

Newsletter

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Good afternoon families,

One week to go until we are back to "normal" - well, what will be our "new normal".

Next Monday is the Queen's birthday public holiday - then Tuesday the 9th sees the return of ALL students to St Peter's!! We can not wait! It has been so long since we were all here together - the teachers are so excited about having their students all back learning together!!

We can not thank you all enough for all you have done to assist us and help your children to continue to learn during these weeks. We know there have been days when everything has gone smoothly and everyone has done heaps of work! We also know there were days that we'd all rather forget, when everything went wrong and nobody completed anything! And that's ok. We have all worked really hard to navigate a situation that none of us had ever thought possible. We hadn't trained for it. We hadn't prepared for it. But - we've just about got through it - together. You should all be very proud of what you have achieved!

We are also very proud of our staff. They have risen to the occasion and put forward individualised programs for all their students in very trying and difficult circumstances. The teachers have worked tirelessly to produce work that would be suitable, achievable and engaging for the students in a format that would be accessible. We hope you have also appreciated their work.

Our ESOs have also had to change the way they work, their hours, the students they work with, the types of support they offer. They too have done an amazing job.

Most of all - we should all be very proud of the students. The students have worked hard to continue learning, they have managed working in very different ways while at home, they have continued to work without their teacher there to guide them and they have survived without being surrounded by their friends every day. This is a situation that they will potentially remember for the rest of their lives. And we hope they remember it with a feeling of pride and achievement.

Confidential Medical Forms

There are a few families who have not returned the Confidential Medical Forms that went home in Pack #2. If you have not returned the forms please bring them in this week.

2021 Enrolments

We are now taking enrolment applications for Prep students for 2021. If you have a child you would like to enrol for Prep next year, please make contact with the office. Also if you could let friends and family know that we are taking names that would be very helpful. Enrolment Inquiry Packs can be picked up from the office. Please ask anyone you know who has a kinder-aged child to get in touch. Due to Covid-19 all Learning Walks and enrolment interviews have had to be postponed. We will let you know as soon as we can re-schedule them.

We can't wait to have a school full of students next week! There are a few things we need to remember:

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- ALL students will need to have a water bottle as the bubble taps are NOT to be used.
- Students will be expected to wash their hands with soap for 20 seconds and use hand sanitiser several times per day (available at every entry/exit around the school)
- We are all asked to adhere to the 1.5m social distancing requirements whenever possible.
- ALL students must use cough and sneezing hygiene (into the elbow or tissue).
- There will be extra cleaning (door handles etc) and daily cleaning of the playgrounds.
- Students with any illness MUST be kept home.
- Students who appear unwell during the day will be sent home immediately (If we have a confirmed case of Covid-19 all families will be contacted.

The advice is that we need to limit the number of adults at our school - for this reason we are asking that all adults **REMAIN IN THEIR CARS AT DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP**We will have several staff members available to help walk students into the classrooms (hopefully this will mean we don't have to stagger start and end times for the students).

If you need to pick your child up early for any reason - we ask you to remain in your car, call the office and we will bring children to the car park. If you need to speak to someone specific - please either see the staff members at the car park or call the office. Ph: 5443 9319

Winter uniform - If you need any uniform (either new or second hand) please complete the order form (attached to last weeks newsletter) or call the office.

We are not permitted to have people in the uniform shop at this time so unfortunately uniforms are not able to be tried on. Purchased uniforms will be brought out to you in the carpark.

What we are praying for....

Yesterday was Pentecost - the day we Celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love Send forth your spirit and they shall be created and you shall renew the face of the earth.

Amen

St Kilian - Pray for Us. St Peter - Pray for Us.

Stay safe, God bless, Jen & Mick



Assembly

Last week we had our first Assembly for Term 2. It was held remotely - meaning all the students watched it on the TVs in their classrooms and several families watched it Live on Facebook. It was a special Assembly as it was the commemoration of Sorry Day and the start of Reconciliation Week. Thank you to Tyler and Mr Podosky for organising the Assembly.





Goodbye Autumn! and Hello to a little fury visitor, Sheree's small dwaf rabbit "Saint". He's 4 months old and loves cuddles! If we are lucky he might visit again soon.

Oliver Harrington proudly standing by his great tower!





Co-Principals Award

The first Co-Principal Award for the Term went to Charlotte Stringer for Care for Self and Care for Learning. Charlotte returned to school last week with an incredibly positive attitude and worked extremely hard all week. This week we are hoping to have our class awards as well.



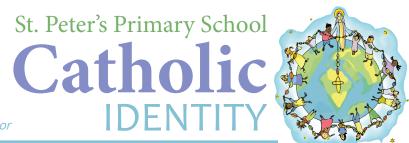




National Reconciliation Week 2020

27 MAY - 3 JUNE

reconciliation.org.au/nrw #NRW2O2O #InThisTogether2O2O



Mr. Miggy Podosky. - Catholic Identity Coordinator

Something to Think About

Pentecost Sunday - Year A - 31 May 2020

"As the Father sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit."

There are two powerful symbols associated with Pentecost. The Holy Spirit came to the disciples in the form of fire and wind. Close your eyes and imagine what it was like on that first Pentecost day.

Hear the sound of wind and imagine the lights and warmth of fire.

Be still and try to feel the presence of God within you at this moment.

The Story

Pentecost is a special feast for the Church. Pentecost takes its name from the feast the Jews celebrated fifty days after their Passover. In today's gospel, Jesus appears to the disciples and commands them to go forth – to go out and spread the good news of Jesus. However, Jesus knows that they will need strength so 'he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

The Scriptures

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 20:19-23

The disciples were afraid of the Jewish leaders, and on the evening of that same Sunday they locked themselves in a room. Suddenly, Jesus appeared in the middle of the group. He greeted them and showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they became very happy. After Jesus had greeted them again, he said,

"I am sending you, just as the Father has sent me."

Then he breathed on them and said,

"Receive the Holy Spirit.

If you forgive anyone's sins, they will be forgiven.

But if you don't forgive their sins, they will not be forgiven."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

YOU CAN'T SEE IT. BUT YOU CAN SEE WHAT IT DOES!

FILL IN THE BLANKS with these words: CHANGES PEOPLE - WARMTH - HEAR - YOUR HAIR - SMELL - ARE HUGGED

PENTECOST — YEAR A
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YOU CAN'T SEE THE WIND, BUT YOU CAN FEEL IT BLOWING
YOU CAN'T SEE A FROG IN THE DARK, BUT YOU CAN IT WHEN IT CROAKS.
YOU CAN'T SEE
YOU CAN'T SEE LOVE, BUT YOU KNOW IT WHEN YOU
YOU CAN'T SEE WHAT'S FOR DINNER, BUT YOU CAN IT WHEN YOU COME IN.
YOU CAN SEE THE HOLY SPIRIT,

Ecological STEWARDSHIP PROJECT



Mrs. Lauren White - Eco-Stewardship Coordinator

"The foods we eat, the air we breathe, the water we drink and the climate that makes our planet habitable all come from nature. Yet, these are exceptional times in which nature is sending us a message: To care for ourselves we must care for nature. It's time to wake up. To take notice. To raise our voices. It's time to build back better for People and Planet." https://www.worldenvironmentday.global/

WHAT IS WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY?

World Environment Day is the most renowned day for environmental action. Since 1974, it has been celebrated every year on 5 June; engaging governments, businesses, celebrities and citizens to focus their efforts on a pressing environmental issue. In 2020, the theme is BIODIVERSITY. Every World Environment Day is hosted by a different country where official celebrations take place. This year's host is Colombia in partnership with Germany.

WHAT IS BIODIVERSITY AND WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Biodiversity describes the variety of life on Earth, including the 8 million plant and animal species on the planet, the ecosystems that house them, and the genetic diversity among them. It affects every aspect of human health, providing clean air and water, scientific understanding, nutritious foods, medicine sources, natural disease resistance, and climate change mitigation. Changing or removing one element of this web affects the entire life system and can produce negative consequences. Without nature, life on earth would not be possible.

WHAT IS HAPPENING ON WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY?

World Environment Day offers a global platform for inspiring positive change. It pushes for individuals to think about the way they consume; for businesses to develop greener models; for farmers and manufacturers to produce more sustainably; for governments to safeguard wild spaces; for educators to inspire students to live in harmony with the Earth; and for youth to become gatekeepers of a green future.

HOW CAN WE HELP?

Reversing biodiversity loss is the only way to restore and sustain a healthy planet. This will only be possible when we understand the web of life and appreciate that it functions as a whole system. It is time to put nature at the heart of our decision-making. As individuals we must rethink what we buy and use and become conscious consumers. If we are to change our current course of destruction of nature, we must first LEARN about what we can do; SHARE that knowledge with our family and friends; and ACT on the things we need to change.

*RESOURCE: https://www.worldenvironmentday.global/



Upcoming EVENTS



World Oceans Day: celebrate oceans and the important role they play in our lives, Monday 6th June.





BOOK CLUB ISSUE 4 IS Running!

scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents
ORDERS DUE BY JUNE 12th



BOOK CLUB BROCHURES ARE BACK!



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YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS FOR 2021 ARE OPEN

Head to the website for application forms, virtual tours and information.

http://www.marist.vic.edu.au/wp/enrolments/

APPLICATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY, 19 JUNE 2020.



Enrol NOW for Kindergarten in 2021. Four Year Old Groups PH: 43 111 501 22-24 Havilah Road Long Gully Long Gully, 3550

Feel free to call Gail and Lyndall and we can assist you to enrol your child for 2021.



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