



# St Peter's Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

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Principal - Mrs Jennifer Roberts

*Good Afternoon,*

## George Otero

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to those family members who were able to come and spend time with George Otero last week! We had an amazing session - acknowledging what we love about St Peter's - and the list was very affirming. We also spent some time identifying the needs and wants of the families in regards to their children's education. The posters we made during this session are still up in the Knuldoorong - please have a look!

George is an amazing, generous and kind man and I am thrilled to announce that he will be back in our community for some further conversations in November!

## Learning Conversations

The Learning Conversations that took place over the last two weeks were a huge success. Many families were able to talk with the teachers about their child's progress and spent some time setting goals for the second half of the year. If you were unable to meet during those two sessions - please contact your child's teacher to make an alternative time for a conversation.

## Extraordinary Board Meeting

Just a reminder that our School Board will be having an extraordinary board meeting **TONIGHT at 6pm** in the Library.

## St Vincent De Paul

Please remember that Jenny Griffiths (who is working with us at the moment on most Thursdays and Fridays) is a member of St Vincent de Paul. If you are in need of any extra support at any time - please come and see Jenny or myself and we will support you in any way we can.

## Attendance

We are continuing to have a real focus on attendance this term. **If your child is unwell and is staying home - please give the office a call - Ph.: 5443 9319.**

## Anna Garlick

It was with much sadness that we have accepted Anna Garlick's resignation from St Peter's. Anna has been at St Peter's for many years and has enjoyed working with many individual students and families during her time here. Anna has had a huge impact on the staff and students she has worked with and has helped many people through some very difficult times. Many families have appreciated Anna's expertise and guidance during challenging situations. We are very grateful for the time and love Anna has shown during her time here at St Peter's - she will be greatly missed by both students and staff. We hope to have Anna up for a farewell morning tea and assembly - we will let you know if that can be arranged so families have an opportunity to say farewell to Anna too.

## Auskick and Netball Training

Children who are NOT participating in Auskick or Netball Training are expected to leave the school at the normal time and not wait around for their siblings to finish their training - unless they are with a parent/carer. This is due to safety concerns as the yard is NOT supervised after 3.30pm.

## Reading Awards

Last week we had SEVEN (!!) Reading Awards handed out at assembly. These awards are handed out for extraordinary effort in improving and practising reading. Congratulations to:

Nyssa Smith, Albee Coughlan, Jesse Rohan, Tasharna Young, Olyvia Kairns, Tadm Boserio & Chelsea Howell. Keep up the great Reading!



## Week 3 Awards

P/1/2 Purdon - Jett Mulcahy & Sam Goudie-Kennedy

P/1/2 Kelly/Isaac - Mason Tanner & Bella Gittins

P/1/2 Podosky - Storm Webster, Tyler Goodman & Eliza Rees

3/4 Leonard - Domonic Wilson & Albee Coughlan

3/4 Carr/White - Rezin Tom & Madisyn DeHaas

5/6 Wilkinson - Ethan Spicer & Imogen Pettersen

5/6 Garside/White - Sarah Levi & Darreal Penrose

## Principal's Award

Last week's Principal Award went to Seren Mclvor for showing all 4 School Values ALL the time! Seren is kind, thoughtful and helpful. She shows Care for Self, Others, Learning and Environment all day - every day! Even though she is a young student from the ELC - she is a great role model to all our students. Congratulations Seren!!



## Student Leadership

Leadership is a huge part of the growth and learning in the Yr 5/6 classrooms. The students in Year 6 have taken on their leadership roles with dedication and commitment. Toyah and Iteakah represented the students well in their leadership of the first semester. The teachers decided that for the second half of the year that we would also have two vice-captains to help share the leadership load.



Our new School Captains and Vice-Captains are all students who are responsible, caring and thoughtful. We are very confident in their ability to lead our students and to show respect to others in their everyday lives.

Congratulations to our new School Captains - Marykia Males and Alen Jonny, and our Vice-Captains - Sargun Singh and Chloe Goodman.

## Prayer Request

Please keep our Confirmation and Eucharist candidates in your hearts and prayers over the next two weeks as they prepare for the Sacrament Celebration on Friday the 18th of August.

*God Bless, Jenny*

## EVERY DAY COUNTS – STUDENT ATTENDANCE

We all want our children to get a great education and the building blocks for that education begin with children coming to school each and every day.

Missing school has a major impact on a child- missing one day a fortnight will add up to 4 full weeks by the end of the year.

If a child misses one day a fortnight by the end of the Year 10 he/she will have missed more than a year of school.

**REMEMBER EVERY DAY COUNTS!**

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# Catholic Identity

- Beth Carr



## St Kilian's Mass Times

Tue - Fri: 12.10pm

Saturday morning: 8am

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 7am, 10am, 6pm

### **Matthew 17:1-9 The Transfiguration**

*"This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!"*

Jesus climbed to the top of Mount Tabor, taking Peter, James and John with him.

As soon as they reached the top, Jesus began to pray. During his prayer, Moses and Elijah appeared to him and spoke to him about his forthcoming passion. More important, he experienced the presence of God. On Mount Tabor Jesus felt himself comforted, reassured, affirmed and strengthened for the ordeal ahead. He still had to face a dark and threatening future. But he knew that somehow it was what God wanted from him, and that God would give him the strength to face it. The experience was also of great importance for the three apostles who were with him on the mountain. It confirmed their faith in Jesus and helped them to face the dark future with him.

This mountain experience can be called 'a peak experience'. We too can have peak experiences or moments of transfiguration. We can have intense experiences of light, peace, unity, joy, exhilaration, meaning ... and of the presence of God.

I am looking forward to my own 'peak experience' as I take 6 weeks of Long Service Leave. Erin Garside will take over the role of REC in my absence. I hope the term goes well for everyone and I will see at the beginning of Term 4.

Please keep in your prayers the children preparing for the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation, August 18th at 7.00pm.

### **Upcoming events:**

**August 14th** our Eucharist/Confirmation candidates will receive a 'gift' from Kevin, from the Knights of the Southern Cross.

**August 15th** is the Feast of the Assumption

**August 15th** Bishop Leslie will visit the school and chat with the Grade 3/4 children

**August 18th** Sacrament of Eucharist/Confirmation ceremony, 7pm St Kilian's church, Bendigo

## "Building Relationships to live like Jesus"

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### **A NOTE ABOUT UNIFORMS**

We have recently been made aware to changes in the sizing of our school track pants (available at the Uniform Shop).

The "cut" of the pants has been changed and therefore sizing is now on the smaller size. We recommend that you order a size larger than normal when ordering pants, or drop into the uniform shop to try on a pair before placing your order.

#### **Uniform Shop Opening Hours:**

Monday - 8.30am until 9.00am

Wednesday - 3.00pm until 3.30pm



## Free dental screening

**Bendigo Health is offering free dental screens to students at St Peter's Primary School on Monday 28 August and Tuesday 29 August, 2017.**

As part of this assessment a report will be provided to parents/guardians with our findings and recommendations.

Consent forms are available to have your child seen.

If you have any questions please contact  
Bendigo Health Dental Service on ph: 5454 7994.

**See the office for a consent form TODAY! Forms due back by 21<sup>st</sup> August 2017**

### Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A"	Student "B"	Student "C"
reads 20 minutes each day	reads 5 minutes each day	reads 1 minute each day
3600 minutes in a school year	900 minutes in a school year	180 minutes in a school year

1,800,000 words



282,000 words



8,000 words



Every day, every minute counts.  
Which child would you expect to have a better vocabulary?  
Which child would you expect to do better at school ... and therefore in their life?

### I Opened a Book

"I opened a book and in I strode.  
Now nobody can find me.  
I've left my chair, my house, my road,  
My town and my world behind me.  
I'm wearing the cloak, I've slipped on the ring,  
I've swallowed the magic potion.  
I've fought with a dragon, dined with a king  
And dived in a bottomless ocean.  
I opened a book and made some friends.  
I shared their tears and laughter  
And followed their road with its bumps and bends  
To the happily ever after.  
I finished my book and out I came.  
The cloak can no longer hide me.  
My chair and my house are just the same,  
But I have a book inside me."

— Julia Donaldson



# Book Week

21th-25th August 2017

Throughout Book Week we have many activities planned. Stay tuned for more news!

**Monday** - Voting: My Favourite Australian Picture Story Book

**Tuesday** - Literacy Block, Writer's Festival

**Thursday** - Costume Parade, Blurbs Concert - 2pm - All Welcome!

**Competitions** - Book Voting, Drawing, Art, Writing, Colouring, Book Prizes, Storytelling



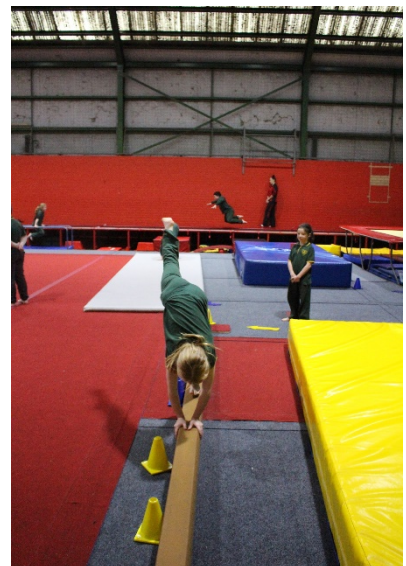
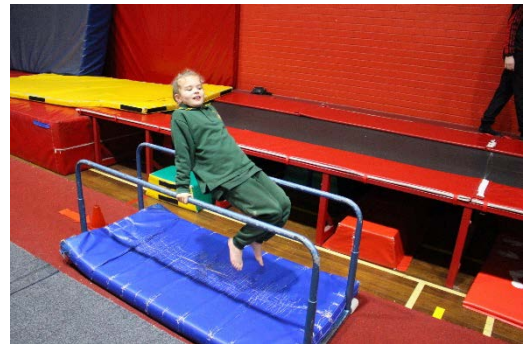
## Fun in the Library





## 3/4B AT JET'S GYM

Each Friday the 3/4 students have been going to Jet's Gym to learn gymnastics skills and focus on balance and coordination. Some of the stations include: uneven bars, trampolines, parallel bars, beams, ropes and mats. The students are thoroughly enjoying their sessions at the gym and challenging themselves.





## Plank Incursion – Green Hat Workshop

On Monday morning in the Knuldarong Centre, the Year 5/6's earns hour to build with Planks. It was awesome because it gave us an opportunity to be creative. – Nasiya Belling (5/6B)



## Extend OSHC at St. Peter's Primary School

Hi Everyone,

Last week we celebrated National Tree Day (31st July) by having an environment week. We made biodegradable bird feeders out of halved oranges that the children helped me to scoop out the fruit from its peel and replaced it with bird seed. We then made holes in the sides of the orange peel and tied string to it so we could hang them in trees. After putting the bird feeders out, we went on a nature scavenger hunt with a checklist. We then discussed why each different item of nature on our checklist is important for the environment and ways we can help to keep it clean and healthy. During the week we played a game of "What Goes Where?" I had three bins and a lot of pictures of different items you might find in either a rubbish bin, a recycling bin or an organics bin. The children decided together where they would put each item and we attached it to our display board as a reminder. To end off our week, we had a special visit from Courtney's rabbit Willow. We all got to hold and pat her soft fur, the children asked questions and we talked about their role in keeping the environment healthy.

As you might of read in previous newsletters, our numbers have been dropping considerably over the year, and unfortunately we will be unable to continue to run unless the service is utilised more frequently. Please come and see myself or Courtney in the Knuldoorong or call 1300 366 437 or visit our website to make a booking with Extend. Thanks. - Hannah



P.S This week's **EXTEND Superstar** is **Tom Doran** for making positive choices in his learning and with when with others.

**This week's Theme: MARVEL WEEK**

**Monday 7th**

Mask making - Arts and Crafts

**Tuesday 8th**

Superhero training

**Wednesday 9th**

Avenger shadow puppets

**Thursday 10th**

DIY comic books

**Friday 11th**

Obstacle course



### ST PETER'S LUNCH ORDERS

Lunch Menus are available from the office or can be downloaded from our website: [www.spbendigo.catholic.edu.au](http://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.



### SANDHURST CRICKET CLUB

We are seeking players from 5 years to senior level, boys and girls

Thinking of playing cricket or just want to find out more come to one of our registration and information sessions

Thursday 10th - 4pm to 5pm  
Sunday 13th - 11am to 12pm  
Wednesday 16th - 4pm to 5pm

At Grill'd Bendigo  
88 Pall Mall Bendigo



for more Information contact  
Paul Henderson 0428 177 314

To register online go to  
[www.playcricket.com.au](http://www.playcricket.com.au)  
and search "Sandhurst"

