



St Peter's Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Good afternoon,

Welcome to BOOK WEEK - Reading is my super power!!

This week there will be a big focus on Reading throughout the school. Tomorrow is the annual Dress Up Day - the theme is Reading is My Super Power. We ask that all children come dressed up in something connected to reading, stories, super powers, characters - the list is endless. It does not have to be a fancy costume, or a store-bought one. Just some casual clothes based on any character from a book would be great!

Community Circle Events:

⇒ **Father's Day**

This year Father's Day is on Sunday the 1st of September. **The St Peter's Father's Day Breakfast will be held on Friday the 30th of August at 8.15am.** We invite all Fathers and Special Blokes to come and share breakfast with our students before school as a thank you for all you do. The Community Circle are looking for a volunteer to do the shopping and BBQ helpers for the day - if you can help please let the office know.

⇒ **Market Day**

Market Day is an opportunity for families to 'clean out' their houses and donate good items to be sold at school. This can include books, clothes, toys, baked goods - anything really. The items are sold for 50c or \$1. Students are allowed to bring up to \$5 each to spend. This year Market Day will be held on **Friday the 13th of September.**

****Donations for the Market Day can be brought to school from Monday the 2nd of September.**

Board Meeting

Thank you to Chris and Bianca who were able to represent our Board at last week's joint meeting. Some very interesting information about the future of education and employment in Bendigo was shared by Trish Miller from the CEO.

Bread Pick Up

As you are all aware we are generously given donations of bread each week. These support our Breakfast program and are offered to St Peter's families. We are currently looking for some families to assist us picking bread up on a Monday and Wednesday evening. If you are able to help with one pick up on a weekly basis, could you please come and see us.



School Values Awards

Mummumburra: **-Charlotte Wilson, Penny Pah Eh**
Mur-Murra: **Giselle Kennedy Morgan, Nioka Egan**
Balam-Balam: **Emily Wybar, Olivia Parker**
Yulawil: **Bob Hopley**
Barrangal: **Tom Doran**
Guwak: **Fabian Gray, Jesse Rohan**
Njana-Nganity: **Lachlan Poole, Marley Thomson**
Enviro: **Zephyr Farrow**
STEM: **Thando Patterson**
PE: **Penny Pah Eh**
Reading: **Kaylan Pickett, Chris Ikali, Hudo Wingrave,**

Co-Principal's award

Last week's co-principal award went to Bob Hopley and Tyler Goodman. Both of these boys were faced with a tricky situation on Thursday afternoon and showed excellent Care for Self by returning to school. It is important to be able to recognise when you are feeling uncomfortable and asking for help from a trusted adult is a great way to show Care for Self. Well done Bob and Tyler for thinking carefully and making a good decision.

Assembly

Thank you to Barrangal for sharing last week. Balam Balam will be sharing at this week's assembly.

Thank you to Harley and Seth who lead us in our acknowledgement at assembly last week



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Bob Hopley Tyler Goodman
Co-Principal's Award

A moment in Prayer

We remember Our Mother Mary this week after celebrating the Feast of the Assumption last Thursday.

*Mary, our Mother,
We ask you to guide us and protect us,*

Keep us close to your son Jesus,

*Help us to see the importance of relationships,
That with each other, we are all that God wants us
to be.*

Amen

*God Bless,
Jen & Mick*



**Reading
is my secret
power!**

Dress up day
will be
TOMORROW,
Tuesday
20 August

Children's Book Week
BOOK FAIR
Monday 26/8 until Friday 30/8r

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ST PETER'S BOOK FAIR
Monday 26/8 to Friday 30/8
8.30am to 9am & 3pm to 3.30pm
Rain Forest Room - Library

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SECRET POWER

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

We celebrated the Feast of the Assumption with a special Liturgy on Thursday August 15th



Catholic Identity Dates:

- Aug 22 - Parishioner Lunch
- Aug 25 - Curry Night at St. Kilian's Church after Sunday Night Mass (also Migrant and Refugee Sunday)
- Aug 27 - Mummumburra & Year 6's Mass*
- Aug 30 - Middle Unit Mass*
- Sep 3 - Senior Unit Mass*
- Sep 10 - Year 1/2 Mass*

**All masses will be at St. Kilian's Church and will start at 9:45am. Fr. Junray will be celebrating all of these masses.*

ELC NEWS

If you have any spare COLES minis...we would love to have them in our ELC.

Thanks.



ECOLOGICAL STEWARDSHIP PROJECT

“What goes up, must come down.”

(Isaac Newton)

WHAT ARE BALLOONS MADE OF?

Balloons are made of materials such as latex, rubber or polychloroprene which do not break down into the earth. Balloons are used for special occasions such as birthdays, weddings, funerals and launches.

WHY ARE THEY BAD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT?

Balloons don't stay in the sky forever and eventually they come down. Sometimes, they land or eventually wash up into the sea where they get mistaken for food by birds and marine wildlife.

Balloons can block an animal's digestive tract, which could be fatal. Animals could get entangled in the ribbons and strings, restricting their movement and ability to eat, and cause drowning.



WHAT CAN WE USE INSTEAD OF BALLOONS?

1. Blow Bubbles
2. Invite local artists to perform
3. Use Lights
4. Fly kites
5. DIY Pinwheels, streamers or flags
6. Pot seeds/plants
7. Hold your event in a garden
8. Donate to a local charity
9. Have a quiz night
10. Organise a running, walking or cycling event



Collecting bread tags enables us to provide wheelchairs that change the life of disabled people in need, as well as keeping the tags out of landfill to help to preserve the environment. Keep collecting!

LIDS FOR KIDS

We are collecting plastic bottle lids for Envision Hands, because they are recycling them into 3D printed prosthetic hands for kids with disabilities...

watch how this happens at

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/envision-hands>

There is a box in the office for you to place your clean, plastic bottle lids (and one for bread tags too) in.

Thank you, Environment Leadership Group

DJAK TJARRA NEWS

This Wednesday, 21st August - F/1 Mummumburra
Remember: You can bring along your gumboots



UPCOMING EVENTS:

World Habitat Day: Monday 7th October

BENDIGO SUSTAINABLE HOUSE DAY: Sunday 27th October

Bendigo Sustainable House day will have some great houses open for inspection from new builds to renovations and lots of information about how to make your home more sustainable.



EVERY DAY COUNTS

Primary School Attendance

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things are school every day – missing school puts them behind.



The graphic features a stylized sun with three hands (purple, green, blue) reaching up to it. Above the hands are the phrases 'better health', 'better future', and 'better outcomes'. Below the hands is the text 'Attendance Matters'.

Why is regular attendance at school important?

Coming to school every day means when leaving school, you will earn more money, have better job opportunities and will be generally healthier.

Why it's important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school. There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes. Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Getting in early

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It's vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

What we can do

The main reasons for absence are:

Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

It's vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.



Day off – Think twice before letting your child have a “day off” as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts. “

Truancy – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent's permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don't fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible. Openly communicating with your child's school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice. If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.



School Psychologist - Simon Harvest:

Simon Harvest is now seeing students at our school, he is usually here on Wednesdays. He is providing counselling covering a wide range of issues and he currently has no wait list. Please speak to Stacey,

Donna, Jenny or Mick to arrange for your child to see Simon. It is a very rare opportunity that we have to have such an experienced psychologist working at our school, with no cost to you.

STACEY'S CONTACT DETAILS

Stacey's days of work are **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays**, 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.

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School Banking day is **THURSDAY**.

Each week you need to bring your **Deposit book**
into your **Classroom Teacher**



If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2019 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

For new Students-getting involved in School Banking is easy! All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. **Online**
Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.
2. **In branch**
Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

ST PETER'S SCHOOL CALENDAR AUGUST / SEPT. 2019

Term Dates 2019

Term 3 Mon. 15 July—Friday 20 September

Term 4 Mon. 7 October—Friday 20 December

August 2019

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

19

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Book Week
Dress Up
Day

21

Djak Tjarra
Mum-
mumburra

22

Passion &
Pathways
Yr 6

*Parishioners
Lunch*

23

9am
Assembly Balam Balam

Free
Bread
on
Fridays

26

Book Fair
begins

27

Mass at
9.45am St.
Kilians
Church for
Yr 6 & Mum-
mumburra

28

29

Passion &
Pathways
Yr 6

30

8.15a.m. Fathers Day
Breakfast

*9a.m.
Assembly Njana Nganity*

Mass at 9.45am St. Kilians
Church for Yr 6 & Mum-
mumburra

BOOK FAIR 8.30am - 9am & 3pm - 3.30pm Rain Forrest Room Library

September 2019

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

Sun

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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Mass at 9.45am St. Kilians Church for Yr 3 and 4					
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Mass at 9.45am St. Kilians Church for Yr 1 and 2					

ST PETER'S UNIFORM SHOP (Coordinator: Mrs Tanya Rees)

Monday 3.00pm - 3.30pm Thursday 8.30am - 9.00am

Remember you can still complete an order form and Tanya can process this on either of these days.