

ST. PETER'S NEWSLETTER

2A Killeen Street, Sunshine South West



February 7th, 2020 Issue 1

NOTICEBOARD

FEBRUARY

Monday 10th

10.00am-1.30pm: Student Cybersafety Sessions

Tuesday 11th

10.00am-1.30pm: Student Cybersafety Sessions

Wednesday 12th

Prep testing appointments

Thursday 13th

7:00pm: Wonder of Living – 5/6

Family/Child evening

Tuesday 18th

4.30pm: Zone Mass at St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

Tuesday 25th

2:15pm-3:15pm: Prep Information Session

Wednesday 26th

2:15pm: Ash Wednesday Mass

Thursday 27th

7:00pm: Reconciliation Family Night

Friday 28th

Year 3/4 Reconciliation Reflection Day

MARCH

Thursday 5th

Staff Conference (School Closure)

Thursday 6th

Staff Conference (School Closure)

Monday 9th

Labour Day Public Holiday (School Closure)

Thursday 12th

7.00pm: Sacrament of Penance

Monday 16th to Friday 20th

Catholic Education Week

Friday 20th

Free Dress Day

Halogen Leader's Day

Thursday 26th

4:00pm: Twilight Sports

Friday 27th

9:15pm Easter Liturgy

1.45pm Term 1 Ends at 1:45pm for students

Dear Families,

Welcome back to our 2020 year. We welcome all new and returning families and staff to our St. Peter's family for another wonderful year of learning.

This week we welcomed our new staff, **Mr Adrain Platek (1/2P)**, **Ms Rachel Giuffrida (3/4G)**, **Ms Sasha Sant (5/6S)**, **Señora DeGiusti (Spanish)** and **Mr Bernard Mogg (Physical Education)** to our school. We have also welcomed over 20 new families to our school and 25 new Preps. I know you'll make everyone very welcome.

Opening of the Year School Mass

Thank you to our families who joined us for our beginning of the year mass today. Congratulations to those children who were voted SRC members by their classmates.

School Fees and Health Care Card

Remember the first instalment of school fees and your levies are now due. If you have a health care card you are entitled to a reduction of \$125 from your fees. Please present your card to the office asap.

Change to lunch eating time

As mentioned during learning conversations we have moved our eating time to the end of lunch now. This way children can have their play first prior to coming inside to eat their lunch and calm themselves prior to commencing their learning. We are finding this is having a very positive effect on the children so far. We will be evaluating this change at the end of term one with the staff and students.

Brain Food and Healthy Lunch

Please remember to supply your child/ren with a healthy snack (fruit of vegetables) for their brain food break at 10.00am each day. Also, a reminder that we encourage healthy food for lunch. Hot chips and take away food will not be passed onto children as this food

impacts on their ability to concentrate and learn. All children should bring their lunch with them to school in their school bag.

2020 Sacrament Dates

Year three Catholic children will be receiving the Sacrament of **Reconciliation on Thursday March 12th at 7.00pm** and the Sacrament of **Eucharist on Sunday June 14th** at 10.00am. The Year Five and Six Catholic children will be receiving the Sacrament of **Confirmation on Thursday April 16th** at 7.00pm. All Sacraments will be held at St. Paul's Catholic Church.

Box of Tissues

We ask that every child in the school brings one or two boxes of tissues to share with their class throughout the year. If your child's class runs out of tissues your teacher might send a note home requesting another box from every child in your class.

Contacting Staff

As always you are welcome to contact your child's teacher during business hours. While you are welcome to email staff, please note that emails will be answered within 48 hours as teachers are unable to access emails during learning time. No staff member will return emails or phone calls out of business hours (8.30am - 5.00pm).

Bell times

Please ensure the children have arrived at school by 8.45am each morning. The bell goes at 8.50am and children begin learning immediately. Children need time to unpack their bags and be organised for the day. Arriving after 8.50am is putting your child's learning at risk. The school is going to focus on 100% of children arriving 100% of the time this year. Please support your children in this venture.

Parent Handbook

Please take time to read the parent handbook that you were given at Learning Conversations. There are many tips and information about the school in this handbook that you will be able to refer to throughout the year.

Parking Road Safety

It is that time of the year when you need to remember to check the parking signs around the school to ensure you are legally parked. **Please do not park in our neighbours driveways or block these.** Please also model road safety to your children by crossing at the children's crossing to keep them safe. As a driver you need to remember to stop at the crossing if children are waiting to cross or are already on the crossing. Please park and drop off children where it is legal and safe.

Arrival and Pick up Times

Please remember that the school gates open at 8.30am and school finishes at 3.15 each day. If you need to drop your child off earlier or collect them later, please enrol your child in the **Kelly Club Before or After Care program** (located at Glengala Primary). Carers will walk the children to St. Peter's school in the morning and collect them after school in the afternoon. Please contact **Angela at Kelly Club on 0423941496**

to enrol your child. Staff have meetings at 3.30pm each day and are unable to supervise children after this time.

Library book bags

This year we have provided every child with a 40th Anniversary bag to use for their library bag. Please remember if your child does not have their library bag they won't be able to borrow any books from the library.

Family Engagement Team

Congratulations to the 2019 Family Engagement Team who Raised \$3,000 last year. This money will go towards our future data projector in the gym.

If you love reading come and donate or swap a book:

We established a book (novels) swap program for adults, located in our meeting room. If you have a love of reading and would like to borrow a book, all you have to do to begin is to donate one book, borrow another and then enjoy your new novel. When you've finished that novel, return it to the bookshelf and borrow another. We look forward to hearing which books you are enjoying. Please feel free to visit the meeting room and borrow a book at anytime.

Uniform

Please note that Preps, 3/4s and 5/6 P will need to wear their sports uniform on a Tuesday this year, while 1/2s and 5/6 S will need to wear their sports uniform on a Wednesday this year. All other days children must wear their black school shoes (not sneakers).

Please remember to wear the correct school uniform at all times. Please note that leggings or stockings are not permitted to be worn under the summer dress. Girls need to wear white socks with the summer uniform.

Learning Conversations

Thank you to all of our families who attended our **Learning Conversations** last Thursday. We have had such positive feedback from families, children and staff about the opportunity to meet one another before the start of the school year. After such positive feedback we will definitely continue this process in 2021.

Chromebook Family Night

Thank you so much to all of the families who attended the Chromebook family night. As you know at St. Peter's every parent/guardian is expected to attend an annual one hour cyber safety briefing before their child receives their Chromebook.

On the night, Commonsense media (<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/>) was mentioned as a great resource for families to check how appropriate games, movies, and apps are for your children. Also remember the eSafety commission has some great initiatives such as safer internet day (<https://www.esafety.gov.au/safer-internet-day>) that is coming up on February 11, 2020.

If you have any questions about the school I invite you to discuss these with me at anytime.

Enjoy your week,



Karen Bergin
PRINCIPAL

Enjoy your week,

ST. PETER'S NEW STAFF

Hello everybody! My name's Bernard Mogg and I'm the Physical Education/Sport Coordinator at St Peter's Primary School. It has been a great start getting to meet a lot of students and families. The school community tone is so positive and the children have been very welcoming and responsive to their new teacher.

A little bit about me; I have been a PE teacher for 21 years. I am very involved in my local basketball, football and netball clubs outside of school. I am also a passionate acoustic guitarist volunteering for community groups such as St Vincent's, Aged Care homes and every year I play at the Motor Neurone Disease Ball.

I can help provide opportunities for the kids at St Peter's across a range of different sports and activities. Please don't hesitate to ask if you need some help accessing the right sporting opportunity for your child. I would be more than happy to check if School Sport Victoria (SSV) State trials or other opportunities are appropriate for them.

If you see me in the yard, or around the school, please come and say hello and have a chat.

Once again, thank you for your warm welcome and I look forward to working with you in the coming terms.

Thanks, Bernard Mogg

MAY OUR CHILDREN FLOURISH

We have zero tolerance of child abuse and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated seriously and reported in line with our legal obligations, our moral obligations and our school policies. Creating child-safe environments is a dynamic process that involves active participation and responsibility by parishes, schools, families and communities. It is marked by collaboration, vigilance and proactive approaches across policies, procedures and practices.



As a Catholic Community we respect the Wurrundjeri people, traditional custodians of the land upon which our school resides, and commit ourselves to reconciliation and justice for all in our community and nation.