

ST. PETER'S NEWSLETTER

2A Killeen Street, Sunshine South West:



December 13th 2021

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that the end of the year has arrived. I must admit that this has been one of the most challenging years of my 30-year career in education. However, all of you have made my job an absolute joy. I mean it when I say we have the most supportive families and wonderful children in our school community and for that I am eternally grateful.

Unfortunately, we have had 3 confirmed Covid cases last week. Thanks to all of the families who have been able to collect their children immediately and take them for a Covid test. Fortunately, with the new rules, once your child has received a negative test result and you have emailed us a copy of their result, your child will be able to immediately return to school.

Graduation

Congratulations to Brady, Melekaloni, Freya, Jacky, Jaycee, Minh, Dia, Jayden, Clayden, Isabella, Samuel, Danica, William, Surabhi, Isaac, Marcus and Sajal who graduated last Tuesday night. Thank you to your families who have supported you over the past seven years. We wish all of the families who are leaving St. Peter's for the final time, much love as you continue your journey. Please remember you are always a part of our St. Peter's family.



Polly De Bono Award

At graduation we presented the 2021 Polly De Bono Volunteer of the year Award to Anna Nyguen (Jayden, Nathan and Ava's mum). Anna has been volunteering at St. Peter's for 7 years now in many different ways and she is always willing to help out. We appreciate Anna's contribution to St. Peter's.



2022 School and House Captains

Congratulations to all of the year five children who applied for leadership positions in 2022. I am pleased to announce that our 2022 School Captains are Lachlan, Gianni, Nyndeng and Bitanya. Our 2022 house captains are below.

MARIST	Chloe	Jaclyn
MACKILLOP	Deedee	Deegan
MCKAY	Nathan	Isabella
GOOLD	Flimon	Jasiel

Learning Conversations

Thank you to all of the families who attended Learning Conversations on Monday. It's always so lovely to see how far your children have come, especially in this very difficult time. As always thank you to our classroom teachers who have written your child's report and explained their achievements to you.

2022 Sacrament Dates

Confirmation - Thursday March 31 at 7.00pm

Reconciliation - Thursday April 7 at 7.00pm

Eucharist - Sunday June 19 at 10.00am

2022 Chrome book family meeting (Year 1-6 families)

Please put **Monday February 7** from 7.00pm in your diary for our annual family Cyber Safety and collection of Chromebook night. At least one parent or guardian must attend this event, for your child to receive their Chromebook and sign their 2022 user agreement.

From 6:30 pm all Year 1 parent/guardian will be invited for an information session around our school expectations of your child borrowing a school Chromebook.

Art Show

Our 2020/2021 art show will be held on Thursday February 17th, 2022.

School Fees

We still have \$15,000 outstanding school fees for 2021. Please pay these by Wednesday as a matter of urgency.

Staff Leaving

As always at this time of the year we must bid farewell to staff and families who will be leaving St. Peter's and continuing their life journey in another setting. I know you will all join with me as we ask God to continue to bless them and watch over them. With sadness we bid farewell to:

- **Mr. Les Butler** will be heading overseas next year to travel this incredible world of ours.
- **Ms. Natalie Nguyen** has decided to move from Primary teaching to kindergarten teaching.
- **Mr. Adrian Platek** will be taking a break from teaching.
- **Ms. Fitri Azril** will be returning to kindergarten teaching after helping us out this year.

2022 New Staff

In 2022 we will welcome three new classroom teachers to our team. I know you will give a warm welcome to Ms. Cheryl Lanford into 1/2L, Ms. Elisa Tamburro into 3/4T and Ms Tien Phan as a Learning Support Officer.

Last Day of School

A reminder the last day of school for children will be Wednesday December 15th. All children will finish at 3.15pm on this day.

First Day of School in 2022

All children will return to school on Monday January 31st, 2022 at 8.30am.

Office Reopen in 2022

The office will be open on Thursday January 27th, 2022 from 9.00am for families to pay school fees and purchase new uniforms.

As always, I take this opportunity to thank all of the children, families and staff who have worked together in 2021 to ensure our children have the most wonderful learning opportunities possible. I would especially like to thank Ms. Grace and Mrs. Tamara for their ongoing support as well as Fr. Rene for all he does for our community. I wish you all every blessing of this sacred Christmas season and pray we all return safely in the New Year.

God Bless,



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.