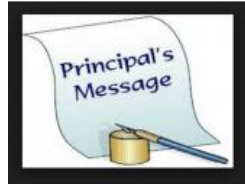


# ST. PETER'S NEWSLETTER

2A Killeen Street, Sunshine South West:



October 29th 2021

Dear Families,

We are so pleased that from next Wednesday we will have our entire St. Peter's family back together.

I realize things keep moving as to what is opening up and when. I thank you for your support and flexibility in all that we are doing to keep our children at school and safe.

Sadly, we have a number of families suffering COVID-19 and one class that has already had to isolate for 14 days. Thankfully due to our extremely successful Covid safe practices we were able to have Prep P return to site and this was mainly due to our mask wearing and bubble approach. While we realise that mask wearing is not compulsory in year Prep to 2, on this occasion it has kept our children safe. So, while this is a family choice to wear masks (years Prep to 2), I thank you all who are supporting this approach with your children. The school has been cleaned and we are completely safe to be onsite once again.

## Specialist Classes

From Tuesday November 9 Specialist classes will resume for our year 1-4 children. From Wednesday November 10 our Prep and 5/6 children will have their specialist classes. This will mean the children go back to our normal timetable and are able to wear sports clothes on these days.

## 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 Wednesday November 3 we will be returning to staggered pick up times.

**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**

## First Communion

We are very excited that we have been able to secure a time for our year 3 and 4 Catholic children to make their First Holy Communion. This will be held on **Saturday November 27, 2021 at 10.00am in St. Paul's Church**. Further details to follow regarding numbers and so forth, but I do know to attend, you will need to be double vaccinated and have proof of this on the day.

## Art Show

The 2021 art show has been moved to **Thursday November 25**. Further details to follow once we have approval from Catholic Education to hold this event. Anyone over 12 will need to prove they are double vaccinated to be able to attend this event.

## Condolences

I ask that you please keep Ms. Lyons in your prayers as her mum passed away this week. We pray that Cathy's mum rests peacefully in God's loving care.

## Transition Prep

We are very excited that our 2022 Prep Transition is able to go ahead. On these days you will need to bring your 2022 Prep Child and yourselves for a family meeting. You will be required to be double vaccinated to attend the family information session.

Monday November 15 from 9.15am – 10.15am  
Friday November 26 from 9.15am – 10.15am  
Thursday December 9 from 9.15am – 10.15am

## Swimming Program

Prep – 2 cancelled

Year 3- 6 our 2021 swimming program has moved to a one-off **Life Saving Victoria Mega Beach Day** focusing on beach safety. The program will be held at Port Melbourne Beach on Thursday December 2<sup>nd</sup> in the afternoon. Our year 3-6 children will not return to school until approximately 3.45pm on this day. The cost of this program will be covered by your 2021 swimming levy as it is a very expensive program but one that we thought very worthwhile for our children and means that our year 3-6 child can learn about water safety at the beach.

## Assemblies

Please note assemblies will remain on line for the rest of the year.

## 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>

## School Improvements

*Furniture* – Our new school furniture arrived today and looks amazing for our return to school on Wednesday. We have been able to utilise our old furniture and have now set up 5 external learning spaces for our children to be able to work outside as per the CHO's health advice.

## 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.

## 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 are now down to **\$36,000 remaining in outstanding fees** that we require to be paid asap.

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.