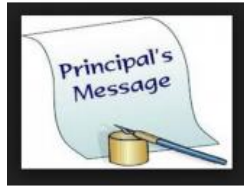


ST. PETER'S NEWSLETTER

2A Killeen Street, Sunshine South West:



August 12th, 2022

Dear Families,

This week we were blessed to be able to celebrate the Feast of St. Mary of the Cross with our Acting Parish Priest, Fr. Joseph and our Parish Deacon, Deacon John. It was such a gift to be able to celebrate the liturgy as one community on Monday and reminds us of the importance of listening to the word of God and celebrating the Eucharist together as one community. We continue to give thanks for the life of St. Mary MacKillop and her influence and continued presence in Catholic Education in Australia to this day.

Last week the teachers were fortunate enough to work with the very talented Deb Sukarna to improve our approach to teaching reading at St. Peter's. I want to take this opportunity to thank our teachers who are always looking out for ways to improve their teaching which in turn leads to improved student learning. As a school we continue to focus on our school improvement plan to build the capacity of staff and students (see our goals below).

***Strategic intent** - We are building a culture whereby coaching and mentoring is focused on improving teacher practice through evidence-based research in order to improve student outcomes.*

***2022 Goal** - To clarify a shared understanding of evidence-based teaching practices, while embedding these across the school community.*

***2022 Intended outcome** - The school engages staff to develop and facilitate professional learning that aligns with both the school improvement plan and identified challenges for student learning.*

Every time our school engages in professional learning it comes from a very strategic approach. In 2023 we will enter our new review cycle and evaluate how effective we have been in achieving the goals from our 2019 school review. During the next 12 - 18 months I will keep you updated as to our progress in our new review cycle.

School Advisory Council (SAC)

Thank you to the seven parents Martin, Dennis, Arop, Stormi, Nam, Vinnie and Criselda who have volunteered to be on our inaugural school advisory council. Our first meeting will be held on **Monday August 22nd from 6.00pm to 7.00pm**. I ask our community to keep our SAC members in your prayers as they **take on this new voluntary role in our school community**.

Medical Action Plans

If your child requires a **Medical Action Plan** we need these handed to the office by Monday as your child's previous one has now expired.

Production

Production rehearsal continues to progress well. We do hope your children are singing their songs and practicing their dance moves at home. Remember to keep Thursday September 15 at 7.00pm free to attend our 2022 school production. For the remainder of Term three all prep to Year six children may wear their sports uniform on a Friday for production practice.

Book Week

Remember our annual book week parade is coming up on Monday August 22nd at 9.00am. Now is the time to start thinking about costumes of your children's favourite book characters. The theme for book week this year is *'Dreaming with eyes open...'* All families are welcome to join us for the book parade in the gym that morning.

100 Days of Prep

Last week our Prep children celebrated their first 100 days of school. Congratulations to these children. From my calculations they have around 2,500 days of school to go until they finish year 12 in 2034!!! I pray we have given them the greatest start to their formal education that they could have dreamed of. When I was in their room this week I was reminded of how clever they all are in their own special ways and how much they have already learnt.

Year 1/2 and Prep Excursion to Dream City

Last week our Junior school went on the most wonderful excursion to Dream city. To my delight I was so pleased to see so many parent helpers who were able to accompany their children to this incredible experience. We value these opportunities so much and thank each and every staff member who was involved in this excursion taking place as these things take a great deal of preparation and planning.

3/4 Excursion to CERES

Next Thursday our year 3/4 children are going on an excursion to CERES. We wish them well as they explore the wonderful environment of CERES.

COVID-19

Please remember to test your child/ren regularly, and if your child is 8 and above please encourage them to wear a mask. We have a number of classrooms that are hotspots for COVID at the moment and the best way to stop the spread is if your child is wearing a mask.

Please notify the office immediately if your child tests positive to COVID-19.

School Fees - Final Payment Due Monday 15 August

On Monday 100% of school fees and levies must be paid unless you are on a payment plan. Please ensure you have paid your 2022 school fees by Monday August 15. If you are experiencing financial hardship I ask you to please come and see me personally.

As always, have a great fortnight and I look forward to seeing you all around the school more and more as we continue to open up and live this new life that we are continuing to navigate.

Term 3 Dates

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| Aug 12, 2022 | District Athletics Day - for selected children from Year 3-6 – Cancelled due to weather |
| Aug 18, 2022 | 3/4 Excursion to CERES |
| Aug 22, 2022 | 9.15am Book Week Parade and Author visit (St. Peter's Gym) Theme - 'Dreaming with eyes open...' |
| Sep 1, 2022 | Father's Day Stall |
| Sep 12, 2022 | Production Full Dress Rehearsal (all day at Marian College) |
| Sep 15, 2022 | 7.00pm - Production Performance - Wizard of Oz (Marian Auditorium) |
| Sep 16, 2022 | 9.15am - Footy Day Parade |
| Sep 16, 2022 | 1.45pm - End of Term Three |

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.