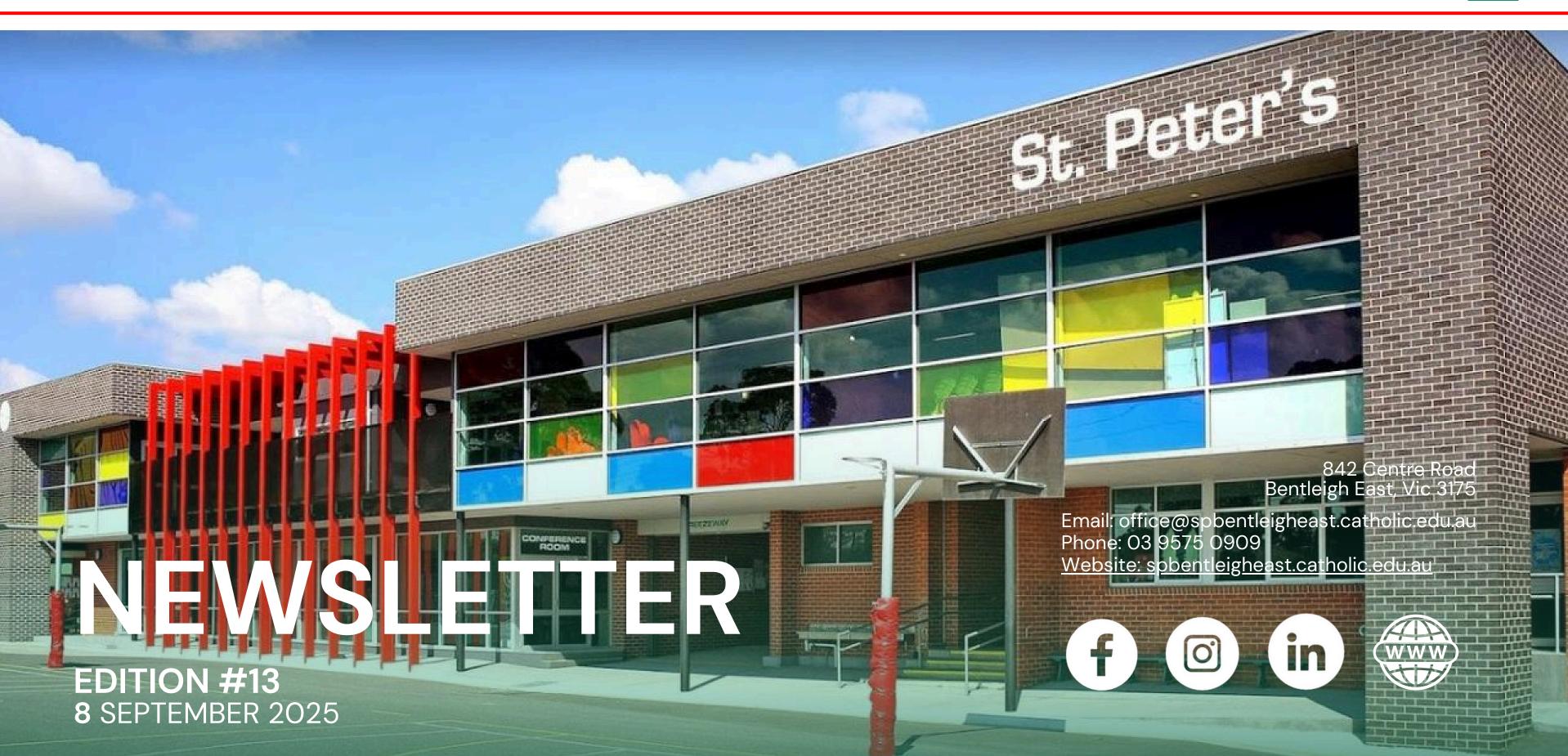
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"May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE" Romans 15:13a



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Nurturing a Culture of Excellence

Last Tuesday 2 September, St Peter's staff gathered together for a professional learning day. We were looking forward to spending the day with Lee Crockett and expanding upon our strategic intent to provide excellence and equity in Catholic education. Lee is an accomplished author, speaker and mentor, working with schools and education systems across the world. Fostering a Culture of Excellence is built on intentional leadership, empowered teaching and inspired learning. Each of these areas was explored throughout the day, with staff engaging in small group discussion and personal reflection to consider how each of us contribute to the culture of St Peter's.

Value of Respect

Respect recognises the inherent dignity of each person, created in the image and likeness of God. Respect helps to develop a culture of excellence within a school by creating an environment where every member of the community feels valued, safe, and supported to thrive. Respect fosters responsibility, resilience and openness to growth, which in turn motivates individuals to give their best and contribute to the collective success of the school.

Pilgrimage to Rome

At the start of Term 4 I will be joining a group of MACS Principals and Mission Leaders as we journey to Rome on pilgrimage. This time to strengthen and nurture my faith leadership is a great privilege and I feel very blessed to have been included in this opportunity to travel and experience Rome duirng the Year of Jubilee. As part of my journey I will be creating video reflections and sharing these with the school community in order to share the experience and learnings with our community.

I will be absent from Saturday 4 October and return on Thursday 16 October. In my absence Chris Joplin will be Acting Principal.









PEER SUPPORT

This week we have our last Peer support session for term 3. We will have the final session in term 4. The groups will be focusing on joining in with others in a respectful way and the best way to play. It has been amazing to watch the mix of ages co-operate together and practise ways of making and keeping friends.



At St Peter's, we are committed to creating a positive and respectful learning environment where every student can thrive. A vital part of this involves supporting children to understand appropriate behaviour—both at school and at home.

Providing children with clear boundaries and consistent consequences is essential for their emotional, social, and academic development. Boundaries help children feel secure, clarify expectations, and guide them toward making positive choices. When consequences are applied consistently, children develop a stronger sense of responsibility, resilience, and respect for others.

At home, it's important for parents to establish firm, consistent boundaries rather than giving into demands. While it may feel easier to avoid conflict in the short term, children who are not used to hearing "no" may find it challenging to adjust to the structured environment of school, where rules and routines are shared by all. Equally, parents play a key role in helping their child navigate disappointment and setbacks. Shielding children from every frustration can hinder their ability to cope with challenges. Instead, supporting children to manage their emotions and bounce back from difficulty builds the resilience they'll need to thrive in a collaborative school and the wider community setting.

At school, students are part of a larger community. They are expected to cooperate, compromise, show respect, and engage meaningfully in their learning. Children who have not had opportunities to practice self-regulation or experience the consequences of their actions may struggle in this environment.

The Raising Children website has some useful resources including a range of resources on school age behaviour.

By working together—school and home—we can help children develop the life skills they need to become confident, respectful, and capable people. Your support at home reinforces the values and expectations that create a strong and connected school community.



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Our New Saints

On September 7, 2025, Pope Leo XIV declared Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati as saints. (Pope Leo's first canonisations since becoming Pope.)

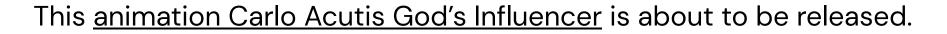
Carlo, often called "God's Influencer", was a teenager who used technology to share his love for the Eucharist before passing away at age 15.

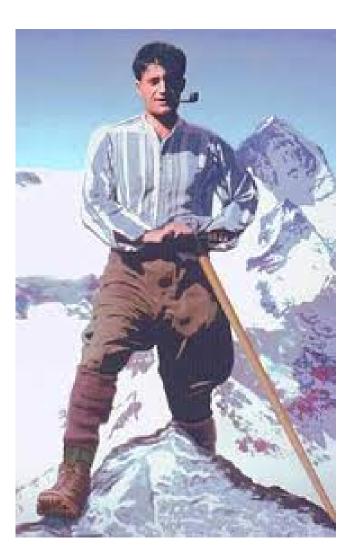
Pier Giorgio Frassati, a young Italian student, loved the mountains and dedicated his short life to helping the poor.

Both remind us that holiness is not only for adults but is possible for young people too, by living with faith, joy and service.

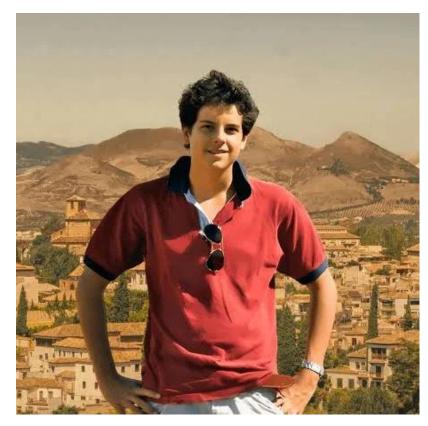
Here is a <u>5 minute Lego movie</u> on Carlo Acutis.

This <u>documentary "I AM With You</u>" (it goes for an hour) is extremely enlightening on Carlo's life.





SAINT PIER



SAINT CARLO





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What a busy couple of weeks for our St Peter's school community!

Friday night saw many of our families gather for a fun evening of boot-scooting and hay bales at the P&F Bush Dance. A huge thank you to Kate Nugara and her team for organising such a fantastic night, and to Blackberry Jam for getting everyone up and dancing with plenty of do-si-dos.

On Saturday, the Annual Dads' Footy Match against St Paul's took centre stage. As always, it was a fiercely contested game and, for the second year running, our dads claimed victory! Congratulations to the team, and we hope those sore muscles are on the mend.

















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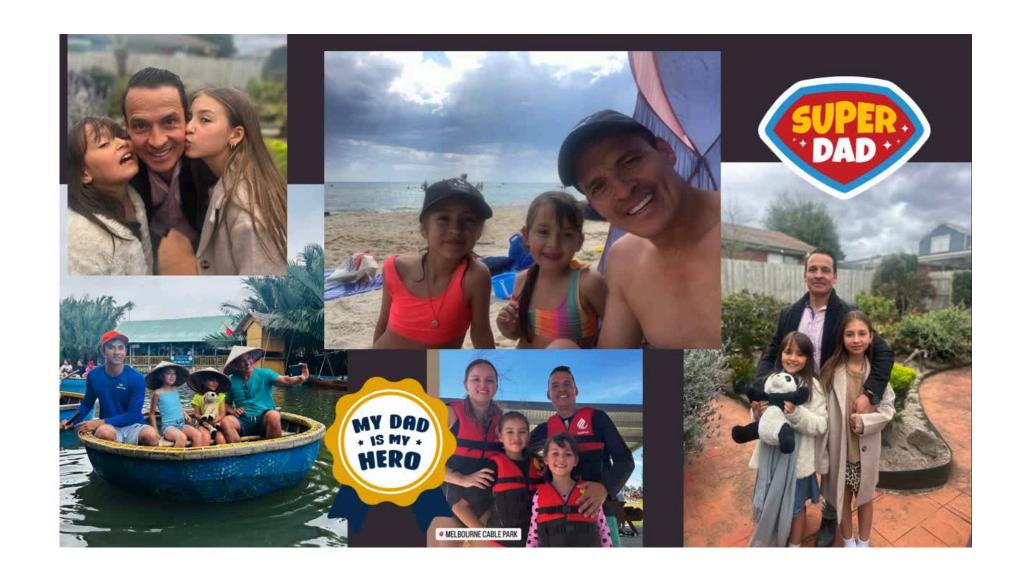
Dads' Breakfast

What a privilege it was to gather with members of our community last Wednesday to celebrate all things Dads over breakfast.

A very special thank you to the mums who worked tirelessly behind the scenes, preparing 400 bacon and egg rolls and toasting 20 loaves of bread—an incredible effort!

An extra special shout-out goes to Martha Pavlou and Sharon Devon for their outstanding work in cleaning, cooking, and coordinating the breakfast.

Of course this also wouldn't happen without the support of our staff who controlled the parking, supervised children and generally assisted with the morning. We hope all our families had an enjoyable day yesterday for Father's Day.





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Vinnies Appeal & Good Neighbour Mass

Today we launch our Vinnies Good Neighbour Appeal. Each year, the generous families of St Peter's help keep our local Vinnies pantry stocked with essential items for those in need. A letter has gone home to all families with details, but we are seeking donations of:

- Tins of food: fruit, jams, soups, meats, spaghetti, baked beans
- Drinks & drink supplies: tea, coffee, Milo, long-life milk, sugar
- Packets of food: pasta, pasta sauces, rice, noodles
- Breakfast items: pancake mix, cereal, porridge
- Lunchbox items: sultanas, muesli bars, Le Snacks, popcorn
- Drinks: unrefrigerated fruit juice, cordial

Donations can be brought in via your child's class from tomorrow.

Please ensure all food is in its original packaging and within its use-by date, as Vinnies cannot distribute expired or repackaged items.

This appeal ties beautifully with the theme of our upcoming Good Neighbour Mass, Friday, 19th September, where we are reminded of the importance of reaching out, sharing generously and caring for others in our community. Thank you in advance for your generosity and for supporting this important appeal.

Vinnies!

Donations are now welcome for our St Vincent De Paul good Neighbour Mass Appeal.

Tins of food: tinned fruit & jams, soups, meats, spaghetti, baked beans.

Items to make drinks: tea & coffee, Milo, longlife milk, sugar.

Packets of food: pasta and pasta sauces, rice, noodles.

Breakfast Items: pancake mix, cereal, porridge.

Lunchbox Items: sultanas, muesli bars, Le Snacks, popcorn. Drinks: unrefrigerated fruit juice, cordial.

Items can be brought into your child's classroom.









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TERM 3 – MONDAY 20TH OCTOBER 7PM

We look forward to seeing all our existing and new P&F members at our next meeting on Monday 20th October at 7pm onsite at school.

All parents welcome!

Rebecca Clarke & Natasha
Abbondanza
P&F Leadership Team

TERM 3 EVENTS - SAVE THE DATES

SAUSAGE SIZZLE / FOOTY COLOURS DAY

WEEK 9 - MONDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER



Footy Colours Day is coming to St Peter's

Dress up in your footy team (or other sporting code's) colours on Monday, 15th September as we celebrate all things footy!

We will parade around Casey at 2:30pm.



FOLLOW ST PETER'S P&F FOR NEWS AND UPDATES ON:

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St Peter's Christmas Cards

Christmas is just around the corner, well at St Peter's it is, and now is the time to place your orders for the Christmas Card fundraiser.

Featuring original artwork created by your child/ren, these cards are a wonderful way to spread Christmas cheer.

\$12 for a pack of 12 cards. Please order through Flexischools. Orders close Friday, 12th September.

All proceeds from this year's card sales will go towards new playground equipment for our children.









Sample designs from previous years. The back of the card features your child's name and grade.

Dear families, it's that time of year, Christmas has come (early), bringing joy and cheer.

Our P&F, with love and care, Have planned a fundraiser we're glad to share.

The Christmas Card Fundraiser is back once more, With student designs you're bound to adore.

Each card spreads cheer in a special way, A keepsake to treasure on Christmas Day.

Place your orders through Flexischools with ease, Supporting our community – thank you, please!

With gratitude we send this festive call, Merry Christmas and blessings to all!



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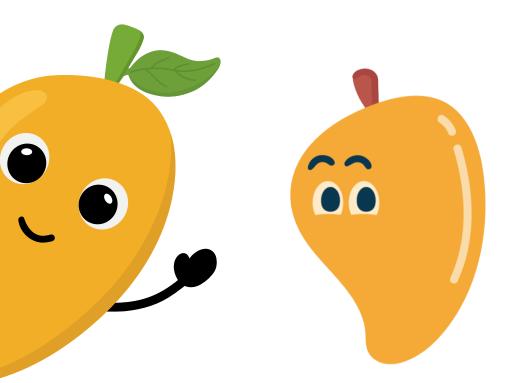
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Mango Fundraiser starts October



The St Peter's Fete is Back – save the date! Saturday 22nd November

Rides | Food Trucks | Entertainment | Activities | Stalls

We're so excited to announce that the St Peter's Fete is returning this year!

A big congratulations to Lexi from 4MK for creating our winning fete poster – her vibrant design will be displayed around the school this week.

Thank you to all the students who submitted entries; the creativity was incredible, and all posters can be viewed below.

This is a true community event, and there are many ways to get involved. Whether you'd like to support, sponsor, volunteer, or share your ideas, we'd love to hear from you!

Email: stpetersfete@spbentleigheast.catholic.edu.au https://www.spbentleigheast.catholic.edu.au/about-5

Stay tuned for more details in upcoming newsletters and emails.

Let's make it a day to remember!





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St. PAUL's 844 Centre Rd, East Bentleigh 3165 122 Jasper Rd, Bentleigh 3204

St. CATHERINE's 2 Buchan St, Moorabbin 3189

We deeply respect the Aboriginal Community of Bunnerong upon whose land our parish resides

Please <u>click here</u> for the most recent Parish Bulletin



We're excited to launch this year's Parish Raffle and we need your help to make it a success!

This is a fantastic way to support our parish while giving parishioners & school families the chance to win some great prizes!

How It Works - Order a Raffle Book by scanning or clicking this QR code -

Once ordered, you will be able to collect your book

after your preferred mass

Sell Your Tickets. Raffle books sell for \$20, tickets \$2 only.

Sell them to family, friends, and neighbours!

Return Stubs and Money. Once your book is sold, return the completed ticket stubs and the money after mass to one of our volunteers

All proceeds go directly to the maintenance and upkeep of our three

parish communities. Every book sold helps - thank you for your support!

COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2025 (CCPR)

There are great prizes up for grabs, including:

1st Prize an All-new Kia Picanto S 1.25ltr Auto

2nd Prize Gift Card \$5,000

3rd Prize Gift Card \$3,000

4th & 5th Prize Gift Card \$1,000

6th & 7th Prize Gift Card \$500

If you have any questions, please contact Anabel Acosta-Harvey at pcholytrinityparish@cam.org.au.

RAFFLE DRAWN: Saturday, 6th Dec 2025 at 7.30pm, Resurrection Keysborough Parish (Little Chapel) 402 Corrigan Road, Keysborough. Victorian Commission for Gambling Regulation Permit No - 10189/25



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Congratulations to our Year 5 & 6 students who played in their Grand Final on the weekend and won!

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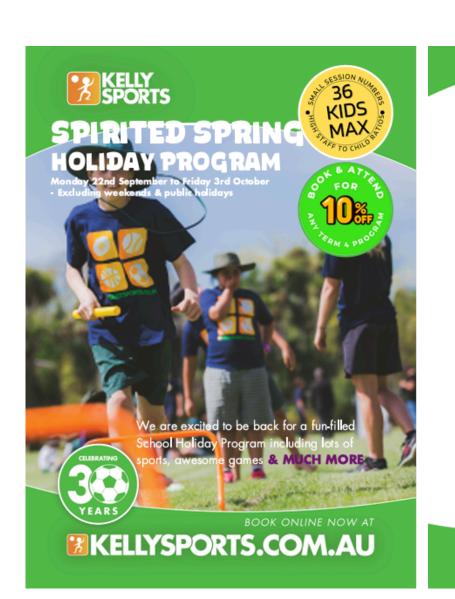
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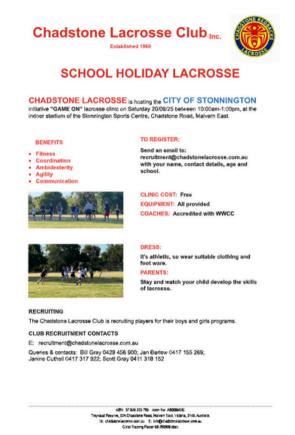




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