



ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Thursday 5th October 2023, Week 1 , Term 4 2023
NEWSLETTER**

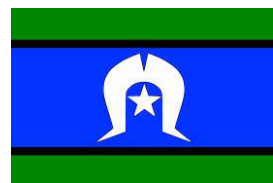


Acknowledgment of Country

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.

Good afternoon St Peter's Community

CONGRATULATIONS St Peter's

I am very excited to announce to our school community that our school has received a **Supplementary Capital Grant** to construct a new adventure playground and turf the current school oval. The new oval will consist of a running track, soccer field, and four square courts.



It is anticipated the works will begin early next year. I have begun the task of getting quotes and engaging with contractors. There is a considerable amount of work to get the project off the ground - however we are moving in the right direction!

Thanks to our generous community for the fundraising initiatives and positive support in continuing to make our school the best it can be.

Transition Arrangements for students joining Prep in 2024

On Wednesday 11th October St Peter's will host a Prep Parent Information Evening starting at 7pm. This evening will provide an opportunity for parents of children commencing Prep in 2024 to ask any questions they have in relation to their child starting primary school. We will explore the transition arrangements St Peter's has put in place and how you as parents and carers can support your child as they start their journey at primary school. Parents of existing students and new families to the school are encouraged to attend. Prep orientation sessions will then take place on the 8th, 14th and 20th November.

School Uniform

In 2024 all students will be expected to be wearing the new school uniform items.

The woollen winter jumper has been replaced with the zip neck long sleeve fleece lined top.

The pale blue shirt has been replaced with a polo top.

The pale blue blouse can still be worn with the winter pinafore dress.

If you are having difficulty purchasing uniform items from Academy Uniforms, please let the office know. We have been advised that currently stock levels are good and no items are currently on back order. Our second hand uniform shop on the other hand is low in stock of new uniform items. School uniform donations are welcome and can be dropped into the school office at any time.

Legionnaire style hats are available to purchase from the office for \$13.00. Bucket hats are available from Academy Uniform Shop only.

Kindest Regards,

Angela Tonkin

Principal

principal@stprepp.catholic.edu.au

Time in Lieu -School Closure: Monday 6th November 2023

A new enterprise agreement covering teachers across most of the Catholic schools in Victoria, including ours, has been approved and is in effect.

The new agreement delivers several positive changes for both our dedicated staff and the overall functioning of our school, including improved pay and employment conditions. One key aspect of this agreement is the inclusion of new **time-in-lieu** provisions, which will enable our teachers and support staff to accumulate additional time off when they are required to work more than their regular 38 hours per week which might include overnight camps and supervision at evening and weekend activities. This change is a recognition of the considerable extra work our teachers are asked to do and will enhance their work-life balance and well-being. **Monday 6th November is an allocated time in lieu day for St Peter's staff.**

We sincerely appreciate your understanding and support in this matter. By prioritising the well-being and work-life balance of our dedicated staff, we are fostering an environment that promotes excellence in teaching and learning.



Frozen Fridays
HERE COMES SUMMER!

Every Friday during Term 4 from **Friday 6th October**, some amazing parent helpers will be selling icy poles and chocolates.

Zooper Doopers: \$1
Icy Poles: \$2
Caramello Koalas: \$2
Freddo Frogs: \$2

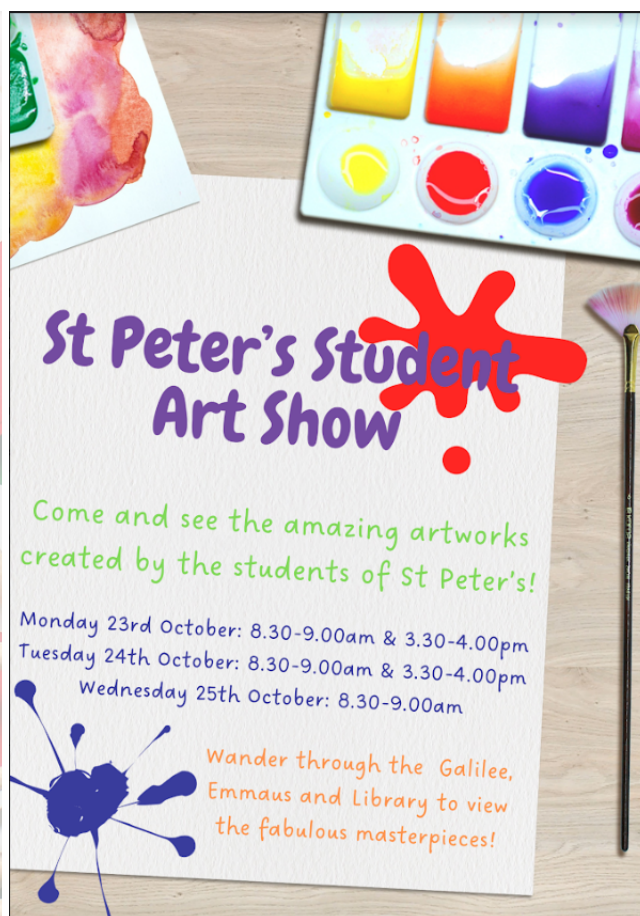
Sales will be from 1:40pm in the piazza.
All children will be able to purchase during this time.

The poster features images of Dairy Milk Zooper Doopers, Caramello Koalas, Freddo Frogs, and a variety of colorful icy poles.

To empower students to learn

To build teacher pedagogical practices

To strengthen partnerships with families and the wider community



[Lunch order form & allergen information](#)

Save the Date!

Want to learn more about how maths is taught at St Peter's??
I will be running two parent information sessions in the Library...

Tuesday 10th October - 2:30pm

Wednesday 11th October - 9am

Register using this link:

<https://forms.gle/hdgwZ5RBZl4WAiqeA>

Teaching and Learning

Welcome to our final school term!!

It is hard to believe that Term 4 has begun!! It feels as though this year is flying by!! We trust that families were able to enjoy a restful term break over the two week school holidays and are refreshed to learn and grow during the remainder of this year. Term 4 will be another fulfilling term of teaching and learning, so please keep looking out for newsletters and information shared on Seesaw and Operoo and on our Social Media pages to stay well informed.

HOME LEARNING

Home Learning:

Home Learning, traditionally referred to as Homework, is an important skills-practise for your child to consolidate new learning as well as build good study habits. This is important because as your child progresses throughout their schooling years, they will begin to form good learning habits and stamina from a young age which will set an advantage in their future schooling years. Please encourage your child to read each night and apply mathematical concepts in games that they have learnt at school and that you may have collected from the family maths engagement expos. Home learning activities may be shared via their Seesaw account too, so keep an eye out for any notifications.

Learning is a partnership between student, family and school, so thank you for your support and efforts.



Term 4 Curriculum Overviews:

We thank our dedicated teachers for once again preparing new, engaging and relevant inquiries for their students. The core humanities curriculum focus during term 4 is History, Geography and/or Civics and Citizenship. Please click on the Curriculum Term 4 Overview links to learn more specifically what your child/ren will be inquiring into across this term.

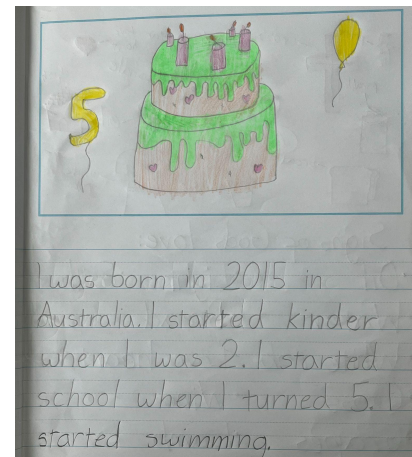
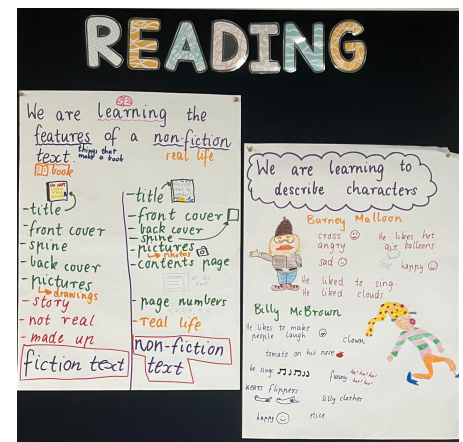
[Foundation Term 4 Overview](#)

[Year One Term 4 Overview](#)

[Year Two Term 4 Overview](#)

[Middle Term 4 Overview](#)

[Senior Term 4 Overview](#)



STEM MAKING A DIFFERENCE (MAD) SHOWCASE 2023

St. Peter's is very proud of the teaching and learning opportunities that we provide to our students. During the past terms, our Middle and Senior School students have been collaborating in small groups trying to solve real world problems that they have connected with. Part of this STEM learning has been the chance to submit their projects into the MACS STEM MAD showcase. This year MACS were overwhelmed with over 220 entries. They tried to accept at least one group in each school that applied.

St. Peter's is extremely proud to announce that we have been awarded with 3 group entries at the STEM showcase at the Catholic Leadership Centre on Thursday 12th October. This is a credit to our dedicated and hardworking STEM teaching team. We thank Shania Murray, Aleesia Trimboli, Erin Whitbread and Melissa Gatt for the teaching guidance they have given to their students.

If you would like to see a clip of their entries, please click on the links provided.

We congratulate the following group of students that have been invited to go through to the next stage of the STEM Showcase competition. Please join me in wishing them luck.

Group 1 (Seniors)

[RETIRE TIME APP.](#)

Bella (5/6SE)

Anna (5/6SE)

Japleen (5/6SE)

Emma (5/6SC)

Group 2 (Seniors)

[A Home for the Homeless](#)

Rasik (5/6SE)

Niyam (5/6EW)

Aiden ((5/6 SC)

Kody (5/6 EP)

Group 3 (Middles)

[The Furry Friend Feeder](#)

Abel (3/4 BG)

Safal (3/4 EK)

Josh (3/4 TD)

Shenel (3/4 PS)



Religious Education

Rosary

October is a special month. It is the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary. This Saturday, October 7th, we celebrate the Feast day of Our Lady of The Rosary.

The Rosary is divided into sections called 'Mysteries'. These are the Joyful, the Sorrowful, the Glorious, and the Luminous mysteries. Each of these 'Mysteries' is divided into five 'decades' (ten beads), usually following one 'Our Father' and ending with 'Glory be'. All the Mysteries are taken from sacred scripture and tradition, and encompass our main beliefs in who Jesus Christ is and what he has done for us.

Praying the Rosary is a great way of letting Jesus and Mary into our lives. It helps us to grow in faith and closeness to them. In addition it is a powerful way of praying for others. As a family perhaps you might like to pray the Rosary together.

Level Mass Schedule Term 4

Once again in Term 4 each class will participate in a parish mass providing the students with an opportunity to connect with the parish community

Families are warmly invited to attend. Mass begins at 9:15am. If attending, please meet the students and staff in the church by 9:10am. The table below indicates the dates and times that each class will be attending mass.

Date	Classes/Level Attending
11/10/23	3/4BG and 3/4TD
18/10/23	3/4PS and 3/4ED
25/10/23	Year 2
1/11/23	5/6EP and 5/6SE
15/11/23	5/6JW and 5/6EW
22/11/23	Year 1
29/11/23	Prep



Wellbeing

Resilience Rights and Respectful Relationships and Berry Street Model; Our Journey

Berry Street

Yesterday our school staff attended a professional learning session facilitated by Berry Street Education. We explored Domain 2: Relationships. The learning provided staff with practical strategies to support the development of relationships and positive interactions that will be developed and used in a consistent approach across the school.

Thank you to St Monica's for allowing us to use their facilities for this professional learning day.



Resilience Rights and Respectful Relationships

This term St Peter's students will be taking part in learning experiences in the following topics from the program:

Topic 3: Positive Coping

This topic provides opportunities for students to identify and discuss different types of coping strategies. This topic supports the students in developing their persistence in the face of challenges both inside and outside of the classroom setting.

Topic 4: Problem Solving

This topic provides the students with an opportunity to explore and develop problem solving skills. This topic supports the students in developing their critical and creative thinking skills and their application into personal and social situations.

Topic 5: Stress Management

This topic assists students to recognise personal signs of stress and supports them in developing strategies that will help them to deal with stress effectively.

The learning from these topics will support the students in developing their ability to identify their readiness to learn and to make personal adjustments to support them in preparing themselves to be successful learners.

Year 6 - Virtual Puberty Information Evening

As your child approaches or experiences puberty, they will undergo a significant period of rapid growth and change. To support you as their primary educator during this sensitive phase, our school will be hosting a puberty parent night on **Tuesday October 31st at 7pm**. The session will be held **via Zoom**. This session is for Year 6 students only. A parent or carer must be present throughout the session.

We strongly encourage all Year 6 families to attend this event.

This parent night will be facilitated by a qualified Family Life Educator using the program Things Are Changing, which is an endorsed resource by the Bishop and Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS). The event will run for 60 minutes and will cover various topics, including:

- Hormones and the time of intense growth that occurs during puberty.
- General changes that happen during puberty, such as hair growth, body odor, body shape, and perspiration.
- The male and female reproductive systems.
- The female cycle of fertility and menstruation.
- Emotional changes that occur.

Please note that while this session will cover many important aspects of puberty, conception and sexual intercourse will not be discussed

Further information and the zoom link will be shared next week via Operoo.



eSmart Schools

This week we are sharing with our school community a fact sheet from the Alannah and Madeline Foundation titled [‘Guiding Your Child’s Tech Journey with DigiTalks’](#) (Please click on the link to access).

Opening conversations through DigiTalks is a great way to support your child in developing their understanding of technology and the internet and their appropriate use.





Term 4, 2023

Free eSafety parent and carer webinars

Join eSafety's expert education team for a free live webinar designed for parents and carers.

Term 4 topics:

- **Wellbeing and digital technologies (30 minutes)**
For parents and carers of young people in secondary school.
- **Getting the most out of gaming (45 minutes)**
For parents and carers of children aged 7 to 14.
- **Navigating online friendships (30 minutes)**
For parents and carers of young people in secondary school.
- **Getting started with social media: TikTok, YouTube, Instagram (30 minutes)**
For parents and carers of young people in primary and secondary school.

For more information and to register now: [eSafety.gov.au/parents/webinars](https://esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars)



 eSafety Commissioner

[eSafety.gov.au](https://esafety.gov.au)

St Peter's Parish Epping Contribution

Dear Parents,

If your family wishes to make a contribution to St Peter's Parish you are able to make a payment via the Parish banking direct deposit.

INTERNET BANKING:

ACCOUNT NAME: EPPING CATHOLIC PARISH CHURCH

BSB: **083 347**

A/C NO. **65880 7871**

REF: School, Your eldest child & family name.

If you would like to receive a copy of your statement via email or are experiencing difficulty please contact the Parish office on 9401 6300 or epping@cam.org.au.

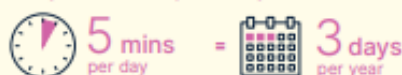
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School is better when your child is here

Going to school every day is the most important part of your child's education. There are no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind and can affect their educational outcomes and their social connectedness. The best thing you can do is support your child to get to school every day.

A positive attitude towards school, healthy habits and routines, and parental involvement can support your child's regular school attendance and prevent chronic absence patterns.

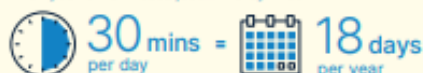
When your child misses just... they miss



When your child misses just... they miss... and over



When your child misses just... they miss



When your child misses just... they miss... and over



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1. Establish positive habits to promote attendance

- Set good bedtime and morning routines to make the process of getting to school smoother for everyone. Try to prepare as much as possible the night before, e.g. school uniform, school bag packed.
- Ensure your child gets enough sleep and exercise to support their physical and mental health.
- Talk positively about the importance of school attendance with your child. Explain that it is an important part of growing up, a legal obligation and that you expect them to attend every day.
- Show an interest in your child's school and become involved where possible. Keep notes, newsletters, etc. in a place where they are visible reminders of school news for the whole family. Talk about school activities in a positive manner.
- Discuss any changes to usual routines in advance with your child, such as alternative drop-off and pick-up arrangements, to ensure clarity and minimise anxiety.

2. Changes in your child's attitude towards school

We all have those days when it is just too hard to get up and feel motivated to go to work or school, but if this occurs regularly, it may be a sign that your child needs support. Early intervention is vital to address physical, emotional or social reasons for school avoidance before it progresses to chronic absence problems and on to school refusal.

Signs of school avoidance to look out for

- feeling sick before school, e.g. waking up with a headache, stomach-ache or sore throat
- tearfulness, clinginess and dawdling before school – struggling to get out of bed, leave the house or get out of the car
- complaints about attending school and reluctance to talk about school
- missing classes and being late for class.

What is happening at school?

Early signs of school avoidance may be identified at school through observations and insights by your child's teachers. Work in partnership with the school to support your child's attendance and wellbeing.

Further Resources

[Anxiety about going to school](#) – Victorian Government

[Attendance and missing school](#) – Victorian Government

[How can I get my teenager to school?](#) – Victorian Government

[Early Signs of School Avoidance/Refusal](#) – Travancore School

[Tips for Promoting School Attendance](#) – Travancore School

[Understanding School Avoidance and School Refusal](#) – Travancore School

[School refusal: children and teenagers](#) – Raising Children Network

[Understanding school refusal](#) – Headspace

[School refusal](#) – Be You

[Everything you need to know about school refusal](#) – ReachOut

3. What can you do when you see the signs?

- Work with your child to understand what is happening and so that they feel supported and empowered. Listen with compassion but be consistent in expectations.
- Speak with your child's teacher(s) about your concerns.
- Consider taking your child to the GP to rule out or address any physical or emotional health problems.
- Request and attend school meetings with your child and their teacher to develop strategies to support increased attendance.



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OCTOBER	TERM 4
WEEK 1	<p>Monday 2nd: Teeth on Wheels onsite (follow up visit - please re-register your child) Year 6 Water Safety YMCA</p> <p>Tuesday 3rd: Teeth on Wheels onsite (follow up visit - please re-register your child) Year 6 Water Safety YMCA</p> <p>Wednesday 4th: SCHOOL CLOSURE (BERRY ST TRAINING)</p> <p>Thursday 5th: Teeth on Wheels onsite (follow up visit - please re-register your child) Year 6 Water Safety YMCA Second hand uniform shop 3 - 3:45pm</p> <p>Friday 6th: Round 6 Interschool Sports onsite @ St Peter's 9:30 - 11:30 & offsite @ Epping Recreation Reserve (Cricket) Year 1 Excursion Scienceworks</p>
WEEK 2	<p>Monday 9th: Year 6 Water Safety YMCA</p> <p>Tuesday 10th: Year 6 Water Safety YMCA</p> <p>Wednesday 11th: Mass 3/4 BG & 3/4 TD, 9:15am St Peter's Church. Families Welcome Year 6 Water Safety YMCA 2024 Prep Family Information Evening, 7 pm</p> <p>Thursday 12th: Year 6 Water Safety YMCA</p> <p>Thursday 12th: STEM MACS MAD Student Showcase</p> <p>Friday 13th: Italian Fun Day, Assembly @ 2.40pm. Families welcome</p>
WEEK 3	<p>Wednesday 18th: Mass 3/4 PS & 3/4 ED, 9:15am St Peter's Church. Families Welcome</p> <p>Friday 20th: Interschool Sports Round 8 Cricket: Huskisson Reserve Lalor & Lalor Garden Primary School 9 - 11am</p>
WEEK 4	<p>Monday 23rd: <u>Grandparents day 2pm onwards</u> <u>Art Show open evening 3:30 - 4:30 pm All families welcome</u></p> <p>Monday 23rd: Year 5/6 Incursion: Parliament Victoria</p> <p>Tuesday 24th: Year 5/6 Incursion: Parliament Victoria</p> <p>Wednesday 25th: Year 2 Mass, 9:15 am St Peter's Church. Families Welcome</p> <p>Friday 27th: Interschool Sports Round 9 @ St Peter's & Epping Recreation Reserve - East Oval (Cricket)</p>
WEEK 5 OCTOBER / NOVEMBER	<p>Monday 30th: Grades 1 & 2 Water Safety Awareness</p> <p>Tuesday 31st: Grades 1 & 2 Water Safety Awareness</p> <p>Wednesday 1st Nov: 5/6 EP & 5/6 SE Mass, 9:15am St Peter's Church, All Welcome</p> <p>Wednesday 1st November: Grades 1 & 2 Water Safety Awareness</p> <p>Thursday 2nd November: Grades 1 & 2 Water Safety Awareness</p> <p>Thursday 2nd November: School Tour 9:30am</p> <p>Friday 3rd November: Interschool Sports Round 10 @ St Clares Thomastown & Cricket, Main St Reserve, Thomastown</p>
WEEK 6	<p>Monday 6th - SCHOOL CLOSURE (Staff time in lieu)</p> <p>Tuesday 7th - PUBLIC HOLIDAY - MELBOURNE CUP</p> <p>Wednesday 8th - Grades 1 & 2 Water Safety Awareness Prep orientation session 1 - 9.15am - 10.30am</p> <p>Thursday 9th - Grades 1 & 2 Water Safety Awareness Twilight Tabloid Sports 3:30 - 5:00pm</p>

WEEK 7	Monday 13th - Grades 1 & 2 Water Safety Awareness Tuesday 14th: Prep orientation session 2 - 9.15 - 10.30am - numeracy with your child Wednesday 15th: 5/6 SC & 5/6 EW Mass, 9:15am St Peter's Church. All Welcome School Tour 9:30am
WEEK 8	Monday 20th: Prep orientation session 3 - 9.15am - 10.30am - reading to your child Wednesday 22nd November: Year 1 Mass 9:15am, St Peter's Church All Welcome
WEEK 9	Wednesday 29th November: Prep Mass, 9:15am, St Peter's Church, All Welcome
WEEK 10 DECEMBER 	Thursday 7th: Christmas Carols Friday 8th: Athletics Day (Prep - Yr 2 onsite @ St Peter's, Yrs 3 - 6 @ St Monica's College)
WEEK 11 	Monday 11th SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY (Staff facilitated planning day) Wednesday 13th: Last day at school for Year 6 students. Year 6 Graduation Mass 7:00 - 8:00 pm Wednesday 13th: 2024 Class Orientation Student Reports available via nforma platform Thursday 14th: Whole School End of Year Mass 10:00 - 11:00 am Kaboom Incursion 11:30am - 1:30pm Friday 15th: Last Day Term 4, 1:30pm finish

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.



- 30 MINUTE WORKOUT
- WORKOUTS CHANGE DAILY
- TRAINER ALWAYS INCLUDED
- NO CLASS TIMES

MON	6 - 10:30AM, 3:30PM - 8PM
TUE	6 - 10:30AM, 3:30PM - 8PM
WED	6 - 10:30AM, 3:30PM - 8PM
THUR	6 - 10:30AM, 3:30PM - 8PM
FRI	6 - 10:30AM
SAT	7 - 11AM
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