# ST. PETER'S NEWSLETTER

2A Killeen Street, Sunshine South West:





July 30 2021

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term Three for the second time. It's once again wonderful to have our children back. We thank families for understanding they are not allowed back on school premises at the moment as we do everything we can to keep our children safe and healthy. If you do need the office, please ensure you use the QR code and sanitise prior to entering.

## **Remote Learning**

Once again a huge thank you to our families and students for the way you approached your online learning. You all put your best foot forward and made the most of this situation. A special thanks to our parents and carers who continue to support our children.

# **School Advisory Council**

As you all know from January 1, 2021, the Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) took over the Governance of our school from our Parish Priest, Fr. Renee. One of the expectations from MACS is that every Catholic School establishes a School Advisory Council. The Council is a new group for our school community and parents/carers will be invited to join.

To explain what a School Advisory Council is, what it does and how parents/carers can join we will be having two conversations (online) that we would like all families to attend.

## **Meetings**

Online (Zoom) Meeting 1

St. Peter's Family Zoom: School Advisory Council Time: Aug 12, 2021 07:00 PM Australia/Melbourne

Join Zoom Meeting

https://zoom.us/i/92315182997?pwd=YIRQV01nc0kyWUpBaWZQQkVYRXIEUT09

Meeting ID: 923 1518 2997

Passcode: 416742

Online (Zoom) Meeting 2

Topic: St. Peter's Family Conversation: School Advisory Council

Time: Aug 9, 2021 02:00 PM Australia/Melbourne

https://zoom.us/i/93461914509?pwd=cTZwZHFRSG5sSkNzZ3hKOGM2SXdDQT09

Meeting ID: 934 6191 4509

Passcode: 157779

Even if you don't intend on joining the School Advisory Council yourself, please come to one of our meetings as we want to hear your ideas about creating a Council which reflects our diverse school community.

## Prayers for Mrs. Tamara

It is with much sadness that I inform you that Mrs. Tamara's father recently passed away. I ask you to pray for Mrs. Tamara, her dad and her family at this time. May he rest peacefully in God's loving care.

## **Staffing Changes**

Mrs. Pellisier will be heading off on maternity leave today as she awaits the birth of her first child. We wish her and Mark all of the best as they enter the next stage of their family life together.

This week we said goodbye to Señora DeGuisti as our Spanish teacher. We will be interviewing for her replacement in the coming weeks. Until further notice Ms Howden will be teaching Spanish.

#### **School Fees**

Schools now have until 13 August to submit CSEF applications for 2021. If you have a health care card please bring it to the office to receive \$125 off your school fees.

All school fees and levies must be finalised next week as they are all **due to be paid in full by Friday August 6**, **2021** unless you are on a payment plan.

Sadly we have over \$89,000 in outstanding fees. This is an exceptional high figure and money that has been budgeted for. Please ensure you pay your fees asap or call the school office to arrange a payment plan. All families who have overdue payments must go on a payment plan immediately or pay your account in full. Cora and Leah will be phoning families from next week to ensure payments are made in full by August 6th, 2021.

## **Enrolments**

We still have a few remaining places for our 2022 Prep class. If you have neighbours, family or friends looking for an outstanding school, please contact Ms Grace for a school tour and conversation about St. Peter's.

#### **Eucharist**

On the Feast of Mary MacKillop our year 3/4 Catholic Children will be celebrating the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time. I ask you to keep these children in your prayers as they finalise their preparation of this Sacrament.

#### Walk-a-thon

The walk-a-thon will now be held next Friday August 6th at 2.15pm to support Catholic Care. Please ensure your child/ren wear their sports uniform and sneakers on this day and have their sponsorship form filled in. All money collected must be returned by Friday August 13th, 2021.

Some of our staff and their families took part in the Virtual Catholic Care Run Melbourne Team on Sunday July 25 to support this cause.

## 100 Days of Prep

Last Friday the Preps celebrated 100 days of formal school learning both at school and remotely. We are so proud of our Prep children and all they achieve every day. Today we started the day with a Prep disco and party in our classrooms and it was so much fun. Congratulations 2021 Preps!

## Year 3/4 Camp

Our 3/4s are all very excited about heading off to camp on Monday and Tuesday August 2- and 3-. We are sorry about the mistake in the camp letter. The cost of camp is \$200. Please pay for this prior to Monday morning.

#### **School uniform**

Please ensure your children are in correct school uniform every day or they will receive an out of uniform note from their teacher. Please ensure your children do not wear nail polish or have extreme haircuts in line with our school uniform policy.

## **Parking and Car Safety**

Please remember it is everyone's responsibility to keep our children safe walking/riding to and from school. I ask all parents to ensure they park legally and drive safely.

## **Olympics**





Ms Pellisier's younger brother Nathan will be heading over to Japan to compete for Australia in the Paralympic Table Tennis team. Some of our students have met Nathan over the years and we are very proud of him, as he has trained very hard over the years to achieve his goal of becoming an Olympian. Keep an eye out for him on television and follow him on Twitter. @NPellissierTT

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.