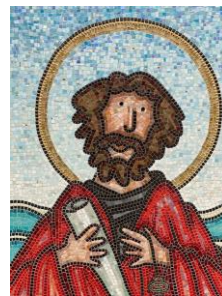




St Peter's Primary School, Keilor East

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 40 kph!

Please check term calendar of events each fortnight for updates – more dates will be added

Term 4			
Week 2	Thursday	12 October	Year 4 Class Mass @ 9.15am. All welcome!
	Friday	13 October	Toddler tales
Week 3	Mon – Thur	16-19 October	Year 6 Camp at Phillip Island
	Thursday	19 October	First Reconciliation Reflection Day Year 3 Class Mass @ 9.15am. All welcome!
Week 4	Tuesday	24 October	Year 3s First Reconciliation
	Thursday	26 October	Year 1 Class Mass @ 9.15am. All welcome! School Advisory Meeting
	Friday	27 October	Toddler Tales Day for Daniel – wear a splash of red Fun Run
Week 5	Wednesday	1 November	Feast of All Saints – whole school Mass
	Thursday	2 November	Feast of All Souls
	Friday	3 November	Toddler Tales
Week 6	Monday	6 November	Report writing day – pupil free
	Tuesday	7 November	Melbourne Cup public holiday
	Wednesday	8 November	Staff Spirituality Day – pupil free
	Thursday	9 November	Year 5 Class Mass @ 9.15am. All welcome
	Friday	10 November	Toddler Tales
	Saturday	11 November	Remembrance Day – Lest Not Forget!
Week 7	Monday	13 November	Swimming begins
	Tuesday	14 November	2024 Prep Transition session 1
	Friday	17 November	Toddler Tales
Week 8	Monday	20 November	2024 Prep Transition session 2
	Friday	24 November	Swimming ends Toddler Tales
Week 9	Wednesday	29 November	2024 Prep Transition session 3
	Thursday	30 November	Year 2 Class Mass @ 9.15am. All welcome!
	Friday	1 December	St Peter's Athletics Carnival
Week 10	Thursday	7 December	Year Prep & Year 6 Buddies Mass @ 9.15am
Week 11	Thursday	14 December	Year 6 Graduation
	Friday	15 December	End of year Mass @ 9.15am End of Term @12.30pm

REFLECTION: Prayer for Peace

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam! Pope Francis

We especially pray for all victims of violence and atrocities perpetrated in Ukraine and the Middle East. We hope the situation in Ukraine and the Middle East will end peacefully soon. Loving Father we pray for your peace and reconciliation to overcome conflict. We ask that you give wisdom and discernment to our global leaders and those in positions of power who have the ability to impact the course of these conflicts. Amen

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Welcome to week 2 of our final term for the year! Hope you have already seen the message shared on Operoo about Fr Sebastian leaving St Peter's Parish on 8 November to take up the position of parish priest at St Mary's Dandenong. I take this opportunity to thank him for his pastoral leadership, dedication and commitment to St Peter's Parish community over the many years. We will be organising a special assembly with the children to say farewell and to wish Fr Sebastian all the very best in his new appointment. Fr Anil Mascarenhas will be taking over and I have heard many positive comments about him. I know you will make him feel welcome when the time arrives.

Let's hope the weather will be wonderful next week for the Year 6 Campers. Going on camp is always something that the children look forward to as it is 3 nights and 4 days, and the location and facilities are beautiful. The campsite definitely lives up to its name, 'resort!'. I know the staff supporting Anne Tadinac and the Year 6 Teaching Team will provide excellent care to the children while away.

LEADERSHIP and MANAGEMENT

Late Arrival to School

Please ensure your child arrives at school each morning by 8.40am (8.45am the latest). The number of late arrivals is slowly creeping up and is something we want to reduce. Walking in the classroom late can be disruptive and unsettling for other students who have arrived on time. Also if the child bypasses the admin office and the teacher has commenced the lesson, the attendance roll may not be updated and so parents will get the alert. Thank you for your support and cooperation in this matter.

Reminder: Pupil-free days in Term 4 are:

- **Monday 6 November 2023 (report writing)**
- **Tuesday 7 November (Melbourne Cup)**
- **Wednesday 8 November 2023 (staff spirituality day)**

We have placed the date for staff spirituality together with the days allocated to the Melbourne Cup and report writing to save adding another disruption later in the term.

End of Year finish for Macs Schools – Friday 15 December 2023

A new enterprise agreement covering teachers across most of the Catholic schools in Victoria, including ours, has been approved and is in effect.

The new agreement delivers several positive changes for both our dedicated staff and the overall functioning of our school, including improved pay and employment conditions. One key aspect of this agreement is the inclusion of new time-in-lieu provisions, which will enable our teachers and support staff to accumulate additional time off when they are required to work more than their regular 38 hours per week which might include overnight camps and supervision at evening and weekend activities.

This change is a recognition of the considerable extra work our teachers are asked to do and will enhance their work-life balance and well-being.

Implementing these changes will mean that students will finish up a couple of days earlier than usual, on Friday 15 December. This will limit any disruption to students throughout the year and enable our staff to avail themselves of their earned time off during the holiday season, rejuvenating themselves for the upcoming year.

We sincerely appreciate your understanding and support in this matter. By prioritising the well-being and work-life balance of our dedicated staff, we are fostering an environment that promotes excellence in teaching and learning.

If you have any questions or concerns about the new enterprise agreement, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Staff News

Sarah Brown

After 8 years of service in leadership at St Peter's we will be farewelling our junior student diversity and wellbeing leader, Sarah Brown. In her leadership at St Peter's Sarah has made a significant and much-valued contribution. She has shown great commitment to all our school goals and initiatives and had been very proactive in her approach. The support she has given families has always been appreciated. Sarah is a very visible leader and has always prioritised students' learning and wellbeing needs in her approach. She often goes the extra mile in supporting students. She has worked collegially with staff and has been an active member of our leadership team. Sarah will be missed by students, staff and families alike. Sarah will be taking up the position of student wellbeing and mathematics leader at Mary, Queen of Heaven and we wish her all the very best for her future endeavours.

Sophie Ferris

After 8 years of service, Sophie will be leaving St Peter's and will be having a change from working as a classroom teacher. Sophie will be taking up the role of learning diversity consultant in the western region. I thank Sophie for the ongoing commitment she has made to our school community and to the collegial way she has worked, always paying attention to detail and relying on data to inform her practice. She has taught in the middle, senior and junior classes of the school and never gives less than 100%. It is always heart-warming to see past students whom Sophie taught coming back to say hello. This is a lovely legacy for any teacher to leave and demonstrates the deep appreciation her students have for her contribution to their education and their future lives. We congratulate Sophie and wish her all the very best for a bright and happy future.

Clare Manthos

Clare is a wonderful teacher, who is positive and reflective in her practice. She has an engaging presence in the classroom and goes out of her way to support the children. We will be farewelling Clare at the end of the year as in 2024 she will be travelling overseas. I know that she will be missed by students, staff and families. I take this opportunity to thank her for her contribution to our school community. I mentioned to Clare that when she returns to Australia she must make contact with us.

Belinda Ribera

Belinda has been an LSO at St Peter's for 8 years and sadly for us it is time to say farewell as she will be taking an LSO position at Mary, Queen of Heaven in 2024. Belinda has always worked collaboratively with the teachers to provide great support to the students she has worked with and is very proactive in her approach. Belinda has made a wonderful commitment to our school, she is reliable and has the ability to read a situation and then put helpful actions in place. She will be missed by staff and students and we wish her all the very best in her future endeavours.

Joining our staff next year will be Taylor Dicello, Isabella Frazetto and Illona Kennedy. We look forward to welcoming them in due course.

SunSmart - UV rays

Sun protection is recommended whenever UV levels reach 3 or higher. Below 3, sun protection isn't recommended unless you are outdoors for extended periods or near reflective surfaces, like snow. Australians shouldn't expose themselves to potentially harmful UV to get more vitamin D. Evidence suggests that prolonged sun exposure doesn't cause vitamin D levels to increase further but it does increase your risk of developing skin cancer. When UV levels are 3 or higher, most Australians get enough vitamin D with just a few minutes of sun exposure while doing everyday tasks.

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CLASS DETAILS - ST PETER'S SCHOOL

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	DATES	COST
Mondays	10.50 - 11.40am	Library	9 Oct to 11 Dec	\$135 per child/per term

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.

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), 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 4, WEEK 4.

Enjoy your day, Linda Tarraran – Principal