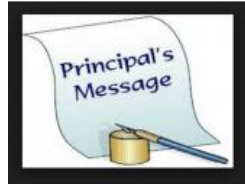


ST. PETER'S NEWSLETTER

2A Killeen Street, Sunshine South West:



November 26th 2021

Dear Families,

This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. For Catholics, the new Liturgical Year commences with the first Sunday of Advent. In this new liturgical year, the Church not only wishes to indicate the beginning of a period, but the beginning of a renewed commitment to the faith by all those who follow Christ, the Lord. The season of Advent is therefore a season of vigilant waiting, as we wait for the Lord. This Advent I pray for us all that we can prepare a place in our hearts for Jesus our Lord to bring love and peace to our world.



The time is near...Be Alert, Be Ready



SchoolsPlus Smart Giving Grant

I am very excited to announce that St. Peter's has won a 2021 SchoolsPlus Smart Giving Grant. This grant provides funding to establish student and parent leaders in 2022, who will work with school leaders to co-design family engagement resources in community languages. As a whole school community, we will continue to focus on making school learning accessible to families at home. One way that we are working toward this goal is by empowering students to talk about their school learning at home and for learning occurring in home and community settings to be shared at school. We will provide more information about this exciting family school partnership project, and ways that you can be involved, next year.

Shade Sails

I am equally pleased to announce that we have been successful in receiving funding from the Victorian Government to build an extra shade sail in our school grounds next year which will promote external learning. We are hoping to have this structure completed early in term one.

Pat Art Collective

This year we have been working with three other schools to identify students of high potential by triangulating data. Our Year 5/6 teachers as well as our Learning Leaders worked with Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic School Staff as well as Professor John Munro from Melbourne University. This has been a wonderful project to be involved in and I just wanted to congratulate our teachers and staff who participated in this project and today presented their learning to our Regional Manager Juliette Cox who was very impressed with our student's learning and growth.

From my learning in this project I have now employed a specialist maths/wellbeing teacher, Mr. Jock McMillian. Jock has been providing extension maths lessons for some of our high achieving year 3-6 children every Friday since we have returned to face to face learning. In 2022, Jock will take over as our maths leader and continue to work on supporting children in maths from Prep to Year 6. We are very excited to be able to add talented maths program for our high achieving students.

First Communion

Congratulations to our First Holy Communion children who will receive this sacrament tomorrow. Please remember anyone 12 years and 2 months old must now be fully vaccinated to attend.

Reports and Learning Conversations

Please note that reports will be sent home on Friday December 3 and the school will be closed on Monday December 6th so that children, families and staff can attend online learning conversations. Please return your time requests slips to Leah in the office as soon as possible.

Art Show

To be COVID safe we have decided to postpone our 2020/2021 art show until Thursday February 17th, 2022. We look forward to seeing you all then.

Transition Prep

Today we held our second Prep transition day. The children and their families were very excited to be coming to St. Peter's in 2022.

Excursions

A reminder that our Year 3- 6 children will be attending the **Life Saving Victoria Mega Beach Day** this Thursday December 2nd focusing on beach safety. Please ensure your child/ren wear their bathers, sun smart clothing as well as bring a towel, hat, lunch and sunscreen for the day. We are looking forward to this day very much as it will be in place of our 2021 swimming program. We all know beach safety is so important.

A reminder that our Year 1/2 will be going to Enchanted Maze on Wednesday December 8. While our Year 6 Graduation Big Day out to Adventure Park is booked and will be held on Monday December 13.

Google Reviews

Thank you to the families who have been giving us 5 star ratings and leaving us lovely google reviews. This means so much to us and really helps to promote our school as the beautiful and caring community that we are.

School Fees

Please note if you are leaving the school at the end of the year and you are on a payment plan, you are required to finalise your outstanding fees by November 30 2021. We still have an outstanding amount due of \$24,000 so please come to the office to pay any outstanding fees by November 30th.

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.