



St Peter's Primary Newsletter



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Message from our Principal:

Dear St Peter's Families,

As we approach the end of the 2024 school year, I find myself filled with gratitude and joy reflecting on my first year as Principal of this incredible St Peter's faith learning community. It has been an honour to serve, learn, and grow alongside you all, and I am so proud of what we have achieved together.

This year has been marked by countless moments of triumph and growth for our students. Each child is on their own unique learning journey, and it has been a privilege to witness their efforts and achievements. Whether it's a student mastering a challenging concept, demonstrating resilience in the face of difficulties, or showing kindness to others, these moments remind us of the power of education and community in shaping bright futures.

We've also shared so many special memories as a community that will stay with me for years to come. From the creativity and joy of the Easter Bonnet Parade to the unity and spirit of our Olympics Ceremony, the magic of the Book Week Parade, and the incredible talent displayed in our School Production – these events have highlighted the heart and vibrancy of St Peter's. We even faced unexpected challenges together, such as closing the school in the first week due to a burst water pipe. However, this moment turned into an opportunity to celebrate resilience and community as we welcomed an ice cream truck to school, bringing smiles and joy to everyone.



Attending school camps and joining in the adventures with our children has been another highlight, providing opportunities to connect, laugh, and learn in new environments. Witnessing the faith journeys of our Year 3, 4, and 6 students as they celebrated their sacraments has been another special highlight, reminding us of the strength and grace of our shared faith. These moments reflect the spirit of connection, celebration, and learning that makes our school so extraordinary.

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the incredible staff at St Peter's for welcoming me with open arms this year. I am inspired daily by their passion, knowledge, grit, and genuine love and care for every child in our school. It is truly a privilege to call them my colleagues and friends. Their commitment to nurturing and supporting our students is nothing short of extraordinary, and I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to work alongside such talented and dedicated professionals.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our amazing Year 6 students as they prepare to leave St Peter's and embark on the exciting adventure of high school. It has been a joy to learn alongside you this year and to witness the incredible individuals you have become. Your leadership, enthusiasm, and willingness to contribute to our school have left a lasting legacy. On behalf of the St Peter's community, I wish you all the very best in this next chapter of your lives. May you approach it with confidence, courage, and an open heart.



As we prepare to celebrate Advent and the birth of Jesus, let us enter this season with love, joy, and hope. Advent is a time of anticipation and reflection, and it invites us to consider the blessings in our lives and the opportunities we have to share those blessings with others. I encourage you to embrace this time as a family, finding moments to connect, pray, and share in the joy of the season.

Reminder: As shared in the previous newsletter, this Friday will be my last day before taking long service leave for my upcoming wedding. While I will return for the final two days of school, Anne Tadinac will step into the role of Acting Principal during my absence. While I will return for the final two days of school, this will be my last newsletter message for the year.

In preparation for the end of the year, I have worked closely with our Executive Team to ensure a smooth transition for all upcoming events and processes. Information about tuition fees, end-of-year practices, and events like Step-Up Day has been carefully scheduled for distribution to families. Please keep an eye out for these important communications to stay informed and prepared.

Thank you for your support, encouragement, and trust throughout 2024. Together, we have built upon the foundation of faith, learning, and community that makes St Peter's so special. I wish you and your families a joyful and blessed Christmas season.

With love, joy, and gratitude,

Gemma

CHILD SAFE – Road Safety

As a school community grounded in the values of our Catholic faith, we are called to care for one another, especially our most vulnerable members – our children. With this in mind, we want to address some critical concerns regarding road safety during school drop-off and pick-up times.

We acknowledge the challenges you face, including limited parking spaces and ongoing roadworks around our school. These issues can undoubtedly make drop-offs and pick-ups more stressful. However, no inconvenience should ever outweigh the safety of your children and others in our community.

In recent weeks, there have been tragic stories in the news about children and adults being seriously injured or losing their lives during school pick-up and drop-off times. Let us ensure St Peter's is never a part of such heartbreaking headlines. Together, we can rise above these challenges by adhering to road laws, prioritising safety, and modelling respectful behaviour for our children.

As a school, we are deeply committed to promoting road safety. We have been working hard to educate our students on safe practices, including walking their bikes or scooters into the school grounds, lining up safely at the gates, and understanding basic road safety rules. These lessons are critical for their wellbeing, but they require reinforcement at home and in your actions.

What we ask of you as partners in safety:

1. Follow Road and Parking Laws

- Be mindful of 'No Parking' signs and refrain from parking in restricted areas. These rules are in place to protect all children and families.
- Use designated drop-off and pick-up zones.

2. Model Safe and Respectful Behaviour

- Show your children what responsible road behaviour looks like. For instance, dismount your bike or scooter when entering the school grounds. Children learn from what they see, and your actions speak louder than words.
- Approach interactions with school staff enforcing these rules with respect and understanding. We are all working towards the same goal: keeping our children safe.

3. Partner With Us in Teaching Road Safety

- Reinforce the road safety messages your children are learning at school. Consistency between home and school is key to embedding these important lessons.

While the majority of our families work diligently to ensure a safe school environment, we must address the disappointing behaviours of a small minority. We have observed instances of unsafe practices such as parents riding bikes into the school grounds or parking in restricted areas. These actions undermine the safety of our community and send conflicting messages to our students.

We want to express our heartfelt gratitude to the many families who consistently prioritise safety. Whether it's by parking further away and walking, carpooling, or arriving early to find safe parking, your efforts do not go unnoticed. Your commitment to the wellbeing of our community is a testament to our shared values of respect, care, and responsibility.

At St Peter's, we are dedicated to fostering a safe, positive environment where every child can thrive. To achieve this, we need everyone to do their part. Let us unite in this mission, living out our faith and values by caring for one another and modelling the behaviours we want to see in our children.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in keeping St Peter's a safe and welcoming place for all.

School Celebrations

Year 6 Camp to Phillip Island Adventure Resort – A Huge Success!

Our Year 6 students had an amazing time at the Phillip Island Adventure Resort, enjoying activities like the flying fox, adventure swing, canoeing, and raft-making. The Talent Quest was a standout, with students supporting each other and showcasing their talents.

The teachers are incredibly proud of the students' respectful behaviour and positive attitude throughout the camp. Feedback from the camp staff highlighted the students' excellent manners, respect for others, and enthusiasm during all activities. Well done to our Year 6 students and staff for making the most of this unforgettable experience!



School Celebrations

Prep- 2 Junior Tabloid Sports

Our Prep to Year 2 Tabloid Sports Day was a spectacular success, bursting with energy, laughter, and plenty of movement! Thanks to the Kaboom Sports team the school came alive with vibrant music setting the tone for a day of excitement as students rotated through a variety of engaging and dynamic sports activities. From parachute games to ball games, and more, there was something for everyone to enjoy.



Parents and staff cheered on as our little athletes showcased their determination, teamwork, and boundless enthusiasm.

A huge shoutout to our amazing Year 6 students, who stepped up as mentors and cheerleaders, helping our younger students navigate each activity with enthusiasm and support. Your leadership and kindness made the day extra special!

Thank you to everyone who joined in the fun and made the day unforgettable. What a fantastic way to celebrate fitness, friendship, and fun!

Staff Celebrations

Wedding Bells:

A huge **congratulations** to our PE teacher **Jake Napoli** and Maddison on becoming husband and wife on Friday 15th Nov! We hope that the day was everything that you dreamed it would be and that you had the most amazing time celebrating with all of your nearest and dearest. Wishing you both a lifetime of happiness and love!



Baby News:

Congratulations to our Director of Learning (Prep-2) **Alex Mulkearns** and Nick, who are expecting a baby boy early next year! We are so thrilled for them and can't wait to celebrate this joyous occasion! Join me in wishing Alex and Nick all the very best as they prepare for this exciting new journey together.

Congratulations to one of our current Year 5 teachers **Marie Evans** and Rohan, who are expecting a baby in April next year! What an incredibly special time in their lives. We are so excited to celebrate with them both and wish them all the very best as they embark on this adventure together.



Staff Updates



Congratulations to **Emily Bafunno** on her successful appointment as a classroom teacher at St Peter's to begin in 2025. Emily will be coming to us as a graduate with placement experience in schools through her university studies and work experience as an OSH Club Coordinator. Emily demonstrated a strong passion for working with young people and being part of a team. She showcased excellent leadership skills through her experiences as an OSH Club Coordinator. Emily is thrilled to be joining our St Peter's staff! We look forward to supporting Emily as she begins her career with us. Welcome Emily!



Congratulations to **Carla Goodburn** on her successful appointment as a classroom teacher at St Peter's to begin in 2025. Carla comes to us with a few years experience as a CRT working in Catholic, Independent and Government primary schools. This year she has worked as a full-time classroom teacher in the senior school. Carla pursued a career change to become a teacher after working in the fashion industry for over a decade. Carla is creative, innovative and loves working with children. Carla is so excited about joining our team next year! Welcome Carla!



Congratulations to **Jayde Shield** on her successful appointment as a classroom teacher at St Peter's to begin in 2025. Jayde is coming to us as a graduate teacher with a Bachelor of Education from ACU. She is super excited about joining the St Peter's community where she can share her passion for education and love for children.



Congratulations to **Shannon Wrigglesworth** on her successful appointment as a classroom teacher at St Peter's to begin in 2025. We have been blessed to have Shannon as part of our St Peter's staff in previous years as a Learning Support Officer, then as a placement teacher being mentored by Katrina Hepworth. We now formally celebrate Shannon as she transitions to the role of classroom teacher with us. Shannon has been working as a CRT with us in term 4, at the moment stepping in for 2SF whilst their teacher is on sick leave. Shannon has built strong relationships with the students in our school and looks forward to continuing on her learning journey as she begins her teaching career here with us as St Peter's. I am confident our learning community will be thrilled to celebrate this special milestone for Shannon!

Staff Updates



We are extremely excited to announce that **Julia Gribble** has been appointed as a full time classroom teacher at St Peter's in 2025. Julia has been a loved specialist teacher during term 1, 2 and 3 this year as she taught Japanese immersion to our Junior School students. Julia has done a phenomenal job stepping into ISS full time this term supporting students to make academic progress and wellbeing gains. Congratulations to Julia, we look forward to seeing her continued impact in 2025!



Congratulations to **Ellie Smith** on her successful appointment as our new STEM for Sustainability Specialist Teacher position and 'Position of Responsibility' to drive whole school improvement initiatives in sustainability practices starting in 2025. Ellie demonstrates deep knowledge in sustainability practices and strong passion for building our STEM curriculum program here at St Peter's. We look forward to supporting Ellie and being inspired by her vision and innovation in this space.



Congratulations to **Julia Monaghan** on her successful appointment as our new Visual Arts Specialist Teacher position starting in 2025. Julia is very excited and passionate about establishing the Visual Arts program at St Peter's and co-leading the STEAM Show next year. Julia has demonstrated a deep love for visual arts and strong knowledge of the curriculum over many years. We look forward to supporting Julia and being inspired by her vision and innovation in this space.

Congratulations to **Sinead Foran** on her successful appointment as a classroom teacher at Our Lady of Mt Carmel in Sunbury. This is an exciting opportunity for Sinead to be closer to home. We will miss Sinead dearly next year and wish her all the very best as she embarks on this next chapter.

Congratulations to **Tania Raiti** on her successful appointment as the Italian Specialist Teacher at St Christopher's APW starting in 2025. Tania has made wonderful contributions as an educator at St Peter's and will be missed. We are excited for Tania as she embarks on this new chapter in her career.

Congratulations to **Naomi Osborne** on her successful appointment as a teacher at Sacred Heart in Diamond Creek starting in 2025. We have loved having Naomi return with us this term as a loved member of our learning community. We wish Naomi all the very best as she begins this next chapter in her career and being closer to her family. We are still in the process of filling this L.O.T.E Japanese immersion specialist position for Years Prep - 2 in 2025.

Term Four – 2024 Calendar

Week	Date	Event
Week 6	Tuesday 12 Nov	Prep 2025 Transition Session 1 at 9:15am
	Thursday 14 Nov	Year 5 Mass at 9:15am
Week 7	Monday 18 Nov	Prep 2025 Transition Session 2 at 9:15am
	Monday 18 Nov	School Assembly at 2:30pm
Week 8	Tuesday 26 Nov	Prep 2025 Transition Session 3 at 9:15am
	Tuesday 26 Nov	Prep 2025 Transition Expo & Family Connection at 10:15am
	Thursday 28 Nov	Mini Mozarts End of Year Concert Performance at 3:30pm
Week 9	Monday 2nd Dec	St Peter's Fun Run
	Monday 2nd Dec	School Assembly at 2:30pm
	Friday 6th Dec	Advent Story at 2:30pm
Week 10	Thursday 12 Dec	Year 3 Mass at 9:15am
	Thursday 12 Dec	Graduation Mass at 5:00pm
	Friday 13 Dec	Year 3 to 6 Athletic Carnival
Week 11	Monday 16 Dec	Step Up Day
	Tuesday 17 Dec	End of School Mass at 9:15am
	Tuesday 17 Dec	Last Day of Term 4 – 12:00pm dismissal

Community Notices



EAST KEILOR FOOTBALL CLUB

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JUNIOR BASKETBALL

UNDER 10 GIRLS WE NEED YOU!

We're on the look out for girls born in 2016 or 2017 to join our under 10 team for the upcoming summer season. We have limited spots available. Summer season commences during the first week of term 4.

For more information or to try out, contact Charli-Rose on 0435 584 478 or avondaleraidersbc@gmail.com



5TH KEILOR SCOUT GROUP ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE DRIVE

Nov 30 & Dec 1 – 8:30am to 3:30pm (onsite Sales day)
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