

ST. PETER'S NEWSLETTER

2A Killeen Street, Sunshine South West:



May 29, 2020

Dear Families and Caregivers,

A very big welcome back to our Year Prep to Two children. We have experienced a wave of emotions from our children throughout the week, with the main emotion being the sheer joy and happiness to be back in the school building. While some children were a little shaky from time to time as they were missing their families, it didn't take long for their confidence to return and for the enjoyment of school to ensure their tears turned to smiles very quickly. I know our Year Three to Six children are really looking forward to returning to school after the long weekend. It's certainly a lot quieter around the place without them.

Drop off and Pick up

I wanted to congratulate all of you too on the way you have adjusted to the current procedures that we have had to put in place. We are missing seeing all of our parents and caregivers inside our school, but very much appreciate your great ability to socially distance at drop off and pick up. The staggered times seem to be working very well at present and I thank you for arriving on time so that we are able to move the students in and out of the school in a very efficient manner.

Remember your pick-up times: **2.55pm - A-H Surnames**
 3.05pm - I-N Surnames
 3.15pm - P-Z Surnames

Extra Cleaning

I wanted to assure you that we are doing everything we can to keep your children safe at St. Peter's. The teachers are cleaning high touch areas as required. The children continue to wash their hands as they enter school, before they eat and after every break. Children and staff are staying in the safety of their own classroom hubs as we have reduced the movement around the school. If you have any questions about our procedures, please contact me.

Sick Children

To support us in keeping everyone safe, I ask that if your child has a cough or a sniffle you must keep them at home. If your child has been tested for COVID-19 please inform the school and keep them at home until their results arrive. Thank you to the parents who have informed us of their children's testing.

Condolences

Sadly Ms. Sharon Campbell's mum passed away suddenly last week. As you can imagine this has been a shock for Ms Campbell and her family and a very difficult time for the death of a family member. I ask that you keep Ms. Campbell and her Mum, Agnus in your prayers as we pray that she rests in eternal peace in God's loving care.

Bishop Mark Edwards OMI

It is with much sadness that I inform you that Bishop Mark will be leaving the West shortly as the Pope has appointed him to the position of Bishop of the Diocese of Wagga Wagga. Bishop Mark has been with us for just over five years and will be very missed as he has supported our school community in many ways during his leadership in the West. I ask you to pray for Bishop Mark and pray we find a replacement for him as soon as possible.

Public Holiday

Please remember that Monday June 8th is a public holiday and the school will be closed.

Thanks

Finally, I would like to thank our staff for the amazing work they have been doing during the past seven weeks. I know that many of you have been able to witness their efforts first hand and we have been very grateful for the messages of support. The way our staff have pulled together to support each other, our children and our families has been incredible and is not taken lightly. These are uncertain times with messages changing daily and the resilience and positivity of our St. Peter's staff has been exceptional and if you do get a chance, please let them know personally how grateful you are.

As we continue to work and learn in this new world, I will continue to inform you of things that are happening at St. Peter's. I'm always up for a Google hangout or a chat on the phone if you just want to catch up. Please do reach out if you need me at any time.

Until I see you next, I pray that God will continue to love and protect us during these days.

God Bless,



Karen Bergin

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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.