

St Peter's Primary Newsletter



Issue 5 | Term 2 | May 2024

Message from our Principal:

Dear St Peter's Community,

The past couple of weeks have been an absolute joy for me to be hosting our 'Prep 2025 Enrolment Conversations' as part of the enrolment process. It has been a wonderful opportunity to build relationships with existing families and new families. The feedback received from families about our school is such a 'bucket filler'. Our community should be extremely proud of its reputation for being a welcoming, faith-filled, vibrant and high performing school. I look forward to continuing these conversations with families over the coming weeks.

I have thoroughly enjoyed being able to engage in classroom visits to engage in the learning process with our students and staff. As part of the school's Annual Action Plan, our staff continue to enhance their skills in implementing High Impact Teaching
Strategies
to deliver curriculum and target student needs. Working alongside the students at St Peter's and observing them engaged, questioning, problem solving, taking risks with their learning, working interdependently and progressing on their own personal learning journey is a privilege. We are incredibly proud of the growth and development of our students at this stage of the year.



Staffing Announcements:

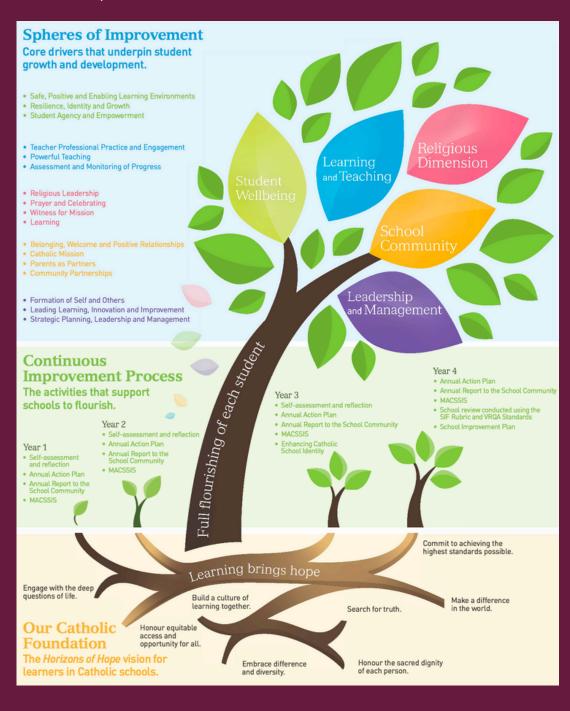
- After 8 years of service and dedication to St Peter's and Catholic Education, we will be
 farewelling Belinda McPherson our Bursar/Office Manager. Belinda has loved her time
 at St Peter's and being a part of our wonderful school community. She now looks
 forward to some Long Service Leave followed by other life pursuits. We wish her all the
 best as she embarks on this next chapter in her life.
- We wish to congratulate Anna Will on her appointment as our new Bursar/Office Manager. Anna begins at St Peter's in mid June. She comes to us with extensive knowledge and experience working in finance and within schools in our Catholic education system. I am sure you will join me in welcoming Anna into our school community.
- We are pleased to announce that we have fulfilled the position of Learning Support
 Officer in Year 2KT. Welcome to Frances Loprevite on her successful appointment.
 Frances comes to us with experience working in a Catholic primary school supporting
 students with wellbeing and diverse learning needs. She is passionate about creating a
 safe and nurturing learning environment for young children. I am sure you will join me
 in welcoming Frances into our school community.

School Closure Day - Monday 27th May - Staff Professional Development Day:

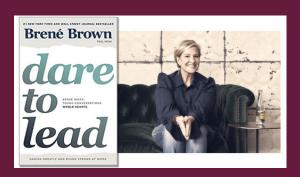
Next week, our whole staff will engage in a professional development day together offsite at St Bernard's College in Essendon. St Bernard's has kindly offered their facilities to host our day in the Pavilion and the Auditorium. We are excited to continue to strengthen our relationship with St Bernard's as one of our feeder schools.

The day will include two major focus areas:

1. <u>School Review</u>: Together we will engage in the staff 'self-assessment' stage of the school review being conducted this year. We will be analysing evidence and data collected by the school and community over the past 5 years to assess our performance in five different areas of a school. These are called the 'Five Spheres' in the School Improvement Framework (SIF): *Religious Dimension, Leadership & Management, Learning & Teaching, Student Wellbeing and School community.* The five spheres in the SIF are the core drivers that support student growth and development and, therefore, continuous school improvement. Our school reviewer will be visiting the school in term 3. We will keep you updated about this process.



2. Personal and professional growth and development / faith formation (the beginning of a 2 year program): As part of our Annual Action Plan improvement priorities we will be continuing our work in strengthening the Catholic identity of our school in dialogue with faith, life and culture. It is our aim to continue to enhance our practices of prayer and engagement with scripture as a staff and with our students and families. Furthermore, our staff will be introduced to the work of social researcher Dr Brené Brown. Brené is best known for her study and research on vulnerability. As a staff, we will be engaging in a two year program to develop the four courage building skills of: 'rumbling with vulnerability', 'living into our values', 'BRAVING trust' and 'rising strong' (resilience).





Capital Works:

• Carpark:

The school continues to work with the Parish to design an upgrade of our shared car park facilities inline with WorkSafe recommendations.

As part of the car park redevelopment, there will be changes made to enhance the security and safety of our students and staff including a 'School Entry' access point. We will keep you updated with these important developments as the scope and concept is finalised.

• Senior Build:

Our project team continues to work closely with MACS Infrastructure and Capital works teams to progress with this project inline with the school's growing enrolments and facility improvement needs and desires to continue to enhance the learning experience for our students. We will provide families with another update once further progress is made.

Child Safe Measures:

Please ensure you take the time to read through the 'Important Notices and Reminders' section in our school newsletter. This section highlights important information and updates in our school particularly around child safe measures. It is essential that we work together to meet compliance requirements and most importantly that we maintain a safe and positive learning environment for all in our community.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership, we look forward to the second half of term two.

Best wishes,

Jemma

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE PROGRAM

KEILOR EAST (30MA)

We have some exciting news! We are thrilled to announce that we will be upgrading our school technology to better meet the needs of our future-focused learning strategy.

In today's radiply evolving world, it is crucial for our students to have access to the lastest technology to enhance their learning experience and provide them with opportunities to prepare them for the future.

With this upgrade, we aim to provide our students with state-of-the-art tools and resources that will empower them to thrive in an increasingly digital world.

The upgrades to digital technology include:

- New 360 Spin Chromebook devices (Years Prep to 6, one-to-one, meaning one allocated device for every St Peter's student). Features including; touchscreen, stylist pen, dual cameras, WiFi 6 for fast connectivity and more
- 2. One pair of Verbatim Urban Sound Volume Headphones per student
- 3. Chrome Education Upgrade Chromebook licence
- 4. Whole school Wireless Upgrade
- 5. Revolution Wall Cabinets for device storage and security
- 6. Apple TVs in each classroom for students to Chromecast and share/spotlight student work
- 7. An upgrade of devices every 4 years, minimising our repairs and maintenance costs as well as ensuring our students have access to the lastest devices and software.

In consultation with the School Advisory Council, St Peter's will enact changes to our school fees starting in 2025, to support the digital technologies upgrade. After reviewing our current budget, the school has identified that our swimming program levy for families has had a large increase over the years rising to \$90.00 per student per year for a two week intensive swimming program. In addition, the school outlays significant costs to fund the buses to and from East Keilor Leisure Centre for seven year levels over two weeks.

We have decided that we will be changing our school swimming program and levy fees starting in 2025. As part of this change, the school will be:

- Providing (dry) water safety incursions for junior and middle year students through <u>Life Saving Education Victoria Classroom Program</u>. In senior school, the school will fund an excursion offsite for sudents to engage in the <u>Tullamarine Urbn Surf Water Safety Program</u> for a 1 day learning experience. These requirements meet Victorian Curriculum Standards for our school and our ability to meet the standards with our budget and facilities. Furthermore, <u>research</u> highlights that short intensive swimming programs at school should <u>not be</u> relied upon to teach young children to swim. Regular weekly swimming programs prove to be most effective for children to maintain swimming and water safety skills.
- Removing the \$90.00 swimming levy fee per student per year. The school will cover the cost of the school swimming program changes noted above.
- Increasing the current IT levy fee by \$100.00 (from \$50.00 per child per year to \$150.00 per child per year). ***This change results in a net increase of \$10.00 per child per year.

The IT levy does not cover the total cost of the upgrade in technology. The school is investing a proportion of the cost to support families and maximise student outcomes.

We are confident that these upgrades will greatly enrich the learning experience of our students and help prepare them for success now and in the future.

We will keep you informed about this exciting new initiative. Your support is greatly appreciated as we work together to provide the best possible education for our students.







Important Notices and Reminders

Important Term 2 Dates:

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

- Monday 27th May (School Closure Day Staff Development)
- Monday 10th June (Monarch's Official Birthday Australia Public Holiday)

Passtab - Child Safe Measures:

- As part of our 'Digital Technology Upgrade Program', we are upgrading our school wireless which will in turn fix the school's current issue with printing visitor stickers after signing in at the school office. All visitors to the school must sign in using the 'Passtab' application on the iPads located in our front office. All visitors are mandated to wear the 'visitors' sticker which prints after signing in. Identification of visitors for our students and staff creates a safe and secure environment.
- If arriving late or leaving early, all students must be signed in or out of the school using the 'Passtab' application. This is a legal requirement which ensures the safety of our students inline with our duty of care. As part of this requirement, the school must have a written record of the student's name, grade, date, time, reason for late arrival or dismissal and parent signature which signifies when the child is in our care or out of our care.*Please note, if you are unfamiliar to our staff at our administration office you may be asked to show photo identification.
- We have enjoyed having lots of family engagement in the life of our school in the form of parent helpers. In recent weeks this has included excursions, classroom support and our Mother's Day Stall. Kindly ensure that your Working With Children Check (WWCC) is current to enable you to join us at school.
- In the case of a change in who is picking up your child, please call the school office to ensure a staff member receives the notification. You will then be directed to follow up your verbal request with a written email outlining the full name of the child/ren and grade as well as the full name of the designated person for pick up. This is a child safe and legal requirement as we have a responsibility as a school and duty of care for all students.

<u>Absentee Notices - Child Safe Measures:</u>

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 child's classroom teacher via email**.

If your child arrives after the bell when the roll has been completed, they must enter **through the office to sign in with a parent.** It is a legal requirement that we have a signature, date and time which signifies when the child is in our care.

Prayer and Reflection

May is traditionally dedicated to Mary, Mother of God. During this month we honour Mary and seek her prayers for the world. "For all those who have no peace, let us invoke Mary, the woman who brought into the world the Prince of Peace."



Guide us with your gentle hand, and protect us with your loving gaze. Help us to follow your example of faith, and lead us closer to your Son, Jesus.

May your pure and motherly love inspire us to live with grace and humility.
Intercede for us in our needs, and bring peace to our hearts and homes.

Mother's Day Stall Reflection - Tuesday 7th May 2024

On behalf of Cheryl Estephan & Yasmine Pateras (Mothers Day stall co-captains) and St Peter's School, we wanted to express our sincere gratitude & heartfelt thanks to all the wonderful mums who took time out of their busy schedules to work on the Mother's Day stall this year.

Your hard work ensured that all the children had the opportunity to choose a special gift for their mums, grandmothers, aunties & special women in their lives. We sincerely appreciate you all donating your time to help us to make the day a success and put smiles on the faces of all the beautiful children when they were buying their gifts. We could not have done it without you all and we hope you all had a wonderful day - we know we did! Hope to see you all back there next year!

Many thanks to Sandra Dumic, Taryn Saxionis, Rosanna Filippone, Belinda Adornetto, Felina Theberge, Bianca Rattray, Donna Zanella, Franca Luppino, Elisha Pantea, Lydia Franco-Gagliardi, Melanie Zanetti, Maria Minas, Anita Huynh Edens, Laura Saunders, Sandra Lipsia, Veronica Williams, Sandra Liberatore & Rosie Pratt.



Thank you

Mother's Day Stall Reflection - Tuesday 7th May 2024

On behalf of the St Peter's school community, we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the local businesses and St Peter's families, for their generous donation of vouchers & gifts to our recent Mother's Day raffle.

Your generosity allowed us to make up these beautiful hampers for some of our lucky mums and the raffle was a great success raising close to \$600 for our wonderful school. We had some very happy winners taking home hampers to their beautiful Mum's.

The winners this year were:

Jacob S - 5ME, Sofia E - Prep ZT, Grace P - 1TK, Stella H - 6IK, Leo B - 2SC

Thank you to Beauty on Rose, One by One, The Body Shop (thanks to Felina Theberge for organising), Rosemary Tomolo (North Western Osteopathic Clinic), Lauren & Paul Bartolo (MBC Accountants & Business Direction), Jennifer Sakic (Balloon Emporium Co), Danielle Farfalla (21 Norwood Cafe), Jessica O'Neil (Sole Podiatry), Natasha Hallock (Coco Fleur), Ilana Kennedy (i appreciate me), Sandra Liberatore (Nails by Sandra) & the Pawley family for some beautiful gifts handmade by their grandmother.

We are incredibly fortunate to have the support of such wonderful local businesses!

Thank you once again!







Cross Country - Thursday 9th May 2024





On Thursday on the 9th of May the Buckley District cross-country was held at Brimbank Park. First of all, we want to congratulate all the students who participated in the event. We would also like to give a big shoutout to all the students who have successfully made it through to the next round of Divisionals. This will be held on Wednesday 29th of May.

The students that made it through are: Lily K,
Maddie K, Adam
M, Alessandro M, Alex M, Hamish K and Isabel F.

Well done to all the students who participated in the crosscountry event and good luck to those who will be running on the 29th of May. Go St Peters!

Written by St Peter's Sport Captains

Mini Vinnies Fundraiser - Tuesday 21st May 2024

We are so proud of the Mini Vinnies Team at St Peter's and the student-led initiative they recently hosted.

Our Mini Vinnies Team demonstrated agency when recently leading an initiative to raise funds for the Royal Children's hospital including wearing a splash of green because 'green' is the colour of healing.

On Tuesday 21st May, the Mini Vinnies Team ran lunchtime games for all our St Peter's students including: three legged races, sit down volleyball, charades and a blindfolded obstacle course. Keeping to the theme of hospitals, the Mini Vinnies Team set up a 'Guess the Number of Jellybeans in the Jar' competition which was won by Sebastian M in 4RE who guessed 662!

The smiles on our students' faces demonstrated the fun that was had.

Furthermore, our students and Mini Vinnies Team are extremely proud to be taking action on raising awareness about important matters and making a difference to others in our community.

Our Mini Vinnies Team are proud to announce that through the generosity of our students and families who donated a gold coin, a total of \$1,100 was raised! We pray that these funds can support the Royal Children's Hospital in continuing to support and heal children in their care.



Team Profile

LIBBY SHEEDY

Meet our new MHiPS Leader!

(Mental Health in Primary Schools)



Hi St Peter's Community!

My name is Libby Sheedy. My role at St Peter's is: MHiPS Leader (Mental Health in Primary Schools).

I am passionate about wellbeing and supporting all in my role at St Peter's.

Part of my role is to:

- build capacity for the whole school in the area of mental health and wellbeing –
 'identify, promote and prevent'.
- provide support to staff to better identify and support students with mental health needs.
- establish clear pathways for referral for students requiring assessment and intervention as well as monitor and evaluate student pathways.

I look forward to meeting many of you and welcome you to contact me if you need any assistance in this area. If you would like to set up a 15-20min face-to-face apoointment, I would love to schedule this with you. Please email me at:

| Isheedy@spkeiloreast.catholic.edu.au|

I highly recommend families connect with the 'raisingchildren.net.au' network. Great parenting podcasts and many general questions can be addressed here.

I am very excited to be a part of the St Peter's community!

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 Committment
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	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
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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 8	Monday 3 Jun	Assembly at 2.30pm
	Friday 7 Jun	Feast of the Sacred Heart Whole School Mass
Week 9	Monday 10 Jun	Monarch's Birthday Public Holiday - School Closure Day
	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



Supporting Learning at Home



Using Visual Schedules at Home

Visual schedules can be incredibly beneficial for children, especially when it comes to supporting their daily routines. A visual schedule is made up of pictures or words showing a sequence of events to be completed. It could be a schedule for getting ready for school in the morning, completing after school activities, like homework and swimming lessons, or a weekly schedule showing what will happen across the week. There are several advantages to using a visual schedule in your home:

1) Independence:

- Visuals schedules provide a clear, predicable structure for children. If a child uses a visual schedule, then they know what is required of them. A child who can see that they need to get dressed, eat breakfast and brush their teeth is more likely to start to do these things independently.
- Visual schedules may provide children with a sense of autonomy and responsibility. They can start to follow the sequence of events without you having to keep reminding them.

2) Predictability

Children are more settled if they know what is going to happen and when it will happen. A visual
schedule allows a child to know what to expect during the timeframe and what will happen next.

3) Flexibility

 The advantage of visual schedules is that they can change each day. For example, if a child has swimming on a Tuesday afternoon, or a playdate on a Friday, then these can be added to the schedule so that the child can mentally prepare for the event.

4) Language and literacy development

Children will learn concepts such as 'later, first, next, last' during your discussions about the
visual schedule. If you add words to the pictures you use on your schedule, children may begin to
recognise these words and start to use them independently.

Visual schedules can be created at home by:

- Using pictures, drawings, or electronic devices to represent each step of a routine or activity.
- Placing visuals in a particular order to show the entire routine or the order in which steps/tasks need to be completed.
- Supporting your child to use and understand the visual schedule, before gradually reducing your assistance so they can independently use and follow their visual schedule.

Visual schedules can be as complex or as simple as your child and your family needs them to be. They can add stability to your everyday life, even when you feel like you are rushing around!

References

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Community Notices

Keilor Park SC are excited to extend an invitation to students at your to participate in their upcoming Go Girls Soccer Program for Term 2, tailored specifically for girls aged 9 to 15 years.

In recent years, we've witnessed a remarkable surge in female participation in soccer, notably inspired by the success of the Matildas in the World Cup. Building on this momentum, we are delighted to announce the return of our Go Girls program, aimed at providing an inclusive and empowering environment for young girls to explore the beautiful game of football.

The program is designed to cater to all skill levels, from beginners to seasoned players. We provide a supportive and social atmosphere where participants can hone their skills, build confidence, and forge lasting friendships.

We believe that sports play a vital role in the holistic development of young individuals, fostering teamwork, discipline, and a healthy lifestyle. By joining our program, your students will not only gain valuable skills on the field but also cultivate important life lessons that will serve them well beyond the soccer pitch.

Register for the Keilor Cup: https://keilorparksc.com.au/keilorcup/

www.keilorparksc.com.au
Keilor Park Recreation Reserve
Stadium Drive, Keilor Park VIC 3042



Community Notices



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GRADE 5 IMMERSION PROGRAM

CRCNK are running a Grade 5 Immersion Program throughout Terms 1-3. Students engage directly with our inspiring staff and our Year 10 student leaders for an exciting & fun hands-on Immersion program.

From interactive projects to collaborative activities, this unique experience provides Grade 5 students with an opportunity to explore high school subjects in a safe and supportive environment and gain invaluable insight into what student life is like at CRCNK.

- Sessions run from 3:45pm 5pm
- Students are required to attend in their school uniform
- A parent/carer is required to attend for the duration of each session and are invited to attend presentations by members of our Leadership Team.

Each program will run on a Thursday after school for 3 consecutive weeks. The dates for the Term 3 programs are as follows -

Term 3: Thursday 18 July, 25 July & 1 August

Thursday 15 August, Thursday 22 August & Thursday 29 August

Students will be required to attend all 3 sessions in one program. Places are limited so register online via our College website using the link below. Registration will open on Monday 27 May at 9 am.











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Katrina lambert: Hampton Primary School

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Salutegenics presents

Parent Workshop Understanding Resilience

Sessions

Monday 13th May 2024 Monday 3rd 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, Beyond Blue and 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



Sessions

Tuesday 14th May 2024 Tuesday 18th June 2024

7pm – 9pm

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

\$65.00

NEC Hangar Tullamarine

For further information or to register:

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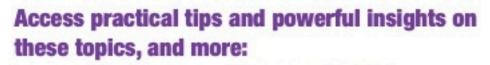
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