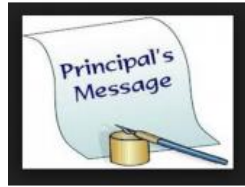


# ST. PETER'S NEWSLETTER

2A Killeen Street, Sunshine South West:



March 18th 2022

Dear Families,

## Catholic Education Week

This week is Catholic Education Week, and the theme this year is *Take the Way of the Gospel*.



To celebrate, yesterday we were able to take 2 students, Nyndeng and Bitanya to St. Patrick's Cathedral to celebrate mass with Archbishop Peter Comensoli.

Five of our students have also had their work displayed in the annual Catholic Education Week art show which we are very proud of.

## Staff Announcements

After 23 years work in numerous Catholic schools, Mr. Mogg has decided to hang up his whistle and will be retiring from Catholic Education next week. Bernard has worked at St. Peter's for two years now and I know the children have absolutely loved his physical education classes. He has been a wonderful teacher to over 3000 children during his teaching career and we wish Bernard God's care and love as he transitions to retirement.

We are very excited that we will be welcoming Mr. Andrew Sharpe to our team. Andrew has 17 years of experience as a Physical Education teacher, including working in international schools in Singapore. I know you will make Andrew very welcome.

We have also employed a Pastoral Care staff member for three days a week to work alongside Ms. Grace who is our school Chaplain under the Federal Government Chaplaincy Program. Claire will be a welcome addition to our team in supporting the wellbeing needs of our children and families. Claire comes to us with 13 years of teaching experience and has just recently completed her Doctrinal studies in Wellbeing and Spirituality.

Both Claire and Andrew will begin at St. Peter's at the beginning of Term Two.

## **New Playground**

This week the children were very excited to play on our new playground. In 2020 the SRC children met with a playground designer to give their voice to the features they would like on a new playground. The designer took away their suggestions and came back with three different designs. During 2021 every child in the school voted on the playground design they liked best, and this is now the playground that has been built and opened this week. Congratulations to all involved in this development and special thanks to the team from Adventure plus playgrounds who worked with us on this project.



We are also very pleased that our old playground has been dismantled by Rotary and will be sent to children who have never had a playground in their school. We are very blessed for all the facilities we have at St. Peter's

## **2023 Prep Enrolments**

Recently a number of families have informed me that they have a child coming to prep in 2023. Enrolments are now open and I urge you to complete an enrolment form asap to ensure your child's place at St. Peter's. I also ask all parents who have a child in a local kindergarten or child care to promote St. Peter's as the school of choice in our local area. The more enrolments we have the better facilities and education we can provide for all.

## **Year 3/4 Camp**

Our year 3/4 children will be heading off to camp Monday week. We do require all camp fees to be paid prior to camp.

## **School Fees and Levies**

Please note that all school Levies were due to be paid in full by March 15th. These range from \$420 for year Prep to \$870 for year 6.

## **World Sleep Day**

Today is World sleep day. Did you know that primary aged children require 9-11 hours sleep per night and sleep has been linked to the most important aspect of mental health and staying healthy. How much sleep are your children having each night? What are your sleep routines?

## **National Day Against Bullying**

**Friday 18th March** is the 2022 **National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence**. The theme for 2022 is **Kindness Culture**. By building Kindness Culture together, we can promote inclusion, respect and community belonging for all students in schools across Australia.

## **RACV Safe Roads program**

This week the team from RACV came out to talk with our children about road safety. Please remember that any child under 10 should always hold an adult hand when they cross the road.

Also, please do not drop your children off at the crossing, instead find a safe and legal place to drop your children off and pick them up.

Keeping our children safe is always our highest priority.

## Long Service Leave

Please note that next term I will be taking Long Service Leave for the first seven weeks of the term. While I am away, Ms. Grace Frazzica will be our Acting Principal and Mrs. Ide Garvey will step up to be our Acting Deputy Principal. I know the school will be in extremely good hands while I am traveling up through central Australia.

## 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. 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.

## Next Week

Please note that from next Wednesday to Friday Mrs. Garvey will be in charge while Mrs. Tamara, Ms. Grace and myself attend the Victorian Association for Catholic Primary School Principal Conference. The theme of this year's conference is *HOPE - for now and whatever lies ahead*. This is an important conference for our Executive leadership team to attend so that we stay current and up to date with best practice in Catholic Education. Please see Mrs. Garvey if you require any assistance on these three days.

## 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 2:45pm.

## TERM ONE - Assemblies

Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	3/4C
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	1/2L
Friday 01 <sup>st</sup> April	1/2C
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	3/4T

## Term 1 Dates:

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.