



ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thursday 21st March 2024, Week 8, Term 1 2024
NEWSLETTER

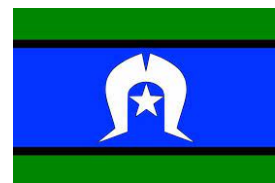


Acknowledgment of Country

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 families,

Colour Run

Our biannual fundraising event is closely approaching. The colour fun run is a wonderful event for our community to come together and celebrate harmony day - we are all different yet the same.

The theme this year is '**Everyone belongs**'.



To participate in the colour fun run all students must be registered. Children are asked to wear white clothing on the day if they want to be showered in coloured powder.

If your child doesn't want to experience the powder they can wear a red or black top.

Families are encouraged to come along and be part of this community event. Only one week left to add to your fundraising amount. The students that raise the most money have the opportunity to slime the teachers.

Easter Egg Raffle - Parents Committee Event

It has become a tradition in our new chapter at St Peter's to have an Easter Egg Raffle. This year our extremely generous families have donated an egg. This year we will have over 35 Easter prizes - making it a more exciting and a greater opportunity to win an Easter prize. Thanks to our parents committee for getting the prize hampers ready.



To empower students to learn

To build teacher pedagogical practices

To strengthen partnerships with families and the wider community

Thursday 28th March - School Colour Fun Run

On Thursday, March 28th we will have our School Colour Fun Run. Only students who have made an online profile for the event can participate. If you have not created one for your child yet, please visit funrun.com.au.

This is our school's biggest fundraiser for the year. All money raised is going toward a new Public Announcement System with additional funds raised being used on our school outdoor spaces.

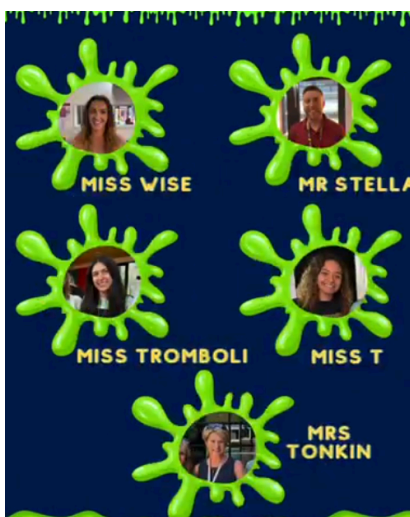
There are fantastic prizes on offer for all students who raise money through sponsorship. The more money raised, the more prizes you can claim. And as a bonus, the top five fundraisers will have the chance to slime one of the following staff members:

Miss Trimboli, Mr Stella, Miss Trianta, Miss Wise or Mrs Tonkin.

What to wear to school:

- White t-shirt
- Old runners
- Shorts that can be coloured
- Water bottle
- Change of clothes (optional - to wear home in the car)

If your child does not want to get colour squirted on them, please wear a dark coloured t-shirt (e.g. Black or dark blue).



The document linked below is a list of ingredients in each of the coloured powders.

Please take some time to have a look. [Ingredients List](#)

All students with asthma are required to have their ventolin inhaler with them at the event.

All families are invited to come along and watch the event.

The school gates will open at 11:40am. The event will begin at 11:50 and will end at 1:30pm with the Easter Raffle draw and teacher sliming.

We hope to see you there!

STUDENT DISMISSAL ON THURSDAY 28TH MARCH IS 1:30PM - END OF TERM 1

School uniform Please note the following:

Jewellery: **No** nail polish,make-up or jewellery is allowed.

For pierced ears, studs only are acceptable due to danger of injury when playing games. Chokers, dangly earrings, rings, chains worn outside clothing are considered too dangerous for school days.

Bracelets (silver / gold) and coloured rope bracelets is not part of the uniform

Hair: Students with longer than collar-length hair must have it tied back at all times with plain blue or white elastic ‘scrunchie.’

No extreme hairstyles or colours in student hair.

Water Safety : Epping Leisure Centre

Our junior school have been taking part in a water safety program this term and have been involved in learning about safe ways to act around water. This program does not teach our students to swim. I urge our family community to prioritise swimming lessons outside of school hours. Knowing how to swim is a life skill that our children need to learn.

Kindest regards

Angela Tonkin



Please send the money to school with your child. Our senior students visit each learning space every day to sell tickets.

Colour Run: St Peter's Epping



We only have 1 week left to get our sponsors signed up for our biggest fundraiser of the year.

The children get sensational prizes - each level of money raised takes the selection of a prize to the next level.

The 5 top fundraisers get to slime a teacher on the colour run day. One selected teacher is our Principal!

Please get behind this event and help raise much needed funds for our new oval and public announcement system.

Students can come to school wearing a white T-shirt. If they do not want to be sprayed with coloured chalk, then they can wear their school uniform or a black T-shirt.

Religious Education

Journey Through Holy Week - School Reflection

This Sunday we celebrate Palm Sunday in the Church. This day marks the beginning of Holy Week. It is in this week that we remember the final days of the life of Jesus, leading to His Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Our school community will reflect on this most sacred week with a Journey Through Holy Week prayer experience, led by our Year 6 students. This reflection will include scripture and prayer, supporting us to reflect on the events of the week.



Families are invited to attend the reflection. Classes will be allocated times where they will 'Journey Through Holy Week' between 12:30pm and 1:30pm on Wednesday March 27th.

Classroom teachers will share their specific times with families via SeeSaw. We look forward to having our families join in this special prayer experience.

First Reconciliation

Thank you to all of the families that attended our reconciliation family evening on Tuesday. It was lovely to share some learning with you all and share in conversation about this Sacrament.

If you were unable to attend the session and your child is receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation this year, please contact your child's classroom teacher or Sara Brundell (sbrundell@stprepp.catholic.edu.au) so an information pack can be sent home.



Wellbeing

Embracing Diversity

We are lucky enough to live in a multicultural country as well as be a part of a school with such a diverse community

All of our staff work with students to develop an appreciation for cultural diversity and we will celebrate this with our Harmony Day School Colour Fun Run.

It is important that as a community we are embracing and celebrating our cultural diversity.

[This document from The Australian Human Rights Commission](#) shares some ways you can discuss cultural diversity with your child at home.

Literacy

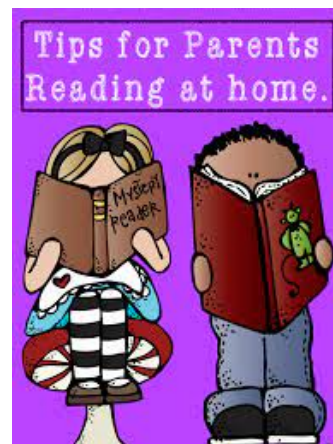
Reading At Home

Reading practice at home is invaluable to a child's development.

Research has shown that one-on-one reading time and access to nursery rhymes, fairy tales, chapter books and junior novels are important for future literacy skills.

Here are some parent tips to help support your child with reading at home.

1. Set up a time to read (perhaps before going to sleep).
2. Talk about the pictures, illustrations and content in the book. Ask comprehension questions. (What do you think the character will do? What makes you say that?)
3. Share different kinds of books (picture story books, chapter books, informational books, magazine articles)
4. Read out aloud with expression. Use silly voices for funny characters to make the story come alive.
5. Help your child read and locate the Frequently Used Words that they know.
6. Help define new words that they don't know to build their vocabulary.
7. Bring books everywhere! Limit screen time when out and about!
8. If you like an author, choose similar books.
9. Read and share your favourite books over and over again and enjoy the experience!



Library Books: Take care of them and Return them!

As we approach the end of the term, can you please have a good look around your home to locate any missing school library books. Several students have overdue texts and these must be returned back to our school as soon as possible.

Learning and Teaching

HARMONY WEEK: END OF TERM 1 CELEBRATION

St. Peter's is a faith filled and inclusive community that embraces diversity!

We are very excited about our **SCHOOL COLOUR FUN RUN** next week on **Thursday March 28th**. This colour run has been inspired by the Indian festival of Holi: a festival that celebrates LOVE and GOOD DEEDS.

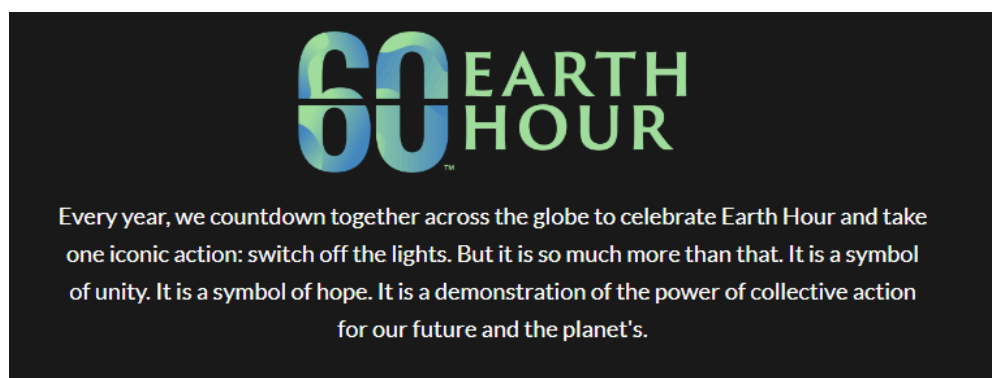


We are ONE but we are many in Australia; we look forward to celebrating our differences and similarities as we grow in our understanding of living in HARMONY with each other.



Earth Hour:

This **Saturday 23rd March, between 8:30pm-9:30pm**, there is a global chance to come together to switch off your lights in action to protect our planet Earth. You are encouraged to talk to your children about the Earth Hour cause. If you participate in switching your lights off and turning off entertainment devices such as gaming consoles and televisions, you may find the time to read a book or play a board game as a family under candle light. Please share any photos of your participation in Earth Hour so that we can share your commitment to the sustainability of planet Earth with our school community. Thank you!



NCCD, As a parent, what do I need to know?

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD) is a yearly count of students by all Australian schools across the country. The aim of the NCCD is to provide the Australian Government with information about the number of students with disability in Australian schools and the type of adjustments they need in order to access and participate in education on the same basis as other students. From 2018, the NCCD will be used by the Australian Government to inform funding for schools, known as the ‘student with disability loading’.

If you are a parent, guardian or carer of a child with disability who requires ongoing adjustments at school, a teacher or another school staff member will consult with you to understand your child’s needs. This collaborative approach ensures the most appropriate adjustments are chosen to support your child’s learning and participation at school. In some cases, an individual education plan (IEP) or personal learning plan (PLP) may be developed to document specific educational goals and to review your child’s progress over time.

Your child will be included in the NCCD if they require ongoing adjustments at school due to a disability as defined by the [Disability Discrimination Act 1992](#) (the DDA). This is a very broad definition of disability, which includes physical and intellectual disabilities, learning disorders such as dyslexia and dysgraphia, and mental health conditions such as anxiety and depression.

The Disability Standards for Education 2005 (the Standards) set out the obligations of schools towards students with disability. Information for parents, guardians and carers on the DDA and the Standards about how schools can work with students and their families is available at [Disability Standards for Education: A practical guide for individuals, families and communities](#).

If your child has a disability, your child’s school will provide information about them for the NCCD, including:


- your child’s year of schooling
- the category of disability that best describes your child’s difficulties (one of four categories is chosen by the school team to reflect your child’s greatest area of need: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional)
- the level of adjustment your child receives at school (one of four levels is chosen by the school team to reflect the type of support your child requires: quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary adjustment, substantial adjustment, or extensive adjustment).

The information collected by schools for the NCCD will ultimately be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education. In some cases this will involve the school passing the information directly to the Department. In other cases the school will provide it to its state or territory government agency (or other relevant body) in the first instance, and that agency will then provide the information to the Department.

While it is not possible for schools or families to ‘opt out’ of the NCCD, the privacy and confidentiality of all students and their families is treated with utmost importance. Data is collected within each school, and personal details, such as student names and other identifying information, are not provided to local or federal education authorities.

Factsheets are available in multiple languages on the website below:

<https://www.nccd.edu.au/tools/fact-sheet-parents-guardians-and-carers>

 [nccd_parent_fact_sheet_english_0.pdf](#)



DONT MISS OUT
Complete your Teeth on Wheels E-form

Great News! Our school is pleased to announce that the Teeth on Wheels team will be coming out to our School every 6 months to provide Oral Health Education and quality dental treatment to our students.

CLICK OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO COMPLETE YOUR FORM

 TeethOnWheelsAustralia
  #teethonwheels
 Phone: (03) 9338 1191
 Email: info@teethonwheels.com.au



Dear Families,

Just a reminder that we have Teeth On Wheels visiting our school for dental check-ups and oral health education starting on the 29/04/2024. Please click on the link below to complete your child’s consent form.

<https://teethonwheels.com.au/consent-forms/consent-eform/>

Please complete your form today and the Teeth On Wheels team will be in contact to schedule your child’s appointment and notify you on your eligibility. If you are not eligible, Teeth On Wheels will offer you a special deal of \$99 for the full check-up, oral cancer screening, clean, fluoride treatment and any x-rays if required (this can be claimed back through your private health insurance).

For any further questions, please contact the Teeth On Wheels team on (03) 9338 1191.

PLEASE NOTE, THE CUT OFF DATE FOR COMPLETING YOUR CHILD’S FORM IS 22/04/2024.

St Peter’s Primary School Semester One 2024 Calendar Dates	
TERM 1	
Thursday, 21st March	Years 1 & 2 Water Safety Awareness Program
Friday, 22nd March	4BG Hosting Assembly (Galilee Space) 2:40pm Families welcome
Wednesday 27th March	Years 1 & 2 Water Safety Awareness Program
Thursday, 28th March	School Fundraising Event: Colour Fun Run Families welcome to attend. Gates open at 11:40 am End of Term 1 - 1:30pm

TERM 2

Monday, 15th April	Term 2 Commences
Friday, 19th April	Whole School ANZAC assembly starting earlier at 2:15pm. Epping RSL and other dignitaries will participating in the commissioning of our School Memorial Garden
Tuesday, 23rd April	First Reconciliation (Year 3) 6:00 pm
Thursday, 25th April	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Friday, 26th April	School Closure Day
Monday 29th April	Teeth on Wheels student dental van onsite
Wednesday, 1st May	Prep 2025 Family Conversations
Thursday, 2nd May	Teeth on Wheels student dental van onsite Prep 2025 Family Conversations
Friday, 3rd 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

Second Hand Uniform Shop - Parent Volunteers Required

Our school is looking for one or two volunteers to coordinate our second hand uniform shop. This would involve receiving and sorting of uniform items, putting together parent uniform orders and coordinating uniform shop for sale days. If this is something of interest to you, please contact the school office for further information: 9401 1157 or office@stprepp.catholic.edu.au

Please note all volunteers must have a valid Working With Childrens Check.

Discrimination, racism and bullying are not tolerated at St Peter's.

Link to Parish Newsletter: [5th Lent 17th Mar pdf.pdf](#)

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.



School Crossing Supervisor positions now available

Enjoy the benefits of permanent part-time work!

There are so many great reasons to join the City of Whittlesea team as a Crossing Supervisor:

- Join the City of Whittlesea's active social club and attend organised events
- Starting hourly rate of \$33.24 (work 40 weeks but be paid for 52 weeks a year)
- Work 15 hours per fortnight during school terms (Annualised salary paid 12.6hrs per fortnight)
- Paid public holidays that fall during school terms
- 11% superannuation and pro-rata sick leave
- Receive on-the-job training and uniform is provided
- Reduced price memberships available at Mill Park Leisure and Thomastown Recreation & Aquatic Centre
- Health & Wellbeing Programs available

TO APPLY



Complete the application form on the reverse side of this flyer or online at

www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au/schoolcrossings

For further information please contact the School Crossing Team on 9217 2170 or email school.crossing@whittlesea.vic.gov.au

Apply now!





autumn holidays

Funfields Excursion

Embark on an unforgettable adventure at FunFields. Get ready for a day of non-stop thrills and laughter with your squad. From gravity-defying rides to splash-tastic water adventures, this excursion is sure to impress.

Thursday 4 April
9am-4.30pm
Funfields Whittlesea
2365 Plenty Rd, Whittlesea

MEET
 EDGE Youth Services,
 Westfield Plenty Valley
 9am for a 9.30am
 departure by bus
 (arrive at Funfields at approx. 10am)

COST \$15
 BYO Lunch or money for Café
 Light snacks provided.



Mini Golf Excursion

Ready for a hole-in-one adventure? Swing into action, navigate tricky obstacles, and putt yourself to an epic win.

Wednesday 10 April
10.20am-3pm
Yarrambat Golf Course
649 Yan Yean Road, Yarrambat

MEET
 EDGE Youth Services,
 Westfield Plenty Valley
 10.20am for a 10.50am
 departure by bus
 (arrive at Yarrambat at approx. 11.20am)

Mini Golf session will run 1hr to 1.5hrs.
 Followed by lunch at the Golf Course
 or nearby Yarrambat Park
 (arrive back at EDGE at 3pm)

COST \$8 (lunch provided)



Self-Care Kits

Dive into the world of self-care crafting – mix and match your favourite scents, textures, and colours to create a kit that reflects YOU!

Elevate your space and nourish your mind, body, and soul with this hands-on journey to well-being.

Friday 12 April
11am-3pm
Mernda Village Community Activity Centre

MEET
 Mernda Village
 Community Activity Centre

COST FREE (lunch provided)



To book or for more information scan the QR code or visit

whittlesea.vic.gov.au/youthevents



youth!

For more info call **9217 2170**
 and ask for the youth team or email
 @ Youth@whittlesea.vic.gov.au



JOIN THE FUN!

Epping Auskick Centre

Epping Recreational Reserve

Saturdays 9:30am-10.45am

Contact: Stephanie Carlin
auskick@eppingfc.com.au

Scan the QR Code to Register!

