



ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thursday 26th May 2021, Week 6, Term 2

To the St Peter's community,

Good afternoon Parents and Caregivers,

As I write this newsletter piece, I reflect on the uncertain times that our community once again faces. I will ensure to maintain communication with our school families and keep you informed of community health information. Our dedicated teaching staff are well equipped to take on a remote learning platform if it is required, under the direction of the state government. Hopefully the current restriction will ensure schools will remain open and our community recovers.

At this time the information I can present:

**Face masks are to be worn indoors unless an exemption applies.**

**The face mask requirement applies to everyone aged 12 years and older.**

Schools and workplaces will remain open with the current restrictions that are in place. Therefore, onsite classes will continue to run as scheduled.

Families whose children have attended an exposure site will need to check the Case alerts – public exposure sites website and follow the advice as outlined on this site.

Please note that if the advice requires your child to self-isolate, you will need to follow this advice. Please contact the school if family isolation is required.

Finally, a reminder that if your child is unwell with COVID-19 symptoms then they are required to stay home and get tested even if they have not attended an exposure site.



### **School drop off and pick up**

Thank you to the families that are following road and council rules during drop off and pick up times.

1. Please use the school crossing and maximise family safety
2. Please ensure that the driver stays in the car when using the kiss and drop process
3. Please do not block driveways, intersections, roundabouts and disobey road rules
4. Only collect students in the designated kiss and drop areas and not along the side of the road
5. Enter the kiss and drop zone at 5km - to ensure student safety
6. Students enter and exit the cabin of the car with school bags. Bags are not to be stored in the boot of the car

The school priority is to maximise student safety and teach our student road safety rules. The adults in our community are the role models for our students.

Families have informed the school that over the past week fines have been issued to cars waiting in the kiss and drop line. The school has no jurisdiction for council and police fines. There is an option to park cars in surrounding streets and walk to the gates to collect students or have students walk to a meeting place after school.

### **Entering the school**

As we are currently experiencing a rise in numbers of COVID cases the school is implementing the following strategies to ensure safety and tracking of interactions.

1. All families and visitors must enter through the school office
2. All families and visitors must check in using the QR code located at the front office area
3. All families and visitors must complete the iPad - Pass tab check in
4. All families and visitors must ensure social distancing is maintained and hands are sanitised upon entry into the school

Please do not enter the school if you have been in a COVID hotspot and are awaiting test results. Please do not enter the school if you have COVID symptoms.



Parents can pick up students from inside the school gates but all adults must be wearing a mask at all times. Parents can not enter learning spaces unless they have entered through the school office and completed the check in steps.

We have decided to put the parent and family helper program on hold at present. We will communicate with families when this changes.

**More information to come this afternoon via Operoo regarding the Lockdown**

### **Assessment and Reporting**

Our teaching staff are working on Semester 1 assessment feedback. Over the past couple of weeks our staff have been discussing student moderation tasks and collecting a triangulation of data to ensure the reports are an accurate reflection of student entry points.

St Peter's primary school has established a new assessment schedule over the past 12 months to ensure families have an accurate understanding of student learning outcomes.

### **Facebook**

St Peter's has a public facebook account.

Weekly, we post photos of student interaction and learning. These photos can also be viewed on our school website. Please notify the school if you do not give permission for your child to be included in this social platform.

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I encourage all families to be part of this platform and like our stories.

It shares the story of our new chapter.

### **Community Helpers**

We are so very grateful for the amazing community support we are currently receiving. We have a number of parent and family helpers coming into our school. The support enhances the growth of our students.

Community helpers support the learning spaces and support our school library.

It takes a village to support a child - thanks to our village of helpers. We are preparing our students for tomorrow and we are grateful you are part of the journey.

### **National Reconciliation Day**

On Monday, 31st May our school will recognise **National Reconciliation Day**.

We are so very fortunate that the mother and grandmother of Nicholas (Year 1) have very generously given their time to teach our students about our Indigenous Story and collaboratively create a piece of art work in recognition of National Reconciliation Day.

Thank you for immersing our St Peter's community and creating an understanding of our indigenous story.



### **Prep Enrolments 2022**

We have sent out our first batch of 2022 Prep enrolments.

We are excited by the interest the new chapter at St Peter's has gained in our community.

Please ensure current families have enrolled 2022 sibling Preps and be sure to share our new chapter with friends and family.

We anticipate having 3 small Prep classes in 2022.

The community is excited by the changes in our learning spaces, dedicated literacy and numeracy teaching and engaging additional learning spaces.

STEM : Science Technology Engineering and Maths

Visual Arts Studio

Physical Education Teacher

Performing Arts

Japanese

Reading Recovery

Maths intervention and extension classes and additional teachers  
Excellent library facilities  
The new chapter is meeting our community expectations.

### **Feedback**

St Peter's is always looking for ways to meet community expectations. I welcome feedback on what we are doing well and even better if.

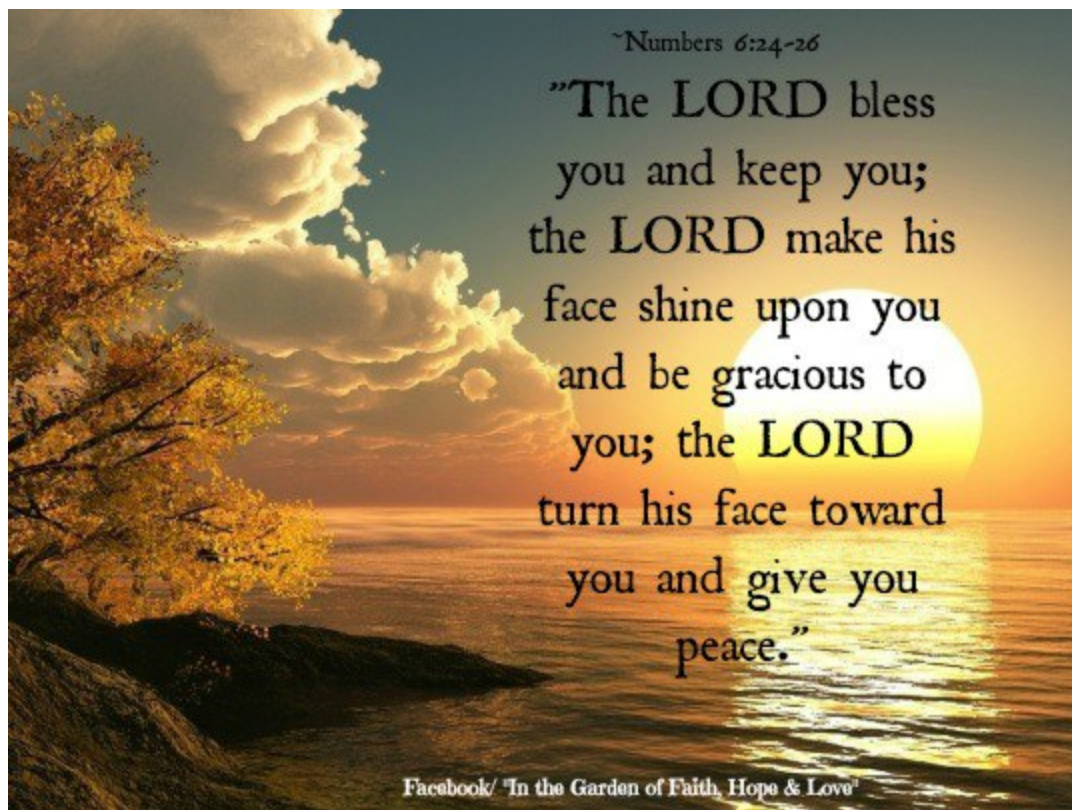
Please share feedback with me and I will ensure I respond to all emails personally.

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I promise to stay connected with our community as we enter the new space that the COVID virus presents to our community.

Kindest regards and stay safe

Angela Tonkin  
Principal



*St Peter's School is committed to the care, well being and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community.*



## **The Week in Review**

### **Middles**

The Middles have been busy being responsible 'Stewards of our Earth', investigating waste management at our school. As part of the Inquiry and Religion studies, students have been looking closely at the impact that rubbish has on our school environment. They have been mapping where rubbish accumulates and are devising a plan to address this. If your children have any ideas or suggestions on how to manage this issue, they are welcome to approach any middle school student or pass their ideas onto their teacher. Remember, together we can make a difference.



### **Seniors**

Sports Report:

Football:

Last week's game was a thrilling match against St. Catherine's. It was a tough and close contest for the entire match but St. Peter's came alive in the last quarter to take back to school a 10 POINT VICTORY!!!

Volleyball:

Both Volleyball teams had exciting close matches and persisted to Victory!!

Netball:

The Netball teams had a rough few matches with only one victory. It was great to see the fantastic sportsmanship by all involved!



## Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week

On Wednesday 26th May the students acknowledged Sorry Day. We explored the understanding of reconciliation and what it means to say sorry. Students have been creating footprints to show the pathway towards reconciliation, walking alongside Jesus as he taught us about the gift of forgiveness.

We thank Nicholas, his mother and his nan for their kind donation of an indigenous artwork that all students have been able to leave their mark on. This will be presented at assembly on Monday, with a traditional Acknowledgement of Country.

On Monday 31st May students will recognise National Reconciliation Week. Students will be immersed in a variety of activities that link to our inquiry and explore the importance of Reconciliation and education of the indigenous heritage. Students are invited to wear casual clothing on Monday in the colours of the Indigenous Flags.

We look forward to the journey of continuing reconciliation throughout the year.

## AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the following students who received an award at our whole school assembly last week.

<u>School Values</u> <b>S</b> how Respect <b>T</b> hink Positively <b>A</b> ct Responsibly <b>R</b> emember to Persist and Bounceback.	Evie PLP Elijah PAC Khushi 1/2JC Jake 1/2 LM Anik 1/2EW Lucas 1/2 BG Emma 3/4 TB Claudia 3/4 SC Dexter 3/4 JL Luke 5/6 JM Ayra 5/6 EP Emma 5/6 GC
<u>Whole School Agreed Ways</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow all directions.</li> <li>Treat property and the environment with care.</li> <li>Listen and speak respectfully.</li> <li>Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself. Only touch in kindness.</li> <li>Walk safely around the school.</li> </ul>	

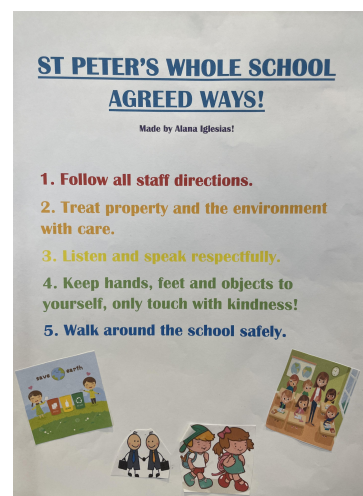
## Agreed Ways Competition Winner

This term we ran a competition for students to design a poster displaying our school Agreed Ways. The class leaders promoted the competition and then worked together to choose the finalists. Mrs Tonkin and the staff then selected from the shortlisted group. Thank you to all the students that entered the competition.

Congratulations to our winning designs. These posters will be printed and displayed around the school.



Charli 1/2EW



Alana in 3/4SC





## Tuning Into Kids - Emotionally Intelligent Parenting

[Please find attached flyer for the Term 3 2021 'Tuning in to Kids' group.](#)

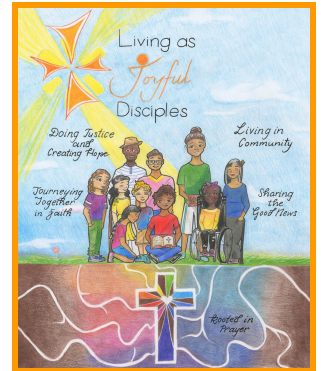
'Tuning in to Kids' is a six session parenting group, focused on developing an emotion coaching parenting style. The group will run from 10:30am – 12:30pm on Thursday mornings in Broadmeadows, starting the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July. There is no cost involved. Please refer to the flyer for registration details.

## Parent/Guardian Sacrament Session

As part of our school Sacrament program, parents/guardians of students receiving a sacrament in 2021 are asked to attend our Parent/Guardian Sacrament Session. **The session will be held on Tuesday June 8th in the Galilee Space beginning at 6:30pm.**

This session has been developed for parents/guardians with students receiving a sacrament this year and will address how we live out our faith in our everyday lives.

Our presenter for the evening is Pauline Cicutto. Pauline works for Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools as a learning consultant for Religious Education in the northern region of Melbourne.



## Reminders



### **ADMINISTRATION Notices:**

#### **PROCESS FOR CHILDREN'S ABSENCES**

A friendly reminder, if you know that your child is going to be away in advance please send an email to their class teacher or visit our school website and click the Quick Links tab to fill out the Report an Absence form. If it is an unexpected absence please ring the front office and let Claire know.

#### **School Fees**

Please make sure school fee payments are made prior to the end of this term.  
Thank you

