

ST. PETER'S NEWSLETTER

2A Killeen Street, Sunshine South West:



February 5 2021

Dear Families,

Welcome to our 2021 school year. We welcome all new and returning families and staff to our St. Peter's family for another wonderful year of learning. It has been so lovely to be able to welcome families back into the school grounds this year.

As you all know by now we were all saddened by the sudden death of Debbie Dovic (Deegan's Mum) during the school holidays. Debbie was such a vibrant and supportive member of our St. Peter's family and we will miss her smile and love of her son Deegan very much. I ask you to continue to keep Deegan, and his grandparents, Bianca and Andy in your prayers throughout the year.

This week we welcomed our new staff, **Mr Les Butler (Prep B), Ms Marian Cabamongan (1/2C), Ms Natalie Duma (3/4D), Ms Natalie Nguyen (5/6N) and Ms Jessica Rajski (Learning Diversity Leader)** to our school. We have also welcomed 32 new Preps and their families to our community. I know you'll make everyone very welcome.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Monica Miller and her husband Liam who welcomed a healthy baby boy, Max Sinclair Miller, into the world on Thursday.

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.

Year 1 - 6 Cyber Safety and Chromebook Family Night (Compulsory attendance)

Next Tuesday February 9, 2021 **every Year 1 to 6 parents/guardians are expected to attend our annual cyber safety briefing before their child receives their Chromebook.**

This year we are very excited to be holding our event on **World Safer Internet Day**. Your children will participate in workshops during the day about being safer online and addressing key issues such as cyberbullying, balancing screen-time, unsafe apps and social media, as well as current trends in child/teen online behaviour. Then we will welcome all families (Prep families can come as well) to a Parent evening from **7.00pm, with cyber safety expert and teacher Martin McGauran and psychologist Lauren McGauran.**

For more detail on sessions visit: <https://www.informandempower.com.au/>

*According to research by the Federal Government's E Safety Commissioner, only 46% of

Australian parents feel confident about dealing with the online risks their children face and 95% want more information about online safety.

Year 1 - 3 families must arrive at 6.30 for a quick briefing from Mrs Tamara about St. Peter's expectations and the costs associated with your child borrowing a St. Peter's Chrome book for 2021.

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.

Brain Food and Healthy Lunch

Please remember to supply your child/ren with a healthy snack (fruit or 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.

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 (8.00am - 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 on time this year. Please support your children in this venture.

Parent Handbook

Please take time to read the parent handbook that has come home with your child today. 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). Careers 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

Please remember that your child requires a library bag to be able to borrow books from the school library.

School Assemblies

We will be able to welcome families back to our weekly school assemblies from 2.50 - 3.10 in the gym. We'd love to see as many families as possible at these assemblies.

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Mon 8th Feb	5/6S
Mon 15th Feb	3/4C
Mon 22nd Feb	1/2P
Mon 1st March	3/4G
Mon 15th March	3/4D
Mon 22nd March	5/6N
Mon 29th March	Prep P

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

We established a book (novels) swap program for adults, located in our community learning space. If you have a love of reading and would like to borrow a book, please feel free to come and borrow a book. When you've finished that book, please return it to the bookshelf and borrow another. We look forward to hearing which books you are enjoying. Please feel free to visit and borrow a book at any time.

Specialist Days

Tuesday - Year 3 - 6 (wear sports uniform)
Wednesday - Year Prep to 2 (wear sports uniform)

Uniform

Please remember to wear the correct school uniform at all times, including black school shoes (not sneakers). Please note that leggings or stockings are not permitted to be worn under the summer dress. Girls need to wear socks with the summer uniform.

Learning Conversations

Thank you to all of our families who attended our **Learning Conversations** last Friday. 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 into the future.

2021 Sacrament Dates at St. Paul's Church

Reconciliation - Thursday March 11th at 7.00pm - Year 3 Catholic Children.

Eucharist - Sunday June 14th at 10.00am - Year 3/4 Catholic Children.

Pancake Breakfast

Sadly, due to COVID we have made the decision to cancel our annual pancake breakfast until further notice. I thank you for your understanding in this matter.

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

Walking Group

One of our prep mums is keen to start a parent walking group on Monday mornings at 9.00am. If you would like to join this Monday morning walking group, please meet at the front school gate on Monday.

Term 1 Dates:

09/02/2021	Cybersafety Family Night/Chromebook Allocation
12/02/2021	Interschool sport 5/6's Round 1
16/02/2021	Shrove Tuesday
17/02/2021	Ash Wednesday
19/02/2021	Interschool sport 5/6's Round 2
23/02/2021	Reconciliation Family Night @ 7pm
26/02/2021	Interschool sport 5/6's Round 3
04/03/2021	School Closure (Staff Conference)
05/03/2021	School Closure (Staff Conference)
12/03/2021	Interschool sport 5/6's Round 5
18/03/2021	Twilight Sports
19/03/2021	Free Dress Day (Easter Egg donation)
19/03/2021	Interschool sport 5/6's Round 6
01/04/2021	Easter Liturgy @ 9.15am

Enjoy your week,



Karen Bergin
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