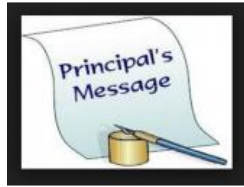


ST. PETER'S NEWSLETTER

2A Killeen Street, Sunshine South West:



May 27th, 2022

Dear Families,

As we continue to navigate throughout this Term with student and staff illnesses, I would like to thank you and the community for your flexibility, understanding and support. Whilst we always try our best not to interrupt student learning, at times, we unfortunately cannot always steer clear from interruptions due to staff shortages. Going forward, I would like to personally ask each parent and carer to support the school by ensuring that you only send your child(ren) when they are healthy and well. The school has recently noted that many students are being sent to school when they are incredibly sick and who have not been tested with the provided RAT kits prior to school. Whilst we acknowledge that some illnesses can develop throughout the day, we ask if your child was sick the night before with a bug, gastro, flu or COVID symptoms, please keep them at home until they are healthy to return back onsite. Any child that contracts COVID **must stay home and complete their quarantine period for 7 days** as directed by the Government. Further, by sending students to school that are sick, it spreads the germs to other students and to staff members which ultimately puts a pressure on the school system. If your child has seen a doctor and they have been diagnosed with an illness which allows them to be onsite, please provide the school with a certificate from the doctor and communicate this to the office. I thank all the families who are supporting the school by letting us know when their child has either contracted COVID or any other illness, and for ensuring they are being kept at home whilst they nurse themselves back to health.

Lastly, I want you to know that the staff of St. Peter's are working above and beyond to ensure that the school remains open and that your child is able to learn in a safe and healthy environment. Please know that we only want the best for your child as our core business is '100% of students, 100% of the time'. Therefore, I ask you to continue to partner with us by following our requests when it comes to illness. As always, please see me if you have any questions regarding student illness.

Michael Ymer and Family Maths Night

Last year, Ms. Karen Bergin employed Mr. Jock McMillian as St. Peter's Numeracy Leader to support classroom teachers in utilising student data in a way that informs planning and in turn supports students with extension or intervention. To assist this work, we also employed an external consultant Michael Ymer who has a wealth of knowledge on best practices when it comes to teaching students about Maths. Michael worked with students and teachers throughout the day on Monday and then led a Family Math's Night in the evening.

Thank you to Jock who had organised the day and to all of the staff and families who attended the night.



Excursions:

Prep Excursion

We are very excited that we were able to reschedule our Prep excursion to Collingwood Farm. We felt it was important to change the date as we only had 10 Prep students attend last Thursday. Thank you to the Prep families who supported us with the change of date, as you can imagine it was important to us for most of our Preps to experience their first excursion for the year.

Chaplaincy Notes

Last week, our Pastoral Care Worker Claire Manton sent consent forms to each family in which the school was asking you to sign acknowledging your awareness of our Chaplaincy program within the school. As you are aware, children experience various emotions as they navigate throughout their day. Sometimes children are unable to regulate their emotions by themselves and require adult assistance. Claire's job at our school is to provide this assistance when extra support is needed. However, in order for Claire to work with children in this way, she will need to have a signed consent form for them. Children will work with Claire when the need arises. If any intensive intervention is required, Claire will contact you and seek further consent forms.

We strongly encourage all families to sign the consent forms as you never know when your child may encounter a situation that requires Claire's expertise. We all know that children learn best when they are happy and that Wellbeing is a key factor to academic success. We are extremely lucky to be one of the few schools in the West that can offer this Chaplaincy program.

We ask that all families return these notes, no later than next week. If you have any questions regarding our program, please feel free to either speak to your child's teacher, Claire (Mon, Wed or Fri) or myself.

27/05/2022	Year 3/4 Excursion to Zoo
03/06/2022	Prep Excursion Collingwood Children's Farm
13/06/2022	Queen's Birthday Holiday
15/06/2022	School Photos
16/06/2022	Mid Year Reports to go home
19/06/2022	Year 3/4 Sacrament of First Eucharist
20/06/2022	Learning Conversations (12-6pm)
23/06/2022	Feast of St. Peter's and St. Paul's
24/06/2022	Term 2 Ends @ 1:45pm

Blessings to you and your family,

Ms Grace Frazzica
ACTING 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.