

# St Peter's Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

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Good afternoon,

## Walking Start to the Day - continues

All parents and families are invited to join us for a few minutes walking each morning when the music starts. Our aim is to walk for approximately 10 minutes each morning. The kids loved walking each morning last term so we will be continuing this term.

Thank you to all those who participated in Walk to School last Friday - we had approximately 75 students join in! This Friday we will be walking from The Corner Store on View Street, meeting at 8.30am.

## Healthy Living

At St Peter's we are trying to encourage a healthy lifestyle as part of our learning in and around the Djak Tjarra. At the moment we are having difficulty with this due to the amount of children bringing lollies (lollypops, chewing gum, packets of mixed lollies etc.) to school. Many children are eating lollies BEFORE school! This is not only bad for teeth, it is disastrous for our teachers who are then having to deal with children firstly having a sugar high, then coming down and having no energy left for learning. We ask that you please limit the amount of sugary snacks and lollies you provide your children, and if they are allowed to bring a 'treat' please remind them to eat treats only at snack time - 1.20pm. If children are seen eating lollies before school - they will be asked to throw them in the bin.

## Culture Day

Next Monday, the **22nd of October**, we will be celebrating our Culture Day - a day when we recognise and celebrate the Aboriginal Culture in our St Peter's community. We will have a day full of different activities for the whole school to enjoy. The Fire Carrier Leadership Group have been working tirelessly to organise this day and hope every student will participate and enjoy a great day full of fun activities. Kangaroo sausages will be available at 1.15pm for everyone to enjoy!

## 3/4 and 5/6 Milo Cricket

The year 3/4 students and the 5/6 students will have the opportunity to participate in Milo Cricket Days over the next few weeks. Please keep your eye out for messages from Mr Wilkinson with the details of these days. Both girls and boys are welcome to play.

## Insight SRC Surveys

Each year we ask our staff, students and parents/carers to fill in a survey that provides us with some feedback on what we are doing well and areas that we can improve across our whole school. A random selection of parents and carers are asked to fill in the survey - which can be done either online or on a hard copy. Please check if your child has come home with a survey (large envelope) and complete it if possible. The survey takes about 20-30 minutes to complete. The information gathered is invaluable to us as we use it to help us work out our annual action plan for the following year.

## ELC Excursion

Next Friday, the **26th of October**, the ELC are heading on an adventure here in Bendigo - they will be participating in an excursion to the Discovery Centre. This ties in perfectly with their Science based learning this term. All families should receive a permission letter tomorrow.

## Year 5 Leadership Day

Next Friday, the **26th of October**, is also the Year 5 Leadership Day to be held at St Kilian's Primary School. This day is organised and attended by all the Catholic Primary Schools in Bendigo and will be a great day of preparation and learning for leading our school in 2019! A permission note will go home tomorrow.

## A moment in prayer....

A small section of yesterday's Gospel stated:

**Jesus looked at them and said,  
"For human beings it is impossible, but not for God.  
All things are possible for God."**

We remember that God is all things to all of us. He has love and forgiveness far greater than our understanding.

**Stay with us God and help us:**

**'I can do all things though Christ who strengthens me.'**

God Bless,  
Jen & Mick

**Co-Principals: Mr Michael Chalkley & Mrs Jennifer Roberts**

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## Week 1 Award Winners

Foundation Mummumburra:

**Nathan Daniel, Zoe Goudge, Georgeos Botros**

1/2 Balam-Balam: -

1/2 Mur-Murra:

**Jett Mulcahy, Emily Wybar**

3/4 Barrangal:

**Ryda Spark, Tessin Tom**

3/4 Yulawil:

**Taj Wingrave, Abby Atkinson**

5/6 Njana-nganity:

**William O'Shea, Saraha Thomus**

5/6 Guwak:

**Jaymaine Belling, Jasper Smith, Nathan Cuskelly**

Enviro: **Sodena Puthsodena**



### Co-Principal's Award

Congratulations to **Phoenix Spark**. He shows all four school values, in particular listening to teachers and peers, both in the classroom and out in the yard. Phoenix is a role model to all those around him. Well done.

**COMMUNITY CIRCLE**

**SWAP MEET**  
**Saturday 17 November**

**&**

**ELECTION DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE**  
**Saturday 24 November**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Can you help?

We hope to lighten the load by having a volunteer from each family

Save the date  
Mark Your Calendar  
GET INVOLVED

# CATHOLIC IDENTITY

**Mark 10:17-27**

As Jesus was walking down a road, a man ran up to him. He knelt down, and asked, "Good teacher, what can I do to have eternal life?"

Jesus replied, "Why do you call me good? Only God is good. You know the commandments. 'Do not murder. Be faithful in marriage. Do not steal. Do not tell lies about others. DO not cheat. Respect your father and mother.'"

The man answered, "Teacher, I have obeyed all these commandments since I was a young man."

Jesus looked closely at the man. He likes him and said, "There's one thing that you still need to do. Go sell everything you own. Give the money to the poor, and you will have riches in heaven. Then come with me."

When the man heard Jesus say this, he went way gloomy and sad because he was very rich.

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "it is hard for rich people to get into God's Kingdom!"

The disciples were shocked to hear this. So Jesus told them again, "It's terribly hard to get into God's kingdom! In fact, it's easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to get into God's kingdom."

Jesus' disciples were even more amazed. They asked each other, "How can anyone be saved?"

Jesus looked at them and said, "There are some things that people cannot do, but God can do anything."

## Reflection

This Gospel reading calls us to reflect on the radical and difficult nature of the call to Christian life. Here we see Jesus explaining to a man that it is not simple enough to follow the commandments, although they are an excellent starting place. Jesus asks us to go beyond following rules and to serve God with our lives. He wants us to detach ourselves to those earthly things that get in the way of serving others, and hearing God speaking to us. The man in the Gospel, although he earnestly did want to gain eternal life, he found the challenge to let go of his riches to difficult. This Gospel asks us to reflect on what "riches" in our lives are stopping us from truly serving God and our neighbor? Wealth? Power? Pride? Security? Busyness? Technology? Let us discover this week how we can detach ourselves from these things for the betterment of others and our eternal life.

Jesus ends the interaction with the man by stating to his disciples that "it's easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to get into God's kingdom." However, reminds us all that

**for God anything is possible.**

## RECONCILIATION – Steps in Faith

The Reconciliation Sacramental Program will begin Tuesday evening with the faith formation session to be attended by the students and parents participating in the program.

Cluster groups will begin after this.

We pray for **Tyler Goodman** and **Ava Devers** who are participating in the reconciliation program along with many other children in our Parish. We pray for their families who are supporting them during this special time of preparation.

## Key Dates (Reconciliation)

- Faith Formation Session – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 7pm at St. Kilian's Church
- Reconciliation Ceremony – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November at St. Kilian's Church

## Liturgy Dates

- ELC unit Liturgy – 7<sup>th</sup> November 10am at St. Kilian's Church
- 3/4 Unit Mass – 15<sup>th</sup> November 10am at St. Kilian's Church
- End of year/Graduation Mass -18<sup>th</sup> December at St. Kilian's Church

## Plenary Council Prayer

*Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.*

*Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.*

*O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.*

*Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.*

*Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.*

*Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.*

*Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age.*

*Amen.*

*Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.  
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.*



## Plenary Council

For information on the Plenary Council and to have your say go to <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

# Artists of the Week

Welcome to Term 4 in the Art room.

We've had a great first week, with Walk To School Month 'Walktober' setting the pace in the art room, which has been abuzz with colour and glitter as the students decorate their new sneakers. Students are encouraged to wear their fun new shoes to school everyday for the month of October and walk, scoot or ride to school where possible. (Kids are able to redraw the designs with textas if they begin to fade.)

Some terrific examples from our seniors **Jaymaine, Saraha** and **Amber**. Well done to all students who participated.

- Ms Hambleton



## WALK, RIDE OR SCOOT TO SCHOOL

Thanks to all who participated in walk to school day last Friday. It was great to see so many students, parents and teachers wearing their new shoes. A special thanks to **Kate Hardingham** from Bendigo City Council who organised the new shoes. Also thank you to our fantastic Art teacher **Zoe Hambleton** who helped the students decorate their new shoes.

Students are encouraged to Walk, Ride or Scoot to school for the month of October. Classes will be doing activities in class about the health benefits of walking, riding or scooting to school.

Each Friday a teacher will meet at a location and walk to school. Students are encouraged to participate as well.

**This Friday's location will be out the front of the Cornerstore Café on View Street, Meeting time 8:30am.**



## VicHealth are running a Facebook competition.

Kids can win a personalised Australian Rules Football jumper from their favourite team by following these three easy steps:

1. Kids deck out their shoes/bike/scooter
2. Parents/carers upload a picture or video of their kids decked out shoes, bikes or scooters to Facebook and tag @walktoschool and #walktoschool
3. Wait to see if they've won!



BENDIGO CORNERSTORE  
305 VIEW STREET BENDIGO





# Walk To School



# ECOLOGICAL STEWARDSHIP PROJECT

“AS LONG AS THE EARTH ENDURES,  
SEEDTIME AND HARVEST, COLD AND HEAT,  
SUMMER AND WINTER, DAY AND NIGHT,  
SHALL NOT CEASE.”

[Genesis, 8:22]



## What does 'endure' mean?

*Endure means 'to sustain without impairment or yielding or to continue to exist and last.'* (dictionary.com)

## TIP - YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



There are many things we can do to live more sustainably. Reduce food waste, use reusable cups, turn the thermostat down, say no to straws and plastic bags, switch from imported to Australian made, walk or ride more, go paper free, recycle and dispose of waste properly.



## Djak Tjarra News

This week, Wednesday October 17th  
\* Foundation \*

## 'BSG- COMMITTEE & ACTIONS GROUPS MEETING'

The Bendigo Sustainability Group are holding a meeting at their office at 23A Somerville St, Bendigo on TONIGHT from 7.00pm-9.00pm.

## Nude Food Friday's

Our ELC students are being encouraged to have rubbish free lunches every Friday!

## People's Pantry, Long Gully

Do you sometimes find it hard to make ends meet? The Long Gully People's Pantry helps healthcare card holders source groceries, fruit and vegetables.

**Membership of the Pantry cost \$10 a term.**

Members commit to helping twice a term and are then entitled to collect food items each Tuesday between 11am and noon, during school terms. People's Pantry located at St Matthew's hall, corner of Creeth St and Eaglehawk Rd, Long Gully.

**For further enquiries, please call Anthea on 0409 136 567.**

## ST PETER'S UNIFORM SHOP

Monday 8.30am - 9.00am

Thursday 3.00pm - 3.30pm



## PARENTLINE

13 22 89

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## IMPORTANT DATES

**Tuesday 16 October**

Reconciliation Program begins

**Monday 22 October**

Culture Day

**Friday 26 October**

- ELC Excursion—Discovery Centre
- Gr 5 Leadership Day

**Wednesday 31 October**

Bendigo Cup Day - PUBLIC HOLIDAY NO SCHOOL

**Saturday 17 November**

Swap Meet (Volunteers Needed)

**Monday 19—Wednesday 21 November**

5/6 Camp - Creswick

**Saturday 24 November**

Election Day Sausage Sizzle (Volunteers Needed)

**Friday 20 December**

End of Term 4



### REMINDER

It's that time of year when it goes from cold to hot throughout the day...this means taking off jumpers and leaving them in the school grounds.

It is very easy to pickup the wrong jumper, so can families please check the tags on school jumpers from time to time.



Peter Rabbit  
hopped into  
St Peter's  
School for  
a visit



### St Kilian's Mass Times

Tue - Fri: 12.10pm | Saturday morning: 8am | Saturday Vigil:  
6.30pm | Sunday: 7am, 10am

## 1<sup>st</sup> Eaglehawk Scout Group

Is now accepting Joey members

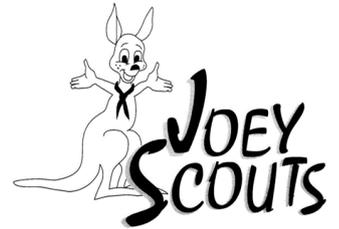
Joey's are aged 5 years old to 8 years old

They will meet on a Tuesday night 5:30pm to 6:30pm Starting 6<sup>th</sup> of November

HOP into Scouting Today!

**Group Leader: Jacqui phone 0418 520 731**

Scout Hall located: 47 Simpsons Road Eaglehawk



Come and play cricket with the Sandhurst Cricket Club, the current Bendigo District Cricket Association champions. We are located at Weeroona Oval, a great central location in Bendigo.

We are inviting any girls or boys that are interested in playing cricket this season to join the reigning premiers.

We have positions available in all junior grades including under 12's, Master Blasters (under 10's and Junior Blasters (new to cricket).

We are also the most affordable club in Bendigo:

- Under 12's only \$50 for the season
- Master Blasters only \$60 for the season
- Junior Blasters only \$85 for the season

Under 12's begins on 21 October, whilst Master Blasters and Junior Blasters begin at the start of November. Master Blaster training and Junior Blaster sessions will be held at Weeroona Oval. The Master Blaster competition is held at Beischer Park, Strathdale.

We have fully accredited senior players coaching all junior teams who will ensure your child has fun as well as learning the game of cricket.

To register, please visit [www.playcricket.com.au](http://www.playcricket.com.au) and search for "Sandhurst" or please call Carly Robinson on 0409 439 797 for more information.

We look forward to you joining the Dragon Army for the 2018/19 season.

GO DRAGONS!!