

# Newsletter

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"Behold, I make all things new"

Revelations 21:5

*Good afternoon everyone.*

## Magnify Sandhurst

In 2025 there are lots of exciting changes coming to Catholic Education Sandhurst – which St Peter's is a part of. We have spent the last few days learning more about what is to come and how we are changing the way we will do learning in all catholic schools in our diocese. All families will receive a letter in the coming days about what the changes will be and the ways we are improving education across all of Sandhurst – keep your eyes out ready for the letter!

## Welcoming new staff

In last week's newsletter we announced the staff who are leaving St Peter's at the end of the year for various adventures. This week we are very happy to inform you all of some of the new staff coming to us for 2025.

We will welcome Mr Martyn Dillon. Marty was an ESO here at St Peter's for several years while he completed his teacher training. Since graduating Martyn has worked at St Mary's Echuca, St Monica's Kangaroo Flat and Marist College Bendigo.

Mr Jake Higgins will continue on with us in 2025 after replacing Mrs Lill Daley for the remainder of this year. Jake has also worked with us over several years as an ESO while completing his teacher training. Since he graduated Jake has worked in Auckland New Zealand as a classroom teacher.

We will also welcome back Mr Jeremy Rodi. Jeremy also worked with us as an ESO while completing his teacher training and this year has worked at Sacred Heart Primary School in Fitzroy.

All three of these teachers know and love our community and we are thrilled to welcome them all back for 2025.

## Working Bee Volunteers Needed

We're calling for volunteers to join us for a Working Bee at St. Peter's as we focus on sprucing up the school grounds. We would be grateful for any help from any family members and friends for an hour or two this Sunday the 1st of December, from 9am to 11am. Every little bit helps to make our grounds cleaner and more welcoming for our students.

Many hands make light work!!

If you're able to lend a hand, please contact the school on 5443 9319 or email us at [admin@spbendigo.catholic.edu.au](mailto:admin@spbendigo.catholic.edu.au) to confirm your support. We ask that you bring along any equipment you might have – gloves, shovels etc etc. Thank you in advance for your generosity and community spirit!

## Important Dates

- Sunday 1st December - Working Bee, 9am-11am
- Monday 9th December - Culture Day 12-2pm
- Tuesday the 10th of December – State Orientation Day
- Tuesday the 10th of December – End of Year Mass and Oval Dinner, St Killians at 5:30pm
- Wednesday the 18th of December – Students' last day

## *A moment in Prayer*

Christ the King Sunday (yesterday) was a special day when we remember that Jesus is our King. Unlike other kings we read about in history, Jesus did not rule with power and armies. Instead, Jesus' kingdom is all about love, truth, and serving others. Jesus showed us that true leadership comes from caring for others and doing what is right, even if it's difficult.

Dear God,

Help us to love and serve others just like Jesus did.

Help us to remember to put love and truth above all else.

Help us to do what is right, even when it is difficult.

With your loving help, we can do this.

Amen

*God Bless,  
Jen & Jeremy*





## Christ the King Sunday (the last Sunday in Ordinary Time)

### The Story

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In the Gospel reading (John 18:33-37), we hear a story where Jesus is talking with Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor. Pilate asks Jesus if He is the King of the Jews. Jesus explains that His kingdom is not from this world. He is not interested in being a king with castles and soldiers. Instead, Jesus came to show us God's love and teach us how to live in truth.

### The Scriptures - John 18:33-37

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

### Something to Think About

This Gospel reminds us that being a leader isn't about power or control but about serving others and standing up for what is right. Jesus is a different kind of King—He shows us that true leadership is based on love, kindness, and truth. When He says, "My kingdom is not from this world," it means He came to teach us how to live in a way that reflects God's love, rather than building a kingdom with castles and soldiers. We can honour Jesus as our King by being kind, helping others, and standing up for what's right, even when it's difficult. Think about how you can show that Jesus is your King in your actions, why it's important for leaders to be truthful and kind, and one thing you could do this week to serve others, just as Jesus did.

St. Peter's  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
*Life to the Full*

St. Peter's  
End of Year Mass  
&  
Graduation Ceremony

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 10, 2024  
🕒 5:30pm - 6:30pm  
📍 St. Kilian's Church

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



# St. Peter's Primary School Physical Education

Mr. Jake Wilkinson - P.E Coordinator

## BIKE ED



3/4 Wirrap can bring their bikes/helmets on Thursday 28th November for our Bike Ed Excursion.

Keep an eye out for **PERMISSION NOTES** for our **EXCURSIONS!!**



## St. Peter's Primary School Ecological STEWARDSHIP PROJECT



Mrs. Lauren White - Eco-Stewardship Coordinator

This week at Djak-tjarra we have:

- Tuesday = 5/6 Banya
- Wednesday = 1/2 Balam-balam
- Thursday = 3/4 Wirrap.

ALL classes run from 12 noon - 1:50pm.

**PLEASE DON'T FORGET DRINK BOTTLES!**

**Monday 9th of December  
12:00-2:00pm**

IN CELEBRATION OF CULTURE & LANGUAGE DIVERSITY AT ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Culture & Language Day

Parents are welcome to join us as we celebrate the languages and cultures of Tagalog, Karen, Malayalam & Koori.  
Please contact Jake Wilkinson if you would like to help out.

LIFE TO THE FULL

## Breaky Club



Please remind your children to greet their teacher and put their bag away before going to have breakfast (if they haven't eaten at home). If they finish early, then they can go to the playground or back to their classroom to do an activity. If they play first, they won't have time to go and eat. 😊



### 8:30am

### walk, ride or scoot to school

**Friday 15th November: Havilah Path. Meet at the RSL Carpark.**

**Friday 22nd November: School Closure Day - No Walk to school**

**Friday 29th November: Golden Path. Meet at the Corner Store Cafe.**

**Friday 6th December: Buckley Path. Meet at the Corner of Buckley and Bray Street.**

**Friday 13th December: Prouses Path. Meet at the Prouses road Milk Bar.**



# Community News

**NOW OPEN!**

APPOINTMENTS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE!

**Indigo Play Therapy**

Ph) 0461 311 415  
E) admin@indigoplaytherapy.com.au  
Bendigo, Vic

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

[www.indigoplaytherapy.com.au](http://www.indigoplaytherapy.com.au)



**Lightning Reef Primary YMCA Outside School Hours Care**  
Discover OSHC programs at Lightning Reef Primary School. We offer high quality Before and After School Care and fun School Holiday Programs. Enrol today!

[ymca.org.au](http://ymca.org.au)

## PERMANENT AND CASUAL BOOKINGS

To support busy families, we have two booking options across our Outside School Hours Care services, both permanent and casual. You're able to have both permanent on-going bookings and casual bookings to suit your needs.

### Permanent on-going bookings

These bookings are for families with a regular schedule. By booking recurring visits in advance, you can secure a spot at a lower fee. Permanent bookings always guarantee your child has an on-going spot (subject to availability) on your chosen days.

Features include:

- Price effective
- Ease of mind with bookings secured ahead of time
- If your child is absent, you only pay the gap fee\*
- One week cancellation notice applies to cancel your recurring spot

### Casual bookings

These bookings offer more flexibility, allowing families to book any session as needed. Casual bookings do incur a higher fee compared to permanent bookings. Booking in advance will give you the best chance of guaranteeing a spot.

Features include:

- Flexible ad hoc bookings, book only when you need
- If your child is absent, you only pay the gap fee\*
- One week cancellation notice applies to cancel your spot



\*You are required to pay the full session fee for all booking options that finish with an absence

## Inform Hub Bendigo

**riac**  
Rights Information and Advocacy Centre

### Do you need help to:

- » Fill out a form (Centrelink, housing, Government rebate etc.)
- » Write a complaint about a service
- » Link with services such as legal or housing
- » Set up iPads, computers and phones
- » Download and use apps such as:
  - » myGov
  - » Services Australia
  - » My Aged Care
  - » Medicare Express
  - ... and more.

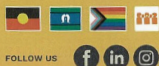
We have templates to help with NDIS and DSP applications!

### Locations and times:

**When:** Every Tuesday from 10am - 2pm  
*\*Strictly during this time and on the day only. We will help in order of arrival.*

**Where:** 480 Hargreaves Street, Bendigo

Find out more today!  
Contact us on 03 5222 5499  
[riac.org.au](http://riac.org.au)



FOLLOW US

**FRIDAY  
NOVEMBER 29  
4 - 7 PM  
GARDEN FOR THE  
FUTURE  
BOSQUET ST  
WHITE HILLS**

**Together we grow  
FUN FAIR**

Bendigo Community Health Services is celebrating 50 years of care, and everyone's invited to celebrate.

- ✓ Discover our 50+ services
- ✓ Free BBQ & ice cream
- ✓ Food trucks
- ✓ Children's activities
- ✓ Live music & performances

**Bendigo Community Health Services**

[www.bchs.com.au](http://www.bchs.com.au)



**children's health  
& wellbeing local**

Free support for children and their families

# TERM FOUR 2024



## 0-11 YEARS PARENT SUPPORT AND EDUCATION AND SESSIONS

The Loddon Children's Health & Wellbeing Local will be offering weekly education session related to mental health and wellbeing for parents of children 0-11. These are available both on line and in person.

**Sessions are open to any family with children 0-11.**

### Why join in?

- Meet and mix with other parents.
- Talk to mental health staff about your child.
- Ask any practical questions you have about parenting at the moment.
- Gain support for yourself as a parent.

**Where:** Loddon Children's Health and Wellbeing Local  
Bendigo Community Health Services  
19 Helm St Kangaroo Flat

**Dates and topics:** Thursdays 9.30 am On Line session: 1pm Face to face at the local

**Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> 9.30am** on line and **1pm** face to face Autism what is it and how do I help?

**Oct 10<sup>th</sup> 9.30am** on line and **1pm** face to face Tech troubles

**Oct 17<sup>th</sup> 9.30am** on line and **1pm** face to face Anxiety in kids

**Oct 24<sup>th</sup> 9.30am** on line and **1pm** face to face Managing big feelings

**Oct 31<sup>st</sup> 9.30am** and **1pm** ADHD What is it and how do I help?

**Nov 14<sup>th</sup> 9.30am** and **1pm** Building social skills

**Nov 21<sup>st</sup> 9.30am** and **1pm** Anger in kids

**Nov 28<sup>th</sup> 9.30am** and **1pm** Setting limits and family rules

**Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 9.30am** on line and **1pm** face to face Parent Wellbeing

**If you have any questions, please contact** Annette Clemments on 1800 433 977.

**Book in here :** using the QR code or email [jcfhwlocals@bchs.com.au](mailto:jcfhwlocals@bchs.com.au)



Zoom link for 10am meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84867976569> Meeting ID: 848 6797 6569



In partnership with Bendigo Health,  
Bendigo and District Aboriginal  
Cooperative, Niemda Aboriginal Health,  
Corporation, Echuca Regional Health,  
North Central LLEN and Maryborough  
District Health.

The Children's Health and Wellbeing Local is jointly funded by the Victorian Government and the Australian Government through the Head to Health Kids initiative

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## RIAC's Tips for Carers/Parents of neurodivergent children

### Helping Neurodivergent Children Cope at the end of a school day

After spending all day navigating the socially demanding world of school, neurodivergent children often arrive home exhausted and overwhelmed. It can be hard to get them to open up and share their struggles and successes from the day. Allow them **time to process** the day on their own terms. Perhaps by enjoying some down time engaging with a **special interest**.

Some parents have found success joining in with their child and playing alongside them. This gives your child the opportunity to talk if/when they are ready without feeling pressured to answer questions. As one parent of a neurodivergent child said, *"it is amazing what they tell me when we are colouring-in together"*.

Come along to our **Carer Support groups** to learn more tips and enjoy a cuppa and a chat with other parents who have faced similar struggles.

Bendigo Walking Group	Bendigo Carer Self-Care Hub
<p><b>When:</b> 9.30am – 11am  <b>2nd and 4th</b> Thursday each month</p> <p><b>Where:</b> Lake Weeroona                      (at seats next to Coffee Man)</p>	<p><b>When:</b> 10am – 12noon  <b>1st</b> Thursday each month</p> <p><b>Where:</b> Strathdale Community Centre                      155 Crook Street, Strathdale                      (Free parking)</p>

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