past two years. While working at St Peter's, Kim has been studying Early Childhood and Primary School Teaching. Kim is excited to have been appointed to an early childhood teaching role in 2023. Kim's last day at St Peter's will be December 2nd 2022, as her new workplace has requested she start this year and be part of the 2023 transition process.

We are sorry to see Kim leave our school as she has been a valuable LSO and GRIN tutor but very excited and proud for her new journey in her educational vocation.

We have appointed two new LSO staff to replace Jo Galea and Kim Brewin next year. We had over 30 applicants for the positions.

Parade College





St Peter's have accepted to be part of a <u>Manchester City Football School Primary</u> <u>Program.</u> The program will be in Term 2, 2023 for 6 weeks and Year 4 students will be invited to apply to participate. More information about the selection process next year. Building community partnerships.

2023 Prep Orientation

We have had two of our 2023 Prep Orientation days. Our new Preps have had a wonderful time meeting their new classmates and our teachers are getting to know the personalities of our students. This week on Tuesday, our new 2023 prep parents were welcomed to stay at school and meet our Literacy Leader, Mrs. Melissa Gatt. During this session, our new families listened to Melissa explain the importance of reading with your child at home. She gave some helpful ideas and strategies that parents can do to help their children grow in confidence as emerging readers. Next Monday, our new 2023 prep families will be welcomed to meet our Numeracy Leader, Mrs. Whitbread during our third prep orientation session.

Our 2023 Prep classes are now full and we have a waiting list for Prep. We are starting to take enrollments for Prep 2024 and Claire Toner is starting to take calls for Prep tours. Please let the school office know asap if your family circumstances have changed and you will not be returning to St Peter's next year as we have waiting lists in a number of year levels.

As promised we have capped all of our class sizes at 24 students in 2023 to ensure maximum learning space engagement and to allow teachers to build positive relationships with students and teach at the point of learning entry.



STEM Kid's Conference

On Monday 14th November, five senior students represented St Peter's at the annual Kids Conference at Melbourne University. Once again, our school has been recognised for exceptional teaching and learning in the STEM space. St Peter's was one of 5 primary schools chosen across Victoria to present today. We are so proud of our students and teachers who are leading the way in STEM inquiry. Every child will experience success at St Peter's.





2023 Student School Leaders

The 2023 Student School Leaders presented their leadership speeches today. The 2023 middle and senior school students, the senior school teachers and members of the leadership team listened to the speeches. All students had the opportunity to vote on the student they believe is the best candidate for the school captains and the house captains.

When looking for school student leaders the following points are considered:

Responsible Student leaders need to take responsibility for their actions and choices. They recognise that owning your actions is a step in maturity that is necessary as they enter high school. Alongside this, is the responsibility they have to not lay the blame on others for their decisions.

<u>Motivated and Positive</u> Having a positive mindset is integral to inspiring and leading others! This can sometimes be difficult for students as they come across more difficult work and transition into high school. Being motivated and motivating others is a big part of what makes a good leader.

<u>Committed and Leads By Example</u> Perhaps the most important quality of all! A great leader leads by example. Younger students often look up to older students with awe and admiration! They closely watch and copy the behaviour of older kids, and so a good student leader understands their responsibility as a role model to the younger years.

Not only do they recognise this responsibility, but a good leader is excited about the opportunity to lead and guide others! They would never ask anyone to do anything which they are not willing to do.

School captains will be announced to the community at our end of year assembly 2.30pm, 14th December, 2022. Students will have the opportunity to call their parents following the announcement to the students on this day.



Visual Arts

Our amazing Art Teacher Bek Hunter has spent hours entering 46 pieces of work into the MACS Creative Arts Exhibition. Each piece of work was photographed and a description attached.

It is exciting to read the creative work our students have been part of. We are very proud of our entries and all students that participated in the 2022 MACS Visual Arts Show.

Bird Abstract: This work was built using many different sculptural techniques. Natania built an armature from foil before using magiclay to create the body of her bird. She then used different coloured magiclay and clay techniques to add texture and pattern to her bird. Finally, she made her legs from wire and beads, adding feathers as her final touch.

Butterfly Abstract; This work was created using air-dry clay. Students experimented with clay techniques including how to slip, score and make a slab. Once dry, students used oil pastels to colour their butterfly before adding a watercolour wash over the top. Pipe cleaner antennae and hangers were added as the final touch.

Landscapes: 'Dreaming with eyes open' was the stimulus for students to create a landscape from their dreams. Students used a range of painting techniques and tools with acrylic paint to create their painting.

Portraits: This work was created during an exploration of self-portraiture. Students explored how colours can represent identity. Using a photograph of themselves as the base of their work, they experimented with colour and oil pastel techniques to create their portrait.

Me, Myself and I; Students studied the art of Sandra Silberzweig to inspire their portraits. Students explored different oil pastel techniques such as sgraffito, blending, stippling and scumbling. The final abstract portrait is a combination of these techniques on a black background.

Fauvist Cows; Students learnt about the fauvism movement before creating their own 'wild beasts'. Students completed a guided drawing activity before experimenting with oil pastels, colours and blending to create their cow. Students then used acrylic paint in a bold bright colour for their background.

Paul Klee; Students explored the work of artist Paul Klee before designing their own Klee inspired portrait. Students experimented with warm and cool colours using both oil pastels and paint to complete their work.

Bronwyn Bancroft; Students studied First Nations artist Bronwyn Bancroft. Inspired by her bold use of line, colour and pattern students designed their own minibeast. They completed a guided drawing in marker before using acrylic paint to add colour, pattern and line.

Landscapes; As part of Book Week students read the storybook 'Just One Bee'. After discussing themes in the book such as sustainability and human impact on our environment students designed their own barren, desolate landscapes. Students used acrylic paint and sponges to complete their background before adding details using oil pastels.

Bush Medicine; After exploring and discussing many First Nations Bush Medicine Leaf style paintings, students designed their own gum leaf paintings. Students began by experimenting with watercolour techniques for their gum leaves. Students then used sponges and metallic watercolour to create an interesting background. After looking at composition, students designed their own gum leaf painting before finishing it off with paint pen details around their leaves.

Drawings: Students were encouraged to explore the theme of nature while developing their pencil drawing skills. Students chose reference images and shading techniques to create this triptych. Students used 2B and 4B pencils and kneaded erasers.

Drawing Triptych; Students were inquiring into flight, aviation and how humans can use innovation in Science to solve problems. As part of their learning about flight we studied birds. Students chose a bird

and using various pencil and shading techniques created a realistic bird drawing using 2B and 4B pencils and kneadable erasers.







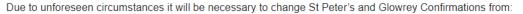




Change in dates for the 2023 Confirmation

Please see below the screenshot from Bishop Terry Curtin's secretary. The Confirmation date has been changed to **Saturday 17th June**, **2023 9.30am**.

Good afternoon Angela





Wednesday 21 June 2023 at 6:00pm TO Saturday 17th June 2023 at 9:30am

As you are aware, Bishop Terry Curtin's office does not change Confirmation dates or times unless there is a valid reason.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. Hopefully there is still enough time for families to rearrange their day.

Regards

		9:30am	St Peter's Epping and Glowrey Wollert
			At St Peter's Parish Church moved from 21 June
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Saturday	17-Jun-23	12:00pm	Epping / Epping North / Wollert –
			St Mary of the Cross MacKillop
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			St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Thanks to Daniela Torcaso for her Acting Principal role while I was away last week on sick leave and our leadership, teaching, school administration and LSO teams that all stepped up to support each other. My surgery was a success. I will be in an arm brace for the next 8 weeks and doing lots of physiotherapy. Hopefully back swimming laps in the pool by January.

Kindest regards,

Angela Tonkin

Principal

Learning and Teaching

Teachers have been extremely dedicated in gathering data from assessments to gauge where students are at in their progression of learning. End of year assessments are currently in place as teachers prepare for end of year reports. These Semester 2 reports will be available to parents during the last week of the term. More information to follow.

Remembrance Day was acknowledged last Friday November 11th, where the whole school came to stop and reflect and observed one minute silence. It's an important day to come together as a community to honour those who gave their lives during the war. At the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month is the time that signifies the end of the war.

As the end of the year draws near, special events and celebrations are being planned. The season of Advent will once again be highlighted as we begin to prepare for the birth of Jesus. We also look forward to celebrating as a whole school with Christmas Carols. See the attached flyer for more details.





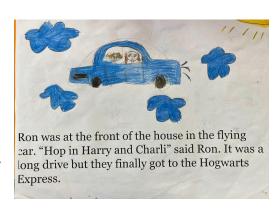
Library Book Returns and Lost Books

As we approach the end of the school year, you are kindly reminded to look for any misplaced or lost borrowed books that your child may not have returned to our school library. Over the past 2 years, we have invested a considerable amount of money to build books in our beautiful school library. The students are responsible for the books that they borrow and take home.

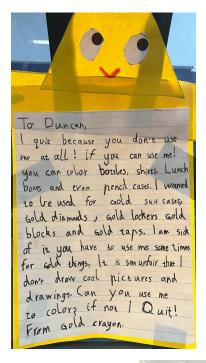
If any book is not returned by the end of the year, <u>you will be charged a replacement fee</u> so that the school can repurchase the book. Please have a careful look for library books around your home and return them to school as soon as possible if they are not being read. Thank you.

Literacy News

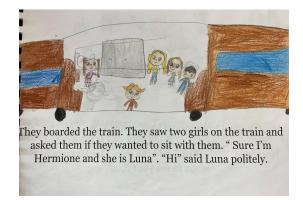
Our dedicated teachers continue to build writing skills in their students. This term, students have been consolidating narrative writing and have also been focusing on persuasive writing. Next year, we will continue to have spelling as a major focus, continuing to implement the SMART spelling program. We also aim to build student vocabulary, both in expressive verbal and written language.

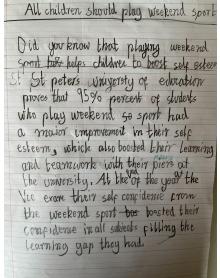


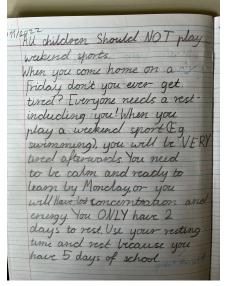
Here are some writing samples from our junior and middle school students.











Interschool Sport

Last week, we took advantage of the break in the weather to enjoy Round 10 of the Lalor District Interschool Sport Competition against Thomastown West Primary School. Our cricketers took home a strong win 53 - 36. Our girls rounders team put in a strong performance but Thomastown West took the win 9 - 12. Our mixed rounders team fought hard but Thomastown West took the win 4 - 5. Finally, our bat tennis teams performed well. Thomastown West girls won 15 - 36 after some strong rallies. Our mixed team maintained a strong lead throughout their performance and took a strong win 41 - 20!

Religious Education



Christ the King

This Sunday, November 20th the church celebrates the Solemnity of **Christ the King.** This feast day is celebrated on the last Sunday of ordinary time in the church. The Season of Advent will begin the following Sunday (November 27th).

On the Solemnity of Christ the King we remember, that **Christ is King not only of the universe but also of our hearts and homes**. He is loving and merciful and will be with us until the end of time. Jesus is the king that came to save us from our sins.

Christ our King, help us to be like you, to listen to your truth and to see that all people are important, no matter who they are or where they come from. **Amen.**



Vinnies Christmas Appeal

As we move into the season of Advent and Christmas we take the time to reflect on how we can be the light of Jesus in our everyday lives. One way that we can do this is to support people in our community in need.

This year St Peter's is supporting the Vinnies Christmas Appeal in two ways.



Each class will collect items for a Christmas Hamper for a family in our local community. In this hamper we ask families to donate festive food items and some Christmas gifts (unwrapped) for the family. Details of the ages of the family members will be shared with our school community when they become available.





2. Wishing Tree

We will have a St Peter's School Wishing Tree in the office foyer. Families are encouraged to purchase new gifts for school aged children. These gifts- can be toys, art materials, stationary supplies etc. Vinnies has asked that these are **not wrapped** so they can be sorted for children in our local community.

Wellbeing

This can be a busy time of year for families. Take some time to connect and show kindness to yourself, your family, others and our planet. Simple acts of kindness can make a big difference to our everyday lives and the lives of others. Here are some things that you can do to share kindness.

KINDNESS to SELF

- Do something that makes you happy today
- Exercise for 10 minutes and get you heart pumping
- Smile more often
- Avoid complaining for the entire day
- Create a new game and play it with friends and family
- Take time to practice mindfulness
- Take long slow deep breaths for 3 minutes
- Listen to your favourite music

KINDNESS to FAMILY

- Help with the chores without being asked
- Express your gratitude to your family
- Play a game with a family member
- Wash Mum or Dad's car
 Make a handmade card
- Make a handmade card for someone in your family
- Tidy up after yourself
- Surprise a family member by doing their Job for them SSSS
- Cook a meal
- Leave a special note on a family member's pillow

KINDNESS to OTHERS

- Write a letter or note to someone out of town and post it
- Bake a cake or your favourite food and deliver it to a friend or someone in need
- Find opportunities to give compliments today
- Say "thank-you" as much as possible
- Hold the door open for the person behind you
- Do something kind for a stranger
- Greet people with a Hug, High Five or Handshake

KINDNESS to PLANET

- Use less plastic
- Drink from a reusable water bottle
- Turn off the lights when you leave the room
- Use reusable shopping bags
- Pick up 5 pieces of litter
- Walk more, drive less
- Recycle
- Make a piece of art work from recycled materials

St Peter's Christmas Carols on the school oval Thursday December 8th, 2022

Families are invited to bring a picnic rug and a basket of food and enjoy the carols. The children will sit with their families and all children must be accompanied by an adult for the entire evening.

Children are encouraged to come dressed in Christmas t-shirts and hats.

Teachers will not be supervising students at night.

5pm Food Vans

On the parish car park providing meal options for your family

6.30pm Carols



News from the Maths Hub



This year, selected students from Year 3-4 were invited to join the Australasian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiads program - Maths Explorers. The program challenges students beyond the school curriculum to solve complex problems in creative ways. The program has a strong emphasis on collaboration, with students working in teams to solve challenging problems and learning from each other.

Absent: Finley and Samuel

This year, 16 aspiring mathematicians were invited to join. They met on a weekly basis, learning a variety of strategies to become effective problem solvers. During the year the students participated in 5 contests, where they applied the strategies that they had learnt in class to solve challenging tasks.

All students were awarded certificates for their participation and achievement. Their enrichment teacher - Mikeala Selaidinakos also awarded badges to 6 outstanding mathematicians - who displayed perseverance, innovation, leadership and collaboration when solving challenging tasks.

Highest Achiever Award Top 10% of all Australasian participants and received 100% on all contests.	
Perseverance Award For students who displayed a positive attitude when confronted with a challenge and did not give up when the questions seemed too difficult. They continued to persevere and try again and again until they achieved success.	
Initiative Award For students who took initiative by trying a range of problem solving strategies to determine the answer when one strategy did not work, took challenging questions home to complete during home learning and sought help when required.	
Teamwork/ Leadership Award For students who displayed excellent leadership skills when working within a team of students, consistently demonstrating active listening and ensuring their team's success by helping students listen and respond to each other's ideas appropriately and respectfully.	

As this year's program has drawn to a conclusion, the students have reflected on their journey...

- Maths Explorer has challenged me and has taught me different strategies and has helped me persevere. It has helped me to be independent and has given me a reason to be proud of myself. Saachi
- The things I enjoy the most are being challenged with a different level in maths and working in groups. Bella
- I love doing maths that is challenging and not something I already know. Shenel
- Maths Explorer has helped me cooperate with new people. What I have most enjoyed was being challenged. Josh

Students from the 4-6 enrichment group will be presented with their awards next week and will feature in the following newsletter.

Mrs Whitbread

Numeracy Leader

Procedure for Reporting an Absence

Thank you to the families that are using the <u>notices@stprepp.catholic.edu.au</u> email account or the 'Report an Absence' link on our website, to notify the school of an absence.

It is not alway 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.



Lunch Orders

Lunch Mums have expanded their menu to include a wider selection of food for St Peter's students. Orders are placed and delivered fresh to the school each Wednesday and Friday via the "My School Connect" app or https://myschoolconnect.com.au/stpetersepping

Lunch Mum's menu: LM Menu 2022.pdf

School Gates

A reminder to families that the school gates on Coulstock and Wedge Street open at 8.30am. When the music bell sounds at 8.50am, the gates will be closed. **Students arriving after** gam must be signed in via the iPad at the school office. Thank you

<u>Updating your personal and contact information & changes to student medical conditions</u>

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. If your child has allergies such as hay fever and asthma, a personal ASCIA Action Plan needs to be completed in colour, completed and signed by the doctor and a copy provided to the school office.

The <u>Green Allergy / Allergic Rhinitis Action Plan</u> is to be used for students with allergic rhinitis (hay fever) that may require treatment such as antihistamines.

The <u>Asthma Action Plan for Victorian Schools</u> is to be used for students who have asthma. Any prescribed medication associated with the plan needs to be supplied to the school in its original packaging.

To reduce the risk to students with asthma or hay fever in the school setting, please ensure your child has a current action plan at school. Action plans are to be reviewed on an annual basis, or when your child's medical condition changes.

In accordance with our <u>Medical Management Policy</u>, medications such as paracetamol and ibuprofen can only be administered at school with a medical authority form completed by the parent and medical practitioner. Medication is not to be kept with students in their bags. It is preferable that medication is administered at home where possible.

Thank you for your support.

Key Dates Term 4 2022

(Please note dates may be subject to change)

November			
Friday 18th	Frozen Friday (icy poles \$1 / Zooper Doopers 50c)		
Monday 21st	Prep 2023 Orientation Session 3 - Maths with your child workshop (Parents invited to stay for this session		
Wednesday 23rd	Year 2 Ten Pin Bowling Excursion		
Friday 25th	Frozen Friday (icy poles \$2 / Zooper Doopers \$1) Assembly 2.40pm		
December			
Friday 2nd	Frozen Friday (icy poles \$2 / Zooper Doopers \$1)		
Thursday 8th	2023 Year 6 students will be involved in bear signing School Christmas Carols 5pm - food available 6.30pm Carols begin		
Friday 9th	All students onsite (no longer a school closure day)		
Monday 12th	Year 6 Big Day Out - Arthur's Seat		
Tuesday 13th	Last day for 2022 Year 6 students 3.30pm Year 6 Graduation Mass 7pm in the church Rose planting ceremony after mass at school entrance 2023 Moving up Orientation 12.00- 1.30pm		
Wednesday 14th	Assembly - School Captains announced for 2023		
Thursday 15th	Whole School (Prep - Year 5) end of year Mass 10 - 11am Kaboom Year Prep - Year 5 celebration 11:30am - 1:30pm		
Thursday 15th	End of Term 4 - 3.30pm (Grades 1 - 5)		

Key Dates Term 1 2023 (Please note dates may be subject to change)

2023 TERM 1		
Friday 27th January	Commencement of Term 1 - Staff Professional Development - Numeracy NO STUDENTS ONSITE Applications for Year 5 students commencing Year 7 in 2025 open today	
WEEK 1		
Monday 30th January	Staff Professional Development - Numeracy Staff First Aid Training - CPR and Anaphylaxis / Asthma	
Tuesday 31st January	Prep Orientation *Enter via Coulstock Street Gate Prep's will be rostered to attend one session 9 - 12pm or 1 - 3:30pm Children can wear casual clothes and their St Peter's t-shirt Year 1-6 students testing days (Schedule to be sent shortly)	
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Thursday 2nd February	All Preps onsite 9 - 1:30pm. <i>Students to wear their school uniform</i> Year 1-6 students testing days (Schedule to be sent shortly)	
Friday 3rd February	Preps - First official day of school. Full day. Students to wear their school uniform Preps will find out who their teacher is on this day Whole school onsite today - full summer uniform.	
WEEK 2 6 - 10 February	No preps at school on Wednesday 8th Feb (preps rostered to come in for 1:1 testing) Friday 10th - Assembly 2.30pm (parents welcome)	
WEEK 3 13 - 17 February	No preps at school on Wednesday 15th Feb (preps rostered to come in for 1:1 testing)	
WEEK 4 20- 24 February	No preps at school on 22nd February (preps rostered to come in for 1:1 testing) Friday 24th: Assembly 2.30pm (parents welcome)	
WEEK 5 27 Feb - 3 March	No preps at school on Wednesday 1st March (preps rostered to come in for 1:1 testing)	
WEEK 6 6 - 10 March	No preps at school on Wednesday 8th (preps will be rostered to come in for one on one testing) SCHOOL PHOTOS TUESDAY 7th MARCH - Students wear summer uniform Friday 10th: Assembly 2.30pm (parents welcome)	
WEEK 7 14 - 17 March	13th March - Public Holiday (Labour Day). No school Preps attend school full time (Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri) 14th, 15th, 16th March: Grades 1 & 2 - Water Safety Awareness Wednesday 15th March: Yr 3 & Yr 5 NAPLAN Writing Thursday 16th March: Yr 3 & Yr 5 NAPLAN Reading	

WEEK 10	3 - 6 April	Tuesday 28th: First Reconciliation 5pm (Year 3 Sacramental Students) Last day of Term 1: Thursday 6th April, 1.30pm finish	
WEEK 9	27 - 31 March		
WEEK 8	20 - 24 March	Preps attend school full time (Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri) 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd March: Grades 1 & 2 - Water Safety Awareness ST PETER'S TRIVIA NIGHT 7PM Friday 24th: Assembly 2.30pm (parents welcome)	

MARCH TERM 2		TERM 2	
WEEK 1 Monday 24th		SCHOOL CLOSURE - STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING - NO SCHOOL	
	Tuesday 25th	First Day of School Term 2. Gates Open 8.30am	





