

Good afternoon families

Yr 3/4 Unit Excursion - this Wednesday

This Wednesday the 3/4 Unit have their excursion to various places around Bendigo. This is a long day - the students do not get picked up until 6.30pm. Please see SiMON Everywhere App for further details.

Prep/ Yr 1/2 Excursion last week

The Prep & Yr 1/2 Excursion was last Wednesday, they had an amazing day going on a steam train and having a look around the historic town of Maldon and a play at the playground in Castlemaine. Everyone had a brilliant time and they all returned home happy and exhausted.

Orientation Day and final Prep 2022 Transition Dates

On Tuesday the 7th of December we have the Orientation Day for 2022. During the middle block on this day all students will go up into their classroom for 2022 and have a session with their new teacher. This includes our new Prep students. The session goes from 11.45am - 1.15pm for everyone. The students will come home with a note telling you which room they are in and who their teacher will be.

End of Year Assembly and Christmas Raffle

The last assembly for the year will be held on Wednesday the 8th of December at 2.30pm. At this assembly we will give out the Murtagh Family Awards and draw the Christmas raffle.

End of Year arrangements:

End of Year Mass is on Tuesday the 14th of December at 6pm at St Kilian's church. This is a Mass for our whole school community and we formally acknowledge our Yr 6 Graduating class.

Dinner on the Oval after Mass - from 7.15pm all families are invited to purchase some take-away food and join us all on the oval for dinner. This is a lovely celebration of the end of year for all families.

All attendees will need to check in and show vaccination certificates.

Last day for students - all students finish on Wednesday the 15th of December at 2:15pm.

Drink Bottles and Hats

We must remind everyone to please bring a drink bottle and hat especially this term, the weather is heating up and if students do not have their hat they can only play under the Cola at break time. Also please make sure all belongings have their name on them.



Christmas Raffle

We ask that all families donate some Christmas goodies or non-perishable foods to make up the hampers. There will be baskets in each of the classrooms to gather the donations.

Thankyou Hume and Iser Mitre 10

For donating the baskets for our Christmas hampers.

A moment in Prayer

Yesterday we started the Church season of Advent. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of our Lord Jesus at Christmas. This is a time to reflect on who we are and how we would like to be.

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day, We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us. Amen



God bless, Jen & Mick

UPCOMING events

1	DEC, WED	9am – 6:30pm	3/4 Unit Fun Day Excursion
6	DEC, MON	All day	Christmas Hamper Donations and Raffle Tickets Due Back
7	DEC, TUE	11:45am – 1:15pm	Whole School Orientation Day
8	DEC, WED	2:30 – 3:15pm	Christmas Hamper Raffle drawn at Assembly
14	DEC, TUE	6 – 7pm	End of Year Mass - All welcome St Kilian's Catholic Church Bendigo
		7:15 – 8:15pm	Picnic on the Oval after Mass
15	DEC, WED	All day	Last Day of Term - Finish 2.15pm



PREP/1/2 EXCURSION
MALDON- CASTLEMAINE
WEDNESDAY 24TH NOV



Friday 3rd December

students, parents and teachers are invited to walk, ride or scoot to school. This is a national event when all primary school children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a community event seeking to promote road safety and healthy lifestyles.

We will meet at the
Corner Store Cafe, View Street
at **8:20am**

and walk, ride or scoot to school.

(This is our last walk to school event for this year)

Students, parents and teachers are encouraged to finish the walk with a healthy breakfast in the Djak Tjarra Centre.

(Vaccination conditions apply for all visitors)



**Walking, riding or scooting to school
keeps us healthy, active and connected**





32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Something to Think About

We do not know when the end of time will take place. What is certain is that our own lives will one day come to an end. If I were to be called from this life today, to stand before the Son of Man, would he be able to say to me, "well done, good and faithful servant"?

The Story

Advent is a season of hope and expectation. We are invited to prepare joyfully for the coming of Christ. He comes in history (his conception and birth), in mystery (through the sacraments, and especially the Eucharist), and in majesty (at the Last Day). In the first weeks of Advent the stress is on this third coming in majesty. Hence today's gospel which we have already prayed with in recent days. The old liturgical year ended, and the new one has begun, with our calling to mind the Lord's final coming at the end of time. We look forward to it with happy anticipation, not with fear.

The Scriptures A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."



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]

ENVIRO. FRIENDLY CHRISTMAS TIPS



With Christmas fast approaching and shopping underway, it seems the right time to offer some environmentally friendly Christmas tips:

- 1. THINK FAIRTRADE & LOCAL**- shop locally to reduce emissions and use your green bags.
- 2. UN WRAP**- Pop gifts in reusable boxes/bags or use recyclable paper.
- 3. DON'T WASTE FOOD**- Plan ahead and only buy what you actually need.
- 4. RECYCLE**- this seems obvious but with the extra paper, plastic & bottles it is more important than ever! Other things can be recycled at various spots too, like electricals & soft plastics.
- 5. BE SMART WITH BATTERIES**- either use rechargeable batteries (which have 32 times less environmental impact than disposable batteries) or recycle them at places like Battery World. Australians throw out over 8000 tonnes of used batteries every year!!
- 6. DONATE IT DON'T DUMP IT**- donate unwanted gifts, clothes and toys to charities in need.

7. SWITCH OFF & SWITCH DOWN- using a timer and energy-efficient choices for lights will reduce both your energy usage and cost. Remember to turn electricals off at the source when you leave the house for a few days or more.

8. GIVE GENEROUSLY- try swapping physical gifts for experiences or gifts through a charity.

9. BE SMART WITH CARDS- send your family, friends and colleagues a personal e-card or use cards from a charity made with recycled paper.

10. TRAVEL RESPONSIBLY- offset emissions when flying and share lifts to reduce the number of cars on the road.

RESOURCES: <http://www.australianethical.com.au>



8 SUSTAINABLE & ECO-FRIENDLY GIFT IDEAS

64% Of gifts are unwanted

97% Of batteries from gifts end up in landfill

125K TONNES Of additional waste is generated at Christmas in Australia alone



DJAK TJARRA

Tuesday - 5/6 Njana Nganity

Wednesday - 1/2 Balam Balam

Thursday - 3/4 Yulawil

Don't forget HATS and

DRINK BOTTLES!



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The Peaceful Kids group has two more sessions left for the year. The last few weeks we have learnt about body sensations, worrying, mindful breathing, plant metaphor (the children have been loving watching their plants grow and how different plants grow differently depending on environment, how much you water them, how much sun they get). The coming weeks we will cover journaling, making a worry box, and learning about coping strategies and problem solving skills. Our last session for the year will be on Thursday 9th december.



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, juice and yoghurt. Yummo!!



Thursday at 2nd
Break for 5/6s

In the next few Art group we will focus on finishing our dream catchers and some Christmas art activities. Our last Art group for the year will be on Thursday 9th december.



The last food box delivery for this year is Friday 10th December.



December Kindness 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 5 Give a gift to someone who is homeless or feeling lonely	 6 Leave a positive message for someone else to find	 7 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today	1 Spread kindness and share the December calendar with others	2 Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are	3 Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment	4 Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about
12 Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today	13 See how many different people you can smile at today	14 Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one	8 Do something helpful for a friend or family member	9 Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead	10 Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them	11 Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank
19 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated	20 Help others by giving away something that you don't need	21 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you	15 Contact an older neighbour and brighten up their day	16 Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to	17 Give thanks. List the kind things others have done for you	18 Ask for help and let someone else discover the joy of giving
26 Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature	27 Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat	28 Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy	22 Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed	23 Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness	24 Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh	25 Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!
29 Turn off digital devices and really listen to people	30 Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why	31 Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2022	30 Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why	31 Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2022		

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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after the
BELL
GROWING CURIOUS MINDS

St Peter's OSHC Newsletter

EXCITING PROGRAM AHEAD TERM 4 WEEK 10

Monday- Today we will make a batch of salt dough and make Christmas Stars

Tuesday- Using wooden popsicle sticks let's make some stars

Wednesday- Come and create some Christmas trees

Thursday- Get those scissors ready to make paper snowflakes

Friday- Cooking up a storm in the kitchen making Gingerbread Cookies



COOKING CLUB:

Christmas Ginger Bread

JOKE OF THE WEEK

What do elves learn at school?

The Elf-abet!

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

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.

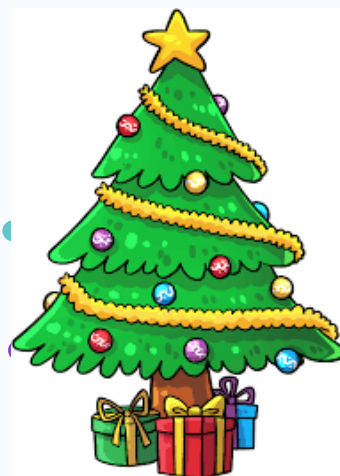
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HIGHLIGHTS



How healthy is your neighbourhood?



Tell us and you could win a \$100 Sports Voucher!

We're calling on local kids to show us their 'hood – bad and good.

So, if you're aged 12 and under we need your help to see what healthy and unhealthy examples you can find in your community and share it with us.

You can do this by taking a photo, drawing a picture, writing something or by recording a video or audio.

To find out more about the neighbourhood audit task and how to load your examples visit

letstalkgreaterbendigo.com.au/kids-co-design-activity

*Submissions close Wednesday
December 8, 2021.*



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Bendigo YMCA School Holiday Program

Looking for fun activities for your child during the holidays? YMCA School Holiday Programs are full of adventure!



Bookings are now open for our **Summer School Holiday Program** which runs between **Term 4 2021** and **Term 1 2022**.

Our **Bendigo Lighting Reef YMCA School Holiday Program** will run between **Tuesday 04 January 2022** to **Friday 28 January 2022**. The program will not operate on public holidays.

We've prepared an exciting range of daily activities including incursions and excursions that take advantage of the warm summer weather.

Current families can [sign into My Family Lounge](#) to make a booking.

New to our programs? Follow the steps outline on our [School Holiday Program Bookings page](#).

Date	Activity details
Monday 20 - Friday 24 December	
Friday 24 December	Closed The program is not running on Friday 24 December in recognition of Christmas Eve festivities.
Monday 3 - Friday 7 January	
Monday 3 January	Closed The program is not running on Monday 3 January in recognition of the New Year's Day Public Holiday.
Tuesday 4 January	Team Trivia Today we're working your brain muscles as you join your team and try our different trivia games. Discover things you didn't even know you knew! Category: In house Cost: \$88.60
Wednesday 5 January	Discovery Centre Students get hands on to create a path for a marble to travel through, experimenting with friction, gravity, angles and momentum along the way. Put your creativity and resilience to the test. Category: Incursion provided by Discovery Centre Bendigo Cost: \$88.60 Time: Arrive by 10:00am for start of the incursion.
Thursday 6 January	Movies Lights, camera, action! Sit back and relax watching the latest new release film at the local Cinema. Category: Excursion to Bendigo Cinema Cost: \$88.60 Time: Arrive by 9:00am for start of the excursion.
Friday 7 January	Pyjama Party Simply roll-out of bed and head over to the holiday program in your PJ's! We're bringing Brunch back, with pancakes, toasties, scrambled eggs and more. Plus we'll get crafty and cosy up with some popcorn and a movie. Category: In house Cost: \$88.60 Note: Children are encouraged to wear themed clothing or dress ups.
Monday 10 - Friday 14 January	
Monday 10 January	Welcome to Japan Travel to the land of the rising sun to experience food, art and games as we explore all things Japanese. Category: In house Cost: \$88.60 Note: Please advise us of any dietary requirements.
Tuesday 11 January	Wildlife Adventure We get to meet some of our Australian wildlife with a live display at the program. Hold a lizard or pat a furry animal when they come to visit us today. Category: Incursion provided by Wild Action Zoo Cost: \$88.60 Time: Arrive by 10:00am for start of the incursion.
Wednesday 12 January	Exploring the Senses Dive in and try activities that stimulate all your senses. We'll be exploring sight, sound, smell, taste and touch with a variety of interactive experiences. Category: In house Cost: \$88.60
Thursday 13 January	Amazing Race Ready, Set, GO!!! Get into teams and work out the clues to get to the end of the race. There will be plenty of tricks and roadblocks on the way so keep your wits about you. Category: In house Cost: \$88.60
Friday 14 January	Bowling Back by popular demand we're testing our skills at the bowling alley – have you got what it takes to beat the educators? Category: Excursion to Bendigo Bowling Centre Cost: \$88.60 Time: Arrive by 09:00am for start of the excursion.

Date	Activity details
Monday 17 - Friday 21 January	
Monday 17 January	Back to Nature Calling all green thumbs! We're decorating pots and then getting our hands dirty when we put a plant in them for you to take home. Category: In house Cost: \$88.60
Tuesday 18 January	KidsTown Shepparton Come with us for a special day of play! KidsTown features fully-fenced play spaces, giant slides, train rides, mazes and more! Category: Excursion to Kids Town Shepparton Cost: \$88.60 Time: Arrive by 08:30am for start of the excursion.
Wednesday 19 January	Tie Dying Workshop Let's get tie dying and create one of a kind colourful items to take home. Various materials will be supplied. You can even bring in some plain coloured clothes from home to tie dye. Category: In house Cost: \$88.60
Thursday 20 January	Splash it Day We're spending the day getting wet and playing water games. Beat the heat and come prepared to get wet! Category: In house Cost: \$88.60 Note: Children are encouraged to bring clothes that can get wet, plus a towel and change of dry clothes.
Friday 21 January	Breakdancing Workshop Let's break some cool dance moves as the highly acclaimed Karl Jacobs take us through an exciting breakdancing workshop. Category: Incursion provided by SickStep Studios Cost: \$88.60 Time: Arrive by 09:30am for start of the excursion.
Monday 24 - Friday 28 January	
Monday 24 January	A Trip Into Space Join us as we travel to outer space for some fun discovery and adventure activities that are out-of-this-world. Category: In house Cost: \$88.60
Tuesday 25 January	Indigenous Day Explore Australia's indigenous history and culture and learn how to respect our land using Dreamtime storytelling, indigenous music making and unique indigenous craft activities. Category: In house Cost: \$88.60
Wednesday 26 January	Closed The program is not running on Wednesday 26 January in recognition of the Australia Day Public Holiday.
Thursday 27 January	Bike and Scooter Day Everyone's favourite activity is back. Bring your bike, scooter, skateboard or rollerblades and have an awesome day of activities on wheels. Don't forget your safety gear! Category: In house Cost: \$88.60 Note: Children are encouraged to bring a bike or scooter. Bikes helmets must be worn.
Friday 28 January	Pizza Party There's no better way to finish our holidays than with pizza and party games. Come and join us to celebrate the end of the holidays! Category: In house Cost: \$88.60