



ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thursday 14th October 2021, Week 2, Term 4

NEWSLETTER

School Vision

St Peter's is a faith filled and inclusive community that embraces diversity. We aspire to engage and empower all to think critically and act justly, guided by our catholic values, on our journey as lifelong learners.

Principal News

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope you enjoyed the break from Remote Learning and the children are ready for the final term of 2021. As communicated prior to the holidays the staff are looking forward to the children returning over the coming weeks. For some children this will be an exciting time and for others this can be quite challenging. Our experience from previous returns, both this year and last year, is the sooner we can transition the children back into routines the better the outcomes.

The school will be guided by the roadmap released by the Victorian Government and the indicative dates they have outlined for the return to school.

Preps

Prep students will return to on-site learning from October 18.

They will attend school Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Year 1 & 2

Year 1 & 2 students will return to on-site learning from October 21. They will attend school on Thursday and Friday.

Year 3 & 4

Year 3 & 4 students will return to on-site learning from October 26. They will attend school on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Year 5 & 6

Year 5 & 6 students will return to on-site learning from October 28. They will attend school on Thursday and Friday. All Students All students will return to on-site learning full-time from November 5.

When the children are not attending onsite learning according to the schedule above, Remote Learning will continue to operate.

Children of authorised workers can continue to attend school for onsite supervision on the days their children are scheduled for Remote Learning.

With the Prep children returning the Monday after next, the following protocols will again operate:

- Wedge Street and Coulstock Street will continue to be the entry and exit points for children.
- Parents and caregivers are asked to not enter the school grounds at drop off and pick up unless arrangements are made with the school prior. All parents and caregivers must wear a mask if required to enter the school. Please use the QR code located on the fences to register you have entered the school or in the school office.
- We ask that parents and caregivers also maintain social distancing when waiting to collect students at the end of the day.

ST. Peter's: RETURNING TO SCHOOL

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 18 th October | 19 th October | 20 th October | 21 st October | 22 nd October |
| Preps | Preps | Preps | Year 1 & 2 | Year 1 & 2 |
| 25 th October | 26 th October | 27 th October | 28 th October | 29 th October |
| Preps | Preps Year 3 & 4 | Preps Year 3 & 4 | Year 1 & 2 Year 5 & 6 | Year 1 & 2 Year 5 & 6 |
| 1 st November | 2 nd November | 3 rd November | 4 th November | 5 th November |
| School Closure Report Writing | Public Holiday Melbourne Cup | Preps Year 3 & 4 | Year 1 & 2 Year 5 & 6 | ALL STUDENTS RETURN!!! |

**Remote Learning will continue on the days
that your child is not on site at school**

Mask Wearing

The Victorian Chief Health Officer has made the following announcements with regard to the wearing of face masks at primary school: Students aged 12 and over must continue to wear face masks indoors and outdoors, attending an OSHC program, or when travelling to and from school on public transport, taxis or rideshare vehicles.

Face masks are required for students in Year 3 to Year 6, only when indoors on school premises.

Thank you

I would like to thank Daniela Torcaso (Deputy Principal), our school Leadership Team and Administration Team who have supported me over the last two weeks while on sick leave. I spent 7 days in the Austin hospital and required surgery late last week. I am currently recovering at home with my family.

The school team has navigated the return to Term 4 and remote learning with the professionalism that has come to be expected in our new chapter of learning at St Peter's Epping.

Given the current pandemic we are experiencing, hospitals are at breaking point. The amazing nurses and doctors are doing an exceptional job caring for all patients in unprecedented times. I kindly ask that you keep all health workers in your prayers as we move towards our target of an 80% vaccinated population.

Year Prep 2022

It is with much excitement that I announce our 2022 Prep Teaching Team.

Miss Gabby Vandekolk and Miss Grace Condidorio. Both Gabby and Grace were part of our 2022 Prep Information evening last night. In the coming weeks the information session will be posted on our school website if you missed it.

Class Arrangements

We have discussed at length the impact of remote learning for our students academically and socially / emotionally.

Taking this into account St Peter's will have straight classes for years Prep, One and Two in 2022. The class sizes will also be small.

Year 3/4 and 5/6 classes will be supported by co teachers in each learning space and intervention and extension strategies implemented.

2022 Year Level Placements

If your child is not returning to St Peter's, Epping in 2022 please inform me via email atonkin@stprepp.catholic.edu.au as soon as possible. This information will be used to assist in preparation for classes given the demand for places in a number of year levels in 2022.

We are currently taking Prep enrolments for 2022 and 2023.

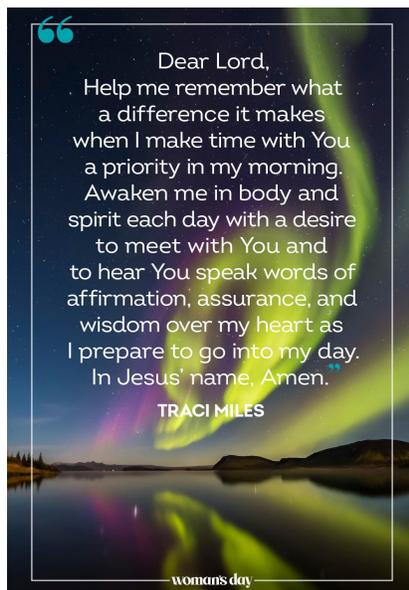
Change in language next year

In consultation with the school Advisory Board it has been decided that St Peter's will immerse students in the Italian language next year. We have evaluated the current Japanese program and consulted with our feeder secondary schools throughout the evaluation process. More information in the coming weeks.

Kindest regards,

Angela Tonkin

Principal



Eucharist & Confirmation 2021

The Parish schools and staff met this week to plan for the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation to work within the current guidelines as outlined in the current Victorian Roadmap.

In line with the guidelines, all adults attending the ceremonies are required to be fully vaccinated.

The table below indicates the dates, times and permitted persons for each of the Sacraments. The Sacraments will be celebrated in St Peter's Church.

| First Eucharist | | | |
|------------------|------------------------------------|------|--|
| Grade 4 students | Saturday November 13 th | 10am | The student and two adult family members |
| Grade 5 students | Saturday November 13 th | 12pm | The student and two adult family members |

| Confirmation | | | |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|-----|--|
| Year 6 students 2021 | Sunday November 21 st | 3pm | The student, their sponsor and one adult family member |
| Year 6 students 2020 | Sunday November 21 st | 5pm | The student, their sponsor and one adult family member |

Thank you for your patience and understanding throughout the planning for our Sacramental celebrations.

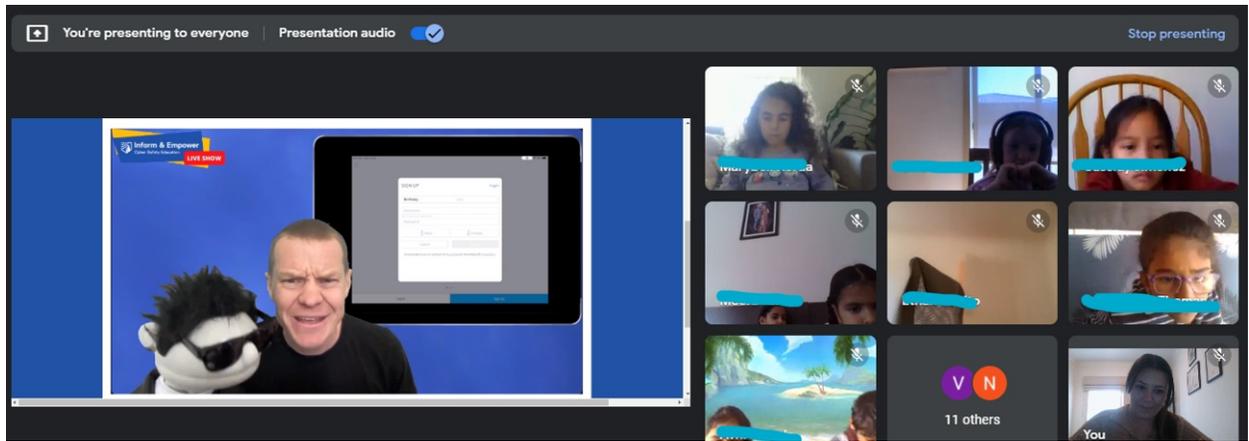
Kind regards,

Sara Brundell
Education and Faith Leader

Prep News

What an incredible start to Term 4 with our successful prep students. We are so proud of how the students have adapted to the remote learning platform once again and have displayed resilience and dedication to their learning. We have kick started our term off with reflecting on the Creation

Story and ways in which we can be Stewards of Creation as seen in our various literacy texts. In Writing, we have commenced our procedural writing unit of work. The preps thoroughly enjoyed making Fairy Bread with their peers on Google Meet and since worked hard to record the recipe. In Numeracy, we have begun exploring 2D and 3D shapes and the preps have become



experts in identifying various 2D and 3D shapes in their environment. In addition to all the hard work the preps are completing in their Literacy and Numeracy block; this week the students engaged in an online incursion entitled '**Ollie Online**'. This incursion revolved around cyber safety and unpacked various strategies the students can adopt to ensure they are always using technology in a safe and respectful manner. Well done on all your tremendous work preps, bring on the rest of Term 4!!



Daisy from Prep GV has been so enthusiastic during remote learning, last week she surprised her class with a special card expressing how much she is missing school. We miss you all too!



Juniors News

Serendip Sanctuary incursion

On Wednesday the Junior students were lucky enough to welcome Vanessa Wigenraad from the Serendip Sanctuary to teach us more about the Australian animals that live at the sanctuary. We learnt about the baby animals, what different animals eat, and some other interesting facts. Vanessa explained that emus like to eat insects and grass but some people try to feed them human food like McDonalds. This food hurts their stomachs so we should never feed wild animals. We also learnt about brolgas and how they like to dance, make loud noises and throw sticks when they're happy. Vanessa showed us lots of videos of these Australian animals at the sanctuary. We learnt so much during our incursion.

We also had lots of questions to ask Vanessa.

Shenel asked if the sanctuary is only for Australian native animals.

Arianna asked what she feeds the spotted tail quoll.

Aislinn asked how many kangaroos there are.

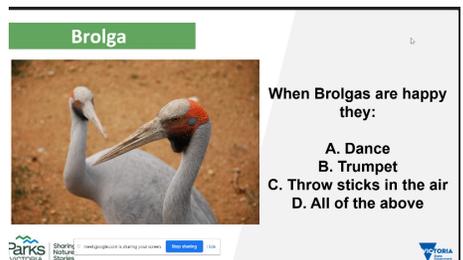
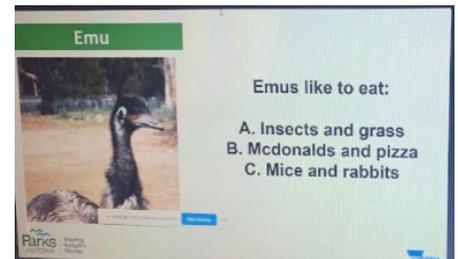
Zofia asked if Vanessa and the other rangers play with the animals.

Alwande asked why cats and foxes eat the animals at the sanctuary.

Rishaan asked if there are any red kangaroos at the sanctuary.

Tyson asked where the sanctuary gets all the birds from.

Myra L said that we saw Vanessa in the video we watched this morning. She then asked where owls live.



Middles News

The middles have been reading a wonderful book by Sofie Laguna called 'Meet Grace' which explores the journey of a girl who arrives in Australia as a convict in the 1800's. Students have been practicing their recount writing skills and are excited to write and publish their very own historical journal entry in the next few weeks.

Seniors News

The Seniors have begun their Inquiry unit titled 'It Takes Many People to Shape a Country'.

Last week they explored migration to Australia. The students wrote a historical diary entry by putting themselves in the shoes of a character from the past.



Chelsyee- 5/6 JM

September 2nd, 1886

Dear Diary,

Waves are crashing onto the side of the boat making me move all over the place. My head and body aches because of the sickness that is going around on the boat. I don't know how long I can stay on this boat for. All day everyday I can hear coughing and people complaining about how awful they feel. The smell of body odor goes straight through my nose, it is that strong I can taste it. We cannot wash often because we are on a boat with no land in sight. Our beds are rock hard and waves seem so much stronger than in the daytime. It's very hard for me to sleep with the snoring, moving side to side, and hearing some people talk to their friends almost all night. Not only that, the sickness is worse at bedtime for most people. On top of that, all of our food is getting really bad. The bread we have is getting moldy and has a sour taste and smell to it. I hope we are almost at our destination!

Ayesha 5/6EP

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Dear Diary,

Today I had to go to Australia, for stealing a piece of bread. I don't get it, all I did was steal. Why do I have to leave my family behind? I stole that food for them, I did it for them. But now, it seems like I'm left on this ship to sail with everyone else to Australia to pay my days off working there. It is a terrible journey already on the first day. When we went on, there was the most horrific smell, and everything was old and scratchy. I got splinters just from touching the walls. When it was lunch time, there was the most terrible food, all sloppy and no one wanted to eat whatever they gave us. I saw that there were two chefs. Dinner was worse. It was finally nighttime, so I thought about going back to my bed at home. It wasn't the comfiest but it was home, over in the bedroom... It was terrible, I would expect this from a ship sending us to this place for work. It is now night, not a single light is insight except this small crack in the ship with a tiny light coming from the shine of the stars. I thought, what would the workers of the ship food be like, what about their rooms?

I have an idea in mind but I didn't know if it will work...

challenged to go on a capacity treasure hunt and find everyday items around their home using the unit of measurement millilitres and litres!

Archie 5/6 GC

CAPACITY TREASURE HUNT - You must find items in your

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| Less than 1 Litre |  |  |  |
| 375 ml | | | |
| Equal to 1 Litre |  |  |  |
| 1 L | | | |
| More than 1 litre |  |  |  |
| 1.8 L | | | |

Emilia Colosimo 5/6 GC

CAPACITY TREASURE HUNT - You must find items in your

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| Less than 1 Litre |  |  |  |  |  |
| 375 ml | | 900 mL | 500 mL | 300 mL | 500 mL |
| Equal to 1 Litre |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 L | | 1 L | 1 L | 1 L | 1 L |
| More than 1 litre |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1.8 L | | 1.5 L | 1.25 L | 2 L | 2 L |

Term 4 Curriculum Overviews of Learning

We have entered our final term of the school year, once again on the remote learning platform.

We hope that the break allowed families time to enjoy some relaxation, off screens to share picnics in the Spring sunshine. We are very much looking forward to the students' return to school in the coming weeks. Please continue to read newsletters and updates via Operoo to stay well informed of when your child is due to return to school.

Term 4 always brings with it a sense of joy and hope as we enter warmer weather. Blue skies and sunny days certainly uplifts the soul!

This term, all levels are inquiring into different Big Ideas centring around the History curriculum. This History content within their inquiry learning will be offered during their literacy sessions during remote learning. The teachers spend many hours planning and preparing links to curriculum that can be shared with students within reading sessions as well as giving opportunities to engage in their learning within writing experiences.



To access your child's learning, click on the links below:

Term FOUR Curriculum Overviews of Learning:
[Foundation Term 4 Learning Overview](#)

[Junior Term 4 Learning Overview](#)

[Middle Term 4 Learning Overview](#)

[Senior Term 4 Learning Overview](#)

School events such as the celebration of the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation, Christmas Carols and Year 6 Graduation are being planned. What this will look like with restrictions to consider, is unknown at the moment. So please continue to actively look on Operoo and read newsletters to keep well informed.

Parents will receive their child's end of year (semester 2) school report at the end of this term. Due to the extended lockdown and remote learning platform, these reports will be modified in accordance with Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) guidelines. A Principal's letter will accompany your child's school report with further explanation.

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Learning and Teaching Leader
Literacy Leader
STEM Advisor

MACSSIS

Imagine if, in about 20 minutes,
you could help improve your
child's school.



The MACSSIS family survey is open **7 October – 28 October 2021**.

The MACSSIS Survey is now open

On Monday the 18th of October at 9:30am all year 4, 5 and 6 students will be completing the student MACSSIS survey. During a scheduled Google Meet students will take part in the survey remotely. For those students attending onsite they too will be participating in the survey. In order to organise the students onsite it is important that students are registered onsite by **2pm Friday October 15th**. This will enable staff to have the set up ready for those students.

Families were sent the link and a PIN to access the Family survey on Tuesday 12th October via email from office@stprepp.catholic.edu.au. Emails were sent using the same email address used for your Operoo account.

St Peter's Epping is offering families that complete the survey the opportunity to be entered into a draw to win one of 2 x \$100.00 supermarket shopping vouchers. In order to enter the draw, once you have completed the survey, please email a screenshot of your screen showing you have completed the survey to office@stprepp.catholic.edu.au. Winners will be announced via the school newsletter.



Have your contact details changed?

Please don't forget to inform the school office if your personal contact details need updating, phone numbers, address, email etc. It is important we are able to contact either parent / guardian in the event of an emergency and will ensure communications are directed to the correct contact. An email can be sent to office@stprepp.catholic.edu.au



Later this month St Peter's will be celebrating National Children's week.

Children's Week is a national celebration of children's rights, talents and citizenship held on the fourth Wednesday of October in Australia to coincide with Universal Children's Day. Each year the theme of Children's Week highlights a particular Children's Right.

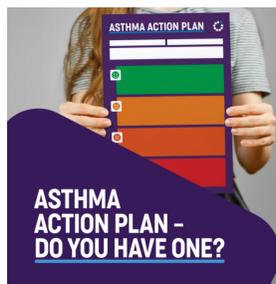
The Theme for 2021 is Article 15 – ***'Children have the right to meet together and to join groups and organisations, as long as this does not stop other people from enjoying their rights.'***

Super Kids Sunday is the City of Whittlesea's annual celebration of Children's week.

This year the event will be online from Sunday 24 October until Monday 8 November, as a dynamic and interactive experience for children and families. The link is included below should you wish to explore this opportunity more with your family:

<https://arts.whittlesea.vic.gov.au/what-s-on/festivals-and-events/super-kids-sunday/>

Asthma Action Plans



It is important to check that your child's asthma plan is up to date and has been reviewed by a doctor prior to returning to school.

An Asthma Action Plan provides clear information and instructions for managing your child's asthma. It includes easy to read information about medications, symptoms and danger signs.

Your child's Asthma Action Plan should be reviewed and updated yearly, and always in collaboration with you, the person or carer of the person with asthma.

Please click on the link to access and download the appropriate Action Plan for your child based on their specific needs from the Asthma Australia website:

[Asthma Australia Website - Asthma Action Plans](#)

[Asthma Care Plan for Education & Care Services](#)

Please return updated Asthma Care Plans and Action Plans to the school office.

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.



Feedback

We are always looking for ways to improve our school community - please email our principal Mrs Angela Tonkin if you have suggestions or feedback you would like to share. Thank you atonkin@stprepp.catholic.edu.au

All emails will be acknowledged.

HELLO, I'M NEW HERE!

ELISE MESSINA

SCHOOL COUNSELLOR



ABOUT ME

My name is Elise, and I'm the new counsellor here at St.Peters. I am a provisional psychologist currently completing my masters degree at Monash University, specialising in education, and development across the lifespan.

I have training and experience in providing early intervention, crisis support, mindfulness coaching and social skills training. I have supported a range of issues from depression and anxiety to reducing risk and misbehaviour within the school setting. I use a mix of evidence-based techniques including Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT), Play Therapy, and Mindfulness-Based Therapy.

I feel thankful to have the opportunity to work within the St.Peters community, with students, teachers and parents collectively.

CONTACT ME

I work on Fridays.

Please come and say hi if you see me around! Alternatively, feel free to contact me with any queries, questions or concerns via email:

Elise.Messina@ccam.org.au



**City of
Whittlesea**

Assisting your child to regulate themselves –
emotions, sensory and behaviour

Event details

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|---------------------|---|
| Description: | DPV Health psychologists and occupational therapists will provide an interactive session around supporting young children to regulate their emotions, sensations and behaviour. |
| Date: | Monday, 25 October 2021 |
| Time | 11:00AM — 12:00PM |
| Location: | Online |
| Contact: | Family Services Education Officer |
| Phone: | 9404 8865 |
| Cost: | Free |
| Registration | Register Online |

Highlights

DPV Health psychologists and occupational therapists will provide an interactive session around supporting young children to regulate their emotions, sensations and behaviour.

Recommended for: parents/carers of children

Facilitator: DPV Health

Venue: Online

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST



EPPING FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB JUNIOR NETBALL



Now seeking expression of interest
for 2022 netball season!

Please fill out the form above to
express interest as a junior player,
coach, or volunteer.

Minimum age: turning 7 by
December 31st 2022



CONTACT EFNC Netball Coordinator: Ashlee Moate M: 0448 203 004

We are very excited to announce Epping Football Netball Club are in the process of establishing junior netball teams for the upcoming 2022 season. We would love for you to get involved as a player (7+ years old), parent, or volunteer.

You don't have to be a netball expert, just a community mindset and willingness to learn as you go!

Epping FNC junior netball will exist in addition to current NetSetGo programs, and provide a pathway for kids to progress into clubs as they get older.

Please complete the following google doc form to register your interest (this does not commit you but puts you on the list to receive further information)

<https://docs.google.com/.../1O7ZhEEKjYPhZW0e3.../edit>