



St Peter's Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Principal - Mrs Jennifer Roberts

Good Afternoon.

End of Term



We are on the downward slope to the end of the term - but don't be fooled - there is a busy 4 weeks ahead! We have a Disco, Feast Day, Reports, Hearing Checks - just to name a few. There are many different activities and events coming up. There are also lots of colds and illnesses floating around. If your child is unwell we ask that you please keep them home for a day or two of rest so as not to infect those around them.

3/4 Camp

If you have a child in grade 3/4 please check that they have given you information and notes to sign and return. The camp is next week!



Fidget Spinners



Fidget Spinners are banned as of today. Please keep them at home.

Recorder/Multi/Choir

We congratulate the students who participated in the Recorder and Multi Performance last week. Mrs Heinrich was extremely proud of the way students performed and behaved throughout the excursion. This week we have a Choir rehearsal on Tuesday at St Francis and another at St Peter's on Thursday. The competition is Friday. We wish all members of the Choir the very best - do us proud!



Community Circle



The next Community Circle meeting will now be held on **Thursday the 15th of June** at **9am** here at school. Please note the change of time. All Welcome!

Principal's Award

This week's Principal's award goes to a fantastic student who shows Care for Learning by always doing her best work - and that is work to a very high standard! She shows Care for Others every single day in the way she is kind and thoughtful towards everyone, not just her friends. We congratulate this young student for doing such a great job being a role model and showing such excellent leadership skills in the ELC. Congratulations **Eliza Rees**.



Award Winners - Week 7, Term 2

P/1/2 PURDON

River Farrow, Myzaiah Edwards, Tyson Wiles

P/1/2 KELLY/ISAAC

Zephyr Farrow, Eugene Romero

P/1/2 PODOSKY

Zachariah Edwards, Bob Hopley, Harper Spark

3/4 LEONARD

Albee Coughlan, Zarlea Wilson Pollard

3/4 CARR/WHITE

Madalitso Patterson, Madisyn De Haas

5/6 WILKINSON

Shelby Bailey-Ryan, Mitchell Rees

5/6 GARDISE/WHITE

Alen Johny



Pentecost

Yesterday was the celebration of the Feast of Pentecost - the coming of the Holy Spirit.

This is a time when we ask ourselves - can people see that I am filled with the Holy Spirit by the way that I act? It is a time to remind us to pray for the Holy Spirit to fill us, to work through us, to bless us with the gifts and fruits of the Spirit. We are full of the Holy Spirit when we show love, joy peace and kindness - what a lovely way to live our lives.

Let us Pray that we are filled with the Holy Spirit today and always, that we are guided by the Holy Spirit today and always and that we trust the Holy Spirit today and always. Amen.



God Bless, Jenny



Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?

That's when every minute counts the most!

A good time to arrive is **8.45am** so you are all ready and settled for our 9am start.

Extend OSHC at St Peter's Primary School



Hi Everyone,

Last week we started our paper plane tournament, where the children had to design their own plane and fly it through different sized holes to get a prize. We will be continuing this until the end of term, or until someone can get their plane through the littlest hole first. Also during the start of the week, we made choc chip biscuits that Shelby and Sarah Levi helped me to make. Outside this week, we had a few games of soccer and some group games. The weather is getting colder quicker in the evenings so we will endeavour to implement indoor physical activities in the program throughout the winter months. To end off our week, the children initiated balloon volleyball, which turned into 'keep the balloon off the ground'. If anyone is missing a size 8 jacket, brand new, no name, come and see me in the Knuldoorong from 2:30pm

Thanks, Hannah



This weeks **EXTEND Superstar** is **Storm Webster** for making great choices and caring for others!

This week's activities!

Monday 5th	Board games
Tuesday 6th	Large Foam Blocks
Wednesday 7th	Outside Group Games
Thursday 8th	Dress Up's
Friday 9th	Fruit salad



PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au



ST PETERS SCHOOL DISCO!

WHEN: THURSDAY 22ND JUNE 2017

WHERE: THE KNULDOORONG

COST: \$5 - INCLUDES 2X SLICES OF PIZZA AND CORDIAL/WATER
(Additional pizza can be purchased for \$2)

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE OFFICE

STUDENT DISCO RAFFLE: We are running a Raffle for the students which will be drawn the night of the disco. Win great prizes from The Zone, Toy World, Kmart, Coles along with other various items. Tickets will be sent home this week and need to be returned before Wednesday 21st June.

Catholic Identity

- Beth Carr



St Kilian's Mass Times

Tue - Fri: 12.10pm

Saturday morning: 8am

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 7am, 10am, 6pm

This week's Gospel reading: John 20:19-23

This week we celebrate Pentecost, the day when the first Apostles realised that God's Spirit was with them. The Gospel tells this story by recalling how Jesus gave his Apostles the Holy Spirit with a breath. Scripture scholars say that our ancestors described the Spirit of God as a breath or breeze because the wind was one of the most powerful and mysterious forces they witnessed. Just like God's Spirit, it could tear down or refresh, and they could never control it. It can give us power to stand for justice by doing things like serving the poor, stopping gossip, and marching for peace. It can lead us on adventures.

Reminder

Our second get together for Reconciliation candidates is this **Thursday, June 8th at 3.30pm**. Children are encouraged to bring their favourite toy or book.

St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal.

Each year St Peter's community respond to the St Vincent De Paul appeal. We have donated many blankets to those in need. The Holy Spirit gives us the power to stand up for those in need so our Social Justice group is encouraging all families to donate through a number of activities.

Our first will be a **BLANKET DRIVE** commencing today. If you have any spare blankets in your house please drop them off at the office over the next few weeks and we will deliver them to St Kilian's St Vincent De Paul depot.

More information will follow as the Social Justice group organise the activities.



Urgently needed: Volunteers for St Vincent De Paul Society

They are in desperate need of members to assist with the great work they provide to many. If you have any free time to help out or if you know of someone who may be interested, please let them know.

St Kilians St Vincent de Paul Conference is seeking new members to assist with their ongoing charitable efforts in providing assistance to those suffering hardship and disadvantage in our community.

By volunteering, you can be sure you're making a difference for those in need and it is an opportunity to give something back to the community and to make a difference in the lives of people who need assistance the most.

It is not time consuming, but it is rich and rewarding experience.

For further information contact John McDermott 0488 399 862.



Vinnies
good works

Last week we celebrated National Reconciliation Week. During the week we found what the word 'unique' means and what makes us unique! We put together a short video about Reconciliation and what makes some of us in the ELC unique.

You can watch the video by typing the following link into your web browser:

www.tinyurl.com/spbendigo-elcnrw



ELC



RECONCILIATION
AUSTRALIA

ENVIRONMENT CENTRE NEWS

On Wednesday 31st May, Prep students had their first block in the Environment Centre. They made placemats, pickled Olives from our garden, mixed and baked choc-chip cookies, washed the dishes and fed the chooks. Then they finished off with eating their cookies and taking some home for later...YUMMY! It was a very exciting session.

We are still after helpers during these sessions so PLEASE let us know if you can help!!!

Student Voice: What was your favourite thing to do in the Enviro. Centre today?

Bella, Grace & Logan - Cooking the cookies.

Josh & Zephyr - Making and eating the cookies.

Rylee, Sam, Noah, Maddy, Chace, Scarlett, Claire, Amanda & Xen - Eating the cookies.

Mason – Going out in the garden.

Eugene - Rolling the sticky cookies into balls.

Emily – Making the cookies - they were so yummy as!

Storm - Going out to see the chickens.

Hudson - Making the cookies and rolling them into a ball.

Josie - The cookies.

Koby - Making cookies, they were so YUM!.



Mrs Lauren White and Mrs Maria Boncaldo



Literacy Changes Lives

Figures from the [Australian Bureau of Statistics](#) show that **nearly half of Australian adults don't have the literacy skills they need to cope with the demands of everyday life and work.**

When we stop to consider this, we can not be anything but alarmed.

This means for example that with poor literacy skills, they cannot fill out forms, perform shopping tasks, drive a car, write a job application and be employed to the best of their potential. Which directly impacts on their ability to earn as an adult and therefore, effects life outcomes.

Reading is a fundamental life skill.

We must read to our children!

We want to make sure that this doesn't happen to our kids? We need to read to them. Whilst it is recommended that this begins at birth or even some believe in the last trimester (three months) of pregnancy, but it is never too late to start.

Children who are read to and who read to themselves, for at least 20 minutes a day are exposed to a staggering 1.8 million words in a year and will reach the top 10% in reading ability. Just a quarter of that, 5 minutes a day, and they are in danger of falling into that half of the population with insufficient literacy skills. Scary?

But just imagine what could happen if they are exposed to more than the 20 minutes a day.

I hear you ask... How can I make sure my children are being exposed to more that 20 minutes?

Read to them, discuss what you are reading. Have them read to you, it doesn't just have to be books. When you take them shopping encourage them to read the shopping list, labels and signage. The same when you are traveling, have them read the signs or you point them out and discuss them. There is language all around us and if our kids can't read then the world is a confusing place. School is torment. Learning is a closed door. Our kids need to engage in reading to engage in any learning in all other area of the curriculum and to explore their own interests. Last words... Make sure it's enjoyable. Ensure your children from a young age see you engage in reading. Model to them that reading is an important, worthwhile and an enjoyable pastime.

Once they learn to read then then world will open up to them and anything is possible. Reading is a fundamental life skill.

One more thing. Even when they can read for themselves, keep reading to them. As humans we never lose the enjoyment which comes from being read to. Plus, we can't expect our kids to acquire fluent, expressive reading skills if they never hear it!

Mrs Rosalee Clark - St Peter's Librarian.



REMINDERS:

SAVE THE DATE: Thursday 22nd June
St Peter's School Disco

- ⇒ Monday's & Wednesday's Uniform Shop Open
- ⇒ Tuesday's School Banking
- ⇒ Wednesday's Lunch Orders DUE
- ⇒ Thursday's - Canteen
- ⇒ Friday's School Assembly

LIBRARY TIMES

- ELC Wednesday
 - Grade 3/4 Thursday
 - 5/6 E Monday
 - 5/6 J Wednesday
- Don't forget to bring your library bag.*

2017 SCHOOL TERMS

- Term 2: 18/4/17 - 30/6/17
Term 3: 17/7/17 - 22/9/17
Term 4: 9/10/17 - 22/12/17

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

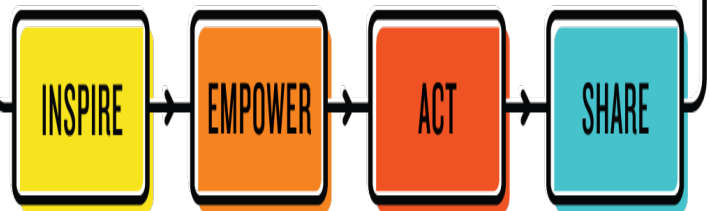
MONDAY 8.30AM - 9.00AM

WEDNESDAY 3.00PM - 3.30PM

Payment methods: Cash or EFTPOS

Kindness

"A simple act of kindness can make a tremendous impact on a person's life."
Always choose kindness!



CAN YOU HELP??

Can you help in the Enviro Centre on a Wednesday?

We need a couple of parents (with current WWCC) in each session to help with cooking and gardening but unfortunately no toddlers are allowed.

If you can help, please leave your name at the office.

Year 1: 11.35am - 12.20pm;

Year 2: 12:20 - 12.55pm and 12:55pm - 1:30pm

We ♥ Volunteers

Here at St Peter's we
prefer to share smiles....
not germs!!!



Reading In The ELC...Can You Help?

Parents/carers/grandparents come share a story,
during Ripper Reading time.

When? Each day 9am & 3pm

Come along and enjoy reading together.

Thank you, ELC staff.

We love reading!

DID YOU KNOW....

That you can access the newsletter on our website? There
are also School Forms and other information such as the
Canteen Menu. Check it out.....

www.spbendigo.catholic.edu.au | Information

ST PETER'S LUNCH ORDERS

Lunch Menus are available from the office or can be
downloaded from our website:

www.spbendigo.catholic.edu.au

Information | Current Newsletter | Canteen Menu

All orders are to be made on the Wednesday morning

The Good Pud is a local cafe, independent to the school
and due to this **NO LATE ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED.**

ORDER PROCESS

- Each individual child must have their order written on a brown paper bag
- This must also include their name & class.
- Please specify if you are selecting the Gluten Free option
- Please specify if your child has an allergy
- Money is to be inside the brown paper bag in a zip lock bag.
- Correct change is preferred.
- Please **DO NOT** staple or sticky tap the bags closed.
- Both the brown paper bags & zip lock bags are available at the office on request if needed.

Reading is the **KEY** to learning

We have an **obligation** to read
aloud to our children. To read
them things they enjoy. To
read to them stories we are
already tired of. To do the
voices, to make it **interesting**,
and not to stop reading to
them just because they learn
to read to themselves.

—Neil Gaiman

Reminder: Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) applications still open

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) initiative helps
ensure all Victorian students can take part in school trips and
sporting activities. CSEF payments to schools commenced at
the beginning of March 2017, with further payment runs to
occur during term two. Schools are able to accept and
process CSEF application forms up until the end of Term 2
on **Friday 30 June.**

The CSEF application form and information can be viewed on
our school webpage www.spbendigo.catholic.edu.au



INSTRUMENT LESSONS

♪ Piano

♪ Singing

♪ Guitar

♪ Ukelele & Banjo

♪ Drums

♪ Violin, Viola & Cello

♪ Saxophone, Clarinet, Flute &
Trumpet

ONLY \$22/lesson

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