

## Good afternoon families

And we are done. Just like that another year is over and we can all take a few weeks to relax and rejuvenate.

Thank you to all our families for the understanding and patience you have all shown this year as we dealt with another year of Covid interruptions to the school year. We are all hoping and praying that 2022 is non-stop learning! Thank you also goes to our incredible teachers and ESOs who have worked so hard throughout the year - regardless of what was thrown their way!! Thank you all.

### End of Year Assembly

Last Wednesday was the final assembly for the year and we were fortunate enough to be able to have it together. Thank you to all the family members who came along. The Murtagh Awards were handed out - we congratulate the following students who received awards this year:

**Murtagh Family Literacy Award** - Bob Hopley

**Murtagh Family Numeracy Award** - Imogen Jones-Jack

**Murtagh Family Aspiration Award** - Richshell Pickett

**Murtagh Family Achievements Awards** - Kartik Sharma and River Farrow.

The Murtagh Family generously donate these awards each year. We are extremely grateful for their continued generosity.



At the Assembly we were also very fortunate to have Tom Maher visit our school to give us \$3000 from the 2021 (Covid impacted) Marong Cup. We are looking forward to the Marong Cup being back to its usual amazing capacity on February 19th 2022. Watch for details very early in the year for ways you can help us on the day.



### End of Year arrangements:

End of Year Mass is tomorrow night - 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 2021

All students **finish THIS WEDNESDAY** the 15th of December at 2:15pm.

### Term 1 2022

Students return to school on Tuesday the 1st of February 2022. The uniform shop will be open on Thursday the 27th of January for any purchases and pick up of pre-ordered uniforms.

### 5/6 Fun Day

The 5/6 classes will be celebrating the end of year with a Fun Day on the last day of the year - Wednesday the 15th of December. Please see details and give permission via the SiMON Everywhere App.

### Staff movement from St Peter's

We thank Maria Boncaldo for many years of dedicated service to St Peter's. Maria was integral in setting up and running the Djak Tjarra. We thank her for her time and expertise, her knowledge and forethought in the building and growing the garden for all to enjoy. We also thank her for the beautiful catering she has provided our staff and families over so many years.

Mrs Jess Amos is heading into Maternity leave - we wish Jess and Jake all the very best for the arrival of bub number two.

We also thank Mrs Carmel House for filling in for Jenny Kerrins over the last few months. Carmel is returning to St Kilian's in 2022. We thank Carmel for jumping in and doing such an amazing job at such short notice. She has been on a huge learning curve and served us so well!! Thank you Carmel for all your hard work and leadership during this time.

We have several ESOs who are leaving us and joining the teaching profession. We wish them all the best and hope they enjoy their new roles:

Martyn Dillon - St Mary's Echuca

Gabby Smith - Holy Rosary White Hills

Enya O'Callahan - Charlton College

Jorgie Allen - MacKillop College Swan Hill

### Updated School Fee information for 2022:

The school fees set for 22 are as follows:

1 Child: \$1202

2 Children: \$1433

3+ Children: \$1661

In addition to these fees there are also levies for camps, excursions and ICT. The full schedule of fees will be sent out at the beginning of the 2022 school year. If you require further information this week, please give the office a call.

# AWARDS

Term 4 Week 10

**Balam Balam**  
**Mur Murra**  
**Duan**  
**Mummumburra**  
**Barrangal**

**Yulawil**  
**Wirrap**  
**P.E**  
**Enviro**

Zander Divola & Grace Tanner  
Charlotte Stringer-Sturzaker  
Cooper Grande  
Marlo Cronin  
Kaylan Pickett, Imogen Keller  
& Zayvieah Morgan  
Ethan Miller  
Grace Ford  
Bob Hopley  
James Ford

## Co-Principals Award

Faith consistently shows all 4 school values. She is a role model for all students. Faith is friendly and kind towards every person in this school. She works hard and is always looking for ways to improve our environment - including ways she can make her learning space better. Thank you Faith.



## A moment in Prayer

Dear God,  
Please look after everyone in the St Peter's community over the holidays and return them all safely next year.  
Thank you for our Year 6s. Bless them as they head into secondary school. May they always remember their years at St Peter's with fondness.  
Bless Jenny Kerrins as she continues her treatment. May she be confident in your love and know she is always in our thoughts and prayers.  
We ask God, that you bless us all over Christmas. May we all enjoy peace and love throughout the Christmas season.



*God bless,  
Jen & Mick*



We warmly invite you to join us as we give thanks for our school year and celebrate our graduating Year 6s and departing families.

📅 December 14, 2021  
🕒 6pm - 7pm  
📍 St. Kilian's Church

Please join us at school afterwards for a picnic dinner. BYO dinner. (Alcohol free event)



## UPCOMING events

14	DEC, TUE	12 - 12:45pm	Junior Unit Learning Expo
		6 - 7pm	End of Year Mass - All welcome St Kilian's Catholic Church
		7:15 - 8:15pm	Picnic on the Oval after Mass
15	DEC, WED	All day	Last Day of Term - Finish 2.15pm
1	FEB, TUE	All day	Term 1 Begins
19	FEB, SAT	All day	Marong Cup
14	MAR, MON	All day	Labour Day (Public Holiday)
8	APR, FRI	1 - 2pm	Last Day of Term 1
15	APR, FRI	All day	Good Friday
17	APR, SUN	All day	Easter Sunday
18	APR, MON	All day	Easter Monday
25	APR, MON	All day	ANZAC Day





## 3rd Sunday in of Advent

**Something to Think About**  
Jesus needs our co-operation in this mission.

Jesus works through parents, teachers, ministers etc., everyone who has a call to form others. Take time to consider the question "how can I co-operate in the mission of Jesus today?"

### The Story

We continue to hear about John the Baptist and our role to spread the message. As Christians, whether lay persons, religious or priests we are called to bring people face to face with Jesus and also to a conversion that brings a real joy and happiness into their lives.



## The Scriptures A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 3:10-18

And the crowds asked John the Baptist, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

# Advent 2021 CALENDAR

## Daily At-Home Advent Activities for Families

### DECEMBER

#### SUN 12

##### Gaudete Sunday

Light the pink Advent candle. This candle is a symbol of joy because we are at the midpoint of Advent. Pray about things that make you joyful and the ways you bring joy to others. Today at Mass, notice that the priest will be wearing pink vestments!

#### MON 13

Read Matthew 2:1-12 as a family and learn about the Magi who followed the star to find Jesus after his birth. Go outside with your family tonight and do some stargazing. Pray about the beautiful world that God has created for us.

#### TUE 14

Gather together for a meal and begin with a blessing. Make a plan to donate a meal to a person or family in need in your community.

#### WED 15

Gather as a family around the Christmas tree or the Advent wreath and pray a prayer of blessing.

#### THUR 16

As you prepare for Jesus' coming, plan a day and time for family members to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

#### FRI 17

*O Wisdom of our God Most High!*  
Today begins the O Antiphons. These are special prayers as the birth of Jesus draws closer. Pray to God about areas of your life where you need the gift of wisdom to grow.

#### SAT 18

*O Leader of the House of Israel!*  
Pray for help to follow Jesus' leadership. Demonstrate good leadership to younger classmates and siblings.





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# Ecological

STEWARDSHIP PROJECT



Mrs. Lauren White - Eco-Stewardship Coordinator

"Ensure that Holy Christmas is never a celebration of commercial consumerism, of appearances or of useless gifts, or of excessive waste, but that it is a celebration of joyfully welcoming the Lord into the crib and into the heart."  
(Pope Francis, Meeting with the personnel of the Holy See, 2014)



Mrs B is finishing up at the end of the year so I would like to thank her for all that she has done for the staff, students and families at St Peter's since she began in 2014. She will be missed at the Djak Tjarra - her cooking, gardening, catering, creating and caring was exceptional!

*Thank you Mrs B!*



WISHING EVERYONE  
A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS

FROM MRS WHITE,  
MRS B & THE CHOOKS  
AT DJAK TJARRA!







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# Wellbeing

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Hello! Well we have survived 2021 and what a roller coaster it has been with COVID and remote learning - we are so thankful that we got to finish off the year face to face.

The Wellbeing team would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and stay safe over the school holidays - see you in 2022.

Please remember that as school finishes on Wednesday that there will be no Friday Food boxes this week. A huge thankyou to Food Share and One Box for their support throughout the year to allow these boxes to be provided to our families each week.

Also a huge thankyou to Maria who has worked tirelessly to coordinate and collect food share on Mondays and has provided delicious cooked meals for our families throughout the year.

A huge thankyou also to St Vincents for providing us with financial support to provide Christmas hampers and gifts to families in need to brighten their Christmas.

All groups finished up last week - Peaceful Kids, 5/6 Art group, Wellbeing breakfast and cooking groups and social skills group - it has been wonderful running these groups and seeing the skills nurtured and the creativity blossom in the children. We look forward to these groups resuming when the new school year commences.

We wish all the current grade 6 students heading off to high school next year a fantastic time on their new adventures.

Take care over the Christmas and new year period - remember to reach out to your family or friends or community groups and services if needed.

We will see you in 2022. Kristy, Sherree and Tyler.

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