

*Good afternoon families,*



Term 4 is always big, busy and exhausting. The excitement builds up towards Christmas while everyone gets more and more exhausted as the year comes to a close. We keep our Year 6 students in mind this term as they prepare for secondary school - they will get more nervous, yet excited at the same time.

### Baptism Mass

Next Wednesday at 9.45am. We will have our second Baptism Mass where we formally welcome some of our students into the Catholic Church. We are very blessed to be part of such a celebration!! We ask you to pray for our Baptism candidates and their families: Tanesha, Sarah, George, Im and Anthony. All are welcome back to School for morning tea after Mass.

### 5/6 Passions and Pathways Expo

Thank you so much to the families who attended the Passions and Pathways Expo at the Bendigo Library on the second last day of Term 3. It was a huge success and the kids loved seeing their work displayed in the space in front of the many other participating schools. Well done to all our Yr 5 & 6 students and the teachers!

### Dental Van

The Dental Van is returning to school this week for the 6 month check up - families have been contacted already if their child is booked in for an appointment. If your child does not have an appointment, but you would like them to see the dentist please contact the school asap.

### SunSmart - Hats in Term 4

Remember in Term 4 we are SunSmart and hats are compulsory for play outside. Please see the uniform shop if you need a new hat. Names can be embroidered for \$3. Bucket hats \$10.95  
Wide brim hats \$12.80



## UPCOMING events

12	OCT, WED	● 9:45 – 10:45am	Baptism Mass
26	OCT, WED	● All day	Bendigo Cup Holiday - No School
24	NOV, THU	● All day	School Closure Day - 2023 Planning
25	NOV, FRI	● All day	School Closure Day - Report Writing
6	DEC, TUE	● 11:30am – 1:30pm	Orientation Day
13	DEC, TUE	● 6 – 7pm	End of Year Mass & Grade 6 Graduation St Kilians
14	DEC, WED	● All day	Students Last day for 2022 - Finish 2.15pm

## AWARDS

Term 3 Week 10 ★

Mur Murra	Bailey
Duan	Kyeta & Francis
Mummumburra	Hunter
Barrangal	Anna
Yulawil	Dominic
Wirrap	Leo
Banya	Logan & Bella
Njana Nganity	Rylee
P.E	Katrina
Enviro	Bodhi
Literacy	Riley, Tjandamura, Grace, Tanesha, Kaylan & Jacques

Week 10's Co-Principal award went to Nicholas from Balam Balam for his exceptional Care for Self. Nicholas has had great attendance this term, he has been working really hard in class (especially in Literacy) and has been making brilliant choices in both the classroom and in the yard. What a great role model.



## A moment in Prayer

God bless our Baptism candidates as they prepare for the Sacrament of Baptism. Welcome them into your Church. Help them to see the value of your love in their lives. Help us to be great witnesses of your love for them.

*God Bless, Jen & Mick*





## 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Something to Think About

*So often I worry about the state of my faith.  
Today I dwell in wonder on the words of Jesus: if  
your faith is the size of a small seed, it is enough.  
So I thank God for this great gift to me, and join the  
Apostles in asking him to increase my faith.  
We pray for hearts that serve without counting the  
cost or of looking for rewards.*

### The Story

We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty.' This is quite a challenging statement, but one which I know is true. I ask for greater interior freedom and humility in looking at what I do. I also thank God for choosing me to serve him.

### The Scriptures

Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you. 'Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"? Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"



PLEASE, JOIN US FOR



# BAPTISM MASS



*Anthony Gibson, Tanesha Gunnnett, Sarah Hanley,  
George and Im Tribble*

OCTOBER | 12 | 9:45 AM

ST. KILIAN'S CHURCH, 161 MCCRAE ST BENDIGO 3550

Morning Tea in the Knuldoorong afterwards



**Mrs. Lauren White - Eco-Stewardship Coordinator**

*"The koala suffers not only the ravages of habitat destruction, disease, drought and bushfires, but from humans who allow their dogs to attack, their cars to speed and kill them on the roads and also, unfortunately, public apathy." (Barry Scott OAM, Australian Koala Foundation, 2020)*



### **WHY DO WE NEED KOALAS?**

The Koala is an iconic Australian animal, known globally and much loved. Koalas are also ambassadors for many other Australian bush species because trying to protect bushland areas to save Koalas also protects the habitat of other animal and plant species. Koalas also have great cultural significance to Aboriginal Australians and feature in Dreamtime stories, songs, and rock art. They were an abundant food source until European arrival, which saw the numbers drastically depleted.

### **WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO OUR KOALAS?**

Habitat loss is the main threat due to land clearing, bushfires and diseases of the eucalypts, like 'dieback' which cause the trees to die. It is now estimated by the Australian Koala Foundation (AKF) that there are only 40,000 - 80,000 Koalas left in Australia and numbers are decreasing at an alarming rate. It is also estimated that 4,000 Koalas are killed each year by cars and dogs due to losing their habitat. Habitat loss is increased due to Australia having one of the highest land clearing rates in the world and 80% of Koala habitat has already been cleared.

### **CAN'T KOALAS JUST MOVE TO ANOTHER TREE?**

Koalas have 'Home Trees' which they visit regularly in areas called 'Home Ranges.' Unless breeding, they do not visit another Koala's Home Tree which makes them more vulnerable to habitat loss. Different species of eucalyptus trees grow in different parts of the country so Koalas can not move around due to their specific dietary needs. A forest can only feed a certain amount of Koalas due to a limited 'carrying capacity' which again means Koalas can not just move. Queensland, NSW, Victoria and South Australia are the only states where Koalas are found naturally in the wild.

### **AREN'T KOALAS PROTECTED?**

Although Koalas themselves are protected by law, around eighty percent of any remaining habitat occurs on privately owned land and almost none of that is protected by legislation. There is currently no legislation to protect Koalas and Koala habitat in Australia. The listing of the koala as "vulnerable" under the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act in 2012 changed nothing. This is supposed to be the premier law for protecting Australia's environment, yet it is powerless. By the time you read this page the bulldozers may already be working, but it is not too late to take action.

### **WHAT CAN WE DO TO HELP KOALAS?**

Join the Koala Army at the Australian Koala Foundation to help the introduction of a Koala Protection Act. This would provide real legislative protection for koalas. Let the media know about the plight of our Koalas- write letters to local and national newspapers. Let your local member of Government know we want to protect Koalas and their habitats and get them to commit to saving them.

\*RESOURCE: <https://www.savethekoala.com/about-koalas/interesting-facts>



**DJAK TJARRA**

Tuesday - 3/4 Wirrap

Wednesday - F/1 Duan

Thursday- 5/6 Njana Nganity

Don't forget to bring your bread tags in for recycling.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Australian Wildlife Week (Monday 3 - Sunday 9 October)

World Habitat Day (Tuesday 4 October)

World Seabird Conference (Tues 4 - Sat 8 October)

World Cotton Day (Friday 7 October)

World Migratory Bird Day (Saturday 8 October)



St. Peter's Primary School

# Wellbeing

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## Optimistic October 2022

### SATURDAY

1 Write down three things you can look forward to this month

8 Make some progress on a project or task you have been avoiding

15 Thank yourself for achieving the things you often take for granted

22 Share a hopeful quote, picture or video with a friend or colleague

29 Plan a fun or exciting activity to look forward to

### SUNDAY

2 Find something to be optimistic about (even if it's a difficult time)

9 Share an important goal with someone you trust

16 Put down your to-do list and do something fun or uplifting

23 Recognise that you have a choice about what to prioritise

30 Identify three things that give you hope for the future

### MONDAY

3 Take a small step towards a goal that really matters to you

10 Take time to reflect on what you have accomplished recently

17 Take a small step towards a positive change you want to see in society

24 Write down three specific things that have gone well recently

31 Set a goal that brings a sense of purpose for the coming month

### TUESDAY

4 Start your day with the most important thing on your to-do list

11 Avoid blaming yourself or others. Find a helpful way forward

18 Set hopeful but realistic goals for the days ahead

25 You can't do everything! What are your three priorities right now?

### WEDNESDAY

5 Be a realistic optimist. See life as it is, but focus on what's good

12 Look out for positive news and reasons to be cheerful today

19 Identify one of your positive qualities that will be helpful in the future

26 Find a new perspective on a problem you face

### THURSDAY

6 Remind yourself that things can change for the better

13 Ask for help to overcome an obstacle you are facing

20 Find joy in tackling a task you've put off for some time

27 Be kind to yourself today. Remember, progress takes time

### FRIDAY

7 Look for the good in people around you today

14 Do something constructive to improve a difficult situation

21 Let go of the expectations of others and focus on what matters to you

28 Ask yourself, will this still matter a year from now?



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together



Every day your child can enjoy a delicious free healthy breakfast from 8:30 in the Djak Tjarra (Enviro). We have a range of cereals, toast, fruit, juice and yoghurt. Yummo!!



Art group is back this term for 5/6's each Thursday at 2nd break in the Art Room.



Attending the Early Years = Greater chance of success

- establishes positive habits
- builds positive relationships
- maximises opportunities to learn
- supports problem solving skills





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**BELL**  
GROWING CURIOUS MINDS

# St Peter's OSHC Newsletter

## EXCITING PROGRAM AHEAD TERM 4 - WEEKS 3RD AND 10TH OCTOBER

Monday- Come and discover space - we will create a sun

Tuesday- Today we will make a rocket bookmark

Wednesday- Space art piece using crayons

Thursday- Design a space wreath

Friday- Alien spaceships

Monday- Come and create a newspaper gift bag

Tuesday- Today we will make a pen holder

Wednesday- Join in the fun of making paper roll flowers

Thursday- Let's have some fun creating an egg carton tree

Friday- Make a card for someone special



### Apple Pancakes

### JOKE OF THE WEEK

What do you call a fake noodle?

An **impasta!**

### 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: Priya

### PARENT INFORMATION

If you have a child/ren booked into our OSHC program and they will not be attending the session. Please call our head office and let us know as a child/ren is classed as missing if we are not told, and we are legally required to call the police to report a missing child/ren.



# Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS



## LITTLE ATHLETICS

FUN · FAMILY · FITNESS

### SEASON STARTS

Friday October 7th

Ages 5 years - 16 years

**FREE TRIAL**  
Oct. 15th & 22nd

Register now:  
[lavic.com.au/centres/bendigo](http://lavic.com.au/centres/bendigo)

Learn the fundamentals of  
Running · Jumping · Throwing

**ALL ABILITIES WELCOME**

Bendigo Regional Athletics Complex  
Cnr Cook St. & Retreat Rd. Flora Hill

Questions or information email [bendigo@lavic.com.au](mailto:bendigo@lavic.com.au)

Registration fee \$130



## 2022

*NORTH BENDIGO JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB*

# JUNIOR PRESENTATION

**This Wednesday 5th October**  
**5pm**  
**NBJFC Club rooms**



# BENDIGO BEATS

**Saturday 8 October**  
**11am – 3pm**

**Bendigo Homemaker Centre.**  
Free family entertainment including  
a giant slide, food trucks,  
circus performers, animal farm  
and face-painting.



## Bendigo Gem Club

# OPEN DAY

**Sat 8 October - 10am-3pm**

Free Entry - 10 Galvin St, Bendigo, Victoria