



ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Keilor East

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Term 3 at St. Peter's

Friday 31st July - Prep 100 Days of School

Tuesday 11th Aug - Year 3 Reconciliation Family Faith Night

Mon 24th Aug - 9am Book Week Parade

Friday 4th Sept - 8.30am Donuts for Dad's

A message from the Principal



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Semester Two. It has been wonderful to see our students return enthusiastic, settled and ready for another exciting term of learning. Our staff have also returned refreshed, and there is much to look forward to over the coming weeks.

This term is a particularly special time in the life of our Catholic school community as our students in Years 3 to 6 prepare for and celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. These celebrations reflect the strong partnership between home, school and parish, and the many opportunities a Catholic education provides to nurture both faith and learning.

Congratulations also to our Year 6 students, who have begun their Community Partnership Program. Throughout the term, they will put their faith into action by bringing joy to residents in local aged care facilities, working alongside children in nearby kindergartens, and welcoming toddlers and their families into our school library for engaging learning experiences. We are incredibly proud of the independence, compassion and maturity they continue to demonstrate as senior leaders of St Peter's.

A reminder to all families that our annual **Book Week Parade will be held on Monday, 24 August**. We look forward to seeing the wonderful creativity of our students and families as they bring their favourite book characters to life.

I wish all of our students, staff and families every blessing for the weeks ahead and a successful and rewarding term.

Anne

School Concert Dates

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

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

Tickets on sale soon



Faith in Action



Year 4 Celebrate First Holy Communion & Prepare Their Hearts

Over the weekend, we were delighted to celebrate the First Holy Communion of our 4AA and 4KT students. Surrounded by their families, parish community and school staff, the students reverently received the Eucharist for the first time, marking a significant milestone in their faith journey. We congratulate each child and thank their parents, families, teachers and Fr Anil for supporting them throughout their preparation.

In the lead-up to these celebrations, our Year 4 students participated in a Reflection Day at the Ta' Pinu Shrine. The day provided a wonderful opportunity for prayer, reflection and learning as students explored the meaning of the Mass and deepened their understanding of the gift of the Eucharist. They also spent time examining their conscience before celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation, helping them prepare their hearts to receive Jesus in Holy Communion. We give thanks for this special time in the lives of our Year 4 students and pray that they continue to grow in faith as active members of our parish and school community.



Prayer for Our Year 4 Students

Loving God,

We thank You for our Year 4 students who have received You in the Eucharist for the first time. May they always know that You are close to them and that Your love strengthens them each day.

Help them to continue growing in faith, kindness and compassion. Guide them to follow Jesus in all they do and to share His love with their families, friends and our school community.

Bless them always as they continue their journey with You.



Highlights to share

Soccer Achievements

Congratulations to Samuel and Alessandro, who have both been selected for the SSV State Soccer Team. This is a fantastic achievement and a wonderful recognition of their skill, dedication and hard work.

We are very proud of Samuel and Alessandro and wish them every success as they represent at state level.



A special shout-out to our Prep student Gabriel, who featured our very own school nurse, Leila, on his poster for the 100 Days of Prep celebration!

What a thoughtful and creative choice. We are sure Leila was very honoured to be included. Well done, Gabriel!





Highlights to share

Community Partnership Program



Living Our Vision at St. Peter's

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



Respect

Jayden Galea
Gia Rapita



Creativity

Kingston Zraybi
Salvatore Rotondo, Nisla Banda



Empathy

Zoe Qualligan



Integrity

Grace Caravello
Maya Artemchuk



Hope

Christian Colerio
Gabriel Babatzanis



Community

Mila Kassis, Isabella
Placanica, Erica Sgro,
Florence Turville



Love of Learning

Olivia Bergonzo, Alessia Fisicaro, Alessia Micallef,
Caleb Maina, Zachary Forsyth, Oliver Carle,
Marcela Zantomio, Londyn Gaunt, Matthew
Poplavsky, Gabriel Farah, Olivia Soccio, Anthony
Khallouf, Amelia Heley

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



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.

Scarlet Fever

A case of scarlet fever has been reported within the school community. Scarlet fever is a contagious bacterial illness that may cause a sore throat, high fever and a red, sandpaper-like rash.

Parents and carers are asked to remain alert for symptoms and seek medical advice if they have any concerns.

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



Raising independent confident children - one step at a time



As parents, it's natural to want to help our children. But one of the greatest gifts we can give them is the confidence and capability to do things for themselves. By gradually stepping back, we create opportunities for children to develop independence, resilience and problem-solving skills that will serve them throughout life.

Here are five simple strategies to encourage growing independence at home:

1. Let them do what they can do themselves

Before stepping in, ask yourself: "Can my child do this on their own?" Allowing children to complete age-appropriate tasks—even if it takes a little longer—helps build confidence and self-belief.

2. Pause before helping

When your child encounters a challenge, resist the urge to jump in immediately. Giving them a few extra moments to think and try encourages perseverance and resourcefulness.

3. Be fully present

When your child wants to talk, pause what you're doing and give them your full attention. Feeling heard and valued strengthens your connection and provides the security they need to tackle challenges independently.

4. Ask questions instead of giving answers

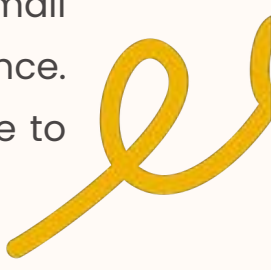
Rather than solving problems for your child, encourage them to think of solutions. Asking questions such as, "What's your plan?" or "What do you think would work?" helps develop critical thinking and decision-making skills.

5. Talk while doing

Some of the best conversations happen while walking, cooking, kicking a ball or working on a project together. Side-by-side activities often help children feel more relaxed and willing to share their thoughts and feelings.

A Small Challenge for This Week

Choose just one task that you usually do for your child and encourage them to take ownership of it. Whether it's packing their school bag, making their bed or organising their sports gear, small opportunities to practise independence build lifelong confidence. By taking one small step back, we give our children the chance to take one important step forward.



Student Wellbeing & Support Services

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

Kids Helpline

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

1800 55 1800

www.kidshelpline.com.au

eSafety Commissioner

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

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.



Child Safe Standard 6

"People working with children and young people are suitable and supported to reflect child safety and wellbeing values in practice."

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 involves ensuring families and community members actively participate in promoting and upholding child safety and wellbeing. Our Catholic communities develop, review and uphold robust systems, processes, and policies that support staff and volunteers to act with professionalism, integrity, and care; ensuring child safety and wellbeing are embedded in all aspects of school life.

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.

Why is it important that all adults who work with children are suitable and supported?

Everyone who works with or around children has a responsibility to act with integrity, care, and accountability. When staff, volunteers, leaders, and contractors are suitable, supported, and well-informed about child safety, **children feel safe, valued, and able to thrive.**

Schools can uphold high standards of safety and wellbeing when all adults understand their roles, follow clear expectations, and receive ongoing guidance and supervision. This shared responsibility ensures that children experience **consistent, safe, and respectful interactions every day.**



Child Safe Standard 6

Child Safe Standard 6 reminds us that everyone who works with children has a responsibility to act with integrity, care, and trustworthiness.

As 1 Corinthians 4:2 teaches, "Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful." This scripture highlights that safeguarding children is a sacred trust, and we are called to be faithful stewards of their wellbeing.

By ensuring that all staff, volunteers, and leaders are suitable, supported, and accountable, the standard helps us live out this trust every day, creating a safe, nurturing environment where children can thrive.

Child Safe Standard 6 focuses on ensuring that adults are carefully selected, appropriately trained, and are supported to maintain high standards of child safety. It recognises that safeguarding is not just about rules, but about everyday behaviours, professional conduct, and living out our shared responsibility to protect children.

What does this look like in a school environment?

- **Recruiting safely:** We ensure all staff undergo thorough screening, including thorough background checks, reference checks, and interviews, to make sure they are suitable to work with children. As part of this, we ensure that all staff hold and maintain appropriate professional qualifications and registrations, including current Working with Children Check (WWCC) or Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT) registration, in line with the Workforce Screening and Accreditation Policy.
- **Providing clear expectations:** Everyone is informed about the school's child safety policies and procedures, professional standards, code of conduct, and reporting responsibilities.
- **Ongoing support and guidance:** Staff and volunteers receive annual induction, professional learning, mentoring, and supervision to help them maintain safe and respectful practices.
- **Accountability in practice:** We encourage adults to speak up if they have concerns, follow clear reporting pathways, and model behaviours that prioritise children's wellbeing. We also ensure that professional qualifications and registrations are maintained.



How Parents, Carers and Guardians can get involved!

Child Safe Standard 6 ensures that all adults are carefully selected, appropriately trained, and supported in keeping children safe.

Families can help by:

- **Knowing who works with your child:** Be aware of the staff, volunteers, and other adults involved in your child's learning and care
- **Asking questions:** Check that adults in your child's life have the training and support to maintain child safety standards
- **Staying informed:** Read updates from the school about professional learning and child safety initiatives
- **Partnering with the school:** Share observations, concerns, or ideas that might help all in our community ensure interactions are safe and supportive.



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](#).

The Victorian Government has clear guidance around ensuring Child Safe Standard 6 is enacted in all schools, further information about how this standard is upheld and reviewed for every school can be found [here](#).

The Federal Government developed a [Child Safe Framework policy](#) and in May 2024 the Federal Government's Department of Education released its updated [Child Safe policy](#).



Working together for Child Safety



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.

Ball Games Before and After School

A reminder to families that children should not engage in ball games on school grounds before or after school.

These are busy times, with many students and families arriving and leaving, and balls can accidentally cause injury to others.

We also ask parents and carers to closely supervise their children and ensure they do not play on playground equipment at these times.

Thank you for helping us keep our school grounds safe for everyone.

Dogs on School Yard

A reminder that dogs are not permitted on school grounds, even when they are on a lead. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and comfortable environment for all students and families.

Canteen Lunch Orders Reminder

Lunch orders must be placed by 8:00am and can be submitted up to two weeks in advance. Orders received after 8:00am will be moved to the following week.

When ordering through the app, please ensure you select Confirm so the order is successfully processed.

Please also ensure any late lunch payments are made to the front office or canteen the next day. Thank you for helping our canteen run smoothly.

School Calendar

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

OR

[view on School Website](#)

St Peter's Primary - Term dates 2026		
Term 1	Tuesday 27th January - Thursday 2nd April	12pm dismissal
Term 2	Monday 20th April - Friday 26th June	12pm dismissal
Term 3	Tuesday 14th July - Friday 18th September	12pm dismissal
Term 4	Monday 5th October - Tuesday 15th December	12pm dismissal

St Peter's Primary - Curriculum Days - No school for Students		
Term 1	Friday 6th March	Berry Street Education Model #3
Term 3	Monday 13th July	Berry Street Education Model #4
Term 4	Monday 2nd November	Report Writing Day
	Wednesday 4th November	Staff Faith Formation
	Wednesday 16th December	Compliance and Organisational Training

2026 Sacrament Dates		
Reconciliation	Year 3 students	Friday 30th October 2pm
Eucharist	Year 4 students:	Sat 25th July 6pm - 4AA
		Sun 26th July 10.30am - 4LK
		Sat 1st Aug 6pm - 4EB
		Sun 2nd Aug 10.30am - 4 KT
Confirmation	Year 6 students:	Sat 29th Aug 6.00pm
		Sat 5th Sept 6:00pm

Community Notices

The following notices are shared for our school community



The 5 Love Languages
The secret to love that lasts
Enrichment Day for Couples

15 August 2026 | 9am-5pm
St Eugene's Retreat and Conference Centre
45 John Field Drive, Newborough VIC 3825

\$60 per couple
Includes lunch & morning and afternoon tea

We all need to feel loved. Men and women have an "emotional love tank". When it's full, we feel content, secure, and loved. We all communicate love primarily according to one of five love languages. And the truly life-changing moment comes when we understand and speak each other's love language.

More information and booking:
<https://www.trybooking.com/DMSU8H>
Enquiries: Maria & Andre Resquinha
E: andre.resquinha@yahoo.com.au
T: 0411 225 992

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 **worldwide marriage encounter**

Your presenters, Deb & Paul Cochran, have been married for 37 years and involved with Marriage Encounter for 27 years. They have presented the 5 Love Languages Enrichment to Couples in Adelaide, Melbourne and Brisbane. Deb & Paul bring the concepts of the book alive in a humorous and relatable way as they share their own experiences.



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SCAN TO REGISTER



Mini Mozarts

*Click on the provided link
Local classes available for students*

Community Notices

MOST REV STEPHEN WANG PARENT WORKSHOP

**WEDNESDAY 19 AUGUST 2026
AT 7:00PM**



Melbourne Archdiocese
Catholic Schools



Register your Interest
here

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/4TT0MZuyyB>



A Special Invitation for Parents

Parents across our MACS schools and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are invited to a unique opportunity to hear from Fr Stephen Wang, visiting all the way from Rome. Join us as he explores the inspiring topic:

Accompaniment and Conversion: Walking with Our Children Toward Christ.

Come and be encouraged and inspired in your journey of faith and parenting.

Online Link to Join: <https://shorturl.at/02j66>

Meeting ID: 482 438 471 206 0

Passcode: bw6cm35P

Or Scan QR Code to Join

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Community Notices



Melbourne Archdiocese
Catholic Schools

Itinerary for Fr Stephen Wang's visit to Melbourne

Date	Event	Location	Type of Audience	Topic	Registration Details
Tue, 4 Aug	School Visit 3:45-4:45pm: Staff Formation Session	Catholic Regional College Sydenham 380 Sydenham Rd, Sydenham VIC 3087	Staff- teachers, leaders and principals from different schools	A vision of Catholic Education and how Sycamore can help	OPL Code: 26REL801A Choose Session 1
Mon, 10 Aug	8:30 am – 3:30 pm Retreat Day	Catholic Leadership Centre (East Melbourne)	Faith and Mission Leaders, Religious Education Leaders and Sycamore Facilitators	Leading from the Heart of the Church	OPL Code: 26REL506A
Tue, 11 Aug	School Visit 3:45-4:45 Staff Formation Session	Our Lady of Mercy College (OLMC) Heidelberg 52 Cape St, Heidelberg VIC 3084	Staff- teachers, leaders and principals from different schools	A vision of Catholic Education and how Sycamore can help	OPL Code: 26REL801A Choose Session 2
	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm Catholic Imagination Series	Catholic Leadership Centre (East Melbourne)	Leaders + Guests from around the Archdiocese	Getting a Better View	OPL Code: 26REL500C
Mon, 17 Aug	School Visit 11:00-12:00pm Executive Leadership Session	St Bernard's (Bacchus Marsh) Gabonne Rd, Bacchus Marsh VIC 3340	Staff in Leadership Positions from Different Schools	A vision of Catholic Education and how Sycamore can help"	Email: melia@macs.vic.edu.au
	2:10-3:00pm Student Formation Session		Student Leaders from Year 6+	Leadership and Discipleship	Registration Link https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/xbKW0EnPdI
	3:30-4:30pm Staff Formation Session		Staff- teachers, leaders and principals from different schools	A vision of Catholic Education and how Sycamore can help	OPL Code: 26REL801A Choose Session 3

1 | Fr Stephen Wang's visit to Melbourne August 2026 v2026.06.11



Date	Event	Location	Type of Audience	Topic	Registration Details
Tue, 18 Aug	School Visit 1:30- 2:30pm Student Formation Session	Kolbe Catholic College (Greenvale Lakes Campus) 39 Lyttonest Dr, Greenvale VIC 3059	Student Leaders from Year 6+	Leadership and Discipleship	Registration Link https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/xbKW0EnPdI
	3:45-4:45pm Staff Formation Session		Staff- teachers, leaders and principals from different schools	A vision of Catholic Education and how Sycamore can help	OPL Code: 26REL801A Choose Session 4
Wed, 19 Aug	School Visit: 3:45-4:45 Staff Formation Session	Mount Lilydale Mercy College 128 Anderson St, Lilydale VIC 3140	Staff- teachers, leaders and principals from different schools	A vision of Catholic Education and how Sycamore can help	OPL Code: 26REL801A Choose Session 5
	7:00pm Online Parent Formation Night	Online Microsoft Teams	Parents	Accompaniment and Conversion: Walking with our Children Toward Christ	Joining Link: https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/4824384712060?p=J3ux754zMcjHuiCgSr Meeting ID: 482 438 471 206 0 Passcode: bw6cm35P
Thu, 20 Aug	School Visit 3:45-4:45 Staff Formation Session	Padua College Mornington 62 Oakbank Rd, Mornington VIC 3931	Staff- teachers, leaders and principals from different schools	A vision of Catholic Education and how Sycamore can help	OPL Code: 26REL801A Choose Session 6



Melbourne Archdiocese
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GRADE 5 IMMERSION PROGRAM TERM 3 @ CRCNK



Food
Technology



Sport



Science

This fun and engaging program runs over 3 consecutive Thursdays:

 27 August | 3 September | 10 September

 3:45pm – 5:00pm

**Students must attend all 3 sessions.
Parent/carer attendance required (includes Leadership presentations).*

- ✓ Hands-on sessions with our staff & student leaders
- ✓ Explore high school subjects in a fun, supportive environment
- ✓ Gain real insight into student life at CRCNK



Places are limited – register via our College website today!



www.crcnk.vic.edu.au



1C Santa Monica Drive North Keilor



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JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

LEARN. PLAY. GROW.

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WEEK SOFTBALL EXPERIENCE

FOR BOYS & GIRLS
AGED 7-15

- ★ DEVELOP SKILLS
- 🚶 BUILD CONFIDENCE
- 👥 MAKE FRIENDS
- 😊 HAVE FUN

PARTICIPANT PACK INCLUDED



DRAWSTRING BAG



T'SHIRT

AND MUCH MORE!



**KEILOR PARK
SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION**
81 Stadium Drive,
Keilor Park



SATURDAYS
25 JULY -
29 AUGUST



2:00PM -
4:00PM



\$90
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SPOTS ARE LIMITED



**SCAN TO
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All participants who register with an affiliated Victorian Softball Club for the 2026/27 season by 9 October 2026 will receive an automatic \$20 refund courtesy of Softball Victorian as required.