

Newsletter

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Good afternoon families

### Victorian Government Return to School Plan

Prep, Yr 1 & Yr 2: Return to face-to-face teaching as of TODAY! ALL Preps and Yr 1/2s are to attend school everyday! We have LOTS of learning to do - so it's really important that every family makes a huge effort to get the kids to school every day!!

### Yr 3/4 and Yr 5/6 Learning

The timetable below sets out when the 3/4s and 5/6s can attend school starting from week 2 of term 4. The students will have a Home Learning Pack for when they are learning at home. These packs are ready to pick up from the office. Your child WILL NOT need to bring their Home Learning Pack to school on the days they attend face-to-face teaching.

#### Yr 3/4 & 5/6:

Week 2	MONDAY 11th Oct	TUESDAY 12th Oct	WEDNESDAY 13th Oct	THURSDAY 14th Oct	FRIDAY 15th Oct	
Yr3/4	Supervision only	ALL 3/4S ATTEND SCHOOL		Supervision only	Supervision only	
Yr 5/6	Supervision only	Supervision only			ALL 5/6S ATTEND SCHOOL	

Week 3	MONDAY 18th Oct	TUESDAY 19th Oct	WEDNESDAY 20th Oct	THURSDAY 21st Oct	FRIDAY 22nd Oct
Yr3/4	Supervision only	ALL 3/4S ATTEND SCHOOL		Supervision only	Supervision only
Yr 5/6	Supervision only	Supervision only	Supervision only		5/6S <b>SCHOO</b> L

#### Week 4 - ALL STUDENTS RETURN TO FACE-TO-FACE TEACHING AS OF TUESDAY THE 26TH OF **OCTOBER!!**

We will let you know if there are any changes to these arrangements as the weeks progress.

#### **Class Webex Gatherings**

As the 3/4 and 5/6 clases have not all returned to school yet, they will still have a Webex this week. The teachers will send out an invitation to the Webex via the email used to say good morning each day. We ask that you are near the children while they are online. The schedule of Webex Meetings for this week are: Barrangal: 10am Wednesday Yulawil: 10.30am Friday Wirrap: 10.30am Wednesday Guwak & Njana Nganity: 12.30pm Thursday - Connected Circus

#### 2022 Planning

Planning for 2022 is well under way. This is a big task and takes many weeks to finalise. If your child is leaving St Peter's at the end of this year, please let us know asap. Also if there are any others you know of who still haven't enrolled a Prep student for next year - please ask them to get in touch as soon as they can.

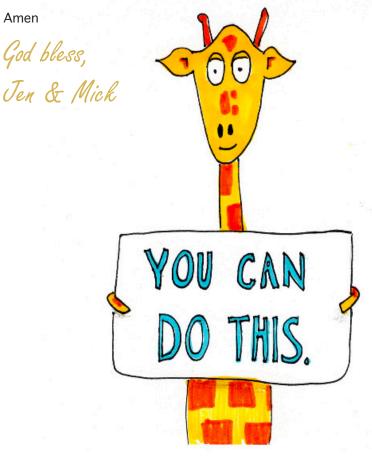
#### Term 4 - Sun Smart

We are a Sun Smart school and as such we are all asked to wear a hat outside during Term 1 and Term 4. Please ensure your child has a school hat to wear at all times outside - outside learning and play, enviro classes and sport lessons. ALL hats must be clearly named.

### A moment in Prayer

This week's Gospel is a reminder that children are a gift from God. We are all God's children and welcome him into our hearts and lives with blessings and wonder.

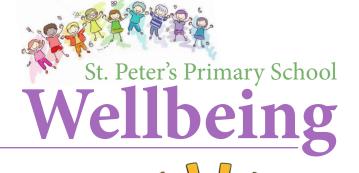
God bless us all - your children. Help us to recognise you in all others. Help us to feel your love holding us close. Bless the children in our community may they be safe, cherished and loved - always.



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## Welcome to Term 4!

I hope that you all had a lovely break over the school holidays and got a chance to enjoy the sunshine of the first week. The second week was a little bit more wet weather wise - a perfect chance to splash in muddy puddles and curl up and watch a movie.

We look forward to the Grade 3 - 6s gradual return over the coming weeks. As we return to face-to-face learning for everyone - the transition to this will be easier for some than others - just be kind as it can be hard to return to routines but please reach out if we can be of any assistance, we are always here to help or offer a listening ear.

Also as wonderful as it is being back face-to-face please ensure that you do not send your children to school if they are at all unwell - this helps to keep us all safe and hopefully able to continue with face-to-face learning for the rest of the year.

Take care, Kristy & Sheree.



Every day your child can enjoy a delicious free healthy breakfast

from 8:30 in the Djak Tjarra (Enviro).

we have a range of cereals, toast, fruit,

Food Boxes are available on Fridays.

This October we celebrate Mental Health Month. Bendigo Community Health Services have created this October Action Calendar to help us all attempt five things that can lead to improved mental wellbeing. Life can get tough at times, especially in the middle of a global pandemic. So, we suggest that you try the 5 ways to wellbeing. Give, Connect, Keep Learning, Be active and Take noteie.

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				<sup>1</sup> Feel Good Friday	<sup>2</sup> Hold a games afternoon with friends or family	3 Spend some time gardening
4 Write down 3 things you are grateful for	5 Read a new book	6 Book an appointment for a blood donation	7 Call a friend for a chat	8 Feel Good Friday	9 Try mindful eating	10 Mental Health Day
11 Pay it forward	12 Check in on someone	13 Try a dance workout on Youtube	14 Look for beauty in the unexpected	15 Feel Good Friday	16 Pick up 5 pieces of rubbish on your walk today	17 Have a picnic with friends or family
<sup>18</sup> Try a new walking track	<sup>19</sup> Spend some time in nature	20 Smiling Mind workshop Head to our website for more information	<sup>21</sup> Give someone a compliment	Feel Good Friday	23 Head down to your local Parkrun	24 Do a 5-minute meditation
25 Learn about the land you live on	26 Bake a treat for someone you care about	<sup>27</sup> Have a walking date with a friend	28 Kids Yoga Check out our website for updates	29 Feel Good Friday	30 Spend some time to reflect	31 Volunteer your time
ME WOULD LOVE TO SEE HOW YOU HAVE BEEN DOING THE 5 WAYS ways to wellbeing Share your photos in the comments section on our Mental Health Month social media posts to be featured on our website.				IT'S IMPORTANT TO LOOK AFTER		



Visit www.bchs.com.au to learn more about the 5 Ways to Wellbeing

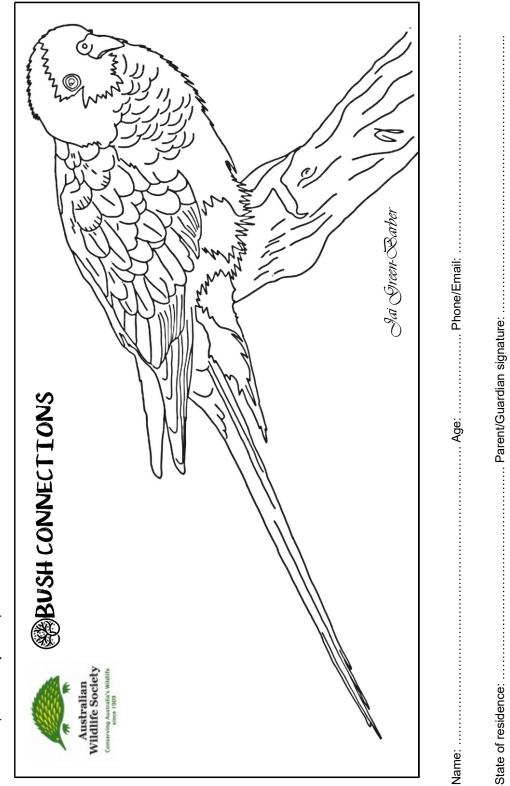


### Australian Wildlife Week 4 – 8 October

Australian Wildlife Week is commemorated across the country during the first week of October each year to encourage a positive relationship between humanity and nature. We hope to raise awareness of wildlife conservation issues across Australia and inspire all Australians to explore and develop a deeper understanding of environmental issues, gain the necessary skills to make informed decisions and take action to improve the environment.



by 30th November.



Australian wildlife colouring sheet © Bush Connections. For more colouring sheets visit bushconnections.com.au



## EXCITING PROGRAM AHEAD TERM 4 - WEEKS 1 AND 2

Monday- Let's plant sunflower seeds in our crazy face pots Tuesday- Board Game Challenges Wednesday- Cooking Club: - Pancakes Thursday- More Board Game Challenges Friday- Balloon Volleyball



## **COOKING CLUB:**

Week 1: Pancakes Week 2: Bread in a bag

## **JOKE OF THE WEEK**

WHERE DO FISH KEEP THEIR MONEY? IN THE RIVER BANK

## 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**  Monday - Science week fun Tuesday - Which volcano was better -Coke, Diet Coke or Lemonade?

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### Wednesday - Let's make bread in a bag -Cooking Club Fun

Thursday - Using craft supplies can you make a balloon powered vehicle Friday - Let's make our stick figure float

## Parent Information

Please contact bookings@afterthebell.com.au if you would like to place a booking for your child/ren in our Afterschool Care Program

## HIGHLIGHTS:



## **From the Executive Director**

4 October 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians

### Re: Public Health Directions – COVID-19 Vaccination

Catholic Education Sandhurst Limited's (CES Ltd) priority is the health, safety and wellbeing of staff and students and we follow all measures and Public Health Orders that support this.

The Acting Chief Health Officer has determined that vaccination will be mandatory for staff who work in schools, unless they hold a valid medical exemption. This Direction also includes volunteers and contractors.

The COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccination Directions (No 5), in accordance with the emergency powers arising from declared state of emergency can be reviewed on the Department of Health and Human Services website. Deputy Premier James Merlino's <u>press release</u> provides additional information on this matter.

CES Ltd supports vaccination of staff. Getting vaccinated is the best way to protect our staff, students and the whole school community. Getting vaccinated will help slow the spread of COVID-19 and prevent future outbreaks in our schools.

We understand that the Independent Education Union are encouraging their members to be vaccinated. Their statement outlining this position is available on their <u>website</u>.

At this point in time, there are no directions regarding the potential mandatory vaccination for children however we are aware that many senior students have taken up the option of vaccination that they were offered late in Term 3. From an educational perspective, there has always been the expectation for all children to be vaccinated prior to attending school.

Further communications to CES Ltd school communities are currently being drafted and will be distributed soon.

We encourage you to speak with your GP about any health concerns you may have regarding COVID-19 vaccines.

If you would like to view the Victorian Government's Current Road Map for Victoria exiting COVID-19 restrictions, please <u>click here</u>.

If you have any queries about CES Ltd's vaccination strategy, please contact the People and Culture team at <u>vaccination@ceosand.catholic.edu.au</u>

Kind regards

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