



# St Peter's Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

Issue No. 2  
10 February 2020

*Good afternoon,*

## Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who was able to make it to Hello Night last Thursday evening. It was a great night meeting new people and enjoying some food together - and we were home before the storm started! We would also like to thank everyone for the great start we have had to the year - most children have been here on time every day!! We are really focusing on our Literacy program this year and hope everyone can put in a huge effort to be at school on time.

## Opening Mass

Our Opening Mass will be this Thursday morning at 9.30am at St Kilian's Church. All family members are welcome to join us to celebrate the start of the year and to ask God to bless us all throughout 2020. Please join us if you can.

## Marong Cup

The Marong Cup is this Saturday!! If you are able to help for a short while on either Friday or Saturday and haven't put your name down yet - please see one of the Co-Principals or Chris Ring. All volunteers get in to the races for free.

The Children's Tickets are on sale at the office - this is a fantastic day for kids - they have great rides and water slides etc!! The tickets are \$10 per child and that gets you unlimited rides from 12pm - 4pm!! Please Note: Cash only for Marong Cup Tickets if purchased from school office.

## St Peter's Facebook Pages

St Peter's has a public Facebook page everyone is welcome to follow. We also have a St Peter's Community Circle Facebook Page - this is a closed group, however all family members are welcome to request to join this group. Please come and see Kate if you have any questions about Facebook or the SIMON App.

## Learning Conversations

Learning Conversations are held during 1st and 3rd Term each year. This is a part of our formal reporting schedule. Parents/carers are asked to make an appointment with the class teacher - or use the online booking service - to have a chat together with the teacher and your student. This is an ideal time to set some learning goals and discuss any concerns you may have. The Learning Conversations will be on Thursday the 20th (bbq provided) and Tuesday the 25th of February (This is Shrove Tuesday - so we will be having pancakes!!!). The appointments can be made from 3.45pm to 6pm. Each interview lasts 15 minutes.

## Staff Update

Mrs **Jess Amos** commenced maternity leave on Friday last week. We wish Jess and her husband Jake all the very best as they await the arrival of their precious addition to their family.

**Stacey Frost** will be taking some extended leave until the middle of the year. We are currently advertising for a new social worker during Stacey's absence.

**Laura Graco** we congratulate Laura and husband James on the arrival of their son Sebastian born Christmas Eve!

## A moment in Prayer....

We ask God to bless all those impacted by drought, fire and flood in the last few days, weeks and months.

Keep your people strong and full of faith.

Help us to do what we can to help others in their time of need.

We ask a special blessing for all emergency services workers - may they be kept safe and returned to their families unharmed.

*God Bless,*

*Jen & Mick*

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

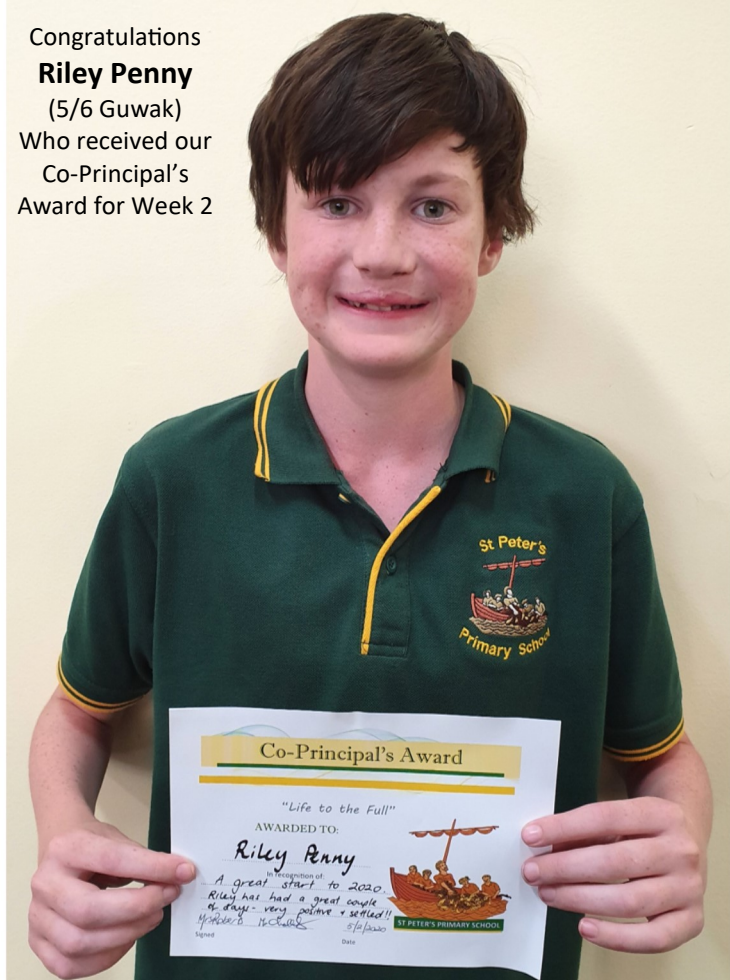
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Congratulations  
**Riley Penny**  
(5/6 Guwak)  
Who received our  
Co-Principal's  
Award for Week 2



**Be  
Here!**

*On Time  
All Day  
Every Day*

### ATTENDANCE COUNTS

Did you know your child's best learning time  
is the start of the school day?



That's when every minute  
counts the most!



# MARONG CUP

**THIS SATURDAY 15<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

**Tickets on sale now from the school office**



**This is a major fundraiser for our school.**

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. All volunteers get FREE entry to the Cup. 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 (Jenny or Mick), or Chris Ring (our coordinator) if you can give us a couple of hours.

**Thank you.**



# Mummumburra



Mr Chalkley and Mrs Roberts had a visit from Mummumburra today. Our new Foundation students were excited to show off their beading skills AND counting to 10!!  
Well Done!

Don't Forget.....our Foundation students will commence their first full week on Tuesday 10 March

## SAVE THE DATE

## FAMILY DAY

WHEN: SUNDAY 23RD FEBRUARY

TIME: 12PM TO 3PM

VENUE: FAITH LEECH AQUATIC CENTRE,  
BARNARD STREET, BENDIGO

FREE  
ENTRY

WATER  
SLIDE

FREE  
BARBECUE

ALL NEW AND EXISTING PLAYERS AND THEIR FAMILIES WELCOME

SOUTH BENDIGO FOOTBALL AND NETBALL CLUB

THE WHOLE OF FAMILY CLUB

[WWW.SOUTHBENDIGOFNC.COM.AU](http://WWW.SOUTHBENDIGOFNC.COM.AU)



# ECOLOGICAL STEWARDSHIP PROJECT

By Mrs Lauren White, Eco-Stewardship Coordinator

"Creation is a gift, it is a wonderful gift that God has given us,  
so that we care for it and use it for the benefit of all,  
always with great respect and gratitude."

[Pope Francis' Audience, 21 May 2014]



## WHAT IS ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY?

Sustainability is not using all of our natural resources now so we still have some in the future.

## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...

The Earth is 4.5 billion years old. Let's scale that down to 46 years...we have been here for 4 hours. Our industrial revolution began 1 minute ago. In that time we have destroyed more than 50% of the world's forests. **THIS ISN'T SUSTAINABLE!**

## HOW CAN WE LIVE MORE SUSTAINABLY? REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE!!

- ⇒ Reduce your food waste and compost scraps.
- ⇒ Reuse items such as cups, metal or paper straws and cloth bags.
- ⇒ Recycle paper, plastics, glass, cans, cardboard, etc.
- ⇒ Reduce electricity usage by turning the heating and cooling off or down and having energy efficient lighting.
- ⇒ Reuse lunch boxes and containers instead of cling wrap or plastic bags.
- ⇒ Recycle bottle caps and bread tags at school!



### This week at Djak Tjarra we have:

- Tuesday - 5/6 Njana Nganity
- Wednesday - 1/2 Duan
- Thursday - 3/4 Wirrap

All sessions will be held at 11:35am-1:30pm





# Catholic Identity

Mr P, Catholic Identity Coordinator

You're invited to the  
2020 LAUNCH of

PROJECT  
COMPASSION



**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb**  
**HARGREAVES MALL**  
**BENDIGO 11.30-12.30**

**FREE PANCAKES & ENTERTAINMENT**

## St Kilian's Church

161 McCrae St Bendigo

**Parish Office:**

**Tel:** 5441 6244

**Parish House:**

**Tel:** 5443 4800

**Email:** [stkilians@cdos.org.au](mailto:stkilians@cdos.org.au)



**Administrator:** Rev Junray Rayna

**Assistant Priest:** Rev Fr Rob Galea

**Priest in Residence:** Rev Fr Purcell

**Pastoral Associate:** Helen Fowler

## Mass Times:

Monday: No Mass

Tuesday: 12.10pm

Wednesday: 12.10pm

Thursday: 12.10pm

Friday: 12.10pm

Saturday: 8.00am, 6.30pm

Sunday: 7.00am, 10.00am

## IMPORTANT DATES:

- ♦ **Tuesday 25 Feb:** Shrove Tuesday
- ♦ **Wednesday 26 Feb:** Ash Wednesday

Start each day with  
a GRATEFUL heart

# PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS

@ St Peter's School

WITH MARIAH MCCARTHY

GUITAR  
PIANO  
VOICE  
UKULELE

PRIVATE - \$25  
SHARED - \$18.50  
0439 338 773

# Health & Wellbeing

## SLEEP TIPS

Sleep is vital for children's growth, learning and development. Having a good sleep every night makes your child happier, helps them to concentrate and remember things, and improves their behaviour.

### How much sleep do children need?

The amount of sleep we need changes with age. Everyone is different, but as a guide, children need the following amounts of sleep every night:

**Ages 3 to 5:** 10 to 13 hours

**Ages 6 to 13:** 9 to 11 hours

**Ages 14 to 17:** 8 to 10 hours



Getting enough sleep is vital for your child's physical health, brain function, emotional wellbeing, safety, and ability to function day to day. Not having enough sleep or not sleeping well can affect how children learn and lead to mood swings and behavioural problems.

### Tips to help children sleep well

Getting enough sleep is as important for your child as healthy eating and exercising. Here are some tips to help your child fall asleep, stay asleep and get enough good quality sleep.

**Establish a sleep schedule:** Make sure your child goes to bed early enough to get the sleep they need. Once you have set an appropriate bed time, stick to it - even at the weekend.

**Establish a bedtime routine:** Follow the same routine every day: bath or shower, change into pyjamas, brush teeth, read or spend quiet time in their bedroom, lights out and go to sleep.

**Turn off technology:** Turning off computers, tablets and television *1 hour before bedtime* should help your child sleep better.

**Help your child wind down:** Busy children need some time to relax. Consider playing soft music or reading to them.

**Make sure the bedroom is suitable for sleep:** Ensure the bedroom is dark and quiet. If your child is anxious or afraid at night, use a night light.

**Avoid stimulants:** Make sure your child avoids tea, coffee, chocolate or sports drinks, especially in the afternoon.

<https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/sleep-tips-for-children>



LUNCH BOX IDEAS



Department of Education and  
Early Childhood Development

EVERY MINUTE  
COUNTS

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but....

He/She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is....	over 13 years of schooling, that's....
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly HALF A YEAR
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	Nearly 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 YEAR
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 AND A HALF YEARS
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Nearly 2 AND A HALF YEARS





*Parking Services - City of Greater Bendigo have contacted our school and requested that the following information be conveyed to our school community.*

*The illegal parking of vehicles adjacent to our school poses a safety concern to children, pedestrians and other road users. Parents are reminded that it is essential to comply with parking restrictions when dropping off and collecting children from school.*

*Motorists must not stop in no stopping areas, even briefly, with or without the motor running. They must not stop next to a continuous yellow edge line, on nature strips, too close to school crossings, park over driveways or double park. A number of schools have short term time restricted areas, such as 2 minute pick up drop off. These parking areas are in place to allow for ease of access close to schools and these restrictions must be adhered to. Drivers should also be aware that they cannot perform a U-turn over an unbroken or continuous dividing line.*

*With regard to children's crossings, the law requires that a driver approaching a children's crossing must drive at a speed at which the driver can, if necessary stop safely before the crossing. Please slow down and take extra care when driving in school zones.*

*City of Greater Bendigo Parking Officers and Bendigo Police do conduct random patrols throughout the school year at various locations to ensure that motorists are adhering to the Road Rules.*



## **Let's Walk Long Gully...we have 5 more walks left...join us!**

City of Greater Bendigo, as part of the Healthy Heart of Victoria initiative in partnership with Victoria Walks, launched *Let's Walk Long Gully* earlier this year.

*Let's Walk* is a neighbourhood project that aims to connect women to each other to increase their regular participation in recreational walking, leading to feeling safe in their neighbourhoods.

It's about social connection, physical and mental health and making it easy to get up and go for a walk in your neighbourhood every day.

*Let's Walk Long Gully* is a 40 minute community walking loop, clearly marked by directional footpath stickers, that starts and ends at Long Gully Neighbourhood Centre.

**Date:** Tuesdays until March 10<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Time:** 10.00am

**Location:** Long Gully Neighbourhood Centre, 52-54 Derwent Drive, Long Gully

**Contact:** Kaylene McKay [letswalk@victoriawalks.org.au](mailto:letswalk@victoriawalks.org.au)

Join us afterwards to share a snack and hot drink to connect and explore opportunities to encourage more local people to be more active, more often.

# School Banking newsletter.

Term 1 update.



## CommBank Bushfire Support

In light of the recent devastating bushfires, we want to share how we can help. Applications are now open for Bushfire Recovery Grants to help rebuild community facilities, schools, fire brigades and replace lost or damaged equipment. Please encourage your local community groups to apply by 31 March 2020, for grants of up to \$50,000. If you're a CommBank customer and you've been affected, we can also give you a hand with your finances. [commbank.com.au/bushfirerecovery](http://commbank.com.au/bushfirerecovery)

## 2020 Treetop Savers Adventure.

This year, the Dollarmites (Pru, Addy, Spen, Lucas and Pat) are ready to take children on a Treetop Savers adventure to the enchanted Treehouse of Savings. Here they'll discover lots of fun financial activities and rewards for saving.

Many surveyed parents think it's important to make learning about money engaging and to reward good saving behaviour\*. And this year, we're changing our School Banking rewards for the better. We're introducing new eco-friendly and reusable rewards, alongside other rewards that encourage creativity, as well as indoor and outdoor play.

### Activity 1: Add up Addy's pocket money

Addy gets \$2 pocket money every time she does a job in the Treehouse of Savings. If she does 9 jobs, how much will she have earned?

A: \$\_\_\_\_\_.

### Activity 2: Find and count how many frogs and butterflies you can see

A: \_\_\_\_\_ Frogs and \_\_\_\_\_ Butterflies.



## Term 1 Treetop Savers rewards

When your child makes 10 deposits with School Banking, they can redeem one of our Treetop Savers rewards. Term 1 rewards are available now, while stocks last.



Terry Denton's  
Activity Book



Mini  
Soccer Ball

Any questions about the School Banking program? Ask your School Banking Co-ordinator for a parent's pack or visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)

\*Parents of Australian primary school children, School Banking Research, conducted by Fiftyfive5, May-June 2018.  
Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 125 123 124

Answer Activity 1: \$18. Activity 2: 10 frogs and 11 butterflies





# Summer IN THE Parks

<https://www.bendigsummerintheparks.com/>

Check out the website or the Summer in the Parks Facebook for more upcoming free fun in February



Bendigo Summer in the Parks

@BendigoSummerInTheParks

## SITP Music in the Park - Sherri Parry & The John Grossman Project

Enjoy an evening among the stars with the musical talents of Sherri Parry & The John Grossman Project.

February 14, 2020

### Upcoming dates and times

February 14, 2020 6:20pm to 8:30pm

### Venue Name

Canterbury Park, Eaglehawk

### Location

2 Simpsons Road Eaglehawk 3556

### Cost

Free Event

FREE  
FUN

ALL ARE  
WELCOME

## Gecko Sports Fun Family Activity

GeckoSports provides fun fitness and multisport activities for primary school aged children. We inspire kids to develop confidence, become physically active and participate in a variety of sports

February 15, 2020

February 15, 2020 9:30am to 10:15am

### Venue Name

Poppet Head, Rosalind Park

### Location

30 Gaol Road Bendigo 3550

### Cost

Free Event

## Yoga in the Park

Yoga for all ages and abilities. Classes include Pranayama (breath work), Asana (poses) and meditation.

February 16, 2020

February 16, 2020 9:30am to 10:30am

February 23, 2020 9:30am to 10:30am

### Venue Name

Rotary Park, Kangaroo Flat

### Cost

Free Event



FOSTERVILLE GOLD MINE



CITY OF GREATER  
BENDIGO

## Brass/Concert Bands - Various Dates

Bring your chairs or rug and enjoy various brass & concern bands play

February 16, 2020

February 16, 2020 5.00pm—7.00pm

Bendigo & District Concert Band

Garden for the Future,  
Napier Street, White Hills

FREE EVENT

Summer  
IN  
THE  
Parks



**WEEK 1  
JUNIOR LEADER**

**Emily**

Emily loves being involved in crafts and she will help her friends around her if they need help.

## **JOIN THE FUN OF OSHC**

Registration is FREE all you need to do is visit our website at

[www.afterthebell.com.au](http://www.afterthebell.com.au)

and complete the online Registration Form.

Please feel free to contact our head office as we are happy to help you out with the process.

**CONTACT US**

**OSHC- 0448 375 923**

**Head Office- 9758 6744**

**Program Leader- Tahnica**

**WEEK 2  
JUNIOR LEADER**

**Elvis**

Elvis enjoys playing board games with his friends

## **EXCITING PROGRAM AHEAD**

### **WEEK 2 - TERM 1**

**Monday- Pom Pom Wattle Art**

**Tuesday- Native Australian Animals**

**Wednesday- Is This From Australian Culture? Game**

**Thursday- Today we are doing flag creation Flag Creation**

**Friday- Australian Outback Craft**

### **WEEK 3 - TERM 1**

**Monday- Make our own floating craft**

**Tuesday- Mosaic sea animal creations**

**Wednesday- Seashell fish bowl - what sea animals are in your fish bowls.**

**Thursday- Popsical fish creations**

**Friday- Let's go fishing, design fish, can you catch your fish you made.**

**Collect your ATB Newsletter from the school office**





FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

# Huntly Family Fun Day



- Inflatable water slide and Jumping castle
- Mobile Playzone
- Face painting and Henna painting
- Animal farm
- Music and dance
- Huntly CFA
- Coliban Water refill units
- Northern Bendigo Landcare Group
- Kids DIY Workshop with Bunnings, Epsom



**BBQ**  
Sausages and  
veggie burgers  
\$1 each  
Drinks \$2 each

Wominjeka Simu  
**Welcome**  
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**Sunday February 16, 2020**  
**10am – 1pm**

**Strauch Recreation Reserve**  
**14 Gungurru Road, Huntly**

**Remember to BYO towel and change of clothes  
for the water slide!**



Bendigo Northern District  
Community Enterprise



POSTERVILLE GOLD MINE



CITY OF GREATER  
BENDIGO



# FEBRUARY / MARCH 2020



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
9 FEB	10 FEB	11 FEB	12 FEB Preps No School  SCHOOL ASSEMBLY 2.45PM  SCHOOL BANKING	13 FEB  Opening School Mass 9.30am All Welcome	14 FEB  Footy Clinic   FREE BREAD	15 FEB  MARONG CUP 
16 FEB	17 FEB	18 FEB	19 FEB Preps No School  SCHOOL ASSEMBLY 2.45PM  SCHOOL BANKING	20 FEB  Learning Conversations	21 FEB  FREE BREAD	22 FEB
23 FEB	24 FEB	25 FEB  Learning Conversations   SHROVE TUESDAY	26 FEB Preps No School SCHOOL ASSEMBLY 2.45PM   ASH WEDNESDAY  SCHOOL BANKING	27 FEB	28 FEB  FREE BREAD	29 FEB
1 MAR	2 MAR	3 MAR	4 MAR Preps No School  SCHOOL ASSEMBLY 2.45PM  SCHOOL BANKING	5 MAR	6 MAR  FREE BREAD	7 MAR

## SIGNIFICANT DATES

### February

- ◆ Thursday 13: Opening School Mass 9.30am
- ◆ Friday 14: Essendon Football Players 1.30pm
- ◆ Saturday 15: Marong Cup
- ◆ Tuesday 25: Shrove Tuesday
- ◆ Wednesday 26: Ash Wednesday

### March

- ◆ Monday 9: Labour Day Public Holiday
- ◆ Friday 27: End of Term 1

### April

- ◆ Friday 10: Good Friday
- ◆ Saturday 11: Easter Saturday
- ◆ Sunday 12: Easter Sunday
- ◆ Monday 13: Easter Monday
- ◆ Tuesday 14: Term 2 Commences

## 2020 UNIFORM SHOP (Coordinator: Megan Beagley)

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGES**



**Tuesday 8:30-9:00am**

**Thursday 3:00-3:30pm**

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

### Term Dates 2020

- Term 1: Fri. 31 Jan - Fri. 27 Mar
- Term 2: Tue. 14 Apr - Fri. 26 Jun
- Term 3: Mon. 13 Jul - Fri. 18 Sep
- Term 4: Mon. 5 Oct - \*Fri. 18 Dec

\* TBC