

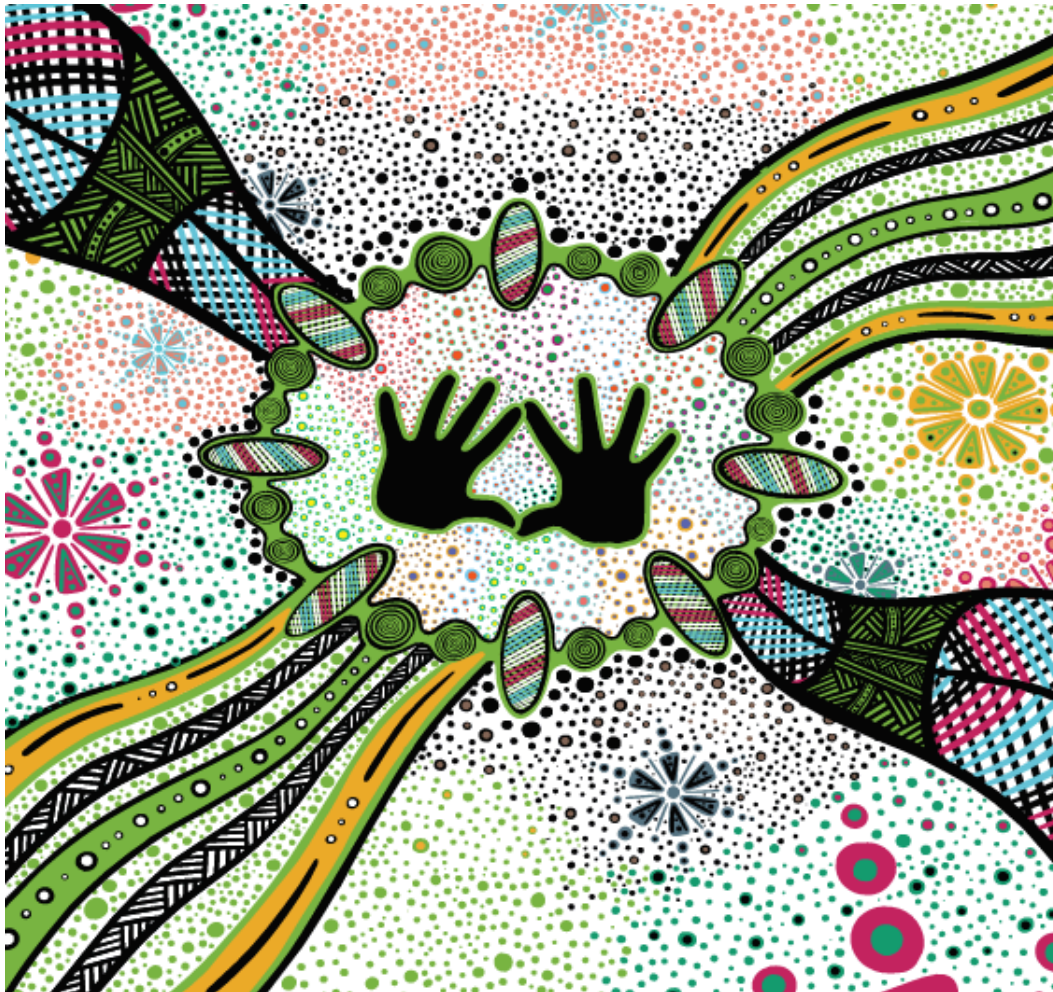


Melbourne Archdiocese
Catholic Schools



ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER Week 8, Term 3
Thursday 5th September 2024



**NATIONAL CHILD
PROTECTION WEEK**
1-7 September 2024

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Central to this evocative artwork by Woolwonga, Uwanwul woman Karina Jeffrey, the hands represent the children of Australia, and our need to provide care, protection and support.

Encompassed by a circle of inclusion, intertwined with meaningful storytelling circles, we see the power of stories, of sharing experiences, and of community engagement in promoting child safety and well-being.

What we say and share matters.

The cross-hatching lines funnelling into the central motif represent the collaborative efforts of partners working together to support families and protect children. This element highlights unity, coordination, and collective action. Every interaction contributes to child protection.

Every conversation matters.

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

What a busy but super exciting time it has been for our school community. I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful experiences and achievements that have marked our recent weeks.

Book Week was an incredible celebration of literature and imagination. Seeing our students engage so enthusiastically with their favourite books and characters was truly inspiring. The creativity and spirit displayed during our dress-up parade were exceptional, and I'm grateful to all the staff, students, and families who made this event so special.



Father's Day was a heartfelt occasion, filled with joy and gratitude. Our students' efforts in crafting thoughtful gifts and the warmth of our special afternoon event made it a memorable day for all. A special thank you to the Parent Association for their outstanding work in organising the Father's Day Stall.

Our recent **Life Education Incursion** was a fantastic opportunity for students to learn about important aspects of health and well-being in an engaging and interactive manner. The sessions were well-received, and I'm confident that the insights gained will benefit our students both now and in the future.

Looking ahead, we have some exciting events and initiatives planned for the coming weeks with the Footy Day and the seniors heading to Sovereign Hill Camp. As always, your support and involvement are greatly appreciated, and I encourage you to stay connected with us through our website and social media platforms for the latest updates.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to our school community. It's through our collective efforts that we continue to create a vibrant and nurturing environment for our students.

To empower students to learn

To build teacher pedagogical practices

To strengthen partnerships with families and the wider community

School Fees

A reminder that all school fees were due on **Friday 23rd August**. If you have any concerns about your financial situation and are experiencing financial hardship, please contact Mrs Angela Tonkin (principal@stprepp.catholic.edu.au) so that a confidential financial arrangement can be discussed.

Key enrolment dates for Year 5 students in 2025 starting Year 7 in 2027

The key enrolment dates for students in Year 5 in 2025 who will be starting Year 7 in 2027 were agreed after approval from the principals on the Archdiocesan Enrolment Committee.

The timeline of events and dates is as follows:

- Applications for students starting Year 7 in 2027 will open on Tuesday 28 January 2025 and close on Friday 15 August 2025.
- Offers will be communicated to prospective Year 7 applicants on Friday 17 October 2025.
- Parents/carers will be required to accept an offer from a school by Friday 7 November 2025.
- Parents/carers are encouraged to make two applications to colleges to ensure all students are offered a place

SPS Speech Box

Welcome to another SPS Speech Box for Term 3. This Speech Box discusses Lego play. Lego can be used to help develop oral language and social skills! The link below will provide valuable information to families highlighting the importance of lego play for developing communication skills for children.



[Lego Play-A fun way to build communication skills](#)



Student Shout Out

It's always great to hear stories of our students' achievements outside of school. Two of our senior students Emma and Rose play together in a netball team every Saturday morning. A few weeks ago, they were both instrumental in helping their team to a win in very trying weather conditions. Their performances earned them both the player of the day award for the game.

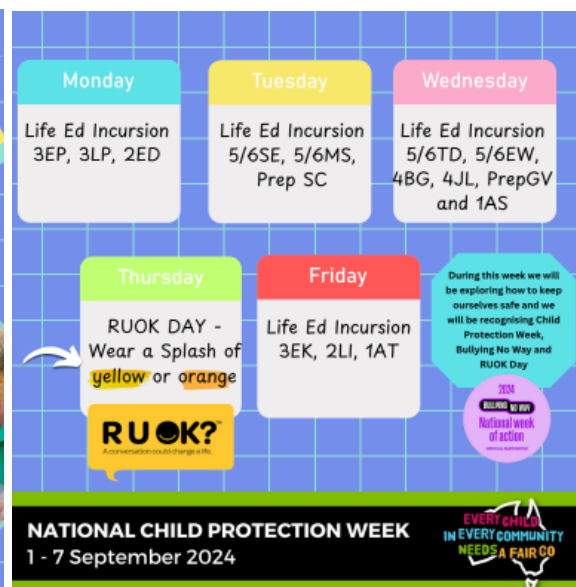
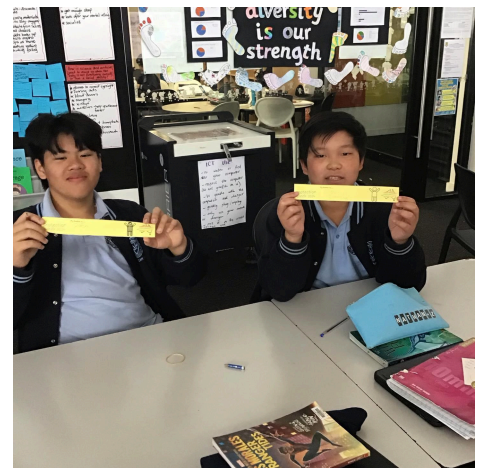
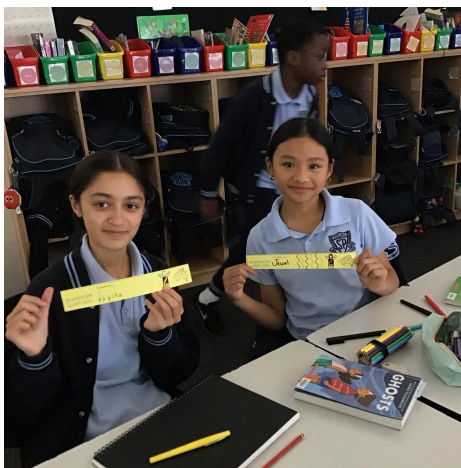
Well done girls!

Wellbeing

This week, during Child Protection Week, all students are participating in a Life Education incursion that focuses on important, age-appropriate topics such as friendships, cyber safety, help-seeking, and respectful relationships. These subjects are also being explored further in our classroom activities throughout the week.

We are also recognizing *Bullying. No Way!* and *R U OK? Day* this week. These initiatives encourage everyone to stay connected and have meaningful conversations that can make a difference in someone's life. To show our support for these important causes, we invite students to wear a splash of yellow or orange this Thursday with their uniform.

Let's work together to create a safe and supportive environment for all our students!



Faith Life

Last week, we celebrated our Father's and all they do and be for us. It was a lovely community event to recognise these important figures in our lives.

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for the gift of our fathers. Give them strength in their work, joy in their achievements, and peace in their hearts. Help them to be a reflection of Your love, showing kindness and compassion in all they do. May they always find comfort in Your presence and trust in Your guidance. Grant them the grace to lead their children to know and love You. Bless their efforts, and let their lives be filled with Your blessings. We pray a special blessing for the father's in our St Peter's community and ask you bless them with wisdom, patience, and courage as they guide and protect their families

Amen

Medical Management

With the onset of Spring and the warmer weather, it is a good time to review your child's Hay fever and Asthma plans. If your child has allergies which may require management at school, 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 [Green Allergy / Allergic Rhinitis Action Plan](#) is to be used for students with allergic rhinitis (hay fever) that may require treatment such as antihistamines.

The [Asthma Action Plan for Victorian Schools](#) is to be used for students who have asthma.

St Peter's Primary School has a duty of care to support access to education through the management of health care needs diagnosed by a medical practitioner.

Parents/guardians/carers must inform St Peter's school office of any diagnosed health care need or medical condition when a student is enrolled at the school.

Please refer to our [Medical Management Policy](#) for further information.

Our [Administration of Medication Policy](#) outlines our procedures if medication is required to be administered at school.



St Peter's provides students with access to sunscreen in their learning space. The sunscreen we use is Woolworths Sunscreen 50+ every day lotion.

The active ingredients are: Homosalate 100 mg/g, Octyl Salicylate 50 mg/g, Butyl Methoxybenzoylmethane 30 mg/g, Octocrylene 80 mg/g

If your child has skin sensitivities and is unable to use this sunscreen, we ask that you send your child to school with their own and advise the teacher they should not use the school provided sunscreen.





All students are now expected to wear their school hats at recess and lunch. Legionnaire Hats (one size fits all) can be purchased from the school office for \$15.00



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

[Academy Uniforms Online Ordering](#)



Triple P Fear Less Group

A **FREE** online parenting group
for parents of children experiencing anxiety residing in the Cities of Yarra, Darebin,
Nillumbik, Whittlesea and Banyule.

Fear-Less Triple P supports parents to learn new strategies for managing their child's anxiety. This group is for parents that are concerned about their child's anxiety that would like to learn strategies they can put in place to support the wellbeing of their child and the family. Content is suited to parents or caregivers of children aged from 6 to 12 years.

The topics covered in this program include:

- Understanding how anxiety works,
- Becoming the best possible model of anxiety management for their children,
- Becoming effective emotion coaches,
- Understanding and teaching the value of flexible thinking,
- Managing their children's anxiety effectively, and
- Using constructive coping.

All participants will receive:

- Fear Less Workbook with information and activities at commencement,
- Resource pack tailored to your child/ren's age and stage during the group period, and
- A voucher to access extra resources following conclusion of the group.

The Fear Less Group runs over 6 x 1.5-hour sessions. **Attendance to all sessions is required.**

Dates:

14th Oct 2024 | 21st Oct 2024
28th Oct 2024 | 4th Nov 2024
11th Nov 2023 | 18th Nov 2024

Location:

Online via Zoom

Time:

12:00pm-1:30pm

How to book:

To schedule an enrolment into the group, contact Georgia with your full name and best contact number by:

- Emailing us at triplep@berrystreet.org.au with your full name and contact number, or
- Calling or sending a message on 0499 301 006.

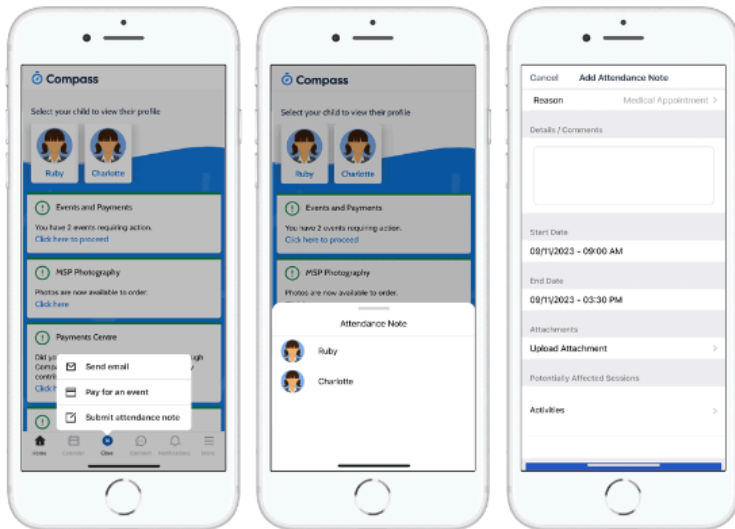
We ask that enquiries for enrolment be made by 5:00pm on 1st of October. Due to limited spaces, we encourage parents to enquire ASAP to avoid disappointment.



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Reporting your child's absence



Using the Compass App

- 1 From the homepage, click on the blue shortcuts button from the bottom taskbar
- 2 Click on 'Submit Attendance Note'
 - Select the reason
 - Enter a brief description of the absence
 - Select the start and finish time
 - Click the 'Save' button

If your child is marked as absent without prior approval you will receive a message containing a link. When you follow the link, you will have the opportunity to explain the absence.

St Peter's Administration Staff are unable to resolve an unexplained absence if we do not know why your child is absent.

Parents and carers are required to provide a reason for any unresolved absences via the Compass app. If you require any assistance with this process, please contact the school office and we will be happy to assist further.

Student early collections

We have noticed an increase in parents wanting to collect their child early. This is very disruptive to the classrooms. Where possible we ask that parents/carers schedule medical appointments for before or after school or during the school holidays. If this is not possible, please communicate this in advance to the school office: notices@stprepp.catholic.edu.au When events are unforeseeable and in an emergency situation, please ring the school office on 9401 1157.



Newsletter

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TERM 3 2024

Friday 6th September	Second Hand Uniform Shop 8:30 - 9:00 am CASH ONLY Boys Futsal (Yrs 5 & 6 selected students only)
Tuesday 10th September	STEM MAD Showcase, Catholic Leadership Centre (Selected students only)
Wednesday 11th September	Year Level Parish Mass - Prep SC & Prep GV 9:10am Market Fresh Incursion - Years 1 & 2
Thursday 12th September	Staff Professional Learning - SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
Friday 13th September	Second Hand Uniform Shop 8:30 - 9:00 am CASH ONLY Assembly, 2:40 pm hosted by 2LI. Families welcome Footy Finals Fever Fun Day - free dress - AFL supporter gear
Wednesday 18th - Friday 20th September	Year 5 / 6 Camp
Friday 20th September	End of Term 3, 1:30 pm student dismissal

TERM 4 2024

Monday 7th October	Start of Term 4 Gates open at 8:30am Year 6 Swimming and Water Safety
Wednesday 9th October	Prep Information Evening, 6:30 pm
Monday 14th October	Year 6 Swimming and Water Safety
Monday 21st October	Year 6 Swimming and Water Safety
Monday 28th October	Year 6 Swimming and Water Safety
Monday 4th November	SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
Tuesday 5th November	Melbourne Cup - Public Holiday
Wednesday 6th November	Grade 6 Graduation Photo Prep 2025 Orientation Session 1 9:15 am - 10:30 am
Thursday 7th November	Teeth on Wheels Dental Van onsite
Friday 8th November	Teeth on Wheels Dental Van onsite
Monday 11th November	Year 6 Swimming and Water Safety
Tuesday 12th November	Prep 2025 Orientation Session 2: Reading to your child workshop 9:15 - 10:30 am

Wednesday 13th November	Teeth on Wheels Dental Van onsite
Monday 18th November	Prep 2025 Orientation Session 3: Numeracy with your child workshop 9:15 - 10:30 am Year 6 Swimming and Water Safety
Monday 25th November	Year 6 Swimming and Water Safety
Wednesday 4th December	St Monica's College Year 7 Orientation Day (for Grade 6 students commencing in 2025)
Friday 6th December	SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY (Planning 2025)
Monday 9th December	Year 6 Swimming and Water Safety School Carols 6 - 8 pm
Tuesday 10th December	Year 7 Transition Day all State Secondary Schools
Wednesday 11th December	Year 6 Graduation Assembly 2:00 - 3:15 pm - Grade 6 families welcome (other year levels participating via zoom from their learning space) Year 6 Graduation Mass 6:30 pm - Yr 6 students and parents

ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMENCEMENT OF TERM 1 2025

Tuesday 28th January	Staff professional learning - no students onsite
Wednesday 29th January	Staff professional learning - no students onsite
Thursday 30th January	Student Testing Day 1 (Years 1 - 6) 08:50 am - 3:20 pm Prep Orientation Session 1: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Prep Orientation Session 2: 1:00 pm - 3:20 pm
Friday 31st January	Student Testing Day 2 (Years 1 - 6) 08:50 am - 3:20 pm Prep Orientation Session 1: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Prep Orientation Session 2: 1:00 pm - 3:20 pm
Monday 3rd February	Student Testing Day 3 (Years 1 - 6) First full day of school for Prep students 08:50 am - 3:20 pm
Tuesday 4th February	All students onsite 8:50 am - 3:20 pm
Wednesday 5th February	No preps at school

2025 Sacramental Program & Dates

In October the Parish Schools will meet with the Parish Priest and discuss the dates for the 2025 Sacraments, which will then need to be agreed upon by Bishop Terry Curtin.

As soon as the dates have been confirmed, we will communicate this with the school community.



The 2024 AFL season is coming to an end and we are in the exciting time of finals! To celebrate we are hosting our

Footy Finals Fever Fun Day

Friday 13th September.

It will be a **free dress day**, with students encouraged to come in the supporter gear for their favourite AFL team, or for any other sport they follow.

There will be lots of fun activities and also a colouring competition for the students to take part in.

Students have the option of ordering a **special hot lunch** which will be prepared by the parents committee. All funds raised will go towards upgrading our public announcement system.

Lunch orders must be **received and paid for by the morning of Monday 9th September**. Late orders will not be accepted after this date.

Lunch Orders are optional only, if you choose not to order one, students will need their normal lunch brought from home.



FROZEN FRIDAYS ARE BACK!

All students will be able to purchase a zooper dooper thanks to the amazing parent helpers.

When: Every Friday from 19th July

Where: In the piazza at 1:45pm





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