

# Newsletter

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"Let the words you speak always be full of grace

## tello families,

#### 3/4 Scooter Ed Sessions

The 3/4 students are reminded to bring along their scooters and helmets for Scooter Ed this Thursday with Mrs White. There will be some spare scooters for those who don't own one. The session will be another practice before completing the excursion on Thursday 30th of November

#### 3/4 Fun Day

The Middle Unit Fun Day is this Wednesday - November 22nd. Please see the details and ensure you have completed the permission on the SiMON Everywhere App.

#### School Closure Day

This Friday the 24th of November we will have our School Closure Day for our Planning of the 2024 school year. This will be a student free day where the staff work together to work on the strategic direction for St Peter's for 2024.

#### **Big Question**

The Big Question will now take a turn towards Christmas and the Church season of Advent.

This week's Big Question is:

#### How can I be prepared?

We will explore how we can be our best selves and learners, influenced by the values of Christ and the season of Advent, which in turn will help us all to live our lives to the full. Please ask your children what they have been discussing in their classrooms to prepare for Christmas.

#### Christmas Raffle

Once again we are running our Christmas Raffle throughout the school. Families are invited to donate a gift for the raffle hampers - donations may be non-perishable food, small Christmas gifts, decorations, books - anything that matches the Christmas theme! The raffle will be drawn at the final assembly on Friday the 8th of December at 1.20pm. (After the Learning Expo)

#### Learning Expo

Our classes will be showing off their amazing work again at the end of this term. The Learning Expo will be open to families on Friday the 8th of December immediately before our Final Assembly - where we give out awards and draw the Christmas Raffle. The Expo will be open at 12.15pm and the Assembly will be at 1.20pm.

#### Toys from home

We ask all families to ensure students are not bringing toys from home to play with at school. There are many toys here the students can play with both inside and in the yard and we are having difficulty with the number of toys coming in from home. Students are getting very upset when their treasured toy is lost or broken. Please keep toys at home.

### **End of Year Important Dates:**

#### St Peter's Orientation Day

- Tuesday the 5th of December - 12pm - 1.50pm

#### Catholic Secondary Schools Orientation Day

- Tuesday the 5th of December - all day

#### **Government Secondary Schools Orientation Day**

- Tuesday 12th of December

#### Learning Expo, Final Assembly & Raffle Draw

- Friday the 8th of December at 12pm.

#### End of Year Mass and Dinner on the Oval

- Tuesday the 12th of December at 6pm.

#### Students Last Day for 2023

- The last day of the year for students will be Friday the 15th of December. The students will finish at 2.15pm on this day.

## A moment in Prayer

Dear God,

Yesterday we marked the World Day of the Poor. Pope Francis asked that we all take time to pray for those in need and to treat the poor in our communities with respect and help out wherever we can.

Loving God.

Help us to see and respect those who are poor in our communities.

Help individuals, companies and institutions to help out whenever they can.

Bless those who are struggling to pay bills and put food on the table.

Amen

God Bless, Jen & Jeremy

#### Term 4 Week 7

Mummumburra Ava

Duan Jaxson W

Malarndirri

Mur Murra Casper

Balam balam George T

Charlie

Tiah-Lani

Barrangal Kacee

Yulawil Penny

Wirrap Nate

Ngana-nganity Malakai

Guwak

Enviro Isaiah

Music Imy S



Co-Principal Award Last week's Co-Principal award was given to Ashton from Prep. Ashton has consistently shown all 4 School Values. Ashton is great role model to those around him - always trying hard, listening to instructions, being kind and

helpful to others. Thanks Ashton!

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20 NOV, MON		
22 NOV, WED	<ul><li>All day</li></ul>	3/4 Fun Day
24 NOV, FRI	<ul><li>All day</li></ul>	School Closure Day - Planning & Report Writing
5 DEC, TUE	<ul><li>All day</li><li>All day</li></ul>	Catholic Secondary Schools Orientation Day St Peters Orientation Day 12pm-1:50pm
8 DEC, FRI	<ul><li>12:15 – 1:15pm</li><li>1:20 – 3pm</li></ul>	Learning Expo- Families welcome Final Assembly and Christmas Raffle Draw
11 DEC, MON	<ul><li>All day</li></ul>	5/6 Fun Day
12 DEC, TUE	All day     All day	End of Year Mass and Dinner on the Oval 6pm Government Secondary Schools Orientation Day
15 DEC, FRI	<ul><li>All day</li></ul>	Last Day of Term 4- 2:15pm Finish

This week's big question.

## 'How can I be prepared?'

One would never find a sports team simply arriving for a match with no prior practice or preparation. As Benjamin Franklin once said, "By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail".

**WHAT IS BEING PREPARED?** To make ready beforehand for a specific purpose, as for an event or occasion: Being prepared is planning for success. We can be prepared in many different spaces. For our learning, for break, for before and after school. If we want to have a successful event, session, time or play, we need to be prepared for

it.

This week is the last week before Advent. The time before Advent, which we call Ordinary Time is a time where we learn to grow in relationship with Jesus.

Advent is a time of preparation where we get ready. In Advent we look at the gifts of Hope, Faith, Peace and Joy and use these gifts to help us prepare for the greatest joy, Christmas.









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## **CHRISTMAS FOOD PANTRY**

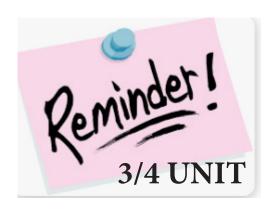
Over our period where our regular operation is closed we will be closed. Bendigo Foodshare will be working with the Rotary clubs in Bendigo to help run the Christmas Food Pantry. If anybody is in need of food relief during this time share the following information.

Wednesday December 27th - St Pauls Myers St Thursday December 28th - Eaglehawk Rotary Club Rooms Friday December 29th - Kangaroo Flat Rotary Club Rooms Wednesday January 3rd - St Pauls Myers St Thursday January 4th - Eaglehawk Club Rooms Friday January 5th - Kangaroo Flat Rotary Club Rooms









- ~ PLEASE RETURN PERMISSON NOTES FOR 3/4 FUN DAY, THIS WEDNESDAY 22ND OF NOVEMBER
- ~ DON'T FORGET YOUR SCOOTERS AND HELMETS FOR THE SCOOTER SESSION, THIS THURSDAY 23RD OF NOVEMBER





## Something to Think About

God gives us faith; He gives us gifts and talents. We are encouraged in the reading today to give thanks for these gifts and think about how we can use them to give God glory. How can you use them for God today?

## **The Story**

Focus firstly on all those servants who did a fine job for their master. Their reward? To enter into the joy of their master. You can imagine all sorts of celebrations, gifts, sense of fulfilment and general happiness all around. A "talent" was a huge amount at the time of the Gospels, so the master was entrusting a great deal to his servants. He must have been delighted with their work.

## The Scriptures ~ Matthew 25:1-13

"The kingdom of heaven is like a man who was going to another place for a visit. Before he left, he talked with his servants. The man told them to take care of his things while he was gone. He decided how much each servant would be able to care for. He gave one servant five bags of money. He gave another servant two bags of money. And he gave a third servant one bag of money. Then the man left. The servant who got five bags went quickly to invest the money. The five bags of money earned five more. It was the same with the servant who had two bags of money. He invested the money and earned two more. But the servant who got one bag of money went out and dug a hole in the ground. Then he hid his master's money in the hole.

"After a long time the master came home. He asked the servants what they did with his money. The servant who got five bags of money brought five more bags to the master. The servant said, 'Master, you trusted me to care for five bags of money. So I used your five bags to earn five more.' The master answered, 'You did well. You are a good servant who can be trusted. You did well with small things. So I will let you care for much greater things.

Come and share my happiness with me.'



We are collecting bread tags.
Please drop them to the office or
Djak-tjarra.

#### JUNIOR PEPPERGREEN FARM EXCURSION

On Wednesday 15 November, the students from F-2 travelled by bus to the PepperGreen Farm.

Students were excited to explore the gardens, meet the worms and hens, learn about plant parts and bush tucker, see the bee hives and eat a fresh strawberry they picked straight from the garden.

They did a great job in the warm weather and had lots of fun! Thank you to the staff that attended the excursion and made it a great afternoon.

Mrs Lauren White

















## THANKS TO:











