

## Good afternoon families,

### Thank you!

Thank you to all our families for the way you helped us out last week with the weather event. We had several staff who needed to leave early before their houses were cut off. Thank you for helping us out on Friday too. We are very blessed to have such a generous community.

### Welcome Mr Jeremy Darmody

Today we had the pleasure of welcoming our new Co-Principal, Mr Jeremy Darmody to our school to meet the staff for the first time. We will have an opportunity to introduce him to the community in the weeks ahead - we will let you know the details as soon as possible. Welcome Jeremy.



### Baptism Mass

What a beautiful celebration our Baptism Mass was! We are so very blessed that these families allowed us to be a part of their special day. Congratulations to Anthony, Im, George, Sarah and Tanesha and thanks for letting us be a part of this. God bless.



### P/1/2 & 5/6 Swimming

In early November the Prep, Yr 1 & Yr 2 classes and the Yr 5/6 classes will all have some swimming lessons. The Junior Unit usually have their swimming in Term 4. However, the Yr 5/6 students missed out on half of their program in Term 1 due to covid - so they will have some catch up lessons. Mr Wilkinson will put permission notes on the SIMON Everywhere App.

### 2023 Prep Transition

Transition for our new Prep students begins soon and happens over a few weeks. This helps both the students and new families become familiar with our school and the other new students who will be with them in Prep next year. They become used to the space, meet some new friends and the adults have the opportunity to have all their questions answered.

The dates for the Prep Transition sessions are:

Tuesday October 25th: 9.30am - 10.30am

Tuesday November 8th: 9.30am - 10.30am

Tuesday November 22nd: 9.15am - 10.45am (We ask that an adult from each family stays for this whole session)

Tuesday December 6th: 11.45am - 1.15pm (Whole school Orientation Session)

### Transition to Secondary School for our Yr 6s

All Year 6 students should now be enrolled in their secondary school of choice. If you have not enrolled your child yet - please contact the school as soon as possible. Transition sessions are happening in the different schools throughout October and November - please see us if you need any assistance.

## AWARDS

### Term 4 Week 2

Balam Balam	Nicholas
Mur Murra	Katrina
Duan	Francis
Mummumburra	Hunter
Barrangal	Charlotte
Yulawil	Peter
Wirrap	Giselle
Guwak	Anthony and Heath
Banya	Logan and Im
Njana Nganity	Amaliah and Oscar
PE	Tanesha
Enviro	Harley
Literacy	Faith, Lindjara, Miyanka, Kaylee, Francis, Nicholas, Isaiah, Annaliese, Jasmine, Malakai and Jett.

### The Co-Principal Award

Last week we had two students receive the Co-Principal Award simply because we could not choose between the two - Penny & Ella both of Yr 3. These two students both exemplify what being a great student means - they consistently follow and display our 4 School Values. They are kind to others and do their best work at all times. They are thoughtful, considerate and friendly. What great role models for our school. Congratulations to Penny and Ella!



## A moment in Prayer

Loving Father,  
Please bless all the communities impacted by the flooding across regional Victoria this week - especially all the school communities.

We are so blessed to witness kindness and generosity shown towards others.

Help us all to do what we can to help out at this time.

*God Bless, Jen & Mick*



## 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Something to Think About

We can be so impatient sometimes and feel that God has not heard our prayers when they are not answered immediately. We live in a world of instant gratification, instant coffee, instant contact, and a touch of a button, and we can be anywhere in the world! But Jesus in today's gospel, is asking us to be patient, 'pray always and do not lose heart.' Our prayers will be answered, maybe not in the way we are expecting, but answered in the way that is beneficial to us.

### The Story

Jesus tells us we 'need to pray continually and never lose heart'. The simple parable has a clear message: Jesus is not comparing God to an unjust judge, but saying that if perseverance obtains justice from an unjust judge, how much more from a good and loving father?

GOD'S HELP IS ONLY  
A PRAYER AWAY.

### The Scriptures Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"



**We are practicing mindfulness using Smiling mind at school. After break we unwind with a guided meditation to ready us for the afternoon's learning.**



St. Peter's Primary School  
**Ecological**  
STEWARDSHIP PROJECT



Mrs. Lauren White - Eco-Stewardship Coordinator

# Recipient of a 2022 Woolworths Junior Landcare Grant



## Pollinator's Paradise

### ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

The aim of our project is to create a pollinator's paradise garden or habitat to encourage bees, butterflies, flies and other native species to live in and visit our garden space. This habitat would be further enhanced by a beehive, bug hotels and colourful plants in an incorporated sensory garden. The children will be involved in planning, preparing, developing, planting, caring for and maintaining the pollinator's garden/habitat along with building bug hotels, a beehive and a sensory garden later on. The expected (environmental and educational) outcomes of the project include: students will learn about the importance of habitats and native species, planting, growing and caring for living things, providing what they need, lifecycles, where food comes from, maintaining habitats, spending time outside, hands-on and real life experiences that teach them lifelong skills and knowledge is immeasurable.



## DJAK TJARRA

Tuesday - 3/4 Barrangal  
Wednesday - F/1 Mummumburra  
Thursday - 5/6 Guwak

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



St. Peter's Primary School

# Wellbeing

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Well what an extremely wet week last week was. We hope that you are all safe and well and our thoughts are with those families and communities that are still under threat from the floods or dealing with the mammoth cleaning up after the devastating floods. If you are in need of support be sure to contact the services listed below.

It was so great to see such a positive return for all the children today after the unsettled end to last week - remember that school attendance is really important and if there are barriers for you or your child we are here to help - please just ask.

Thanks so much to the families that were able to come to school to collect their boxes on Friday - if you are in need of food support please do not hesitate to contact us, we are always more than happy to assist.

New Peaceful Kids groups will be run this term in the 3/4 unit - this is a small group program run by Kristy - it is a mindfulness and positive psychology based program to lessen anxiety and stress and increase resilience in children.

We will also be running social skills small groups and we are very lucky to have Melissa return this term to run Art and Play therapy one on one.

We are also very lucky as a school to receive fresh fruit weekly from the McKern Foundation which the children really enjoy having access to fresh fruit to enjoy together as a classroom in addition to their lunchboxes from home.

As always if you need any support or have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the wellbeing team on 5443 9319 or wellbeing@spbendigo.catholic.edu.au - no question is ever too big or small - if we can't answer it we can support you to be connected to someone who can. Sometimes just chatting through things can help.



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.



Provided on Friday afternoons at pick-up. Please get in touch with the wellbeing team if this is something that would help your family



BENEFITING IN EXCESS OF 11,000 CHILDREN



Every minute matters

Start of Day Matters

• aim to be at school by 8.45 am for a 9.00 am start

# Creative Learning Partnerships program

Embedding creative professionals in education

Creative Learning Partnerships (CLP) provides grants to Victorian schools to engage a creative professional or organisation to undertake a creative partnership project in the 2023 school year. It provides students, teachers and creative professionals with diverse and challenging learning experiences. This residency program encourages schools to explore how creativity can enhance and advance education outcomes across the curriculum from Prep to Year 10, including VET and VCAL.



\$10,000 Recipient  
St Peter's Primary School  
NORTH BENDIGO  
Digital Storytelling

Students explore aspects of their own identity, backgrounds and cultural values, and how they are connected as a school and wider community. Under the guidance of creative partner, Vern Hardie of The Connected Circus, students will investigate how light, movement, sound and colour express emotions and tell meaningful narratives to create a digital artefact using a range of technologies, including film making, photography and podcasting to be presented as audio-visual exhibition for the school community.

