



ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Thursday 4th May 2023, Week 2 , Term 2 2023
NEWSLETTER**

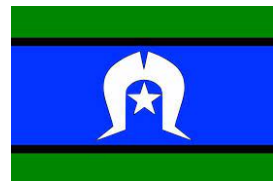


Acknowledgment of Country

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.

News from the Maths Hub



This year, we have 4 Senior School students who have been appointed as Numeracy Leaders. As part of their role, they are supporting the mathematics learning in other year levels and informing the community about the learning at St Peter's. This week, they visited the Year 1 classrooms and composed the following reflection...

This week we visited the Year 1 classrooms to help the students in a maths lesson. First they practised skip counting by 2s. Lots of the Year 1's could skip count past 100. *Daniel and Joshua both said they like warm ups and maths games when learning.*

Then the Year 1 students explored the different ways that they can add or combine two collections to find a total. *Ananya described how she likes using pictures to help her solve the problems. Wyatt was able to identify the learning focus - we are learning to add numbers together.* Some students completed the task easily and were given an extra challenging problem with larger numbers to help them stretch and grow in Maths. *Harnaman was able to describe how he added on the tens and then the ones when solving the challenge question.*



At the end of the learning, the students were very eager to share their thinking and strategies with their classmates. Then they create a poster of their thinking to help them next time they are solving addition problems.

While we worked with the Year 1's, we asked some of them about their learning and this is what they had to say:

- *I like maths games and adding numbers* - Tarush
- *Maths is important because it helps us to count and add* - Ashish
- *It helps us to get a job when we grow up* - Dhairya
- *I like counting in groups* - Martha

We had a great time working with the Year 1's and hearing them share their thinking and ideas!

From the School Numeracy Leaders,
BJ, Baani, Niyam and Aiden

Family Maths Games Afternoon

Yesterday, St Peter's hosted their annual Family Mathematics Engagement afternoon.



The focus for this year was mathematics games that can be played at school and home! Families were welcomed into a variety of spaces across the school to learn some new games.

All students who attended received a showbag with resources and got to take the games home to play. There was a great buzz and energy around the school, with around 150 students and their families attending the event.



As families entered the event, they were asked to place a block into our attendance tracking container. Students were then encouraged to guess how many blocks were in the container by the end of the event. The person who guessed correctly/or was the closest to the correct number will be awarded a prize, to be announced at our assembly on Friday.



Another highlight of the night was the scavenger hunt around the school, to solve the riddle - ***What do you call a hens who can count her own eggs....*** Well done to those who found the answer... **A**

MATHEMA-CHICKEN! One lucky person who submitted their entry will receive a prize at the assembly on Friday afternoon.

I would like to give a special thanks to our Senior School Numeracy leaders Aiden, Baani, Niyam and BJ for their active support in preparing and making tonight a success.

Feedback is always welcome to continue to grow the success of our family mathematics engagement afternoons and can be sent through to

ewhitbread@stprepp.catholic.edu.au.

Kind regards,

Erin Whitbread

Teaching and Learning/Numeracy Leader



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

Teaching and Learning

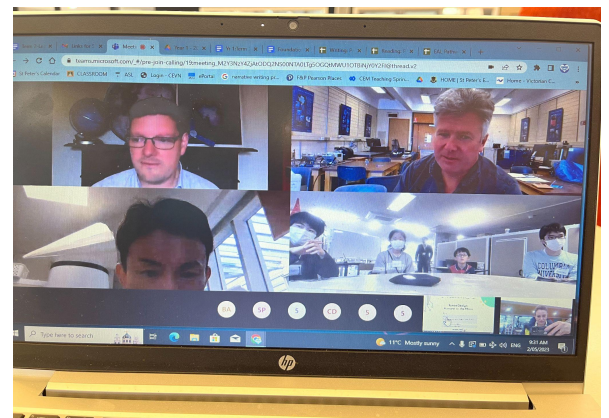
Last week the whole school came together to inquire into the ANZACs. The Victorian Curriculum invites students to learn about significant world events with history. Specifically, the curriculum invites students to understand important days on the Australian calendar which allows students a deeper appreciation as to why events like ANZAC day need to be commemorated. Thank you to the families that emailed and shared their experiences commemorating this special day last week. The Toshack family (Ruby Year 5 and Evie Year 2) have shared photos of when their family went to the Epping RSL for the dawn service last week. They remembered those who made sacrifices for all of us. The plaque show's Evie's Great Grandfather who served in the 2nd world war. The other photo is of the girl's grandfather who is in his uniform. He has been a member of the Epping CFA for 50 years! Thank you Toshack family for sharing your special day of commemoration and recognition with the St. Peter's community.



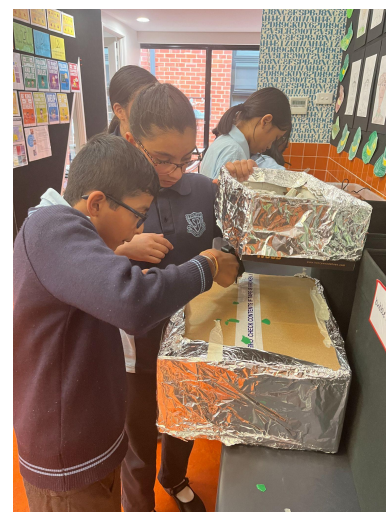
Units of Inquiry

During Term 2, the whole school has an overarching Big Idea that centres around Science Understandings; in particular Earth and Space science. Our Senior school students were fortunate to be the first school in Melbourne to work in collaboration with La Trobe University, Melbourne Museum and Science Works.

St. Peter's was invited into a STEM SPACE Project in an educational partnership that immersed the students into space and moon discovery. The students learnt about the potential to live on the planet Mars, but first, they problem solved solutions to see if living on the Moon (as a closer option) is even possible. What was really special and exciting about the incursion, was that another school in Japan was also involved in the STEM SPACE Project. St. Peter's students engaged with students in Japan via a webinar. Isn't technology amazing!!



Towards the end of the incursion, the Japanese students demonstrated an experiment where they built a 12 metre foam rocket that was powered by pressurised water. The rocket launched into the air and broke the world record for its distance travelled. There were a lot of “WOW’s” and excitement when our students saw this experiment happening in Japan, via their computers. So COOL! Most importantly, the students learnt that problem solving takes many tries. They learnt to follow a design model; to plan, prototype, test and re-evaluate. See some images from the day:



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

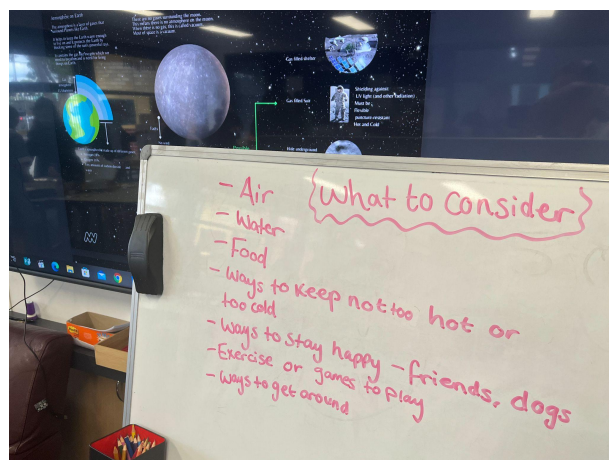
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We look forward to another productive and engaging second term of learning.

Kind regards,

Melissa Gatt

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This term the year 4 students of St Peters Primary have the pleasure of being involved in a Manchester City soccer program at Parade College. The program is commencing on Wednesday May 10th and will run for 5 weeks where they will be developing their soccer skills with other schools in the area. Students were asked to nominate themselves with an expression of interest for the program as unfortunately we can only take 20 students for the program. After the nominations were completed, students' names were randomly drawn from a hat to fill the positions. The year 4 students are extremely excited to have the opportunity

to work on their soccer skills with Parade College.



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.

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.



Key Dates Term 2

(Please note dates may subject to change)

APRIL	TERM 2
WEEK 2 1 - 6 May	<p>Wednesday 3rd: 5/6EP and 5/6SE Mass, 9:15am St Peter's Church</p> <p>Wednesday 3rd: MATH EXPO FAMILY ENGAGEMENT EVENING 3:30 - 4:30pm</p> <p>Friday 5th: Whole School Assembly (5/6EP hosting) 2:40pm - Families welcome to attend</p> <p>Saturday 6th: First Eucharist (Gr 4) 2pm</p>
WEEK 3 8 - 12 May	<p>Thursday 11th: Mothers Day Stall</p> <p>Wednesday 10th: 5/6SC and 5/6EW Mass, 9:15am St Peter's Church</p> <p>Wednesday 10th: Selected Yr 4 students Manchester City Program, Parade College</p> <p>Friday 12th: Open Day, Mothers and Special Persons, from 2:30pm</p>
WEEK 4 15 - 19 May	<p>Wednesday 17th: 3/4BG and 3/4TD Mass, 9:15am St Peter's Church</p> <p>Wednesday 17th: Lalor District Cross Country</p> <p>Wednesday 17th: Selected Yr 4 students Manchester City Program, Parade College</p> <p>Thursday 18th: National Walk to School Day</p> <p>Friday 19th May: SCHOOL CLOSURE - STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING (BERRY STREET) - NO STUDENTS ONSITE</p>
WEEK 5 22 - 26 May	<p>Monday 22nd May: SCHOOL CLOSURE - STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING (BERRY STREET) - NO STUDENTS ONSITE</p> <p>Wednesday 24th: 3/4PS and 3/4EK Mass, 09:15am St Peter's Church</p> <p>Wednesday 24th: Selected Yr 4 students Manchester City Program, Parade College</p> <p>Friday 26th: Whole School Assembly (3/4PS hosting) 2:40pm - Families welcome to attend</p> <p>Friday 26th: National Sorry Day</p>
WEEK 6 29 May - 2 Jun	<p>Wednesday 31st: Year 2 Mass, 9:15am St Peter's Church</p> <p>Wednesday 31st: Selected Yr 4 students Manchester City Program, Parade College</p> <p>Friday 2nd: Whole School Assembly (2BM hosting) 2:40pm - Families welcome to attend</p>
WEEK 7 5 - 9 Jun	<p>Wednesday 7th: Year 1 Mass, 9:15am St Peter's Church</p> <p>Wednesday 7th: Selected Yr 4 students Manchester City Program, Parade College</p>
WEEK 8 12 - 17 Jun	<p>Monday 12th June: KINGS BIRTHDAY - PUBLIC HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED</p> <p>Wednesday 14th, Prep Mass, 9:15am St Peter's Church</p> <p>Wednesday 14th, Year 1 Science Incursion</p> <p>Friday 16th: Whole School Assembly (5/6EP hosting) 2:40pm - Families welcome to attend</p> <p>Saturday 17th: Confirmation (Gr 6) 9:30am - St Peter's Church</p>
WEEK 9 19 - 23 Jun	<p>Friday 23rd: Feast of St Peter, Whole School Mass, 10am St Peter's Church</p> <p>Friday 23rd June: End of Term 2, 1:30pm finish</p>