



St Peter's Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Issue No. 25
5 September, 2017

Principal - Mrs Jennifer Roberts

Good Afternoon,

Making Parenting a Little Easier

Please remember to return your reply slip for an evening with Dan Petro - **Making Parenting a Little Easier** on **September the 13th**. I encourage all families to attend this evening to get some very useful and practical tips on making parenting easier. Dan is a behaviour expert who is very easy to listen to and his ideas are very helpful when dealing with ALL children. We have attached an additional reply slip to this newsletter - Please fill in and return the reply slip so we can make arrangements to cater for both supper and child care for the night.

Market Day

Our Market Day will be held next Thursday - the 14th of September. Please start bringing in donations to be sold on the day. Donations can be left in the office.

Yard Duty

We request that students are dropped off to school between 8.30am and 8.45am. The yard is supervised from 8.30am onwards. From 8.30am the children are either allowed inside to read or to play outside in the yard.

Board Gathering

Board members are reminded that there is a Board Meeting **tonight at 6pm** in the library. Mrs Trish Miller - from the CEO - will be working with us on our Strategic Plan for 2018 - 2021.

School Closure

This year we will again have a Report Writing Day and Planning Day at the start of Week 8 in Term 4. Please put these two dates into your calendars!! **Monday November the 27th and Tuesday November the 28th. There will be NO SCHOOL for students on these two days.**

Uniforms

We are having a real blitz at the moment on correct uniform. Please help us by making sure your child's uniform is NAMED and asking your child/children to wear the full correct uniform to school - especially JUMPERS. Lots of students are choosing to wear casual jumpers at the moment. I know jumpers can be difficult to keep track of - but they are much easier to locate and return to the rightful owner if they are named.

Book Rally

Please remember to sort through your books at home and donate to the Book Rally. Either new or second hand books can be left in the office.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tues 5 th Sept	School Board Meeting
Wed 6 th Sept	ELC Swimming
Thurs 7 th Sept	ELC Swimming
Thurs 7 th Sept	Community Circle Meeting
Fri 8 th Sept	ELC Swimming
Tues 12 th Sept	Discovery Centre Excursion (Gr 3/4) - Forms due back THIS FRIDAY
Thurs 14 th Sept	Market Day
Tues 18 th Sept	Last Day to collect Earn & Learn Stickers!
Tues 19 th Sept	Making Parenting Easier - 6pm - RSVP NOW!
Fri 22nd Sept	Last Day Term 3 - 2.15pm finish
Mon 9th Oct	First Day Term 4
Mon 9 th Oct	School Nurse Visit (Prep) - Forms due back 21 st September
Mon 27th Nov	Pupil Free Day
Tues 28th Nov	Pupil Free Day

Teacher Movement

2018 is going to see some significant changes to the teaching staff here at St Peter's. The first announcement we have to make is that it is with a sense of both sadness and excitement that we congratulate Mrs Jacinta Kelly on accepting a teaching position at Marist College for 2018 and beyond. Mrs Kelly has been a part of the St Peter's community for 18 years and while she will be missed very much - we wish her all the very best for an exciting new chapter in her career.

Mrs Sarah Jennings has also accepted a position at Marist College when she returns from maternity leave in 2018. We also wish Sarah all the very best for her new position and hope she loves this new chapter in her journey as well.

We will also say farewell to Mr Jerome Leonard for 2018 as he also embarks on an exciting adventure. Mr Leonard is going to go travelling for the year and will return to us (we hope) in 2019. We wish Mr Leonard all the best for an amazing experience and look forward to hearing many stories upon his return.

Finally, after 26 years at St Peter's Primary School, Mrs Donna McNamara will also be having a change of environment during 2018. Mrs Mac has accepted a position at St Therese's in Kennington. Again, we wish her all the very best and hope that she enjoys her time in her new school. Donna will be missed by many students, staff and families - but again, I am sure you will join with me in wishing her all the happiness in the world.

Stay tuned to the newsletter next week to find out further information.... Including who will be coming to St Peter's to replace all of these amazing people.

Week 6 Awards

P/1/2 Purdon - Charlie Smith, Hudson Wingrave & Tadm Borserio

P/1/2 Kelly/Isaac - Zephyr Farrow & Michael Kabalan

P/1/2 Podosky -

3/4 Leonard -

3/4 Carr/White - Amber Goodman & Marley Thomson

5/6 Wilkinson - Slater Gibson & Angus Hovenden

5/6 Garside/White - Stephanie Sotiralis & Iteakah Mulcahy

Principal's Award

Last week's Principal Award went to Josie Blyth. Josie consistently uses all four School Values. She is a great role model for others - and she's only in Prep! Josie is a student who works hard every day, is kind to others and really focussed on her learning. Congratulations Josie!



God Bless, Jenny

Catholic Identity



St Kilian's Mass Times

Tue - Fri: 12.10pm

Saturday morning: 8am

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 7am, 10am, 6pm



A Reflection...

"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God." - John 3:1

By showing our students how to pray, we show them a way to make life meaningful and full of promise. We lead them to God who loves them when they feel unloved and forgives them when they have failed, to a Saviour who teaches them right living and who died for them, and to a Spirit who enlightens them when they are confused. We lead them to a friend who gladly shares their joys and who cares for them intimately.

We put them in touch with Jesus through prayer. Paul's one encounter with Christ changed his life. We hope that by acting as a matchmaker and arranging for our students to meet Jesus in prayer, they too grow to love him more deeply and become more committed to his mission.

"Building Relationships to live like Jesus"

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN STICKERS ARE BACK!



Don't forget you can collect Earn & Learn Stickers for every \$10 you spend at any Woolworths store. At the end of the promotion on **Tuesday 19th September**, we will be able to get some great new equipment and resources for our school. Just collect your stickers, stick them on the sticker sheet and then drop the sheet into the collection box at school. So get your family, friends and neighbours who shop at Woolworths to collect the stickers for you and start filling your sticker sheets.

Please see Mrs Lauren White if you have any queries or need more sticker sheets.

SCHOOL NURSING PROGRAM – PREP SCREENING

A reminder to all parents/guardians of students in Prep that the school nursing envelopes sent home in week 6, **MUST** be returned before the end of Term. Our School Nurse will be visiting on our first day back for Term 4, Monday 9th October, to start screenings.

REMINDER

ELC SWIMMING



The ELC students have been going to swimming lessons at the Eaglehawk Leisure Centre for the last week. This morning, they spent some time writing about their fun!

"Yesterday the ELC went swimming at the YMCA in Eaglehawk. We swam through a hoop."

The ELC will return to the pool for more lessons this week on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

EVERY DAY COUNTS – STUDENT ATTENDANCE

We all want our children to get a great education and the building blocks for that education begin with children coming to school each and every day.

Missing school has a major impact on a child- missing one day a fortnight will add up to 4 full weeks by the end of the year.

If a child misses one day a fortnight by the end of the Year 10 he/she will have missed more than a year of school.

REMEMBER EVERY DAY COUNTS!

ST PETER'S LUNCH ORDERS

Lunch Menus are available from the office or can be downloaded from our website: www.spbendigo.catholic.edu.au
Information | Current Newsletter | Canteen Menu

All orders are to be made on the Wednesday morning

The Good Pud is a local cafe, independent to the school and due to this **NO LATE ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED.**

ORDER PROCESS

- Each individual child must have their order written on a brown paper bag
- This must also include their name & class.
- Please specify if you are selecting the Gluten Free option
- Please specify if your child has an allergy
- Money is to be inside the brown paper bag in a zip lock bag.
- Correct change is preferred.
- Please **DO NOT** staple or sticky tap the bags closed.
- Both the brown paper bags & zip lock bags are available at the office on request if needed.

News from the Library

MOTIVATING OUR KIDS TO READ AND BORROWING FROM THE LIBRARY

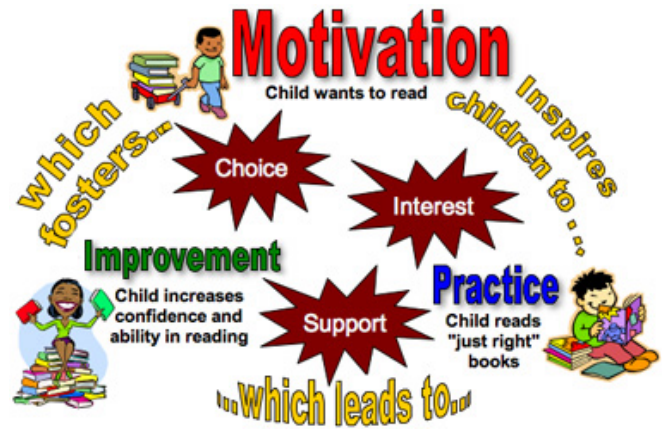
One well proven way to motivate our children to read, is to give them the opportunity for choice when selecting reading material.

I'm sure we as parents and carers, can remember being assigned reading material to read, and how it can have a negative impact on our enthusiasm for reading.

Sometimes reading is assigned but where possible it is important that we give children choice in this area.

All students are given the opportunity to borrow from our school library. Library borrowing is selected by the students. Sometimes they may come home with books beyond their reading abilities but, it is very important that we respect their choices and share their interest in the book. If you feel a book is something you might not want to share with your child, be it, too long, inappropriate content, maybe you could just have a discussion on why they selected it? or read a part of it with them.

We try and guide their borrowing a little, but try not to discourage them from their choice, because of our prior understanding of the power of selecting their own books can have on their motivation to learn to read.



If you would like to discuss this further, please feel free to come and see me, Rosalee Clark.

WHY TEACH FAIRYTALES?

Fairy tales spark the imagination – Can you imagine how dry and sterile life would be if we didn't have fantasy stories to enjoy? Fairy tales help kids exercise their imagination which facilitates invention and discovery.

Cultural literacy – Although fairy tales are ancient stories, they are referred to frequently in many facets of modern life from "Cinderella" stories in sports to sayings about kissing lots of frogs before finding a prince. These references would make no sense to someone without exposure to fairy tales.

Story Structure – Fairy tales have a reliable story structure with clear good and evil characters, a well-defined setting, a problem, and a solution. When kids are read fairy tales they gain a basis for making predictions and comprehending other stories.

Love of Reading – As the Common Core recommends, kids do need plenty of exposure to nonfiction text because this is what they will spend a lot of time reading as adults. However, to really build a love of reading they should also have a chance to read or listen to enthralling fairy tales.

Smaller/Weaker Characters Win – In fairy tales, good always triumphs over evil. Frequently, the good character is small or weaker than the evil force in the story. Kids are always smaller and weaker than the adults around them so these fairy-tale characters become their heroes.

Taken from <https://www.theclassroomkey.com/2014/12/why-teach-fairy-tales.html>

"FAIRY TALES ARE MORE THAN TRUE: NOT BECAUSE THEY TELL US THAT DRAGONS EXIST, BUT BECAUSE THEY TELL US THAT DRAGONS CAN BE BEATEN."

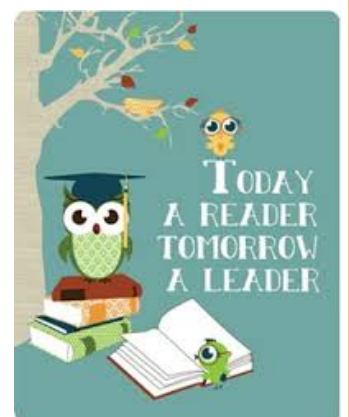
— NEIL GAIMAN, CORALINE

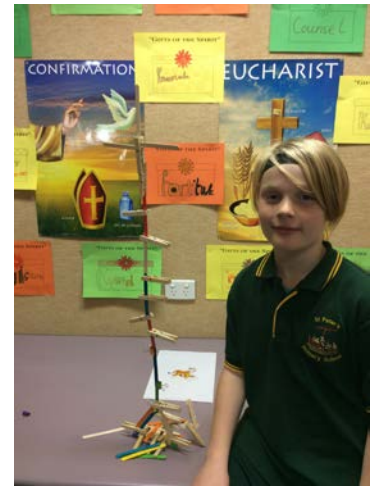
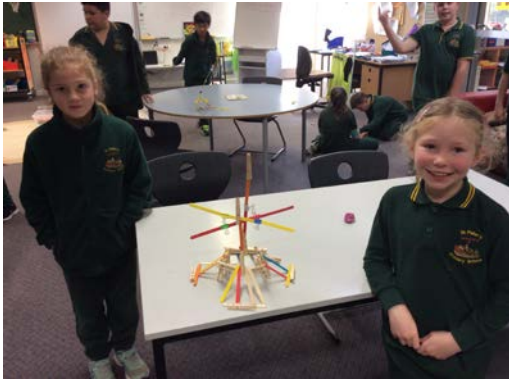


READING AWARDS

This week, well-deserved reading awards were awarded to:
Abbie Henderson, Allen Johnny and Resin Thom

These students are enthusiastic readers and all of them make sure they read from a wide variety of texts. Developing a love of reading has a direct influence on academic achievement. Well done!





3/4J

In the past few weeks, 3/4 J have started a new inquiry project on design and technology. As part of this inquiry, the 3/4's have been challenged to create some different structures using a set amount of materials such as: straws, pegs, clips, icy-pole sticks and blocks. Challenges have included making the tallest tower, strongest bridge when tested with weight and most creative design. Here are some photos of their awesome designs!



Extend OSHC at St. Peter's Primary School



Hi Everyone,

Last week we all were very busy with our creations we built for Lego/construction week. We started our week off with making lots of towers, stadiums and batcaves out of the planks. All of the children worked incredibly well together, even making group towers to see how tall they can make them. Also during the week, the children had instructions to complete challenges using only certain items from the resource cupboard. The children had to create a bridge, a tower, a figure 8 and a house out of just blutack, craft sticks and binder clips. Towards the end of the week, we gathered up recyclable items like bottles, cardboard boxes and cylinders to create something new out of recycled resources. To end off our week Tom Doran created a house and backyard throughout the week using our Lego pieces. He worked very hard to complete it and has decided to continue until the end of term.

Thanks,
Hannah



P.S This week's **EXTEND Superstar** is **Storm Webster** for Care for Others and making great choices.

This week's Theme: INTERNATIONAL WEEK

Monday 4th

Flags of the world

Tuesday 5th

Arts and crafts

Wednesday 6th

DIY maracas

Thursday 7th

Basketball

Friday 8th

Paper Dutch Windmill a&c



COMMUNITY CIRCLE

There is a Community Circle Meeting this Thursday morning at 9.00am in the Knuldoorong. Everyone is welcome!



SCHOOL BANKING

Due to unforeseen circumstances, bank books will be returned to students TOMORROW afternoon.

MARKET DAY

Thursday 14th September

We are looking for donations of pre-loved items for Market Day.



Remember your "trash" could be someone else's "treasure"



We will also be sending home a cake stall plate later this week for cake stall donations.



COMMUNITY NEWS

ELMORE FIELD DAYS – COLOURING COMPETITION

The 2017 Elmore Field Days is fast approaching and in 2017 is in the school holidays (3rd – 5th October). This year there is lots of activities for kids at no cost, not to mention children under 12 are free!

A colouring competition for the field days is attached to this newsletter. If you would like the school to post your entry, make sure it is returned by Thursday 20th September. See the school office for extra copies.



Living Mercy Lecture CATHOLIC COLLEGE BENDIGO

The thought-provoking Living Mercy Lectures provide the opportunity to deepen our understanding and the lived experience of our faith.



Please join us in welcoming **Sr Berenice Kerr rsm** to present the 2017 Living Mercy Lecture, **Catherine, September 24th and Our Lady of Mercy** and afterwards for supper.

7.00pm, Wednesday 13 September in the Marian Theatre, Coolock Campus Barkly Street, Bendigo

Entry \$10/\$5 conc. at the door - raising funds for Mercy Works

Enquiries:
Mrs Trish Schofield
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03 5445 9100

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St. Therese's MUSIC TRIVIA NIGHT

First Prize \$200 Gift Voucher to Reservoir Hotel
Raffle, Spot prizes and a prize for the best decorated table up for grabs

Saturday 9th September

7pm Arrival for 7.30pm Start

At St. Therese's School Hall

Book a table NOW for 8-10 people (max) or
Come along with a few friends & we will
group you with others \$10pp pay on the night

Book through Andrea 0418 325 142

BYO Nibbles & Drinks

All proceeds go to the school's Pastoral Care Program

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SPORTS NEWS

BUNJIL BASKETBALL CLUB

Bunjil Basketball Club are looking for players for the following teams:

- Under 10 girls & boys (born 2009-2010)
- Under 12 girls & boys (born 2007-2008)
- Under 14 girls & boys (born 2005-2006)
- Under 16 girls & boys (born 2003-2004)
- Under 18 girls & boys (born 2001-2002)
- Under 23 boys (born 1999-2000)

Club training is held at the Eaglehawk YMCA every Thursday from 4.30pm to 6.30pm during school terms.

Cost: Uniforms \$40 Shorts \$10 Club Fees \$20
Game Fees \$6 - \$10 Insurance w/ stadium \$55

The club can assist with payment options.

For more information, contact Amanda on 0429 944 457.

Jim Wid Tennis Coaching

Tennis. Fun. For Life.
Ages 3 and up

Unsure? **FREE** trial.

FREE racket for new enrolments
(Age 9 and under)

ENROL NOW!!!

Contact Jim:

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- jimwidtennis@gmail.com
- www.jimwidtennis.com



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Venues:
Spring Gully
Strathdale



Bendigo Soccer Academy



- Ages 2+
- Skill Acquisition, Participation & **FUN!**
- Led by FFA qualified coach Aaron Vissers

ENROL NOW!!!

Contact Jim: m. 0431299930, e. jimwidsoccer@gmail.com



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HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM SPRING 2017





Spring 2017 Program Dates

Week 1: September 25 - 28
(No Program Friday September 29
Grand Final Day Public Holiday)

Week 2: October 2 - 6
OPEN 8am - 6pm

Fun Activities Include:

- Discovery Centre
- Science Show
- Yoga • Movies



Bendigo Regional YMCA Children Services, 74-88 Holmes Road, Bendigo
Visit: www.bendigo.ymca.org.au or Email: bendigo.regional@ymca.org.au
03 5444 6666 for bookings and accounts



Jim Wid Tennis Holiday Coaching

Stage	Age	Time	Single Day
Hotshots Red	3-5	9am - 10am	\$15
Hotshots Orange	5-9	10am - 12pm	\$30
Hotshots Green	9-12	10am - 12pm	\$30
Junior Yellow	10+	1pm - 3pm	\$30

ENROL NOW!!!

Dates: (2nd week of school hols)
• Mon 2nd - Thurs 5th October

Venue: Spring Gully Tennis Club

Contact Jim: m. 0431299930, e. jimwidtennis@gmail.com



Bendigo Soccer Academy Holiday Program

- Participation & **FUN!**
- Skill Acquisition
- Led by FFA qualified coach Aaron Vissers

ENROL NOW!!!

Dates: (First week of school hols)
Mon 25th Sept - Thu 28th Sept

Venue: Spring Gully Soccer Club

Age	Time	Per Day
Under 5	9.00am - 9.30am	\$8
Under 8	9.30am - 10.30pm	\$15
Under 10	10.30am - 12.30pm	\$30
Under 12	1.00pm - 3.00pm	\$30

Contact Jim: m. 0431299930, e. jimwidsoccer@gmail.com



Making Parenting Easier – September 13, 2017 Knuldoorong Centre, 6:00pm to 7:50pm

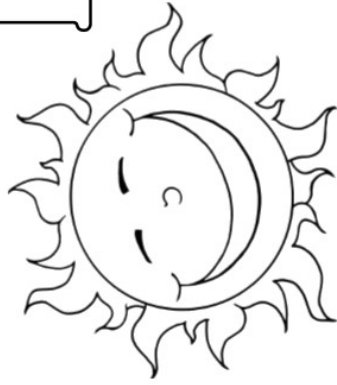
Name(s): _____

	Yes	No
I will be attending the parent information night		
I will not be attending the parent information night		
I will need Child Care (Please provide names and ages of children to be cared for below)		

Name of Child/Children:

Age(s):

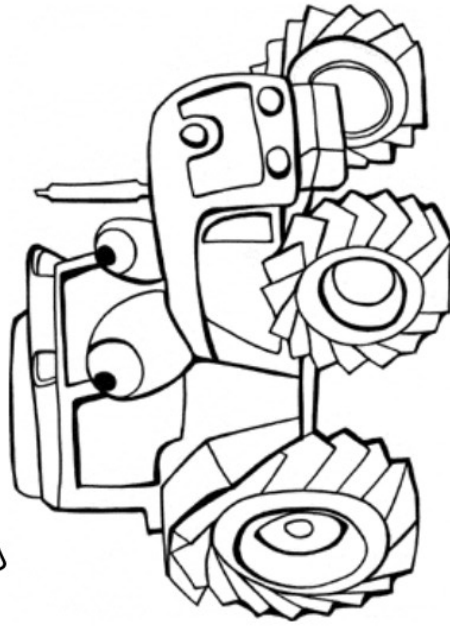
ELMORE FIELD DAYS



EAGLE PAINTING

2017 345 OCTOBER

JUMPING CASTLE



Prizes 4 x \$50 Smiggle Vouchers

Sponsored by the Bendigo Marketplace

One prize per category:

Girls 7 years & under

Girls 8-14 years

Boys 7 years & under

Boys 8-14 years

Categories: (circle): 7 years & under 8-14 years

Gender (circle): Girl/Boy

Name: _____ Age: _____

Phone Number: _____

Postal Address: _____

CLOSING DATE: 27th September

Please post to

Elmore Field Days,

PO BOX 27

Elmore VIC 3558.

Winning entries will be displayed
at the Elmore Field Days



BENDIGO
MARKETPLACE
SHOPPING CENTRE