



# **ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**Thursday 5th August 2021, Week 4, Term 3**

# **NEWSLETTER**

Good afternoon St Peter's Community,

This week our Year 3 and 4 students celebrated their first Reconciliation. Due to COVID restrictions each student was only able to bring one adult to the sacrament. I thank our families for their understanding and support during this difficult time of restrictions.

Congratulations to the students involved in the sacrament. We are grateful to Fr Anh and Fr Nathan for leading our students through this journey of forgiveness.

Thank you to the teachers Mrs Christine Moore, Miss Sophie Chepanidis and Miss Jemma Lockyer and our Education and Faith Leader, Mrs Sara Brundell for their guidance and preparation of the students.

## **Reconciliation**

Reconciliation (officially called the Sacrament of Penance, and also known as Confession) is a Sacrament instituted by Jesus Christ in his love and mercy to offer us forgiveness for the times we have sinned and turned away from God. At the same time, we are reconciled with the Church because it is also wounded by our sins.

Every time we sin, we hurt ourselves, other people and God. In Reconciliation, we acknowledge our sins before God and the Church. We express our sorrow in a meaningful way, receive the forgiveness of Christ and his Church, make reparation for what we have done, and resolve to do better in the future.

## **The forgiveness of sins involves four parts:**

**Contrition:** A sincere sorrow for having offended God, and a firm resolve not to repeat our sin.

**Confession:** Confronting our sins in a profound way to God by speaking them aloud to the priest.

**Penance:** An important part of our healing is the penance the priest gives us in reparation for our sins.

**Absolution:** The priest speaks the words by which we are reconciled to God and are absolved from our sins.

## **Confirmation**

The students from our 3 parish schools will be celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation over two weekends: Saturday 14th of August and Saturday 21st of August, 2021.

These liturgies will be approximately 30 minutes in length and will be held at St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Primary School, 47 Farmhouse Boulevard, Epping North in their sacred space. Each student has been given their allocated liturgy time. A reminder that all Confirmation Candidate Cards need to be returned to school this Friday.



Yesterday the Year 6's that are being confirmed visited the church to meet Bishop Terry Curtin. He assisted the students understand what they will do at confirmation and told the students some funny experiences that he has had before. He also discussed the fruits and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. He explained the role of the sponsor.

Due to COVID -19 restrictions we have restricted the number of people attending. Each student is able to attend the day with their sponsor and two adults. This year 2020 and 2021 students will be involved in the sacrament with Bishop Terry Curtin, Fr Anh and Fr. Nathan.

Thank you to the senior teachers Mrs Jane Molinaro, Miss Grace Condiorio and Miss Emma Perri and our Education and Faith Leader Mrs Sara Brundell for preparing our students this year.

Unfortunately due to COVID restrictions we have had to restrict the number of staff attending the Confirmation sacrament. The Principal, Leadership Team and Year 5/6 teachers and other teachers traditionally attend all the celebrations. This year only three staff can attend each celebration for the purpose of assisting with the ceremony. We are sorry we can not be at all celebrations to support our students and families.

Thank you to our families for your support and understanding as we celebrate the sacraments with our students.



## **Coulstock Street**

Thank you to the parents that are staggering their pick up time in the evening and reducing the amount of traffic at pick up. We have a number of teachers that support and supervise our students in the evening to ensure safety is maximised. Students are supervised until 3.45pm.

No student will be left unattended on the street.

I acknowledge that many of our parents are challenged by the new road rules in Coulstock street; they were introduced as there were serious concerns about student safety and the concerns about traffic congestion and cars blocking the road and roundabout intersection.

Many families have opted to park and walk to the gate to collect their child. Thank you.

I welcome a conversation with our community if you have any questions about the pick up arrangement, however when I am supervising students at pick up time I am unable to give you my full attention. I am sorry. Please call or ring and make an appointment.

It is important that families respect our [parent code of conduct policy](#) when discussing school matters.

Unfortunately the school and parish can not appeal traffic infringements.

## **100 days of Prep**

Tomorrow our wonderful Year Prep students will be celebrating 100 days of school. Our terrific Prep Team has planned some exciting activities and the children are invited to dress up in clothes that represent old people. We have two incursions planned for later in the term when restrictions are lifted. We will take photos and post on our facebook page and they can also be accessed on our school website.



## **Fire Drill**

On Tuesday 10th of August the school will conduct a fire drill to ensure our students understand the importance of listening and following the instructions given by the teacher in an emergency situation. All students will be briefed prior to the drill.

## **Friday 27th August: School Closure**

**On this day all our staff will be involved in Professional Learning : Restorative Practice.**

We are taking a whole school approach - all staff will be trained in the language and practice.

Restorative practice seeks to repair relationships.

Restorative practice is a strategy that seeks to repair relationships that have been damaged, including those damaged through bullying. It does this by bringing about a sense of remorse and restorative action on the part of the offender and forgiveness by the victim.

Download a copy of this advice sheet: [Restorative Practice \(pdf - 217 \(pdf - 323.19kb\)](#)

### **Rationale**

The rationale behind this approach is that when offenders reflect upon their harm to victims:

- They become remorseful and act restoratively.
- Practitioners can focus on the unacceptable behaviour of offenders rather than their moral character.
- This can lead to healthier interpersonal relations among members of the school community and more effective learning.

**There will be no school on Friday 27th August - school will be closed.**  
**Teachers will be training in the skills of Restorative Practice.**

**Lolly Pops** : We kindly ask that students do not come to school with lollipops. It can be a choking hazard if children are running with a lollipop in their mouth or if the child falls and slips this could be a serious mouth injury due to the stick. Please keep this treat as a home experience.

In a word you can be anything - Be Kind

Kindest regards

Angela Tonkin  
Principal

# The Week in Review

## Prep News

We are so thrilled to be back onsite with our beautiful prep students. It has been a big week and we still have so many exciting things ahead.

We have been consolidating our reading skills, developing our writing to record descriptive sentences as well as learning our ordinal numbers and linked this to the Olympics. In Religion we have been learning about the Creation story and in our Inquiry we have started to discover where our food comes from.

Last Friday we shared a Pyjama Day as a reward for all our hard work during Remote Learning. This Friday we are so excited to celebrate our 100 Days of Prep!

Well done preppies, we are so proud of all you have achieved thus far.





# Book Week and Book Fair: Monday 23rd August - Monday 30th August 2021

Excitement is building as we prepare for Book Week Celebrations coming up in a few weeks. Book week is a fun time on the school calendar where we come together as a school to celebrate the magic that books and stories have to offer. This year's theme is 'OLD WORDS, NEW WORLDS, OTHER WORLDS.' We have organised some activities to engage our students into the celebration. Here is a schedule of activities for the week:



## Monday 23rd August:

Prep and Junior students will watch a performance titled 'The Bremen Town Musicians.'

## Tuesday 24th August: Book Fair shop opens

The Book Fair books arrive and students can begin to 'shop' and write down books on their wishlist for purchase. Parents/carers may like to purchase the books on their child's wish list via the online payment site: [www.scholastic.com.au/payment](http://www.scholastic.com.au/payment)

Be sure to choose **BOOK FAIR for payment** not Book Club. A flyer will be sent home with this information as well. Books start at \$5. The money spent will go towards a fundraiser for our school, so your support is very much appreciated.

## Wednesday 25th August: BOOK WEEK PARADE!! 9:00am - 10:00am

This is a much loved event where students and teachers are invited to dress up as their favourite character from a story; most commonly the character comes from a book story, but can also come from a movie. We are not sure whether parents can come onsite to view the parade, so we will film the parade and upload the footage on our website so you can virtually share in the fun.

## Thursday 26th August:

Middle and Senior students will watch a performance titled, 'A fishy story.'

## Friday 27th August: school closure day

## Monday 30th August: Book Fair finishes

This is the last day to get your online book orders from your child's wishlist.

## STEM opportunity at St. Peter's

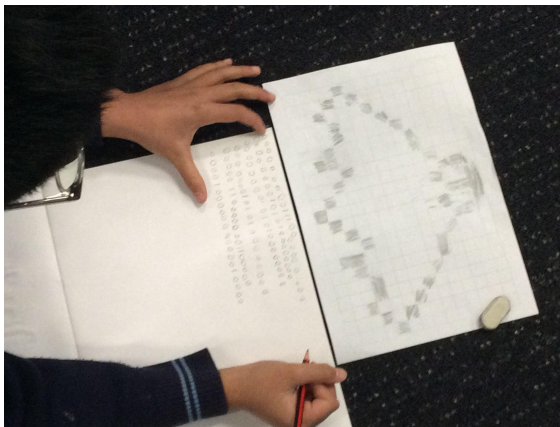
I am so happy to announce that ST. Peter's has been recognised by Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) for the new way that we are embedding Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) into the curriculum. We have been invited into a research project, partnering with Monash university which aims to build teacher knowledge and practice for problem-based learning (PBL) within a STEM education context.

Over the next couple of years, the research project will engage our senior teachers and STEM leaders in professional learning regarding PBL in STEM. They will then design and facilitate PBL experiences for their senior students. The intended outcomes from this research project is to build teaching practice within STEM curriculum, as well as enhancing student engagement and motivation to continue to learn STEM content beyond the classroom.

This is a really wonderful opportunity for St. Peter's and we thank MACS and Monash University for the privilege of being included.

Melissa Gatt

Teaching and Learning Leader



## Feast of St Mary Mackillop

This Sunday the Church celebrates the feast of St Mary of McKillop, Australia's first saint.

Mary MacKillop was born on January 15th 1842 in Brunswick, Melbourne. She was the eldest of 8 children and was educated by her father.

From the age of 16, Mary supported her family by working as a clerk, a governess and as a teacher. During this time she met Father Julian Tenison Woods, who needed help in teaching children in the outback about religious education.

In 1866 they both opened the first St Joseph's School in a stable in Penola. On March 19th, the Feast of St Joseph, Mary wore a simple black dress and was known as Mary, Sister of St Joseph. From here the Congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph had begun. She officially took her vows and became a nun, Mary of the Cross, on August 15th 1867.

Mary MacKillop opened orphanages and homes to care for the homeless. She spent her life caring and hoping to give people a fresh start in life. She died on August 8th 1909.

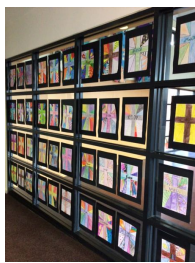


### **A Prayer to St Mary Mackillop**

Dear God, thank you for the life of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop  
She showed us that in the struggles and hard times of her life you were there, loving and helping her.

Please be with me when times are hard or when I am afraid. Please help me to love you just as she loved you.

Amen

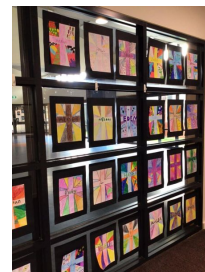


## **Sacrament News**

### **First Reconciliation**

This week, students within the Parish of St Peter's participated in the celebration of their First Reconciliation.

Congratulations to the following students from our school who participated in the Sacrament this week



Isaac	Mikhayla	Zoe	Niyam	Ruby
Emma	Alexia	Christian	Cullen	Sophia
Amelia-Rose	Eden Rose	Vrinda	Julian	Bella
Noah	Kody	Hayden	Vincent	Anthony
Enzo	Gabriel	Scotty	Zaira	Natalia
Sakira	Bon	Jewel	Amelia	Jade
Chris-Lovell	Peter	Claudia	Alana	Joshua
Bethany	Mason	Aprilla	Ryder	Zack
Chloe	<b><u>A Prayer for our Reconciliation Candidates</u></b> Loving God, help us to teach our children that you love us totally and unconditionally. Help us to encourage our children to grow in love and to learn how to say sorry, knowing that you always forgive. Give us the courage to pray with our children and to share our faith with them as we journey together. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen			



To the Community of St Peter's,

I would like to express my gratitude for your support in the Scholastic Book Club. With every order placed our school earns rewards that can then be utilised to purchase additional resources and books for all students to enjoy!

With the latest two orders placed we earned some rewards and were lucky to put them towards a new trolley for take home books in the prep learning space.

Thank you so much for your support!

Louise Pantano



## Request from the Grade 3/4 Sustainability Team

We are in need of saw cutting/shavings for the chicken coop for their nesting boxes. We would love to hear from you if you have regular access and are able to provide this to the school.

Please contact our school office or email [ctoner@stprepp.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ctoner@stprepp.catholic.edu.au)

## Reminders

### Report a School Absence

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 on 9401 1157 and let Claire or Deb know.



### School Fees

Family statements were sent home earlier in the week. Please ensure school fees are paid prior to Friday 13th August. If you are having difficulty with making payments please contact the Principal - Angela Tonkin.



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#### Contact Details

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#### Session Fees

Before School Care: \$24.70\*

**Pay from \$11.10 after CCS**

After School Care: \$30.35\*

**Pay from \$5.41 after CCS**

*\* Early Bird Rate – Book 14 days in advance*

### Safe and Hygienic Environment

Our hygiene and cleaning practices, together with our safety procedures remain a priority as we welcome families back to our services in term 3.

As you return to work, study and other pursuits, you can be assured your child will have fun and be enriched whilst in the safety and reliability of our care.

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