



Newsletter

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"Behold, I make all things new"

Revelations 21:5

Good afternoon everyone.

Year 6 Murtagh Award Assembly

Last Friday at our Assembly, we celebrated our recipients of the Murtagh Family Awards. We congratulate the following students:

Murtagh Family Literacy Award: Jason

Murtagh Family Numeracy Award: Tiah-Lani

Murtagh Family Aspiration Award: Olivia & Kaylan

Murtagh Family Achievement Award: Imogen & Lucas

We express our deepest gratitude to the Murtagh Family for their continued generous support of our students.



End of Year Mass and Oval Dinner

All families are invited to join us for the End of Year Mass and Oval Dinner tomorrow night – Tuesday the 10th of December. Mass is at 5.30pm at St Kilian's Church and will include the Year 6 Graduation. After mass 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!!

Culture Day

Today we participated in several activities for Culture Day. Thank you to all the family members who helped us out to celebrate today – we will have lots of photos in next week's newsletter.

Friday – Expo, Sausage Sizzle and Raffle Assembly

This Friday the 13th is a big day at St Peter's! At 1pm we have our Student Learning Expo where our families are invited in to see the students showcase their learning from Term 4. After the Expo we invite everyone to stay for a sausage for lunch and the last Friday Races of the year – and the last one for Mr P! At 2.30pm we will have the Assembly where we draw the Christmas Raffle. Please ensure all donations are in by Wednesday so we can make up the prizes for the raffle!!

Fun Day next Monday

Each of the units have organised a Fun Day for next Monday the 16th of December. Please ensure you have given permission for the activities your child is participating in.

Important Dates

- Monday the 9th of December – Culture Day
- Tuesday the 10th of December – State Orientation Day – All students visit their 2025 classroom. Prep (2025) Orientation from 12pm-1:50pm
- Tuesday the 10th of December – End of Year Mass (5.30pm) and Oval Dinner
- Friday the 13th of December –
 - 1pm - Student Expo
 - 1.50pm - Sausage Sizzle
 - 2.20pm - Christmas Raffle
- Monday the 16th of December – Unit Fun Day
- Wednesday the 18th of December – Students' last day

A moment in Prayer

Second Week of Advent

God of power and mercy open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen

*God Bless,
Jen & Jeremy*

Upcoming Dates

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

Music
PE

Banya

Heart Heroes:

Jaxson L, Mia H, Madison H, Kaylee H, Willow C, Alex B, Edith B, George T, Janice M, Josmi M, Jewel J, Jezel J, Josiah D, Olivia D, Tanesha G

CO-PRINCIPAL AWARD

The Co-Principal Award went to Hunter for always showing extraordinary care for others. Hunter is extremely kind to others and always helps other students. Thank you Hunter!



FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

Benefiting the health and wellbeing of our Bendigo school children

Proudly funded and supported by:

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2nd Sunday of Advent

The Story

This passage introduces John the Baptist, who was sent by God to prepare people for Jesus' arrival. John preached in the wilderness, urging people to repent (turn away from their sins) and be baptised as a sign of starting fresh. He fulfilled the words of the prophet Isaiah, saying his role was to prepare the way for the Lord by helping people change their hearts and lives so they could welcome Jesus.

The Scriptures - Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Every valley will be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
winding ways will be straightened
and rough roads made smooth.

And all mankind shall see the salvation of God

Something to Think About

John the Baptist challenges us to prepare for Jesus by turning away from actions that separate us from God and choosing a path that brings us closer to Him. This means more than just saying sorry—it's about truly changing our behaviour. Are there ways we can be more honest, forgiving, or patient? Can we show love to others, even when it's hard? Turning away from selfishness, anger, or unkindness opens our hearts to God's presence. John reminds us that every choice we make either draws us nearer to God or pulls us away. How can your actions this week help you take a step closer to God?



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)



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.

Final Day for Orders This Thursday

Last day for orders will be for 2024 will be this Thursday. Orders received after this will be processed in 2025.



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.



ST PETERS PRIMARY SCHOOL
ACTIVE MAP

RIDE2 SCHOOL

CITY OF GREATER BENDIGO

Community News

NOW OPEN!

APPOINTMENTS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE!

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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!

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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.

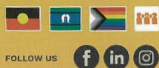
We have templates to help with NDIS and DSP applications!

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



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>When: 9.30am – 11am 2nd and 4th Thursday each month</p> <p>Where: Lake Weeroona (at seats next to Coffee Man)</p> <p>For more information – EMAIL: carers@riac.org.au PHONE: Carolyn – 0488 605 363</p>	<p>When: 10am – 12noon 1st Thursday each month</p> <p>Where: Strathdale Community Centre 155 Crook Street, Strathdale (Free parking)</p>

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](https://www.instagram.com/EmbracePlayAu)

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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>"Rainforest" 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>