



St Peter's Primary Newsletter



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Message from our Principal:

Dear St Peter's Community,

We are officially halfway through term one and what a start to the year it has been! We are so proud of how well all of our students have settled into their new classrooms and routines, especially our Prep students who have had a very smooth transition into school life. Our Prep students will be at school full time as of next week.

Reporting and Assessment:

On Monday we had our term one 'Parent / Teacher / Student-Led Conferences' to celebrate student learning achievements and collaborate on future 2024 goals to ensure that every student continues to grow and progress on their own personal learning journey. Working in partnership with families to support student learning is a priority for St Peter's. We are so grateful for the family engagement and investment in the life of the school and your child's learning. I wish to thank our incredible teachers and learning support officers for their dedication and passion for enhancing student outcomes and catering to the needs of every child. The calibre of teaching and learning at St Peter's is outstanding and something our school community should be extremely proud of!

Open Days/School Tours:

This week we had two 'Open Days / School Tours' for 2025 Prep family enrolments. We had a huge, successful turn out of prospective families eager to see and learn about our wonderful school community. We have received fantastic feedback from visiting families about our school's reputation for being a high performing and welcoming school. Such humbling feedback! Our current parents are our biggest supporters and advocates, we thank you for singing our praises and sharing your love of the beautiful St Peter's community. We have one more open day next week on Tuesday 12th March with registration beginning at 9:15am and tour commencement at 9:30am.

Listen, Learn and Connect:

I have absolutely LOVED engaging with our students during my classroom visits to facilitate the 'Listen, Learn and Connect' sessions. I have now visited every classroom to listen to each child share about their personal story and a special object. Seeing the smiles on the children's faces and feeling the buzz when I entered each classroom was so exciting - my heart felt so full! I learned so much about the students of St Peter's. It is evident that the children here love their families deeply and enjoy spending quality time with their loved ones. It was wonderful to learn about the students' varying passions for sports, reading, culture, collecting cards and games/toys. I look forward to spending more time with our students in the classroom and in the yard learning alongside them and strengthening our relationship and connection.



Communication protocols via email:

Effective and regular communication between teachers and families is essential in order to develop and nurture a strong partnership for the betterment of the children in our care. Communication via email is one of the many ways we communicate with one another. This communication platform enables us to communicate with each other 24/7. With that being said, it is important that we remind our families about our school protocols around emails and the speed in response rates. Our staff are encouraged to set healthy boundaries between work and life and therefore are encouraged not to respond to emails after 5:00pm on work nights and not at all on the weekend. Due to the nature of education being that we spend the majority of our time face-to-face with our students and/or collaborating with staff and families in face-to-face meetings, our staff do not have the same amount of time to read and answer emails as those who perhaps work in a corporate setting. Our duty of care to our students and aim to be fully present and active in the teaching and learning environment requires up to 24 – 48 hours to respond to emails. Setting a time to meet with a teacher should be done via email so that our teachers can schedule this into their week effectively and ensure that they can be fully prepared and present when engaging in a conversation with family members.

Should parents require immediate assistance or a message to their child (for example; change of school pick up arrangements) please contact our school office via phone call.

We thank you for your continued support, understanding and partnership.

A few exciting announcements:

- We are so excited for our Prep to Two Director of Learning Leader, Alex Mulkearns, as she represents our school today – Thursday 7th March – at the MACS Regional Learning Conference. Alex has been invited to sit on a panel to discuss evidence-based literacy and numeracy strategies and the journey schools have been on to implement effective change in this area of learning and teaching. With over 350 educators and leaders across the western region attending the conference to listen and learn, St Peter's has been selected to share about the high impact teaching programs and instructional strategies we have in place and how they have accelerated student learning outcomes. This is a huge honour for our school to be selected to have a member of our leadership team present on the panel. Alex has played a significant role in shaping the Initallit Phonics Program here at St Peter's. Our teachers have worked so hard to learn the program and embed it in classrooms to enhance student learning in Literacy. Thank you Alex for your systemic leadership and for representing our school with pride.
- We wish to share some exciting news with our community, Belinda Harper (Year 3-6 Wellbeing and Learning Diversity Leader) and her husband Matt are expecting a beautiful baby mid this year. Please join us in congratulating Belinda and Matt as they embark on this wonderful journey together. We will keep you informed as to how and when we will fill the role of Year 3-6 Wellbeing and Learning Diversity Leader later next term.

Lastly, with Labour Day on Monday I wish all of our families an enjoyable and safe long weekend.

Best wishes,

Jemma
Principal

Prayer and Reflection

In the words of Pope Francis:

Let us pray that as we journey through this season of Lent we
embrace the opportunity to:

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill our hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so we can listen.

We pray that
our only desire
and our one choice
is to choose
what better leads
to the deepening
of God's life in us.

We ask the lord to guide our decisions today and to bless the
St Peter's Community with His peace, His joy, His love.



Notices and Reminders

Car Parking Challenges

Thank you for your patience with our current parking challenges in and around the school area. The Moonee Valley council has informed us that their carpark works will be complete within four weeks, so we are expecting the carpark next to the East Keilor Sporting Club will be back in use by the 22nd of March.

Despite the inconvenience, we would advise families to **avoid any feedback directed at Council** regarding the carpark, as this is a shared space, the council have voiced that if complaints about the carpark come in, that draws attention to the area and can spark a cause for review of the space with the possibility of adding time restrictions to the site. This would disadvantage both our staff and families in accessing parking close to the school.

School Photos

School Photo Day is approaching on the 18th March. Please ensure your child is dressed in their full summer school uniform and is not late for school, or they risk missing out on being included in their class photos. **Please see page 9 for further information on photos.**

Allergy Action Plans

Where required, it is the responsibility of parents/carers to provide an Action Plan for their child, in consultation with their child's medical practitioner. It is a **legal requirement** for the school to have an up-to-date copy of this plan. There are still some outstanding Action Plans despite various requests and reminders. For the safety of your child, please ensure we have received up-to-date medical plans.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for our Years 3 and 5 students will be held between Wednesday 13 March and Monday 25 March. Please ensure you read the Operoo notice for further information regarding your child's participation.

Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser

Hot Cross Bun order forms were sent home last week, giving an opportunity to purchase an Easter treat for your family and friends whilst contributing to our 2024 fundraising efforts. Please send your completed form back to school no later than Monday 18th March. Total must be paid via EFT with your Child's Surname & Class as your reference. Hot Cross Buns will be distributed on Monday, 25th March.

Chocolate Fundraiser

This week, each family has been given one Cadbury box to sell for our SSP fundraiser. If you would prefer to pay for the chocolates in full, please pay directly into our SSP Bank Account.



Notices and Reminders

Community Spirit Mother's Day Event

On the 17th of May, our parent community is hosting an event to celebrate the Mum's of St Peter's. Please see Operoo note for further information.

Mini Mozarts

Mini Mozarts offers an Instrumental Music Program at St Peter's. Lessons are either shared or in a small group format, classes run during school & after school hours. Enrolments are still available for 2024.

Parent Helpers

We are currently in the process of determining interest for parents who would like to volunteer as helpers at St. Peter's Primary School in Prep - 2 in 2024. Your involvement is valuable to us, and we appreciate your willingness to contribute to our school community. Please pick up a 'Parent Helper Availability Timetable' from the office to fill and hand in by Friday, 8 March.

St Peter's Altar Servers

On Tuesday 5th of March, our St Peter's Altar Servers engaged in a day of spirituality and learning as they continue to serve God and the St Peter's School and Parish Community on the Altar. Guided by Father Anil, Brother Louis and Brother Basil the students learnt more about the meaning of the rituals, actions and responses during the celebration of Mass and shared in a lunch together in the Parish centre. We wish to acknowledge these students for having the courage to respond to God's call and wish them many blessings in this special vocation.



Team Profile

Isabella Frazzetto

Meet our new Grade 3 teacher!



Hello St. Peter's Community!

My name is Isabella Frazzetto, and I am so excited to be a part of this amazing school! I am a classroom teacher and will be working in Year 3. I am so excited to embark on my teaching journey at St. Peter's and look forward to the new learning experiences the year will bring.

I am committed to creating a safe and inclusive environment that values each students' strengths and fosters a love of learning.

Central to my teaching philosophy is building meaningful and positive relationships with the students where all students feel guided and supported in achieving their goals.

Additionally, I will aim to empower students both inside and outside the classroom and encourage them to be active participants in their learning journey.

Outside of work, I enjoy spending my weekends down at the beach with my family and friends, especially in the summer! It is so peaceful and relaxing, and I find it to be my home away from home!

During the year, I will always be watching the AFL (Go Pies!!). I also enjoy staying active by going on runs and going to the gym each morning to prepare me for the day ahead. I love listening to new music and am a big fan of Taylor Swift!

I am so excited to be joining such a welcoming and inclusive learning community. I am looking forward to helping the students grow throughout the year.



Term 1 Calendar

Dates are subject to change. Please check website calendar of events each fortnight for updates

Week	Date	Event
Week One	Wednesday 31 Jan	First day of school Y1-6
Week Two	Wednesday 7 Feb	Prep Testing Day
	Thursday 8 Feb	Whole School Mass at 9.15am
	Thursday 8 Feb	Faith Night
	Friday 9 Feb	Whole School Mass at 9.15am
	Friday 9 Feb	Year 6 ISS at St Martins
Week Three	Monday 12 Feb	Whole School Assembly
	Wednesday 14 Feb	Prep Testing Day
	Wednesday 14 Feb	Ash Wednesday Mass
	Thursday 15 Feb	Grade 2 Incursion
Week Four	Wednesday 21 Feb	Prep Testing Day
	Wednesday 21 Feb	Prep Testing Day
	Thursday 22 Feb	Year 5 & 6 Mass at 9.15am
	Friday 23 Feb	UN WD Social Justice
	Friday 23 Feb	Community Spirit Family Picnic
Week Five	Monday 26 Feb	Buckly District Swimming at Oak Park
	Monday 26 Feb	School Assembly at 2.30pm
	Wednesday 28 Feb	Prep Testing Day
	Thursday 29 Feb	Year 4 Mass at 9.15am
Week Six	Tuesday 5 Mar	St Peter's Open Day #1 from 9.15am
	Wednesday 6 Mar	Year 6 ISS at St Peter's
	Wednesday 6 Mar	Prep Testing Day
	Thursday 7 Mar	St Peter's Open Day #2 from 9.15am
	Thursday 7 Mar	Divisional Swimming Event at Oak Park
	Friday 8 Mar	Year 5KH Parliament Excursion

Term One Calendar

Week	Date	Event
Week Seven	Monday 11 Mar	Labour Day Public Holiday
	Tuesday 12 Mar	St Peter's Open Day #3 from 9.15am
	Tuesday 12 Mar	Student-led Assembly at 2.30pm
	Wednesday 13 Mar	Preps first Wednesday of school (testing complete)
	Wednesday 13 Mar	Naplan begins
	Wednesday 13 Mar	Year 6 Reflection Day
	Thursday 14 Mar	Year 2 Mass at 9.15am
	Friday 15 Mar	Year 6 ISS at OLN
Week Eight	Monday 18 Mar	Year 5AH Parliament Excursion
	Monday 18 Mar	School Photo Day
	Thursday 21 Mar	Year 1 Mass at 9.15am
	Thursday 21 Mar	Harmony Day
	Friday 22 Mar	Year 5ME Parliament Excursion
	Friday 15 Mar	Year 6 ISS at St Peter's
	Friday 15 Mar	St Patrick's Altar Servers Excursion
Week Nine	Monday 25 Mar	P-6 Modern Australia Infusion incursion
	Tuesday 26 Mar	P-6 Multicultural Dance Incursion
	Tuesday 26 Mar	Prep 2025 Enrolments Due
	Wednesday 27 Mar	Whole School Assembly at 9am
	Thursday 28 Mar	Easter Bonnet Parade at 9am
	Thursday 28 Mar	Last day of term, day finishing at 12:00pm

St. Peter's Parish Primary School East Keilor

SchoolPix is coming to photograph on:

Monday, 18 March 2024

ORDER ONLINE AT WWW.SCHOOLPIX.COM.AU



Early Bird orders with free delivery to your school close five working days after your last photography session.

A postage fee will apply for orders placed after this date.

Sibling orders must be placed prior to 8am on Monday, 18 March 2024.



Misplaced your order flyer? Please visit www.schoolpix.com.au and use the student search to find your child's unique ID or contact our Customer Care team on 1300 766 055.

Please note: Cash orders will not be accepted

Community News

"Embark on an exciting journey with our specially designed soccer programs tailored for children on the spectrum, launching on April 14th, 2024! At Beyond The Boundary, we believe in the transformative power of sports and inclusivity, and our Soccer Programs are designed to create a supportive and enjoyable environment for children and families living with autism."

SOCCER PROGRAM

SPECIALLY DESIGNED SOCCER PROGRAMS
TAILORED FOR CHILDREN ON THE SPECTRUM.

Open Day: March 17th

Start Date: April 14th

Age Groups: 4 Years – 11 Years

Time: Every Sunday 9:00AM

5/62 Garden Drive Tullamarine – Indoor Soccer World



PLAYERS WANTED



Winter 2024

u11, u13, u15, u17

Email: keiloreastnetballclub@gmail.com

<https://keiloreastnetballclub.com.au/>



Catholic Regional College North Keilor

Discover

*What Our School
Has to Offer!*

We invite families to join us for an information session with our College Principal Mr Tullio Zavattiero and members of our College Leadership Team to learn about:

- **Our Vision and Mission**
- **Curriculum Offerings**
- **Wellbeing**
- **Enrichment & Immersion Opportunities**
- **The Enrolment Process**
- **Year 7 2026 Enrolment Timeline**



YEAR 7 2026
Information Evening
Wednesday 6 March at 7pm



Our vision

We are a school where every learner can become who God calls them to be.

Our mission

To do this we take the time to know our students, their needs and aspirations. Every student achieves success through a personal pathway. We engage students by differentiating learning and offering a wide range of cultural and faith-based programs and immersions. We equip young people to become peacebuilders

TO OUR SCHOOL!

**Register
Now**

Register online via the
enrolments page on our
College website
crcnk.com.au/enrolment/year-7-2026



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2024 Year of Compassion

*The Golden Rule: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.
[World Religions]*

