ST. PETER'S NEWSLETTER

2A Killeen Street, Sunshine South West:





November 12th 2021

Dear Families,

The children have been back for 8 days now and we are seeing progress in the way they are adapting to being back at school. It's not easy for them and we are doing our best to provide 'Consistent, Predictable, Routines (CPR)' to support our children in their transition to face to face learning. I would like to thank each and every family for your support. Nearly all of our children are wearing face masks and this is helping to keep them safe. Thanks to our families who are taking their children for testing. We realise that children have sniffles, but unfortunately in 2021 a sniffle now means a covid test as directed by the Chief Health Officer (CHO). We are sending up to 5-10 children home and day and a number of staff are also staying home and getting tested. I just want to thank families for your support in keeping our St. Peter's family safe. If you have any questions or concerns about your child, please contact their classroom teacher or me directly and we will do all we can to support them.

First Communion

First Holy Communion will be held on **Saturday November 27, 2021 at 10.00am in St. Paul's Church**. Only the children and their families (6 people) may attend. All adults must be doubled vaccinated or will not be able to enter the church. These directions come from the Chief Health Officer.

Art Show

The 2021 art show will be on **Thursday November 25**. We will be holding this event outside (weather permitting). All non-St. Peter's children will need to scan in and provide proof of a vaccination certificate prior to entry.

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 |
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| Friday | November 26 from | 9.15am – 10.15am |
| Thursday | December 9 from | 9.15am – 10.15am |

Excursions

We are very happy to inform you that excursions are now able to go ahead and our staff have been working extremely hard to ensure our children have some incredible experiences between now and the end of the year.

Year 3/4 Melbourne Museum excursion will be held on Thursday November 18.

Prep Outdoor Education program will be held next Thursday November 18 from 3.30 - 6.30 pm. This is always a fun event for our children.

Year 3/4 Werribee Zoo excursion will be held on Monday November 22. The children have been waiting since Term two to attend this excursion and are very excited.

Year 3- 6 Life Saving Victoria Mega Beach Day will be held on Thursday December 2- focusing on beach safety. A permission form will be sent out next week for this excursion.

Year 1/2 Enchanted Maze Outdoor Education program will be held on Wednesday December 8. The children learn how to tree surf, find their way out of a maze and develop their social skills with their peers.

Year 6 Graduation Big Day out to Adventure Park is booked and hopefully the weather will improve by then for our year six children to have a wonderful end of primary school celebration.

St. Peter's Social Media Presence

You may have noticed we now have Facebook and Instagram to support our Twitter online presence. Please like us and share our information on these social media platforms as they are great ways to share our wonderful community and attract future enrolments.

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.

School Fees

Thank you to all of our families who continue to pay their outstanding fees. We are now down to **\$27,000** 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.