

ST. PETER'S NEWSLETTER

2A Killeen Street, Sunshine South West:



Monday December 7 2020

Dear Families,

Now that we have entered this season of Advent, I'd like to remind you all that this is a time that we are waiting for the birth of our saviour, Jesus Christ. In the year that we have experienced we certainly need the love and guidance of our saviour as we move into the new church year. I pray for you all this Advent that you will find Hope, Peace, Joy and Love as you experience this Advent season.

Confirmation

Congratulations to our children and their families who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last week. It was a truly beautiful experience and Fr. Renae did a wonderful job considering the circumstances.

Graduation

Congratulations to Anthony, Alex, Besina, Blen, Caleb, Jay, Joshua, Nate, Rachel, Rayden, Shayam and Vu who graduated on Wednesday night. Thank you to your families who have supported you over the past seven years. We wish all of the families who are leaving St. Peter's for the final time, much love as you continue your journey. Please remember you are always a part of our St. Peter's family.

Polly De Bono Award

Last night we awarded Debbie Malloy (Bettin) the 2020 Polly De Bono Volunteer of the year Award. In fact, Deb has been volunteering at St. Peter's for 13 years now in many different ways. We congratulate Deb (and Andrew for all of his help along the way) and we will be forever grateful for all of the hours and hours of work you have given to St. Peter's. Deb is truly a very worthy recipient of this award.

Excursions

Preps will be heading to Werribee Zoo next Thursday, December 10. I am sure they will have a lovely time.

Yesterday our **1/2 children** went to the Melbourne Zoo on their Outdoor Education Experience and had a wonderful time. From all accounts the children really enjoyed seeing the animals and the staff at the zoo were so impressed with our children's behaviour. Well done 1/2 children.

Last week our **3/4 children** enjoyed their excursion to the MCG and the Shrine of Remembrance. We are the only school to be visiting the new MCG museum this year and the staff were impressed with our children that the Catherine Picioane from the Melbourne Cricket Club emailed the school to say that "Your children are a credit to the dedication and hard work you and your team have put into their wellbeing and education". The staff at the Shrine were just as impressed with our children. Congratulations to our 3/4 children who certainly ensured the "St. Peter's way" was very evident on their excursion last week.

5/6 Camp

Next Monday to Wednesday our year 5/6 children will be off on camp. I don't think we have ever had a summer camp before and I am so pleased that we will be able to provide this experience for our children prior to the end of the year. Please note that I will also be attending camp with the Deputy Principals, so Mrs. Monica Miller will be in charge next week.

End of Year Mass and Captain announcements

Due to COVID-19 there are still restrictions around numbers of people gathering. As such we will be holding our end of the year Mass next **Friday December 11 from 12.00pm**. We will be live streaming this event via

our Facebook Page, so families are able to watch the announcement of our 2021 Captains and also the farewells to our staff who will be leaving at the end of this year.

Learning Conversations

Thank you to all of the families who attended Learning Conversations on Friday. It's always so lovely to see how far your children have come, especially in this very difficult time. As always thank you to our classroom teachers who have written your child's report and explained their achievements to you.

2021 Sacrament Dates

Year three Catholic children will be receiving the Sacrament of **Reconciliation on Thursday March 11th at 7.00pm**. Year three and Four Catholic children will receive the Sacrament of **Eucharist on Sunday June 6th at 10.00am**. Both Sacraments will be at the St. Paul's Catholic Church.

2021 Chrome book family meeting

We have decided that from 2021 we will be extending our 1:1 Chrome book program to include our Year 1/2 students. This will prepare us for any future remote learning and also support the children in the skills they need to navigate through the world they live in. This means that we ask all Year One to Six families to be available on **Tuesday February 9th** from 6.30pm for our annual family Cyber Safety and collection of their Chromebooks. Please put this date in your 2021 calendar now, because if at least one parent or guardian is at this event, your child will not be able to receive their Chromebook. We thank you as always for your support.

2021 Leadership Team

In 2021 we have introduced a new Leadership Structure. We will be having an Executive Leadership Team as well as our extended Leadership Team.

Executive Leadership Team

Principal	Karen Bergin
Deputy Principal (Staffing)	Grace Frazzica (Also Family Engagement Leader)
Deputy Principal (Students)	Tamara Moravski (Also, Learning and Teaching Leader 3-6)

Extended Leadership Team

Religious Education Leader	Ide Garvey (Also, Learning and Teaching Leader P-2)
Learning Diversity Leader	Jessica Rajski
Wellbeing Leader	Ree Niemann

Maternity Leave

As you know Mrs. Monica Miller will be accessing her Maternity Leave in 2021 as she awaits the birth of her first child. Mrs. Jessica Rajski will be the new Learning Diversity Leader at St. Peter's in 2021. Jessica comes to us with a wealth of experience and knowledge in this field and I know you will make her very welcome.

Staff Leaving

As always at this time of the year we must bid farewell to staff and families who will be leaving St. Peter's and continuing their life journey in another setting. I know you will all join with me as we ask God to continue to bless them and watch over them. With sadness we bid farewell to:

- **Ms Sandy Skehan** who has been working at St. Peter's for eight years. Sandy will be accessing her long service leave in term one and two in 2021 before retiring from Catholic Education. We thank Sandy for her many years of service to our community and the incredible Learning and Teaching that she has instilled in us all.
- **Ms Jacquie Atley** who has been working at St. Peter's for three years. Jacquie has decided to move to Geelong and will be teaching at St. Mary's in Geelong next year. We wish Jacquie well as she continues her career in Geelong.

- **Ms Maegan Howden** who has been working at St. Peter's for four years. Maegan has decided to return to study, displaying that she truly is a lifelong learner and will be studying a Psychology degree at Melbourne University next year. We wish Maegan well with her future studies.
- **Mr. Damien Murray** has been at St. Peter's for four years. Damien has secured a position at Sacred Heart Newport. We wish Damien all the best at his new school.

2021 New Staff

In 2021 we will welcome four new classroom teachers to our team. I know you will give a warm welcome to Mrs. Natalie Duma, Ms. Natalie Nguyen, Mr, Leslie (Les) Butler and Ms. Marian Cabamongan.

Last Day of School

A reminder the last day of school for children will be 3.15pm on Tuesday December 15th.

Enjoy your week



Karen Bergin
PRINCIPAL

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.