

Good afternoon families

Day for Daniel

Thank you to all those who came with a red item of clothing last week and made a donation to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. We raised \$272.75! And the students learnt lots through the Child Safe activities. Thank you.

PSG (Program Support Group) Phone Calls

Thank you so much to Jenny Kerrins and all the classroom teachers for the time and effort that has gone into the PSG meetings/phone calls over the last two weeks. It has been a very big two weeks! Staff will be in the car park seeking signatures if they haven't found you already. Please remember to call the classroom teacher at any time if you have questions or concerns about your child's learning.

School Nurse Visiting

The school nurse will be visiting this Thursday and Friday to check the sight and hearing of all our Prep students and a few others across the school who are needing checks. Permission forms need to be signed this week if not already done.

Life Relationships

The Year 5/6 students are currently participating in the Life Relationships program. This is a very important program covering relationships and physical development. The teachers involved in this program are Mr Wilkinson, Mr Podosky, Mrs Roberts and Mrs Howes - please call if you have any questions.

Transition to Prep and Yr 7 2021

Our first Prep 2021 Transition session will be on Thursday the 12th of November. We will be in touch with all families regarding times for this session. All Yr 6s should now be enrolled in the secondary school of your choice. We are currently waiting on schools to let us know what they will be offering in the way of transition sessions given the covid restrictions do not allow for visitors to secondary schools. We will let you know as soon as we hear from them.

2021 Planning

We are currently planning classes and teachers for the 2021 year. If you have a child in Year Prep - Year 5 and they will not be returning to St Peter's in 2021 please let the office know as soon as possible.

School Closure Days

Thursday 26th of November - Planning Day

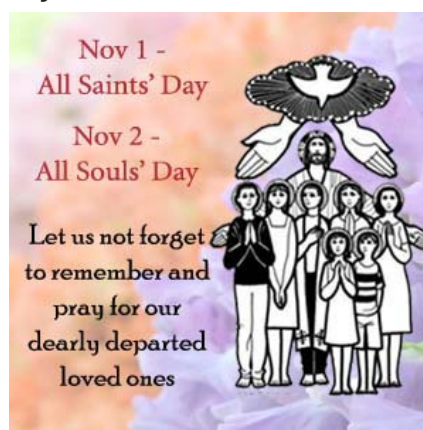
- No school for students

Friday 27th of November - Report Writing Day

- No school for students

A moment in Prayer

Yesterday was All Saints Day and today is All Souls Day. All Saints Day is a day to remember all those who have died and made it into Heaven. We remember that we are called to be Saints in our daily lives and ask all the angels and saints to intercede on our behalf to ask God to help make us Saints. All Souls Day is a day to remember all those who have died before us. We pray that they are welcomed into Heaven to be with God our Heavenly Father.



Lord, look after all our loved ones who have died before us. Take them into Heaven with you. Help us to be Saints - both in our daily lives and in the time of our deaths.

St Kilian - Pray for us.

St Peter - Pray for us.

Amen

God bless, Jen & Mick

UPCOMING events

This calendar is available on the home page of our school website

8	NOV, SUN	●	Always Was, Always Will Be.	NAIDOC Week
9	NOV, MON	●	NATIONAL RECYCLING WEEK PLANET ARK	National Recycling Week
12	NOV, THU	●	9:30 - 10:30am	Prep Transition
25	NOV, WED	●	9:15 - 10:45am	Prep Transition
26	NOV, THU	●	All day	Planning Day- Pupil Free
27	NOV, FRI	●	All day	Report Writing Day-Pupil Free
8	DEC, TUE	●	11:45am - 1:15pm	Orientation Day / Prep Transition



St. Peter's Primary School

Wellbeing

Stacey Frost & Kristy Dupille

Stacey Frost and Kristy Dupille are available via phone and e-mail for any support you need in relation to the wellbeing of your child at school. It is such a big change not having parents and carers being able to come into school and our students are handling it beautifully.

But please feel free to contact us if you have any questions, concerns, if you are worried about your child in any way. We are here to help. Email: wellbeing@spbendigo.catholic.edu.au



Everyone is enjoying the return of Brekky Club. Make sure you arrive at school around 8:30 so you have lots of time to enjoy cereal, toast, fruit and milo before we start walking at 9. Some say Martyn makes the best hot milo... but who knows... make sure you get to Djak Tjarra to find out for yourself!!

With the change of weather and the days getting warmer sometimes our children are more exhausted when they have finished the school day. It's a great idea to encourage them to have a nice cold drink of water and something to eat as soon as they arrive home, with a bit of down time.

I like to sit with my kids and do some drawing, play a game, shoot hoops, or do a puzzle. This can help your child relax and give them some space to talk about their day if they choose to. Anything that is fun and enjoyable and encourages your child to smile and laugh.

If your child always talks about what is going wrong, encourage them to share a "fun" or "good" thing that happened. It is amazing how we can change our mindset just by noticing a few positive things each day.

Feel free to drop me an e-mail and let me know how you go.

LET'S TALK ABOUT SCHOOL

- ☐ What was your favorite part about school today?
- ☐ If you could do any moment at school over today, what would it look like?
- ☐ What was the funniest thing that happened in your class today?
- ☐ Which assignment/activity did you feel most confident about today?
- ☐ If you could change just ONE thing about school, what would that be?
- ☐ If you had \$1,000 to buy something for your school, what would you buy and where would you put it?
- ☐ What is something your teacher said to you today that you are still thinking about?
- ☐ If you could put a spell on your teacher and change tomorrow's lesson, what would you make it all about?

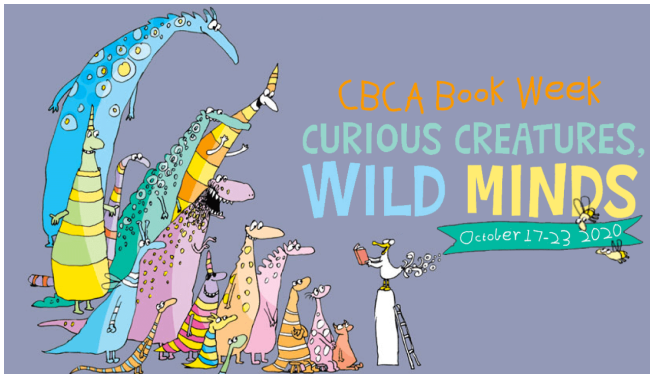


Kristy and Stacey are really enjoying both Peaceful Kids groups that are now in full swing

How are you feeling about school today?



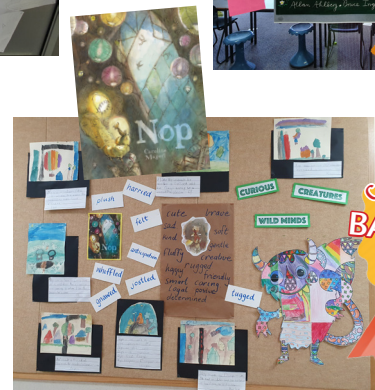
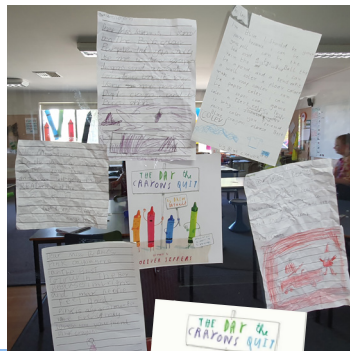
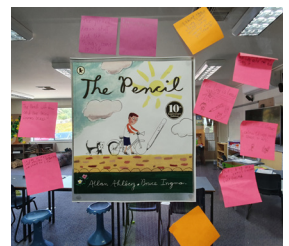
Library News



As part of our Book Week celebrations, classes created these wonderful window displays.

They all looked great!

Mrs Roberts and Mr Chalkley had the tough job of choosing winners on the window walk and for the curious creatures colouring competition. Congratulations Mummumburra and Balam Balam!





All Saints - Year A - 1 November 2020

Something to Think About

What do you think a blessing is? We ask God to bless our family, we thank God for our blessings, we even say "bless you" when someone sneezes!

Blessings are the wonderful things God gives us in our lives, not because we deserve them, but just because God loves us.

The Story

This gospel story takes place on a mountain top. Mountains are sacred places. Just like Moses went up a mountain to receive the 10 Commandments from God, Jesus now gives his disciples a special set of blessings from God. This story is sometimes called "The Beatitudes" because 'beatitude' is an old word that means 'blessed'.

God loves all people but blesses in a special way those people who are sad, people who depend on God, people who care for others, people who are treated unfairly, gentle people, forgiving people.

The Scriptures

Matthew 5:1-12

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on the side of a mountain and sat down.
Jesus' disciples gathered around him, and he taught them:
"God blesses those people who depend only on him. They belong to the kingdom of heaven!" "God blesses those people who grieve. They will find comfort!"
"God blesses those people who are humble. The earth will belong to them!"

"God blesses those people who want to obey him more than to eat or drink. They will be given what they want!"

"God blesses those people who are merciful. They will be treated with mercy!"
"God blesses those people whose hearts are pure. They will see him!"
"God blesses those people who make peace. They will be called his children!"
"God blesses those people who are treated badly for doing right. They belong to the kingdom of heaven."

"God will bless you when people insult you, mistreat you, and tell all kinds of evil lies about you because of me. Be happy and excited! You will have a great reward in heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.





St. Kilian's Parish
SERVING BENDIGO SINCE 1852

All Souls' Day

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

2 November 2020 (Monday)

Schedule of Masses 9:00 am | 5:00 pm

Call the Parish Office to book: 03 5441 6244

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*



St. Peter's Primary School

Ecological

STEWARDSHIP PROJECT



Mrs. Lauren White - Eco-Stewardship Coordinator

"Our property isn't home to just us; it is inhabited by many native species that also call it their home, and there is always someone home amongst the ground storey habitat."

(Mentiplay-Smith, J. 2020)



What is the ground storey?

The ground storey is simply fallen logs, branches, sticks and leaves. In 'human' terms, these fallen logs and the organic ground layer on our properties are the 'real estate and supermarkets' for native species. It is all part of a living, functioning ecosystem.

Why is the ground storey important?

The ground storey is home for many native soil organisms, plants, animals, birds, and insects that have evolved to adapt and utilise this habitat. Many of our native species live in hollow logs or use fallen logs as shelter, and the organic layer and decomposing wood provides habitat and food for a multitude of insects and invertebrates which, in turn, are needed for food by larger animals and birds.



Who needs the ground storey?

The ground storey is important to invertebrates such as insects, worms and spiders, lizards, frogs, birds, echidnas, fungi, bacteria and native plants. Without these, weeds and dominant species such as rabbits, foxes and larger birds take over the property.

Shouldn't we clear the ground storey?

'Cleaning up' isn't doing the environment a favour, it is something that has serious consequences for the thousands of species that use and depend upon this important link in the food chain. 'Cleaning up' is directly at the expense and subsequent loss of the native, smaller, and more vulnerable - and by far the more varied - array of woodland birds, insects, frogs and reptiles. The abundance and diversity of these species is up to us to determine, through the way we manage our shared home.

What can we do to help?

As custodians of the land, it is up to each of us to ensure that these native species, many of which are found nowhere else in the world, can thrive in our landscapes. The following practical tips will help the Ground Storey and You!

- Retaining the ground storey on your property will save you time. The time you save burning up this habitat can be better spent doing other jobs around the property.
- Look upon fallen logs, branches, sticks, and leaves as a valuable resource produced by your property. If it is in the 'wrong spot', relocate this material where possible, to a safe area on the property. Experiment by semi-submerging larger logs and branches in a suitable dam, as habitat for waterbirds, frogs, turtles, fish, yabbies, and insects. It is amazing what animals will turn up when supermarkets and real estate are provided.
- Don't stack it - spread it! Relocate large logs around the 'drip line' vicinity of paddock trees. This will improve the health of the tree which provides shade and shelter, reducing soil compaction, nutrient build up, soil erosion and changes in soil biology. Do not pile up logs directly beneath trees, as this will only create a harbour for pest animals and will become a concentrated source of fuel for a hot fire that will most likely kill the tree, should fire occur.
- Leave some large logs scattered around the paddock. This provides habitat for native species, provides protection for the soil and any newly-emerging seedlings (which are the next generation of paddock trees).
- Leave fallen logs, sticks and leaves and start a new neighbourhood trend. By not 'cleaning up' this habitat you are conveying the message that the ground storey is an important and valuable resource.
- Save our native species: The Australian landscape is renowned for its rich and varied bird life - how fortunate we are! Unfortunately, one in five woodland bird species are threatened with extinction. Ground-foragers and ground-nesters form around half of our woodland bird species; the ground storey is vital to their survival.

*RESOURCE: Mentiplay-Smith, J., The Ground Storey: Fallen logs, branches, sticks and leaves for wildlife, property, and landscape health, Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority, March 2020.

Upcoming EVENTS

Australian Pollinator Week

November 8th-15th

www.australianpollinatorweek.org.au

National Recycling Week

November 9th-15th

www.recyclingnearyou.com.au/nationalrecyclingweek

This week at

DJAK TJARRA

Tuesday - 5/6 Guwak

Wednesday - 1/2 Duan

Thursday - 3/4 Yulawil

*Please remember to bring along hats
and drink bottles!*



after the
BELL
GROWING CURIOUS MINDS

St Peter's OSHC Newsletter

EXCITING PROGRAM AHEAD

Monday- Let's Play Pet Memory Game, How good is our memory?

Tuesday- Using Lego we are going to create some farm equipment.

Wednesday- Using our craft items let's make some farm animal puppets.

Thursday- Using cotton balls we are going to create some sheep.

Friday- Join in to design a popsicle pickup farm ute.



COOKING CLUB: Pancakes

JOKE OF THE WEEK

WHY SHOULDN'T YOU TELL A SECRET
ON A FARM?

BECAUSE THE POTATOES HAVE EYES
AND THE CORN HAS EARS!

JUNIOR LEADER

Liam is our Junior Leader this week. He is a new member of our little afterschool care group and he has joined in all the activities. Well Done!

HIGHLIGHTS

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.

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