



St Peter's Primary Newsletter



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Dear St. Peter's Community,

Term 2 is off to a flying start, with the children fully engaged in their Discovery learning for the term. Our teachers have planned some wonderful learning opportunities, so please take the time to read the Curriculum newsletters that will be sent out today. Having knowledge of what your child is learning will provide great opportunities for further discussion about their school day.

Our year 5 students have had a wonderful introduction to their History, cultures, Community and Citizenship Unit, titled "Laws that make the World Go Round". They participated in a mock conclave learning how a Pope is elected. A wonderful learning opportunity that does not come around too often and today we celebrate our newly elected Pope Leo XIV. Congratulations to all Leos at St. Peter's, 9 students in total, that now share a name with our current Pope.

This week, the leadership team from Corpus Christi in Glenroy visited our junior school to observe our literacy practices. They were extremely impressed with the literacy program our teachers are delivering and were blown away by our students' engagement and participation during the lessons. Learning from others is invaluable in education, and we hope that we have helped another school bring about change in their practices. Their positive feedback reaffirms what we already have in place and inspires our teachers to continue giving their very best for the children in our school.

A special thank you to our trained parent helpers who have begun assisting in the classrooms this term. I am sure they have witnessed firsthand just what the teachers and children manage to achieve in a two-hour block. We greatly appreciate the support and help that you will continue to provide.

I would like to take the opportunity to emphasise the importance of monitoring your child's online communication at home. It is essential for parents and caregivers to safeguard not only their children but also others when using devices. In this newsletter, we have provided additional reminders on how to effectively do this on Page 6. We encourage you to read through it and establish clear boundaries for your child's online activities. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our children safe and happy.

Over the holidays, a large shed was installed in the junior yard, providing a much-needed storage solution for the school. I am pleased to share that a meeting date has been set for me to meet with Law Architects to begin work on an updated master plan for the school. I will do my best to keep you informed along the way.

Wishing all mums, grandmas, great grandmas and special carers a beautiful Mother's Day this Sunday! Enjoy the well-deserved celebration. Just a reminder that the Prep and Year 1 children will be attending a family mass on either Saturday at 6 PM or Sunday at 10:30 AM to celebrate their mums. It would be lovely to see you there.

PS. Ties are compulsory for students in Prep - 6 when wearing the winter uniform.

Anne

St Peter's Highlights to Celebrate

★ Teaching & Learning Successes

The **Art Specialist classes** have been well received by our students from Prep to Grade 6. This week student's art works were selected to be displayed in St. Peter's Gallery.

Parents, your viewing of all the fantastic works will be on display in Term 3 when we hold our Biannual Art Show.

For now enjoy reading what the children are saying about their experience of Art Class at STP



Miss Monaghan helps me get through the hard activities in Art and helps me with ideas.
- Xavier Huynh 5CG

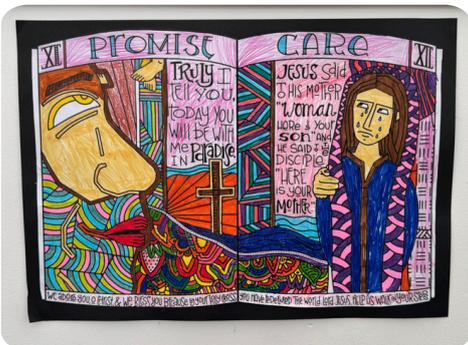
I love Art because I love painting.
- Gia Rapita PrepZT
My favourite piece I have produced so far is the flower.
artwork
- Faith Di Giacomo 2RE
I am proud of my artwork because I have done a really good job.
- Sofia Carmody 3BJ
In Art class I have learnt about Yayoi Kusama.
- Hazel Breen 1OC
When I am creating art I like to listen to music.
- Noah Sgro 3BJ

I enjoy using paint, clay, pencils etc. because it feels soft and wet.
- Marcela Zantomio 4KH
My favourite Art activity has been the embroidering for.
- Georgia Sciberras 6CA
I enjoy using paint, clay, pencils etc. because it is fun and artistic.
- Jakub Taranek 1DM
Art class makes me feel joyful.
- Marcus Tarabolsi 5SW
In art, I am getting better at weaving.
- Noor Kaur 6IK



St Peter's Highlights to Celebrate

★ Our Lenten Fair was a great experience and celebration, and along with the Caritas donations we managed to raise \$1,370 for Caritas Australia.



★ Student initiative was shown by Alessio Serpiello and Matilda Webb from Year 3, who made bracelets in their own time and raised additional funds for Caritas. Well done on giving up your time to help others.

★ Thank you to Peter Boudville, a past parent and parishioner of St. Peter's who organised the donation of some of our old ICT devices to a Rotary Club. The chromebooks will make a difference to the education of the children in Sri Lanka who have never had the opportunity to use technology to aid their learning.

★ Thank you to Andrew Lai (Ben's dad and our resident Book Club Coordinator) who organised the donation of some of our old library books. The books will also be sent to those in need in Sri Lanka.



HIGH TECH: Rotarians at the Broadford SHARE project factory Photo: Supplied

Deleting the digital

A PROJECT to re-purpose and recycle digital devices operates from a warehouse in Broadford and soon a primary school in Dambana, Sri Lanka will receive a donation of 100 laptops.

The Serving Humanity and Repurposing Equipment (SHARE) Rotary Project team have also delivered running water to the school for the first time in 35 years, and modernised classrooms, improved sanitation, and introduced extracurricular activities for the indigenous community. e-Club of Changemakers Rotarian, Peter Siebel said students are on the brink of something big. "This is a transformational opportunity for these children," Mr Siebel said. "For the first time, they will be able to explore the world of digital learning, improve their English skills, and access resources that were previously out of reach." Albert Park Rotarian, and recipient of the Rotary Australia World Communit

St Peter's Highlights to Celebrate

School Community Highlights

★ In the lead-up to Anzac Day, our Grade 3 students created a beautiful communal artwork to honour those who have served our country. Inspired by Georgia O'Keeffe's flower drawings, each student used oil pastels to create a red poppy – a powerful symbol of remembrance. The finished piece was displayed at the Moonee Ponds Council Chambers during the Anzac Day Commemoration Service over the holidays. A special shout out to a group of Grade 6 girls who gave up their lunchtime to embroid words around the flowers that reflect the Anzac spirit, such as bravery, mateship and sacrifice. The canvas is now on show in the St. Peter's Gallery!



★ Congratulations to Jayde Shields one of our Prep teachers, who had her Graduation Ceremony this week! We are all so proud of you and the impact you have had so far on your Prep students.



★ We all came together for a prayer service in memory of the life of Pope Francis. Fr Anil, the Year 6 students and the choir gave thanks for Pope Francis's leadership and guidance.

★ Student Achievements & Wellbeing ★

We are proud of our students who have been acknowledged for showing their wonderful values in line with St Peter's School's VISION!



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EMPATHY



RESPECT



INTEGRITY

Online Safety at Home: Parent/Carer Responsibilities

This year, our students in years 3–6 participated in a presentation titled ‘ThinkUKnow’ delivered by the Federal Police unit on Wednesday, March 5th. This valuable session provided students with essential knowledge about online safety and how to navigate the digital world responsibly.

Through interactive materials and real-life scenarios, students explored what safe and unsafe behaviors look like online. They were reminded of the importance of adult supervision when using apps, online games, and chat features—especially those designed for users aged 13 and above. The session also reinforced the importance of protecting personal information, recognising potential online dangers, and knowing when and how to seek help.

In addition to staying safe online, it is just as important for students to be kind in their digital interactions. Online communication can sometimes lead to misunderstandings, and negative interactions can carry over into real-life relationships at school. **We encourage you to have conversations at home about the impact of your child/s words online, reminding your child/ren to always consider, “Is this kind? Is this helpful?” before sending a message, comment, or post.**

To further support your child/ren in managing online challenges, please remind them of the “Stop, Screenshot, Block, and Report” strategy which was discussed in the presentation with your child/ren:

- Stop engaging with any negative or harmful content
- Screenshot the conversation as evidence if needed
- Block the person or account causing distress
- Report the issue to a trusted adult or platform moderators

Being proactive about online safety and kindness is key to ensuring our students’ wellbeing.

What Parents/Carers Can Do Every Day:

- **Monitor your child’s online activity**—know what apps and games they’re using, and who they’re talking to.
- **Set clear boundaries** about sharing appropriate content and treating others with kindness and respect.
- **Keep communication open** so your child feels safe coming to you with concerns.

If you or your child/ren need support, the following resources are available:

- ThinkUKnow – www.thinkuknow.org.au
- eSafety Commissioner – www.esafety.gov.au
- Kids Helpline – www.kidshelpline.com.au



Kids Helpline
1800 55 1800

There is also a range of helpful resources provided by the Federal Police on their ThinkUKnow website, which you might find useful when talking with your child/ren about online safety.



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By working together at school and at home, we can help our young people grow into safe, confident, and respectful digital citizens.

If you have any questions about the ThinkUKnow program or online safety, please don’t hesitate to contact us.



Prayer and Reflection



Prayer for Pope Leo XIV

Faithful God,
You guide us on the path of life
and your goodness is our constant companion.
Be with our new Shepherd, Pope Leo XIV,
in his service of the Church.
Fill him with the power of your Spirit,
the peace of your presence
and the compassion of Christ.
May he walk with you,
in wisdom and humility,
and lead us, together with all God's people,
to embody your love for the world.
Amen.

Supporting St Peter's School Community: Mother's Day

Thank you so much to Cheryl Estephan & Yasmine Pateras, our SSPSC members and stall co-captains, for their hard work in putting together this week's stall. The result was outstanding and over \$3,800 was raised for the school.

We would like 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 Dumeric, Taryn Saxionis, Belinda Adornetto, Donna Zanella, Franca Luppino, Melanie Zanetti, Rosie Pratt, Lorren Foudoulis, Ashwini Badekar, Melissa Cachia, Alana Talia, Yessica Montano, Patricia Vlahek, Felina Theberge, Yasmin Quinlan & Antoinette Hakim.

- Cheryl & Yasmine



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 Mother's Day raffle. Your generosity allowed us to make up 6 beautiful hampers for some of our lucky mums and the raffle was a great success, raising close to \$600 for our wonderful school. Thank you to North Western Osteopathic Clinic (Rosemary Tomolo), Balloon Emporium Co (Jennifer Sakic), Ellenika Boutique (Valentina Cuppari), Sole Podiatry (Jessica O'Neil), Rosie Pratt Naturopath (Rosie Pratt), Indigo Heart (Renee Sgro), FitStop Airport West (Yvette & Tristan Kassis), Verve Portraits, Beauty on Rose & The Body Shop (thanks to Felina & Ray Theberge for organising). We are incredibly fortunate to have the support of such wonderful local businesses! & families, so thank you once again!

Notices & Reminders

CSEF

A final reminder that CSEF forms have a cut off date of 4th of July. Applications after this date cannot be accepted.

Assembly

Our altered assembly time of 1.15pm has been working well with students engaged and focused. Assembly will continue at this time on weeks 3, 6 and 9 of each term.

St Peter's Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

Share a cuppa and a muffin this Friday 9th May with other mums/carers in the multipurpose hall at 2.15pm, before moving into the classrooms to celebrate with students at 2.45pm.

Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser Update

Our Hot Cross Bun fundraiser was a success, raising funds for our school to purchase safety vests for the Prep to Year 2's to wear on excursions, ensuring they are visible at all times. The vests have been purchased and students will begin wearing them on their future excursions.

School Advisory Committee

Thank you to those who have expressed interest in joining our School Advisory Committee. We will begin the interview process in the coming month. The successful candidates will begin their tenure in Term 3.

Celebrating St Peter's Camps

We've experienced a beautiful country adventure (Grade 5's) and city (Grade 4's) encounter on our recent camps. We're looking forward to the Grade 6 beach camp experience at the end of the year!



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.

- **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.

- **Flu/Cold symptoms**

Symptoms including sore throat, cough fever or chills, 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.

- **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.

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

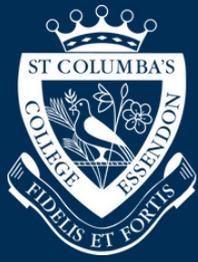
Year 4 – Soy sauce,

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.



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CLASS DETAILS - ST PETER'S SCHOOL

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	DATES	COST
Wednesdays	10.50 - 11.40am	Library	30 Apr to 25 Jun	\$145 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