



# ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Keilor East

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## Term 2 at St. Peter's

**Feast of Sacred Heart - Whole School Mass-** Fri 12<sup>th</sup> June 9.15am

**St. Peter's Feast Day Celebration** - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

**Semester 1 Reports - online** - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June

**End of Term 2** - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 12pm.

# A message from the Principal



As we move further into Term 2 and the colder months begin to settle in, St Peter's continues to be a calm, peaceful and happy place to be. Our classrooms remain abuzz with students engaged in their learning. I continue to feel proud as I walk through the school and see the colour, vibrancy and learning displayed throughout every corridor and classroom.

I am incredibly thankful to our teachers and Learning Support Officers who consistently create productive and engaging learning environments for our students. As a staff, we often speak about the importance of our learning spaces reflecting the journey taking place within them. I often say that our students and teachers should be able to "talk to the walls" about the learning happening each day, and this is certainly evident across our school.

Last week, we were pleased to welcome the Education Minister, Ben Carroll, to St Peter's to discuss the future building project for our school. During his visit, he commented on how effectively we utilise every space within our school and was impressed by the learning opportunities taking place throughout the classrooms.

Our Year 6 students have also begun an important stage in their faith journey as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. As part of this commitment, students are attending Sunday Masses in the lead-up to receiving this special sacrament. We keep our Year 6 students and families in our prayers as they continue this meaningful time of preparation and reflection.

Last week, our Year 5 students enjoyed a wonderful camp experience at Mt Evelyn Recreation Camp. The camp provided many opportunities for students to strengthen friendships, challenge themselves and engage in learning experiences connected to Geography and sustainability. A special thankyou to the staff who spent time away from their homes to give the children an invaluable life experience.

We look forward to another busy and productive few weeks ahead at St Peter's.

*Anne*



## School Concert Dates:

We are excited to confirm that the 2026 Performance Show will be held on **8th, 9th & 10th September 2026** at the St Bernard's College auditorium.

Families will be advised closer to the date which evening their child will perform.



## Thankyou to all for Supporting St. Peter's

With School Board approval, SSP (Supporting St. Peter's) funds have recently been used to enhance our school.

Improvements include new green spaces, organic and landfill bins, and indoor games for classrooms during wet weather. We sincerely thank our families for your ongoing support in making St. Peter's an even better place for our children.

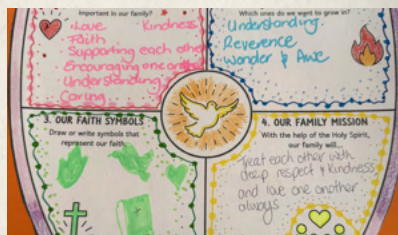
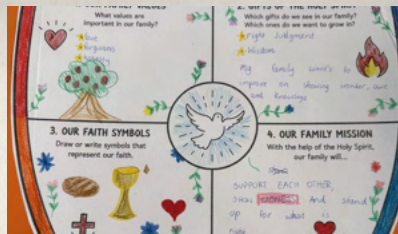
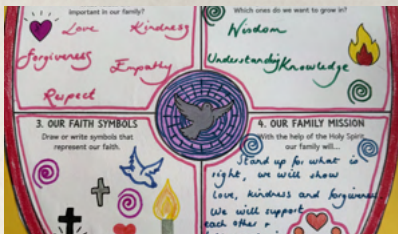


# Faith in Action



## Confirmation Family Faith Night & Weekend Mass Commitment

Our Year 6 students recently commenced their formal preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation with a Family Faith Night and Commitment Mass celebrated over the Pentecost weekend. During the Faith Night, students and their families gathered to reflect on the values that shape their family life, the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, and their shared mission as people of faith within the Church community. Through prayer, discussion and reflection, families explored how the Holy Spirit guides and strengthens us to live as disciples of Jesus in our daily lives. The Commitment Mass provided an opportunity for students and their families to publicly affirm their commitment to this important stage of their faith journey as they prepare to receive the gifts and graces of the Sacrament of Confirmation



## Prayer & Reflection

Come, Holy Spirit,  
Fill our hearts with your love and  
wisdom.  
Guide us to make good choices,  
give us courage to live as followers  
of Jesus,  
and help us to share your peace with  
others.  
May your gifts inspire us each day  
to grow in faith, hope and love.  
Amen.

Over the past month, our Prep and Year 1 students and their families gathered at Sunday mass. The children shared a beautiful song with the congregation at the conclusion of the service.

# Highlights to share



## Cross Country

Congratulations to Spencer, Jackson and Jordan, who proudly represented St Peter's at the Moonee Ponds Division Cross Country event.

Despite the challenging wet and muddy conditions, all three students demonstrated outstanding determination, resilience and sportsmanship throughout their races. They embraced the conditions with a positive attitude and gave their very best effort.

We are incredibly proud of their achievements and the wonderful way they represented the St Peter's community. Well done, Spencer, Jackson and Jordan!



## Ben Carroll Visit

Education Minister, Ben Carroll visited St Peter's to discuss the future building project for our school. Mr Carroll was most impressed by the warm and confident welcome provided by our School Captains Holly and Jackson.

# Highlights to share

## Grade 5 Camp at Mount Evelyn



Last week, our Year 5 students enjoyed an exciting camp experience at Mount Evelyn, where they challenged themselves, developed new skills and created lasting memories with their classmates. During assembly, several students shared their favourite moments from camp.

Emma (5JG) said, "My favourite part of the camp experience was doing the Giant Swing because I got to go to the very top."

Luca (5MA) shared, "My favourite part of the camp experience was the Crate Stacking activity because everyone got to have a go and we all got to choose how far up we wanted to go."

Mila (5KH) reflected, "My favourite part of the camp experience was doing the bike skill activity and then the whole year level game of hide and seek at night finding Mr Ryan."

Thank you to Emma, Luca and Mila for sharing their camp highlights. It was wonderful to hear about the fun, challenges and adventures that made the Year 5 camp at Mount Evelyn such a memorable experience for all students.

# Living Our Vision at St. Peter's

As an engaged community, we celebrate students who embody our values every day



## Love of Learning

Christian Taggert, Amelia Halilovic  
Harlow Ragusa, Evie Nguyen  
Arlo Runnalls, Wossen Kebede  
Christian Nave, Milana Artusa



## Creativity

Alessia Micallef, Eva Longo  
Nate Kat, Alex Malakellis  
Sebastian Frazzetta, Freddie Hardy  
Tiana Achandy



## Empathy

Zoe Dimitrakakis  
Layla Kraycer  
Amelia Lazorov  
Ethan Pereira



## Integrity

Alfie Bickle  
Lexington Cullen  
Charlie McGeown  
Charlie Taverna



## Hope

Matteo Perri  
Lucas Nirmalarajah  
Christian Pateras



## Community

Sienna Marusic  
Ella Monteleone  
Marley Bugeja



## Respect

Matilda Saxonis  
Alejandro Morales

*"inspired by the teachings of Jesus, we uphold justice and respect for all"*

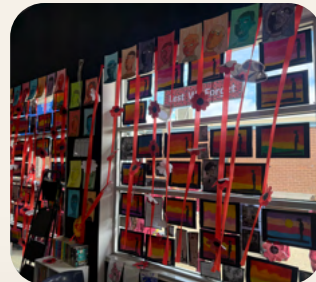
# Learning At St Peter's

*Our learning programs inspire curiosity, creativity and a love of learning, supporting each student to grow with confidence.*



Prep

Year 1



Year 2

Year 3



Year 4

Year 5

Year 6



# Health and Wellbeing

## Health Notices

### ***Seasonal illness***

We ask families to please monitor for the following symptoms: Fever, vomiting or diarrhoea, persistent cough, sore throat or runny nose, fatigue or general unwellness.

If your child is unwell:

- Please keep them at home until they are well enough to participate in school activities.
- Students should be symptom-free for at least 24 hours (without medication) before returning to school, and at least 48 hours following vomiting or diarrhoea.
- Encourage good hygiene practices at home, including regular handwashing and covering coughs and sneezes.
- Please notify the school if your child has been diagnosed with a contagious illness.

### ***Head lice***

We have recently had several reported cases of head lice within the school community. We ask all families to regularly check their children's hair for any signs of head lice or eggs (nits), particularly behind the ears and at the nape of the neck.

Early detection and treatment are important in helping to prevent the spread of head lice. If head lice are found, please commence appropriate treatment and notify the school office so that we can continue to monitor and support our school community.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

## Allergies

***We ask families to be mindful of the allergies within their child's class .***

**Year P:** Dairy, egg, prawns, lychee, pistachios, cashews

**Year 1:** Peanut, walnut, pecan, sesame

**Year 3:** Egg, tree nuts, peanuts, walnuts, hazelnuts, pecans, seafood

**Year 4:** Pistachio, cashew, walnut, pecan, egg, milk/dairy, wheat, macadamia, kiwi, peanuts, shellfish

**Year 5:** Soy sauce

**Year 6:** Walnuts, hazelnuts, macadamias, cashews, pistachios, tree nuts, pecans, eggs, shellfish

# Child Safety Updates

## PROTECT – Keeping Children Safe

*At St Peter's, the safety and wellbeing of every child is our highest priority. We are committed to creating a child-safe environment where all children feel safe, respected and supported.*

*Families play an important role in helping children stay safe. Talking openly with children about personal safety, trusted adults and speaking up when something does not feel right can help children build confidence and seek support when needed.*



### **Helpful ways to support your child include:**

1. Encouraging open conversations and listening without judgement
2. Teaching children about body safety, consent and personal boundaries
3. Helping children identify trusted adults they can talk to if they feel unsafe or worried
4. Monitoring online activity and discussing safe and respectful use of technology and social media
5. Reminding children that it is always okay to ask for help and that their safety matters

# Student Wellbeing & Support Services

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## **If You Are Concerned About a Child's Safety**

*If you are worried about the safety or wellbeing of a child, support is available.*

**Victoria Police – Emergency**      000

*If a child is in immediate danger or at risk of harm.*

## **Child Protection (Department of Families, Fairness and Housing – DFFH)**

*For concerns where a child may be experiencing significant harm or abuse.*

*Child Protection Crisis Line (After Hours): 13 12 78*

## **The Orange Door**

*Provides support for families experiencing family violence, child wellbeing concerns or needing parenting and family support.*

1800 271 170

[www.orangedoor.vic.gov.au](http://www.orangedoor.vic.gov.au)

## **Kids Helpline**

*Free, confidential counselling for children and young people aged 5–25.*

1800 55 1800

[www.kidshelpline.com.au](http://www.kidshelpline.com.au)

## **eSafety Commissioner**

*Support and advice for cyberbullying, online safety and reporting harmful online content.*

[www.esafety.gov.au](http://www.esafety.gov.au)

*Families are encouraged to speak with the school if they have concerns about their child's wellbeing or safety.*

*Together, we can continue to create a safe, caring and supportive community for all children.*

# Important Information

## Student Absence

Regular school attendance is essential for every child's learning, wellbeing and sense of belonging within our school community. Recent statistics across Victoria have highlighted an increasing number of students missing valuable learning time through late arrivals, early collections, sick days and extended absences due to family holidays.

**Every school day matters. Even small amounts of missed time can have a significant impact on a child's academic progress, social development and classroom confidence.** Establishing consistent attendance habits helps students build positive routines, maintain friendships and fully engage in all learning opportunities. **We ask families to continue supporting their child by ensuring they arrive at school on time each day and remain at school for the full school day wherever possible.**

While we understand that illness and exceptional circumstances do arise, we encourage parents to carefully consider the impact of avoidable absences during term time.

**Please also note that all student absences, including late arrivals and early departures, are formally recorded and will appear on Semester 1 reports distributed at the end of this term.**

If you are experiencing any challenges with supporting your child to attend school, please contact the school. We welcome the opportunity to work together to support your child's attendance and wellbeing.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support in prioritising your child's education and attendance at school.

## Thanksgiving Offering

The Parish would like to thank our families for their generous support of the Parish Thanksgiving Program.

A gentle reminder, the Parish Thanksgiving contribution for 2026 remains at \$355 per family, as set in consultation with the Parish Finance Advisory Committee, and has remained unchanged for several years. The Parish are sincerely grateful for the ongoing support of our families. Contributions may be made via EFTPOS, credit card, or EFT (NAB, BSB 083347, Account No. 194857554 – please quote your Family Code).

## School Fees

2026 fee statements have now been issued. Fees are due by 30 November 2026. Payment plans are available and can be arranged via direct debit.

### Payment Options:

Direct Debit (weekly, fortnightly or monthly)

EFTPOS (in person or by phone)

### Direct Transfer:

Account Name: St Peter's Primary School

BSB: 083 347

Account Number: 538760722

(Please include your family ID)

For support, please contact the school office.

### CSEF Reminder

A reminder to families that CSEF application forms close on **26 June 2026**.

If you wish to apply, please contact the school office as soon as possible. Once applications close, no late forms can be accepted.

# Parent Essentials

## Coming onsite

*Parents when coming onto the school grounds between the hours of 10 and 3, please ensure the Church side gate closes behind you. We have a high latch at the top of the gate for student safety. This gate is to be closed during the school day.*

## Homework Expectations

*Students are encouraged to read daily and follow the homework policy available on our website.*

## Community Spirit

A wonderful evening was had by all at the recent St Peter's Mums Night Out held at Anglers Tavern on Friday 8th May. With approximately 105 mums in attendance, the night was a fantastic opportunity for our school community to come together, relax, connect and enjoy each other's company outside of school.

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the evening such a great success. It was lovely to see so many mums enjoying a fun and social night together, further strengthening the wonderful sense of community we have at St Peter's.



# Supporting St. Peter's

## Mother's Day Stall

*On behalf of Cheryl Estephan and Yasmine Pateras (Mother's Day Stall Co-Captains), we would like to sincerely thank all the wonderful mums who volunteered their time to help at this year's Mother's Day stall. Your support helped make the day such a success and ensured every child had the opportunity to choose a special gift for the important women in their lives. Seeing the smiles on the children's faces made the day extra special, and we truly couldn't have done it without you.*

*We hope you all had a wonderful Mother's Day and look forward to seeing you again next year!*

*A special thank you to Claire Lancashire, Sandra Domic, Belinda Adornetto, Donna Zanella, Lorren Foudoulis, Rosanna Filippone, Lydia Franco-Gagliardi, Rosie Pratt, Jennifer Sakic, Linda Nejasmic, Lizzie Pawley, Melanie Zanetti, Antoinette Hakim, Oula Khallouf, Kate Hardwick, Emily Mensforth, Belinda O'Flynn, Ellie Burke, Bianca Michel, Sarah Deutscher and Bianca Rattray for your support and generosity.*

*On behalf of the St Peter's school community, we would also like to thank our local businesses and families for their generous donations to the Mother's Day raffle. Thanks to your support, we created three amazing hampers and raised close to \$600 for our school.*

*A heartfelt thank you to North Western Osteopathic Clinic, Balloon Emporium Co, Sole Podiatry, Rosie Pratt Naturopath, Indigo Heart, Clarke & Co Hair, Bianca Rose and Beauty on Rose for your generosity and ongoing support of our school community.*



# Congratulations

*We are delighted to celebrate the recent academic achievements of Zoe Tsesmetzis, Alyssa Africano and Alyssia Chellemi.*

*Their commitment to ongoing learning and professional growth reflects the dedication and passion they bring to their roles at St Peter's each day. By continuing to expand their knowledge and expertise, they not only enhance their own professional practice but also enrich the learning experiences of the students in their care.*

*We congratulate Zoe, Alyssa and Alyssia on this wonderful achievement and thank them for their commitment to lifelong learning and excellence in education. We are proud to have them as part of the St Peter's community.*



## Young Archie Competition 2026

We are delighted to celebrate the achievement of Year 5 student, Alexandra Warrener, who recently submitted an entry into the Young Archie competition, a national portrait competition for young people.

Alexandra's artwork was recognised among the top 8% of all submissions, an outstanding accomplishment in such a highly competitive field. This achievement reflects her creativity, dedication and artistic talent.

Congratulations, Alexandra, on this wonderful success. We are incredibly proud of your achievement and look forward to seeing your artistic talents continue to flourish.



## Child Safe Standard 4

**"Families and communities are informed and involved in promoting child safety and wellbeing."**

As Catholic educators, we have a moral, mission-driven and legal responsibility to uphold and actively promote the wellbeing and safety of every student entrusted in our care. Our commitment to the protection of students ensures they have agency and voice about all matters that impact their safety. Our Catholic communities ensure systems, processes, policies and cultures encourage and respect the voices of children and young people.

This newsletter series provides an overview of what the Child Safe Standards are, how they are designed to help keep children and young people safe and what schools governed by Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) are doing to prioritise and achieve this.

### Overview of Child Safe Standard 4:

To be aligned, schools must support the following:

- Families participate in decisions affecting their child
- The organisation engages and openly communicates with families and the community about its child safe approach and relevant information is accessible.
- Families and communities have a say in the development and review of the organisation's policies
- Families, carers and the community are informed about the organisation's operations and governance.



### The Child Safe Standards

*The Child Safe Standards are a set of guidelines that help organisations create safe environments for children and young people.*

*They make sure that children are protected from harm, listened to, and respected. These standards require organisations to have strong leadership, clear policies, and a culture that puts children first.*

*As a parent or carer, you can expect organisations to involve families, empower children, train staff properly, and respond to concerns quickly and respectfully.*

**"The role of the family in building a culture of life is decisive and irreplaceable"** This quote comes in the greater context of Pope John Paul's message about the family being at the heart of the **"civilization of love"**.

## What does this look like in a school environment?

- **Keeping families informed:** We provide parents, carers and the community with regular updates about child safety and wellbeing so everyone knows what is being done to keep children safe and so parents and carers can continue the conversation at home.
- **Inviting parent, carer and community involvement:** We create varied opportunities for families, carers and community members to participate in surveys, forums or school events that focus on child safety and wellbeing, and seek their feedback
- **Working together:** We build trust and open communication with families, carers and the wider community. We ensure families, carers and members of the community have access to a variety communication channels.
- **Welcoming different perspectives:** We are always open and welcoming of ideas that help keep children safe. We create varied ways for people to provide us with their feedback and share their ideas. We also actively seek to go beyond the school gate to meet families and the wider community at different places of learning, so we are all walking together.



## How Parents, Carers and Guardians can get involved!

Child Safe Standard 4 is about making sure schools, families, carers and the wider community work together to keep children safe. Here are some simple ways families can help:

- **Stay informed:** Read school updates about safety and wellbeing
- **Keep talking:** Have regular, open conversations with your child about what safety feels like for them and how they feel when they are at school or other places away from home. Ensure they know they have trusted adults they can speak to if they are concerned. Make sure they know who these adults are.
- **Get involved:** Attend school events, take part in surveys or forums that seek your feedback. Let your children see that you prioritise this connection with the school.
- **Share your perspective:** Contact the school with any ideas or thoughts you have that will help everyone to keep children safe. You may be able to offer a unique perspective or idea that the school has not considered.

## Want to know more?

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about how we're supporting child safety, please get in touch.

More information on the Child Safe Standards can be found via the [Commission for Children and Young People \(CCYP\) website](#).

## Check out these additional resources from below to learn more:

The Australian Institute of Family Studies (AFIS): [Parents' Involvement in their Children's Education Community Engagement](#)

The Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL): [Strengthening Parent Engagement to Improve Student Outcomes](#)



## Working together for Child Safety



# School Calendar

Click on link to [view School calendar](#)

OR

[view on School Website](#)

## St Peter's Primary - Term dates 2026

<b>Term 1</b>	Tuesday 27th January - Thursday 2nd April	12pm dismissal
<b>Term 2</b>	Monday 20th April - Friday 26th June	12pm dismissal
<b>Term 3</b>	Tuesday 14th July - Friday 18th September	12pm dismissal
<b>Term 4</b>	Monday 5th October - Tuesday 15th December	12pm dismissal

## St Peter's Primary - Curriculum Days - No school for Students

<b>Term 1</b>	Friday 6th March	Berry Street Education Model #3
<b>Term 3</b>	Monday 13th July	Berry Street Education Model #4
<b>Term 4</b>	Monday 2nd November	Report Writing Day
	Wednesday 4th November	Staff Faith Formation
	Wednesday 16th December	Compliance and Organisational Training

## 2026 Sacrament Dates

<b>Reconciliation</b>	Year 3 students	Friday 30th October 2pm
<b>Eucharist</b>	Year 4 students:	Sat 25th July 6pm - 4AA
		Sun 26th July 10.30am - 4LK
		Sat 1st Aug 6pm - 4EB
		Sun 2nd Aug 10.30am - 4KT
<b>Confirmation</b>	Year 6 students:	Sat 29th Aug 6.00pm Sat 5th Sept 6:00pm

# Community Notices

The following notices are shared for our school community



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Enrolments for Year 7 open to current Grade 5 students

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(03) 9331 9300  
registrar@avemaria.vic.edu.au

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools  
AVE MARIA COLLEGE  
The Arts, Strength, and Spirit Team

## Secondary School Information



**COUGARS**

EAST KEILOR FOOTBALL CLUB

**SECURE YOUR SPOT ON THE TEAM FOR 2026**

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER

**GIRLS & BOYS TEAMS**  
Under 8, 10, 12, 14 & 16s  
Under 18 & Seniors

**COUGAR CUBS AUSKICK PROGRAM**  
Ages 5-7

For further enquiries please email [ekfc@eastkeilorfc.com.au](mailto:ekfc@eastkeilorfc.com.au)



**Mini Mozarts**

Click on the provided link  
Local classes available for students