



St Peter's Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Good afternoon,

ELC Excursion

We congratulate the ELC students for the way they participated in the excursion to the Discovery Centre last Friday. The students had an amazing time and returned to school full of new learning. They were very excited to tell us all about what they'd learnt and done.

Year 5 Leadership Day

The Year 5's had a great time at the Leadership Day. They heard from some guest speakers with unbelievable stories and experiences. The students were inspired by the people they heard from and learnt some incredible stories of leadership, perseverance and faith. We thank the students for the manner in which they participated throughout the day - we've had many positive reports!

Public Holiday - This Wednesday

This Wednesday is a Public Holiday for the Bendigo Cup - so there is NO school! We do not have the Melbourne Cup Holiday - so next Tuesday there is school!

Community Circle Plea for Volunteers

There is a Community Circle Meeting this Friday morning straight after assembly. We welcome any members of our community - especially those who have not attended before. Please come and join us for a chat and to learn about the events we have coming up over the remainder of the year. (And enjoy a scone!!)

George Otero Visit & Learning Walk

We are very fortunate to have George Otero visiting us for his final visit of the year. George will be with us on Thursday the **8th of November**. We will begin the session at **11.45am** with a Learning Walk focussed on the ELC student learning in their classrooms and Djak Tjarra. We will finish with a lunch at 1.15pm. Please join us if you can - especially if you haven't participated in a Learning Walk before... it is a great experience. Please let the office know if you can come along - just to help with catering.

3/4 and 5/6 Milo Cricket

The year 3/4 students enjoyed an excellent day at the Milo cricket last week - the girls team was particularly successful! The 5/6s will have their Milo Cricket day tomorrow. Please ensure you return the permission slip so your child can participate!

Some dates to remember:

Wednesday 31 October - Bendigo Cup Holiday

Thursday 8 November - George Otero - Learning Walk

Saturday 17 November - Swap Meet (volunteers needed)

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 19, 20 & 21 November - Year 5/6 Camp

Saturday 24 November - Election Day Cake Stall & Sausage Sizzle (volunteers needed)

Monday, Tuesday 26 & 27 November - 3/4 Camp

Thursday, Friday 29 & 30 November - School closure days (planning & report writing)

Tuesday 4 December - Orientation Day

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A moment in prayer....

This Prayer came from the Catholic Education Office last week. It resonated with me and I thought it would be appropriate to share here....

- **Forgive People** - not because you've never sinned, but because you have and you know how it feels to carry guilt.
- **Feed Others** - not because your fridge is full, but because it's once been empty and you've tasted hunger's pain.
- **Be Charitable** - not because you're wealthy, but because you've once been deprived and swore you'd never want another to feel the same.

God Bless us all and help us to treat others as we would want others to treat us.

*God Bless,
Jen & Mick*

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St Peter's Culture Day



It was good! All of the groups had fun. It was great to see all the kids having fun!
Ngatatji (Fire Carrier)



Me and Nas had games outside.
We played lots of different games and we improved what we had to do as the day went on.
It was fun being independent. It was super enjoyable!
Darreal (Fire Carrier)



CATHOLIC IDENTITY

This week's readings

Mark 10:46-52

Jesus and his disciples went to Jericho. And as they were leaving they were followed by a large crowd. A blind beggar by the name of Bartimaeus son of Timaeus was sitting beside the road. When he heard that it was Jesus from Nazareth, he shouted *"Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!"* Many people told the man to stop, but he shouted even louder, *"Son of David, have pity on me!"* Jesus stopped and said, *"Call him over!"* They called out to the blind man and said, *"Don't be afraid! Come on! He is calling for you."* The man threw off his coat as he jumped up and ran to Jesus. Jesus asked, *"What do you want me to do for you?"* The blind man answered, *"Master, I want to see!"* Jesus told him, *"You may go. Your eyes are healed because of your faith."*

Right away the man could see, and he went down the road with Jesus.

Reflection

"...and he went down the road with Jesus."

This Gospel highlights to us the transformative power of faith. In this short passage, we see Bartimaeus transform from an outcast, told to be quiet by those around him, to someone who was able to be a part of the community, travelling along with Jesus. This was all possible because of his faith. In spite of the difficulties he faced, he had the strength of faith to trust that through Jesus he could be healed. This week let us notice the blessings we receive from God, help us to let these moments transform our lives and hearts so we can go "down the road with Jesus."

RECONCILIATION – Steps in Faith

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)

- Cluster Group 1 Meeting - Thursday 25th October, 5pm at Parish House
- Reconciliation Ceremony - Tuesday 20th November at St Kilian's Church

Liturgy Dates

- 5/6 Unit Mass - All Souls Day, 2nd November, 10am at St Kilian's Church
- ELC unit Liturgy - 7th November 10am at St Kilian's Church
- 3/4 Unit Mass - 15th November 10am at St Kilian's Church
- End of year/Graduation Mass - 18th December at St Kilian's Church

St Kilian's Mass Times

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



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/>

ECOLOGICAL STEWARDSHIP PROJECT

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

"Thank you, generous and loving One, for bringing all of life and everything that supports it into being. Thank you, too, for inviting us to be part of the ongoing unfolding of that life. Give us the courage and confidence to give as generously as You have to heal our Earth and care for all living beings with the same love that you give us with such generosity and compassion.

[Season of Creation]



Why do we need Bees?

"Anyone who cares about the health of the planet, for now and for generations to come, needs to answer this wake-up call. ...Fewer bees lead to lower availability and potentially higher prices of fruit and vegetables. Fewer bees mean no almonds, less coffee and less alfalfa hay available to feed dairy cows. ...We need good, clean food, and so do our pollinators. If bees do not have enough to eat, we won't have enough to eat. Dying bees scream a message to us that they cannot survive in our current agricultural and urban environments..."

[Marla Spivak, Entomologist, 2018]



TIP - YOU CAN HELP SAVE THE BEES...

Pesticides, environmental degradation (the deterioration of the environment through depletion of resources) and pollution, are all contributing to the alarming rate of bee deaths, but by simply planting a variety of flowers in your garden and not using pesticides, YOU can make a difference!

(Collect a flyer from the office on what plants you can grow to help save the bees)

BEE BELIEVE IN CHANGE

SAVE POLLINATORS IN YOUR BACKYARD OR ON YOUR BALCONY

COMBING THROUGH THE FACTS

3/4

OF MAJOR FOOD CROPS
RELY ON POLLINATORS TO
SOME EXTENT

90%

OF MONARCH BUTTERFLY
POPULATIONS HAVE FALLEN
OVER THE PAST 20 YEARS

37%

OF BEE SPECIES
ARE IN DECLINE



Djak Tjarra News

This week, October 31st Public Holiday

'BSG- BENDIGO SUSTAINABLE HOUSE DAY'

The Bendigo Sustainability Group are holding an information session on making your home more sustainable at The Old Church on the Hill, Russell St, Quarry Hill on **Sunday 28th October** from 9.00am.
Tickets sold by Eventbrite.

Nude Food Friday's

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

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**TAKE HOLD OF THE
CHILD CARE SUBSIDY (CCS) &
CUT YOUR
AFTER SCHOOL CARE COST**

Join the fun



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.

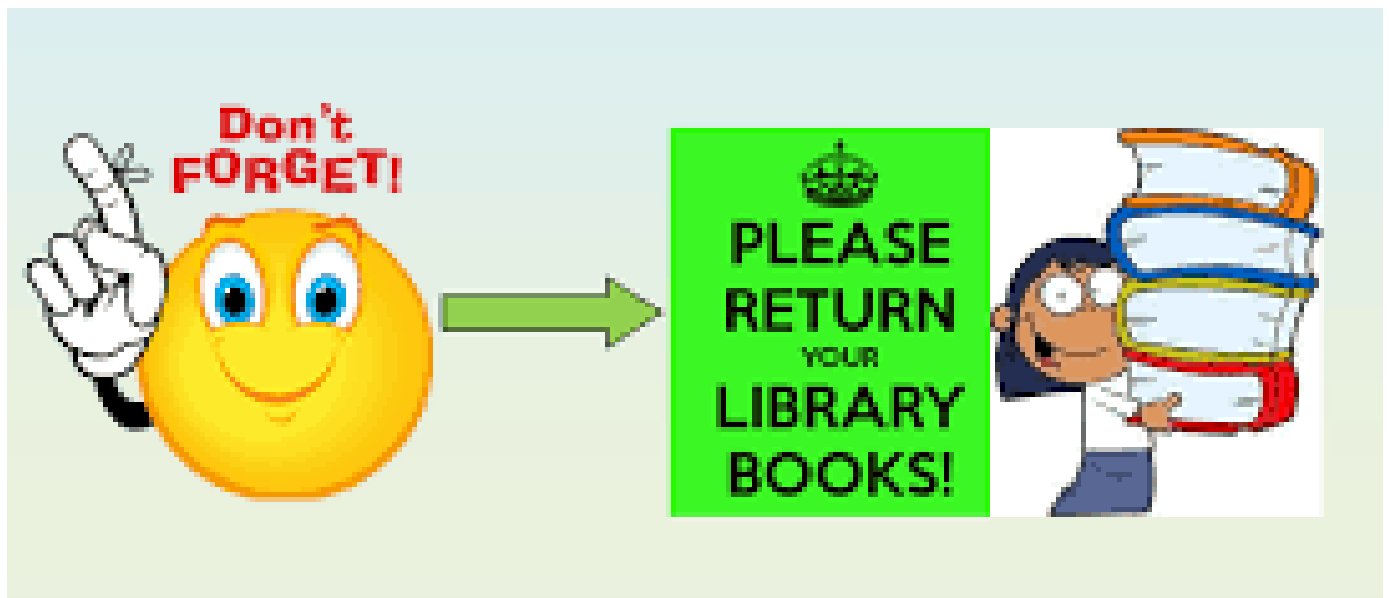
Membership of the Pantry cost \$10 a term.

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.

Further enquiries, please call Anthea on 0409 136 567.





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Refer to Catholic Identity news for more important dates.



COMMUNITY CIRCLE



⇒ **Christmas Hamper Raffle.**

Baskets have been placed in each class ready to be filled with donations of Christmas goodies. Examples of items that have been donated in the past include: lollies, bonbons, gift tags, shortbread, puddings, gift vouchers, and decorations.



⇒ **Swap Meet - Saturday 17 November**
CAR PARKING



⇒ **Election Day - Saturday 24 November**
CAKE/BAKE STALL & SAUSAGE SIZZLE



Please complete the slip on the back page if you can help on either or both of these Saturday's



We ♥ Volunteers



Community Circle Meeting this Friday morning
after assembly. Morning Tea provided.
Everyone welcome

SWAP MEET & ELECTION DAY - VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers to help out on both of these days....remember '*many hands make light work*'. For the Swap Meet we need 3 volunteers for each time slot and for Election Day we need 4 volunteers for each time slot

These are both great little fundraisers for our school, so if you can spare some of your time and volunteer, then please complete the form below and return to school as soon as possible.



Thank you.

V O L N T E E R

all that's missing is U!



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Name:..... Contact No:.....



SWAP MEET - SATURDAY 17 November (*3 Volunteers for each time slot*)

Time Preference - Please circle:

6.30am - 8.30am

8.30am - 10.30am

10.30am - 12.30pm



ELECTION DAY - SATURDAY 24 November (*4 Volunteers for each time slot*)

Time Preference - Please circle:

8.30am - 10.30am

10.30am - 12.30pm

12.30pm - 2.30pm

Please return slip by 14th of November.

THANK YOU

We ♥
Volunteers