

# ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL



Thursday 9th June 2022, Week 7, Term 2

## 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**

### Child Safety

On July 1st, 2022, the new Child Safety Standards will come into effect in all schools. The link below will lead you to a document that outlines the new 11 Child Safety Standards as well as examples of best practice.

Next week, the staff will be reviewing our practices within each of the standards and setting goals to achieve in each area for the remainder of the school year.

[New Child Safe Standards](#)

# Principal Report

Good afternoon St Peter's Community,

## Confirmation



The sacrament of confirmation was celebrated by Bishop Terry Curtain, Fr Anh and Fr Nathan last Saturday.

Congratulations to our Year 6 students who made their Confirmation on Saturday 4th of June. Confirmation is the Christian rite by which admission to the church, established previously in infant baptism, is said to be confirmed (or strengthened and established in faith). It is considered a sacrament in Roman Catholic and Anglican churches, and it is equivalent to the Eastern Orthodox sacrament of chrismation.



## **Colour Fun Run Fundraiser**

Thank you so very much for supporting our Colour Fun Run School Fundraiser. We have raised \$20,000 towards our new sandpit, sensory play area and soccer goals for our students. This is really exciting for our school community.

Unfortunately due to a spell of wintery weather we had to postpone the colour run. It has been **rescheduled until the 17th of June**. Families are welcome to come along and be part of this exciting community event. Thank you Mrs Torcaso and Mrs Brunell for the amazing work you have put in to make this event happen.

We have had a number of incentive activities for the students leading up to the colour run. Students in the year levels that raised the most money were rewarded with a slushy drink last week. The teachers have volunteered to have their face painted and an outfit selected when the money raised reaches certain milestones.



## **The Melbourne Zoo**

Our Year One and Year Two students had a wonderful day at **The Melbourne Zoo** on Friday 27th of May.

We took 110 students to the zoo. It was a really wonderful experience and embedded the learning in the classrooms. The students were excited by the rich learning the zoo offered.

Thank you to the staff and parents that contributed to the success of the day.

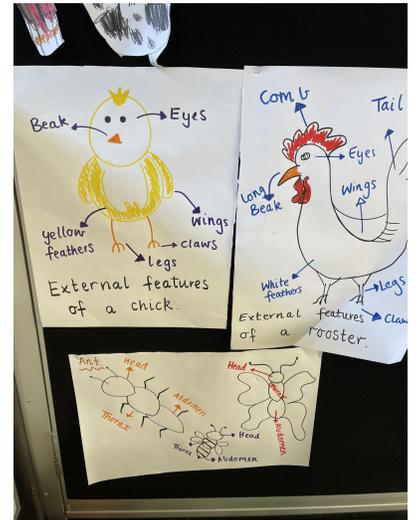
I was so proud of the students' manners and the respect they showed the zoo staff and volunteers on the day. Every child will experience success at St Peter's.



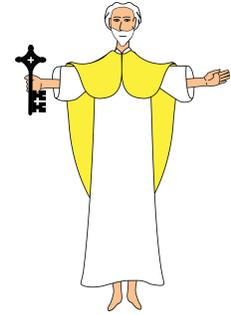
Next week our Year Prep and Year One students will be visiting the **Melbourne Museum** to enhance their minibeast inquiry learning unit. We are continually looking for ways to engage our students in their learning experience.

Over the past two weeks we have been engaging our students learning spaces with chickens hatching, our butterflies enclosure and hands-on science incursions.

Every child will experience success and engagement at St Peter's.



## Coming up St Peter's Feast Day



On Thursday 23rd June our community will celebrate mass together at 10:15am in the church to celebrate the feast of our patron saint - St Peter. Families are welcome to join.

There will be an assembly at 11.45am in the Galilee space. Families are welcome to join.

### **2023 Prep Enrolments**

Last week our 1st round offers for Prep 2023 were sent out to families. Daniela Torcaso met with existing families and I met with new families coming into our community. It was wonderful to meet with so many lovely families excited to be part of our school community. Our school will have two Year Prep classes in 2023.

### **School fees**

We ask that families please complete school fee payments before the end of the term. Please make time to meet with me if you need support in paying your school fees and a payment plan can be discussed. Thank you

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

### **School and Family Conversations**

On the 22nd of June our school community will be involved in Family and Teacher Conversations from 1pm. Each conversation will be 10 minutes. This is a valuable time to build relationships between school and families.

From 12.30pm the students will be supervised by the school leadership team and specialist teachers. Students will be watching movies as an end of term treat.

### **Families are welcome to collect their students at 12.30pm if they wish to from the school office.**

Please email your child's teacher or the office no later than the 21st of June if you wish to collect your child from school at 12.30pm otherwise school will finish at 3.30pm as normal. The email notification will allow the staff to have the students waiting in a designated area.

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### **Lunch Time Clubs**

Starting next term we'll be offering lunch time clubs for our students. The student leaders will facilitate the club activities and a teacher will supervise.

Monday - Drawing and Colouring Club in the Maths Hub (Mrs Brundell and the Wellbeing Leaders)

Tuesday - Story Time with Mrs Pasquali

Wednesday - Board games and uno in the library (Mrs Tonkin and the school captains)

Thursday - Italian Club with Ms Mercui and the Italian Leaders

Friday - Group Games in the Galilee Space with Mrs Brundell and House Captains

We also have our passive play room open each lunch time for those students that need some down time during lunch. Passive play is always supervised by a staff member for quiet play.

This coming **Monday 13th June is a public holiday** to celebrate the Queen's birthday. There will be no school on this day.

Have a lovely weekend

Kindest regards,  
Angela Tonkin  
Principal

## **Religious Education**

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Holy Trinity. God is made up of three parts: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. This is what we call the Trinity. Trinity means three. Their relationship is a relationship of being together but each having different tasks to do.

The Gospel reading on Sunday is from the Gospel of John (Jn 16: 12-15)



***“I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.”***

This story is part of Jesus' farewell conversation to the disciples before he dies on the cross. Jesus says to the disciples that after he has gone, the Holy Spirit will guide them. The Holy Spirit will be their teacher and will speak to them just as Jesus did when he was alive and with them. The Holy Spirit will show the disciples what they must do and what they must say in Jesus' name.

***Who teaches you and guides you? How does the Holy Spirit guide you?***

### ***We Pray***

Loving God, you are with us always. Send us your Spirit to teach and guide us to live in peace with each other every day.

**Amen.**

## Teaching & Learning

The cold weather has certainly set in as we head into our winter months for the remainder of this term, and into next term. Please remember to keep good hygiene to prevent the spread of Flu symptoms as we are still challenged with student absences and lost learning time due to illness. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Teaching and Learning**

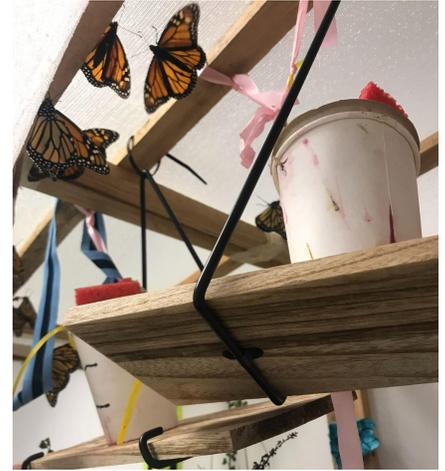
As we draw near to the end of this second term, I would like to highlight some of the wonderful and very exciting Teaching and Learning opportunities that our students have been experiencing.

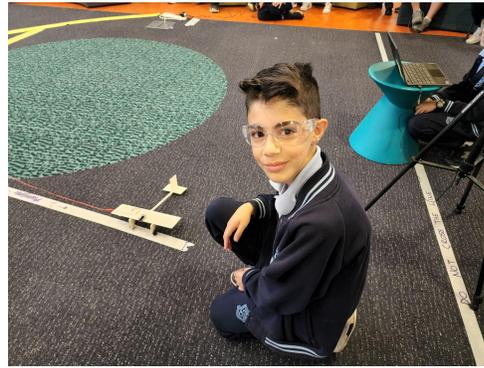
Our Prep, Year One and Year Two levels have been inquiring into Living Things. They have had rich learning experiences seeing the life cycles of Butterflies as well as Chicks. Such excitement was felt around the whole school as the butterflies emerged from their chrysalises and the chicks from their eggs. So beautiful!

Our Juniors also visited the Melbourne Zoo which was super fun and very engaging. Next week, our Preps and Year One's will visit the Melbourne Museum where they will see living things in their skeleton form, including the great Dinosaur exhibit. We are very much looking forward to this experience.

The Middle School and Senior School have been super busy this term. Students in Year 3 and Year 5 completed the NAPLAN testing earlier in the term. Students also received Sacraments. A big thank you to our teachers for their dedication in preparing our students to fulfill these programs.

The Middle School students continue to inquire into scientific forces. In their classrooms, they have been learning how HEAT is an energy source. In the STEM learning space, the students are investigating forces such as gravity and magnetic forces as they collaborate through a design thinking process to create an arcade game. The students will look forward to showcasing these arcade games later next term.





The Senior School students are also continuing their inquiry into scientific forces. They have been particularly focused on the concept of Flight and how energy and forces are required for aircrafts to go against gravity. They have built working models of planes and engaged in flight competitions where the winning group will represent our school at the MACS M.A.D (Make A Difference) STEM showcase. The senior students will also experiment with flight by using drones in their STEM sessions.

Lots of exciting and purposeful teaching and learning that we are proud of here at St. Peter's!!

### **NAIDOC WEEK**

The official NAIDOC week is recognised nationally whilst our students are on holidays. So, on the first week of Term 3 (Monday 11th July - Friday 15th July) we will be celebrating NAIDOC week. This is where we will connect as a whole school to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. More information about the week of celebration will come.



### **BECOMING A PARENT HELPER**

Last year, I invited parents to attend a Parent Helper Workshop. We had many parents join us to learn how to become a helper in the classroom and what is involved. It has been so wonderful welcoming our parent helpers back into learning spaces after the program was interrupted due to covid restrictions.

I would, once again, like to invite our new Prep Families or any other parent that may have missed the session last year to join me in our 2022 Parent Helper Workshop. This will be held on Thursday 28th July between 9:15-10:30am. Tea, Coffee and Biscuits will be provided.

A reminder will be sent out again at the beginning of Term 3.

There is a lot to celebrate here at St. Peter's. Thank you for your ongoing support as we work in partnership in the teaching and learning of our students. Enjoy the long weekend!!

Melissa Gatt  
Learning and Teaching Leader  
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## Physical Education

Our senior students enjoyed round 5 of our interschool sport competition against Lalor Gardens.

St Peters netball teams played strong matches against strong Lalor Gardens teams. The Lalor Gardens girls team took a 3/20 win. The Lalor Gardens mixed team took a 1-5 win. We are incredibly proud of our students' resilience. Lalor Gardens soccer team also took a 2-3 win. Finally our volleyball teams played close games too. St Peters took a 60-59 win in the mixed competition. The Lalor Gardens girls team took a close win 45-46.

Congratulations go to our Lalor District Sportsmanship Award winners: Kyle Benito, Bethany Kerger, Mason Taylor, Steffi Tran and Frankie Rossi. St Peters is incredibly proud of how well they represented our school.

Parents are welcome to spectate at St Peters home games (Volleyball and Netball) and spectate at Harvest Home Rec Reserve (Soccer) on home games too. Proof of vaccination is required for school entry. A reminder that fixtures including locations of games are in the Senior Google Classroom. This is updated regularly and also shows if games are cancelled. We are looking forward to our next match on June 10th against St Catherines. This will be a home game. Thanks for your continued support of our interschool sports programme.

## Art

This year St. Peter's has the opportunity to be involved in a drawing competition for ANSTO. The ANSTO Shorebirds Competition is on again for its fifth year and I have registered our 3/4 and 5/6 classes for this year! ANSTO is offering over \$3000 in prizes for schools.

### **What do you need to do? Just create a poster!**

Students are invited to create a public awareness poster that features a local wetland or coastal area and one of Australia's 54 amazing species of shorebirds that may be found there.

Shorebirds rely almost entirely on wetlands and coastal areas for their survival. These very important wetlands connect places on a local and global scale. The numbers of shorebirds are in fast decline with many species now threatened due to loss of habitat and changes caused by humans.

Your poster should draw attention to one of Australia's many wetlands or coastal areas and the need to protect it for its natural beauty and importance in supporting diverse animal and plant life, including threatened shorebirds.

In Visual Arts students have explored drawing techniques this term (and oil pastels and paint last term) and we have seen some INCREDIBLE creativity. We would love to see some students enter into this competition.

**Details:**

### Your poster must include:

- A **shorebird** species that lives in your chosen area. You can show an individual bird, several birds, or a whole flock! Check the Shorebirds list to make sure your chosen bird is there.
- A **message or slogan, in 15 words or less**. Tell people why your wetland and shorebird are special.
- The **natural environment**. Show some non-living (shoreline, rocks, water) or living features (plants and other animals) of your chosen area.
- The **area name** and **shorebird name** on the front of the poster.
- **Entry Form glued to the back**, with a little information about your area and shorebird.

### Your poster must be:

- Created **by hand** and **your own work!** This means that you have designed and created it yourself! Created on **A4 paper** using **pencils, pens, textas or paint**. **No digital images allowed.**
- Created in **portrait** orientation. This means the narrow edge of the paper is at the top.

<https://www.ansto.gov.au/education/primary/competitions/shorebirds-competition-2022>

This website has ALL the information you need including an information section on the different species of birds. If you would like to enter and need some art materials please come and see Miss Hunter at recess or lunch!

Please feel free to contact me at [rhunter@stprepp.catholic.edu.au](mailto:rhunter@stprepp.catholic.edu.au) if you need.

Regards,  
Rebecca Hunter

## Key Dates Term 2

<b>June</b>	
Wednesday 1st	Prep 2023 Parent Conversations
Friday 3rd	First round acceptance offers sent out today for Prep 2023
Saturday 4th	Confirmation (Grade 6), St Peter's Church
Tuesday 7th	Second hand uniform shop open 08:45 - 09:15am & 2.45 - 3.15pm
<b>Monday 13th</b>	<b>Queen's Birthday Public Holiday - School Closure Day</b>
Tuesday 14th	Second hand uniform shop open 08:45 - 09:15am & 2.45 - 3.15pm
<b>Wednesday 15th</b>	<b>Preps &amp; Year 1 Melbourne Museum Excursion</b>
Friday 17th	Colour Fun Run
Friday 17th	Parent / Family Committee Meeting 2.30 - 3.30pm
Friday 17th	Closing date for acceptance offers to be returned for Prep 2023
Tuesday 21st	Second hand uniform shop open 08:45 - 09:15am & 2.45 - 3.15pm
Thursday 23rd	St Peter's Day Mass 10:15 - 11am Assembly 11:45am
Friday 24th	End of Term 2, 1.30pm finish
<b>July</b>	<b>Key Dates Term 3</b>
Monday 11th	First day of Term, gates open at 8.30am
Tuesday 12th	Second hand uniform shop open 08:45 - 09:15am & 2.45 - 3.15pm
Friday 15th	First Aid in Schools Incursion
Tuesday 19th	Second hand uniform shop open 08:45 - 09:15am & 2.45 - 3.15pm
Friday 22nd	Grandparents Day
Tuesday 26th	Second hand uniform shop open 08:45 - 09:15am & 2.45 - 3.15pm
<b>August</b>	
Tuesday 2nd	Second hand uniform shop open 08:45 - 09:15am & 2.45 - 3.15pm
Thursday 4th	Musical Features Incursion - Middles & Seniors
Tuesday 9th	Second hand uniform shop open 08:45 - 09:15am & 2.45 - 3.15pm
Thursday 11th	Advisory Board Meeting

<b>Friday 12th</b>	<b>School Closure Day - Staff Professional Development</b>
Tuesday 16th	Second hand uniform shop open 08:45 - 09:15am & 2.45 - 3.15pm
Monday 22nd - Friday 26th	Book Week
Tuesday 23rd	Second hand uniform shop open 08:45 - 09:15am & 2.45 - 3.15pm
Thursday 25th	Semper Dental Visit
Friday 26th	Semper Dental Visit
Tuesday 30th	Art Show & STEM Exhibition 8.30am - 9am + 3.30pm - 5pm
<b>September</b>	
Tuesday 6th	Second hand uniform shop open 08:45 - 09:15am & 2.45 - 3.15pm
Tuesday	Second hand uniform shop open 08:45 - 09:15am & 2.45 - 3.15pm
Friday 16th	End of Term 3 1.30pm finish

## **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.

## **Asthma Management**

There are a number of respiratory viruses circulating, which can be a trigger for asthma. If your child's written Asthma Action Plan needs review, or you do not have one, now is a good time to do it. Please ensure the school office has a copy of your child's recent asthma action plan along with their preventer and reliever medication.



## IT'S GETTING CHILLY! WARM UP WITH OUR WINTER HOLIDAY PROGRAM!

**Fight off the cold with some holiday fun!**

Get creative with some squirt painting,  
warm up with capture the flag  
and become the greatest showman  
with our wacky circus incursion!

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