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St. Peter's Newsletter Term 4 Week 10 2024

NEWS FROM MICHAEL HANNEY



OFFICE ADMIN APPOINTMENT

I am delighted to advise that we have appointed Claire McDowall to the role of Office Administration starting in 2025. Claire is the mother of Maddie McDowall (class of 2023) and Chloe McDowall (Class of 2024). Claire is currently the Beyond the Border Engagement Manager with the West Coast Eagles (WCE) with responsibilities around WCE operations in Victoria. We look forward to all the skills Claire will bring to the position at St Peter's.

FAREWELL

Rebecca Nielsen

It is with sadness that I advise that Rebecca Nielsen (Year Two Teacher) will not be returning to St Peter's in 2025. Bec has resigned and will be exploring a number of travel and teaching opportunities in 2025. We are very grateful to all Bec has

brought to St Peter's over the last three years and wish her all the best in 2025 and beyond.

Tricia Taylor

Tricia Taylor has been on Leave for the last two years having previously worked at St Peter's as a Learning Support Officer for 20 years. Tricia has decided that the time is right for her to retire to spend time with family. We are grateful for so many wonderful years of service at St Peter's and wish her all the best for the future.

Zoe Power

Zoe has been undertaking an Administration Traineeship at St Peter's this year assisting Trish and Loretta in the office. As her Traineeship has concluded Zoe will be pursuing other opportunities in 2025. We thank Zoe for all her work this year and wish her all the best in 2025 and beyond.

Chloe Power

Chloe has been undertaking a traineeship at St Peter's this year in the field of Sport assisting Ben Cavarra in PE. As her Traineeship has concluded Chloe will be pursuing other opportunities in 2025. We thank Chloe for all her work this year and wish her all the best in 2025 and beyond.

TITO FAREWELL

Last Monday was the final day for our Therapy Dog Tito. He has loved his time at St Peter's and was sad to say goodbye!



FAMILIES LEAVING

As the school year comes to an end I want to take this opportunity on behalf of the St Peter's community to thank the families who are leaving St Peter's and particularly the families whose last child is graduating from Primary School. We thank you for all that you and your family have brought to our community and we wish you all the best for the future.

FAMILIES LEAVING FROM YEAR 6 2024

Bate, Biviano, Bloomfield, Burke, Dean, Deeth, Deledio, Dimitriu, Engelbrecht, Gupta, Hendrie, Hoang, Howe, Ikonomou, Inkster, Jayarajah, Johnson, Kearney, Lal, Lance, Lane, Lizana Medel, Logan, Lungo, Mainey, Mather, McDowall, Meyer, Murphy, Nguyen, Nguyen, Papasavvas, Parker, Pereira, Pica, Pointer, Prathish Menon, Savvidis, Stafford, Tan, Tanti, Terkelsen, Thy, Twitchett, Vayenas, Wood-Bradley, Yeung.

COLOUR RUN

A huge thank you to our Parents and Friends for organising the Colour Run on Friday the 29th of November. A special thank you to Jade Recupero (Charlie Year 6 and Tilly Year 2) for organising this event including the Fire Truck. I would also like to thank Steph Hunt and Michelle Gibson for their coordination and organisation and all the staff assisting on the day. It was a wonderful community event enjoyed by students and families.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS THANKYOU

As the 2024 year comes to an end I would like to acknowledge the work of our Parents and Friends Committee under the leadership of Rebecca Clarke and Natasha Abbondanza. It has been a wonderful year with many social and fundraising activities and very importantly the donation of \$70,000 of Parents and Friends money to bring the oval to fruition.

I would particularly like to acknowledge three members of our Parents and Friends whose youngest child graduates at the end of this year and their time at St Pete's as parents comes to an end.

Michelle Lane, Katrina Dimitriu and Deb Howe have been great leaders and supporters during their time at St Peter's. Michelle and Katrina have been chairs of the Parents and Friends and have driven so many of our fundraising and community events including the Sausage Sizzles and the P&F Trivia Night. Deb has been a key member and driver of the P&F Sub Committee that

worked so hard to ensure that the demolition of the houses and the oval came to fruition. We are very grateful for all that they have done and now leave a great legacy for everyone to enjoy.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, 10th February next year.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL THANKYOU

My thanks to the School Advisory Council. Their support and feedback has been invaluable and for that I am very grateful. I particularly wish to acknowledge the work of Phil Dimitriu (Efthimia Year 6) who will be leaving St Peter's at the end of this year as his daughter graduates. Phil has chaired the council this year and was the Parent Representative on the committee selecting the new Principal at St Peter's. I have been very grateful for his leadership and support.

Our School Advisory Council in 2025 will be

Parent Membership -

Amanda Phillips (Chair) - Xavier Year 5

Nick Johns - Hamish Year 5

Tammie Siegert - Noah Year 6, Flynn Year 3 and, Harry Year 2

Rahul Dudeja - Jeremy Year 5, Marc Year 2

Parents and Friends Reps

Natasha Abbondanza 2025 - Elena Year 4

Rebecca Clarke 2025 - Lydia Year 3, Romie Year 4

OSHC NEXT WEEK

- Monday the 16th of December - Rise then Shine and Stay and Play (Before and After School)
- Tuesday the 17th of December - Rise then Shine and Stay and Play (Before and After School)
- Wednesday the 18th of December - Holiday HQ (Full day)
- Thursday the 19th of December - Holiday HQ (Full Day)
- Friday the 20th of December - Holiday HQ (Full Day)

CHRISTMAS MASSES FOR HOLY TRINITY PARISH



ADVENT RECONCILIATION & CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE			
Mon, 16 Dec	St Catherine's	7.00pm	2nd Rite of Reconciliation
Wed, 18 Dec	St Paul's	7.00pm	2nd Rite of Reconciliation
Fri, 20 Dec	St Peter's	7.00pm	2nd Rite of Reconciliation
Tue, 24 Dec	St Peter's	5.00pm	Christmas Family Mass
Tue, 24 Dec	St Catherine's	6.00pm	Christmas Family Mass
Tue, 24 Dec	St Paul's	7.00pm	Christmas Family Mass
Tue, 24 Dec	St Peter's	9.00pm	9pm Christmas Mass
Tue, 24 Dec	St Peter's	Midnight	Midnight Mass
Wed, 25 Dec	St Peter's	8.30am	Christmas Day Mass
Wed, 25 Dec	St Paul's	9.30am	Christmas Day Mass
Wed, 25 Dec	St Peter's	10.30am	Christmas Day Mass
Wed, 25 Dec	St Catherine's	10.30am	Christmas Day Mass

CAROLS 30 minutes before each Mass
Christmas & New Year Blessings

END OF YEAR SCHOOL REPORTS

End of Year School Reports will be emailed to you on Wednesday, 11th December. If you have any technical issues in accessing the report please email Chris joplin cjoplin@spbentleigheast.catholic.edu.au

MANGO THANKYOU

Thank you to Rahul Dudeja and our Parents and Friends for organising this year's Mango Drive. The money raised will go towards the purchase of a set of Virtual Reality Headsets for use in IT lessons. The remainder of the costs is being covered by money raised by our Parents and Friends throughout the year. The total is \$8,000.

END OF YEAR MASS

Our End of Year Mass will be celebrated this Friday, 13th December at 10:00am. All families and friends are invited.

BEGINNING OF 2025 SCHOOL YEAR

To assist in your planning for your families I can advise that the first day for students at St Peter's in 2024 will be Thursday, 30th January. All students Foundation to Year Six will start on that day.

YEAR 6 YEARBOOK COMMENTS

When reading the 2024 Year book for our departing Year Six classes it gave me great joy and pride to read so many comments about staff at St Peter's when they were asked what "the best thing about St Peter's was...."

The best thing about St Peter's is

1. the kind teachers
2. all the teachers

3. the teachers are all so nice and help me always to chase my dreams and achieve my goals
4. all the amazing teachers
5. I love the great teachers and the great opportunities we are given
6. the teachers, they're kind and welcoming
7. that St Peter's has a very welcoming environment with amazing teachers and students who try their best every day
8. The amazing people and teachers
9. The good education in lots of different areas
10. The great teachers around the school
11. How nice all the teachers were and all the opportunities I could get
12. The teachers and students
13. There's great teachers and lots of good subjects to learn
14. The kind friendly teachers
15. All the nice students and teachers
16. How everyone helps everyone
17. Everyone is so nice and the teachers are so fun
18. The help and amazing teachers and fun times
19. We have amazing teachers
20. how easy it is to find a good friend and how respectful the teachers are
21. The TEACHERS!!!!!!
22. Friends and teachers
23. That they include different cultures and religions, and the teachers are really nice
24. The friendly teachers
25. The teachers and the friendly people
26. My friends and teachers

END OF TERM FOUR REMINDER

The last compulsory day for students this term will be Friday, 13th December. On this day we will celebrate our End of Year school Mass at 10:00am and our final assembly will be at 2:30pm with school finishing at 3:20pm.

Monday, 16th and Tuesday, 17th December are optional days. On these days students will attend if it is your wish as parents and guardians. On these days students are required to wear school uniform and will participate in activities within their levels. School will finish at 3:20pm on both of these days.

NEXT NEWSLETTER

There will be a final newsletter next Monday, 16th December.

START TO 2025 SCHOOL YEAR

The first day for all pupils starting at St Peter's will be Thursday, 30th January.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEK 10

Tuesday, 10th December - **YEAR 3 EXCURSION TO ACMI / Kelly Sports Afterschool Program - For Students Enrolled - 3.30pm - 4.45pm**

Wednesday, 11th December - **Year 6 Beach Activity Day**

Thursday, 12th December - **Year 6 Beach Activity Day**

Friday, 13th December - **END OF YEAR SCHOOL MASS - 10.00am / STUDENTS FINISH FOR 2024 @ 3.20pm**

WEEK 11

Monday, 16th December - **3rd Sunday of Advent Liturgy - 8.50am / Optional Day for Students to Attend - Students Attending Finish at 3.20pm**

Tuesday, 17th December - **Optional Day for Students to Attend - Students Attending Finish at 3.20pm**

Wednesday, 18th December - **Staff Day**

2025

TERM 1

WEEK 1

Tuesday, 28th January - **Staff Commence for 2025**

Wednesday, 29th January - **PUPIL FREE DAY**

Thursday, 30th January - **All Students Commence for 2025**

Friday, 31st January - **All Students Attend**

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Christmas Eve Carols & Family Mass

A reminder to all our families to join us on Christmas Eve with Carols & Nativity from 4:30 - 5:00pm followed by Mass at 5:00pm.

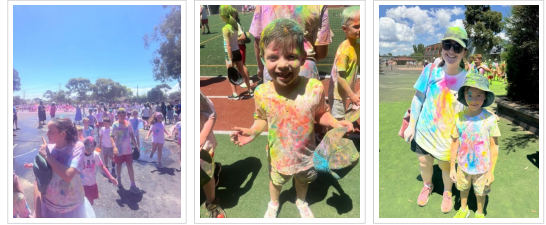
If there are students who are still interested in participating on the night, and you have not yet responded, please complete this [Google Form](#) and Michelle Gibson will be in contact.

*** If any families have a "nativity themed" costume they no longer need, we would welcome any donations. Shepherds, angels, sheep - perhaps you have a donkey costume you're happy to part with! Please send them in to Michelle Gibson.

Colour Run

A huge thank you to our Parents and Friends and entire school community for a very successful Colour Run. We never know who is having more fun - the parents squirting the colour and throwing the buckets of water, or the students being showered in colour! The weather Gods were definitely shining down on us with a spectacular day provided for the event.

Thank you to Jade Recupero and her team for staging another fabulous St Peter's event.



Muffin Monday

This year we introduced a new Social Justice activity - *Muffin Monday*. Our Year 6s took it in turns to bake muffins, and sell them to our community.

We were not sure how it would go, but thankfully our community got quite a taste for the freshly baked goods, and each week we would bake 170 muffins and we pretty much sold out each week.

The thinking behind Muffin Monday was to create a social justice activity where the students could do something practical to raise money to donate to Vinnies and Caritas. We also used it as an opportunity to raise money for the RSL Poppy Appeal and Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

We are very pleased to announce that we have raised just over \$6000 - which is an outstanding achievement.

A huge thank you must go to the Year 6 students who turned out to be excellent bakers and salespeople and to staff members Silvana Merola and Zoe Power for being amazing assistant muffin makers.

But most of all, thank you to our community for embracing Muffin Monday and raising a phenomenal amount of money.

Muffin Monday will return in Term Two next year (we're taking a *Muffin Break* in Term One, while the students settle into class.)

**THANK
YOU**



YEAR 5 & YEAR 6 BIZARRE BAZAAR

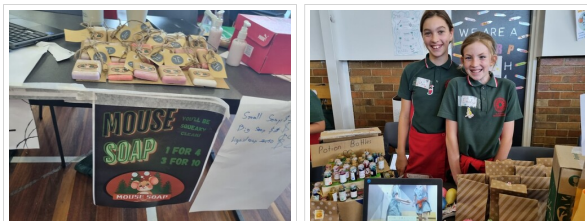
On the 28th of November the Year 5's and 6's sold products that they created for the kids, parents and staff of the school.

This was called the Bizarre Bazaar. The Bizarre Bazaar was an absolute blast! Held in the school hall, the event was filled with many shops with a variety of products, everything from creative handmade crafts to goey slimes.

The environment was filled with excitement as students, teachers, and parents wandered from stall to stall, exploring all the products. The 5's and 6's put a lot of effort into creating a business and advertising it around the school.

All money raised will be donated to the Dare to Hope Foundation.

It was really fun to sell and see the smiles on peoples faces when they bought our products. So a special congratulations to the Year 5's and 6s for once again holding an amazing Bizarre Bazaar!!



Particular mention to those who received a Distinction



BEBRAS CHALLENGE ROUND 2

The Bebras Challenge is open twice a year to Australian Students in Years 3-12, and engages students' computational thinking and problem solving skills in a fun, interactive environment.

Started in 2004 by Professor Valentina Dagiene from the University of Vilnius, 'Bebras' is Lithuanian for beaver. This refers to their collaborative nature and strong work ethic.

Each challenge has 15 questions with the highest possible score being 135 points. The level of difficulty of a question determines how it will be scored. Easy questions are worth 6 points, medium questions are worth 9 points, and hard questions are worth 12 points. Any incorrect or unanswered questions are awarded zero points.

The Bebras achievement level breakdown is as follows:

- Participation 0-59 points
- Merit 60-86 points
- Credit 87-101 points
- Distinction 102-113 points
- High Distinction 114-134 points
- Excellence 135 points

In October a group of St Peter's students from Levels 3, 4, 5 and 6 were asked to compete in Bebras Round 2 and they are to be commended for the high standard of results.

And those who received a High Distinction



We are also very excited to acknowledge Archie Bateman from Year 4 who received a Certificate of Excellence for a perfect score! What a Mathematical Legend!



STUDENT WELLBEING / BUCKET FILLER / STAR AWARDS / MARVELLOUS MANNERS AWARDS / WALK/RIDE TO SCHOOL DAYS

BUCKET FILLERS - TERM 4 WEEK 8



MARVELLOUS MANNERS AWARD - TERM 4 WEEK 8

STAR AWARDS - TERM 4 WEEK 8 - HONESTY

FOUNDATION - YEAR 2 - *For Demonstrating HONESTY Through Their Words and Actions No Matter How Hard It Is!!*

Harrison Briggs, Jamie Wan - FHK / Pat Lally, Alex Tudor - FMM / Rio Torres, Xavier Achari - FEL / Ameen Abdalla, Henry Figueirado - FMB

EJ Perera, Jonathan Casa - 1BG / Olive Natoli, Matilda Reyes - 1MS / James Stipsianos, Jemina Yang - 1MH / Hayley Stephens, Samantha Diaz - 1RE

Adele Tran, Patrick Barry - 2PG / Isla Karisson, Joshua Murray - 2RN / Alfie McCracken, Liam Billett - 2AM / Emilia Knight - 2SS

YEAR 3 & YEAR 4 - For Demonstrating HONESTY Through Their Words and Actions No Matter How Hard It Is!!

Henry Adams, Leona Rao - 3ES / Theodore Kannavos, Marley Coombs - 3GJ / Harry Reaper, Seán Óg O'Leary - 3AM / Sebastian Peluso, James Romanelli - 3MS

Hamish Johns, Ethan Lee, Georgie Wan, Natalia Nigro - 4MK / Alison Voulelis, Hayley Conheady - 4MM / Ella Quinn, Billy Kavaliotis - 4OG / Costa Mihelis, Jack White, William Farr - 4MH

YEAR 5 & YEAR 6 - For Showing HONESTY In All That They Do At St. Peter's!!

Tomas Mamic, Mia Reyes - 5MH / Zak Briffa - 5HG / Noah Siegert - 5AC / Marc Boug - 5PC

Tommy Reilly, Phoebe Pica - 6SH / James Zadro, Ally Dean - 6BG / Scarlett Bloomfield, Patrick Pickering - 6LM / Zoe Martin Juncker - 6LD



Congratulations to the Class Winners of our last Walk / Ride to School Day for 2024 on Friday, 29th November.

Foundation to Year 2 - 2PG

Year 3 - Year 6 - 6LD

Keep Active by Walking, Riding or Scootering over the holidays!!



♥ Farewell Michael and Trish ♥

Thank you Michael and Trish !
Your leadership and dedication to St Peter's has shaped our school community to what it is today. We are deeply grateful for your unwavering commitment and your constant support for our students.

While we are sad to see you both leave, we wish you all the very best in your next chapters. Goodbye & Good luck on your retirements, we will miss you both!!



Wednesday, 4th December

What a fun and festive evening our school community had at our annual St Peter's Christmas Carols. The weather was great and the singing from all our year levels was amazing !

Thank you to all the students, parents and teachers who helped to make this a wonderful night!



P & F NEWS

THANK YOU
SO MUCH
YOU ARE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!

A **BIG THANK YOU** to all our parents and friends who volunteered and gave up their time this year supporting all our fabulous St Peter's events.

We truly appreciate your time and support !

A special thank you to some very special members of the P&F who leave St Peter's as their children graduate this year. Katrina Dimitriu (former leadership team), Michelle Lane (former leadership team), Deb Howe and Lee Gupta. We are truly grateful for your years of contribution towards our wonderful school community.

We look forward to seeing you all in 2025, ready and energised after a wonderful Christmas and New Year break.

Our first P&F meeting for 2025 and the AGM will be on Monday, 10th February. We look forward to seeing you there.

See you next year,

Rebecca and Natasha

P&F Leadership Team

TERM 4 EVENTS



Colour Run – Week 8 – Friday, 29th November

What an amazing day was had at the St Peter's Colour Fun Run !! We had glorious warm weather which resulted in a lot of water fun in addition to the drenching in colour! The kids, teachers and parents had so much fun.

A big thank you to Jade Recupero for her expert leadership of the event for yet another year. Thank

you to all the parents and volunteers who helped make it such an amazing day.



Sausage Sizzle / Casual Day - Week 10 - Monday, 9th December

Our last Sausage Sizzle for the year was held today! We know the children enjoyed the delicious sausages. Many thanks to our wonderful volunteers and in particular, a huge thank you to Maddie and Sally for their leadership once again.

Finally a massive thank you to Michelle Lane who assisted with her last sausage sizzle at St Peter's today. Michelle has devoted countless hours of her time over many years at St Peter's to run the sausage sizzles. She leaves the school with her youngest child, Charlie Lane, graduating this year. Many thanks Michelle!



The P & F Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open on Monday, 16th December from 9.00am to 1.00pm in the School Hall.

KIDS ON KEY INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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