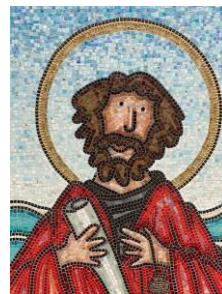




St Peter's Primary School, Keilor East

*Celebrating 52 Years: 1971 - 2023*

Supervised School Hours – 8.30am until 3.30pm  
Remember to bring your **BRAIN FOOD & Sun Hat** each day!



**REMINDER:** Please be mindful of the speed limit around the school when dropping off and picking up children. **It is 40kph!**

<b>TERM 3</b>			
Please check term calendar of events each fortnight for updates			
<b>MACSSIS (school improvement) SURVEYS FOR STAFF, STUDENTS &amp; PARENTS 28 August to 15 September. If you receive an email from <a href="mailto:macssis@orima.com">macssis@orima.com</a> please responds as the survey only takes 15 - 20 mins and will help us when goal setting for school improvement</b>			
<b>Week 8</b>	Thursday	31 August	School Advisory Council @ 7pm Class Mass Prep & Year 6 buddies @ 9.15am. All welcome!
	Friday	1 September	Toddler Tales Father's Day morning
<b>Week 9</b>	Monday	4 September	Assembly @ 2.30pm
	Wednesday	6 September	ART SHOW
	Thursday	7 September	Year 3 Class Mass @ 9.15am. All welcome
	Friday	8 September	Toddler Tales SSP Fun Run
<b>Week 10</b>	Friday	15 September	Footy colours End of Term @ 1.30pm
<b>Outstanding School Fees Are Due – Please settle your outstanding accounts by end of term, Friday 15 September. If you are experiencing any financial difficulties, please contact the office, otherwise your attention to payment would be appreciated.</b>			

**REFLECTION:**

Loving God, you are the giver of all we possess, the source of all of our blessings. You love us unconditionally and unreservedly. As our students prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we pray for them. May they come to know you, the one true loving and merciful God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. May your Holy Spirit help them to grow in faith, hope, and love, so they may know your peace, truth, and goodness. Amen

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Welcome to week 8! It's been an enjoyable past two weeks, ending with a great Book Week parade on Friday. Check out some of the photos below from the book parade. Next week we celebrate National Child Protection Week. In the Student Wellbeing section, I have listed a beneficial activity to complete with your child/ren at home. The class teachers will also organise lessons for the children.

**EDUCATION IN FAITH**

**Year 3s Sacrament of First Reconciliation**

Recently our year 3 students attended their commitment Mass and faith night, which officially began their preparation for this important Sacrament. This Sacrament is one of healing and allows us to reflect on times when we have missed the mark and provides an opportunity to ask for God's forgiveness. The Sacrament goes by many names: Penance, Reconciliation and Forgiveness.

Generally young children are ready to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation when they appreciate what it is to be forgiven. This is learnt in the home as at this stage it is primarily in the context of family life that the concept of forgiveness is experienced.

During their preparation the children will learn:

- The Sacrament of Reconciliation helps them to grow in their love for Jesus.

- It helps them to understand what is right and what is wrong.
- It allows them to say sorry to Jesus when they miss the mark.
- It helps them to understand that forgiving others is important.

The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation has four important parts:

1. **Contrition:** Contrition means being sorry for our sins and making the choice not to sin again.
2. **Confession:** Confession means telling all of our sins to a priest. In this Sacrament, the priest is acting in the place of Jesus Himself. When we confess to a priest, we are really telling God how we know that we have disobeyed Him and hurt our relationship with Him and His Church.
3. **Penance:** After we confess our sins, the priest will give us something to do to make up for our sins. Often our penance is a prayer to say. We must do our penance as soon as we can.
4. **Absolution:** The priest prays a special prayer and, with the authority of Jesus, absolves, or forgives, our sins.

### Book Week Parade



Such a fantastic Book Week!

Our students embraced the "Read, Grow, Inspire" theme, transforming into book characters like the Gruffalo, Claris in Paris, and Sam I Am. The school enjoyed a day full of reading activities and a special parade on the basketball courts, hosted by the royal Ms. Evans, as the Queen. Thank you to all the parents and families who joined us to celebrate! Alex Mulkearns – Junior Director of Learning





### Winners of the 2023 Children’s Book Award

#### STUDENT WELLBEING

#### National Child Protection Week

**2023 theme: ‘Where we start matters’.**

The aim of Child Protection Week is to bring together partners to focus on addressing the significant harms being experienced by children in Australia. By working collectively to change the trajectory of these children and families, we can reduce the number of children who may come in contact with the child protection system. The time to act is now.

In 2023, the message that ‘Every child in every community needs a fair go’ will be complemented with the theme ‘Where we start matters’. *Where we start* our lives in terms of where we live, the resources available to us, and the opportunities presented to us make a significant difference to our life outcomes. *Of course where we start isn’t where we finish.*

#### FAMILY ACTIVITY - CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Children come in to contact with many people in the community, and it’s important for them to understand how those different relationships support them, as well as where boundaries should lie. The circle of friends activity helps your child understand the different people in their life – what their relationship is with these people, how your child should behave with them, and what behaviour is OK from those people. It can help keep them safe.

1. Start with a big piece of paper and ask your child to draw a picture of themselves in the middle. Or they could stick a photo of themselves there. Ask your child to draw a circle around themselves.
2. Draw a larger circle around your child’s circle. In this circle add the people who are closest to your child – for example, the family they live with. Your child could write their names, draw pictures or stick on photos of them.

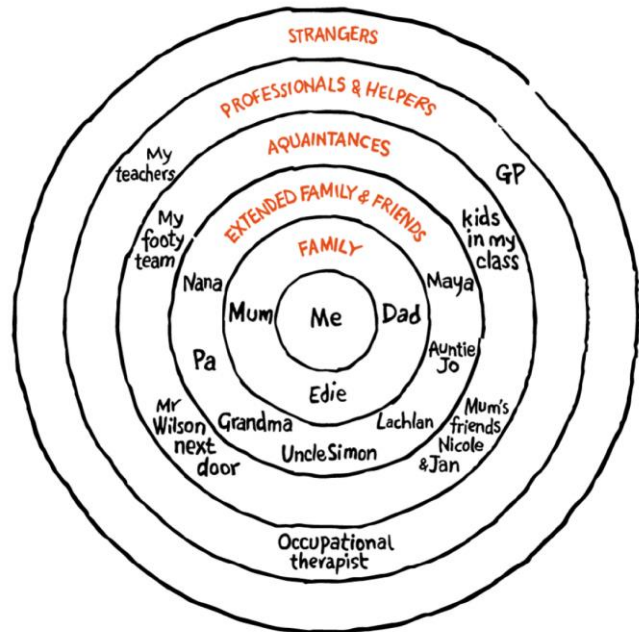
3. Draw a larger circle around the first two circles. In this circle add people who are close to your child but not quite as close as those in the first circle. They could be extended family or your child's best friends. Talk with your child about who to include.
4. Draw another circle around the others and add acquaintances. These are people your child knows but isn't close friends with. They could be people in your child's wider group of **friends**, in their class at school, on their sports team, or family friends. Talk with your child about who to include.
5. Draw another circle and add professionals and other people whose jobs are to help your child. They might be teachers, doctors or carers.
6. In the outside circle add strangers. These are people your child doesn't know.

You can use this activity to help your child stay safe. To do this, you can ask your child questions

about how other people should behave around. Using the circle of friends to help your child understand personal boundaries. Once you've added people to each of the circles, talk with your child about how your child should behave with people in each circle.

You could ask questions like these:

- How would you greet people in this circle?
- Which people would it be OK to kiss or hug?
- Who would you invite to your house for dinner?
- Who could you talk to if you're worried about something?
- Can you sit in this person's lap?
- Which people can hug or kiss you?
- Which people can hold your hand?
- Which people can collect you from school?



## LEADERSHIP and MANAGEMENT

Reminder - School Closure report-writing days – pupil free

- **Monday 6 November 2023**

## REMINDER: Year 7 2026 – Important Dates

- **Monday 29 January 2024** – Applications will open for students commencing Year 7 in 2026.
- **Friday 16 August 2024** – Applications will close.
- **Friday 18 October 2024** – Offers will be posted to prospective Year 7 applicants.
- **Friday 8 November 2024** – Final date for parents/carers to accept an offer made by a school.

Please Note: in some instances it may be important to make at least two applications to colleges to ensure that a place can be secured, for example, for girls wanting Catholic Secondary education it would be wise to apply to both Ave Maria and St Columba's and indicate your preference.

## SCHOOL COMMUNITY

### HEALTH ALERTS

If your child has an allergy, please ensure you provide the appropriate action plan signed off by your medical practitioner and provide the school with the medication, i.e. epi-pen or antihistamine.

### Life Threatening Allergies Anaphylaxis

The following year levels have children with allergies:

Prep: Eggs

Year 1: Cashews, pistachio, eggs, wheat, milk

Year 3: Nuts, seafood, cashews, pecans, hazelnuts, macadamias, walnuts, pistachios, egg

Year 4: Cashews, pistachios, red lentils

Year 5: Eggs, peanuts, hazelnut, walnuts, pecan, nuts, milk.

Year 6: Nuts, pistachios, cashews, egg

Please note: We suggest, regardless of the class your child is in, that you avoid sending your child with peanut butter or Nutella sandwiches or any health bars which contain tree nuts. If a child comes into contact with the allergen even if it is by a touch on the hand, it can trigger an anaphylactic reaction. Children having a severe anaphylactic reaction will experience difficulty breathing, swelling of the throat, face, lips and tongue, sweating, low blood pressure, abdominal pain, dizziness, fainting and nausea. It is challenging to make our school completely nut free; however, we do make a conscious effort to reduce risk. We need your help and cooperation to achieve this.

Please note: if your child is having a birthday and you wish to give something to the class, please ensure it is a **non-food item**.

#### **BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

OSHCLUB are our before and after school provider. OSHCLUB operates at the following times:

- Before school care: 7.00 – 8.30am
- After school care: 3.15 – 6.15pm

#### **How to book**

An OSHCLUB online enrolment form must be completed. Enrol online at [www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au).

#### **Final Word**

Our school community, at its heart, strives to foster goodwill and cooperation. Please do come and speak with me if you feel there is an issue to discuss. If you are unable to make a time during the school day, I am available most weekdays until 6pm. If contacting me by email ([principal@spkeiloreast.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@spkeiloreast.catholic.edu.au)), please follow the communication policy protocols. Email will not be used to answer lengthy or serious concerns, as in such cases the school requires that parents arrange a meeting time so that the situation can be discussed properly, and actions implemented if needed.

NEXT NEWSLETTER – TERM 3, WEEK 10.

Stay warm and enjoy your day! Linda Tarraran – Principal