



# St Peter's Primary Newsletter



Issue 4 | Term 2 | April 2024

## Message from our Principal:

Dear St Peter's Community,

We are thrilled to be back together as a community after a wonderful first term. We hope you all had a lovely Easter break with loved ones and feeling rejuvenated and rested! We feel that we have had a positive start to Term 2 with children settling well into their classroom routines.

### Camps:

We have had an exciting start to the term with our Year 5 and Year 4 students enjoying a wonderful camp experience. I was blessed to have the opportunity to go on the Year 5 camp to Mt Evelyn and join in and experience the fun first-hand. Some of the highlights for me as the new school Principal was to see the incredible efforts of our staff on camp and the way in which they go above and beyond for our students. A huge thank you to Anne Tadinac, Belinda Harper, Katrina Hepworth, Marie Evans, Amy Hargreaves, Jake Napoli, Shannan Wrigglesworth and Leila Tadinac for your time, effort, organisation and teamwork!

Furthermore, it brought me great joy to observe our Year 5 students in action. I loved seeing the children embrace new opportunities, step outside their comfort zone, lean into courage and provide encouragement to one another when engaging in activities such as 'The Giant Swing', High Ropes, Bush Bike Riding, Hut Building and more. I was proud of the way our students demonstrated kindness, compassion, empathy, resilience and respect for one another when faced with challenges, during interactions and strengthening friendships.

Our Year 4 students have done an outstanding job embracing their first ever overnight school camp - The Melbourne Zoo Snooze! What an awesome experience to be able to sleep under the stars as a class, enjoying meals together and then exploring our wonderful Melbourne Zoo the following day. The children were buzzing with excitement throughout the experience and have come back to school with many stories to share and learning experiences to connect with which aligns the students' Discovery topic this term. A huge thank you to our St Peter's staff who attend the camp to support the students, learning alongside them and experiencing the wonder and awe our Melbourne Zoo has to offer. Thank you to Elise Monaghan, Kristina Cozzi, Darcy Ryan, Taylor Dicello, Julia Monaghan, Rachel Evans and Lisa Molinaro.



**Confirmation:**

Last Friday we celebrated our amazing Year 6 students as they received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne Terry Curtin assisted by Fr Anil confirmed each student "sealing them with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit". It was a wonderful celebration for our faith community with many people in our parish in attendance. Our Year 6 students stood proudly in their faith with a huge beaming smile on their face, as they continue to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and embrace God's love for them.

A great deal of work and effort goes into these events and into our roles as faith leaders and educators. I wish to give a heartfelt thank you and express my gratitude to the following staff members for all of the work they have done over the past few months to prepare our students for this special milestone and for being incredible spiritual guides and role models to our students on a daily basis - Seona Martin, Anne Tadinac, Belinda Harper, Darcy Ryan, Ellie Smith, Susie Nasta, Jacob Gough, Amanda Riddles, Illona Kennedy, Steph Symington, Fr Anil and the missionary Brothers and Sisters.

Thank you to all of our staff members, family members and Parishioners from St Peter's who attended the Mass to celebrate and bear witness to the spiritual growth and development of our Year 6 students.

**Staffing Announcements:**

We would like to formally welcome Libby Sheedy to our St Peter's staff. Libby started at the beginning of Term 2 as our Student Mental Health Leader. Libby is here with us on Mondays and Tuesdays as part of our Student Wellbeing Team and the new Government Funded Program Mental Health in Primary Schools (MHIPS).

**School Pick Up - Child Safety Protocols:**

We continue to observe children playing on the Junior Yard Adventure Playground after school. Although parents may be watching, please be note that the adventure playground is out of bounds before and after school. These measures are in place for child safe and legal reasons. It is the role of parents to ensure that your child/ren do not play on the equipment after school. We thank you for your cooperation and support in adhering to these guidelines.

We look forward to many wonderful learning experiences and events this term. Our next newsletter will provide information on Capital Building works at St Peter's along with a message from our School Advisory Council.

I hope you and your family enjoy the long weekend and ANZAC Day commemoration celebrations tomorrow. And....GO BOMBERS!

Best wishes,

Jemma

## Prayer and Reflection

God of love and liberty,  
we bring our thanks this day for the peace and security  
we enjoy, which was won for us through the courage  
and devotion of those who gave their lives in time of  
war. We pray that their labour and sacrifice may not be  
in vain, but that their spirit may live on in us and in  
generations to come. That the liberty, truth and justice  
which they sought to preserve may be seen and known  
in all the nations upon earth. This we pray in the name of  
the one who gave his life for the sake of the world, Jesus  
Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



# Notices and Reminders

## **Important Term 2 Dates**

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

- Thursday 25th April (ANZAC Day Public Holiday)
- Friday 26th April (School Closure Day – Staff Development)
- Monday 27th May (School Closure Day – Staff Development)
- Monday 10th June (Monarch’s Official Birthday – Australia Public Holiday)

## **TRP in Action Workshop for Parents and Carers**

Our whole school approach is key to supporting student wellbeing, and this ‘TRP in Action’ Workshop for Parents/Carers is scheduled for the 8th of May from 6:30pm – 7:30pm. The program is designed to connect the classroom to home and provide a consistency and common language which promotes positive wellbeing throughout our community. Further information is provided on pages 8 & 9 of this newsletter. If you are able to join us, please respond to the Operoo notice.

## **Absentee Notices**

At St Peter’s School we are committed to providing your child with an excellent education. The building blocks of a great education begin with all students coming to school each and every day.

If for any reason your child must miss school due to illness or has an appointment that will cause them to arrive late, please **submit an absentee form on Operoo and notify your classroom teacher.**

If your child arrives after the bell when the roll has been completed, they must enter **through the office to sign in.**

## **Chocolate Fundraiser**

We have some returned chocolate boxes from our fundraiser, so if anyone is able to sell more we would be appreciative! Please come to the office if you would like to collect another box or half box.

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## **Feedback Request from Moonee Valley Council**

In Victoria, all Councils conduct Community Satisfaction Surveys annually to understand their community’s needs. Until the 30 April 2024, you can participate in our annual Community Satisfaction survey online to voice your opinion at the link **HERE**.

You asked, and we listened. We’re now making our Community Satisfaction Survey online! If you’re more comfortable sharing your thoughts online, this is right up your alley. The survey is open to both the parents and the young people (aged 12-25) in the community.

This will help us collect a more broad and diverse range of data. You can complete the survey anywhere, anytime.

From libraries to roads to parks and open spaces, the community satisfaction survey is an important opportunity to share your thoughts on our performance, so we can improve our services and better meet your needs.

Please rest assured your details and responses are kept completely confidential.

We can’t wait to hear what you think, and we appreciate you taking the time to assist us with your valuable feedback.

Jump online and **complete the survey** before it closes in April.

If you have questions about the online survey, please don’t hesitate to contact the research team at 9243 8703.

## Team Announcements

Our Grade 1 Teacher Sarah Whelan has had great success participating in the Irish Dancing World championships in Glasgow over holidays, becoming forth time World Champions!

Sarah and her team at Christine Ayres Dance School (which is owned by Sarah's mum) achieved 1st place in mixed Figure 8s and 3rd place in Women's Figure 8s.



Congratulations to our Grade 3 Teacher Julia Monaghan and her fiance Jordy who became engaged over the school holidays.



# 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
	<b>Thursday 25 Apr</b>	<b>ANZAC Day Public Holiday</b>
	<b>Friday 26 Apr</b>	<b>School Closure Day</b>
Week 3	Monday 29 April	School Assembly at 2.30pm
	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	<b>Monday 27 May</b>	<b>School Closure Day</b>
	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	<b>Monday 10 Jun</b>	<b>Monarch's Birthday Public Holiday - School Closure Day</b>
	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



# School Workshop

PRESENTATION FOR PARENTS & CARERS

THE  
RESILIENCE  
PROJECT



## TRP in Action Workshop for Parents & Carers

This presentation is designed to **connect the classroom to home**, providing a **consistency and common language** which promotes positive wellbeing throughout your school community.

**DURATION**  
60 minutes

**FORMAT**  
In-Person Workshop





Salutegenics  
*presents*

# Parent Workshop

## Understanding Resilience

### Sessions

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

7pm – 9pm

(registration, tea/coffee & light supper  
from 6.30pm)

\$65.00

Clocktower Centre  
Moonee Ponds

In this Parent Workshop: **Understanding Resilience**, we will explore the principles of resilience and how we can help our children develop this vital skill; advancing despite adversity.

We will discuss dysregulation, the RESET button, anxiety, and the concept of how brains are shaped by our experiences.

As part of this workshop, you will receive a comprehensive workbook packed with practical strategies and insights, valuable resources to enhance your knowledge and a certificate of attendance upon completion.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to enrich your skills and knowledge.

**Register Now**

*Maria Ruberto is a Psychologist and Founder & Director of Salutegenics.*

*With over 30 years of clinical experience, consultant to [hellodriven.com](http://hellodriven.com), [Beyond Blue](http://Beyond Blue) and [reachout.com](http://reachout.com).*

*Maria is a research partner to Southern Cross University and Swinburne University and co-designer of Resilience First Aid – nationally accredited resilience program*



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psychology  
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### Sessions

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2024

7pm – 9pm

(registration, tea/coffee & light supper  
from 6.30pm)

\$65.00

NEC Hangar  
Tullamarine

**For further information or to register:**

9374 2949

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# Community Notices



REGISTER NOW!  
Online  
[www.chessforschools.com.au](http://www.chessforschools.com.au)

PH 0423 144 682

## SPECIALIZED CHESS COACHING

Since 2002, we have been providing our popular Chess For Schools program in schools throughout Melbourne and Greater Geelong.

We are excited to offer your child the opportunity to participate in our program this term.



"Children love attending Phil's chess classes as he actively fosters their sense of wellbeing and motivation to learn more."

Rob Horwood  
Principal,  
Stella Maris Primary,  
Beaumaris.

## CLASS STRUCTURE

Different lessons are taught each week from a structured syllabus ranging from tactics, strategies, master openings, traps & special moves. After the lesson children are paired up in a fun tournament playoff. Prizes are awarded to the top 3 players at end of term.

### COST

\$138 per child/per term

### TIME

Lunch time  Afterschool

Mon   
Tues   
Wed   
Thurs   
Frid

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STUDENTS LOVE IT!

REGISTER NOW !

### HOW CAN CHESS BENEFIT YOUR CHILD?

- **Educational:** Improved IQ, critical thinking, concentration, analytical skills, memory.
- **Social:** Develop new friendships, social interaction skills, sportsmanship.
- **Emotional:** Confidence, self esteem, resilience through winning/losing games.

### HOW CAN YOUR CHILD'S CHESS BENEFIT YOU?

- Seeing your child's character develop through the many benefits of chess.
- Fantastic quality time for Parent/Child.
- The gift of giving your child a unique new skill they have for life.

**REGISTER & PAY ONLINE:**

**[www.chessforschools.com.au](http://www.chessforschools.com.au)**

*"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*

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## REGISTER NOW FOR ST BERNARD'S SEASON 2024

### GIRLS & BOYS U/9-U/16



USE QR CODE TO REGISTER



**Included in your registration:**

- Training Top
- Personalised drink bottle
- Friday night dinners after training
- Weekly player awards



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<b>PREMIER</b> For boys and girls aged 9 - 11 years	<b>HOLIDAYS</b> Exciting school holiday programs	<b>BIRTHDAYS</b> Soccer themed birthday parties

## REGISTER NOW

LOCATIONS:

Williamstown Primary School &  
Essendon Keilor College &  
Ardeer Primary School &  
Ascot Vale West Primary School

