



St Peter's Primary Newsletter



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Dear St. Peter's Community,

Term 1 is flying by, and I hope all our families are able to make the most of this long weekend. Today, our staff are engaging in the Berry Street Education Model training, which will support our teachers in enhancing students' self-regulation, relationships, and overall wellbeing. Please take some time to read through the entire newsletter, where you'll find valuable tips for parents and guardians on how to help your child make the most of every school day.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that Alex Mulkearns has begun her maternity leave as of this week. Alex and Nick are expecting their first child, and we wish them all the very best during this special time in their lives.

I must also express my deep gratitude to Alex for her outstanding contribution to St. Peter's over the past 11 years. Since joining us in her graduate year, Alex has been an exceptional teacher and leader. Her work ethic is commendable; she has consistently given her best to support myself, the leadership team, teachers, LSOs, parents, and the students in our care. Alex has played a vital role in the growth and development of St. Peter's, and I know many in our school community share my sentiments. While we already miss her, we are thrilled that she is eager to return to school in Term 4.

I must also share how thrilled I was with our School Captains, Finn and Amelia, as they welcomed prospective 2026 parents to St. Peter's, enlightening them about the spirit of St. Peter and the school values that we strive to live out each day.

Thankyou for your continued support.

Anne



St Peter's Highlights to Celebrate

★ School Community Highlights

- The whole school came together to celebrate Mass for Ash Wednesday – Father Anil and our parishioners commented on just how respectful our children were throughout the mass.
- Our Grade 6's began their preparation for Confirmation by attending a faith night with their parents and attending Sunday mass leading up to their special Sacrament.
- Families and new friends met at our 'Welcome Coffee' morning to discuss parent group successes and the future of our "Supporting St Peter's School Community" group.
- Successful Sports competitions, with talented St Peter's students competing and doing us proud!

★ Staff News

- Mrs Evans and her husband Rohan welcomed their first child, Grayson "Peter" Evans last week. Mrs Evans said that Grayson's middle name seemed like a fitting tribute to the unexpected start of his journey, with Mrs Evans' waters breaking right outside St Peter's church.
- Congratulations to Bianca (LSO) and Nick who were married last weekend...what beautiful smiles, we are so happy for you!
- Miss Emily celebrated her graduation, congratulations we are so proud of you!



St Peter's Highlights to Celebrate

★ Teaching & Learning Successes

- Our first of three Open Days for new families was well attended this week and visitors enjoyed listening to our School Captains speak, touring the facilities in smaller groups with our leadership team and watching learning in action in our classrooms.
- Naplan will begin next week for year 3 & 5 students – our teachers have been preparing our students to ensure they are set to go.
- Our Preps have welcomed members of the St Peter's community into their classrooms. They have so far had visits from School Nurse Leila and our Parish Priest Father Anil.
- The Year 3–6 students had an informative and engaging session with our local Police officers reminding them of how to be safe online. The children learnt that parents also have a big part to play in keeping their children safe by monitoring their children's use of technology.

★ Student Achievements & Wellbeing

- Many students have been acknowledged for showing their wonderful values in line with St Peter's School's VISION



INTEGRITY



LOVE OF LEARNING



CREATIVITY



EMPATHY



RESPECT



COMMUNITY

Prayer and Reflection

A Prayer for Year 6 Students as they begin preparations for the Sacrament of Confirmation:



Dear Lord,

As we walk this Lenten journey, we ask for Your guidance and strength. Help us to reflect on the lessons of Lent and grow closer to You through prayer, fasting, and acts of kindness. Just as Jesus prepared for His ministry, we too prepare our hearts for the gift of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation.

Grant us the courage to face challenges with faith, the wisdom to understand Your Word, and the compassion to live out Your love in all we do. May this season of Lent be a time of renewal for each of us, strengthening our relationship with You as we prepare for the next step in our spiritual journey.

We pray for all those preparing for Confirmation, that we may be filled with the

Holy Spirit and become true witnesses of Your love to the world.

In Your name, we pray.
Amen.



ASH WEDNESDAY: 5th of March 2025



CARITAS AUSTRALIA
PROJECT
COMPASSION

This Lent, we are called to Unite Against Poverty through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

By taking home a Project Compassion donation box or envelope, you'll be answering the Gospels' call to care for our global family and walk alongside the most vulnerable.

Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to communities facing poverty, food insecurity, lack of education, and water shortages, while building resilience against future challenges. Together, through faith and action, we can bring hope and opportunity to those most in need.

Please donate today. You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or online at: [**PROJECT COMPASSION**](#)

Thank you for standing with us, as we Unite Against Poverty this Lent.

Notices & Reminders

St Peter's Facebook Account and Social Media Guidelines

In an effort to ensure school information across social media is consistent and accurate, we have created an official Facebook page for St Peter's Primary School. All parents have signed a MACS **Parent/Guardian/Carer Code of Conduct** agreement which covers Social Media use and determines that parents "refrain from activities, conduct or communication that would reasonably be seen to undermine the reputation of the school, employees or students of the school, including activities on social media". Our official social media accounts assist with this.

You can click the below links to review St Peter's

- **PARENT/GUARDIAN/CARER CODE OF CONDUCT**
- **COMMUNICATION PROTOCOLS**

Or to follow our Facebook page: **ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL OFFICIAL FACEBOOK PAGE**



Supporting St Peter's School Community (SSPSC)

If you missed our Welcome morning and are interested in getting involved in our Fundraising or Social activities, you can register your interest **HERE**.

Parent Helpers

We are currently in the process of determining interest for parents who would like to volunteer as Classroom Volunteers for Grade Prep to 2 this year. If you are interested, please read further information in the Operoo note sent last week.

School Photos

On Monday 17th March all students from Prep – Year 6 will be having their school photos taken. Students must be dressed in their full summer school uniform, and the photographers will decide if the students will wear their school jumpers depending on the weather.

2026 Prep Enrolments

Prep enrolments are now open and will close at 3.15pm on the 31st March. Existing families looking for a place for a sibling must also apply by the cut off date or will be moved to a waitlist.

An easier online based application form will be available on our school website by next week, and we encourage applications via this process.

Student Safety

Unsupervised playing at park before school/after. Reminder teachers are only on duty and give details if before school care.

St Peter's Sports News

Buckly District Swimming

- Benjamin Lai 1st place in 50m Freestyle
- Benjamin Lai 1st place in 50m Backstroke
- Mikael Chew 1st in 50m Breaststroke
- Olivia Petrellis 2nd in 50m Butterfly
- Year 6 Boys Medley Relay 2nd place
- Year 6 Boys 4x 50m Freestyle relay 1st place



These students will now represent St Peter's at the Division Swimming Event to be held at Oak Park on the 11th of March.



Interschool Sports

Students from Year 6 began their Interschool Sports journey, representing St Peter's in Tee Ball, Tennis and Basketball. They are loving the experience and are growing in their confidence each week.



Mental Health and Wellbeing

The Importance of School Attendance for All Students

Regular school attendance is essential for your child's academic success, emotional development, and overall well-being. When your child is consistently present at school, they benefit from being part of a learning environment that nurtures growth and curiosity.

1. School is Better When Your Child is Here

Every day of school is an opportunity for your child to learn, interact with peers, and develop essential life skills. When students attend school regularly, they build strong foundations for academic success and social development. Missing school, even for a day, can cause students to fall behind in lessons, making it harder to catch up. Plus, school is more enjoyable when students are present, engaging with their peers and teachers in an active, collaborative setting.

2. Positive Attitude Toward Learning

A consistent school routine helps students develop a positive attitude towards learning. When children see school as a priority and a place they belong, they are more likely to develop enthusiasm for their education. Encouraging good attendance shows your child that you value their education, setting the stage for a positive attitude toward school in general.

3. Healthy Habits Begin with Routine

Establishing healthy habits, such as regular sleep and exercise, supports not only school attendance but also your child's overall health and well-being. A consistent bedtime routine is crucial for ensuring that your child gets enough rest to focus and participate in school activities. Encouraging regular physical activity and a balanced diet also contributes to better health, leading to fewer missed school days.

4. Sleep and Exercise Are Key

Adequate sleep is essential for cognitive function, memory, and mood. Helping your child establish a healthy bedtime routine ensures they get the rest they need to stay engaged at school. In addition, regular physical activity can boost your child's mood and energy levels, making them more likely to attend school and enjoy their day.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

5. Show an Interest in Your Child's School

Your involvement in your child's school life can make a significant difference in their motivation and enthusiasm. Showing interest in what they're learning, attending school events, and discussing their school day can create a sense of connection. When children know that you care about their school experience, they are more likely to feel a sense of responsibility about attending regularly.

6. Acknowledge and Talk Through Anxiety

It's normal for children to experience anxiety about school from time to time. Whether it's related to tests, social interactions, or general worries, acknowledging these feelings and talking through them is important. Providing reassurance, offering strategies to cope, and talking openly about their concerns can ease school-related anxiety, making your child more likely to attend school without hesitation.

7. Keep in Contact with Your Child's Teacher

If your child is struggling with school attendance or any other concerns, it's important to stay in touch with their teacher. Teachers are valuable partners in supporting your child's success, and they can offer insights into how your child is doing and provide helpful resources. Maintaining an open line of communication ensures that any challenges are addressed early and your child's needs are met.

Regular school attendance is crucial for your child's academic and social development. By fostering healthy habits, maintaining open communication, and offering support through challenges, you can help your child develop a positive attitude towards school and set them up for a successful future. Together, we can ensure that your child gets the most out of their educational experience.



Health Alerts

Current illnesses at school

We regularly share updates via Operoo about common or more serious illnesses that we are seeing at school, in an effort to give everyone an opportunity to look out for signs and symptoms and reduce spread, as different illnesses can affect families differently. Please help keep our students as healthy as possible by encouraging them to maintain good hygiene.

- **Chicken Pox**

Chickenpox is a contagious viral infection characterised by an itchy rash and flu-like symptoms. It is most commonly seen in children, but can affect individuals of all ages. If your child develops symptoms such as fever, rash, or itching, we advise you to seek medical advice. To prevent the spread of the illness, please ensure that your child stays home until they have fully recovered and the rash has crusted over.

- **Gastroenteritis**

Gastro is an infection that causes symptoms like vomiting, diarrhoea, and stomach discomfort. Keep your child away from others until 48 hours after their symptoms have stopped. If symptoms persist, please visit your GP. Do not allow your child to attend school until 48 hours after symptoms have stopped.

- **Cold/Flu symptoms**

Symptoms including fever or chills, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches and headaches. If your child is feeling unwell with fever please keep them at home so they can rest, they should be fever-free for at least 24 hours before coming back to school.

Please refer to [The Royal Children Hospital website](#) for kids health info on these illnesses.

Allergies/Anaphylaxis at STP

The following year levels have children with allergies:

Year P – Eggs, Nuts, Sesame

Year 2 – Nuts, Seafood

Year 3 – Nuts, Seafood, Kiwi

Year 4 – Soy sauce,

Year 5 – Nuts, Kiwi, Pineapple

Year 6 – Nuts, Lentils, Sesame

Please note: To ensure the safety of all students, we ask for your cooperation in avoiding sending your child with peanut butter, nutella sandwiches, or health bars containing nuts. Even minimal contact with these allergens can potentially trigger a severe allergic reaction.

While it's challenging to make the school environment entirely nut-free, we are committed to minimizing risks and need your support to do so.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Parents/carers wishing to apply for CSEF payments or who have had changes to their circumstances or details must submit their application form to the school before 4 July 2025. You can find more information [HERE](#) or click the below image to access supported documents and application forms.



Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund APPLICATION Form

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname

First name

Address

Town/suburb State Postcode

Contact number

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

- - - **OR**

☐ Foster parent* **OR** ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold [Card](#))**

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH).

**Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card.

Student details



Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Victorian Department of Education (DE) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry about my Centrelink customer details and concession card status to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of any enquiry to DE regarding temporary care orders.



ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL 2026 ENROLMENTS

New families are invited to join us on one of our Open Days at St. Peter's Primary School, 2A Parkside Drive, Keilor East.

Tour our school grounds, classrooms and facilities to experience learning in action at St Peter's, where we aim to build a culture of learning that promotes and nurtures Catholic values, academic excellence and innovative educational practice.

OPEN DAYS



Tuesday 4th March 2025 at 9.15am



Thursday 13th March 2025 at 9.15am



Tuesday 18th March 2025 at 9.15am

Applications for Foundation 2026 close at 3.15pm on Monday the 31st March 2025.

For enquiries, please call (03) 9337 4111
or email enrolments@spkeiloreast.catholic.edu.au



Community News



Melbourne Archdiocese
Catholic Schools



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**
- **Sports Academy**
- **The Year 7 2027 Enrolment Process & Timeline**



YEAR 7 2027
Information Evening
Thursday 20 March at 7pm

At CRCNK we are committed to creating a welcoming, respectful and safe school environment. Everyone is known, loved, challenged to grow and contribute to our learning community.

**Come along and discover the
North Keilor difference!**

**REGISTER
NOW**

Register online via the enrolments
page on our College website

crcnk.com.au/enrolment/year-7-2027



2025 Year of Respect

"We must build bridges, not walls, to respect the dignity of every human being."

Pope Francis

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SKILL DEVELOPMENT CLINIC

WEDNESDAY NIGHT TRAINING

19 MAR - 2 APR