

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday
8.30am to 4.30pm
Tel: 5443 9319

UNIFORM SHOP

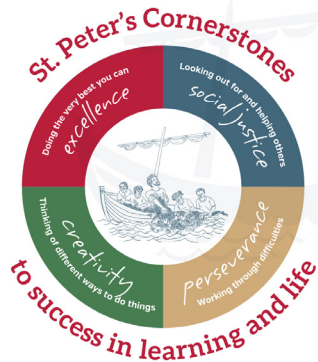
Closed for the time being.
Please call the office with
any enquiries or orders.

AFTER THE BELL

AFTER SCHOOL CARE
PH: 0448 375 923

TERM DATES

T3: 13/7/20 - 18/9/20
T4: 5/10/20 - 18/12/20
2021
T1: 28/1/21 - 1/4/21
T2: 19/4/21 - 25/6/21



Good afternoon families,

Learning Conversations

Learning Conversations happen twice per year and are an opportunity to discuss your child's learning and their first semester report with their class teacher. This term the Learning Conversations are going to be done over the phone. The teachers of Years 3 - 6 will call families on Tuesday the 4th of August from 3.30pm and the teachers of Years Prep - 2 will call on Wednesday the 5th of August. If you have had a PSG with the teacher and Jenny Kerrins, you will not get a Learning Conversation call as well.

Staff Spirituality Day

During term 2 the staff were booked in to have a two day Spirituality Retreat, that sadly we had to cancel due to Covid-19. We are now going to run an abridged version of the retreat on Friday the 28th of August. This will be a STUDENT FREE DAY. We ask you to pray for all our staff as we ask God to be with us on this day to help us focus on our ministry of spreading God's love.

Carpark arrangements

We are trying to avoid the need for staggered starting and finishing times at school - so we ask that you remain in your cars at the end of the day please. We know it's hard not to be able to catch up with others at the moment, but if we continue to have too many people chatting together we will have to move to staggered finishing times. If you specifically need to catch your child's teacher please call the school office and a message will be given to the teacher to ensure they come and speak with you.

School Photos

Today Leading Image were at St Peter's to take our School Photos. There will be no Class Photo this year, but individual student photos will be placed together to make a 'group' photo. There is some more information attached to this newsletter. You are still able to order online up until this Friday if you have not done so already. For all photo enquiries please contact Leading Image on 1300 084 586.

Covid-19 Testing

Some people in the Bendigo community are having a Covid-19 test if they are feeling unwell. If you are waiting for test results - please be aware:
If the person and their immediate family or any other household member are NOT presenting with symptoms, children can attend school as usual.

OR

If the person and their immediate family or any other household member ARE showing symptoms, children should not attend school until they are notified of a negative test result.
**Please be aware that this also applies to our staff - so there may be more days than usual that teachers are away. Please be patient and kind and appreciate that we are doing whatever we can to keep our community safe.

If you have any questions about this please contact Jen or Mick.

What we are praying for....

Dear God,

Help us to recognise your love and mercy in our lives.

Help us to see Jesus as the friend he is to us - waiting for us to seek Him.

Help us to see you as the gentle, loving, joyful, merciful God that you are.

Help us God, to be who you want us to be.

Amen

St Kilian - Pray for Us.

St Peter - Pray for Us.

Stay safe, God bless,

Jen & Mick



AWARDS

Week 12

Mummumburra	Nicholas Males
Balam Balam	Skyla Baker
Mur Murra	Ethan Miller, Charlotte Wilson
Duan	Ella Bompat
Barrangal	Jett Mulcahy, Sam Goudie-Kennedy
Yulawil	Harmony Bailey
Wirrap	Heath Ilsley
Guwak	Yamika Patterson and Nyssa Smith
Njana Nganity	Carrisa Morgan and Madalitso Patterson



Co-Principals Award

The Co-Principal Award for Week 2 went to Riley Penny. Riley shows all 4 school values every minute of the day! He is a great role model to others in the way he is such a fair and respectful person - particularly out in the yard. He is a great sportsperson towards everyone - including the teachers and younger students. Riley also has a great sense of humour that he willingly shares with others. Thank you Riley for all you contribute to our school. Congratulations!!

Don't forget! Your Drink Bottle



SIMPLE STEPS TO HELP STOP THE SPREAD

Cough or sneeze into your arm



Use a tissue



Bin the tissue



Wash your hands



WHAT YOU NEED TO KEEP DOING

- practice good hygiene
- maintain physical distancing, keep at least 1.5 metres away from others
- understand the risk and symptoms
- help continue to slow the spread of COVID-19 by getting tested, even if you have mild symptoms
- stay home and avoid contact if you're feeling unwell
- take care wherever you go, assume others may be carrying the virus

CORONAVIRUS HOTLINE - 1800 675 398

If you suspect you may have coronavirus (COVID-19) call the dedicated hotline – 24 hours, 7 days.

Please keep Triple Zero (000) for emergencies only.

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus>

IMPORTANT CHANGES WE HAVE MADE AT SCHOOL TO KEEP US ALL SAFE:

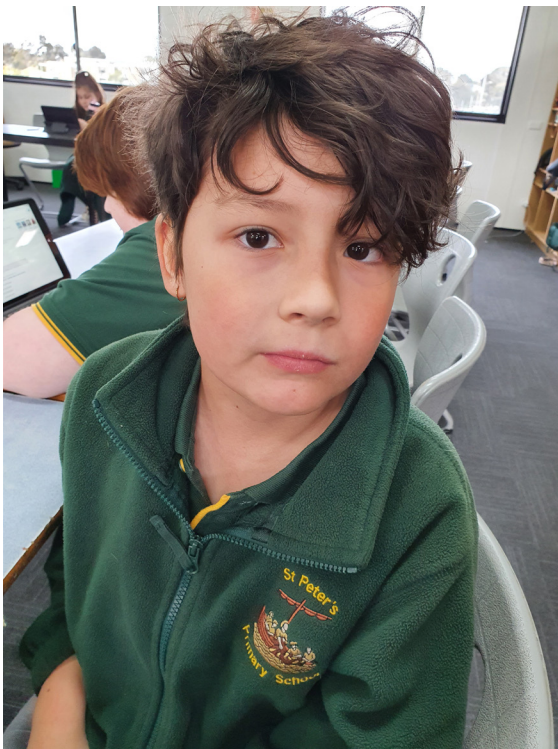
- Parents are asked to remain in their cars at drop off and pick up.
If you need something you are asked to call the office.
Ph: 5443 9319
- There is hand sanitizer at every entry and exit point of the school.
- Students are asked to wash their hands several times a day, for 20 seconds using soap.
- We are all asked to adhere to the 1.5m social distancing requirements whenever possible.
- Bubble taps have been shut off for hygiene reasons so please make sure your child brings their own water bottle
- Anyone who is unwell is to stay at home.
- Anyone who appears unwell during the day will be sent home.

If we have a confirmed case of Covid-19 all families will be contacted immediately.

SCHOLASTIC Book Club



https://www.scholastic.com.au/media/5642/bc_520.pdf



River's Hair donation

I got a haircut because I was tired of brushing my long hair for such a long time. My parents asked me what haircut I would like and they asked me if I was interested in donating my hair. I was. It took a long time because I had so much hair. I did this after the last covid 19 lockdown when haircutters were open. My hair was donated to people who need the hair to make wigs. I also received a certificate for donating my hair.

Written by River Farrow.



Bringing up Great Kids

Online Zoom Session



Parents would you like to.....

- Build strong and positive relationships with your children?
- Increase your children's confidence and resilience?
- Listen and talk more with your children?
- Understand your children's behaviour and how to respond to them?

Term 3, 2020

When: Thursdays, 23 July - 10 September 2020
(8 weekly sessions)

Time: Check in 12.15pm
Sessions 12.30pm - 2.00pm

Where: Online Zoom Sessions

Cost: Free

Facilitators: CCS Family and Relationship Services

Maximum 8 participants. Bookings are essential

Groups are subject to maximum and minimum numbers determined seven working days prior to start date. Please register early



For bookings and enquiries contact Reception on 5438 1300 or email ccds.org.au

St. Peter's Primary School

Catholic

IDENTITY



Mr. Miggy Podosky. - Catholic Identity Coordinator

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Something to Think About

Today we hear another gospel story about the Kingdom of Heaven. How do you think we could help to bring about God's kingdom on earth? What would such a place look like? It would be a safe and enjoyable place where people are appreciated and loved. It would be a place where people's gifts are acknowledged and valued, where everyone is treated fairly, where people are honest and caring. Add some ideas of your own!

The Story

This week we hear Jesus tell the disciples that the Kingdom of Heaven is like finding a treasure in a field. Whoever finds it will go to extraordinary lengths to buy the field so that the treasure is theirs forever. Similarly, the kingdom is like finding some lovely pearls and the lengths one will go to in order to buy those pearls of great value.

The Scriptures

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

13:44-46

Jesus said to his disciples:

"The kingdom of heaven is like what happens when someone finds treasure hidden in a field and buries it again.

A person like that is happy and goes and sells everything in order to buy that field.

The kingdom of heaven is like what happens when a shop owner is looking for fine pearls.

After finding a very valuable one, the owner goes and sells everything in order to buy that pearl."

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

**"He sold all that he had
and bought the field."**



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Ecological

STEWARDSHIP PROJECT



Mrs. Lauren White - Eco-Stewardship Coordinator

"Although it has taken quite some time, people are starting to learn that environmental resources are not infinite, and so we need to do our best to preserve what we can, ensuring future generations can live harmoniously. It is our responsibility to contribute to this preservation by following sustainable living practices- every little bit counts."

(Kassandra Smith, Senior Editor-Backyard Chicken Coops, 22/7/2020)



Sustainable living is when you try to live a lifestyle that uses as few of Earth's natural resources as possible to minimise the damage on the environment for future generations, so they too can enjoy the same high quality of life that people do today.



WHY SHOULD WE TRY TO LIVE SUSTAINABLY?

Sustainable living is important to preserve the environment for our future generations. If we stop the over-use of our natural resources and stop causing ongoing damage to the environment from unsustainable practices, we are ensuring our children and grandchildren will have enough resources available to sustain life on Earth.

HOW CAN WE LIVE MORE SUSTAINABLY?

Those committed to living a sustainable lifestyle try to reduce their carbon footprint by changing their means of transport, energy consumption, lifestyle choices and even their diet- living in a way that is in balance with, and respectful of the Earth.

We can help by choosing renewable energy sources that do not harm the environment, such as water, solar, wind or geothermal energy. Changing to energy efficient light bulbs, adjusting temperatures by a few degrees, and simply turning things off, will all contribute to reducing your power consumption and carbon footprint at home too.



- Building homes with environmentally friendly materials and using renewable energy sources has a huge impact on sustainability.

- Choosing walking, riding, public transport or small, fuel-efficient or hybrid cars is another great way to cut down on carbon emissions and high-energy consumption.



- Growing your own food, keeping backyard chickens, and choosing seasonal, organic and locally grown food reduces your carbon footprint and the effects of pollution.



- Recycling and reusing products helps minimise the amount of waste sent to landfill. Small adjustments like going electronic where possible to reduce paper waste, turning food scraps into a compost and thinking before throwing things away (worn shirts can become cleaning cloths, empty glass jars make great tealight holders) are all very effective!

***RESOURCE:** <https://www.backyardchickencoops.com.au>

Upcoming EVENTS

**2nd
AUG**

National Tree Planting Day : Planet Ark is asking Australians to help us plant one million new native trees and shrubs across the country.

This week at
DJAK TJARRA

Tuesday - 5/6 Njana Nganity

Wednesday - 1/2 Balam Balam

Thursday - 3/4 Barrangal

*You can bring your gumboots
along if you wish.*



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Wellbeing

Stacey Frost & Kristy Dupille

This term we have Kristy Dupille as our wellbeing officer at school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

We also have Stacey Frost (Social Worker) returning on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Stacey and Kristy are excited to be working together to support students in the classroom, working one-on-one with students, running small groups and promoting health and wellbeing. If you would like to contact Kristy or Stacey, please e-mail wellbeing@spbendigo.catholic.edu.au or call the school.

Windarring Disability Service

This is a new to Bendigo service that is now working with children under 18 that have a disability and have NDIS funding.

They are wanting to offer weekend activities/respite in a 1:1 or 1:3 care provision. This service will be developed based on interest and requests, so I encourage you to give Clare a call to discuss what is available. If you would like to chat more about it please contact Stacey via e-mail or Clare Horner - 0457 683 104

Breakfast Club is on every day from 8:30-9:00 in the Djak Tjarra. Lots of yummy brekky options including hot milo, toast and cereal.

Food Boxes

We have lots of food available and we are so lucky to have the support of Georges Bakehouse donating delicious goodies. If you would like a food box sent home please e-mail us or chat to Jen, Mick, Tyler or Sherree.



MAKE MENTAL HEALTH A PRIORITY.

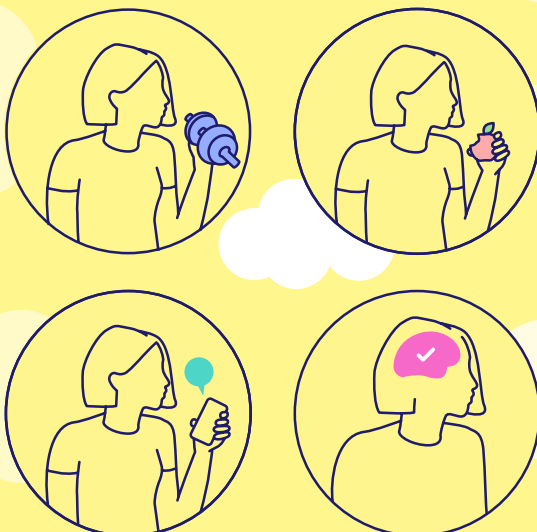
Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Eat well and keep active. Stay in touch by phone or video calls and seek help if you need it.

TOGETHER WE CAN HELP STOP THE SPREAD AND STAY HEALTHY.

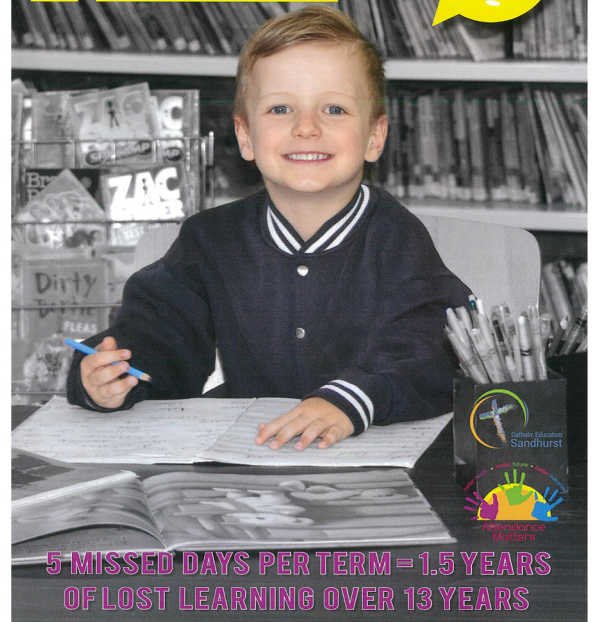
Find out more at australia.gov.au

HELP
**STOP
THE
SPREAD**
AND STAY HEALTHY



Australian Government

WHEN I'M AT SCHOOL MY FUTURE IS BRIGHTER



5 MISSED DAYS PER TERM = 1.5 YEARS OF LOST LEARNING OVER 13 YEARS



Why is regular attendance at school important?

Coming to school every day means when leaving school, you will earn more money, have better job opportunities and will be generally healthier.



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BELL
GROWING CURIOUS MINDS

St Peter's OSHC Newsletter

EXCITING PROGRAM AHEAD

Monday- Today come and make a paper plate dragon.

Tuesday- A wizard needs a good potion, let's get creative and make some.

Wednesday- Let's make a wizard's wand using our craft supplies.

Thursday- Come along and make a mermaid or mermen from paper rolls and craft supplies.

Friday- Today we are going to make a knights castle.



JUNIOR LEADER GOES TO

Bella is this week's junior leader, she has been away all of term 2 on remote learning and has fitted back into ASC really well and having a lot of fun Well Done.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Q: What is a monster's favourite game?

A: Swallow the leader!

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.

CONTACT US

OSHC- 0448 375 923

Head Office- 9758 6744

Program Leader- Michele

HIGHLIGHTS



INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY PHOTOS CAN BE ORDERED WITH THE SAME ACCESS KEY

To order your school photos you need to log onto
www.leadingimage.com.au
and enter your school access key.



Access Key: SGP2D5PZ

**Please complete Photo orders
by This Friday 31st July**

Packages are available to order with this access key.

ONLINE BOOKING



Your school has decided that school photos will only be available to order online this year

THE BENEFITS OF BEING ONLINE

- No need for envelopes to be returned to the school office.
- No cash on school grounds or children's bags.
- Easy order tracking and record keeping



St Peter's Primary School - 2020

Contact: info@leadingimage.com.au or call 1800 750 586

Reflecting on Glasses...

Dear School,

Today we photographed your children and due to some glasses having a reflective coating or surface and combined with our studio lights, we are unable to avoid reflections on the glasses on some students photos. To fix this problem we may have requested your child remove the glasses which enables us to take a second shot of them without glasses. We combine both images, giving us a non-reflective image.

It must be noted we do not alter the natural appearance of your child in anyway, this is done purely to avoid the reflection on the glasses which may have been obstructing their eyes and a substandard result.

Whilst we endeavour to explain this to the child, due to their age this sometimes understandably is lost in translation so this little note we hope can alleviate any concerns they may have had at being requested to remove their glasses. We certainly try to be considerate and do understand that some children are very protective of being seen not wearing their glasses.

Rest assured the end result will be as you would expect; they will be wearing their glasses and there will be no reflection or very limited at the very least, should you have any concerns please don't hesitate to contact us.

