



# St Peter's Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

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## — WELCOME —

# BACK TO SCHOOL

*Good afternoon,*

### Welcome to 2019!

We would like to welcome all our students, families and staff members to St Peter's for 2019. We pray your time in our community is one of friendship and happiness.

Our new Priest is **Father Junray**, who is settling in to St Kilian's after Fr Rom's retirement. We welcome Fr Junray and look forward to working closely with him in our Parish community.

Our new staff for 2019 are **Jenny Kerrins** - our Leader of Learning and Teaching, **Carina Johns** - sharing Balam-Balam classroom teaching and **Zac Hare** - a new ESO. Please introduce yourselves to these new staff (a few times) as they will be getting to know everyone in our community.

### 2019 Classes

Mummumburra - Foundation/1 - **Mrs Jess Amos**

Balam-Balam - Yr 1/2 - **Mrs Erin Garside & Ms Carina Johns**

Mur-Murra - Yr 1/2 - **Ms Cindy Purdon**

Yulawil - Yr 3/4 - **Ms Mel Beames**

Barrangal - Yr 3/4 - **Mrs Laura Graco**

Guwak - Yr 5/6 - **Mr Jake Wilkinson**

Njana-Nganity - Yr 5/6 - **Mr Miggy Podosky**

### Assembly

Our regular assemblies will take place again on **Friday mornings each week**. If we are not having an assembly you will be informed in the Newsletter. Each week a different class will present some learning at the assembly. This week it will be 3/4 Yulawil. Mummumburra will not attend the first few assemblies.

### Hello Night

There are many opportunities for our families to meet and chat with the teachers and other families throughout the year and the first one of these opportunities is tomorrow night!

"Hello Night" is held every year in the first week or two of Term 1. This is a casual, social night of meeting and chatting, where you can chat with your child's teacher and enjoy a sausage and icy-pole with other families in our St Peter's Community.

**HELLO NIGHT**  
**TUESDAY 5 FEBRUARY**  
**5.30PM - 7.00PM**  
**CLASSROOMS & KNULDOORONG**  
**ALL WELCOME**

### SiMON App

For several years our families have been asking us to have a "school app" as we are all so well connected through our mobile phones. The SiMON App is being launched at the Hello Night and will be a new way for families to stay connected with St Peter's - from excursion permissions, to student attendance notification, from medical information and classroom information - everything will be available on the App! Kate Christy (from the office) will run a session for parents on Hello Night (5.45pm) and again on Friday at both 9.30am and 2.30pm to demonstrate how to use the App. Every family is invited to download the App and begin using it as soon as possible. You will need to attend a session with Kate first. Further sessions will be offered if you are unable to make the ones this week.

### Opening School Mass

Our Opening School Mass will be held **next Wednesday at 10am** at St Kilian's Parish church. Everyone is invited to join us and we would be thrilled to have many family members join us for Fr Junray's first St Peter's Mass.

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

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## Marong Cup

The Marong Cup is our greatest fund-raiser for the whole year - and it is on next weekend - Saturday the **16th of February**. All the Catholic Schools in Bendigo work together to run the race meeting and we all receive the profits from the day! Last year we received \$6000 that went towards the cost of Lexi.

We need many volunteers to help out on the Friday before and on the Saturday - we ask that you volunteer for 2 or 3 hours. The jobs we are required to do are all very easy and anyone can do them - even if you haven't done it before. Please come and see one of us, or Chris Ring (our coordinator) if you can give us a couple of hours.

## Community Circle

The St Peter's Community Circle is a group of parents who meet regularly (usually twice a term) to socialise, have a cuppa and organise a few events throughout the year. For several years **Mrs Tanya Rees** (Eliza Yr 4 and Scarlett Yr 2) has been the coordinator of this group. This year Tanya has stepped down from the role and so we are looking for someone to take the coordinator's position. If you are interested in becoming the coordinator please come and see one of us to chat about it. We have many great volunteers to support this person so you will never be left on your own to do all the jobs!

**Our first Community Circle Meeting will be 9.45am on Friday - after the SiMON App demonstration.**

The Community Circle also has a closed Facebook group that is used to share information about St Peter's. If you would like to join it please see one of us.

(The school also has a Facebook page - please like and share it. St Peter's Primary School.)

## Volunteer Information Sessions

We have many, many volunteers to help out at school for many different reasons and events. If you would like to volunteer (listening to reading, assisting with cooking or gardening in the Djak Tjarra, cooking sausages at a sausage sizzle) you will need to attend a Volunteer Information Session. This session will run on **Monday the 11th of February at 9.10am** and repeated at **2.30pm** on the same day. If you have attended a session before you will still need to complete a **Volunteer Code of Conduct**. If you can't make this day and would like to volunteer at St Peter's - please come and see us to arrange a different time.

## School Banking

The other role Tanya has fulfilled has been to do the school banking each week. If you are interested in coordinating this please come and see us. If we are unable to find a volunteer this service will cease to happen at St Peter's.

## School Closure Days

Every year schools in Victoria are able to take several days off for staff professional learning, reporting and planning. The first one of our closure days for 2019 will be **Friday the 8th of March**. This will be a professional learning day for all our staff.

## A few minutes in prayer...

God bless our St Peter's community as we begin another year in your presence - may we all treat each other with your respect and kindness.

Look after our students, families and staff throughout 2019, keep us safe in your loving embrace.

Bless Fr Junray as he begins his journey with St Peter's and the St Kilian's parish - may he find friendship and care in our community.

*God Bless*

*Jen & Mick*

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Tuesday 5 February:

- Hello Night 5.30pm-7pm
- SiMON App Parent Session 5.45pm

### Friday 8 February:

- SiMON App Parent Session 9.30am or 2.30pm
- Community Circle Meeting 9.45am

### Monday 11 February:

- Volunteers Info Sessions 9.10am or 2.30pm

### Wednesday 13 February:

- Opening School Mass 10am

**Saturday 16 February:** Marong Cup

**Friday 8 March:** Pupil Free Day





## FREE FOOD!

Every Tuesday between 9:30-10am we have food available for collection at the Djak-tjarra (Enviro). So bring along your green bags to collect some goodies. We always have lots of delicious bread kindly donated by **Georges Bakehouse** and **Bakers Delight**.

## CONTACT DETAILS

Stacey's days of work are **Mondays', Tuesday's** and **Thursday's**, please feel free to ring me (**5443 9319**) or pop in to see me any time on these days or write me an e-mail if you have any concerns about your child's social or emotional well-being. We want to make your child's time at school the very best it can be.

E: [sfrost@spbendigo.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sfrost@spbendigo.catholic.edu.au)

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

I have access to some funding if your child would like to participate in an extra-curricular activity (sports, dancing, swimming etc.), so if you need some financial assistance, please let me know and I can organize this for you.

# Back To School Tips



**Early bedtimes** can have a great effect on your child's well-being. It can improve the quality of sleep and helps them to regulate their behaviour. Even half an hour earlier can make a big difference!

**Hugging** - getting a hug may be a bit embarrassing for kids as they get older but it is a great way to show your love and care for your children, it can also help lower their stress levels..... and remember the longer the hug, the better!



**Boundaries** - However restrictive and painful boundaries may seem to kids, they are the very thing that will help your child to thrive. It can take time for your child to accept a family rule but it will pay off to stick with it.

**Routines** - Routines can help the most strong-willed kids to feel more grounded and relaxed because they have something continuous.



**Avoid being too enthusiastic** – please avoid being too enthusiastic about school with promises they will learn to read and become clever. Many 5-year-olds come home very disillusioned after the first week because they haven't been able to learn to read yet. This is especially important for boys. Speak positively about school with a focus more on enjoyment.

**Please remember** that as your child starts or continues their schooling journey you are still their number one teacher – and coach. Enjoy special times at the end of the day sharing food, watching TV together, reading and relaxing.



# ECOLOGICAL STEWARDSHIP PROJECT

## WEEK 2, TERM 1

*“Humanity holds the future of the planet  
in the palm of its hands.*

*We could actually do something about plastic right now.”*

[David Attenborough, 2018]

### TIPS - 9 WAYS WE CAN REDUCE PLASTIC WASTE

1. Boycott single-use plastic items
2. Join the reusable revolution
3. Shop local & request plastic-free packaging
4. Minimise bathroom & cleaning products
5. Buy second-hand instead of new
6. Buy high quality items that are made to last longer
7. Choose products made from recycled materials
8. Consider sharing or hiring instead of owning
9. Lead by example to inspire others too!

#BeTheChange #UseLessPlastic  
[[www.lessplastic.co.uk](http://www.lessplastic.co.uk)]

### 'DJAK TJARRA NEWS'

The chooks have missed us but we are back this week...

\*This week- Wednesday 6th February - 1/2 Mur murra's \*



### ST PETER'S UNIFORM SHOP

(Coordinator: Mrs Tanya Rees)

**Monday 8.30am - 9.00am**

**Thursday 3.00pm - 3.30pm**

**EFTPOS / CASH SALES**

**Term 1 - All students must wear a hat  
when outside**

## 2019

## TERM DATES

Term 1	Tuesday 29 January – Friday 5 April *Easter 19 – 22 April
Term 2	Tuesday 23 April – Friday 28 June
Term 3	Monday 15 July – Friday 20 September
Term 4	Monday 7 October – Friday 20 December

# CATHOLIC IDENTITY



*A new school year.*

*Beginning again.*

*Fresh faces.*

*A fresh start.*

*No matter how many times we go through it, there will always be something special about this time of year.*

*Butterflies in stomachs.*

*Anxious anticipation.*

*Exciting possibilities.*

*Students apprehensive about challenges ahead.*

*Everyone eager to learn.*

*We offer prayers of thanksgiving for every family.*

*Prayers for guidance for teachers.*

*God who watches over us, hear our prayers, spoken and silent as we begin the new school year.*

*Amen*

*(Adapted from "Prayers for School Teachers")*

## St Kilian's Mass Times

Mon: No Mass  
Tue - Fri: 12.10pm  
Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm  
Sunday: 7am, 10am

Parish Office: 5441 6244  
Rev Junray Rayna



## **St Vinnies Christmas Appeal**

Well done!

**\$137.90** was raised on  
Casual Clothes Day  
20/12/18

Lexi listening to Tanesha read in  
Foundation Mummumburra





# MARONG CUP

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## **TICKETS ON SALE NOW**

**AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE**

**~ ADULTS \$15 EACH ~**

**Tickets include entry to the race course & members reserve.**

Our school benefits if tickets are **pre-purchased** from the office.

*Each ticket purchased from our school office = \$7.50 to our school!*

*Ticket provides both admission to the racecourse and to the member enclosure\* (normally \$25)*

*Please note dress standards for entry into the members enclosure*

### **Kids Entertainment Area - Wristbands \$10**

Kid's wristbands for entry into the kids entertainment area this year are a flat rate of \$15 each, but if pre-purchased at the school they will be \$10 each.

There is no limit on the number of kids ride tickets that can be purchased.

You do not have to purchase an adult admission ticket in order to buy kids wristbands.