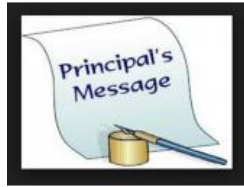


ST. PETER'S NEWSLETTER

2A Killeen Street, Sunshine South West:



March 04th 2022

Dear Families,

This week our school community joined together for the first time in 2022 to share in our Ash Wednesday liturgy with Fr. Renee, which signifies the beginning of Lent. Lent, in the Catholic Tradition is **a period of penitential preparation for Easter**. In Western churches it begins on Ash Wednesday, six and a half weeks before Easter, and provides for a 40-day fast, in imitation of Jesus Christ's fasting in the wilderness before he began his public ministry. I am sure this Lent we will all be praying for world peace and for the people of Ukraine and Russia at this very difficult time.

School Closure- School Conference

Please note that the school will be closed next Thursday March 10th and Friday March 11th to allow staff time to work on our school culture and develop their spirituality.

Labour Day Public Holiday

Please note that Monday March 14th is a public holiday and the school will be closed on that day.

Prep Children

Our Prep children completed their first full week of school this week, including attending their first specialist lessons. They have all settled in so well and are really enjoying school.

New mask rules

While you may no longer be required to wear masks in many places, primary schools are still one place that require masks to be worn. Please wear a mask when in the school office.

Easter Raffle

All children are able to wear Casual Dress (no school uniform) on 25th March and bring an Easter Egg to donate for our Easter Raffle. Raffle tickets will be going home shortly. Tickets are \$1.00 each and we do ask that every family tries to sell at least one book each. We would love Family Volunteers to come and help make up the Easter baskets on Wednesday 30th March at 9.00am. Please see Leah in the office if you can help.

Also, if anyone has any baskets at home that you would like to donate for the raffle, please drop them into the office.

RAT tests

Our next lot of RATs will be going out next week. Please come and pick these up on Monday. RATs will be supplied until the end of Term 1.

School Fees

First instalment of school fees are now overdue. Please settle up these payments immediately. A reminder to also pay for the Yr 3/4 camp asap.

Twilight Sports Carnival

Congratulations to Mr Mogg and the staff for arranging a fantastic day for the students in the Sporting Carnival on Thursday. The students had a ball representing their house colours and promoting great teamwork to win many ribbons along the way. Congratulations to the victors, Marist (Blue House Colour) for winning the carnival in 2022.



LifeSaving Victoria Excursion – Mega Beach Day

The Yr 3-6 student's enjoyed a day at the beach for their first excursion back this year. They had the chance to learn water survival skills and catch some waves on the boogie boards. It was lovely to spend some time at the beach and taking in the sights along a trek to a neighbouring lookout.



New School Playground

Our school students are so excited and are looking forward to playing on their new adventure playground – which they helped design. What really warmed our students' hearts was learning that our old adventure playground would be taken apart piece by piece and sent overseas so that students in developing countries can also have adventure playgrounds to play on at school. Bob Allardice – who heads up the Rotary Overseas Recycled Playgrounds program (RORP) and a team of volunteers have been at St. Peter's over the past few days-carefully dismantling the playground, taking it all away and making plans to send it overseas. At St. Peter's, social justice matters. Supporting those less fortunate matters and we know we can and do make a difference.



School Assemblies

Our school assemblies will be online for Term One. Please go to the Skoolbag App Friday morning to access your link to the Friday assembly. Assemblies are held at 2:50pm.

TERM ONE – Assemblies

Friday 18 th Feb	3/4D
Friday 25 th Feb	1/2G
Friday 4 th March	5/6S
Friday 11 th March	Staff Conference
Friday 18 th March	3/4C
Friday 25 th March	1/2L
Friday 01 st April	1/2C
Friday 8 th April	3/4T

Term 1 Dates:

10/03-11/03	Staff Conference – School Closure
14/03/2022	Labour Day Holiday – School Closed
25/03/2022	Casual Clothes Day – Easter egg donation
28/03-29/03	Year 3/4 Urban Camp
04/04/2022	Sacrament of Penance @ 7:00pm (St. Paul’s Church)
07/04/2022	Sacrament of Confirmation @ 7:00pm (St. Paul’s Church)
08/04/2022	Holy Week (Easter Liturgy) online @ 12pm
08/04/2022	Term 1 ends @ 1:45pm

Enjoy your week,



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.