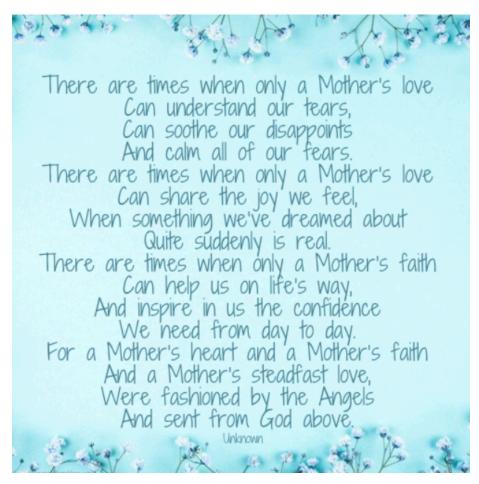


ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thursday 9th May 2024, Week 4, 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

Good afternoon St Peter's community

We are looking forward to our Mother's and Special friends' open classroom afternoon this Friday. It is always a special day for our students to showcase their learning space to important people in their lives. This year we have a science focus - we hope someone from your family can come along and be a part of our celebration. Nonna Pantano will be serving short black coffee and we have an afternoon treat for all adults that come along.



Thank you to our wonderful parents committee for the Mother's Day stall and raffle this week. Your support and time is very much appreciated by our school community.

Thank you 'One Fusion' restaurant for your generous <u>\$100 dinner voucher</u>. This voucher has been included in our Mother's Day Raffle prizes along with other gift vouchers. Check out their delicious menu at the bottom of our newsletter this week.

School Uniform

As of Monday 6th of May students will be required to wear their winter uniform. Hats are no longer required to be worn in term two. We will encourage students to take their hats home so they can be washed and put away somewhere safe until they will be required again towards the end of term three. A reminder to students and families that it is part of our uniform policy that all students are to be in school uniform at all times. Please ensure that all jumpers and jackets are also clearly labelled with your child's name so they can easily be returned to their rightful owner if they are lost or misplaced. Runners can only be worn on sport days and shorts are not part of the winter uniform. We thank you for your support and understanding

Child Safety Standards

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. The Child Safe Standards include requirements for schools including:

- · involvement of families and students in child safety
- schools' focus on safety for Aboriginal students
- better management of child abuse risks in online environments
- governance, systems and processes for keeping students safe.

There are 11 Child Safe standards that schools must meet.

Each year we have to communicate to you how we meet these standards. Each fortnight, we will share two with you and the measures we have in place to meet each standard.

Please note all of our policies and Child Safe documentation is available to view on our school webpage.

This fortnight, we will be highlighting **Child Safe Standard One and Two**, the first being to establish a culturally safe environment in which the diverse and unique identities and experiences of Aboriginal children and young people are respected and valued. This is a new standard that requires schools to make sure Aboriginal children and young people feel safe. This standard applies to all schools, even if there are no students who identify as Aboriginal.

The term 'Aboriginal' includes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It is important to be respectful of how individual children, students, their families and community refer to themselves, and use appropriate language.

Cultural safety includes being provided with a safe, nurturing and positive environment where Aboriginal children:

- feel comfortable being themselves
- feel comfortable expressing their culture, including their spiritual and belief systems
- are supported by carers who respect their Aboriginality and encourage their sense of self and identity.

At St Peter's, we implement and demonstrate this standard by valuing and respecting the different cultures of all our staff, students and families, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

<u>Child Safe Standard Two, requires us to ensure that child safety and wellbeing are embedded in school leadership, governance and culture.</u> This standard emphasises the vital role that school leaders and governing authorities have in establishing a culture where child abuse and harm are not tolerated and effective systems and processes to implement child safe policies and practices and manage child abuse risks are in place.

Schools must take deliberate steps to promote child safety and wellbeing and protect children by:

- embedding and promoting a child safety culture at all levels of the organisation
- school leaders actively modelling such a culture by ensuring transparent governance arrangements are in place.

At St Peter's, we implement and demonstrate this standard through developing, endorsing and making publicly available the following policies on our school website.

Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy

Child Safety Code of Conduct Policy.

We also make sure that all school staff and volunteers understand our Child Safe Standards and their obligations regarding Child Safe information sharing and recordkeeping.

Mobile Phones and Wearable Devices

In line with new Government regulations and school policy, all mobile devices need to be handed into the office at the beginning of the school day. All devices will be kept in the office and returned to students at the end of the day. This includes any wearable devices where notifications are switched on and messages can be received or sent. It is inappropriate for students to receive messages during the day on wearable devices as this is incredibly disruptive to learning time and teachers should not be spending time checking if these features are switched off. If a parent needs to pass on a message to a child this can be done through the school office. I also ask parents to keep in mind that these devices are extremely expensive and we do ask that valuable items are not brought to school.

School Advisory Board

Our next school advisory Board Meeting is on Wednesday 15th May via remote platform.

The agenda is:

- 1. School review process: Advisory Committee review the goal
 - To strengthen partnerships with families and the wider community.
 - How does this look and feel at St Peter's in 2024.
 - What are we doing well and even better over the 4 year journey?
 - Prior to the meeting members are encouraged to talk to the school community and gather authentic feedback on the goal for discussion
- 2. Committee members are asked to review the school engagement policy prior to the meeting and offer feedback via discussion.

2025 Prep

Daniela Torcaso and I are currently meeting the new families that have enrolled for 2025 Prep. We will have two Prep classes next year, consisting of 25 students. To date we have more children enrolled than we have spots for and some families will be asked to go on a waiting list in case a position becomes available. Please ensure if you have a child starting Prep in 2025 you have completed an enrolment form. All enrollment enquiries from this point are being directed to our waiting list. We will arrange a conversation with existing families in the coming weeks to gain a greater understanding of how we can cater for sibling Preps in 2025.

Happy Mother's Day on Sunday to all our lovely mums and the special people in the lives of our St Peter's children. I am looking forward to a lovely dinner on Sunday night with my family.

I hope you have something special planned with your family.

Kindest regards Angela Tonkin



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

2024 Term 2 School Fees

A reminder that Term 2 school fees are due Friday 24th May.

Family Fee per family \$600.00

Excursion Levy \$60.00 - \$410.00 per child. This varies per year level.

For details please refer to the statement issued at the beginning of the year.

If you have any concerns about your financial situation and are experiencing financial hardship please contact Mrs Angela Tonkin (principal@stprepp.catholic.edu.au) to discuss.

2024 CSEF Applications

A reminder that Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund applications close 28th June. If hold an eligible means-tested CONCESSION CARD, please collect forms from the school office PRIOR to 28th June.

Religious Education May - Celebrating the Month of Mary

May is known as the "Month of Mary" in the Church. During this time, believers honor the Virgin Mary, revered not only as the Mother of God but also as the Mother of the Church.

THE HAIL MARY

Hail Mary,
Full of Grace,
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy
womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary,
Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now,
and at the hour of death.

Amen.

All levels will be learning about Mary in their Faith, Life, World units of learning. They will look at scripture, prayers and the role of Mary in our Church historically and in our present context.

Some important things for children to know about Mary

- Mary was a real person and her parents were Joachim and Anne
- Mary never sinned; she was full of grace and virtue
- Mary was the mother of Jesus. She said 'Yes' to God's call. She loved and cared for Jesus.
 - Mary is our Heavenly Mother. She cares for and protects us.
- Mary wants us to talk to her. We can talk to her through prayer especially through praying the Hail Mary or the Rosary.

At home you could create a special prayer place dedicated to Mary or take some time praying the Hail Mary or Rosary as a family during this special month

First Fucharist Reminders

On <u>Saturday May 25th</u>, a group of students from year 4 will be receiving the Sacrament of First Eucharist. The celebration of Mass will begin promptly at <u>10am</u>. Each family will have a pew reserved for the family, seating 6-8 people.

Professional Photos:

These will be taken in the Galilee Space

Family photos will begin at 8am and conclude at 9:15am. No family photos will be taken after mass.

All students receiving the Sacrament are to be in the Galilee Space for a group Photo by 9:15am.

Please contact me should you have any questions regarding the celebration of the Sacrament sbrundell@stprepp.catholic.edu.au



Confirmation

The celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation will be held on **Saturday June 15th at 9:30am.**

Information regarding the Sacrament will be shared with families at the <u>Confirmation Family Evening</u> next **Tuesday May 14th beginning at 6:30pm.**

Parish Schedule Term 2

Families are invited to attend Parish mass with our school community held on Wednesday mornings throughout the term. Mass begins at 9:15 am. Those choosing to attend are asked to meet the levels in the church by 9:10am.

Below is the schedule of levels attending parish mass for Term 2

8/5	Prep and Year 5&6
15/5	Year 2
22/5	Year 3
29/5	Year 4
5/6	Year 1



Wellbeing News

Do it for Dolly Day - Friday May 10th

Tomorrow, Friday May 10th, is "Do it for Dolly Day". On this day, communities across Australia come together to remember Dolly, a young girl who tragically took her own life after an extended period of bullying and cyberbullying.



Tomorrow, all classes will spend time learning about the effects of bullying and cyberbullying through age appropriate activities and conversations. There will be a particular focus across all levels on being an upstander rather than a bystander in situations where bullying is occurring. Students will also discuss ways to share kindness with others.

<u>The 'Parent's Hub' tab on the Dolly's Dream</u> web page provides parents/carers with some articles/information to support having conversations with their children as well as some general information and tips regarding the use of social media and digital technologies.

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

Procedure for Reporting an Absence

Thank you to the families that are using the <u>notices@stprepp.catholic.edu.au</u> email account or the 'Report an Absence' link on our website, to notify the school of an absence.

It is not alway 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.

TERM 2		
Thursday, 9th May	Mothers Day Raffle Tickets on sale 5/6 TD hosting Assembly, 2:40pm - Families welcome Prep 2025 Family Conversations Mothers Day Stall Open for Students Melbourne Victory Football in Schools Introduction - Yr 4 students Second Hand Uniform Shop 2:15 - 2:40 pm CASH ONLY	
Friday, 10th May	Prep 2025 Family Conversations (new families to the school) Mothers Day stall open Second Hand Uniform Shop 8:30 - 9:00 am CASH ONLY Mothers Day Open Classroom Afternoon from 2pm Grade 6 students attending government schools in 2025 - applications due today	
Sunday, 12th May	Mothers Day	
Monday, 13th May	Year 5/6 Excursion to Scienceworks Teeth on Wheels - additional day	
Tuesday 14th May	Confirmation Family Evening (Year 6 students), 6:30 pm	
Wednesday 15th May	Year 2 Year level Parish Mass, St Peter's Church 9:15 am Advisory Board Meeting (via remote platform)	
Thursday, 16th May	Second Hand Uniform Shop 2:30 - 3:20pm CASH ONLY	
Friday, 17th May	Prep 2025 First Round Offers sent out to families Second Hand Uniform Shop 8:30 - 9:00 am CASH ONLY	
Wednesday 22nd May	Tear 3 Year level Parish Mass, St Peter's Church 9:15 am LDSSA Cross Country @ Parade College 9am - 2:30pm Second Hand Uniform Shop 2:30 - 3:20pm CASH ONLY	
Friday 24th May	1AS hosting Assembly 2:40pm, Families welcome to attend Second Hand Uniform Shop 8:30 - 9:00 am CASH ONLY	
Saturday, 25th May	1st Eucharist (Year 4) 10:00 am Photos in Galilee Space beforehand at 9:15am (All students receiving the Sacrament required for the photo)	
Monday, 27th May	Staff Professional Learning - SCHOOL CLOSURE	
Wednesday 29th May	Year 4 Year level Parish Mass, St Peter's Church 9:15 am	
Thursday 30th May	Second Hand Uniform Shop 2:30 - 3:20pm CASH ONLY	
Friday 31st May	Second Hand Uniform Shop 8:30 - 9:00 am CASH ONLY	

Monday, 10th June	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Wednesday 5th June	Year 1 Year level Parish Mass, St Peter's Church 9:15 am
Thursday 7th June	Second Hand Uniform Shop 2:30 - 3:20pm CASH ONLY
Friday, 7th June	Prep hosting Assembly 2:40pm , Families welcome to attend Second Hand Uniform Shop 8:30 - 9:00 am CASH ONLY
Tuesday, 11th June	Evacuation Drill, 2:40pm
Thursday, 13th June	Second Hand Uniform 2:30 - 3:20pm CASH ONLY
Friday 14th June	Second Hand Uniform Shop hop 8:30 - 9:00 am CASH ONLY
Saturday, 15th June	Confirmation (Year 6) 9:30 am St Peter's Church
Monday 17th June	Year 2 Excursion to Sea Life Melbourne Aquarium
Wednesday, 19th June	Wacky Wednesday (Gold Coin Donation)
Friday, 23rd June	3 EK Hosting Assembly, 2:40 pm. Families welcome to attend
Thursday, 27th June	Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul St Peter's 90th Anniversary celebrations Open classrooms for past family members and staff from 3 - 4pm
Friday, 28th June	End of Term 2 1:30 pm finish

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.





MOTHER'S

OPEN CLASSROOM AFTERNOON

FRIDAY 10TH MAY, 2024 FROM 2:00PM

Please join us as we celebrate the wonderful Mother's and special people in our lives.

Every visitor will receive a sweet treat on arrival and a special handmade gift.

We welcome you into our learning spaces from 2:30pm and we will host a special assembly at 3:05pm.

Thank you to the Narse family for the generous donation of a restaurant voucher for the Mothers Day Raffle.



RESTAURANT

SCAN TO DOWNLOAD OUR MENU



Our specially selected and flavoursome classic meals done right. So much variety and options to select from. Even dietary sensitive eaters can have options too.

Our generous serves at fair prices are just the beginning.





Over 100... yes 100 cocktails to choose from. From your old favorite cocktails served in a glass, or why not share a 3-litre cocktail tower with your mates. Mocktails and jugs are also available.



SPORTS BAR



Live sports matches and events are all shown live around the venue on our 10 screens throughout the place. AFL, tennis, UFC or Boxing Main events are all shown Live. So why not enjoy one of 8 Beers on tap or even a nice variety of wines to select from.



FUNCTIONS



We have 2 function rooms to select from.

- Our 'Glass Room' can seat up to x35 guests or provide a standing function for up to x55 guests.
- Our 'Upstairs' Function Room can accommodate for up to x120 standing guests or provide a seated event for up to x55 guests.

Our flexible packages are designed to suit all functions and events. Which means you will have access to design your function... your way.



Coming soon to One Fusion... Live Music and special events. Stay Tuned. We welcome you to celebrate

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





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.

