

## Good afternoon families,

We are into Week 7 of an 11 week Term. Now that we are back at school everything is going so quickly!! As of Friday this week - it is only 5 weeks until Christmas!! We are not certain yet what our End of Year Celebrations will look like. The restrictions are changing so often - it is hard to keep up. We will let you all know as soon as possible what the details are - The Year 6 Graduation will take some form, and will be Tuesday the 15th of December. We will keep you updated on numbers allowed and whether or not this will be open to the whole school community. The students' last day of school for the year is Wednesday the 16th of December. We will confirm and provide details as soon as possible.

### School Athletics

This Friday we will be holding our modified School Athletics. The Yr 3-6s will have their athletics starting at 11.35am and the Prep, 1/2s will have their events after second break - from 2.05pm. Please ensure students are all wearing their PE uniform on Friday.

### Prep 2021 Transition

Our 2021 Preps had their first Transition sessions last Thursday. It was so lovely to see them all. The second Transition session will be on Wednesday the 25th of November. Parents and carers are asked to stay for the next session as we will provide information regarding reading, learning, uniforms etc.

### 2021 Classes

Each Friday we are holding transition sessions where the students go into their 2021 Unit groups so they can get used to what their Units will look like next year. All students will find out their teacher for 2021 on Orientation Day - Tuesday the 8th of December. From 11.30am to 1.30pm the students will be in their new class groups with their 2021 teacher.

### 3/4 Unit Fun Day

The 3/4 Unit will hold their Fun Day next Wednesday, the 25th of November. This is a day organised by the teachers, full of fun activities from 9am to 8pm. Please ensure you have returned the permission slip this week. This day is a special day for the students as they have not been able to attend camp this year. We trust they will all have an awesome day!!

### Catholic Education Sandhurst Art Exhibition

The Catholic Education Sandhurst Art Exhibition is online this year due to Covid. Please head to <https://www.ceosand.catholic.edu.au> for a look at some incredible artwork produced by students from all over the Sandhurst Diocese - both Primary and Secondary students - there are some amazing young artists in our community!!



Winner  
Primary Art  
St John's Euroa  
Year 3/4 Class



Highly Commended  
Primary Art  
Delaney Wagner  
Year 6  
St Francis Of  
The Fields,  
Strathfieldsaye  
The Puppy

### After the Bell - after school care

We are very fortunate to have After the Bell provide our After School Care program. The program is full of fun activities that the student who attend love. The program is subsidised, so depending on your circumstances, students can be booked in for as little as \$6 a session. Please see the After the Bell notes in this newsletter for further details.

### Co-Principals Award

Last week's Co-Principal Award winner was Richshell Pickett from Yr 5/6. Richshell was recognised as she shows all 4 School Values - especially Care for Others by the way she helps others out, Care for Self by responding to teachers immediately every time, and Care for Learning by the way she has been working so hard on her school work - especially in her small group with Mrs Isaac! Well done Richshell and keep up the great work!!



### AWARDS

Mummumburra  
Balam Balam  
Mur Murra  
Duan  
Barrangal  
Yulawil  
Wirrap  
Guwak  
Njana Nganity  
Enviro  
PE

Oliver Harrington  
Harley Arthur & Charlotte Stringer-Sturzaker  
Lochlan Gittins & Penelope Pah Eh  
Grace Ford  
Zayvieah Morgan & Anthony Gibson  
Amaliah Jones  
Mason Tanner  
Bailey Thomson & Vin Thomas  
Chelsea Howell & Madalitso Patterson  
Nikolai Pearce  
Thando Patterson

### Head Lice

As the weather warms up head lice become very active. We have had several cases of lice at the school over the last week. As per the Victorian government instructions we ask all families to check the hair of each student. If your child has head lice they must be sent home and be treated. You must put the treatment through their hair and comb out any nits and eggs. Students may return to school once treated as long as there are no live nits left remaining. Students will be sent home again if live nits are still present.

### School Closure Days

Thursday 26th of Nov - Planning Day - No school for students  
Friday 27th of Nov - Report Writing - No school for students

## A moment in Prayer

Lord, As we connect in new ways,  
May we go wisely where you call us.  
Help us fight the coronavirus and also help us fight  
the age-old virus of loneliness.  
Through it all, may we remember you are "Emmanuel":  
God with us.  
Thank you, Lord we are never alone.  
Amen  
(Communication Matters - Catholic Education Sandhurst)  
St Kilian - Pray for us.  
St Peter - Pray for us.  
Amen

*God bless, Jen & Mick*

# UPCOMING

18 NOV, WED

● All day

Book Fair 18th-25th

20 NOV, FRI

● All day

Athletics Day

25 NOV, WED

● All day

3/4 Fun Day

● 9:15 – 10:45am

Prep Transition

26 NOV, THU

● All day

Planning Day- Pupil Free

27 NOV, FRI

● All day

Report Writing Day-Pupil Free

8 DEC, TUE

● 11:45am – 1:15pm

Orientation Day / Prep Transition



## VIC School Holidays Dates 2021

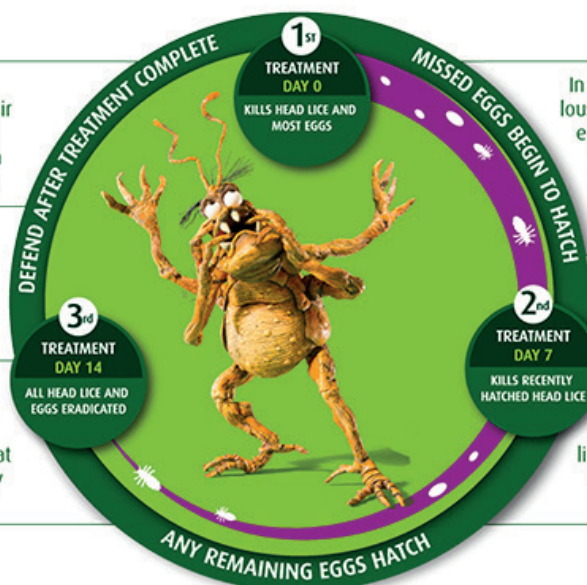
Term	Start Date	End Date	Length
<b>Term 1</b>	Friday, 29 January 2021	Thursday, 1 April 2021	9 Weeks
<b>School Holidays</b>	Friday, 2 April 2021	Sunday, 18 April 2021	(Autumn Holidays)
<b>Term 2</b>	Monday, 19 April 2021	Friday, 25 June 2021	11 Weeks

### FACT 4

Using a Defence Spray coats the hair in a thin film that deters lice over an eight hour period.

### FACT 3

A head lice life cycle lasts 38-45 days - making it necessary to repeat treatments to fully break the cycle.



### FACT 1

In a lifetime, a female louse can lay up to 120 eggs and it is difficult to kill all the eggs present when the infestation is first treated.

### FACT 2

Nits hatch 6-10 days after being laid, continuing the life cycle and making infestation often an ongoing problem.



As we approach the end of another year, you might be coming across some uniform items that your child has outgrown.

We are always happy to receive uniform donations that we can have on offer in the second hand uniform shop.

Thank You!





# St. Peter's Primary School Catholic IDENTITY



Mr. Miggy Podosky. - Catholic Identity Coordinator

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

## Something to Think About

God has given every person some special abilities and gifts to honour God and serve others. Jesus reminds us that we should do our best with the talents God has given us. Each of us must decide if we are going to use our gifts for God, and how we are going to do that.

## The Story

In today's story, the master gives some of his money to each of his three servants to look after. Then he leaves on a trip. The servant who was given 5000 coins was able to earn 5000 more coins.

When the master returned, he was very happy with the servant for working hard to grow the gift he was given.

*"Because you have been faithful in small matters, come into the joy of your master."*

## The Scriptures

**A Reading from the Holy Gospel  
according to Matthew 25:14-15, 19-21**

Jesus told his disciples this story about the kingdom of God: "The kingdom is like what happened when a man went away and put his three servants in charge of all he owned. The man knew what each servant could do.

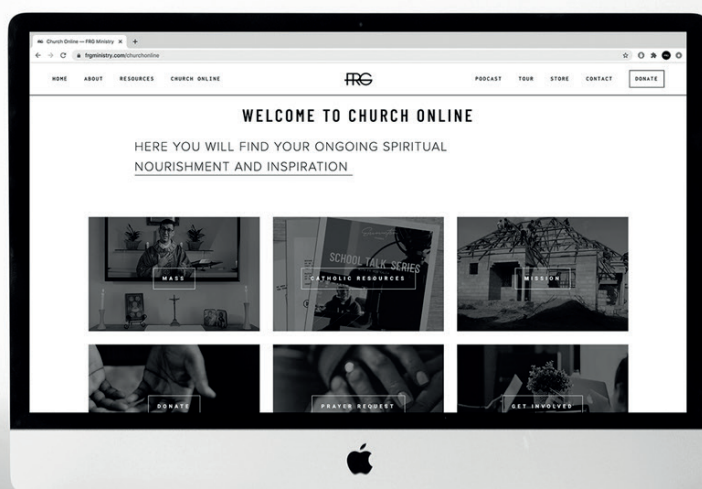
So he handed five thousand coins to the first servant, two thousand to the second, and one thousand to the third. Then he left the country.

"Some time later the master of those servants returned. He called them in and asked what they had done with his money.

The servant who had been given five thousand coins brought them in with the five thousand that he had earned. He said, 'Sir, you gave me five thousand coins, and I have earned five thousand more.'

"Wonderful!" his master replied, 'You are a good and faithful servant. I left you in charge of only a little, but now I will put you in charge of much more. Come and share in my happiness!'"

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



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THE LOVE OF JESUS AND  
HIS MESSAGE OF HOPE TO  
PEOPLE OF ALL AGES  
ACROSS THE WORLD.

# St. Peter's Primary School

# Ecological

## STEWARDSHIP PROJECT



Mrs. Lauren White - Eco-Stewardship Coordinator

*'Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so.'* (Genesis 1:11)

## What Is Agriculture?

Agriculture is the science or practice of farming, including cultivating soil for the growing of crops and rearing animals to provide food, wool, and other products for people.



## Why Is National Agriculture Day Important?

Whether city or bush-based, Australians are all motivated to create a better future for our families and our environment. We all live in the same modern world and share the same progressive values. It's these values that drive our farmers to produce high quality food and fibre everyday for all Australians and the world. So, this AgDay we celebrate that in fact, we are all a part of the same cycle, all moving in the same direction.

## When Is National Agricultural Day?

National Agricultural Day is celebrated on Friday November 20th this year, with a focus on #We are Australian Farmers. IS AUSTRALIAN AGRICULTURE WORKING SUSTAINABLY?

Between 1996 and 2013, Australian Farmers decreased their greenhouse gas emissions intensity by 63%. Scientists and farmers are continually working towards more sustainable ways of farming and caring for the land they use as well as for the environment at the same time.

## What Can We Do To Help Celebrate Ag day?

Learn about Australian Agriculture and our local producers.

Show your support by sharing the love on social media and with your family and friends.

Buy locally/Australian grown and made produce/products instead of international products.

\*RESOURCE: <https://www.agday.org.au/>



## Upcoming Events

National Agricultural Day  
Friday 20th November  
[www.agday.org.au](http://www.agday.org.au)

World Fisheries Day  
Saturday 21st November

*"World Fisheries Day celebrations serve as an important reminder that we must focus on changing the way the world manages global fisheries to ensure sustainable stocks and healthy oceans ecosystems"*  
[www.gdrc.org/doyourbit/21\\_11-fisheries-day.html](http://www.gdrc.org/doyourbit/21_11-fisheries-day.html)







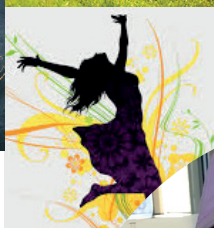
# St. Peter's Primary School Wellbeing

Stacey Frost & Kristy Dupille - Social Workers

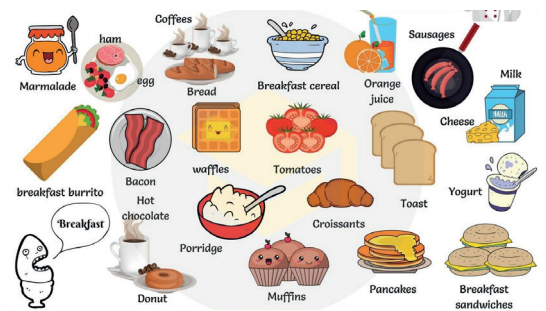
Last week I had my first game of womens cricket and as I dived for the ball to stop some runs, I twisted my knee and tore my ACL. I had last week at home resting and am back this week on crutches. I missed seeing everyone's faces and am so glad to be back.

I wanted to share a reflection I had as we are returning to our new "covid safe normal", it is an exciting time to be returning to seeing our friends and family and playing sports and eating out. I saw my brother and sister yesterday for the first time in 6 months and felt so excited!!! It was wonderful to see them but it was also a bit weird. We couldn't hug!! It felt awkward. Our conversations didn't flow as they used to. But as I've reflected I'm realising that this is a very normal reaction and response. We all still feel a bit of anxiety and fear and it is very normal and natural to be experiencing lots of big feelings right now. I like to make sure I'm continuing my self care everyday. Things like:

- Make and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee
- Deep breaths when I feel overwhelmed
- Sitting out in the sun for 10 minutes each day
- Practising mindfulness
- Journaling
- Drinking lots of water
- Eating fresh fruits and veggies
- Putting on my favourite song and dancing



All are welcome to enjoy breakfast every school day from 8:30-9am in Djak Tjarra (enviro). Is there anything you would like to see added to our breakfast menu?



What is your favourite breakfast food?  
Send an e-mail to [wellbeing@spbendigo.catholic.edu.au](mailto:wellbeing@spbendigo.catholic.edu.au) if you have any breakfast ideas.

So when your child has big feelings and expresses them in ways that are not the best... try to remember that it's a hard time for us as adults and also a hard time for our kids. So if you can... meet your kids with an extra smile, some deep breaths, a hug and an extra bit of understanding.

Look after yourselves *Stacey.*



Nikki came along to art group last Tuesday and made this great Boomerang using earth tone colours, dot patterns and animal symbols to celebrate NAIDOC week.  
All Grade 5's and 6's are welcome to come along to Art Group every Tuesday during break.



## Unexplained Absences

If a student is absent without reason, the school will contact the parent

If contact cannot be made with the parent, the emergency contact/s will be contacted to ensure the safety of the student



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GROWING CURIOUS MINDS

# St Peter's OSHC Newsletter

## EXCITING PROGRAM AHEAD

Monday - Straw challenge, how tall will your construction be?

Tuesday - Toothpick challenge, will you be the first to complete the puzzles

Wednesday - Marshmallow and spaghetti challenge

Thursday - Cup teamwork challenge, this will require all your team to work together

Friday - Paper Plane construction challenge



### COOKING CLUB:

Banana Weetbix Muffins

## JUNIOR LEADER

Ella has not been in the program for quite some time and she came back in as a great team member and joining in activities  
Well Done!

## JOKE OF THE WEEK

HOW DO CONSTRUCTION WORKERS  
CELEBRATE

THEY RAISE THE ROOF

## JOIN THE FUN OF OSHC

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

[www.afterthebell.com.au](http://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

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## HIGHLIGHTS







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# St Peter's Christmas Vacation Care Program

17<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> December 2020

December 17<sup>th</sup> -

## Christmas Bake Off

Put your Elf ears on and get the candy canes ready and come join us for a whole day of festive cooking and craft fun.

We will be making gingerbread cookies, chocolate candy cane bark, making cards and so much Christmas fun.



December 18<sup>th</sup> -

## Christmas Around The World

We will be exploring Christmas traditions from some different countries around the world.

Let us explore different traditional Christmas crafts, sports, music and cooking traditions with our friends.



December 20<sup>th</sup> -

## Good Tidings of Fun

Christmas cheer is all around today.

So, let us get into the spirit and make some special gifts for your friends and family.



December 21<sup>st</sup> -

## Contraction Zone

How high can you build the tower?

Who will win the Lego challenge?

It is all about construction today including construction in the kitchen.



December 23<sup>rd</sup> -

## Christmas Party (lunch provided)

End this crazy year with a fun Christmas party!!!

We will be playing heaps of festive games, putting on a disco and have a Christmas feast delight for lunch.



**Book online now!**

All bookings are to be made online by visiting our website <https://vac.afterthebell.com.au/onlinevac>.

Bookings are accepted for children who have an active registration with After The Bell. If you wish to register, please do so through our website.

**Pay as little as \$13.59 per day/child**

pending Government Child Care Subsidy eligibility

**Operation Hours:** 8.30am till 6.00pm

**Address:** Fenton Street, Bendigo

**Program Number:** 0448 375 923

**Cost:** \$70.00 per child/ day

**Note:** Days will operate where 10 or more children are booked in. Families will be notified on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020 on the days that will be operating.

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