

ST. PETER'S NEWSLETTER

2A Killeen Street, Sunshine South West:



April 26 2021



Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term Two.

5/6 Outdoor Education

We have had a flying start to Term Two with our 5/6 children attending YMCA Bacchus Marsh campsite for our 2021 outdoor education program. The children had a wonderful time and we can see the benefits from the development of our program through their independence and ability to take on all the challenges and fun that comes their way during this experience. A special thanks to our 5/6 teachers, Ms. Sant and Ms. Nguyen for all of their organisation and their attendance. Thanks also to Ms. Grace and Mrs. Tamara who, along with myself, also attended camp.

1/2 Excursion

The 1/2s also hit the ground running with an excursion to Monash University to learn about living things. This is the start of their Term Two inquiry unit of work where they are learning how minibeasts keep the ecosystem going. From all accounts the children had a wonderful time and learnt a great deal about the Environment already.

Interschool Cross Country

On Friday we had a number of children representing St. Peter's at the interschool cross country. Special congratulations to Izac, Chloe, Samuel, Bitanya, Hannah, William, Filmon and Rebecca, who participated in this event. Thanks to Mr. Mogg for training these children and to Ms. Lupe for attending the event with the children.

Staffing Changes

As always we have yet more staffing changes. Firstly I would like to say congratulations to Mrs. Peillisier and her husband Mark who are expecting their first child in September. Elloise will continue working in Prep P until early Term Three. In the meantime we would like to welcome to our staff, Elise Carlson, who will work alongside Elloise until she leaves and then take over teaching Prep P for the remainder of the year. So for over a term we will be lucky to have three teachers in our two Prep classrooms.

Our school psychologist, Natasha Caligiuri has also resigned from our school as she has found work in a private psychology practice. We thank Natasha for her time at St. Peter's.

Finally, we have been able to employ Miriam Zaki using our COVID tutoring money which the government gave all schools this year. We are currently collecting data on the children who will be receiving this support during the remainder of the year.

As always, I know you will welcome our new staff into our St. Peter's family.

School Photos

Please remember that our school photos will be taken on **Thursday May 6th**. All children must be in **winter school uniform** with black school shoes. Please see Ms. Leah in the office if you have any questions.

Family Night

On **Tuesday May 4th at 7.00pm** we will be having a family wellbeing night with Michele Sampson from Berry Street. Michele presented to our families a number of years ago and the response was overwhelming and very positive. Also, we have hired Kelly Sports to facilitate free sport activities for your child during the family workshop. So if you would like to learn more about families and supporting your children in their emotional needs please come along.

Free Library Books

Last year I was able to purchase an entire library from a school who was closing down. Ms. Ciccarelli is adding all of the books we don't have to our library and any doubles we are giving away to families for free. This morning you would have seen these books at the front of the school. Please feel free to take these home with you as a gift for your children for their own bookshelves at home. Please do not return these books to school as they are not on our library system. Please write your child's name on your books and keep them at home for your children to enjoy.

Every few weeks we will have more books to give away as Ms. Ciccarelli sorts through the many, many boxes we have.

Parent Consultation meeting with Ms Gill

Last term, Ms. Gill held a family meeting via Google Meets and also in person on site. We had over 80% of our families attend one of these sessions where we were able to hear your voice about what you want more of from our school for your children and what you'd like less of. It was so powerful to hear our families' perspectives and very helpful to us to create the school you want St. Peter's to be. Thank you so much for attending these sessions.

Prep Enrolments for 2022

We have been busily holding School Tours and Open Days for Prep Enrolments 2022. Please let your family, friends and neighbours know that we are always available to conduct a school tour with our friendly staff.

Easter Raffle

Congratulations to first place, Nevaeh (1/2P), Second Nithatlin (1/2P) and third place, Joshua (3/4C), as well as the 72 other prize winners. We made over \$1,200 for our fundraising, which will support the furniture upgrades we will be completing this year.

Mother's Day Stall

We will be holding a Mother's Day stall Friday 7th May. Please see Ms. Leah if you would like to be a parent helper for this event.

Term 2 Dates/Events:

Dates	Event
Monday April 26	Open Day/School Tour for 2022 Prep Enrolments 9:30am & 12:30pm
Thursday May 6	School Photo Day
Friday May 7	Mother's Day Stall (<i>Parent Helpers Required</i>)
Monday May 31	School Closure - Staff Professional Learning Day - No school for children
Monday June 14	Public Holiday
Thursday June 24	Learning Conversations
Friday June 25	Term Two Ends at 1.45pm

As always, have a great 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.