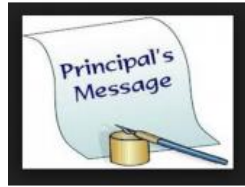


ST. PETER'S NEWSLETTER

2A Killeen Street, Sunshine South West:



February 3rd 2023

Dear Families,

Welcome to our 2023 school year! I extend a special welcome to our new families that have joined our St. Peter's family. I hope your relationship with our school community is positive and fulfills all the hopes and dreams that you long for during your child's stay at St. Peter's. Also I would like to welcome new and returning staff that have joined our St. Peter's family this year. As always, I know you'll make everyone very welcome.

Ms. Kimberly Bonjour (1/2B)
Ms. Sam Di Mieri (3/4D)
Ms. Lara Lussi (5/6L)
Ms. McCabe Craig (Literacy Leader)
Ms. Marisa Giasoumi (Physical Education)
Ms. Monica Miller (5/6 Learning Diversity)
Mr. Adrian Platek (5/6 Support and Classroom Support)

As you are aware, Ms Karen Bergin is currently on her well deserved Long Service Leave. She's currently travelling to Antarctica and is learning so much about penguins, other sea animals and global warming. She has asked me to pass on to you that she hopes that you have settled well into the year and that she can't wait to catch up with all of you when she returns back on the 27th of February. We will keep Karen in our prayers so that she continues to enjoy her long service leave and that she returns safely back to us. If you have any questions whilst Karen is away, please do not hesitate to contact me.



I would also like to congratulate Mr. Jock McMillan and his wife Kathleen on the safe arrival of their baby girl Ada Grace. Both parents and big sister Eleanor are super happy with their new addition to the family.

Furthermore, some of you might have come across our superstar 2022 5/6 students in 'The Age' on January 8th 2023. The article highlighted the great work that is happening at St. Peter's in the area of 'abstract reasoning' which supports the unlocking of numeracy and literacy skills. As you can imagine, we are very proud of the work we do here at St. Peter's as we are always ensuring that our staff are using the latest research evidence based strategies that can support our students 100% of the time- which ultimately unlocks their full potential! You can find a copy of the article at the office or google the title '**Big Brain: How visual puzzles lift kids literacy and numeracy skills**' to find it online.



School Fees and Health Care Card

Remember, the first instalment of school fees is due by February 15th . Please pay these or apply to go on a payment plan. If you have a health care card you are entitled to a reduction of \$125 from your fees. Please present your card to the office asap.

Uniform

Please remember to wear the correct school uniform at all times, including black school shoes (not sneakers). Please note that leggings or stockings are not permitted to be worn under the summer dress. Girls need to wear socks with the summer uniform. Please note from now on all children are asked to wear **navy socks only**. You can find and purchase all uniform items at the office. Please see Leah at the office if you have any questions.

Specialist Days

Tuesday - Year 3/4 and 5/6 children (wear sports uniform)

Wednesday - Year Prep and Year 1/2 children (wear sports uniform)

Please note sneakers and tracksuit pants may only be worn on your child's specialist day.

Contacting Staff

As always you are welcome to contact your child's teacher during business hours. While you are welcome to email staff, please note that emails will be answered within 48 hours as teachers are unable to access emails during learning time. No staff member will return emails or phone calls out of business hours (Monday to Friday 8.00am - 5.00pm).

Arrival and Pick up Times

Please remember that the school gates open at 8.30am and school finishes at 3.15pm each day. If you need to drop your child off earlier or collect them later, please enrol your child in the **Kelly Club Before or After Care program** (located at Glengala Primary). Carers will walk the children to St. Peter's school in the morning and collect them after school in the afternoon. Please contact **Angela at Kelly Club on 0423941496** to enrol your child. Staff have meetings at 3.30pm each day and are unable to supervise children after this time.

Bell times

Please ensure the children have arrived at school by 8.30am each morning. The bell goes at 8.50am and children begin learning immediately. Children need time to unpack their bags and be organised for the day. Arriving after 8.50am is putting your child's learning at risk. The school is going to focus on 100% of children arriving 100% of the time, on time this year. Please support your children in this venture.

Parent Handbook

Please take time to read the parent handbook that has come home with your child today. There are many tips and information about the school in this handbook that you will be able to refer to throughout the year.

Parking Road Safety

It is that time of the year when you need to remember to check the parking signs around the school to ensure you are legally parked. **Please do not park in our neighbours' driveways or block these**. Please also model road safety to your children by crossing at the children's crossing to keep them safe. As a driver you need to remember to stop at the crossing if children are waiting to cross or are already on the crossing. Please park and drop off children where it is legal and safe.

2023 Sacrament Dates at St. Paul's Church

Reconciliation – Tuesday 4th April at 7.00pm - Year 3 Catholic Children

Eucharist - Sunday 4th June at 10.00am - Year 3 Catholic Children

Celebrating St. Paul's Parish Feast Day

On Sunday 12th of February 2023, St. Paul's Parish will hold their annual Feast Day Mass at 3pm with benediction, national costumes and a procession. The celebration will continue in the Parish hall. All are welcome to join in the mass and celebration. Please contact the Parish for more information regarding the Feast day.

Learning Conversations

Many thanks to the parents/carers, students and teachers for making the Learning Conversations a wonderful three-way conversation. The staff value this time with you as it's a great opportunity to gain parent knowledge about your child. At St. Peter's we acknowledge that you are your child's first educator(s) and we highly value your partnership as we continue to support your child's learning growth.

Opening of the Year School Mass

Just a friendly reminder that we have our 'Beginning of School Year Mass' on Friday 10th of February at 2.15pm at St. Peter's. We would like to invite all families, those Catholic or of other faiths to join our sacred Mass. We will also be announcing 2023 SRC members voted by their classmates.

Year 1 - 6 Cyber Safety and Chromebook Family Night

Another friendly reminder for your family calendar is our annual 'Cyber Safety and Chromebook' family night on the 7th of February. It's important that all families attend this night to learn more about how we can support students to be safe online. Also, on this night, students will be given their chromebook that will be used throughout the year. Please see the flyer for more information about this night.

Playground

I am very excited to inform you that we have begun construction on the extension of our new playground. As you know, Karen is always ensuring that our students have the best facilities in the West and in Melbourne. Therefore, the further extension will include a new basketball court, a quiet/ outdoor learning/ meditation space and more outdoor eating space for our students. We are expecting this project will be completed by the end of the Term.

Conference

Please note that the school will be closed on Thursday 9th and Friday 10th of March for staff to work with Helen Christensen to learn more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Perspectives.

Twilight sports

I'm very excited to announce that after two years of Covid restrictions to our family events, we will see our Twilight Sports return back to its original time slot 3.50pm-7.00pm. Our annual Twilight Sports Carnival will be held on **Thursday, 30th of March, 2023**. Students will be dismissed from school at 1.45pm and will need to be back at St. Peter's by 3.50pm. The carnival events will begin at 4.00pm and conclude at approximately 7.00pm. We ask that your children wear their team colours, sports clothes (they do not have to be in sports uniform on this day) and their sneakers to participate in these activities. More information will be given closer to the date.

Rapid Antigen Tests

Thank you to all of our families who continue to test their children when symptoms arise. We continue to encourage all members to follow Covid protocols to alert any early detection so we can contain the spread of COVID at the school.

Box of Tissues

We ask that every child in the school brings one or two boxes of tissues to share with their class throughout the year. If your child's class runs out of tissues your teacher might send a note home requesting another box from every child in your class.

Brain Food and Healthy Lunch

Please remember to supply your child/ren with a healthy snack (fruit or vegetables) for their brain food break at 10.00am each day. Also, a reminder that we encourage healthy food for lunch. Hot chips and take away food will not be passed onto children as this food impacts on their ability to concentrate and learn. All children should bring their lunch with them to school in their school bag.

School Assemblies

Our school assemblies are Friday afternoon in the Gym at 2:45pm. All families are welcome to attend all assemblies.

TERM ONE – Assemblies

Term 1	
WEEK 1. Fri 27th Jan	N/A
WEEK 2. Fri 3rd Feb	Leadership- assembly expectations
WEEK 3. Fri 10th Feb	Beginning of Year Mass- SRC medals
WEEK 4. Fri 17th Feb	5/6C
WEEK 5. Fri 24th Feb	1/2S
WEEK 6. Fri 3rd Mar	3/4D
WEEK 7. Fri 10th Mar	Staff Conference

Term 1 Dates:

07/02/2023	Cyber Safety Family Night @ 7:00pm
15/02/2022	1 st Instalment of school fees due
22/02/2022	Ash Wednesday Mass @ 2:15pm (School gym)
01/03/2023	Prep's 1st Full Week
09/03-10/03	Staff Conference – School Closure
13/03/2022	Labour Day Holiday – School Closed
30/03/2022	Twilight Sports – Wear House Colours & Sports Clothes
04/04/2022	Sacrament of Penance @ 7:00pm (St. Paul's Church)
06/04/2023	Term 1 ends @ 1:45pm
24/04/2023	Term 2 commences @ 8:50am

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.