

Hello families,

Farewell

On Friday we farewelled Tyler Widdicombe. Please see some tributes to Tyler later in the Newsletter. Tyler's departure has put an end to a 30 year connection with the Widdicombe family, with all the children attending St Peter's and Donna (Tyler's Mum) working here as the Koorie Ed worker for 25 years! What an incredible family who have supported so many of our community over all these years. It has been a privilege to work alongside them all.



Prep Families Welcome

Our prep families are invited to a cuppa and to meet with the Co-Principals, Alex Love-Linay and Fr Junray tomorrow morning at 9.15am (straight after walking). It is just a casual opportunity to get to know other prep families and the school leadership team. All are welcome.

Opening Mass

Our Opening Mass will be held this Wednesday the 8th of February at 9.30am - all families and friends are invited to attend (including Preps and their families). Mass will be held at St Kilian's Church.

Car Park Safety

We have some very specific safety rules to follow in the car park to ensure everyone is safe: Please ONLY cross the car park at the crossing. If you are on the Kiss and Drop side please move up the line when you can. We will not allow children to enter cars that are in the middle of the car park. You must be parked to collect or drop off a child.



Drive up slowly when you see your child at the gate

Park and collect your child using the crossing

AWARDS

Term 1 Week 1

Balam Balam	Paitynn
Mur Murra	Riley
Duan	Whole class!
Barrangal	Axel
Yulawil	Whole class!
Wirrap	Grace
Guwak	Whole class
Njana Nganity	Mason

The Co-Principal Award

Last week's Co-Principal Award went to Tjandamarra. Tjandi has had a brilliant start to the year. He has shown all 4 School Values, been persistent and bravely having a go at new tasks. Thank you Tjandi.



Swimming Program

Students in 3/4/5/6 will start swimming at Peter Krenz Leisure Centre this Wednesday. Please make sure permission is given via the PAM app. Please contact the office if you are not using the app.

SiMON Everywhere - PAM App

The PAM App (was called SiMON Everywhere) has been updated over the holidays and will no longer work with old account logins. Each family will receive an email asking them to re-create new PAM logins.

School Closure Day

This year our school curriculum focus will be on Maths. Monday February 20th will be a whole school closure day while the teachers engage in a Maths Professional Learning Day.

A moment in Prayer

Dear God,
Please look after our St Peter's community as we start our new school year. Bless all the people who are new at St Peter's - Mr Darmody, Mr Cairns, Gina and Cooper and all our new students. May they feel welcome enjoy their time with us.
Amen

God Bless, Jen & Jeremy

UPCOMING events

You can find this calendar on the home page of our website

7	FEB, TUE	● 9:15 – 10:15am	Prep Family Welcome & meet Fr Junray
8	FEB, WED	● All day	No School For Preps
		● 9:30 – 11am	Opening Mass St Kilian's Catholic Church Bendigo
		● 1 – 2:10pm	3/4 Swimming
		● 1:40 – 3pm	5/6 Swimming
10	FEB, FRI	● 1 – 2:10pm	3/4 Swimming
		● 1:40 – 3pm	5/6 Swimming
13	FEB, MON	● 1 – 2:10pm	3/4 Swimming
		● 1:40 – 3pm	5/6 Swimming
14	FEB, TUE	● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Hello Night
15	FEB, WED	● All day	No School For Preps
		● 1 – 2:10pm	3/4 Swimming
		● 1:40 – 3pm	5/6 Swimming
17	FEB, FRI	● 1 – 2:10pm	3/4 Swimming
		● 1:40 – 3pm	5/6 Swimming
18	FEB, SAT	● All day	Marong cup
20	FEB, MON	● All day	School Closure Day
21	FEB, TUE	● 8:15 – 9am	Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Breakfast
22	FEB, WED	● All day	No School For Preps
		● 9 – 10am	Ash Wednesday - Liturgy with Fr. Rob
		● 1 – 2:10pm	3/4 Swimming
		● 1:40 – 3pm	5/6 Swimming
24	FEB, FRI	● 1 – 2:10pm	3/4 Swimming
		● 1:40 – 3pm	5/6 Swimming
27	FEB, MON	● All day	School Photos
1	MAR, WED	● All day	No School For Preps
8	MAR, WED	● All day	No School For Preps
13	MAR, MON	● All day	Labour Day Public Holiday
17	MAR, FRI	● 9 – 10am	Staff Commissioning Mass St Kilian's Church
6	APR, THU	● All day	Last Day of Term 1



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Something to Think About

Riches, power and control are valued highly in our world.
But Jesus draws on little things to teach deeper values. Salt preserves food: in the hands of a skilled cook it adds flavour to food. But its work is hidden.
As salt of the earth we can be effective in bringing more taste to life for others.

The Story

Light does not change a room: it enables us to see what is in it. It helps us appreciate what is good and beautiful, just as it facilitates avoiding pitfalls. We are children of the light: our lives are illumined by Jesus, the light of the world (John 8:12).

This light helps us to see the hidden hope of glory that is in us.
So we can rejoice even in the darkness of the world.

The Scriptures

Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world.

A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'



St. Peter's
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Life to the Full

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

Opening Mass

FEB 8, 2023 | 9:45 AM
ST. KILIAN'S CHURCH, BENDIGO

YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO JOIN US FOR MORNING TEA
AFTER MASS BACK AT SCHOOL.



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St. Peter's Primary School Wellbeing



Available on
Fridays



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!!



Attending School =
Brighter Future

- higher paying jobs
- improved overall health
- improved relationships and support networks



Head to Health

When you call Head to Health an experienced mental health professional will listen and work with you to find the best ways to get the help you need. You can also get help for someone else.

Head to Health may:

- connect you with suitable existing mental health services
- offer you care at a Head to Health hub, or through telehealth
- connect you to a specialist or acute mental health service, or emergency care

1800 595 212

After hours/Phone supports

If it is after hours and you would like to talk to someone, call:

Beyond Blue 1800 512 348

MensLine 1300 789 978

Parentline 132 289, 8 am-12 am 7 days

KidsLine 1800 551 800

Emergency & Urgent supports

If you need immediate help or are at risk of harm to yourself or others call 000

For urgent support, call:

Lifeline 13 11 14

SuicideLine 1300 651 251



MARONG CUP DAY



SATURDAY 18 FEBRUARY



SUPPORTING BENDIGO CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS

KIDS RIDES AND ACTIVITIES

Packages available • Umbrella Packages \$300 • Mini Marquees \$450

General Admission \$15 • Kids 16 & Under Free



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ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

SWIMMING LESSONS



GRADE 3, 4, 5 & 6

WEEK 2: WEDNESDAY 8TH, FRIDAY 10TH

WEEK 3: MONDAY 13TH, WEDNESDAY 15TH, FRIDAY 17TH

WEEK 4: WEDNESDAY 22ND, FRIDAY 24TH

Bus Pick up St Peter: Grade 3/4 1:00pm, Grade 5/6 1:40pm

Arrive back at school: Grade 3/4 2:00pm, Grade 5/6 2:40pm

What to bring: Bathers, towel, all clothing labeled with names

WHERE: EAGLEHAWK SWIMMING POOL

PLEASE SIGN PERMISSION NOTES ON THE APP



COME & TRY DAY

Saturday - February 11th
11am - 2pm
Epsom Huntly Recreation Reserve

Fun games & activities
for the kids to play!

BBQ

Register on the day to
play in 2023!



MARCHING/DRILLDANCE



FREE COME AND TRY DAY

AGES 8-12

(CONTACT US FOR OTHER AGES 4YEARS-ADULT)

WEDNESDAY FEB 8TH 5:30-6:30PM

AT THE LONG GULLY COMMUNITY CENTRE

23-29 HAVILAH ROAD, LONG GULLY

TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT REGISTER AT

WWW.EJSDRILLDANCE.COM AND CLICK ON TRY
DRILLDANCE

DO GOOD

Volunteer
with Vinnies



at our Chapel Street store

There is the opportunity for volunteers to gain new work skills or utilise life work skills as well as enjoy some company and make new friends while helping a charity which has great demands placed on it by many families struggling in various ways.

Please contact Pauline Turner on 0409 504 008

or call the Vinnies shop on 5443 5052



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Epsom FC - Soccer in Bendigo

Friendly February 2023

MONDAY



TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY

1 Send a message to let someone know you're thinking of them

THURSDAY

2 Ask a friend how they have been feeling recently

FRIDAY

3 Do an act of kindness to make life easier for someone

SATURDAY

4 Invite a friend over for a 'tea break' (in person or virtual)

SUNDAY

5 Make time to have a friendly chat with a neighbour

6 Get back in touch with an old friend you've not seen for a while

7 Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others

8 Share what you're feeling with someone you really trust

9 Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you

10 Look for good in others, particularly when you feel frustrated with them

11 Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost

12 Focus on being kind rather than being right

13 Smile at the people you see and brighten their day

14 Tell a loved one or friend why they are special to you

15 Support a local business with a positive online review or friendly message

16 Check in on someone who may be struggling and offer to help

17 Appreciate the good qualities of someone in your life

18 Respond kindly to everyone you talk to today, including yourself

19 Share something you find inspiring, helpful or amusing

20 Make a plan to connect with others and do something fun

21 Really listen to what people say, without judging them

22 Give sincere compliments to people you talk to today

23 Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise

24 Tell a loved one about the strengths that you see in them

25 Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why

26 Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones

27 Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them

28 Give positive comments to as many people as possible today



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier • Kinder • Together

Angry?

**Stressed
out?**

Sad?

**Feeling
helpless?**

**Financial
pressure?**

**Burnt
out?**

**Nowhere
to turn?**

**No one to
talk to?**

Alone?

It's OK if you're not feeling OK



1800 595 212



HeadtoHelp

To find out more go to: headtohelp.org.au

HeadtoHelp is a collaborative initiative of Victoria's Primary Health Networks and funded by the Australian Government.