



ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Thursday 7th March 2024, Week 6 , Term 1 2024
NEWSLETTER**



Thank you Dean for your very generous donation

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 Community

War memorial garden

This week our school community was gifted a memorial rock for our school memorial garden.



Dean Biancon of Little Rock Road Services was contracted to complete the curb and channeling in Wedge Street last year. In conversation with Dean, I discussed using one of the rocks excavated from Wedge Street to display a plaque that will be a constant memorial to all service men and women who paid the supreme sacrifice in all wars. Not only did Dean prepare the rock for display, he very generously donated the plaque. We are currently working with the Epping RSL to arrange an official opening and blessing of this generous memorial gift in our 90 years of educating the Epping Community.

2024 Community Fund Raising Event

Our School Colour Fun Run is quickly approaching. This event is our school major fundraiser for the year. We are raising money to upgrade our school public announcement system and build our new playground. Just over two hundred students have enrolled and we have raised nearly half of our \$25,000 target. Thanks to the families that have got behind this fundraising activity. I encourage all families to get to support this exciting community event and the children will certainly love the prizes for their fundraising efforts.

Vision for Instruction; Flourishing Learners position Statement

St Peter's Primary school was part of the Melbo in urne Archdiocese Catholic School launch of Flourishing Learners. This is the new initiative that MACS schools are embracing.

Our school was represented by Sophie (Year Prep teacher) Billy (Year 4 teacher), Melissa (Teaching and Learning and Literacy Leader), Erin (Teaching and Learning and Numeracy Leader) and myself. This new flourishing learners team will work with our school and bring the initiative to life. We are excited to have an authentic teacher voice in this new pathway in the science of learning.

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 or chains worn outside clothing are considered too dangerous for school days.

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.

School Uniform Reminder

A reminder of Summer uniform requirements for students.



Summer Sport Uniform	Summer Uniform Option 1	Summer Uniform Option 2	Summer Uniform Option 3
Pale blue polo shirt Navy shorts or Navy skort White socks (full ankle)	School Dress Zip neck jumper White socks (full ankle) Black shoes	Navy & light blue polo shirt Grey shorts Zip neck jumper Navy socks (full ankle) Black shoes	Navy & light blue polo shirt Navy skort Zip neck jumper Navy socks (full ankle) Black shoes
Bomber jacket	Zip neck jumper	Zip neck jumper	Zip neck jumper

Congratulations to our Visual Arts Finalist Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Art Exhibition

Each year the Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools curates a large number of artworks submitted by schools across the archdiocese of Melbourne to be exhibited at the Creative Arts Exhibition. We are delighted to announce that a number of students have had their artworks selected to exhibit.

The Creative Arts Exhibition will be held at the Catholic Leadership Centre, 576 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne. The exhibition is open to the public at the following times:

Tuesday 12 March 9am-4pm

Wednesday 13 March 9am-7pm

Thursday 14 March 9am-4pm

Friday 15 March 12pm-7pm

Saturday 16 March 11am to 4pm.

If you and your family wish to view the exhibition, they will require tickets which can be ordered (free of charge) on the following link: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1175290>

Congratulations to the following students:



Lynh Hoang



Ryan Dewan



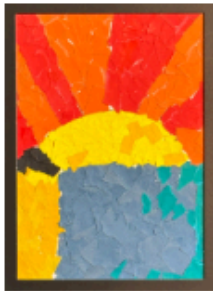
Zak Nogueira



Charli Torcaso



Vardaan Kapoor



Celine Riego



Liana Marcanio



Evie Brancati



Michelle Huynh

Child Safety at St Peter's

At St Peter's, we have developed and implemented Child Safe Standards in order to help keep our students safe from harm. The Child Safe Standards are compulsory minimum standards for all Victorian schools to ensure they are well prepared to keep children and young people safe and protect them from abuse.

 [Child Safety Standards.pdf](#)

Living in Donnybrook?

We currently have a family that lives in Donnybrook that requires some assistance with morning school drop offs. If you are able to assist in picking up a student in the morning and driving them to school from Donnybrook- please contact me and I will share the details with you.

atonkin@stprepp.catholic.edu.au

School Photos

Our school photos were taken on Tuesday. Students were given a note with a code on to register for access the photos. If you have lost the paper with the code, please email the school office and this will be emailed to you. office@stprepp.catholic.edu.au

Kindest Regards
Angela Tonkin

To empower students to learn
To build teacher pedagogical practices
To strengthen partnerships with families and the wider community

Religious Education

Catholic Education Week

10–17 March 2024



Melbourne Archdiocese
Catholic Schools

Catholic Education Week 2024
In the light of Christ

Catholic Education Week will be celebrated in Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne from 10–17 March 2024.

This annual event is held to promote the special ethos of Catholic schools and to highlight the great things that take place in Catholic schools every day.

The theme for this year's celebrations is **'In the Light of Christ'**.

Catholic education strives to make a difference in the lives of those in our schools and in the wider community by challenging young people to live out the message of Jesus and walk the way of the gospel to reach their full potential as compassionate, contributing, life-giving members of society.

There are 331 Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne that educate around 114,000 students and employ more than 16,000 teachers and staff, and most will celebrate Catholic Education Week in some way.

Next week all students at St Peter's will participate in learning centered around Catholic Education week and the theme 'In the Light of Christ'.

Our year 6 Faith Leaders, School Captains and Vice Captains will attend mass at St Patrick's Cathedral to celebrate Catholic Education Week and the feast of St Patrick. They will then take part in some activities with other Catholic schools from across Melbourne.

We also have a number of students who have had their artwork chosen to be displayed at the Creative Arts Exhibition, exhibiting artworks from students in Catholic Schools from the Archdiocese.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Next term, some students in Year 3 will receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. As part of the Sacramental program, families are asked to attend a family evening with their child.



**When: Tuesday March 19th,
Time: 6:30pm**

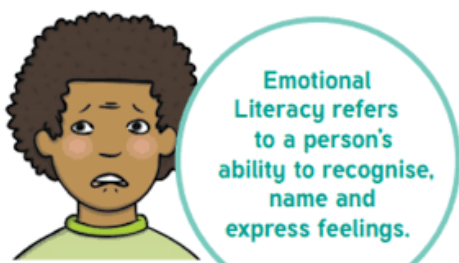
The evening will provide families with an opportunity to learn about the Sacrament together. It will also be an opportunity to hear about what the Sacrament evening will look like and the requirements for the Sacrament.

Sara Brundell
Education in Faith Leader
sbrundell@stprepp.catholic.edu.au

Wellbeing

Resilience Rights and Respectful Relationships

The Resilience Rights and Respectful Relationships (RRRR) curriculum promotes respect, positive attitudes and behaviors and provides regular practice for the development of students' social, emotional and positive relationship skills. These attitudes and behaviours teaches our students how to build healthy relationships, resilience and confidence, contributing to a calm, positive learning environment.



Each class has been covering curriculum content in Topic 1: Emotional Literacy This helps students develop the ability to be aware of, understand and use vocabulary about the emotional states of themselves and others.

Wellbeing Leader
Sara Brundell
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Supporting re-telling skills - The benefits of talking about your day

Talking with children is important because it builds their language and communication skills. By creating opportunities for your child to retell stories you can boost your child's understanding of how stories work. This is a great way to build their listening comprehension (listening and understanding), early literacy, vocabulary and help them to put sentences together correctly and use correct grammar. Research shows that supporting the re-telling of personal experiences is an important tool in language development (Saunders & Goldenberg, 1999).

When you go on an outing with your child take a few photos of what's happening around you. For example, during a trip to the farm, take photos as your child feeds the animals, goes on a ride, or eats lunch. Later, look at the photos together and use them to help guide your child to retell what happened at the farm. By placing the pictures in an order, like a story, you can teach your child about the sequence of events and words they can use to help them retell stories, such as the words 'first', 'next', and 'last'. This activity can also help your child to use joining words in their sentences like 'and' and 'because' and use specific vocabulary related to the event. You could create your own personalised book in this similar manner, which is another idea to support your child's language development at home in a fun and personal way.

Each day when you get home, ask your child, "How was your day?". Help them get started by giving them some ideas and sentence starters such as: "Today at school I learned...", "At recess I ...", "For lunch I ate...", "My favourite thing about today was...."

Do the same task by re-telling your own day so your child hears a model. This routine not only helps your child get better at talking, listening, and understanding, but also creates a nice way for both of you to share your day.

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Dear Families,

Your child's dental health is important to us, that's why Teeth on Wheels will be visiting our school starting on the 29th April 2024.

Click the link below to sign your child up - IT MIGHT BE FREE!

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

Teeth on Wheels are focused on providing a *positive dental experience* and specialise with working with children. They can provide check-up and clean appointments, as well as treatment onsite and will be able to advise you if your child is eligible to receive dental care for FREE under the Child Dental Benefit Schedule.

Please complete your form today and the Teeth on Wheels team will be in contact to confirm and schedule your child's appointment. - Forms must be completed by **22/04/2024** for your child to participate. If you are unable to access the E-form, please visit the school reception for a paper form.

Teeth On Wheels - A Positive Dental Experience



EXCITING NEWS
Teeth on Wheels will be visiting our School!

At Teeth On Wheels, we provide the highest quality dental treatment while making it fun, positive and memorable for children.

With the help of the government your child might be eligible for **FREE** dental care.

Our dental services include:

- ✓ Check-ups
- ✓ Oral Health Education
- ✓ Scale, Clean & Fluoride Treatments
- ✓ Fissure Sealants
- ✓ X-rays
- ✓ Fillings
- ✓ Extractions

CLICK OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO COMPLETE YOUR FORM

TeethOnWheelsAustralia #teethonwheels

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



TeethOnWheels
a positive dental experience

Medical Management

Asthma & Hayfever

Having good control of hayfever can help to reduce asthma triggers. If your child has allergies such as hay fever and asthma and require medication at school, a personal ASCIA Action Plan needs to be completed in colour, signed by the doctor and a copy provided to the school office. **It is recommended that all plans are reviewed on an annual basis.** If your child hasn't had their plan reviewed this year, now is the time to do this.

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.

Any prescribed medication associated with the plan needs to be supplied to the school in its original packaging. In accordance with our [Medical Management Policy](#), medications such as paracetamol and ibuprofen can only be administered at school with a medical authority form completed by the parent and medical practitioner. Medication is not to be kept with students in their bags. It is preferable that medication is administered at home where possible.

Other Medical Conditions

If your child has a diagnosed medical condition, a **specific condition form** (i.e: Anaphylaxis, Diabetes, Asthma, Epilepsy, Hayfever) or a generic **Medical Management Plan** for all other medical conditions needs to be completed by your child's doctor and provided to the school. This will enable the school to ensure we are meeting our duty of care obligations and to develop a **Student Health Support plan**.

A **Student Health Support Plan** is a document that the School and Parent create and agree upon based on the information provided in the Medical Management Plan. This document details how staff will provide the required support, where medication will be stored, what will happen on excursions etc.

If you are unsure whether your child needs a Medical Management Plan at school, please contact the school office on 9401 1157 / office@stprepp.catholic.edu.au for further information and guidance.

The care, safety and wellbeing of our students is of utmost importance.



ST PETER'S SCHOOL EXPO

THURSDAY 14TH MARCH
SCHOOL TOUR AT 6:00 PM
EXPO COMMENCES 6:30 PM

DISCOVER WHAT WE DO



CONTACT US
9401 1157



32 WEDGE ST
EPPING 3076



Existing Families with children starting Prep in 2025

If your child turns 5 before 31st April 2025 they are eligible to enrol for Prep commencing 2025.

If you have not yet completed an enrolment form for your child, please do so at your earliest convenience and return the form to the school office so that your child can be allocated a place for Prep 2025.

In 2025 we will have 2 prep classes. Families with siblings that have completed and handed in an enrolment form for their child will be prioritised. Remaining places will be offered to other families outside of the school until all places have been filled. Please note we can only allocate a place for your child if we know you are intending to send them to school. If we do not receive an enrolment form for your child in line with our enrolment timeline and all places have been filled, we may not be able to accommodate your child. We therefore strongly encourage you to contact the office and complete the enrolment application.

Please email office@stprepp.catholic.edu.au if you would like an enrolment pack sent home or call 9401 1157 or please pick up an enrolment pack from the office.

St Peter's Primary School Semester One 2024 Calendar Dates

TERM 1

Friday 8th March	3EP hosting Assembly (Galilee space) 2:40pm Families welcome AFL Season launch day
Monday, 11th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wednesday, 13th March	Preps attend school every day from today Parish Mass Year 3, 9:10 am Years 1 & 2 Water Safety Awareness Program Years 3, 5 & 6 NRL Rugby Incursion - Junior League School Blitz NAPLAN Years 3 & 5
Thursday, 14th March	Years 1 & 2 Water Safety Awareness Program 6:30 pm School Expo NAPLAN Years 3 & 5
Monday, 18th March	Years 1 & 2 Water Safety Awareness Program NAPLAN Years 3 & 5
Tuesday, 19th March	Years 1 & 2 Water Safety Awareness Program NAPLAN Years 3 & 5 Reconciliation Family Evening (Year 3 only) 6:30 pm
Wednesday, 20th March	Years 1 & 2 Water Safety Awareness Program Parish Mass Prep and Year 5/6 , 9:10 am
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 End of Term 1 - 1:30pm

TERM 2

Monday, 15th April	Term 2 Commences
Tuesday, 23rd April	First Reconciliation (Year 3) 6:00 pm
Wednesday, 24th April	Assembly, ANZAC Day RSL
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
Saturday, 15th June	Confirmation (Year 6) 9:30 am St Peter's Church
Wednesday, 19th June	Wacky Wednesday (Gold Coin Donation)
Friday, 28th June	End of Term 2 1:30 pm finish Feast Day St Peter's Mass, 10:15am

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.

