



St Peter's Primary Newsletter



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Message from our Principal:

Dear St Peter's Community,

As we reach the end of term one, I want to take a moment to reflect on the journey we have embarked on together since I joined St Peter's as the new Principal earlier this year. It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know this vibrant school community and witnessing the dedication and enthusiasm of our students, staff, and parents.

In these first few months, I've been continually humbled and impressed by the spirit of collaboration and support that defines St Peter's. From our students who demonstrate kindness, curiosity and a thirst for learning to our talented educators who go above and beyond to nurture our students' growth and wellbeing. Furthermore, the commitment of our families who play an integral role in their children's education, it is clear that we share a common goal: to provide the best possible learning environment for every child. We thank God for the blessings bestowed upon our community this term.

Leadership Day:

Last week, our Leadership Team engaged in a professional development day together offsite. The day was inspiring, productive and a great success.

Our topics of exploration included:

- Prayer and reflection: servant leadership as modelled by Jesus
- Personal leadership development: who am I as a leader?
- Team building: what makes an effective leadership team? (measuring our impact using Dr Simon Breakspears 'Empowered Teams: 5 Dimensions Tool')
- School Review: Who do we serve and how are we going? (collecting evidence for the 'Community Sphere Rubric')
- Reflection and feedback: Looking back, moving forward... (What's Working Well (WWW) and Even Better If (EBI) to set goals for term 2 as a Leadership Team.

Creating time and space to ensure we are reflecting on our leadership and the impact we are having is essential for us as a team to serve and support our community to the best of our ability. One of our goals as a leadership team is to be reflective of and purposeful in 'pace setting' for our school community. Everyday we are making decisions, responding to needs and thinking strategically about the school's vision, improvement plan and most importantly the children in our care. To ensure that we are considering all stakeholders, the impact of our decisions, following policies and protocols as well as taking the time required to attend to the human emotions, wellbeing and welfare needs of all in our community we must ensure that we are setting realistic expectations around the time spent on responding to and planning for all that we do. The goal of 'pace setting' is one that we all as a community will continue to be aware of, and work on next term and always. We look forward to collaborating with you all on this.



School Advisory Council (SAC):

Last week, our SAC members met for our first meeting for the 2024 year. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to meet each member of the council to learn about their connection to the school and Parish as well as their hopes and dreams for St Peter's and what we can achieve as a team. I would like to personally thank Brendan Davey (Chair), Mary Lovelock, Patricia Vlahek, Lizzie Pawley, Jennifer Franjic, Maria Minas, Kelly Vandrine, Liam Murphy and Fr Anil for their time, passion and genuine care for our school community. We have a group of people with varied skills and expertise that will make for a strong advisory council to represent the community's voice for the betterment of our school. In our next newsletter addition, one of our SAC members will provide the community with a snapshot of agenda items discussed during our meeting to ensure solid communication between school, families and Parish.

Staffing Announcements:

- Anne Tadinac will be stepping out of one of her many roles being the Director of Learning, Senior School. Anne has been in this role for the past 11 years and played an integral part in leading and shaping the Learning and Teaching philosophy and program at St Peter's. Her contributions and impact have been highly valued. Anne will continue in her roles as Deputy Principal, Daily Operations Manager, Organisational Timetable Manager and now Coach and Mentor to all Directors of Teaching and Learning in the Leadership Team. This decision was made by Anne and is supported by the school for the betterment of our long-term vision as a school and Leadership Team.
- After an internal recruitment process, we would like to congratulate Darcy Ryan on being appointed as St Peter's Director of Learning - Senior school. Darcy will commence in this position as a member of our Leadership Team starting next term, from Monday, 15th April. This is an exciting time for Darcy to be progressing in his career and achieving his ambitions as an aspiring leader. With his wealth of experience and dedication to education, we are confident that Darcy will excel in this role and continue to contribute positively to our school community.
- As a result of Darcy's transition to his new role, there will be a change in teacher for Year 3DR. I am delighted to inform you that Monique Giordmania has been successfully appointed as a full-time teacher at St. Peter's and will be stepping into Darcy's role as the Year 3 classroom teacher for the remainder of the 2024 school year. Monique is a former full time teacher of St Peter's and most recently has been a regular Certified Relief Teacher (CRT) at St Peter's over the past few years. Congratulations to Monique! We are excited to welcome her to the Year 3 team, where I am confident she will make a significant impact on your child's educational journey.
- Stephanie Wood (our Administration Officer) will be supporting St Peter's in an additional role as our Marketing and Media Manager. Steph has a degree in Media Communications and will use her knowledge and skills to support the school in expanding our media and marketing presence in the community.
- Amy Nguyen, one of our wonderful LSOs in Year 2 has been successful in gaining a part time teaching position at Niddrie Autistic School. Amy's love and passion for ABLES Curriculum and working with learners with diverse needs calls to her. She will be working with Grade 2s and 3s. We are so incredibly grateful for the amazing impact Amy has had working at St Peter's for the last 6 years. As a valued member of our staff she will be greatly missed. Amy's official last day will be on Thursday 28th March. We will celebrate her contributions and impact at St Peter's at the Easter Bonnet Parade. Myself, Kristina Cozzi and Belinda Harper are continuing to conduct interviews to fill the LSO position for 2KT. We will keep you updated as this progresses.
- We would like to formally thank Shannon Wigglesworth for her time, contributions and positive impact she has had as an LSO in our learning community. Shannon has formally finished up as an LSO here at St Peter's. We are still blessed to have her with us as she completes her final placement as a student teacher working in Katrina's classroom. We wish her all of the very best during this time under the brilliant mentoring of Katrina. We look forward to watching Shannon continue to grow and shine as an aspiring classroom teacher.

- Last week myself, Kristina Cozzi and Belinda Harper conducted interviews to fill Shannon's LSO position. We would like to share that we have successfully filled the role. Georgia Padula will be joining the St Peter's staff to work in 3AC beginning in term 2. Georgia is currently studying at ACU for a Bachelor of Education and comes to us with a range of experience working with children.

School Drop Off & Pick Up – Child Safety Protocols and Road Safety Regulations:

It has been noted that some children are arriving at school before 8:30am and crossing the street to play on the Overland Reserve Playground on Parkside Avenue. Children are also riding their bikes to school and riding over the humps on the oval across the street. Please understand that the school cannot take responsibility for any unfortunate incidents/injuries that may occur in these areas as these children are not supervised. Supervision of children occurs on school premises from 8:30am (when the gates open).

We continue to observe children playing on the Junior Yard Adventure Playground after school. Although parents may be watching, please note that the adventure playground is out of bounds before and after school. These measures are in place for child safety and legal reasons. We thank you for your co-operation and support in adhering to these guidelines.

We have loved the strong participation in the school's initiative to encourage 'Movement in March' including promoting riding a bike or scooting to school. We are pleased to see students practising safety measures such as wearing a helmet. Students are to be reminded about safety rules such as, moving safely into school by getting off the bike or scooter and walking (not riding) safely through the grounds to the bike rack opposite the library entrance.

As we navigate the bustling traffic around our school grounds during drop-off and pick-up times, I wish to emphasise the importance of road safety and respectful behaviour. Our community's safety is a shared responsibility, and by demonstrating patience and respect, we can create a safer environment for everyone.

First and foremost, please prioritise the safety of all individuals on the road, especially our children. A few reminders to ensure a smooth and safe drop-off and pick-up experience:

- **Follow Traffic Rules:** Obey traffic laws, including speed limits, parking regulations, and designated drop-off zones. These rules are in place to protect everyone.
- **Be Patient:** Traffic congestion during drop-off and pick-up times can be frustrating, but patience is key. Avoid honking excessively or making abrupt manoeuvres that could endanger pedestrians or other vehicles.
- **Respect Crosswalks and Pedestrians:** Always yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and at intersections. Allow them ample time to cross safely, even if it means waiting a few extra moments.
- **Stay Alert:** Keep your attention focused on the road and your surroundings. Avoid distractions such as texting or phone calls while driving through school zones.
- **Model Respectful Behaviour:** Your actions speak volumes to your children and the children in our community. By modelling patience and respect for other drivers, pedestrians, and school staff, we instil these values in the next generation.
- **Use Designated Drop-off Zones:** Utilise designated drop-off and pick-up areas to keep traffic flowing smoothly. Avoid stopping in no-parking zones or blocking entrances/exits.
- **Plan Ahead:** Leave home with plenty of time to spare, especially during peak traffic hours. Planning ahead can help reduce stress and ensure a safer commute for everyone.

- **Report Unsafe or Disrespectful Behaviour:** If you witness any unsafe or disrespectful behaviour on the roads, gather as much information as possible. Note down the date, time, location, and a detailed description of the incident including registration numbers. Reach out to the appropriate local authorities responsible for traffic enforcement and road safety. This may include local law enforcement agencies, traffic management departments, or our school office. Provide them/us with a detailed account of the incident and any evidence you have gathered. By taking proactive steps to report unsafe or disrespectful behaviour on the roads around the school, you contribute to creating a safer environment for students, parents, and the wider community. Your vigilance and commitment to road safety are invaluable in preventing accidents and promoting responsible behaviour on the roads.

Our goal is to create a welcoming and safe environment for all members of our school community. By working together and demonstrating mutual respect on the road, we can achieve this goal effectively.

Final week of term one:

This week St Peter's has been alive and buzzing as the children have engaged in a range of fun activities to celebrate their learning and achievements as well as this spiritual and sacred time in our liturgical year. Our students have absolutely loved participating in our Harmony Day celebrations, Modern Australia Dance Incursion, Book Swap, and Silent Disco today. The smiles on their faces say it all!

We are so looking forward to our Community Easter Bonnet Parade tomorrow morning at 9:00am. We have loved hearing the children share about their creative, innovative and sustainable designs. It will be an absolute joy to gather together as a united community to sing, dance and praise our Lord Jesus Christ! I look forward to seeing you then along with our special surprise visitor!!!



As we approach the Easter holidays, I encourage you to take time for rest, reflection, and renewal. I hope that you find joy in connecting with family and friends, may it be a time of peace and blessings.

I am grateful for the privilege of serving such a vibrant community. Wishing you all a blessed Easter and a restful holiday break. I look forward to seeing all of your smiling faces back here at St Peter's in term 2 - Monday 15th April.

Best wishes,

Jemma



Prayer and Reflection

O Lord Jesus Christ,
as we approach the solemn days of your passion, death, and resurrection,
grant us the grace to enter into this holy season with hearts open to
conversion and renewal.

May we accompany you on the way of the cross,
united with your sufferings and sacrifices for our salvation.

Grant us the courage to face our own crosses,
knowing that through them we are brought closer to you.

As we contemplate your death on the cross,
may we also contemplate the depth of your love for us,
and may we respond with love and gratitude in return.

And as we rejoice in your glorious resurrection,
may we be filled with hope and joy,
knowing that through your victory over sin and death,
we too are given the promise of eternal life.

O Jesus, meek and humble of heart,
make our hearts like unto thine,
that we may be worthy to share in the glory of your resurrection.

Amen.



Notices and Reminders

Thursday 28th March

Last day of Term 1, school closure from 12pm

Important Term 2 Dates

Please take note of two **school closure dates** confirmed for Term 2:

- Friday April 26th (day after ANZAC Day)
- Monday 27th May (professional development/Staff Spirituality Day)

Winter Uniforms

Term 2 marks the return of winter uniform. If weather conditions are warm, we are happy for your child to continue in their Summer uniform for the first few weeks, however full Winter uniform must be worn by the first of May.

Chocolate Fundraiser

Thank you to all the families who have paid for their chocolate goodie box. We truly appreciate your fundraising efforts and congratulate Noah and Beatrice who won the Cadbury raffle. If you have not paid please ensure you complete this over the holidays.



Notices and Reminders

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy for our Years 3 and 5 students is complete. We appreciate your patience in waiting to receive your child's results, which we will not have access to until later in the year.

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.

Term 1 Chess Champions!

Congratulations to all our Chess players for a successful Term 1.

First place

Best & Fairest: Asher Mobilia

Second place

Silver Grasshopper Badge: Joseph Estephan

Third place

Bronze Grasshopper Badge: Pietro Frazzetta



Term Two Calendar

Week	Date	Event
Week 1	Monday 15 Apr	Year 5 Camp at Mt Evelyn (Mon - Wed)
	Tuesday 16 Apr	Y4 Zoo Snooze (Tues Evening to Wed)
	Tuesday 16 Apr	Reconciliation Faith Night (TBC)
	Wednesday 17 Apr	Bishop Terry Visit for Y6
	Saturday 20 Apr	Reconciliation Commitment
Week 2	Monday 22 Apr	Y4 Zoo Snooze (Mon Evening to Tue)
	Monday 22 Apr	School Assembly at 2.30pm
	Tuesday 23 Apr	Y4 Zoo Snooze (Tues Evening to Wed)
	Wednesday 24 Apr	Year 6 ISS at St Peter's
	Thursday 25 Apr	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
	Friday 26 Apr	School Closure Day
Week 3	Tuesday 30 Apr	Y4 Faith Night at 6pm
	Thursday 2 May	Y6 & Prep Mass at 9.15am
	Saturday 4 May	FHC Commitment Mass
Week 4	Tuesday 7 May	Mother's Day Stall
	Wednesday 8 May	TRP in Action Parent Workshop
	Friday 10 May	Year 6 ISS at Buckley Park
	Friday 10 May	Mother's Day - Muffins for Mum
Week 5	Monday 13 May	Y3 Excursion to Chinese Museum
	Wednesday 15 May	Y6 Excursion to Fed Square
	Thursday 16 May	Y4 Mass at 9.15am
	Friday 17 May	Year 6 ISS at OLN
	Friday 17 May	Community Spirit Mother's Day Event
Week 6	Monday 20 May	School Assembly at 2.30pm
	Friday 24 May	ISS at St Peter's
	Friday 24 May	Whole School Mass at 9.15am
Week 7	Monday 27 May	School Closure Day
	Thursday 30 May	Y3 Mass at 9.15am
	Friday 31 May	ISS Football at Keilor Heights

Term Two Calendar

Week	Date	Event
Week 8	Monday 3 Jun	Assembly at 2.30pm
	Friday 7 Jun	Feast of the Sacred Heart Whole School Mass
Week 9	Thursday 13 Jun	Prep Excursion to Collingwood Children's Farm
	Thursday 13 Jun	Y2 Mass at 9.15am
	Friday 14 Jun	Y6 Boys Soccer Gala at Keilor Park at 9am
Week 10	Monday 17 Jun	School Assembly at 2.30pm
	Thursday 20 Jun	Y1 Mass at 9.15am
	Friday 21 Jun	Y6 Girls Soccer Gala at Keilor Park at 9am
Week 11	Friday 28 Jun	St Peter's Day Celebration: Whole School Mass at 9:15am
	Friday 28 Jun	Last day of Term 2



St Peter's Parish

2024 Lenten/Easter Calendar

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – 23/24 March

Normal weekend timetable except no 5.00pm Mass on Palm Sunday
Blessing of the Palms, Procession & Mass

Holy Week

Monday of Holy Week – 25th March – 9.15am – Mass

Tuesday of Holy Week – 26th March – 9.15am – Mass.

Wednesday of Holy Week – 27th March – 9.15am Morning Mass

Holy Thursday – 28th March

7.00pm – Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper.

8.30pm – Altar of Repose & Eucharistic Adoration until midnight

Good Friday – 29th March

10.30 am – Way of the Cross – to be held on oval, weather permitting

11.30am – Rosary & Divine Mercy Novena

3.00pm – Solemn celebration of The Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday – 30th March

5.30pm – Rosary & Divine Mercy Novena

7.00pm – The Easter Vigil Mass – Blessing of Fire, Paschal Candle & Baptismal Water followed by solemn Mass of Easter.



Easter Sunday – 31st March

8.30am Mass

10.00am Rosary & Divine Mercy Novena

10.30am Mass

No 5.00pm Mass on Easter Sunday



Rosary & Divine Mercy Novena Continues Monday, 1st April to Friday 5th April at 7.00pm, followed by Mass (No 9.15am Morning Mass).

Saturday 6th April at 5.30pm – Rosary & Divine Mercy Novena, followed by 6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass.

Sunday 7th April – Divine Mercy Celebration at 1.30pm – Adoration, Confessions, Rosary, Litany & Divine Mercy Chaplet.

3.00pm Holy Mass followed by blessing of the Divine Mercy image. No 5.00pm Mass.



FREE COME AND TRY

Ages: 4-8 years

When: Friday 15th & 22nd March

Time: 5-6pm

Where: Avondale Heights Football Club,
Canning Reserve.

Contact: Peta Clarke 0409 599 373

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2024



FRIDAY NIGHT AUSKICK AT THE HEIGHTS

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12
sessions

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3. Click on 'Avondale Heights Auskick Centre'



Contact: Peta Clarke 0409 599 373

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Time:	9 am - 3 pm
Days	Wednesday 3rd
Available:	▶ Thursday 4th of april
	Friday 5th
Age:	5 - 15 year olds
Price:	\$70 per day per child

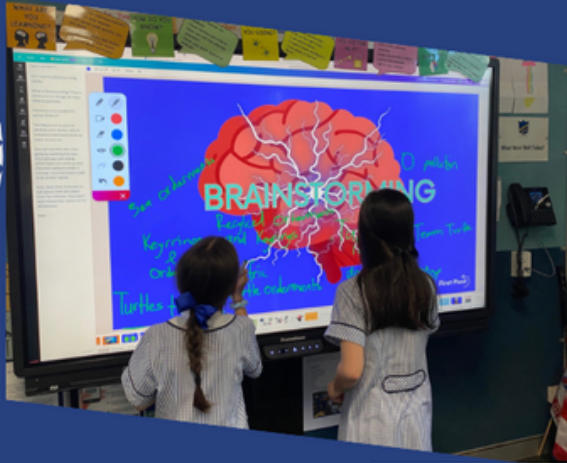


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- Avondale Heights Library
- Year 5 and Year 6 Students



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be introduced to shooting, dribbling, goal
keeping and more. Children get to play lots
of fun, skill based games. Grasshoppers get
introduced to Pint Size 1v1 Big Game!

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INTRO TO MICRO (5-6YO) MICRO (6-8YO)

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soccer players! They'll learn the rules
of the Grasshopper Soccer Big Game
and develop their skills in passing,
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MICRO - 60 MINS \$165 FOR 8 WEEKS**



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CLASS DETAILS - ST PETER'S SCHOOL

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	DATES	COST
Mondays	10.50 - 11.40am	Library	22 Apr to 17 Jun	\$138 per child/per term

"Alex loves chess club and gets very upset if he misses a session. His chess has definitely improved and his teacher, Anita feels that it helps with his math in class in terms of concepts and thinking. Keep up the great work!" Katrina Lambert: Hampton Primary School



Rosehill
Secondary College

YOU'RE INVITED

OPEN EVENING

TUESDAY 23RD APRIL

4.30PM - 7.30PM

TOURS 4-6PM

(LAST TOUR DEPARTS 6PM)

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS 6.45PM