

Newsletter

2 December 2024

ISSUE #37

"Behold, I make all things new"
Revelations 21:5

Good afternoon everyone.

Working Bee

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended our St. Peter's Working Bee on Sunday, 1 December. Your efforts in gardening, cleaning, and spreading sand and softfall have made a noticeable difference to our school grounds. We are truly grateful for the time and energy you gave to help keep our school looking its best. Your generosity of spirit reflects the strong sense of community that makes St. Peter's such a special place.

Year 6 Murtagh Award Assembly

This Friday, 6 December, we invite families to join us for the Year 6 Murtagh Award assembly. The assembly will begin at 2.30pm, and we look forward to celebrating the achievements and contributions of our Year 6 students during this special occasion. We hope to see you there! The Prep students will also receive a special photo at the assembly.

End of Year Mass and Oval Dinner

All families are invited to join us for the End of Year Mass and Oval Dinner. Mass is at 5.30pm at St Kilian's Church and will include the Year 6 Graduation. All families are invited to bring along some dinner (picnic or take away) and meet us up at the oval at school for dinner and a play. Santa might even come and visit us too!!

Important Dates

- Friday the 6th of December – Murtagh Award Assembly
- Monday the 9th of December – Culture Day
- Tuesday the 10th of December – State Orientation Day, 12pm-1:50pm - All students visit their 2025 classroom
- Tuesday the 10th of December – End of Year Mass and Oval Dinner - Mass 5:30pm
- Friday the 13th of December –
 - 1pm - Student Expo
 - 1.50pm - Sausage Sizzle
 - 2.20pm - Christmas Raffle
- Monday 16th of December- Unit Fun Days
- Wednesday the 18th of December – Students' last day

A moment in Prayer

Hope in the First Week of Advent

Loving God,

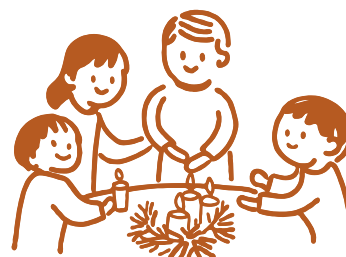
As we enter this season of Advent, fill our hearts with the light of Hope.

Help us to trust in your promises and see your presence in the small and beautiful moments around us.

May we bring hope to others through kindness and love.

Amen

*God Bless,
Jen & Jeremy*



Upcoming Dates

Friday 6th December

Murtagh Award Assembly

Monday 9th December

Culture Day 12-2pm

Tuesday 10th December

State Orientation Day

End of Year Mass at 5:30pm followed by Oval Dinner

Friday 13th December

- 1pm - Student Expo
- 1.50pm - Sausage Sizzle
- 2.20pm - Christmas Raffle

Monday 16th December

Unit Fun Days

Wednesday 18th December

Last Day Term

AWARDS

Duan

Chase & Jewel

Barrangal

Tai

Yulawil

Oliver

Guwak

Charlotte & Tanesha

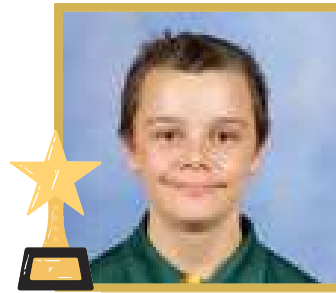
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CO-PRINCIPAL AWARD

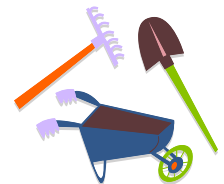


The Co-Principal Award went to Ethan F in Year 6.

Well done Ethan!



WORKING BEE



Thank you to all our volunteers!



FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

Benefiting the health and wellbeing of our Bendigo school children

Proudly funded and supported by:





1st Sunday of Advent

The Story



In this Gospel, Jesus talks about signs in the sun, moon, and stars, and how people will feel worried and afraid when strange things happen. He tells His followers not to be scared because these signs mean that God's Kingdom is near. Jesus also reminds everyone to stay ready by praying and living in a way that pleases God, so they won't be caught off guard when He comes back.

The Scriptures - Luke 21:25-28,34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'



Something to Think About

This Gospel reminds us of the tension between fear and hope. The imagery of cosmic signs and the distress of nations can seem overwhelming, but Jesus calls us to lift our heads in hope, for these are signs of God's Kingdom drawing near. It's an invitation to live with a sense of urgency, not in panic, but in faith and readiness.

Jesus challenges us to avoid being weighed down by distractions or anxieties, urging us to stay spiritually awake through prayer and intentional living. This passage invites us to reflect: Are we focused on what truly matters? Are we living in a way that aligns with our faith and values? As we await the fulfilment of God's promises, how can we remain steadfast, hopeful, and open to God's presence in our daily lives?

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

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART!

Thank you so much for those who collected sponsorship donations for the Heart Foundation and to those who supported the students to skip, skip, skip.

We raised a grand total of \$588.87 which is a magnificent effort!



St. Peter's Primary School Ecological STEWARDSHIP PROJECT



Mrs. Lauren White - Eco-Stewardship Coordinator

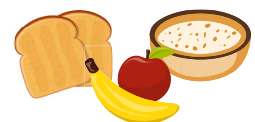
This week at Djak-tjarra we have:

Tuesday = 5/6 Guwak
Wednesday = F Mumumburra
Thursday = 3/4 Yulawil.

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

PLEASE DON'T FORGET DRINK BOTTLES!

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. 😊



Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop Hours

Monday 8.30 to 9.15am

Thursday 8.30 to 9.15am

Orders can be emailed or dropped off at the office anytime ready to be prepared during shop hours on Monday and Thursday.

Foundation (Prep) 2025 Orders

Order now for December or January collection. If you have any questions please call the office on 5443 9319.

Active Travel to school Survey

If parents could spend 5 minutes filling out this voluntary survey on "How kids travel to school".

Thanks Jake Wilkinson

Parent Survey (Baseline)

Take this survey powered by [surveymonkey.com](https://www.surveymonkey.com). Create your own surveys for free.

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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.

Remember when crossing: STOP, LOOK, LISTEN, THINK

ST PETERS PRIMARY SCHOOL ACTIVE MAP

RIDE2 SCHOOL

CITY OF GLENELG BENDIGO

🎁🎄👶🌟🎁 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 2:20pm on Friday 13th of December. Raffle tickets have come home with student's today for families to sell.



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 Tagalong, Karen, Malayalam & Koori.
Please contact Jake Wilkinson if you would like to help out.

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



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!

www.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



Our programs qualify for the Federal Government's Child Care Subsidy (CCS). CCS helps eligible families access approved and registered child care providers by partially subsidising the cost of daily fees. Visit the Services Australia website for more information.



Inform Hub Bendigo

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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



FOLLOW US

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 3rd 9.30am on line and 1pm face to face Autism what is it and how do I help?

Oct 10th 9.30am on line and 1pm face to face Tech troubles

Oct 17th 9.30am on line and 1pm face to face Anxiety in kids

Oct 24th 9.30am on line and 1pm face to face Managing big feelings

Oct 31st 9.30am and 1pm ADHD What is it and how do I help?

Nov 14th 9.30am and 1pm Building social skills

Nov 21st 9.30am and 1pm Anger in kids

Nov 28th 9.30am and 1pm Setting limits and family rules

Dec 5th 9.30am on line and 1pm face to face Parent Wellbeing

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

Book in here : using the QR code or email lchlwlocals@bchs.com.au



Zoom link for 10am meeting

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

bendigo Community Health SERVICES
In partnership with Bendigo Health, Bendigo and District Aboriginal Cooperative, Nianda Aboriginal 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 |
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| <p>When: 9.30am – 11am 2nd and 4th Thursday each month Where: Lake Weeroona (at seats next to Coffee Man)</p> | <p>When: 10am – 12noon 1st Thursday each month Where: Strathdale Community Centre 155 Crook Street, Strathdale (Free parking)</p> |

For more information – EMAIL: carers@riac.org.au
PHONE: Carolyn – 0488 605 363



JOIN US

Christmas Art and Craft Session for Kids

Wednesday 11th December 2024
Start 4.00pm-5.30pm

Process art based:

- Create a present Christmas card
- Paint a gingerbread man with spices.
- Transform a canvas into a Christmas decoration

Take home what you create on the day

Ages 6-15 year old.

\$25 SPECIAL

Location: Long Gully Neighbourhood Centre
52-54 Derwent Drive Long Gully Vic 3550

Contact: embraceplayau@gmail.com
enrol your child/children.
Maximum 10 children



Summer ART CAMP

\$80 Full day
\$45 1/2 Day

For times, registration and payment please email: embraceplayau@gmail.com
Find more inspiration: Instagram: EmbracePlayAu

Location: Long Gully Neighbourhood Centre
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| <p>Tuesday 14.01.25</p> <p>"Motion" Explore motion with balls, marbles, pendulums and gravity.</p> | <p>Wednesday 15.01.25</p> <p>"Robots" Create a robot with boxes, cylinders, split pins and foil.</p> | <p>Thursday 16.01.25</p> <p>"Fainforest" Venture into the world of greenery and animals to make a diorama.</p> |
| <p>Tuesday 21.01.25</p> <p>"Pirates Ahoy" Is it a bird? Is it a boat? maybe it will be treasure!</p> | <p>Wednesday 22.01.25</p> <p>"Who am I?" Indulge in the 5 senses and see how the body can be a paintbrush</p> | <p>Thursday 23.01.25</p> <p>"Boxes" What can you make with a box? The tallest, longest, widest or most detailed box art could be yours.</p> |