

## 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 and students who have tested positive. Please monitor your children for symptoms and keep them home if they are unwell. Tests are available if needed, please call the office

### 2023 Orientation (including Preps)

Our whole school Orientation session is tomorrow - Tuesday December 6th: 11.35am - 1.30pm. At this Orientation session every child in the school will go up into their 2023 classroom and be with their 2023 teacher. 2023 Preps will be dropped off at 11.45am and picked up at 1.15pm.

### Secondary School Orientations

Orientation day is a great 'taste' of high school for your child, it can help reduce worries and help students feel excited about year 7.

<b>Catherine McAuley College (CMC)</b>	Tues 6th Dec
<b>Marist College Bendigo</b>	Tues 6th Dec
<b>Bendigo South East College (BSE)</b>	Tues 13th Dec
<b>Eaglehawk Secondary College (ESC)</b>	Tues 13th Dec
<b>Crusoe Secondary College (CSC)</b>	Tues 13th Dec
<b>Weeroona Secondary College (WSC)</b>	Tues 13th Dec

### Last Assembly

This 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.

### End of Year Mass

The End of Year Mass - where we also celebrate the Yr 6 Graduation - is on Tuesday the 13th of December at 6pm at St Kilian's church. All families are then invited to pick up some take away for dinner 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

The Raffle is being drawn on Wednesday - tomorrow is the last chance to get donations in!!

### End of Year Events

There's lots of fun things happening over the next 10 days until we finish for the year, please check the calendar for events that your child might be involved in and make sure any pending permissions forms are returned asap.

The calendar is on the home page of our website, it is on the Simon Everywhere app and a snap shot is always shared in the newsletter.

### End of Year

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

## AWARDS

### Term 4 Week 9

<b>Balam Balam</b>	Grace
<b>Mur Murra</b>	Isaiah
<b>Duan</b>	George
<b>Mummumburra</b>	Anissa
<b>Yulawil</b>	Annaleise
<b>Wirrap</b>	Leo
<b>Guwak</b>	Melba
<b>Banya</b>	Logan and Jack
<b>Njana Nganity</b>	Elvis
<b>PE</b>	Jasmine
<b>Enviro</b>	Zander
<b>Office</b>	Cooper
<b>Literacy</b>	Hunter, Riley, Owen, Kyeta, Phoebe, Kaylee, Bodhi, Kasey, Lee, Tanesha, Charlotte S, Ma'Kiah & Kaylan.

### The Co-Principal Award

Last week's Co-Principal Award went to Kaylee from Mummumburra. Kaylee has worked hard every single day this year! She is always trying her hardest to be her best. She is kind and friendly and a great role model for others! Thank you Kaylee.



## A moment in Prayer

Thank you God for the gift of Mr Chalkley. He has walked with us for 5 years - helping to lead our school. Showing kindness to everyone and sharing his wisdom and grace. Please bless him as he begins his new adventure.

*This week we light the second candle in the advent wreath.  
This candle represents peace.*



*God Bless, Jen & Mick*

# UPCOMING

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

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	Grade 3-4 End of year celebration
		● 11:45am – 1:30pm	Garden of the Future Excursion - Junior Unit White Hills Botanical Garden
9	DEC, FRI	● 12:30 – 1:30pm	Junior Unit Learning Expo
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
		● All day	Year 5/6 Fun Day



Family, Friends and Carers  
*You are invited*  
to the  
Junior Unit  
**LEARNING EXPO**  
**Friday 9th December, 2022**  
**at 12.30 - 1.30pm**  
in the Junior Unit Classrooms.  
*We can't wait to share  
all our wonderful learning with you!*



*St. Peter's  
End of Year Mass  
&  
Graduation Ceremony*

We warmly invite you to join us as we give thanks for our school year and celebrate our graduating Year 6s and departing families.

📅 December 13, 2022  
🕒 6pm - 7pm  
📍 St. Kilian's Church

Please join us at school afterwards for a picnic dinner. BYO dinner. (Alcohol free event)





## 2nd Sunday of Advent

### Something to Think About

In these often very complicated times how refreshing it is to hear a clear and straightforward message. Repent, sort out your priorities and take stock of your life. Am I ready to do this?  
Am I prepared to change if needed?

### The Story

The focus of today's Gospel is John the Baptist. But his focus is always on the One who is to come and who is more powerful and greater than he is. We are called to turn our attention also to the One who is coming after John. In this season of Advent we focus on Jesus whom John the Baptist is preparing the way for.

## The Scriptures - Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'



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!!



For our last Peaceful Kids session we enjoyed fairy bread while we brainstormed all our favourite things about our school that help with our wellbeing.



Last one  
this Friday





Mrs. Lauren White - Eco-Stewardship Coordinator

## 2022 DHELKUNYA DJAA REPORT

### WHAT IS RESOURCESMART SCHOOLS?

Our school is part of a sustainability program known as ResourceSmart Schools. It has five modules: Core, Biodiversity, Energy, Waste and Water with an aim of helping to save usage and money as well as protecting our environment. Each module focuses on setting and achieving sustainability goals through daily actions, learning and teaching, and school community engagement. Each module has specific actions to be completed and then once completed, the school will gain stars to acknowledge their achievements.



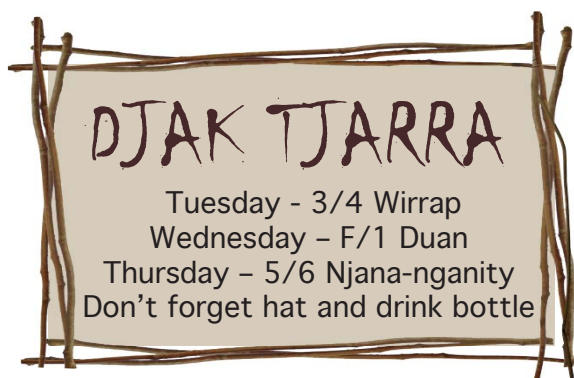
Our presentation at assembly

### WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

To assist the sustainability co-ordinator with these goals, 12 students from years 3-6 joined the student sustainability team and helped to make St Peter's a more environmentally friendly and sustainable school. Our sustainability group is known as 'Dkelkunya Djaa' which is Aboriginal for 'healing country'.

### WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE AT ST PETER'S?

The sustainability students worked in four teams of three to help action the focus areas of Biodiversity, Water, Waste and Energy, as well as support each other on some major projects. The new succulent garden in the amphitheatre and the Pollinator's Paradise garden were major projects that the whole group worked on for a long time and the results are fantastic. Come and take a look if you haven't seen them yet!



### WHAT DID THE TEAMS DO?

All year the waste team has checked the bins to see if students are putting the right rubbish in the right bins, put signs on the bins to remind people of which bin to use and picked up rubbish around the school yard. The team said, *"It has been lots of fun helping out and making a difference at school. We have enjoyed picking up rubbish, helping with the garden and helping out with the bins."*

The water team has been checking the water taps to make sure they are not leaking or broken, and made, put up and replaced missing signs to remind people to not waste water. The team said, *"It has been fun to put up the signs and check for leaking taps."*

This year the energy team has done audits on our electrical appliances, put up posters to remind people not to waste power, been checking around the classrooms to see if they have electrical appliances and lights on or off and put light switch posters everywhere. The team said, *"I loved checking that the energy is not being wasted," "It has been fun working with my friends and helping the world" and "I like that we have helped save energy."*

The biodiversity team has worked hard to weed, water and plant around the school yard and they also pulled the old cubby house apart and used some of the wood to make a sign for our new garden. They created two new gardens this year with the help of all the team members and classes at Enviro- the succulent garden at the amphitheatre and the Pollinator's Paradise down at Djak Tjarra. They did a lot of digging, shovelling, carting the wheelbarrows, weeding and planting. They have also been busy flattening boxes to sheet mulch our new garden. They painted wood to use for a teepee and have put up insect houses. The team said *"It has been good to use different tools, pull things apart, build things, planting and pulling out weeds."*





# December Kindness 2022

MONDAY



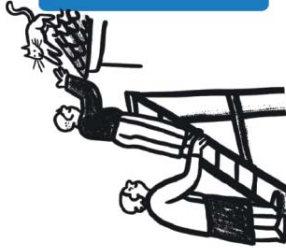
5 Give a gift to someone who is homeless or feeling lonely

TUESDAY



6 Leave a positive message for someone else to find

WEDNESDAY



7 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today

THURSDAY

1 Spread kindness and share the December calendar with others

FRIDAY

2 Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are

SATURDAY

3 Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment

SUNDAY

4 Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about

12 Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today

6 Leave a positive message for someone else to find

7 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today

8 Do something helpful for a friend or family member

9 Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead

10 Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them

11 Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank

12 Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today

13 See how many different people you can smile at today

14 Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one

15 Contact an elderly neighbour and brighten up their day

16 Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to

17 Give thanks. List the kind things others have done for you

18 Ask for help and let someone else discover the joy of giving

19 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated

20 Help others by giving away something that you don't need

21 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you

22 Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed

23 Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness

24 Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh

25 Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!

26 Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature

27 Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat

28 Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy

29 Turn off digital devices and really listen to people

30 Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why

31 Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2023



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together



# YOUTH GAMES

WEDNESDAYS 4PM TO 5PM

Free to all 12 to 16 year olds in the local community.

Sports include dodgeball, basketball, indoor cricket, indoor soccer and more.

FACILITATED BY  
YMCA VICTORIA YOUTH SERVICES

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US ON 0448 753 936