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St. Peter's Newsletter Term 1 Week 2 2023

## NEWS FROM MICHAEL HANNEY



Welcome to the first newsletter of 2023. Our newsletter is a key means of sharing news with our school community. Please make time each fortnight to read through the newsletter as we share what is happening within the school and provide updates for upcoming events.

The start to our school year has been a smooth one and I am very grateful to all staff, students and families for working together to start our year well.

### NEW FAMILIES TO ST PETER'S

As we begin the 2023 school year I am delighted to welcome the following families to St Peter's.

#### Year 1 to Year 6

*Bate, Boug, Cripps, Engelbrecht, Kavaliotis, Mather, McGivney, Milicevic, Mitchell, Patel, Picardo, Senecal, Sharma, Smith, Ta, Van Heerden*

#### Foundation

*Amal, Azzopardi, Bacalla, Behlevanas, Cairns, Carr, Casa, Cooper, Diaz, Engelbrecht, Gielnik, Greco, Groenewald, Haddad, Harding, Khriste, Korisianos, Lismann, Lock, Lyell, McGaw, Nankervis, Nomikos, Nonnis, Perera, Pinkerton, Pullan, Sarkissov, Sass, Senecal, Sharma, Smith, Stephens, Tang, Trathen, Trojak, Varelias, Vidotto, Vu, West, Yang, Zacharidis*

### MEET THE TEACHER

Classrooms will be open from 3:45pm to 5:45pm this Thursday, 9th February. Students are invited to show their parents their classroom and introduce their teacher. They are also able to show their parents around the school. This is a relaxed opportunity for the relationship between home and school to be enhanced. It is not a parent teacher interview as it is too early to discuss anything other than how the children have settled in.

### BEGINNING OF YEAR MASS LAST FRIDAY

A huge congratulations to our students for the wonderful way they participated in our opening Mass last week. A number of parishioners approached me after Mass to pass on how impressed they were with their reverence and their singing. We are very proud of them.

### HAPPY NEW YEAR



Happy New Year to our Chinese and Vietnamese families. I hope your celebrations have been joyful and there have been many opportunities for families to gather to celebrate.

## FAREWELL

This is Monica Bramich's last week at school before commencing Parental Leave next week. Monica returned this year to ensure that the responsibilities within her role as Community Leader were completed. These included finalising Class Contact Optional Lists and ensuring the completion of our new website will be launched within the next fortnight. We wish Monica and Glenn all the best at this very exciting time and look forward to meeting the new member of her family soon.

## COMMUNITY LEADER

Michelle Gibson will take over the responsibilities of Community Leader at St Peter's as Monica Bramich commences parental leave. This appointment is for the 2023 school year. Michelle Gibson will work with School Leadership and our Parent Community to continue to develop the community connections at St Peter's.

## NEW STAFF

To add to our Learning Support Team we welcome three new Learning Support Officers to St Peter's. We welcome Emma Tribe, Abby Moore and Sarah Neil. We look forward to all they will bring to our community and the support they will provide.

## CONGRATULATIONS

During the holidays Chris Joplin and his wife Olivia welcomed Max da Silva Joplin into the world. This is a very exciting time and we know Max is a very lucky boy to have such amazing parents.

## PARKING

### Front Car Park

- A huge thank you to families who have waited until the gates open in the afternoon to be able to enter the front car park. One week in and there have been no cars queuing in Centre Rd and I have even seen cars indicate to drive in, see the gates closed and drive around the block. It makes a huge difference to safety and our school's reputation within the community.
- When parking in the front car park please make sure that the gap between cars is reasonable and not too large.
- If arriving later in the day to pick up students from OSHC please be aware of students using the car park for basketball training and other members of our local community.

### Florence Street Parking

- When parking in Florence Street morning or afternoon it is very important that time restrictions are observed. The limit is two minutes. It is **not** a parking area that allows for parents to park and enter the school grounds. Council no longer issue paper tickets when booking cars. They record car registrations and issue parking tickets using that information.

## USE OF BASKETBALL COURTS AFTER SCHOOL

If using the Basketball Courts in our front car park after school please make sure you and children you are responsible for are aware that cars are using this car park for a number of reasons and everyone needs to be aware of cars to ensure safety for all.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING

Our first Parents and Friends meeting for 2023 will take place next Monday, 13th February. This meeting is our Annual General Meeting and will take place at 7:00pm in the staff room with entry through the front office via the Centre Road car park.

### DAD'S CATCH UP

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### SAVE THE DATE

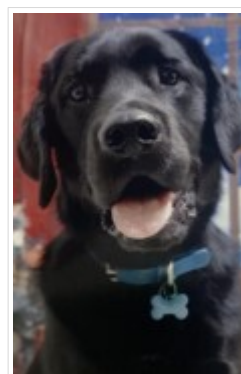
- **Friday, 24th February** - Parents and Friends Family Picnic - 5:00pm to 8:00pm on school grounds - Information to follow in next newsletter.

### SCHOOL THERAPY DOG - TITO!

In 2023, St Peter's will continue to have a trained Therapy Dog on site with one day a week visits. The dog's name is Tito and he has undergone extensive training through 'K9 Support' to complete his certificate in Animal Assisted Therapy. Tito is a Labrador / Golden Retriever who is three years old, and has had experience working with primary school aged children from the age of 16 weeks.

His visits to the school community are designed to reduce stress, manage anxiety and build positive relationships. In different classroom settings, this will be presented differently.

We understand for some families and students this is a very exciting opportunity, however others may have concerns. We recognise that some students may have allergies or a fear of dogs. If this is something that applies to your child, please email your child's teacher so we can ensure that all children are comfortable.



### CENTRELINK HEALTH CARE CARD

If you hold a Centrelink Health Care Card and have not advised the School Office please let Loretta Ballas know as soon as possible by phone 9575 0909 or email [lballas@spbentleigheast.catholic.edu.au](mailto:lballas@spbentleigheast.catholic.edu.au) to receive a discount on your school fees.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mila Caon who competed in the U11/12 Girls Grand Final of the FV Summer Cup with her Monash

Villarreal Team at the end of last year and took out the cup in their division!!



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#### WEEK 2

Wednesday, 8th February - **NO SCHOOL FOR FOUNDATION STUDENTS**

Thursday, 9th February - **Meet The Teacher Session - 3.45pm - 5.45pm**

#### WEEK 3

Monday, 13th February - **P & F AGM - 7.00pm - Staff Room (Entry Via Front Office)**

Wednesday, 15th February - **NO SCHOOL FOR FOUNDATION STUDENTS**

#### WEEK 4

Monday, 20th February - **NEWSLETTER / Foundation Students Begin Full Time / School Advisory Council Meeting - 7.00pm**

## SUSTAINABILITY NEWS

### Lunchbox Reminders

Just a reminder that St Peter's has a Nude Food Lunch Policy. Children are encouraged not to bring any packaging to school in their lunchboxes. If packaging is brought to school it should be taken home to dispose of.

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### St Kilda Repair Cafe

Bring your broken items to the Repair Cafe to reduce waste and learn new skills, all while having a cuppa. If you have any unwanted phones or laptops, please bring them along to donate. Our IT experts will wipe all data to ensure your personal information is safely cleared.

Your donated device will be provided to refugees and asylum seekers via Deakin University's Centre for Refugee Employment, Advocacy, Training and Education (CREATE) program. [Follow the St Kilda Repair Cafe on Facebook for the latest news and updates »](#)

**Date:** Sunday, 12th February

**Time:** 2.00pm to 5.00pm

**Price:** Free / [by donation](#)

**Location:** Cora Graves, 38 Blessington St, St Kilda (across from previous EcoCentre location)

## PERFORMING ARTS



We have got a jam-packed year ahead with our Year Level and School Performances, and we are excited to see all the students once again hit the boards and show all the parents their finest dramatic skills.

Please make a note of these performance dates so that you don't miss out!

### Foundation Stage Performance

- Tuesday 29th August at 6pm

### Junior Year Level Musical

- Year 1: Tuesday 12th September at 6pm
- Year 2: Tuesday 12th September at 7pm

### Short Film Festival

- Year 3: Tuesday 25th July at 6pm
- Year 4: Tuesday 25th July at 7pm

### Popstars Competition 2023

- Year 5: Tuesday 20th June at 6pm
- Year 6: Tuesday 20th June at 7pm

### Major School Musical

- Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th of October 7.30pm

Drew Lane - Performing Arts

Next P&F Meeting & AGM - Monday, 13th February 7.00pm in the Staff Room (Entry Via the Front Office)

The P&F Committee is looking forward to the year ahead, if you would like to be a part of the team please come along to the meeting. All parents are welcome and you would be joining in with an awesome group of people!

Our Community Table - Our St Peter's cookbook is now available to order! Need some lunchbox inspiration?

Our Community Table is full of great recipes to fuel the kids for breakfast, lunch, dinner and in between.

Orders are open now [<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=980489&>]

\$35 each. You'll receive an email when they are ready to be picked up from the office, or if you still have a child at the school, they will be sent home with your nominated child.

We love our community cookbook which reflects the diversity of St Peter's and we're sure you'll love it too.



### ST. PETER'S SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Hi St Peter's Families,

Uniform Shop will run every second week this term, 2:50pm to 3:15pm.

We now have eftpos!!

We will also have the Uniform Shop at the Family Fun Night!

If you have spare uniform to drop off please feel free to drop it off to Trish any day when you can, we are in desperate need of Summer Uniform of all sizes!

If you would like to help on a Thursday, or run the Uniform Stall on a different day/time, it is super easy, please feel free to contact me.

Uniform Shop Dates as follows:

**Summer Uniform**

2nd February

16th February

2nd March

**Winter Uniform**

16th March

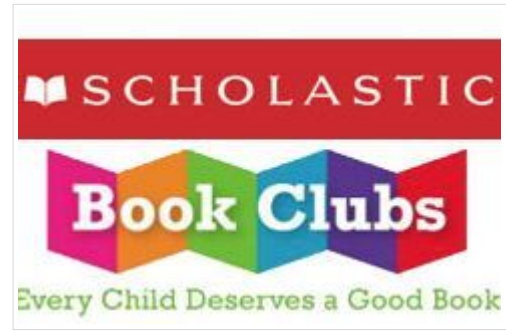
30th March

Thanks

Storm

[stormaherne@gmail.com](mailto:stormaherne@gmail.com)

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### Book Club Issue 1

Students would have received their new Book Club catalogue by now. We encourage placing all orders online but are accepting order forms, with the correct money in an envelope marked with your child's name and class details, to the office.

To view the Digital Catalogue click on the link below.

[Bookclub Issue 1](#)

Ordering is uncomplicated. This can be done using a web browser (on your computer) or by an app on your digital device (smartphone or tablet). You will need to create an account by using your email address and password of choice, and once logged in select 'St Peter's School'.

To order on a web browser click here:

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>

To order from a digital device, visit your App Store And select the Scholastic Book Club Ordering App : "Loop"

**Please have orders placed online or returned to school by No Later Than Wednesday, 15th February.**

## ST. PETER'S PARISH NEWS

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## SECONDARY SCHOOLS INFORMATION

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**ST BEDE'S COLLEGE**  
**BENTLEIGH EAST OPEN DAY**  
**WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH 2023**

Enrolments open to all Year 5 students who will be entering Year 7 in 2025.  
 Everyone welcome to view the College.  
 Bookings: [www.stbedes.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stbedes.catholic.edu.au)  
 Tour bookings are essential.

Mentone Campus 2 Mentone Parade, Mentone VIC 3194  
 Bentleigh East Campus 156 Bignell Road, Bentleigh East VIC 3165  
 P: 03 9582 5999 E: [stbedes@stbedes.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stbedes@stbedes.catholic.edu.au)

St Bede's College



## PART TIME POSITION -ADMIN

Moorabbin based company/location looking for Part Time Admin person.

Flexible work hours, above award wage, own office/carpark.

Small company - Australian Adjuvants.

Call Chris Barry on 0429970542

## ST. PETER'S COMMUNITY NEWS

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### STAYING SAFE FROM MOSQUITOES

I have been asked to share this information with you.

Recent wet and warm weather has increased mosquito breeding. Mosquitoes can carry diseases that may be passed on to people through mosquito bites. A range of mosquito-borne diseases have recently been detected in mosquitoes in Northern Victoria. Mosquito-borne diseases can cause serious illness, including infections of the brain, with children particularly at risk.

The best way to prevent mosquito-borne diseases is to avoid mosquito bites.

In line with community health advice, families can protect against mosquito bites by:

- Using insect repellent that contains picaridin or DEET on all exposed skin if outdoors when mosquitoes are observed, from October to March
- Wearing long, loose-fitting clothing outdoors if possible if mosquitoes are around and covering exposed skin as much as possible. Summer school uniforms, including polos and shorts, can continue to be worn, but students should use insect repellent on exposed skin if mosquitoes are active
- Limiting outdoor activity when mosquitoes are active.

### Further information

- A [handy guide](#) to help protect you and your family from mosquito-borne disease
- Better Health Channel [information about preventing mosquito-borne diseases](#).

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

Saver Plus is a free financial education program where participants can plan ahead for study costs and get up to \$500 for education expenses after 10 months. If you have a Health Care Card and are studying yourself or have a child studying you may be eligible to join the program.

**Are you eligible to join Saver Plus & receive \$500 for your back to school costs?**

Must meet all eligibility criteria:

- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card **AND** an eligible Centrelink payment\*
- ✓ Be studying yourself **OR** have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✓ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)\*
- ✓ Be 18+ years old

\*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

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### CABRINI EMERGENCY - SCHOOL STUDENT DISCOUNT PROGRAM UPDATE

St Peter's is registered with Cabrini enabling families who wish to use their emergency facilities to obtain a discount. I recently received an update from Cabrini with changes to their discount.

*Effective 1 February 2023, our Emergency Department pricing structure is*

*changing. We will now offer a \$100 discount on our emergency department*

*attendance fee to students of registered Primary and Secondary Schools.*

*For eligible students, the attendance fee is now \$385 (standard fee is \$485).*

*The discount applies to the attendance fee only and does not include any further out-of-pocket expenses, such as x-rays and blood tests. This has not changed.*

**BASKETBALL** **SOCCER**

**AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS**

**CRICKET**

**Kids Parties**

- Space jump
- Sports & jump
- Dodgem cars
- Nerf wars
- Bubble soccer
- Laser tag

**FREE TRIAL SESSION**

**5:30pm-6:30pm**  
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**5-7 year olds | 8-11 year olds**

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