



St Peter's Primary Newsletter



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Dear St Peter's Community,

We have enjoyed an extremely busy few weeks at St Peter's with excursions, incursions, sacramental events and of course lots of learning in the classroom. We have now transitioned to full Winter uniform, and I must say, the students are looking very snazzy! ! Please note that in the colder months the children are more than welcome to wear a warmer coat, or raincoat to and from school, or during break times for added comfort.

I have sad news to share in that the Malgioglio family, (Julian Year 2KT) have recently lost their house and its contents in a fire. We are doing our very best to support Josie and Daniel and Julian's little brother James. Some students with very big hearts from Year 2 are organising a fundraiser for their classmate, so stay tuned for further details. We will continue to keep the family in our thoughts and prayers as they make plans for their future home.

We are all looking forward to our Year 6 Confirmation at St. Patrick's Cathedral this Friday, 30th May. This special occasion is being held at St. Patrick's Cathedral instead of our school church because St Peter's received a special invitation from Archbishop Peter Comensoli to join in celebrating the 2025 Jubilee Year. Our Year 6 students are well prepared to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit, empowering them to live lives of faith, service, and witness. We wish all our Year 6 students and their families a beautiful and meaningful celebration!

Please join me in wishing Ana Laughton a well deserved long service leave break. Ms Laughton is enjoying a wonderful overseas holiday with her husband. Luisa Kersovanic will be with 3LK full-time for the next six weeks.

Prep 2026 interviews will be complete over the next two weeks, with further communications to those who have applied expected in early July.

Next Friday, 6th June, is a pupil free day so our families will have an extra long weekend as Monday 9th is the King's Birthday. On the pupil free day our staff will be undertaking some professional development building on their knowledge and understanding of scripture in at the Australian Catholic University and then attending mass together at St. Patrick's Cathedral. An opportunity for personal reflection and renewal will help to strengthen our relationship with one another and God.

All the very best for the weeks to come.

Anne

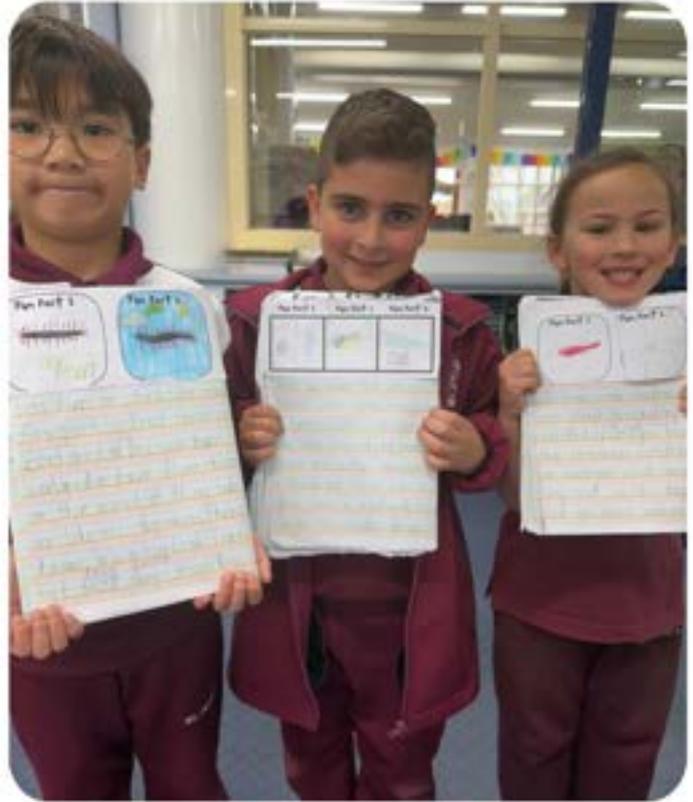
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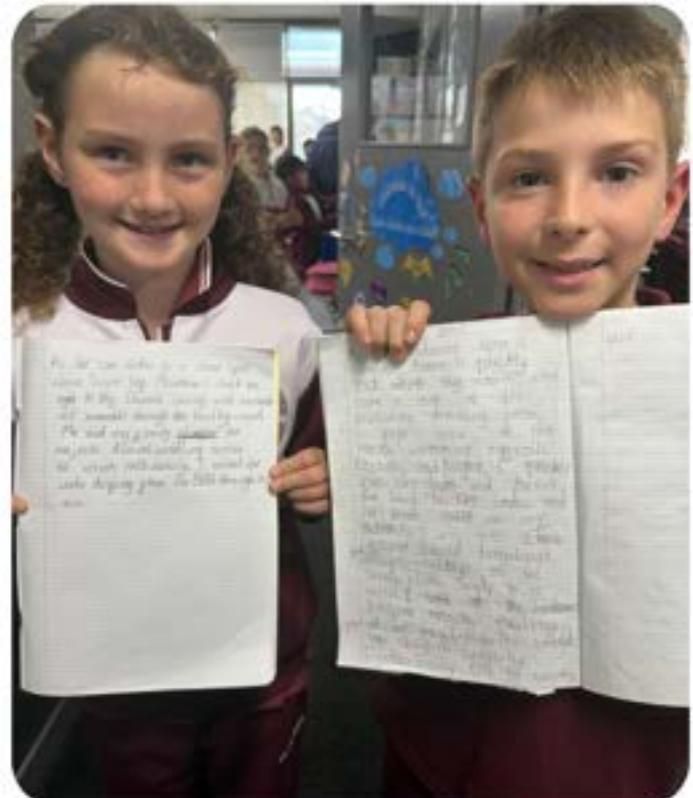
**PREPS DISCOVERY UNIT
MELBOURNE ZOO**



**YEAR 1 DISCOVERY UNIT
INFORMATIVE WRITING EXPLORING THE
AMAZING WORLD OF MINIBEASTS**



**YEAR 2 DISCOVERY UNIT
GEODES INCURSION**



**YEAR 3 DISCOVERY UNIT
DESCRIPTIVE WRITING OF CELEBRATIONS
AND COMMEMORATIONS**

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YEAR 4
READING AND ANNOTATING GOALS



YEAR 5 DISCOVERY UNIT
OLD MELBOURNE GAOL



YEAR 5 DISCOVERY UNIT
DEMOCRACY INCURSION



YEAR 6 DISCOVERY UNIT
SOVEREIGN HILL

St Peter's Highlights to Celebrate

School Community Highlights

★ Bishop Renee's visit to Year 6 children in preparation for Confirmation at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

★ Year 4 First Holy Communion Parent/Child Faith night.



★ Thank you to the mothers and carers who attended our afternoon tea! The evening event hosted by parents in honour of Mother's Day was also a huge success.

★ Our Mini Vinnies team are proud to have raised \$852 for Silent Sight Foundation, a charity that supports and raises awareness for people living with Usher syndrome. They did a marvellous job creating and executing the fundraising event without much guidance from our teaching staff.



St Peter's Sports Highlights

★ St Peter's is proud to announce that Lana represented the Western Region in the School Sport Victoria (SSV) Basketball Tournament! This is a fantastic achievement that reflects Lana's dedication, teamwork, and exceptional talent on the court.



★ Our Year 6 students have been doing St Peter's proud in the interschool sports tournament! With mixed results across the games, the team continues to show fantastic resilience, sportsmanship and teamwork. Their positive attitude and determination have been a standout. With only a few games left in the season, we're excited to see them finish strong!



★ Congratulations to all the students who qualified for the Divisional Cross Country meet – a fantastic achievement and a testament to your hard work and endurance. A special shoutout to Alessandro in 5AH, who has gone one step further and qualified for the regional cross country! We wish him all the best as he prepares to represent St Peter's at the next level. Go Alessandro!



★ 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!



LOVE OF LEARNING



HOPE



SPECIALISTS



CREATIVITY



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RESPECT



INTEGRITY

FACT SHEET FOR PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND CARERS

WHAT IS THE NCCD?

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD) takes place every year.

The NCCD is a collection that counts:

- the number of school students receiving an adjustment or 'help' due to disability
- the level of adjustment they are receiving to access education on the same basis as other students.

Students are counted in the NCCD if they receive ongoing adjustments at school due to disability. This 'help' allows them to access education on the same basis as a child without disability. The NCCD uses the definition of disability in the [Disability Discrimination Act 1992](#).

Schools provide this information to education authorities.

Go to [What is a reasonable adjustment?](#) below to learn about adjustments.

WHY IS THIS DATA BEING COLLECTED?

All schools in Australia must collect information about students with disability.

The NCCD:

- ensures that the information collected is transparent, consistent and reliable
- provides better information that improves understanding of students with disability
- allows parents, guardians, carers, teachers, principals, education authorities and government to better support students with disability.

Student with disability loading

Funding from the Australian Government for students with disability is based on the NCCD through the student with disability loading.

Students with disability who are counted in the top three levels of the NCCD (extensive, substantial and supplementary) attract the loading. Funding is based on a per-student amount at each of the three levels of additional support. The amount of the loading reflects the level of support students with disability need to participate fully in school, with higher funding for those who need higher levels of support.

Australian Government recurrent school funding is provided as a lump sum to school authorities including state and territory governments, which can then distribute the funding to their member schools according to their own needs-based arrangements.

The Government expects schools and school systems to consider their funding from all sources (ie Australian Government, state and territory and private) and prioritise their spending to meet the educational needs of all of their students, including students with disability.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE NCCD FOR STUDENTS?

The information collected by the NCCD helps teachers, principals, education authorities and governments to better support students with disability at school.

The NCCD encourages schools to review their learning and support systems and processes. This helps schools to continually improve education outcomes for all students.

Pentecost Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in us the fire of your love.

As we celebrate Pentecost,
we remember the gift of the Holy Spirit
poured out upon the disciples,
filling them with courage, wisdom and joy.
May that same Spirit guide and inspire us today.

We especially pray for our Year 6 students
who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation
this Friday, 30th June.

May they be strengthened with the gifts of the Holy Spirit—
wisdom, understanding, right judgement, courage,
knowledge, reverence, and wonder and awe in God's presence.
Help them to live out their faith boldly and joyfully,
knowing they are deeply loved and called by name.

Come, Holy Spirit,
renew the face of the earth—
and renew us, your Church, with faith, hope, and love.

Amen.



School Absences

At St Peter's we aim for punctuality and regular attendance.

Leaving early or arriving late is very disruptive for classrooms. We understand that students do need to leave early on occasion for appointments or an important engagement. When this occurs we ask for your patience as children may be in specialist classes so please leave adequate time for us to locate your child within the school. You are welcome to call the office to send your child up before arriving, but doing this too far in advance i.e. at 10am for 11am can cause further disruption and confusion for the classroom.

If your child is late they are to enter the school via the office to sign in. It is a requirement by law that absences are explained in writing, which should be provided via an Operoo 'Absence Form'. If your child is absent (or late) and the school has not been notified via this absence form, parents will be contacted via sms.

Parent Responsibility

- Parents are required to ensure their child attends school every day because every day of learning counts.
- Parents must provide in advance (or by the morning of that day of absence) the reasons for any upcoming absences and provide an explanation for their child's absence which will be recorded by the school.
- Parents are to ensure their child signs in at the front office if they arrive to school late.
- Parents must sign their children out at the front office in person.
- If person other than the child's parent is collecting a student, they must be listed as an emergency contact on the child's Operoo profile. An email can be sent to reception@spkeiloreat.catholic.edu.au for a one-off collection.
- If going on a family holiday outside of the prescribed holiday period, an email needs to be written to the principal to ask for exemption from attendance.

School's Responsibility

- The school records student attendance twice per day and class teachers must record a reason for each absence to meet all legislative requirements. discharge the schools' duty of care for all students; enable the school's governing body to report on student attendance annually; and meet the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) requirements.
- If a student absence is unexplained, parents will receive a message from the school as a safety precaution. If reoccurring and contact cannot be made with parents, school must follow the legislative advice given and contact the emergency numbers listed.

Notices & Reminders

School Uniform Expectations

At this week's assembly, our students were reminded of the importance of wearing our school uniform each day. We ask for your continued support in ensuring your child arrives at school dressed appropriately and with pride. Our uniform represents the spirit and values of St Peter's—promoting equality, respect and a strong sense of belonging. It unites us as a community and reminds each student that they are part of something greater. Please ensure you have read the Operoo notice with further details on the Winter school uniform policy.

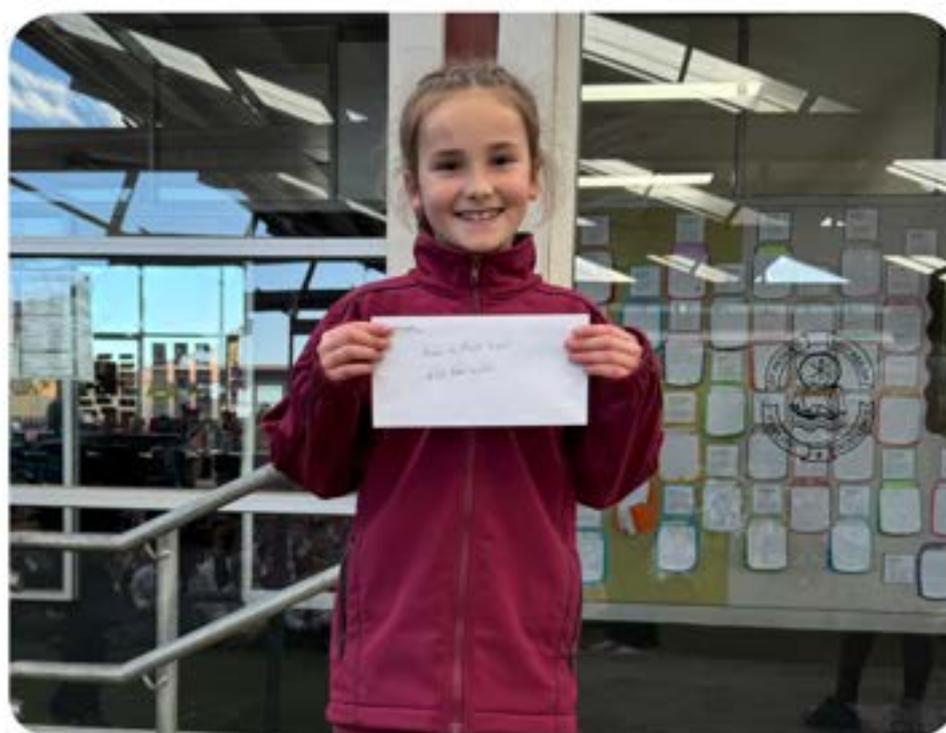
School Advisory Committee

Thank you to those who have expressed interest in joining our School Advisory Committee. Candidates have been emailed to set up an interview time with Mrs Tadinac and Fr. Anil on the June 10.

Move on Mondays

St Peter's is participating in Move on Mondays this year! See Community Notices for further information. You can join in by filling in a digital calendar and marking each day students walk, ride, scoot or skate to and from school. Send in your responses at the end of the term to go in the prize draw. There is one \$100 Hart Sports voucher up for grabs every term! This

[Getting to and from school safely - Moonee Valley City Council \(mvcc.vic.gov.au\)](https://www.mvcc.vic.gov.au)



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.

Melbourne Corpus Christi Procession

Did not our hearts burn within us
while **he walked with us ...**

LUKE 24:32

Pilgrims of hope



My dear friends in Christ,
I encourage you to join me
for this special Archdiocesan
Eucharistic Procession,
bringing along your parishes,

schools, and communities to bear witness
to Christ in our midst. In this grace-filled
Jubilee Year, may we share the living hope of
Christ with every step we take.

ARCHBISHOP PETER A. COMENSOLI

**SUNDAY
22 JUNE 2025**

Procession begins at St Patrick's
Cathedral following 11am Mass,
concluding at Federation Square.

Communities are invited to bring
their banners!



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MOVE ON MONDAYS

Walk, ride, scoot or skate to and from school every Monday!



Move on Mondays is a new initiative aiming to extend the momentum from Move in March -- our goal is to have all 28 schools in Moonee Valley participate and develop healthier travelling habits.

This program will be ongoing, encouraging all schools to participate. We know that Mondays may not work for your school so you may choose a day of the week that works best for you.

Moonee Valley works closely with schools to develop tailored travel plans, Walking School Bus routes and install 'Active Paths' that highlight safe and direct routes to school by walking or cycling. Move on Mondays provides an opportunity to increase usage of Active Paths and awareness of road safety.

Why should my school participate?

By walking, cycling, scooting or skating to school every Monday, students will experience the joy of walking and cycling, get to know their local areas, develop independent decision-making skills and practice road safety.

Children who walk to school have also been found to have improved attention, higher degree of numeric and reasoning abilities, and lower levels of stress during the school day.

Parents will be encouraged to consider other ways to get to school than to drive, even if it is only part of the time.

Active travel to and from school benefits the whole community by reducing congestion, encouraging a healthy lifestyle and helping children connect with friends and family. Travelling actively every week helps build these habits from a young age most effectively, leading to a healthier lifestyle!

What does your school have to do?

We know your school is busy, so Moonee Valley will arrange the promotion, schedule and materials for Move on Mondays. All your school has to do is register and encourage students to participate.

How can students enter?

Our calendars will give teachers a quick and easy way to mark who has participated every week. Once the data is submitted at the end of each term, schools get a chance to win a \$100 Hart Sports voucher for every term!

What do the school get out of it?

All schools are given:

- A Golden Boot trophy which can be circulated to the best performing class every week/term. A leader board, which
- can be displayed and creates a challenge among classes. Promotional material,
- including a social media kit. All schools who return their participation data at the
- end of each term through our digital form go into the prize draw of receiving a \$100 Hart Sports voucher (one for every term).

The more students that participate, the safer the streets are for everyone.

How do we encourage students to participate?

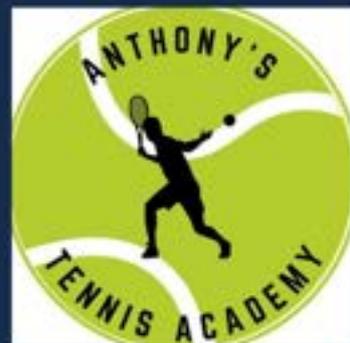
Here are a few fun initiatives you can consider to encourage participation:

- Share the details and encourage involvement through your newsletter and school assemblies.
- Run a social media competition! Let students create artworks, take photos or write something creative about their active travelling.
- Encourage students to decorate their shoes, bikes and scooters!
- Organise casual wear/socks day on Mondays to get the hype up!
- Share your local active paths, which are the safest and most direct routes students can get to school! You can find the paths for your school at mvcc.vic.gov.au/schools

Email bmas@mvcc.vic.gov.au or call Transport Project Officer on 9243 8888 for further information.

Walk, cycle, and scoot to school every Monday this year!

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