



St Peter's Primary Newsletter



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Message from our Principal:

Dear Families,

We have had a wonderful beginning to term 4 in 2024. We are proud of our students for developing the habit of remembering to bring and wear their hat and sunscreen to practise sun safety in term 4. We have many exciting events and learning experiences planned for term 4 which we look forward to engaging in with our students and community.

School Review – Dialogue and Engagement Day:

Our Executive Team met with Leslie Tulloch to engage in dialogue about our 'Draft' School Review Report for 2024. We were very proud of the achievements and progress St Peter's has made over the past five years. Leslie will now finalise the report and share this with us in the coming weeks. We will then share this with staff and our School Advisory Board to read, analyse and celebrate St Peter's as a high performing school. Our next steps are to look ahead to our future recommendations and opportunities for maintaining and nurturing our great practices as well as introducing new initiatives to improve other areas in our school. Our Executive Team will engage in two 'School Improvement Planning' workshop days offsite at the Moonee Ponds office with Rosa Wilkinson and other MACS representatives in week 7 of this term (20th and 21st Nov). With this team and the findings from the report, we will co-construct our school improvement priorities to work towards in 2025 to 2028. We will share this '2025 – 2028 St Peter's School Improvement Plan' with our school community at the beginning of 2025.

We wish to thank all of our staff, students and families for engaging in our school review process to provide your insights, voice and feedback. We look forward to the journey ahead as we work together to bring the best possible education and learning environment to the children in our care.

Exciting Announcements and Celebrations:

New Specialist Classes at St Peter's

We are excited to announce some changes to our specialist classes at St Peter's beginning in 2025. As part of our ongoing efforts to provide the best educational experience for our students, we will be introducing two new specialist subjects for all year levels, from Prep to Year 6: STEM for Sustainability and Visual Arts.





STEM for Sustainability will focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, encouraging students to think creatively and critically about sustainable practices while also incorporating faith links as we learn to be stewards of God's creation.

Visual Arts will provide a creative environment for students to explore and express themselves through various art forms, offering an opportunity to develop their artistic skills.

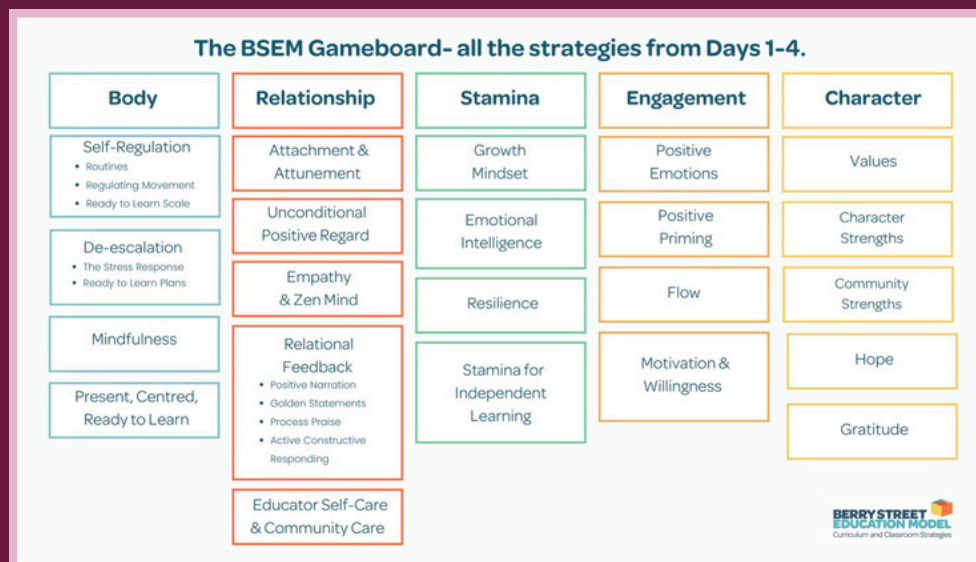
As we make these changes, 'Resilience Project Social and Emotional Learning' will no longer be a specialist subject for Years 3 to 6, and 'Library Learning' will be removed as a specialist subject for Prep to Year 2. We believe these new subjects will enrich our students' learning experiences and better prepare them for the future. We are advertising for these new specialist teachers internally. We look forward to announcing who is successfully appointed in these positions and providing more information to our learning community about what these subjects will offer our students.

To summarise, the specialist classes that will be offered to students from Prep to 6 at St Peter's in 2025 include:

1. Physical Education
2. L.O.T.E (Japanese language and culture)
3. Performing Arts
4. Visual Arts (*new)
5. STEM for Sustainability (*new)

New Wellbeing program and data collection at St Peter's

We are excited to share some important improvements to our Social Emotional Learning (SEL) strategies and Wellbeing program at St Peter's. Over the past two years, The Resilience Project has helped our students develop gratitude, empathy, and mindfulness. Building on this, we will enhance our SEL approach by implementing the Berry Street Education Model (BSEM) and integrating the Pulse platform. For more information on these updates, please refer to the detailed section later in this newsletter.



Wedding bells

We wish to congratulate our Year 2 classroom teacher, **Mariah Theophylactou** (Miss Theo) and her partner Adrian on their wedding celebrations late last term. Mariah and Adrian had a wonderful day celebrating their love with family and friends. The smiles on their faces say it all! Mariah kindly shared the photo displayed on the right so that we as a community can share in the celebrations.



We are thrilled to share the joyous news that our PE teacher **Jake Napoli** and his partner Maddison are to be wed on Friday 15th November. Please join us in extending our heartfelt congratulations and prayers for a blessed and joyous union. May their marriage be filled with love, happiness, and God's abundant blessings.

I am excited to share some wonderful personal news with all of you. **I will be taking Long Service Leave from November 25th to December 13th at the end of this term as I will be getting married to my fiancé, Jack.** Following our wedding, we will be enjoying our honeymoon together. **During my absence, Anne Tadinac will be in the Acting Principal role to ensure that the school continues to run smoothly.** Thank you all for your understanding and support. I look forward to returning with many happy memories and ending the year with our school community on our final school days for 2024.

We have many exciting events and learning experiences planned for our students and community in term 4. Please see our 'Term 4' calendar in this newsletter for more information and dates.

We look forward to a positive, fun-filled term ahead.

Best wishes,

Jemma

St Peter's Staff Updates



Congratulations to **Alex Mulkearns** for her successful appointment to continue in the role of Director of Learning (Junior) in 2025 – 2027. Alex has demonstrated exceptional leadership in this role directly impacting student and staff growth and development as well as leading school improvement initiatives that have resulted in positive and meaningful change. We are blessed to have such an incredible educator and leader as part of our executive team and learning community at St Peter's.



Jacob Gough, our current Year 6JG classroom teacher, has been successfully appointed as the MHiPS (Mental Health in Primary Schools) Leader at St Peter's Apostle, Hoppers Crossing, beginning in 2025. After 6 wonderful years at St Peter's, Jacob will leave a lasting impact on students, families and our staff. Whilst it will be sad to say goodbye, we are so excited for Jacob as he takes on this new role in an area in which he is greatly passionate about and undoubtedly will be very successful in. The St Peter's Apostle learning community are blessed to have Jacob join their team next year. We wish Jacob all the best in 2025 and beyond.



Tiana Karlusic, our current Year 1TK classroom teacher, is embarking on an exciting new adventure at the end of this year. Tiana will be moving to Perth (a dream come true for her) to enjoy the Perth lifestyle whilst teaching at a new school. Tiana has been successful in receiving a junior school classroom teaching position at Corpus Christi. We have been blessed to have Tiana teaching at St Peter's for 3 years. Her impact and contribution to enhancing student outcomes and building strong relationships within our school community have been significant and will be greatly missed. A bittersweet time as we wish Tiana all the very best as she leans into courage and begins this new chapter in 2025.

St Peter's Staff Updates



Naomi Osbourne has returned from maternity leave this term. Naomi will be resuming her position as 'L.O.T.E Japanese Specialist Teacher' for our junior school students two days a week. Naomi is very excited to be back working at St Peter's seeing familiar faces and eager to build relationships with new students and staff.



Congratulations to **Samantha (Sam) Douras** on her successful appointment as a classroom teacher at St Peter's to begin in 2025. Sam will be replacing the vacant classroom teaching position from when Shannon Scanlon was successful in her appointment of DOL (Middle). We look forward to welcoming Sam to the St Peter's learning community.

After years of teaching in the Catholic education system with many wonderful years spent at St Peter's both **Sonia Sarpa** and **Deb Pollard** will be entering into retirement. Both Sonia and Deb have made significant contributions to our community inspiring students, colleagues and families. We are deeply grateful for their commitment and passion for teaching and learning. Please join us in wishing Sonia and Deb a happy and fulfilling retirement.



New Wellbeing Initiatives at St Peter's

We are excited to share with you some important improvements to our social-emotional learning (SEL) strategies at St Peter's. Over the past two years, we have successfully implemented The Resilience Project, which has helped strengthen our students' ability to show gratitude, empathy, and mindfulness. This program has begun to create a consistent language and a whole-school approach centred on building positive emotions and emotional literacy. To continue building on this strong foundation, we have critically reviewed our SEL programs and identified opportunities for growth. We understand the need to equip our entire community—students, staff, and parents—to best support the social and emotional needs of our students, particularly in today's ever-changing world.

As a result, we are excited to introduce enhancements to our SEL approach implementing the [Berry Street Education Model](#) and the integration of the [Pulse](#) platform to support students' self-regulation, relationships and wellbeing to increase student engagement and significantly improve academic achievement.

It will focus on:

- Building staff competencies to ensure they feel confident and equipped to support students.
- Consistency across our whole school community so that every child receives the same level of support and care.
- Providing evidence-based lessons tailored to each year level for proven impact.

Incorporating the Berry Street Education Model will build on the positive culture we've already established by emphasising safety, growth, and hope for all students. This model will further enhance our efforts to create an environment where every student feels safe, valued and supported.

To better support our students' wellbeing, we will implement Pulse; a data collection tool designed for quick, easy, and fun weekly check-ins.

This platform allows students to reflect on their social, emotional, and physical wellbeing by answering evidence-based questions in just 60 seconds each week. Key features include:

- Safe and accessible check-ins that foster a positive and supportive school culture.
- Rapid intervention capabilities to connect vulnerable students with trusted adults when they need help.
- An engaging and student-friendly approach that ensures all students, even those who may not speak up, have a voice.

We believe these improvements will help us continue to provide a supportive and nurturing environment for our students. We look forward to collaborating with you as we implement these new strategies, and we appreciate your ongoing support.

Term Four – 2024 Calendar

Week	Date	Event
Week 1	Monday 7 October	Term 4 Commences
Week 2	Monday 14 Oct	Year 4 Incursion
	Tuesday 15 Oct	School Photos – Graduation and groups
	Thursday 17 Oct	Year 2 Mass at 9:15am
Week 3	Monday 21 Oct	Year 6 Camp: 21 Oct to 24 Oct
	Monday 21 Oct	School Assembly at 2:30pm
	Thursday 24 Oct	Day for Daniel' – Child Safety Education & Awareness Day
Week 4	Tuesday 29 Oct	First Reconciliation at 5:30pm
	Friday 1 Nov	Feast of All Saints Whole School Mass at 9:15am
Week 5	Monday 4 Nov	School Closure Day – Report Writing and Assessment Moderation
	Tuesday 5 Nov	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
	Wednesday 6 Nov	School Closure Day – Professional Learning
	Thursday 7 Nov	Year 6 & Prep Mass at 9:15am
	Friday 8 Nov	Prep – 2 Junior Athletics Carnival
Week 6	Tuesday 12 Nov	Prep 2025 Transition Session 1 at 9:15am
	Thursday 14 Nov	Year 5 Mass at 9:15am
Week 7	Monday 18 Nov	Prep 2025 Transition Session 2 at 9:15am
	Monday 18 Nov	School Assembly at 2:30pm
Week 8	Tuesday 26 Nov	Prep 2025 Transition Session 3 at 9:15am
	Tuesday 26 Nov	Prep 2025 Transition Expo & Family Connection at 10:15am
	Thursday 28 Nov	Mini Mozarts End of Year Concert Performance at 3:30pm
Week 9	Monday 2nd Dec	St Peter's Fun Run
	Monday 2nd Dec	School Assembly at 2:30pm
	Friday 6th Dec	Advent Story at 2:30pm
Week 10	Thursday 12 Dec	Year 3 Mass at 9:15am
	Thursday 12 Dec	Graduation Mass at 5:00pm
	Friday 13 Dec	Year 3 to 6 Athletic Carnival

Term Four – 2024 Calendar

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Week 11	Monday 16 Dec	Step Up Day
	Tuesday 17 Dec	End of School Mass at 9:15am
	Tuesday 17 Dec	Last Day of Term 4 – 12:00pm dismissal

St Peter's Staff Spirituality and Professional Learning Day – Term 4 – 6th Nov 2024



Dare To Lead

St Peter's, Keilor East

Phase Two:

Wednesday 6th November, 2024

'St Peter's Dare to Lead Road Map' indicates that participants should read up to page 165 of the Dare to Lead book by November 5th 2024. This section of the book focuses on the first courage building skill - 'Rumbling with Vulnerability'.

On November 6th 2024, the staff will be invited to engage in a whole-staff professional development day with a focus on the first courage building skill.

Rumbling with Vulnerability

On this day, staff are expected to bring the follow materials that were provided for the program:

- Dare to Lead book
- Read-Along Workbook
- Individual 'Daring Leadership Assessment' results
- NRSV Bible and prayer journal

As a collective, we will engage with the theory, read-along workbook and practical hands on and reflective activities to **learn how to raise our awareness to our emotions and face risk, uncertainty and tough conversations with courage, clarity and empathy**. Furthermore, we will draw on our Catholic faith and relationship with God to deepen our understandings of what it means to 'rumble with vulnerability'. Through engagement with scripture and collective prayer we will aim to continue strengthening our Catholic identity as a school in dialogue with faith, life and culture.

Community Notices

Airport Saints Netball Club

Register for Grading U13, 15, 17 and 21s Autumn Season 2025

Sunday 20th and 27th October, 2025

@ 27-31 Bowes Ave, Airport West Netball Courts

13s- 3-4pm

15s-4-5pm

17s & 21s 5-6pm

5-11yrs olds come down to Training/ Registration Day
27th Nov, 2025 from 4.30pm

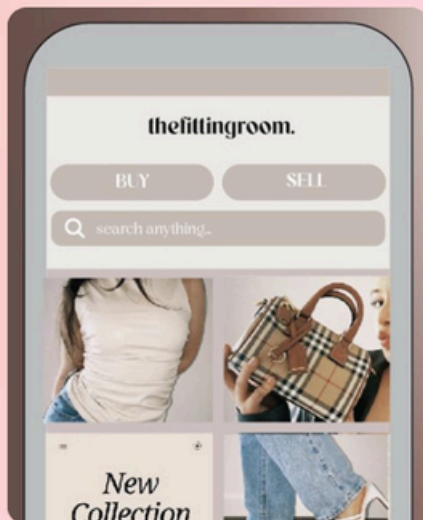


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Ave Maria College Presents

Ave Creates

The 2024 Arts and Technology Festival

Tuesday 15 October 6:00pm-9:00pm



Ave Creates

6:00-8:00pm

Exhibitions of student work in the Mary Centre and Helene Building.

6:00-7:15pm

Drama and Music performances in Francis Hall and Helene Atrium.

8:00-9:00pm

VCE Product Design & Technology Fashion Parade and VCE Drama & Music Performances

Student Work including:

- Year 12 Art Making and Exhibiting/Visual Communication Design student showcase
- Year 12 Media film screenings
- Student works from Year 7-11 Art, Media, Textiles and Visual Communication Design
- Food Technology demonstrations and displays
- STEM display
- Live performances from Drama and Music students



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- Theory of Flight
- Aircraft Recognition
- Gliding and Soaring
- Building Model Aircraft
- Flight Simulators
- Drill
- Engineering
- Ranks & Badge Achievements

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

ANZAC Day March
Remembrance Day
Australian International Airshow
Community Service

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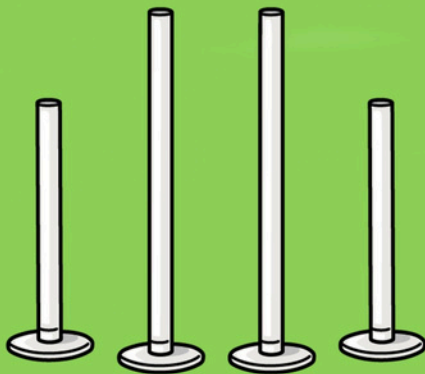
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CLASS DETAILS - ST PETER'S SCHOOL

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	DATES	COST
Mondays	10.50 - 11.40am	Library	5 Feb - 25 Mar	\$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