



# ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thursday 20th June, Week 10 , Term 2 2024  
NEWSLETTER

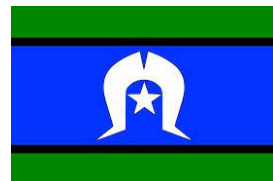


## Acknowledgment of Country

*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

Congratulations to our Year 6 students who received the sacrament of Confirmation last Saturday. It was a lovely celebration in which Bishop Terry Curtin confirmed our students and celebrated mass with Fr Anh, Fr Tien and our families.

A very big thank you to Mrs Brundell who led the Confirmation preparation along with our senior teachers.

## Mid term report and conversations Week 1 Term 3

Term 3 will begin with parent/ family conversations with teachers. On this day families have the opportunity to discuss with the 2024 teachers the mid term report and the maths goals individual students have set. Students are encouraged to attend the conversations.

There will be no students on site on this day and teachers are meeting with families. Their Care will offer supervision for families that require the service. You need to register your child if you require them to attend.



## 90th Birthday celebration

We are very excited to be celebrating our 90th year educating the St Peter's Community.

This week we started selling keepsake St Peter's 90th year badges. There are a limited number of badges available and a treasured keepsake memory of the 90th birthday celebration. Each badge costs \$10 as they were uniquely made for our school celebration.

Our St Peter's families are welcome to join our school for 11.30am mass on Thursday 27th June. Senior and middle students will be in the church and junior students will watch via zoom. This will allow for families and visitors to be seated in our beautiful church.

After mass Fr Anh will bless our beautiful commemorative artwork, Ms Manos and our students have created. The art work consists of a cross representing the story of St Peter the fisherman and a mural that all staff and students have contributed to.





*We welcome you to celebrate*

# St Peter's Primary School, Epping 90 Years of Education Celebration Mass



**Thursday 27th of June • 11:30 am Mass  
32 Wedge Street Epping, 3076**

Past and present families and staff are welcome to celebrate with a Mass at 11:30 am.

From 4:00 - 5:00pm, Learning Spaces will be open for past and present families and staff to visit the new chapter of learning.

Present staff will be on site to meet and greet visitors.

*Light refreshments will be provided.*

### **Staff changes**

Congratulations to **Mrs Melissa Gatt** on her new career pathway as the Victorian Regional manager for the Australian Government, leading and supporting schools across the state to build science curriculum with a STEM focus. Melissa has been an integral part of building our new chapter at St Peter's and we thank her for her massive contribution as our Literacy Leader and Teaching and Learning Leader. Melissa has empowered our staff in their teaching practice and as a result we have seen amazing growth in our student outcomes over the past four and a half years. Thank you Melissa for your contribution to our school as a respected leader.

Melissa begins her new role in July 2024 we wish her all the very best.

**Mrs Tenneale Grayden** has been part of our St Peter's community for a number of years. Each day she travels 40 minutes to work to be an important part of our intervention program. Tenneale is a mum of four children and the after school commitments, juggling sport and school pick ups and drop offs has become a challenge. Tenneale has taken up a position at a school 5 minutes from her home. We are very sorry to see Tenneale leave our community but wish her and her family all the very best.

**Mrs Amber Seeman** will begin her maternity leave in week 3 Term 3. I am excited to inform our community that Mrs Angela D'Ercole and Ms Sinead Tynan will be job sharing Year 1AS from the start of Term 3, 2024. Sinead is a new staff member to our school community and most of you will have met Angela as a replacement staff member at St Peter's. This promises to be a very dynamic teaching team.

**Mrs Tori Davies** will be teaching year 5/6 TD until the end of week 7, Term 3. Teacher replacement details to come. **Ms Jemma Lockyer** will commence her maternity leave in term 4.

### **Term 3 Wellbeing Leader** : Ms Stephaine Elam

In Term 3 Ms Stephanie Elam (56SE) will be taking on the Wellbeing Leaders role for 5 weeks full time and two days a week in weeks 6-10. Mrs Jane Molinaro will be in the learning space for the first 5 weeks and Mrs Penny Connelly on Tuesday and Wednesday in weeks 6-10. This is an opportunity to build Stephanie's leadership capacity and empower other staff in our school with her knowledge and expertise in Wellbeing. Stephanie will be at school during Term 3 to support teachers in her learning space.

### **School Fees**

Please check your children's school bags this week. The statement of school fees has been sent home this week. Thank you for your prompt payment of school fees.

### **Wacky Wednesday**

Yesterday the school was filled with colour as students celebrated Wacky Wednesday.

Student class leader's voice was the driving force around this day - it allowed our students to show their Wacky Self and money raised is going towards our new school playground and oval.

The latest up date is the oval work will commence mid Term 3. Thank you for your patience and understanding in this space.

## School Veggie Garden

Our vegetable garden looks amazing and many of the produce is ready for harvest. Our very generous volunteer Russell is doing an amazing job each Friday morning.

We are always looking for some additional volunteers to assist Russell each week. You need a working with children's check and a passion for gardening and sustainability.

If you are interested please contact Miss Billy: [bguler@stprepp.catholic.edu.au](mailto:bguler@stprepp.catholic.edu.au)

Miss Billy will discuss with you what is required. Thank you for your interest.



## Child Safety Requirements

As mentioned in previous newsletters, we will be sharing with you information about our Child Safe Standards in fortnightly newsletters.

This week, we are looking at Child Safe Standard Seven and Standard Eight.

**Standard Seven** focuses on ensuring that schools have complaints processes that are child-focused, culturally safe and accessible to everyone. To comply with this standard at St Peter's, we:

- have a complaints handling process focused on students and their safety needs
- take complaints and concerns seriously
- respond promptly and thoroughly
- identify and respond to all forms of child abuse
- report child abuse to relevant authorities, whether or not there is a legal obligation to report it.

St Peter's Complaints handling processes focuses on students and their safety needs. Our process enables us to handle all kinds of complaints and concerns. A complaint might reveal a bigger issue or prevent a situation from escalating.

We empower our students to raise low-level concerns as this improves the likelihood that they will feel comfortable making a disclosure or reporting abuse.

**Standard 8** focuses on building child safety knowledge, skills and awareness in staff, volunteers and school governing authorities. St Peter's delivers training to new and existing staff and volunteers. The training is tailored to the needs of the school and the role the person performs.

By training all staff and volunteers, everyone has a shared understanding of what child safety means, the importance of child safety, what to look for, and what to do.

This provides our staff and volunteers with the knowledge and skills they need to create a schoolwide culture of child safety. Appropriate training and supervision helps keep staff and students safe and ensures St Peter's meets their child safety and occupational health and safety legal requirements.



# COMPASS

St Peter's is excited to announce that we will be using 'Compass' from the beginning of Term 3 2024. This platform, which can be easily accessed through the app or your web browser, will be the **school's communication platform from July 15th, 2024.**

Compass will allow parents/carers to easily

- Access the school newsletter and notices
- Report an absence
- Access school reports
- Sign permission forms for school excursions and events
- Make fees/accounts payments
- View your child's first aid entries

[Seesaw will continue to be used to share your child's learning only. No school notices will be shared through this platform.](#)

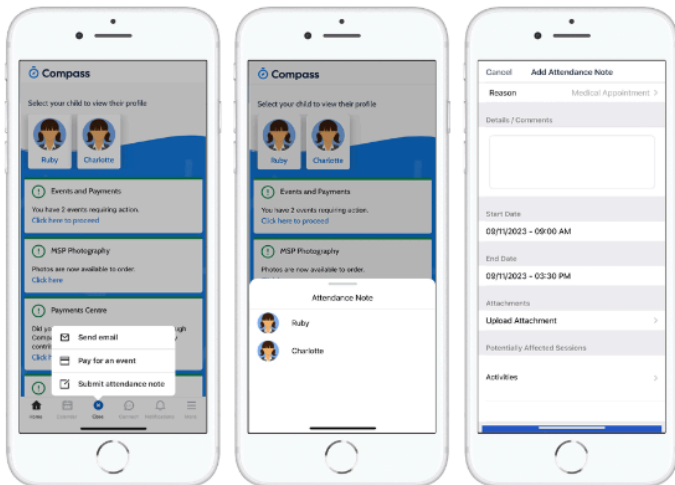
On Wednesday a note was sent home with your login details so you can set up your account. Each child will receive a note however the log in details will be the same, only one account will need to be created per parent/carer. **It is expected that all families register before the end of Term 2 (June 28th) so they are prepared to receive all school information through Compass from the beginning of Term 3.**

Please see the office staff if you require any assistance with your account set up. Families requiring assistance with this process can access support on Monday 15th July. Support staff will be in the community lounge area during the parent teacher interviews.

## Changes to Procedure for Reporting an Absence from Term 3

From Term 3, all absences should be reported via Compass.

Where possible, absences should be notified prior to the absence / lateness occurring.



### Using the Compass App

- 1 From the homepage, click on the blue shortcuts button from the bottom taskbar
- 2 Click on 'Submit Attendance Note'
  - Select the reason
  - Enter a brief description of the absence
  - Select the start and finish time
  - Click the 'Save' button

## **Creating memorable opportunities for families in the Year 6 Graduation year 2024**

Confirmation: all students were welcome to make the sacrament or receive a blessing and all family members invited

Start of year welcome picnic: all students and family members invited

Carols evening and graduation song: all students and family members are invited to attend the carols in which the students perform carols and their graduation song

Leadership opportunities and assembly presentations: all students attend and family members invited to assembly every two weeks per term

Interschool sporting opportunities: Family members can spectate at these events throughout the year

Mother's Day and Father's Day open afternoon: all students attend and family members invited

### **11th December 2024, 2pm - 3.15pm Year 6 Graduation end of year assembly:**

All Year 6 students participate and all family members are welcome to attend the Galilee space.

At this assembly: graduation stole presentation, Prep buddy farewell and song / video, senior video, school leaders speech, passing the candle light to the 2025 Year 6 students and the walk of honour  
Year 6 families will be invited to attend the assembly, Year 6 student siblings will be invited to be at the assembly.

Students will be seated on the floor - chairs will be offered for families and standing room will also be available. The Year 1-5 students will watch the assembly via a zoom link in their classroom.

*More information about the Year 6 assembly will be sent out at a later date.*

**6.30pm Graduation mass** for Year 6 students and their parents in which students receive their graduation certificate and we farewell departing St Peter's families from the school.



## **End of Term 2 is 1.30pm Friday 28th June**

Have a lovely weekend

Kindest regards

Angela Tonkin

# St Peter's Day on 27th June



To celebrate our special event, Lunch Mums are offering St Peter's a Special 'P' Lunch day.

Ordering opens on 14th June and can be done on the my school connect app via the QR code below. Please see the attached instruction flyer to log in/make an account.

Orders will close on Wednesday 26th June @12pm



## 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



## St Peter

Next week we will celebrate the feast of our patron saint, St Peter. The feast day of St Peter is shared with St Paul on June 29th.

Students in all year levels have participated in learning that have included some of the following understandings:

- Our school is named after Saint Peter
- Peter was a fisherman
- St Peter was one of Jesus' disciples
- St Peter was named Simon. Jesus changed his name to Peter.  
He is sometimes referred to as Simon Peter in Scripture.
- There are many stories about St Peter in The Bible
- Peter had great faith in Jesus
- Peter had flaws too, he was not perfect but he did his best to follow and show love to Jesus.
- Peter taught other people about Jesus
- Peter was the first Pope (leader of the Church)



At home you can ask your child to share some of their learning about St Peter or as a family see what new things you can find out together.

In the Gospel readings for the Solemnity of St Peter as St Paul, which we will hear at mass next week, Jesus asks;

***“But what about you?” He asked. “Who do you say I am?”  
Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”***

In this reading Simon Peter acknowledges Jesus as the Messiah, Saviour and Redeemer, Son of the living God.

Simon Peter goes on to spread the Good News and to build the foundation of the Catholic Church.

***Reflection: How can you tell others about Jesus and who He is?***

# Wellbeing

## Show Respect

One of our values is to show respect. We can show respect to others through our words and actions. Showing respect helps to build relationships and maintain a happy and safe school environment where everyone is valued and accepted.



St Peter's is a proud multicultural school. We have a diverse community which encompasses a range of cultural and religious backgrounds. We show respect by valuing and embracing our diversity.

As a community, it is our responsibility to inform our students that there is no place for racism in our school community and beyond. Working in partnership we can provide a happy and safe learning environment and equip our students with the skills to build and maintain happy, healthy relationships at school and in the wider community.

Having a conversation about racism can be challenging however there are resources available to support parents/carers. [Raising Children](#) has some information to support you to have a conversation with your child about racism.

We value your support in ensuring that St Peter's values the cultural and religious diversity of our community.

## After School Supervision

It has been reported to the school that a number of students are waiting for family pick up outside the church on the corner of Wedge and Davison Street.

**This pick up area is not supervised by our staff. It is a public space. We strongly encourage students to wait in the supervised areas.**

Staff supervision afterschool is from 3.20pm - 3.35pm. The supervised areas are the Wedge Street gate near the Year 5/6 classrooms and the two gates on Coulstock Street.

The school has an excellent after school care program that can offer supervision outside these hours. We encourage you to consider this option for student after school supervision.

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

## Mobile Phones and Smart Watches at School

At the beginning of each year students and families are asked to read over and sign a digital technologies user agreement. As a part of this, you are asked to share and agree to the **Mobile Phone and Smart Watches Policy**.

Students are required to bring their mobile phones and smart watches to the office upon arrival in the morning (before going to our morning play areas). These can then be collected at the end of the day after the dismissal bell. These devices are not to be used at school.

# Mobile Phone and Smartwatch Policy

## Policy Statement

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that mobile phone and smartwatch usage is effectively managed at St Peter's Primary School. It outlines to the school community the requirements and expectations relating to student use of mobile phone and smart watches during school hours.

## Definitions

**Mobile Phone:** a telephone with cellular (telecommunication) system that has the capability of performing one or more of the following actions; making calls, text messaging, accessing email, photography, video recording and voice recording.

**Smartwatch:** a wearable computing device that closely resembles a wristwatch and is capable of performing one or more of these following actions; making calls, text messaging, accessing emails, photography, video recording and voice recording.

## Rationale

This policy outlines the use of mobile phones and smart watches on our school site.

The school discourages students from bringing mobile phones and smartwatches to school. These communication devices cause disruption in classrooms and the playground, and can be used inappropriately to access social media and take photos and recordings without permission. This can cause distress and breach the privacy of others.

St Peter's Primary School understands that students may need to carry a personal mobile phone to school, particularly if they are travelling independently to and from school.

In the event a parent/carer needing to contact a student, he/she should telephone the School Administration Office on 9401 1157. If necessary, students can contact parents/carers from the school office telephone.

## Expectations relating to student bringing mobile phone and smart watches to school

At St Peter's Primary School:

Students who choose to bring mobile phones and smartwatches to school, must have them switched off when entering the school grounds. Students must take any mobile phones and smart watches to the school administration office once they arrive at school. They will be placed in a tub and kept in the office. Devices can be collected from the office at the end of the school day.

## Exemptions

Exceptions to this policy may be applied if certain conditions are met and approval is granted by the Principal. For a small number of students with particular health needs, an exception to the policy may also be granted. Parents/Carers will need to provide a Medical Management Plan authorised by the treating medical/health practitioner outlining the need to use a device.

## Non-compliance with this policy

Any use of mobile phones and smart watches by a student, that is in breach of these rules, will lead to the confiscation of the device. In this instance, parents will be notified and confiscated devices will need to be collected from the school administration office by the student's parent/carer at the end of the day.

Policies are reviewed regularly and may be subject to change at the school's discretion.

## Year 2 Excursion

On Monday the 17th of June, the Year 2s spent the day at Sea Life Melbourne Aquarium.

As part of our Inquiry unit “Living Things Grow and Change” students dived deep into the underwater world to discover the life cycles and habitats of sharks, fish, turtles and even crocodiles! It was a wonderful experience for our students who learnt so much! Here is what some of our Year 2s had to say about the day.

***“My favourite part of our excursion was when we visited the penguins. They were so funny when they were swimming in the water - they were really fast!” - Shan 2LI***

***“I saw a leopard shark! It had black spots like a leopard. It was really cool!” - Yashwini 2LI***

***“I really liked seeing the big tropical tank which had turtles, rays and sharks! The turtle had a really interesting story - she only had 3 flippers!” - Olivia 2LI***

***“My favourite part was when we went to the big tank. We got to sit down and watch the sharks swim around” - Alvin 2ED***

***“My favourite part was the 4D movie! The seats moved and vibrated and it felt funny! The movie was all about penguins!” - Nimar 2ED***

***“I loved when I saw the green tree python because I am learning about the green python. It was really cool to see it in person. They can grow really long” - Martha***



## Parent/Teacher/Student Learning Conversations

Parent/Teacher/Student 3 way Learning Conversations will be held for students in year Prep to Year 6 on **Monday July 15th from 11am to 6pm on site at school**. Please note that students are invited to attend this meeting. This is a school closure day. There will be no classes on this day.

If your family recently attended a recent PSG meeting you are **NOT** required to attend this meeting.

Families of 5/6 MS will have their meetings on **Tuesday July 23rd**. A booking note will be sent home in Term 3.

Bookings will open on Wednesday **June 19th at 8am**. Please click on the link to access the booking instructions:

[2024 Semester 2 Parent\\_Teacher Learning Conversations\\_ 3 WAY Conservation - Booking Instruction...](#)

## Primary School Nursing Program (PSNP)

On Monday 24th June the school nurse will be visiting the prep students. The PSNP is a free service offered to all children attending primary schools in Victoria. Primary school nurses visit schools throughout the year and provide children with:

- the opportunity to have a health assessment
- information and advice about healthy behaviours
- a link for children and families to community-based health and wellbeing services.

The PSNP is designed to identify children with potential health-related learning difficulties and to respond to parent/carer concerns and observations about their child's health and wellbeing. Where parents/carers have provided consent by completing the School Entrant Health Questionnaire a follow-up health assessment will be conducted by the school nurse.

## Key Dates Terms 2, 3 and 4

(please note dates may occasionally be subject to change)

TERM 2	
Friday, 21st June	Year 1 Melbourne Zoo Excursion 3 EK Hosting Assembly, 2:40 pm. Families welcome to attend
Monday 24th June	School Nurse onsite visiting Prep students
Thursday, 27th June	Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul, 11:30 am Mass St Peter's 90th Anniversary celebrations Open classrooms for past family members and staff from 4 - 5 pm
Friday, 28th June	<b>End of Term 2 1:30 pm finish</b>



**Their Care Holiday Program Information:**

[Holiday Program with Theircare. Limited spots !!! Book now \(1\).pdf](#)

## TERM 3 2024

Monday 15th July	Start of Term 3 - Parent Teacher Interviews <b>No scheduled classes on this day</b> Their Care is taking bookings if families require care for their child on this day.
Thursday 18th July	Grade 5 visit to St Monica's
Friday 19th July	Second Hand Uniform Shop 8:30 - 9:00 am CASH ONLY Year 3 & 4 Gymnastics Program, YMCA Epping NAIDOC Week Assembly, 2:40pm Families welcome
Thursday 25th July	Math Parent Engagement Afternoon from 3:45pm
Friday 26th July	Second Hand Uniform Shop 8:30 - 9:00 am CASH ONLY Year 3 & 4 Gymnastics Program, YMCA Epping
Thursday 1st August	Math in Sports Incursion, students to wear green and gold
Friday 2nd August	Second Hand Uniform Shop 8:30 - 9:00 am CASH ONLY Year 3 & 4 Gymnastics Program, YMCA Epping Assembly, 2:40pm Families welcome
Friday 9th August	Second Hand Uniform Shop 8:30 - 9:00 am CASH ONLY Year 3 & 4 Gymnastics Program, YMCA Epping
Friday 16th August	Second Hand Uniform Shop 8:30 - 9:00 am CASH ONLY Year 3 & 4 Gymnastics Program, YMCA Epping Assembly, 2:40pm Families welcome School Disco: 6:15 pm - 7 pm Preps, Yr1's and Yr 2's 7:20 pm - 8:30 pm Yrs 3,4,5 & 6's
Friday 23rd August	Second Hand Uniform Shop 8:30 - 9:00 am CASH ONLY Year 3 & 4 Gymnastics Program, YMCA Epping Middles and Senior's Author visit Assembly, 2:40pm Families welcome
Monday 26th August	Book Week Parade 11:30 am - 12:30 pm
Tuesday 27th August	Book Fair 8:30 am - 9:30 am
Wednesday 28th August	Book Fair 9:00 am - 10:00 am Book Week Performance - Preps & Junior's 9:30 am - 10:30 am
Thursday 29th August	Book Fair 9:30 am - 10:30 am Fathers Day Stall
Friday 30th August	Second Hand Uniform Shop 8:30 - 9:00 am CASH ONLY St Peter's Open Afternoon for fathers / special persons 1:30pm entry


Friday 6th September	Second Hand Uniform Shop 8:30 - 9:00 am CASH ONLY
Friday 13th September	Second Hand Uniform Shop 8:30 - 9:00 am CASH ONLY Assembly, 2:40pm Families welcome
Wednesday 18th - Friday 20th September	Year 5 / 6 Camp
Friday 20th September	End of Term 3, 1:30 pm student dismissal

### TERM 4 2024

Monday 7th October	Start of Term 4 Gates open at 8:30am
Wednesday 9th October	Prep Information Evening, 6:30 pm
Monday 4th November	School Closure Day
Tuesday 5th November	Melbourne Cup - Public Holiday
Wednesday 6th November	Grade 6 Graduation Photo Prep 2025 Orientation Session 1 9:15 am - 10:30 am
Tuesday 12th November	Prep 2025 Orientation Session 2: Reading to your child workshop 9:15 - 10:30 am
Monday 18th November	Prep 2025 Orientation Session 3: Numeracy with your child workshop 9:15 - 10:30 am
Wednesday 4th December	St Monica's College Year 7 Orientation Day (for Grade 6 students commencing in 2025)
Friday 6th December	School Closure Day (Planning 2025)
Monday 9th December	School Carols 6 - 8 pm
Tuesday 10th December	Year 7 Transition Day all State Secondary Schools
Wednesday 11th December	Year 6 Graduation Assembly 2:00 - 3:15 pm - Grade 6 families welcome (other year levels participating via zoom from their learning space) Year 6 Graduation Mass 6:30 pm - Yr 6 students and parents

## Parish Newsletter

Please click on the link to access

 23rd June 12th Ord pdf.pdf

## Late Arrivals and Early Departures

Students who arrive late to or leave early from the school must also have 'approvals' logged by parents. Please note that these can only be recorded after the fact as they are "time stamped" by Compass. All students who arrive late to school must report to the office to ensure they are not marked as absent for the first session. Parents will need to sign their child and record the reason for the late arrival.

Students leaving early must be signed out by a parent or carer that is listed as a student contact. If your child is being signed out by someone who is not authorised to do so, the parent / carer should contact the office in advance before the child can be picked up.

## 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

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