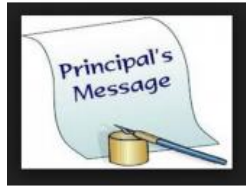


# ST. PETER'S NEWSLETTER

2A Killeen Street, Sunshine South West:



December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Dear Families,

Welcome to the last week of our 2022 academic year. Congratulations! We made it with no lockdowns in 2022 - what a blessing it has been to have all of our children attend school every day for the entire school year.

Now that we have well and truly entered the season of Advent, we are waiting for the birth of our saviour, Jesus Christ. I pray for you all this Advent that you will find Hope, Peace, Joy and Love as you experience this Advent season as you and your family prepare for Christmas.

## 2022 Graduation Class

I would like to congratulate this very special group of Grade Six students. We are going to miss you very much and we wish you all of the best in your future. Congratulations to Lachlan, Jaclyn, Josiah, Bitanya, Chloe, Nathan, Izabela, Izak, Nathan, Isabella, Aaron, Deedee, Nyndeng, Deegan, Jasiel, Gianni and Flimon who will graduate tomorrow 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.

## End of Year Mass and Captain announcements

As always, we will be holding our end of year mass this Thursday December 15<sup>th</sup> at 9.15am in the school gym. After mass we invite all families to stay and join us for the volunteer morning tea and also an opportunity for families to say farewell to Ms. Jacinta.

At this mass, we will announce our 2023 School and House Captains, so we do ask all year 5 families to be present. At our end of year mass, we will also be announcing our 2023 **Polly De Bono Volunteer Award**. This award is in recognition of a community member who has volunteered to support the improvements of St. Peter's school community and named after Polly who served our school every day as a volunteer from 2013 to 2018.

## Learning Conversations

Thank you to all of the families who attended Learning Conversations last Monday. It's always so lovely to see how far your children have progressed in their learning throughout the year. As always thank you to our classroom teachers who have written your child's report and explained their achievements to you.

## 2023 Sacrament Dates (Year 3 Catholic Children)

Reconciliation	Thursday April 4 at 7.00pm
Eucharist	Sunday June 4 at 9.30am

## 2023 Learning Conversations

Just a friendly reminder that Yr 1-6 students will have their Learning Conversations with their 2023 Classroom Teacher on Tuesday, 31st of January. Furthermore, Prep students will have their Learning Conversation with Ms Marian Cabamongan on Wednesday, 1st of February. All Learning Conversation times will be given to you by the end of this week. Please remember that we find these conversations very valuable as we gain parent/carer knowledge about your child which supports us to unlock their full potential.

## 2023 Chrome book family meeting (Year 1-6 families)

Please put **Tuesday February 7th** from (6.30pm for Year one families) and from 7.00pm for the rest of the school 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 2023 user agreement. **From 6:15 pm all Year 1 parents/guardians** will be invited for an information session around our school expectations of your child borrowing a school Chromebook.

## School Fees

We still have \$15,000 outstanding school fees for 2022. 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:

- **Ms Jacinta Edwards** will be retiring after 41 years of teaching in Catholic Education. I have had the privilege of working with Jacinta for 21 of those years in three different schools and I am so blessed to have worked with such an outstanding educator. We will miss Jacinta's talents immensely and there is no-one who could ever replace her. So, after working at St. Peter's for three years, we wish Jacinta and her family every blessing as she enters the next very exciting stage of her life.
- **Ms Rachel Giuffrida** will be leaving us after three years to get married and go traveling. We wish Rachel all of the best for her future.
- **Mr. Andrew Sharpe** has filled in for the PE teacher role this year. Andrew is heading to teach at Salesian College in Sunbury and we wish him well in 2023 and beyond.
- **Ms. Miriam Zaki** has decided to return to Casual Relief Teaching after teaching Prep this year. We wish Miriam well in her future.

## 2023 New Staff and 2023 classroom teachers

In 2023 we will welcome three new classroom teachers to our team.

Ms. Lara Lussi will teach 5/6L, alongside Ms. Natalie Duma (5/6D) and Ms. Sharon Campbell (5/6C).

Ms. Samantha Di Mieri will teach 3/4D alongside Ms. Elise Carlson (3/4C).

Ms. Kimberly Bonjour will teach 1/2B alongside Ms. Cheryl Langford (1/2L) and Ms. Sasha Sant (1/2S).

Ms. Marian Cabamongan will teach Prep C.

Ms. Marisa Oppedisano will be returning to be our Physical Education teacher after 5 years of maternity leave.

Ms. McCabe Craig will be joining our Leadership team as our Literacy Leader in 2023.

## Executive Leadership Team

Principal

Karen Bergin

Deputy Principal (Students)

Grace Frazzica

Deputy Principal (Staff)

Tamara Moravski

Religious Education Leader & Learning and Teaching Leader

Ide Garvey

## Extended Leadership Team

Learning Diversity Leader

Jessica Rajski

Wellbeing Leader

Ree Niemann

Maths Leader

Jock McMillan

Literacy Leader

McCabe Craig

## Long Service Leave in 2023

Please note that I will be taking the first five weeks of the school year off to travel to Antarctica. While I appreciate this is not the best time to take leave, there are only a few months of the year when one can travel to Antarctica. Ms Grace Frazzica who will be Acting Principal in my absence. I'm sure the children will all be well and truly settled into their new classes by the time I return.

## Last Day of School

A reminder the last day of school for children will be Friday December 16th. All children will finish at 3.15pm on this day.

## Return to school dates for 2023

### WEEK ONE: Friday January 27, 2023

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Staff Return to School (No Students)

### WEEK TWO: Monday January 30 to Friday February 3, 2023

Monday, January 30

Staff Professional Development Day (No Students)

**Tuesday, January 31**

**8.45 am – 3.15 pm (Preps First Day - attend school)**

**Year 1 - 6 Learning Conversations (no classes for 1-6 children)**

**Wednesday, February 1**

**No School for Prep Children - Prep Learning Conversations**

**First Day of the school year for Year 1 - 6 children**

Thursday, February 2

8.45 am – 3.15 pm (Everyone attends)

Friday, February 3

8.45 am – 3.15 pm (Everyone attends)

## Office Reopen in 2023

The office will be open on Wednesday January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 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 2022 to ensure our children have the most wonderful learning opportunities possible. I would especially like to thank Ms. Grace, Mrs. Garvey 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.