



St Peter's Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Good afternoon families,

Running of St Peter's

We continue to wait to see what the state government decides about when students can return and when we can expect schools to be full again. We know the mixed messages from state and federal governments can be confusing - however, we need to make it very clear that decisions regarding Victorian schools are made by the Premier Daniel Andrews.

Learning Pack #3

At this point we are expecting the learning to continue at home for at least the next few weeks. As such, the Learning Pack #3 will be ready for collection from school on Friday afternoon (8th) from 12pm - 2pm. Please return Pack #2 and the Confidential Medical Form when you come to collect the new packs.

2021 Enrolments

We are now taking enrolment applications for Prep students for 2021. If you have a child you would like to enrol for Prep next year, please make contact with the office. Also if you could let friends and family know that we are taking names that would be very helpful. Please ask anyone you know who has a kinder-aged child to get in touch.

Letter from the Director of Catholic Education Sandhurst - Paul Desmond

In this newsletter is a letter from the Director of Catholic Education Sandhurst - Mr Paul Desmond. We thank the Catholic Education Sandhurst team for all of their guidance and support during this time of remote learning.

Mother's Day

This year, sadly, we are unable to have our Mother's Day breakfast - normally one of the highlights of the year. We wish all Mothers and Special Women in our lives the happiest of days on Sunday - we hope you are all able to celebrate in some way with those you love.

What we are praying for....

For Catholics around the world, May is the month of Mary. This is a time when we pay particular attention to Mary, her role in the life of Jesus, her role in our lives, her role as a protector and the Blessed Mother of us all. We ask Mary to send forth her grace, look after us all at this time of confusion and worry across our beautiful world.

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 our death.

Amen

Stay safe,

God bless,

Jen & Mick



**DATES
TO
REMEMBER**



**> Friday 8th May — 12-2pm Collect Learning Pack #3
Return medical form & Learning Pack #2**
> 2021 Enrolments—NOW OPEN

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From the Director

1 May 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians of St Peter's.

I write to extend to you my sincere thanks for the manner in which you and your children have met the challenges presented to education by the Coronavirus and to commend you upon the support you have given to your school's leadership and staff.

This has been a strange time, but one that is also unsettling. The education of our young is a very high priority for us all. They are the future of our nation. They deserve the best we can possibly give them. I am very much aware that St Peter's continues to deliver quality learning during this period, even in these difficult circumstances. Your support of the Co-Principals and Staff is crucially important as we move through this period of remote learning.

The Victorian Government has declared a State of Emergency. Under the State of Emergency, students are required to learn from home. This remains in place until May 11. Sandhurst Catholic primary and secondary schools, including St Peter's will adhere to this requirement until Victorian Premier Dan Andrews and Minister for Education & Training James Merlino announce it is safe for children and staff to return to formal classes at school.

I understand that this is not ideal and that for some, it comes with some serious challenges. However, we have worked together thus far to ensure we have been able to limit the transmission of the Coronavirus and the State medical authorities believe we could be undermining these achievements by lifting the restrictions too soon. The health of every child and those who work with them at the school must be our paramount concern.

I urge you to continue to work closely with the teachers of St Peter's for the best outcomes for your child. Please know you may always contact one of the Co-Principals, Mick or Jenny if you have any issues which are impacting negatively upon you or your child.

Again, my sincere thanks for all you have done to support St Peter's provide the best for your child.

Yours Sincerely

PAUL DESMOND

Director of Catholic Education Sandhurst

Catholic Identity

Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year A

Mr P, Catholic Identity Coordinator

"I am the gate of the sheepfold."

You probably don't know any shepherds, but there were lots of shepherds in Jesus' time.

All the people understood that a shepherd's job was to feed his sheep, protect them from harm and patiently guide them on the right path.

Jesus is like a shepherd to all of us. He knows each of us very well, he loves us and looks after us. We listen to Jesus' voice and we follow him, just as sheep follow their shepherd.

The Story

In the time of Jesus, shepherds led a very difficult life, being constantly on duty. The sheep required constant surveillance and needed to be protected against danger and wild animals. The shepherd knew his sheep - often calling them by name. The shepherd led the way and the sheep followed wherever he went. The sheep knew the voice of the shepherd and would not answer to the voice of a stranger. Jesus calls himself the Good Shepherd and leads us as a shepherd leads his flock.

The Scriptures

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 10:2-5, 7-10

Jesus said to his disciples:

"The gatekeeper opens the gate for the shepherd, and he goes in through it.

The sheep know their shepherd's voice. He calls each of them by name and leads them out. When he has led out all of his sheep, he walks in front of them, and they follow, because they know his voice. The sheep will not follow strangers. They don't recognise a stranger's voice, and they run away."

Then Jesus said: "I tell you for certain that I am the gate for the sheep.

Everyone who came before me was a thief or a robber, and the sheep did not listen to any of them. I am the gate. All who come in through me will be saved. Through me they will come and go and find pasture. I came so that everyone would have life, and have it in its fullest."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

What prayers do I need to know to say the Rosary?

Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass
against us; and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary full of Grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou amongst 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 our death

Glory Be

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the
beginning is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.

Hail, Holy Queen

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, hail,
our life, our sweetness and our hope. To
thee do we cry, poor banished children
of Eve: to thee do we send up our
sighs, mourning and weeping in this
vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious
Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward
us, and after this our exile, show unto
us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus,
O merciful, O loving, O sweet Virgin
Mary!

The Mysteries

In between the decade (10) of Hail Mary's, you're invited to reflect on different parts of Jesus' ministry. There are different mysteries for each day.

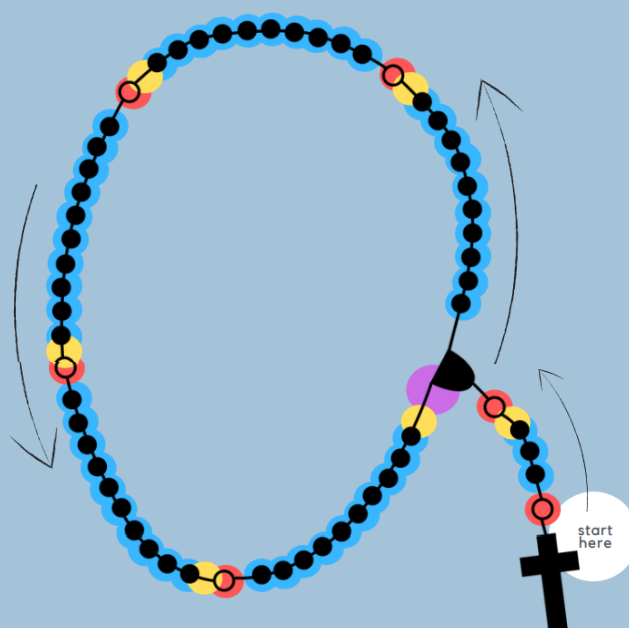
You can find those here:

www.tinyurl.com/spbendigo-rosary

HOW TO PRAY THE ROSARY

We pray the rosary as a means of asking God for a special favour, such as helping a loved one recover from an illness, or to thank God for blessings received — a new baby, a new job, a new moon.

It is traditional in this month to pray the rosary at home within the family and Pope Francis has asked us pray especially for this pandemic. You don't need a rosary to pray the rosary, you can use the one on the page!



Red = Our Father

Yellow = Glory Be

Blue = Hail Mary

Purple = Hail, Holy Queen

1. Make the Sign of the Cross
2. Say the "Our Father"
3. Say three "Hail Marys" for Faith, Hope, and Charity
4. Say the "Glory Be" Announce the First Mystery and then say the "Our Father"
5. Say ten "Hail Mary" while meditating on the Mystery
6. Say the "Glory Be"
7. Announce the Next Mystery; then say the "Our Father" and repeat these steps (6 through 8) as you continue through the remaining Mysteries.
8. Say the closing prayers: the "Hail Holy Queen" and "Final Prayer"
9. Make the "Sign of the Cross"



ECOLOGICAL STEWARDSHIP PROJECT

By Mrs Lauren White, Eco-Stewardship Coordinator

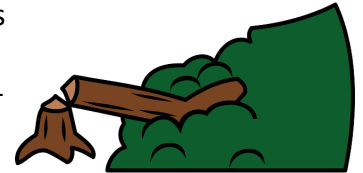


WHY DO WE NEED TREES?

Trees prevent soil erosion, provide homes for a variety of animals, help produce the oxygen we breathe and clean the air of carbon dioxide, are beautiful to look at, provide food such as fruit, and provide wood which is used to make many products from paper, to furniture to houses.

WHAT IS HAPPENING TO TREES?

In many areas, including Bendigo, trees are being removed in large numbers (deforestation) for farming or building reasons, which has caused damage to the environment. If new trees are not planted (reforestation) animal species can face extinction, climate changes can occur due to increased carbon dioxide levels and soil erosion can lead to dry, desert-like wastelands.



(<https://www.wonderopolis.org/wonder/why-do-we-need-trees>)

TIP - You can help by planting your own trees, taking care of existing trees and helping others in the community understand why tree planting is so important.



"The natural world is the greatest source of excitement. The greatest source of visual beauty. It is the greatest source of so much in life that makes life worth living."
(Sir David Attenborough)

HOW IS BENDIGO HELPING?

Several citizens and environmental groups are planting trees in large numbers. The council are increasing the number of trees they plant this year and into the future after reports showed that they were removing many more than were being planted. 20000 trees would have to be replaced by 2030, it warned. 1600 trees will be planted this year across the Bendigo region to provide shade and more benefits to kindergartens and early childcare centres.

(Tom O'Callaghan, Bendigo Advertiser, 27/4/2020)



UPCOMING EVENTS

World Migratory Bird Day 2020:

Birds Connect Our World", May 9th and October 10th

International Day for Biological Diversity:

"Our solutions are in nature" emphasises hope, solidarity and the importance of working together at all levels to build a future of life in harmony with nature", May 22nd

<https://www.cbd.int/ldb/2020>

World Turtle Day:

An annual observance to help people celebrate and protect turtles and tortoises and their disappearing habitats around the world.", May 23rd

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Turtle_Day.



Reaching for the sky!

What we've been up to at school

Children at school are working through their learning packs just those that are learning remotely. Here is some other projects they have been working on in between....

A kaleidoscope of colour in Knuldoorong





DISCOVER YOUR WAY

WHERE ARE YOU HEADING?

VCE TRAINING APPRENTICESHIP VCAL iGEN RE-GEN UNIVERSITY

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ENROLMENTS FOR YEAR 7, 2021
 We welcome enrolments from all families in our region.
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after the
BELL
GROWING CURIOUS MINDS

St Peter's OSHC Newsletter

EXCITING PROGRAM AHEAD

Monday- Today we are going to learn how to make a shaker card for our Mums or special person.

Tuesday- We will make a gift box today and decorate it.

Wednesday- Come join us as we make fizzy bath bombs for our Mums/special person.

Thursday- Today we will make hand made cupcake cards.

Friday- We will learn to make a birthday tier card.



JUNIOR LEADER GOES TO

Seth is our Junior Leader this week, He worked very hard on his pirate treasure map last week.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Q: What insect makes a great parent?

A: Moth -ers!

JOIN THE FUN OF OSHC

Registration is FREE all you need to do is visit our website at

www.afterthebell.com.au

and complete the online Registration Form.

Please feel free to contact our head office as we are happy to help you out with the process.

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HIGHLIGHTS

