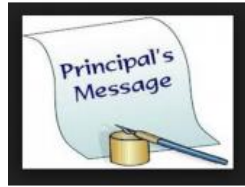


ST. PETER'S NEWSLETTER

2A Killeen Street, Sunshine South West:



February 17th 2023

Dear Families,

And just like that....Preps have had 11 days of schooling and have settled into the **'St. Peter's Way'** with the help of Ms. Cambamogan, St. Peter's staff and their Grade 5 Prep Buddies who have also supported them in the class and on the yard. As you can see, we are very blessed to have caring, empathetic and supportive children and staff at St. Peter's who very much display the core values Jesus did during His time on earth. I know Ms. Bergin will be super surprised how quickly our Preps and other year levels have settled into the year.

Speaking of Ms. Bergin, she has communicated with me recently that she can't wait to see you all in person and share her stories of her trip to Antarctica. She has learnt so much about the historic explorers who have traveled to Antarctica, global warming and has also found her inner spirit animal 'the penguins'. So get ready for 'Ms. Bergin the explorer!'



2023 Prep C

I would like to officially welcome all of our Preps to the St. Peter's family. Here are some quotes directly from Prep C about their experience so far...

Question: **'What do you love about St. Peter's?'**

Sebastian: "Playing on the playground with my friends"

Ryan: "I like building with lego".

Ariel: "I like drawing with Ms. Lyons".

Nevaeh: "Playing in our classroom and with my Grade 5 Buddy".

Rafa: "I love making friends and singing with Ms. Ree".

Ishan: "I like playing soccer on the oval".

Sienna: "I like making craft with my teachers Ms. Cabamongan and Ms. Tien".

Dominique: "I like how I'm learning how to be a kind friend and I also like how Ms Cabamongan helps us, makes us laugh and dances with us".

Kenneth: "I like reading books".



2024 Year Prep and other Year Level Prospectives

It's so lovely that we have already prospective families who have chosen to enrol their children at St. Peter's in 2024. Once again, we will aim to have two classes of Preps in 2024. We know by not being on the main road, our enrolments heavily rely on 'word of mouth' and 'google reviews'.

Therefore, enrolments are now open and I urge you or someone you know who may be interested in joining our wonderful community, to complete an enrolment form as soon as possible in order to ensure a place is secured at St. Peter's.

As you know, there's something special about St. Peter's, whether it's the way we collect and use data collection in order to help all students reach their full potential, our amazing facilities both inside and out of the school, our large natural green grass oval to play on, our playground that was designed by our students, our multi faith and multi diverse demographic or simply our personal touch that helps us to truly know our families and students. Therefore, I ask you to keep spreading the 'good stuff' about our beautiful hidden gem of a school so that we can provide others with the opportunity to flourish and to enjoy what you have already experienced.

Furthermore, if you know of any other families who are currently looking for a great school and would like to enrol them this Term or within the year, please send them our way so that we can start the chat with them. You're always welcomed to direct your family and friends to our social media platforms as a way to gain an insight into who we are, but we know the best promotion is by word of mouth. Therefore, if you know of any other families that would like to be part of our community, please ask them to contact us directly.

YMER Family Math's Night

We are extremely excited to announce that once again we have secured Michael Ymer to work with our teachers, students and families. Michael is an experienced Maths expert that is in high demand both in Australia and in Asia due to his knowledge around how students learn maths and by providing simple strategies for families in supporting their child at home. If you haven't already done so, please return your note to indicate that you will be attending our family night. As always, St. Peter's is happy to provide translators for free in order to support your understanding of Michael's context. If you have any questions about this evening, please see your child's teacher. The Family Math's night will start at **6.00pm sharp on Monday 20th of February.**

St. Peter's 2023 Annual Action Plan (AAP)

As previously mentioned above, St. Peter's is always working hard towards improving student growth and community engagement. We never take our work for granted and know that the reason we see growth in our students is because we ensure that we track authentic data to keep us aligned and accountable. One of the ways we do this is by using our St. Peter's Annual Action Plan (AAP). The AAP keeps the Leadership Team and staff on track with goals that the school has set in 'unlocking potential in all', student growth in learning and wellbeing. Please see below St. Peter's 2023 AAP Priorities.

Priority1: To refine processes and documentation to embed a Performance & Development culture.

Priority 2: To develop and refine staff expertise and practice to positively impact upon student outcomes.

Priority 3: To clarify a shared understanding of evidence-based teaching practices, while embedding these across the school community.

SRC Representatives

Congratulations to our 2023 SRC Representatives. I heard from all of the teachers that all students who put themselves forward as a candidate did a marvelous job with their delivery of speech. I would like to remind all students that we can all be leaders with or without the badge. I look forward to working with this year's SRC and investigate more ways in which we can incorporate student voice within our school community. So be sure to look out for our inspiring leaders this year!



Ash Wednesday Mass

Next Wednesday we will come together to share in our Ash Wednesday liturgy with Fr. Renee, which signifies the beginning of Lent. Lent, in the Catholic Tradition, is a period of penitential preparation for Easter. In Western churches it begins on Ash Wednesday, six and a half weeks before Easter, and provides for a 40-day fast, in imitation of Jesus Christ's fasting in the wilderness before he began his public ministry.

Free Dress Day: Easter Egg Donation

All children are able to wear Casual Dress (no school uniform) on Friday 3rd 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 Tuesday 4th April 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.

A Few Reminders:

School Fees and Health Care Card

Remember the first instalment of school fees are now overdue. Your levies are due in full in March. 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.

Drink Bottles, Lunch and Cutlery for Lunch

Please ensure that you support the school by supplying your child with a drink bottle that they can refill at school, their lunch and any cutlery that is needed for their lunch. The last two weeks, we have seen an increase in students not bringing their bottle, their lunch or a spoon/fork for their lunch. Unfortunately, we cannot continue to supply these items as it's a cost to the school. If this continues, we may look at charging families the cost of a drink bottle and cutlery supply. If you have any questions, please see your child's teacher.

Working with Children Check

As the year progresses, we will have excursions that our students will take part in. We love for our families to join in the excursion by being a parent/carer helper. To comply with child safety regulations, all parent/carer helpers need a valid and current WWCC. If you need any assistance, please see Leah at the office who can assist you in filling this online form which does not cost as you are categorised as a volunteer.

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.

TERM ONE – Assemblies

Wk 5 Fri 24th Feb: 1/2S, Wk 6 Fri 3rd March: 3/4D and Wk 7 Fr 10th March Staff Conference

Term 1 Dates:

15/02/2022	1 st Instalment of school fees due
22/02/2022	Ash Wednesday Mass @ 2:15pm (School gym)
22/02/2023	Prep's First 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.