



St Peter's Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Principal - Mrs Jennifer Roberts

Good Afternoon,

Leadership News

Mr Paul Desmond - the Director of Catholic Education Sandhurst - made an announcement here at school on Monday. Mr Desmond explained that from 2018 we would be trialling a different Leadership structure here at St Peter's. Instead of having a Principal and Deputy Principal, for the next few years, we would have two Co-Principals. I am thrilled to announce that our **Co-Principal is Mr Michael Chalkley**. Michael and I will be working together very closely and we are very confident that this arrangement will be a huge benefit to St Peter's. Many of you will know Michael through his teaching and leadership at CCB, however, he will be attending tonight's session with Dan Petro for anyone who would like to meet him. We will have a more formal introduction to the school community later in the year.

Making Parenting a Little Easier

Tonight is the night! **Dan Petro at 6pm here in the Knuldoorong**. Thank you to all the parents who have indicated that they are coming. It promises to be a very worthwhile evening. Child care is available in Mr Leonard's room.

Fred Hollows Humanity Award Nomination

We congratulate Toyah Widdicombe for her nomination in the Fred Hollows Humanity Award. This nomination is truly deserved as Toyah is such a caring, thoughtful and helpful student. We wish Toyah all the best for the Award Ceremony in a few weeks.

Important announcement regarding After School Care

It has come to my attention and to Extend's attention that some parents in the school community believe After School Care is closing at the end of this term. **This is NOT the case.**

After School Care is provided by Extend who have an ongoing contract with our school.

Due to the small number of daily attendances at our After School Care service, this service must be underwritten by the school. As the service is a significant financial investment for the school, Extend offered for the school to seek other options that may be cheaper for us. At no time did Extend say they would close the service. They simply offered for us to find a more cost effective alternative if one was available. On investigating other alternatives, we realised there is no company or options that will be better value for money than Extend. This has been communicated with Extend and they are very pleased to continue to provide this service. **Again, at no point has Extend ever threatened to close this service.**

To keep this service open long term we need is the community's support. If we can get to above 10 bookings per day our service will continue indefinitely. However, at the current level of 5-6 bookings per day this service is a significant investment for the school and we may not be able to continue with the service due to that cost. We will continue to monitor the daily bookings. However, we can assure you, for the benefit of our families, the school will continue to invest in this service until at least the end of 2017 to give more families time to use the service so it can reach higher daily bookings.

I ask that all families avoid engaging in unfounded discussions based on rumour. Should you have any questions about After School Care, please make an appointment to see me.

Market Day

Our Market Day will be held **Thursday - tomorrow!!!**. Please bring in any last minute donations on Thursday morning. Donations can be left in the office.

Head lice

We have another reported case of head lice in the school. Please be vigilant in checking and treating your children's hair.

Numeracy Week

Next week we are having a week focussing on Numeracy. There will extra Numeracy activities and games planned throughout the week. Please keep an eye out for the Maths Quiz coming home Monday for all families to try!

School Closure

In last week's Newsletter we informed you all that this year we will again have a Report Writing Day and Planning Day at the start of Week 8 in Term 4. Please put these two dates into your calendars!! **Monday November the 27th and Tuesday November the 28th. There will be NO SCHOOL for students on these two days.**

****As well as these two days - we will also have a Staff Formation Day on Friday the 10th of November. This will also be a student free day.**

Summer Uniform

The weather over the first two weeks of Term 4 is usually quite unpredictable - so winter uniform may still worn. However, we ask that all students are in summer uniform by week 3. Please check if your child's uniform still fits and purchase a new one if necessary.

Book Rally

Please remember to sort through your books at home and donate to the Book Rally. Either new or second hand books can be left in the office.

Teacher Movement

Term 4 2017:

Mrs Erin Garside is going on maternity leave from the end of this term. We wish Erin all the very best for the coming weeks as she welcomes a new precious bundle into her family. We have Ms Zoe Grayson joining us for Term 4 to take Mrs Garside's class.

As you are aware, earlier this term we had Mr Michael Lawlor join our staff enabling Mr Miggy Podosky to take up a Behaviour Support Role. Sadly, Mr Lawlor was unable to continue in the position and Mr P has returned to the classroom. Due to the urgency of the Behaviour Support Role I have asked Miggy to come out of the classroom for the duration of Term 4. We have Mrs Laura Graco replacing Miggy for the Term. Miggy and Laura will work closely together to ensure a smooth transition for the students. I appreciate that this is another change for this group of students, however, I ask for your continued understanding while we put some specific, targeted interventions and supports in place across the school, to assist with the behaviour changes we are trying to teach and implement.

New Staff 2018:

While we are very sad to be losing some incredible teachers next year - we are also very excited to be welcoming a few new people to our staff.

We will have three new teachers joining us in 2018. Two of those we know about already. I assure you we are very fortunate to have Ms Marcia Seymour and Mr Cameron Turnbull joining our team. Marcia is currently working at St Therese's in Kennington and Cameron is currently at St Francis of the Fields in Strathfieldsaye. They are both excellent, experienced educators and I have absolute confidence that they will fit in perfectly and work beautifully with our students.

We are hoping to have the class structures and teaching year level positions for 2018 finalised over the coming days. We will put that information into the newsletter early in Term 4.

Week 8 Awards

P/1/2 Purdon - Tyson Wiles, River Farrow & Beatrice Benny

P/1/2 Kelly/Isaac - Chace Powley & Anthony Gibson

P/1/2 Podosky - Zachariah Edwards, Madelyn Cairns & Oscar Mathers-Jones

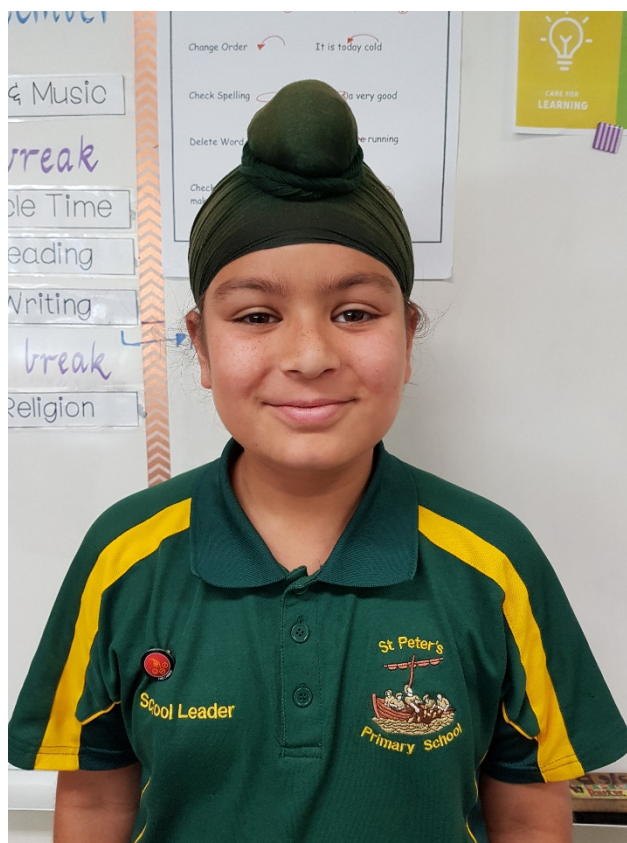
3/4 Leonard - Albee Coughlan & Zarlea Wilson-Pollard

3/4 Carr/White - Violet Gittins

5/6 Wilkinson - Dylan Baker & Esneya Patterson

5/6 Garside/White - Ngatatji Bysouth & Darreal Penrose

Principal's Award



Last week's Principal's Award went to Sargun Singh. Sargun is a real role model in the upper primary area. He shows all four school values without even thinking about it. He is thoughtful and considerate of others, he takes excellent care of all school equipment and facilities. Sargun takes pride in his own work and is helpful to others in class. Sargun displays sportsmanship during all physical activities while playing hard and being very competitive. He's an all-round excellent student! Sensational effort Sargun. Congratulations!

God Bless.

Jenny

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed 13 th Sept	Making Parenting Easier – 6pm – RSVP NOW!
Thurs 14 th Sept	Market Day
Tues 18 th Sept	Last Day to collect Earn & Learn Stickers!
Fri 22nd Sept	Last Day Term 3 – 2.15pm finish
Mon 9th Oct	First Day Term 4
Mon 9 th Oct	School Nurse Visit (Prep) – <i>Forms due back 21st September</i>
Mon 10th Nov	Pupil Free Day
Mon 27th Nov	Pupil Free Day
Tues 28th Nov	Pupil Free Day

Catholic Identity



St Kilian's Mass Times

Tue - Fri: 12.10pm

Saturday morning: 8am

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 7am, 10am, 6pm

Fred Hollows Humanity Award

The Fred Hollows Humanity Award recognises Year 6 students who follow in Fred's footsteps by making a positive difference in their community. It celebrates students who show compassion, integrity and kindness in their everyday lives, just as Fred did.



FRED HOLLOWES
HUMANITY AWARD

This year St Peter's is lucky enough to have one of our Grade Six students nominated for this prestigious award!

Toyah Widdicombe was nominated by Mrs Garside and Mr Wilkinson who both felt that Toyah encompasses all these qualities plus many more. Toyah has been a leader in our school community since her days as a Prep and has consistently shown kindness, care and respect to children and staff in our community!



We wish Toyah all the best as she travels to Parliament House next term to be presented with her award.

Congratulations Toyah!!!

"Building Relationships to live like Jesus"

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN STICKERS ARE BACK!

Don't forget you can collect Earn & Learn Stickers for every \$10 you spend at any Woolworths store.

The promotion ends on **Tuesday 19th September** and must be returned to school before the end of term!

Just collect your stickers, stick them on the sticker sheet and then drop the sheet into the collection box at school.



REMINDER

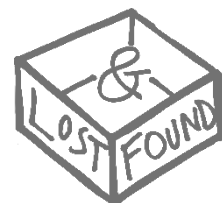
SCHOOL NURSING PROGRAM – PREP SCREENING

A reminder to all parents/guardians of students in Prep that the school nursing envelopes sent home in week 6, **MUST** be returned before the end of Term. Our School Nurse will be visiting on our first day back for Term 4, Monday 9th October, to start screenings.

LOST PROPERTY

Our school lost property basket is currently **OVERFLOWING** with items. If your child is missing any items of clothing (or even a pillow or two) please come and check our lost property. The basket is located just outside the parent room.

Any unclaimed items at the end of Term will be donated to our second hand uniform stock.



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!

News from the Library



**KEEP
CALM
AND DON'T FORGET
TO READ
EVERYDAY**

HOW TO HELP CHILDREN DEVELOP A LOVE FOR READING?

Assisting your child to develop a love for reading in your child's early years is a lifelong gift on so many levels and it is not hard to do. Indeed, there are some simple practices which are guaranteed to assist. Reading and being read to develops the imagination it is a pleasurable experience to share with those we love, but it also, importantly, leads them on a natural path in the development of important literacy skills. Reading provides a skill required for the growth of knowledge and critical thinking and problem solving skills, it can also become pleasurable past time and hobby whilst also an escape from our busy lives. Developing a love for books in the early years will set your child up for reading readiness and help lay the foundations for your child's success in their future years beyond the school gate.



What can you do at home?

- Encourage your child to read everyday.
- Read with your child.
- Ask them about what they are reading in class.
- Have them read all types of text such as biographies, newspapers, advertisements, posters, poetry, plays, magazines, etc.

Australian Reading Hour

One hour, one day – The Australian Reading Hour.

Pick up a book and read for just one hour on your own or with your children on

**Thursday September 14
2017**

www.readinghour.org.au



"If you are going to get anywhere in life you have to read a lot of books."

– Roald Dahl





'My favourite thing is floating on my back' - Beatrice

'At swimming I like going under the water' - Emily



ELC Swimming



'Sometimes we get to jump in the water' - Yamika



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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

ELMORE FIELD DAYS – COLOURING COMPETITION

The 2017 Elmore Field Days is fast approaching and in 2017 is in the school holidays (3rd – 5th October). This year there is lots of activities for kids at no cost, not to mention children under 12 are free!

A colouring competition for the field days is attached to this newsletter. **If you would like the school to post your entry, make sure it is returned by Thursday 20th September. See the school office for extra copies.**



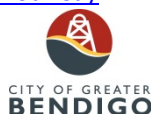
Future walk, ride and scoot to school path?

Have your say...

Council recently released concept plans for a new walking and cycling trail and public space along the Ironbark Gully Creek. Development of the trail in this area of Bendigo is expected to provide significant new opportunities for residents to access a quality public space for recreation as well as comfortable walking and cycling paths for recreation and active travel through Ironbark, Long Gully and North Bendigo. This includes safer options for children walking, riding and scooting to school.

For more information about the project and to provide feedback visit

<http://www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/Your-Say>



Living Mercy Lecture CATHOLIC COLLEGE BENDIGO

The thought-provoking Living Mercy Lectures provide the opportunity to deepen our understanding and the lived experience of our faith.

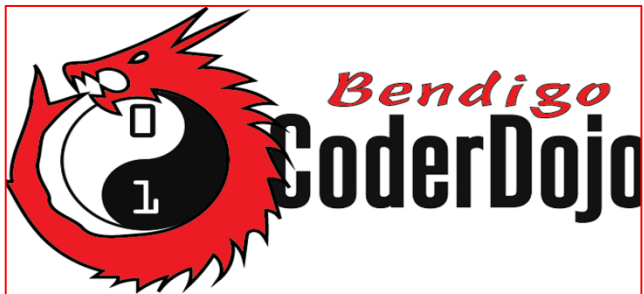


Please join us in welcoming
Sr Berenice Kerr rsm to present the
2017 Living Mercy Lecture,
Catherine, September 24th and Our Lady of Mercy and afterwards for supper.

**7.00pm, Wednesday 13
September** in the Marian
Theatre, Coolock Campus
Barkly Street, Bendigo

Entry \$10/\$5 conc. at the
door - raising funds for
Mercy Works
Enquiries:
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03 5445 9100

A Ministry of Mercy Education Ltd ABN 69 154 531 870



Term 4 registration day
Saturday September 16th
11:00 to noon

Coder Dojo is for people aged
7 - 17



CODER DOJO IS FOR CODING, PROGRAMMING,
GRAPHICS, WEB DESIGN AND ROBOTICS!!

COME ALONG!

Join the People's Pantry!

A new project in Long Gully



What is the People's Pantry?

The People's Pantry is a new food initiative for people with a Health Care Card and/or Pension Card.

We are trialling the idea from October – December 2017, and we need 20 households to test it out with us.

How does it work?

The People's Pantry is a membership model. Once you join, you can collect food once a week.

Members pay a small amount per term (\$10), and help out once every month.

Who is organising the People's Pantry?

The Pantry is being organised by St Matthew's, a local church in Long Gully.

How do I join?

Come to the Registration Day, sign up, and pay the \$10.

When: Wednesday 20th September, 12–1pm.

Where: St Matthew's Church, corner of Eaglehawk Rd and Creeth St

What if I can't come to the Registration Day?

Don't worry, contact Anthea Taylor and we can make other arrangements.

More Questions?

Contact Anthea Taylor on 0409 136 567 or email colant1@bigpond.com

SPORTS NEWS

BUNJIL BASKETBALL CLUB

Bunjil Basketball Club are looking for players for the following teams:

- Under 10 girls & boys (born 2009-2010)
- Under 12 girls & boys (born 2007-2008)
- Under 14 girls & boys (born 2005-2006)
- Under 16 girls & boys (born 2003-2004)
- Under 18 girls & boys (born 2001-2002)
- Under 23 boys (born 1999-2000)

Club training is held at the Eaglehawk YMCA every Thursday from 4.30pm to 6.30pm during school terms.

Cost: - Uniforms \$40 - Shorts \$10 - Club Fees \$20
-Game Fees \$6 - \$10 -Insurance w/ stadium \$55

The club can assist with payment options.

For more information, contact Amanda on 0429 944 457.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM SPRING 2017



Spring 2017 Program Dates

Week 1: September 25 - 28
(No Program Friday September 29
Grand Final Day Public Holiday)

Week 2: October 2 - 6
OPEN 8am - 6pm



Fun Activities Include:

- **Discovery Centre**
- **Science Show**
- **Yoga • Movies**





 Bendigo Regional YMCA Children Services, 74-88 Holmes Road, Bendigo

 Visit: www.bendigo.ymca.org.au or Email: bendigo.regional@ymca.org.au

 03 5444 6666 for bookings and accounts



Jim Wid Tennis Holiday Coaching

Stage	Age	Time	Single Day
Hotshots Red	3-5	9am - 10am	\$15
Hotshots Orange	5-9	10am - 12pm	\$30
Hotshots Green	9-12	10am - 12pm	\$30
Junior Yellow	10+	1pm - 3pm	\$30

Dates: (2nd week of school hols)
• Mon 2nd - Thurs 5th October

Venue: Spring Gully Tennis Club

Contact Jim: m. 0431299930, e. jimwidtennis@gmail.com

ENROL NOW!!!



Bendigo Soccer Academy Holiday Program

- Participation & **FUN!**
- Skill Acquisition
- Led by FFA qualified coach Aaron Vissers

Dates: (First week of school hols)
Mon 25th Sept - Thu 28th Sept

Venue: Spring Gully Soccer Club

Age	Time	Per Day
Under 5	9.00am - 9.30am	\$8
Under 8	9.30am - 10.30pm	\$15
Under 10	10.30am - 12.30pm	\$30
Under 12	1.00am - 3.00pm	\$30

Contact Jim: m. 0431299930, e. jimwidsoccer@gmail.com

ENROL NOW!!!