

Good afternoon families,

Covid

While we are no longer required to inform everyone if there is a Covid case at school, there is a lot of Covid around - including a number of staff who have tested positive. Please monitor your children for symptoms and keep them home if they are unwell. You are still asked to let us know if your child tests positive to Covid after being at school and keep them home until they are well.

2023 Prep Transition

Thank you to all the families for bringing their 2023 Prep child up for last week's transition session. The students are becoming much more familiar with the school and the teachers. Thank you all!
The final session is: Tuesday December 6th: 11.45am - 1.15pm
This will be a whole school orientation session where every child in the school will spend this time in their 2023 classroom with their 2023 teacher.

Last Assembly

On Wednesday the 7th of December at 2.15pm we will have the final assembly in the Knuldoorong. At this assembly we are joined by a representative of the Murtagh Family who generously provide Awards for some of our students each year. We will also draw the Christmas Raffle.

Staffing for 2023

At the end of this year we farewell Mrs Deb Jones who has been teaching with us for the last 3 years. Deb will be sadly missed by many in the St Peter's community - we wish her all the very best for the future as she and her family embark on their next adventure.
We will welcome Mr Damian Cairns to St Peter's in 2023. Damian comes to us from Holy Rosary in White Hills and brings with him many years of experience and a great understanding of the importance of relationship in education. Mr Cairns will be teaching in the 3/4 Unit.

The classroom teachers for 2023 are:

Yr Prep/1 - Jess Amos and Olivia Keating
Yr Prep/1 - Cindy Purdon
Yr 1/2 - Mel Bradley and Jo Pangrazio
Yr 2 - Emma Smith
Yr 3/4 - Jake Wilkinson
Yr 3/4 - Jacqui Willis and Karli Price
Yr 3/4 - Damian Cairns
Yr 5/6 - Paris Robinson
Yr 5/6 - Miggy Podosky and Lill Daley
Yr 5/6 - Donna Mirtschin
Literacy Support and Specialist teachers - Gabe Isaac, Mel Bradley, Katrina Kerr, Lauren White, Megan Howes, Jenni Heinrich and Sherri Donnelly.

End of Year Mass

We also celebrate the Yr 6 Graduation at this mass on Tuesday the 13th of December at 6pm at St Kilian's church. All families are then invited to BYO dinner or pick up some take away and join us on the oval for our End of Year Dinner Celebrations. Please ask for more details if you are unsure of anything - all are welcome!!
(The government secondary school orientation day is during the day on this date).

Christmas Hamper Raffle Donations

Each year we ask families for donations to go towards our Christmas Hampers - that make up the prizes for the Christmas Hamper Raffle. The baskets are in the classrooms. Donations can be small gifts, non-perishable food, decorations, snacks - anything to do with Christmas!

Excursions

We have lots of fun things happening to wrap up the end of the year, which means lots of activities requiring parent permission. Please keep an eye out for forms in school bags and sign and return them asap or jump on the SiMON Everywhere app.

The Grade 3/4 unit will be holding an end of year celebration day on Thursday the 8th of December. The day will involve some activities both at school and at the Faith Leach Leisure Centre.

On Thursday the 8th of December the Junior Unit will visit the Garden of the Future & White Hills Botanical Garden.

The 5/6 Unit will have their end of year fun day on the last day of school, Wednesday the 14th, at the Major League Sports Centre Kangaroo Flat with lots of fun activities and pizza lunch.

End of Year

School will finish for all students on Wednesday the 14th of December at 2.15pm.

A moment in Prayer

Yesterday was the first Sunday of Advent - the time of preparation leading up to Christmas - the birth of Jesus.

May God bless us all in the lead up to Christmas.
As we focus on Hope this week, help us to understand the importance of Hope in our families, school and world.
Amen



God Bless, Jen & Mick

UPCOMING

There is lots happening in Term 4. You can find this calendar on the home page of our website.

29	NOV, TUE	● 11:45am – 12:20pm	Scooter Safety Excursion - Barrangal
1	DEC, THU	● 9:30am – 2:30pm	Division Cricket
2	DEC, FRI	● 12:30 – 1:30pm ● 2:15 – 3pm	Junior Unit Learning Expo Scooter Safety Excursion - Yulawil
6	DEC, TUE	● 11:30am – 1:30pm	Orientation Day - Whole School
7	DEC, WED	● 2:15 – 3:15pm	Last assembly - Awards & Raffle Drawn
8	DEC, THU	● 10:30am – 1:15pm ● 11:45am – 1:30pm	Grade 3-4 End of year celebration Garden of the Future Excursion - Junior Unit White Hills Botanical Garden
13	DEC, TUE	● 6 – 7pm	End of Year Mass & Grade 6 Graduation St Kilians
14	DEC, WED	● All day ● All day	Students Last day for 2022 - Finish 2.15pm Year 5/6 Fun Day



St. Peter's
PRIMARY SCHOOL
Life to the Full

Family, Friends and Carers
You are invited
to the
Junior Unit
LEARNING EXPO

Friday 2nd December, 2022
at 12.30 - 1.30pm
in the Junior Unit Classrooms.
*We can't wait to share
all our wonderful learning with you!*

AWARDS

Term 4 Week 8

Balam Balam	Grace
Mur Murra	Katrina
Duan	Sophia & Sussan
Mummumburra	Sarah
Barrangal	Anna & David
Yulawil	Lee
Wirrap	Christopher
Guwak	
Banya	Zephyr & Sodena
Njana Nganity	Lillian
PE	Ollie & Nicholas
Enviro	Addison
Literacy	Sophia, Casper, Jayden, Summer, Kasey Annaliese, Justice, David, Christopher, Faith, Seth
Office	Isaiah

The Co-Principal Award
Last week's Co-Principal Award went to Jasmine from Wirrap. Jasmine consistently displays the 4 School Values.
Thank you Jasmine!





33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Something to Think About

Staying awake means noticing and being alert to live in the present so we can recognise the Lord when he appears in our lives. He shows himself in the unrehearsed moments, the interruptions and accidents that can throw me off balance. Teach me, Lord, to recognise your face wherever I encounter you.

The Story

Jesus is not asking us to stay awake all night, but to live in the present, so that we can recognise the Lord when he appears in our lives. He shows himself in the unrehearsed moments, the interruptions and accidents that can throw me off balance.

The Scriptures - Matthew 24:37-44

For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.



Congratulations to our students who completed their first reconciliation along with students from St Kilian's. Thank you to families and staff for your prayers and support of these students.



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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Available on Fridays

