



St Peter's Primary Newsletter



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Dear St. Peter's Community,

As the Acting Principal during Jemma's leave, I would like to extend a warm welcome back to all our students and families after what I hope was an enjoyable Summer break. Our first week of school was filled with professional development for our staff, delightful meet and greets with classroom teachers, and individualised assessment sessions to ensure each student's unique needs are addressed. This thoughtful approach has laid the groundwork for a smooth transition as we embark on our core mission of caring for our students wellbeing, teaching and learning at St. Peter's. I have compiled a list of the many positives we have already begun to experience this year, and I invite you to reflect on these as we collaborate in prayer for a wonderful year ahead, filled with growth and celebrations.

Together, let's make this year at St. Peter's truly great!

Anne



St Peter's beginning of the Year: "Some GREAT things to share so far!"

★ **School Community Highlights**

- The whole school coming together to celebrate Mass for the beginning of the year.
- New staff being warmly welcomed into the St. Peter's school community.
- Parents happy and smiling at drop-off and pick-up, building a positive school environment.
- The announcement of our 2025 Year 6 School and Sport Captains!

★ **Teaching & Learning Successes**

- Teachers collaborating in teams to plan an engaging curriculum for students.
- Learning support officers working alongside teachers and building relationships.
- Students arriving at school on time (8:30 - 8:45 AM), ready for a productive day.
- Children understanding the importance of reading both at home and at school.

★ **Student Achievements & Wellbeing**

- Happy, smiling children arriving on their first day of school!
- Prep students showing independence by carrying their school bags and saying goodbye to parents.
- Students being rewarded for being safe, respectful, and responsible in the yard and classrooms.
- Teachers getting to know their students through 1:1 assessment days.

★ **Staff Development & Preparation**

- All staff updating their First Aid qualifications, including asthma and anaphylaxis training.
- Teachers creating beautiful, welcoming classroom environments.
- Teachers excited to begin the new year with their classes!

A fantastic start to the year for St. Peter's! ★

Prayer and Reflection

On Christmas Eve 2024, Pope Francis symbolically opened the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica, marking the start of the 2025 Jubilee Year, something which happens every 25 years. The motto is 'Pilgrims of Hope', intending 2025 to be a year of hope for the world. Pope Francis has asked us to celebrate this year with a deep faith, lively hope and active charity.



The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity
and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

Franciscus

Our 2025 Captains!

We are thrilled to announce our new Year 6 School Captains and House Captains! Please join us in congratulating these outstanding students who will be leading by example and representing our school community with pride. Our School Captains have shown exceptional dedication and are eager to embrace this important role. We look forward to watching them grow their leadership skills throughout the year. Additionally, our House Captains are ready to inspire their peers and promote teamwork, school spirit, and enthusiasm in every event!

We are proud of each of these students and can't wait to see the positive impact they will have on our school. Congratulations once again!



Our School Captains:

Amelia Manariti
Finnian Walsh



Gold House Captains:

Esther Field
Jacob Sgro



Green House Captains:

Valentina Fraietta
Lachlan Morrison



Red House Captains:

Alessia LaMendola
Levi Staltaro



Blue House Captains:

Mia Lamaris
Mitchell Wigmore

Health Alerts

If your child has a known allergy, please ensure that you provide the school with a completed and signed Action Plan for Anaphylaxis or Allergic Reactions, approved by your medical practitioner. Additionally, it is crucial to supply the school with the necessary medication, such as an EpiPen or antihistamine, to address any potential allergic reactions.

Life Threatening Allergies/Anaphylaxis

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.

Anaphylaxis, a severe allergic reaction, can cause symptoms such as difficulty breathing, swelling of the face, lips, or tongue, sweating, low blood pressure, abdominal pain, dizziness, fainting, and nausea.

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.

In our first week back at school we held PD days for all staff to complete First Aid training including CPR, Anaphylaxis response, as well as Child Safety.



Notices & Reminders

Morning Drop Off

Parents/Carers please note that the **school gates on Bellarine Ave and Parkside Ave will be locked at 8.50am each morning. Children arriving after that time must enter via the small Church gate on Parkside Ave and present to Administration to have their late arrival recorded on the class roll.**

It is most important that the school day can begin for both staff and children at 8.50am as we are required to have 5 x 1 hour learning sessions throughout the school day.

Parents/Carers who drive to school please give yourself time in the morning by being prepared for traffic congestion on the roads, parking safely and arriving on time.

School gates are open at 8.30am each morning.

Thankyou for your cooperation and support.

'Speed Bump' on Parkside Ave - Not a Safe Crossing

Please note that although there has been a new speed bump added on Parkside Ave, (close to where it meets Bellarine Ave), it is not a crossing. The curbside appearance of this speedhump can be misleading so please ensure you and your child understand that the only safe place to cross the road to school is where the crossing supervisor is located on either Parkside or Bellarine Ave.



Notices & Reminders

Move in March

With the weather beginning to cool down, March is a great time for students to walk, cycle, scoot or skate to school. And by doing so, students have the chance to win some amazing prizes through the “Move In March” Challenge. More information will be given soon and we encourage you all to get involved!



MOVE IN MARCH
Walk, scoot, cycle or skate to school,
kinder and childcare in March 2025

JOIN THE CHALLENGE NOW!

LET'S GO ZERO
MOONEE VALLEY

City of Moonee Valley

The graphic features a large purple 'MOVE IN MARCH' title, a pink button for 'JOIN THE CHALLENGE NOW!', and logos for 'LET'S GO ZERO MOONEE VALLEY' and 'City of Moonee Valley'. On the right, there are three circular images: a child on a bicycle, a child with a backpack, and a group of children walking. A yellow starburst graphic is also present.

Homework Policy

A newly revised homework will be sent home via Operoo for your perusal shortly. Please take the time to read and understand the requirements for children in Prep – Year 6. Homework at St. Peter’s will officially begin in Week 6.

Curriculum newsletters will be sent via Operoo next week. This ensures you can have conversations around learning at home with your child. E.g. “what is something new you learned today?”

Canteen

The school canteen reopened from this week, available Wednesday to Friday. Please note the canteen is run by an external provider and all orders need to be placed before 8am of the order date via the QKR! app. If you need assistance setting up the app, please come into the school office.

Wedding Bells

A huge congratulations to our Grade 6 teacher Stephanie Curcio and her husband Josh on their wedding! Wishing you a lifetime of love and happiness as you embark on this beautiful new chapter. We are so happy for you and send our best wishes for a wonderful future together!



Visual Arts: New Art Room



We are thrilled to announce the opening of our brand-new art room, a vibrant and inspiring space where creativity can flourish! This exciting addition to our school would not have been possible without the generous support of Sean O'Neill, parent who kindly donated the tables, helping to bring this vision to life. We are also delighted to have Miss Monaghan as our Visual Arts Specialist Teacher to inspire and nurture students' creativity through a well-rounded, engaging curriculum. This role involves teaching diverse artistic techniques and concepts, fostering critical thinking, and encouraging self-expression. We can't wait to see the wonderful masterpieces our students will create in this fantastic new space!



STEM for Sustainability

Our students are very excited beginning their STEM for Sustainability classes with Miss Smith. STEM is an engaging, interdisciplinary curriculum that integrates science, technology, engineering, and mathematics with principles of environmental sustainability. The goal is to inspire students to explore STEM subjects through hands-on, real-world applications, fostering critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Ellie will also lead a culture of environmental stewardship within St Peter's, collaborating with staff, engaging with parents, and extending learning into the community to nurture environmentally conscious and scientifically literate students.

Student Wellbeing

1. BE SAFE

2. BE RESPECTFUL

3. BE RESPONSIBLE

Our School Expectations

At our school, we are committed to fostering a safe, respectful, and engaging environment for all students and staff. Our school rules are designed to support positive behaviour and promote a community where everyone can thrive. These rules will be consistently applied across all subject areas and throughout the school, helping to build a culture of mutual respect and academic success.

Focus on Positives:

The school rules focus on positive actions, using encouraging language to inspire students and staff to take ownership of their behavior and contribute to a positive school culture. By emphasising what can be done instead of what should be avoided, we promote growth, accountability, and collaboration. Expectations celebrate success, such as "We are responsible for trying our best," rather than focusing on mistakes. These rules apply to both students and staff, and when everyone understands and models positive behaviors, it strengthens our community, fostering a sense of belonging, responsibility, and pride in the school.

Positive Behaviour Reward Systems

Raffle Ticket Systems

At our school, we believe in creating a positive and supportive environment where students are motivated to follow our three guiding principles: Be Safe, Be Responsible, and Be Respectful. To encourage and celebrate these behaviours, we've implemented a School-Wide Positive Reward System where students are recognised for demonstrating these values at all times throughout the school day. Students will receive raffle tickets if they are displaying these behaviours and raffle tickets will be drawn each week to celebrate their success.



School Awards

The school award system is designed to recognise students who consistently embody the values and principles outlined in the school's vision statement. These awards are reserved for those who demonstrate exceptional behaviour, leadership, and a commitment to fostering a positive and inclusive school community. Unlike other recognition programs, these awards are not handed out to every student, but are intended to highlight true excellence. By celebrating students who go above and beyond in upholding the school's core values, this system serves as both an acknowledgment of their achievements and an inspiration to others, encouraging all students to strive for their highest potential.





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Jessica Ward, Teacher - Loreto Toorak.

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CLASS DETAILS - ST PETER'S PRIMARY

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	DATES	COST
Wednesday	10:50am - 11:40am	Librar y	12 February to 26 March	\$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 concept and thinking. Keep up the great work!"

Katherine Lambert: Hampton Primary School



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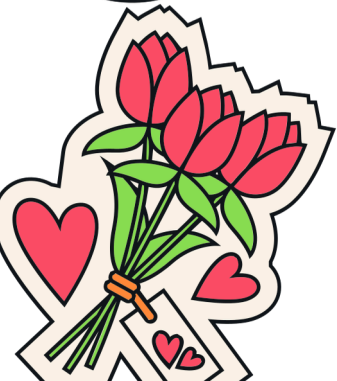
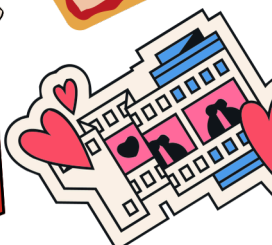
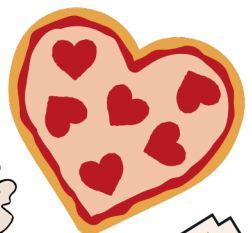
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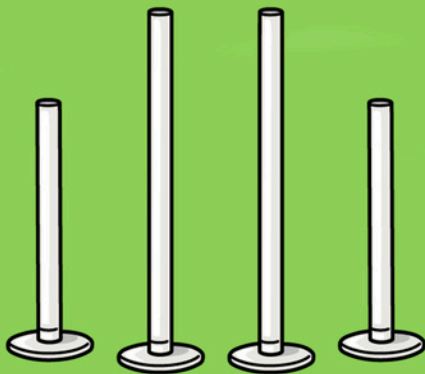
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