

Good afternoon families,

Welcome to 2021

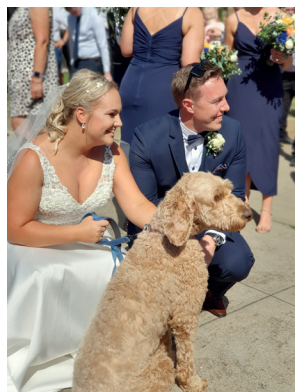
What an incredible start to the year we had on Friday! So much rain!! It was not the start we had all imagined - but everyone still enjoyed catching up with all their friends. We welcome everyone back to school and in particular welcome all our new families to our St Peter's community. We hope we all enjoy a full year at school with lots of learning and friendships.

Staff News

This year we welcome a few new staff to join our beautiful community:

We welcome Mrs Josephine (Jo) Pangrazio who is teaching Year 1/2 Mur Murra. We also welcome two new staff to join our Education Support Officer crew (ESOs) - Emma Finlay and Enya O'Callahan. We hope they enjoy their journey with us.

We congratulate Miss Mel Beames who was married on the 21st of January. We wish Mel and Chris all the very best for their married life together. Mel is now Mrs Bradley. Mr and Mrs Bradley had a few special guests at their wedding!!



Classrooms

The full list of staff at St Peter's is included in the St Peter's Information Booklet that will be sent home today. There has been a change to the Year 5/6 classrooms which have now been moved up to what were the Art and Music Rooms - the portable buildings up near the COLA. The Art and Music rooms are now in the portable building at the front of the school near the djak tjarra.

Mrs Daley's class - 5/6 Njana Nganity - is in Portable 1 - which was the Music room.
Miss Robinson's class - 5/6 Guwak - is in Portable 2 - which was the Art room.
Mr Podosky's class - 1/2 Balam Balam are in Room 1 - end of the corridor closest to the COLA.
Mrs Pangrazio's class - 1/2 Mur Murra - is next along the corridor.
Miss Purdon's class - Prep Duan - is opposite the green room.
Mrs Amos & Mrs Keating's class - Prep Mumummburra - is near the sick bay.

Mrs Jones's class - 3/4 Barrangal - is on the staff car park side the 3/4 area.

Mrs Bradley's class - 3/4 Yulawil - is on the front of the school.

Mr Wilkinson's class - 3/4 Wirrap - is at the very end of the corridor.

Covid Restrictions

Just so you are all aware - visitors (including parents and carers) are welcome back on site and you don't have to wear a mask unless you can't socially distance. If you are in the school for longer than 15 minutes you MUST sign in at the office. It is also important to remember that the rules around sickness have not changed - if your child is showing any signs of sickness they must stay home and if they become unwell during the course of the day you will be called to collect them. For this reason it is very important that every child has completed their current medical details and has TWO EMERGENCY CONTACTS listed. You will receive the paperwork to fill out this information today. Please return to the office by Friday

Middle and Senior Swimming Programs

The Swimming Programs for the 3/4s and 5/6s will take place this term in weeks 5 & 6. The students will be swimming from Monday the 22nd of February until Thursday the 4th of March. 3/4s will be swimming 12.50pm to 1.30pm. 5/6s will be swimming 1.30pm to 2.10pm. A note will be sent home in the coming days with details of what the students will need to bring.

Carpark

As most of you are now aware the car park has been upgraded so there is less risk of cars hitting into each other when reversing. The new car park was designed by council and is typical of what is found at most schools.

As you drive into the car park you will see a Kiss & Drop Zone where you stay in your car and the child enters/exits from the passenger side. The cars in this zone are time limited to 2 minutes maximum. This is not a waiting zone - if your child is not there ready you are asked to exit the car park and come round again. Cars are asked to move forward when there is a space in front of them to keep the traffic moving. The parking zone is the side closest to Fenton Street. You are allowed to park here and exit your car. You and your children are asked to use the crossing in the middle of the car park if you have parked on that side of the car park.

We will all get used to the new procedures together and we will have many staff out the front each afternoon to help explain the new rules.





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Marong Cup

The Marong Cup will be held on Saturday the 13th of February. This year the Marong Cup will be very different due to the Covid Restrictions that are in place. We only need a couple of volunteers to help sign in all volunteers on the day. If you are able to help please see Chris Ring.

Hello Night - Pancake Tuesday

All families (especially new families) are invited to come up to school to meet the teachers and catch up with each other. This Hello Night will be on Tuesday the 16th of February from 5pm - 6pm. As it is pancake Tuesday (Shrove Tuesday) we will have pancakes to share during the evening. Families don't need to bring anything - it is just a casual social gathering to meet and greet each other.

Ash Wednesday - Opening School Mass

The day after Hello Night is Ash Wednesday - February 17th - we will celebrate our Opening School Mass at 12.10pm Ash Wednesday Mass at St Kilian's Church. All families and friends are invited to join us.

A moment in Prayer

Dear God,

We ask that you bless our St. Peter's community as we begin a new school year.

Help us to all be kind and friendly towards each other.

Help us to make new students and families feel welcome and happy to be part of our community

*God bless,
Jen & Mick*

St. Peter's Primary School Catholic IDENTITY



Mr. Miggy Podosky. - Catholic Identity Coordinator
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Something to Think About

Being a Catholic is hard! Sometimes it is hard to do what Jesus is asking of us. But lucky for us we have a God who is loving and forgiving. He gives us counsel and advice always.

The Scriptures

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark- 1:21-28

When the sabbath came, Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching - with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

School Holidays

Starts

Finishes

First Day of School

29 Jan 2021
(Fri)

Term 1 Holidays (Autumn)

2 Apr 2021
(Fri)

18 Apr 2021
(Sun)

Term 2 Holidays (Winter)

26 Jun 2021
(Sat)

11 Jul 2021
(Sun)

Term 3 Holidays (Spring)

18 Sep 2021
(Sat)

3 Oct 2021
(Sun)

Term 4 Holidays (Summer)

16th Dec 2021
(Thurs)

30 Jan 2022
(Sun)

The Story

Firstly, he teaches with authority - his own authority.

This was different from the scribes whose teaching was dependent on what others had said or written.

Secondly, Jesus shows his authority over unclean spirits.

He is able to confront, silence, and expel the spirit that has taken possession of the unfortunate man in the story. Such exorcisms point to the ultimate victory of the kingdom of God over evil and death.

UPCOMING

13	FEB, SAT	● All day	Marong Cup
16	FEB, TUE	● 5 – 6:30pm	Hello Night - Shrove Tuesd
17	FEB, WED	● All day	Ash Wednesday
		● 12:10 – 1:10pm	Opening School Mass
22	FEB, MON	● 12:50 – 1:35pm	3/4 Swimming
		● 1:30 – 2:10pm	5/6 Swimming
23	FEB, TUE	● 12:50 – 1:35pm	3/4 Swimming
		● 1:30 – 2:10pm	5/6 Swimming
24	FEB, WED	● 12:50 – 1:35pm	3/4 Swimming
		● 1:30 – 2:10pm	5/6 Swimming
25	FEB, THU	● 12:50 – 1:35pm	3/4 Swimming
		● 1:30 – 2:10pm	5/6 Swimming
26	FEB, FRI	● 12:50 – 1:35pm	3/4 Swimming
		● 1:30 – 2:10pm	5/6 Swimming
1	MAR, MON	● 12:50 – 1:35pm	3/4 Swimming
		● 1:30 – 2:10pm	5/6 Swimming
2	MAR, TUE	● 12:50 – 1:35pm	3/4 Swimming
		● 1:30 – 2:10pm	5/6 Swimming
3	MAR, WED	● 12:50 – 1:35pm	3/4 Swimming
		● 1:30 – 2:10pm	5/6 Swimming
4	MAR, THU	● 12:50 – 1:35pm	3/4 Swimming
		● 1:30 – 2:10pm	5/6 Swimming

St. Peter's Primary School

Ecological

STEWARDSHIP PROJECT



Mrs. Lauren White - Eco-Stewardship Coordinator

"Creation is a gift, it is a wonderful gift that God has given us, so that we care for it and use it for the benefit of all, always with great respect and gratitude." Pope Francis' Audience, 21 May 2014.

WELCOME BACK TO ALL OF OUR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES FOR 2021!!

I am very excited to be teaching all of the classes at Djak Tjarra again this year in our beautiful garden and kitchen with Mrs B.

The chooks have missed everyone (and their scraps!) over the holidays, so I know they will be happy to see you all again too.

The garden definitely needs some attention and I know the students will have it looking amazing again in no time. I am super excited to get back into the kitchen and garden with the students and do more learning about cooking, gardening, healthy lifestyles and caring for the environment. We enjoy all of this at Djak Tjarra and would love for you to join us too...if you can spare an hour or two to help the students out anytime please let us know.

WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU!! No expert skills or knowledge are needed.

Session Times this year will be held at 11:35am-1:30pm on Tuesdays for 5/6s, Wednesdays for F/1/2s and Thursdays for

Upcoming EVENTS

16th
FEB

Djak Tjarra and the garden will be open on 'HELLO NIGHT' so please come over and take a look.



St. Peter's Primary School Wellbeing

Stacey Frost & Kristy Dupille - Social Workers



TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- Establish a routine
- Get enough sleep
- Start with a healthy breakfast
- Get organized
- Connect with friends in your child's grade or class

Welcome back everyone! It is so wonderful to be back and to see everyone's smiling faces. Wow what a year 2020 was! I wonder what 2021 will bring us!

Although the first day was very wet the children were all so resilient joining their new classrooms and meeting their new teachers and new friends with smiles on their faces. Just remember that getting back into a new routine can be a challenge and take some time. Sometimes having things organised the night before and having a good night sleep can make for a smoother morning.

We both have our own little preppies this year starting at their schools so that has been an exciting time for us both.

We cannot wait for the year ahead and to meet the new families that have joined our school. Remember we are only ever a phone call away if you have any questions or just want to chat.

Take care of yourself and enjoy the start of a new school year!

Kristy and Stacey.

"In today's rush, we all think too much—seek too much—want too much—and forget about the joy of just being"



Fun with Buddies





St Peter's OSHC Newsletter

EXCITING PROGRAM AHEAD

Monday- Come and join in as we put on our police badge and check fingerprints.

Tuesday- Create a police car using our recycle materials and craft items.

Wednesday- Using lego can you make a fire engine. or a paper 3D fire engine

Thursday- Do you know who to call in an emergency. How do we do a fire evacuation here at the program?

Friday- Create a secret message using lemon juice and crayons.



COOKING CLUB:

Coconut Macaroons

JUNIOR LEADER

Harmony is our junior leader this week, She was a great help to the educators during Vacation Care.

Harmony has a gentle personality and is always kind to all those around her.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

WHY IS "DARK" SPELLED WITH A K
AND NOT A C?

BECAUSE YOU CAN'T C IN THE DARK!

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

