

# ST. PETER'S NEWSLETTER

2A Killeen Street, Sunshine South West:



October 08th 2021

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term Four. We hope you all had a restful break. Congratulations to our Demons supporters on winning your first Premiership in 57 years. I know the Doggies will bounce back next year.

## Return to onsite learning

We are very pleased to announce that from Monday October 18th our children will be returning to school in a staggered way.

Please refer to the timetable below to ensure you know which day your child will attend face to face. All other days your child will be required to continue remote learning from home. Children of essential workers and those who are vulnerable will continue to be supervised.

Week 3	Monday 18	Tuesday 19	Wednesday 20	Thursday 21	Friday 22
	Prep	Prep	Prep	1/2	1/2
Week 4	Monday 25	Tuesday 26	Wednesday 27	Thursday 28	Friday 29
	Prep	Prep 3/4	Prep 3/4	1/2 5/6	1/2 5/6
Week 5	Monday 01	Tuesday 02	Wednesday 03	Thursday 04	Friday 05
	Prep	Prep 3/4	Prep 3/4	1/2 5/6	Prep 1/2 3/4 5/6

## Arrival times

When we return to school it will be vital that your child/ren arrives at school on time at 8.30. This allows them time to Sanitise their hands, unpack their bag and organise themselves for a productive day of learning. We find that children who arrive late to school often have an unsettled day. Some children will be feeling very anxious about returning to school so please support your child/ren by having them here on time.

## Departure time

From November 5 we will be returning to staggered pick up times. Until then a 3.15 finish will be operating.

3.05 - Prep, Year 1/2, Aftercare and siblings will depart school

3.15 - All remaining students from Year 3 to 6 will depart school

### **Specialist Program**

Please note we will be resuming our specialist program from week 3. This will be face to face for our Prep to 2 children and via google meets for our year 3-6 children in week 3. From week 4 onwards it will be face to face for all students. Please ensure your child wears their sports uniform on their specialist day (Wednesday for Years Prep and 3/4: Thursday for Years 1/2 and 5/6).

### **Assemblies**

Please note from next week assemblies will be moving back to a Monday via Google Meets. For the next few weeks they will be held from 12.30 - 1.00pm.

### **Positive COVID test**

Please inform the school immediately if your child or anyone in your household has tested positive for COVID so that we can keep the rest of our children safe.

### **Unwell Children**

Please remember if your child is unwell you must immediately get a COVID test and show us proof they have tested negative prior to them returning to school.

<b>The most common symptoms of COVID-19 include:</b>	<b>Other symptoms of COVID-19 include:</b>	<b>Severe symptoms of COVID-19 include:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• fever (37.5C or higher)</li><li>• night sweats or chills</li><li>• coughing</li><li>• fatigue</li><li>• sore throat</li><li>• headache</li><li>• runny nose or congestion</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• muscle or joint pain</li><li>• loss of smell</li><li>• loss of taste</li><li>• diarrhoea</li><li>• vomiting or nausea</li><li>• loss of appetite</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• shortness of breath or difficulty breathing</li><li>• chest pain or pressure</li><li>• loss of speech or movement</li></ul>

### **Masks**

The Victorian Chief Health officer recommends children under 12 years of age at primary school wear face masks when at school, attending an OSHC program, or when travelling to and from school on public transport. We encourage children to wear a face mask every day while at school.

### **Classroom Ventilation**

The government is investing heavily in measures to improve ventilation, which reduces the risk of COVID transmission. About 51,000 air purification devices will be rolled out to schools. We are unsure of how many we will receive, but in the meantime, we have put in place ventilation strategies that the staff will employ to ensure we continue to do everything we can to keep our community safe.

### **Vaccination**

Please remember that any student who is 12 may now be vaccinated. I know that many of our 12-year-old students have already been vaccinated.

As for staff vaccination, I can inform you that the Victorian Chief Health Officer has determined that vaccination will be mandatory for staff who work in schools. This includes principals, teachers, administration and education support staff, casual relief teachers and pre-service teachers.

All staff are required to have their first dose of the vaccine by 18th October and be fully vaccinated by 29 November 2021. I can assure you we will meet these guidelines to ensure the safety of all children at St. Peter's. Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic School Improvement Surveys (MACSSIS)

On Wednesday every family in the school will have received an email from Mrs. Tamara with details of the 2021 Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic School Improvement Surveys (MACSSIS). MACSSIS is an annual process where schools listen to the thoughts and feelings students, families and staff have about how their school can improve. One of the main goals of the family survey is to identify the strengths and areas for improvement in our school.

The survey is available online, can be accessed from Thursday 7 October and needs to be completed by Thursday 28 October. This survey may only be completed once.

### **Back to school uniform sale**

As we are returning to school and no doubt many children have grown during the lockdown. We are holding a one week sale for our branded school uniforms. All items will be selling at incredibly low prices for two days only - **Monday October 11 and Friday October 15th (from 9.00am - 1.00pm)**. After these dates, uniforms will return to normal prices. Once current stock has gone, we will be unable to replace uniforms until late November when our next shipment arrives.

### **Free books**

As you know the school purchased many books from a school that closed down at the end of last year. If you would like to restock your home library, these will be available free of charge **Monday October 11 and Friday October 15th (from 9.00am - 1.00pm)** in the school car park until they have all gone. Please feel free to come and help yourself to as many books as you like. We have over a thousand books to give away. Once you take these to your home, please do not return them to school.

### **Chrome books**

Please ensure your child brings their fully charged Chrome book to school each day. I realise this will be a new thing for the prep children, but they have adapted so well to all they have learnt so far this year at school.

### **School Improvements**

*House Colour Shipping containers* - upon returning to school your child/ren will notice that our shipping containers have now been painted on the inside with the values and characteristics of the person our houses have been named after. The House Captains will continue to work with Mrs Tamara to get the container activities up and running by the end of the year.

*Furniture* - we have ordered new classroom furniture for the school. This furniture will be arriving on Friday October 29. Prior to this date we will be giving away our current school tables to any family who would like them. These will be left in the staff car park for people to collect as many as they would like for free. If you have an organisation that you know would like these tables please let Leah in the office know.

*Playground*- we have now agreed on the design of our new school playground after much consultation from all of our students, including a whole school vote prior to lockdown. More information to come when the initial process will begin.

### **Enrolments**

If you know of any families looking to enrol their children in our school for 2022 please ask them to speak with Leah. Also, if you will not be returning to St. Peter's in 2022 I ask that you let me know in writing no later than November 12 so that we are able to arrange our 2022 staffing and classes.

### Summer uniform/ Hats

Just a friendly reminder that students must wear their full summer uniform and hats for Term 4.

### Baby News

Congratulations to Ms Elloise and her husband Mark who welcomed their baby Archie Zachary Jubb (AJ) to the world on Sept 23rd at 11.36pm weighing 3.74 kgs (8.2pounds). They are all very excited and we can't wait to meet Archie.

### Return all library books

As students slowly return back onsite, we ask that all library books are returned. We have many books outstanding and it's important that these books are returned. If your child has lost their book, we ask you to pay the outstanding fee of replacement for the book. As always, we thank you for your support with our school expectations.

### School Fees

Thank you to all of our families who continue to pay their outstanding fees. We now have **\$46,000 remaining in outstanding fees** that we require to be paid asap. The office is open from 9.00am - 1.00pm if you need to pay your fees.

I continue to pray for you all. For our safety, our wellbeing, and for each other. Please call me personally if I can help you and your family in any way at all.

Yours faithfully



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.