

St Peter's Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Issue No. 6
16 March 2020

Good afternoon,

Covid 19 - Coronavirus

You will receive a formal letter attached to this Newsletter informing you of the latest information we have on the Coronavirus. We are receiving information every few hours from the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria and the Health Department. At this stage we will simply do as we are instructed to do by the Victorian and Australian Governments and Health Departments.

It is essential that ALL contact details are up to date on our system - as we will potentially need to contact EVERY family when we are told to close the school. PLEASE ensure the school has your CURRENT CONTACT DETAILS.

School Board

At this stage our Annual General Meeting of the School Board is to take place tomorrow night - Tuesday the 17th of March at 6pm. The School Board is an advisory Board who help guide our decisions on the strategic improvement of St Peter's, meeting twice per term. If you would like to join the Board - please see Mick or Jenny.

Old Wheelbarrow

One of our teachers is interested in doing an activity with their class to enter at the Bendigo Show - however, they need an old wheelbarrow.

Please let us know if you have an old wheelbarrow lying around that we could have.



Awards

Mummumburra

Balam Balam

Mur Murra

Barrangal

Yulawil

Wirrap

Guwak

Njana Nganity

PE

Enviro

Music

Week 6

Aryan Sharma

Penelope Pah Eh
Anna John

Ava Devers
Sam Goudie-Kennedy

Tyson Wiles

Lillian Jones - Jack
Faith Douglas

Liam Hovenden
Jacob Male

Chelsea Howell
Anika Penrose
Fabian Gray

Charlotte Stringer

Balam Balam

Week 7

Nicholas Males

Kaylan Pickett

Ethan Miller
Aziah Morgan

Melba Saxon
Sam De

Rylee Botheras

Heath Ilsley
Imogen Trimble

Yamika Petterson
Bailey Thompson

Co-Principal Award

Week 6 - Janet Hakim **Week 7 - Isaiah Sagor**

Congratulations to both Janet and Isaiah for receiving the Co-Principal Award! Both of these students have had an excellent start to 2020 by showing all 4 School Values. Thank you Janet and Isaiah!

Njana Nganity will be sharing at Assembly this week - Wednesday 2.45pm.

End of Term

The last day of term is Friday the 27th of March. This will be a casual clothes day to raise money for Caritas - please see Miggy's notice in this Newsletter.

School will finish at 2.15pm.

Dates for 2nd Term

Term starts: Tuesday 14th of April

Staff Retreat (school closed):

Thursday 7th and Friday 8th of May.

School photos: Tuesday the 9th June

A moment in Prayer....

God our Father,
Send your mercy to all those suffering from the coronavirus,
Protect those who are working with the sick,
Help everyone to follow the advice of health professionals,
Guide us to look out for each other,
Bless us all at this time.
Amen

*God Bless,
Jen & Mick*

Co-Principals: Mrs Jennifer Roberts

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Janet Hakim

Co-Principal's Award—Week 6



Isaiah Sagor

Co-Principal's Award—Week 7



ACTIVE TRAVELER OF THE MONTH



FABIAN GRAY



FEBRUARY

WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT WALKING/RIDING/SCOOTING TO SCHOOL? IT'S FUN. YOU GET TO BURN SOME ENERGY BEFORE STARTING SCHOOL.

WHEN DID YOU START DOING IT? SINCE THE START OF THE YEAR I HAVE BEEN DROPPED OFF AT THE ROUND ABOUT ON FENTON AND MORAN STREET AND WALKING THE REST OF THE WAY TO SCHOOL

HOW OFTEN DO YOU WALK/RIDE? EVERY DAY

JOIN THE RIDE 1 DAY IN 5



Our preps sharing their pasta necklace creations with Mr Chakley



**WELCOME
Kristy**

Kristy Dupille, our new wellbeing coordinator while Stacey Frost is away. Kristy will be starting on March 17th and will be working on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Catholic Identity

Mr P, Catholic Identity Coordinator

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**
GO FURTHER TOGETHER



St Kilian's Church

161 McCrae St Bendigo

Parish Office:

Tel: 5441 6244

Parish House:

Tel: 5443 4800

Email: 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 to Friday: 12.10pm

Saturday: 8.00am, 6.30pm

Sunday: 7.00am, 10.00am



CECV

**ENHANCING CATHOLIC SCHOOL
IDENTITY**

Dear Parents & Carers,

I would like to invite you to the school on Friday March 20 to complete the Enhancing Catholic School Identity (ECSI) Survey. The ECSI survey will assist us in better understanding how our Catholic Identity is expressed here at St. Peter's. We will begin at 9:00am in the Knuldoorong. I will be present to help you complete the survey and explain anything that you may not understand. It will take us about an hour to complete the surveys. As a sign of our gratitude we will provide a light morning tea for you.

We would love as many of our parents to complete this survey so that we have the most accurate information about the Catholic Identity of our school. If you would like to attend on Friday could you please let the office know or you can send an RSVP to my email (below).

If you want to complete the survey but cannot make the session on Friday you can access the survey at <https://www.schoolidentity.net/empirical/>. From there, follow these steps:

- Click on 'New User'
- Use the bottom box saying 'Select the group you belong to' and choose 'St. Peter's - North Bendigo (E3047)'
- Record your username and password (This is so you can access the surveys again after you log out)
- Click next. From then on, choose the options that best apply to you here at St. Peter's.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me on my email (below) or come and speak to either Jenny, Mick or myself.

Thanks and God bless
Mr. Podosky

ECOLOGICAL STEWARDSHIP PROJECT



By Mrs Lauren White, Eco-Stewardship Coordinator

"What need does the earth have of us?"

Pope Francis, Laudato Si', 2015

WHAT HAPPENS TO OUR FOOD SCRAPS AND GARDEN WASTE?

At school we collect all of the food scraps and garden waste for composting, to feed the chooks and now we will be using it to feed worms again. Yes that's right...WORMS ARE BACK!!

We have 2 new worm farms which the 3/4 classes are preparing. This is very exciting as the students will be able to collect the scraps for the worms, watch the worms work, use the worm wee and castings on the garden and learn more about these amazing creatures.



WHY DO WE USE WORM FARMS?

With a worm farm we can recycle food scraps and garden waste instead of sending it to landfill or composting it all which causes nasty gases to filter into the air. They minimise food waste by turning our kitchen and garden waste into nutrient-rich fertiliser for our plants and soils. The worms eat the organic waste and turn it into liquid fertiliser and castings (material that has been digested by the worms). Both of these products can be used on gardens to keep them thriving.



WHAT DO WORMS EAT?

Worms eat food scraps, paper, cardboard, dry leaves, garden waste, tea bags, fluff, dust bunnies and even hair or old cotton clothes. They don't like eating citrus (such as orange or mandarine), salty or spicy foods, oil, meat and dairy products.

TIP

Worms can eat up to half of their weight in food per day once well established, but be sure they are actively eating the most recent food you gave them before feeding them more.



UPCOMING EVENTS

'Sandhurst Switches Off' :

Friday 27th March

All classrooms will be turning off lights and electronic devices for at least an hour on this day.

'Earth Hour' : Saturday 28th March,

8:30pm - 9:30pm

Give our poor old Planet a well deserved break!! You can turn your lights and devices off at home for an hour (or more) to show your solidarity with those suffering from the effects of climate change.

'Sustainable Living Festival Bendigo' :

Saturday 28th March, 10am-3pm

*Bendigo Town Hall and Library Gardens - FREE ENTRY!!!
A vibrant celebration of the very best sustainable living products, programs, goods and services that are active in Victoria. There will be kid's activities, music, talks, workshops, electric vehicles, e-bikes and delicious food.*

**This week at Djak Tjarra
we have:**

**Tuesday - 5/6 Guwak,
Wednesday - 1/2 Mur Murra
Thursday - 3/4 Barrangal.**

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



after the
BELL
GROWING CURIOUS MINDS

St Peter's OSHC Newsletter

EXCITING PROGRAM AHEAD

Monday- Can we get a raw egg to bounce?

Tuesday- Why do we need preservatives? - Let's investigate

Wednesday- Can we dissolve a rock?

Thursday- Bunnings Epsom Visit - Incursion

Friday- Harmony Day Celebration activities - What is Harmony Day?



COOKING CLUB

We will be making
Vegetarian Sushi

JUNIOR LEADER GOES TO

Fabian

He is a great help to the Educators,
always willing to help

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Q: What did the gingerbread man
put on his bed?

A: Cookie Sheet!

JOIN THE FUN OF OSHC

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

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

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Head Office- 9758 6744

Program Leader- Michele

HIGHLIGHTS



PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS

WITH MARIAH MCCARTHY

GUITAR
PIANO
VOICE
UKULELE

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

@ St Peter's School

Holiday adventures with the Y

30 MAR - 9 APR 2020

Fun, active experiences

Child care subsidies may apply

Convenient locations

Qualified staff

BENDIGO SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Lightning Reef Primary School
74 Holmes Rd, North Bendigo VIC 3552
(03) 5444 6666 | E: bendigo@ymca.org.au
Opening hours: 8:00am - 6:00pm
childrensprogram.ymca.org.au

* Prices and timings subject to change, confirm online.



KANGAROO FLAT SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

St Monicas Primary School
97 High St Kangaroo Flat VIC 3555
P: 0400 360 933 | E: stmonicas@kangarooflat@ymca.org.au
Opening hours: 8:00am - 6:00pm
childrensprogram.ymca.org.au

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DISCOVER YOUR WAY OPEN EVENING

WHERE ARE YOU HEADING?



Wednesday 18 March 4-7pm

Coolock Campus, Junortoun

College Tours 9am Friday 6 March & 1 May

ENROLMENT ENQUIRIES | Audra Petri College Registrar
☎ 5449 3466 ✉ info@cmc.vic.edu.au 🌐 www.cmc.vic.edu.au

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EASTER RAFFLE

A reminder that donations for the Easter raffle can be left at the office and they will be made into hamper prizes.

There are plenty of tickets available at the office if you would like to sell more.

The draw will take place on
Wednesday 25th of March at 2:45pm



What's ON!

Sandhurst switches FF!

All classrooms will turn off power for at least 1 hour on this day.

27/3/2020

IMPORTANT

Please make sure your child has their own drink bottle at school and avoids using communal drink taps, as an extra health precaution at this time.



Protect yourself and your family

Wash your hands regularly

- 1 Wet your hands.
- 2 Put soap on your hands.
- 3 Rub the soap over all parts of your hands for at least 20 seconds.
- 4 Rinse your hands under running water.
- 5 Dry your hands thoroughly with disposable paper towel or hand dryer.

Stay germ free and healthy

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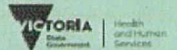
Protect yourself and your family

Cover your cough and sneeze

- 1 **COVER** your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- 2 Put your used tissue in the rubbish **BIN**.
- 3 If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow, **NOT YOUR HANDS**.
- 4 **WASH** your hands with soap and running water. Dry your hands thoroughly with a disposable paper towel or hand dryer.

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PLEASE keep your child/ren home if....

I have a FEVER	I am VOMITING	I have DIARRHOEA	I have a RASH	I have HEAD LICE	I have an EYE INFECTION	I have been in HOSPITAL
Temperature of 38.5 degrees or higher	Within the past 24 hours.	Within the past 24 hours	Body rash with itching or fever	Itchy head, active (live) head lice.	Redness, itching, and/or 'crusty' discharge from eye	Hospital stay and/or ED visit.

MARCH/APRIL 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
15 MAR	16 MAR Preps ATTEND first FULL WEEK of school Mon - Fri	17 MAR SCHOOL BOARD AGM	18 MAR Preps ATTEND School ASSEMBLY 2.45PM SCHOOL BANKING	19 MAR	20 MAR FREE BREAD	21 MAR
22 MAR	23 MAR	24 MAR Multicultural Football/Netball come and try it! CANCELLED	25 MAR  EASTER RAFFLE DRAWN 2:45PM ASSEMBLY 2.45PM SCHOOL BANKING	26 MAR	27 MAR  Sandhurst Switches OFF END OF TERM 1 FINISH 2.15PM FREE BREAD	28 MAR  EARTH HOUR
29 MAR	30 MAR	31 MAR	1 APR	2 APR	3 APR	4 APR
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS						
5 APR	6 APR	7 APR	8 APR	9 APR	10 APR  GOOD FRIDAY	11 APR EASTER SATURDAY
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS						



Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?
That's when every minute counts the most. Please try and be on time all day, every day!

SIGNIFICANT DATES

March

- ♦ Tuesday 17: School Board AGM
- ♦ Friday 27: End of Term 1
School will finish at 2.15pm

April

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



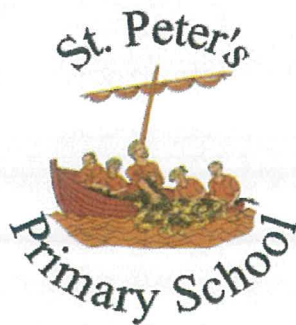
Uniform Shop
TUESDAYS 8:30—9:00am
THURSDAYS 3:00—3:30pm

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



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'Life to the Full'

16 March 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians

Our first priority at St Peter's is the health and safety of our school community.

We want to reassure you that the school is well-prepared for the impact of COVID-19 (coronavirus).

We are being provided the latest advice from the Australian and Victorian Chief Medical Officers by the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Ltd to ensure that our school practices are helping to keep our school community safe from the outbreak.

Any incidents that arise will be addressed in accordance with our Critical Incident and Emergency Management Plan. We will also have access to resources and support from Catholic Education Melbourne and the Department of Health and Human Services.

As parents, you have a critical role in helping the school manage this situation:

- Exercise good judgment by keeping children home if they are feeling unwell for any reason
- Talk to children about the situation, as they may be feeling anxious or stressed. You have a key role in helping students feel prepared and safe
- Encourage children to be proactive and committed to their schoolwork, and to stay connected with the school and their teachers.

The Department of Health and Human Services has a number of resources on its website, which explain the virus, detail risk-reduction practices and behaviours, and answer frequently asked questions. These are available at www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus.

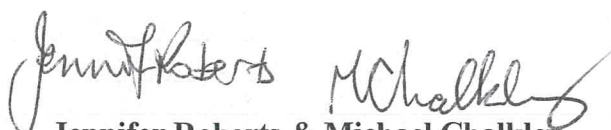
You can also find information about Catholic education's response at <http://www.cecv.catholic.edu.au/Coronavirus-information-for-parents>.

This is an evolving situation, but we will keep you updated as things change.

We ask that you continue to work closely with the school and to contact the office should you have any concerns.

Thank you for your support as we work to keep our students safe.

Yours sincerely,


Jennifer Roberts & Michael Chalkley
Co-Principals
