



St Peter Apostle Catholic Primary School

Learn, relate and live in the light of the Catholic faith.

Term 4- Week 2B

08th February 2024

Dear Families,

We welcome back our current families and extend a warm welcome to the new families who have joined our school community this year. It has been a fantastic start to the year with the opening of our new senior building and it was great to see so many members of our school community visit during our open afternoon yesterday. The Grade 5 and 6 students have appreciated their new learning environment and we now have more room in the rest of the school for grades to be comfortably spread out. We are now in the process of finalising the design for our new outdoor area where our old building was and I will keep you updated over the coming weeks.

This year we have a new before/after school care program called Our Patch. This program offers many exciting initiatives for students including Karate on Thursdays and the opportunity to make their own lunches at before school care. Part of the legal requirements for this program is that Our Patch has all of the required information and permissions before they can take any students. With this in mind, we are asking all families to register their child/children so that they are able to access the program if needed. Registering does not mean that your child has to access the program, however it does give you the option of using the program if you are ever late and can't pick your child up on time.

As we have new families this year, I thought it was timely to explain the process for before and after school. The pedestrian gate and back gate will be opened at 8.30 and everyone is asked to go to the basketball court to wait for the 8.45 bell to ring. The basketball court is the only area of the school that will be supervised so it is important that all families wait there rather than other areas of the school. The drop off/pick up lane will operate as usual with the gate being opened at 8.40 in the mornings and 3.15 in the afternoon. The gate on the pick up lane is for students who are being picked up by parents in cars. We ask that pedestrians do not use this gate to exit the school, for safety reasons. In the interest of the drop off/pick up lane moving as quickly as possible in the afternoon, please do not arrive before 3.10pm. This will help traffic flow around the school.

In regards to the back gate entry, just a reminder that this is a one way street so you must ensure that you are driving in the correct direction. Unfortunately it has come to my attention that there has been a parent who has verbally abused our crossing supervisor for trying to ensure the safety of our students. Please ensure that you treat everyone in our community with the respect and kindness that they deserve.

Mrs Karen Wilson

Principal

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On Tuesday the 13th February we will have our annual Pancake Night. This will start at 5.30 and is a wonderful opportunity to meet the other children and parents in our community. Pancakes, lollies and drinks will be sold by the Parents and Friends Committee on the night and you are encouraged to bring your picnic blanket and enjoy the night. Please see the flyer in this newsletter for more details.

This year the staff have enrolled in a program called Berry Street which focuses on supporting all students who are enrolled at our school. This will be a whole school focus and all teachers and learning support officers will be attending this professional development. As these dates have been booked in early, we are able to inform you of the school closure days for the whole year. Please see the dates that have been sent to you via Compass and are also included in this newsletter.

Regards

Karen Wilson
Principal



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Dates to Remember - 2024

5th to 9th February	Weekdays	Grade 3 - 6 Swimming Program
13th February	Tuesday	Pancake Night
21st February	Wednesday	Getting to know you interviews Prep - 2
8th March	Friday	Walkathon
15th March	Friday	School Closure Day
26th March	Tuesday	Prep 2025 Information Night
27th March	Wednesday	Last day of Term 1 - (school finishes at 3.15)
28th March	Thursday	No School for students Parent/teacher /Student interviews
29th March	Friday	Good Friday
31st March	Sunday	Easter Sunday
25th April	Thursday	Anzac Day
27th May	Monday	School Closure Day
10th August	Saturday	Monarch's Birthday
26th August	Monday	School Closure Day
18th September	Wednesday	Last day of Term 3- students finish at 1.00pm
19th September	Thursday	Final day students/PTS (school finishes at 3.15)
20th September	Friday	Parent/teacher /Student interviews
4th November	Monday	School Closure day
18th November	Monday	School Closure Day

PREP TIMETABLE

8th February	Thursday	8:45am to 1:30pm
9th February	Friday	8:45am to 1:30pm
12th February	Monday	8:45am to 3:15pm - 3.15
14th February	Wednesday	Testing / Rest Day

St Peter Apostle Primary School
P&F Presents

PANCAKE NIGHT 2024

Tuesday 13th February
5.00pm to 7.00pm
School Basketball Court

Pancakes \$2.00

Drinks \$1.00

Pancakes until sold out

Join us for a relaxing & enjoyable school
community evening.

Games and Fun for all!



St Peter's Community Hub

Please come along and meet other
families from Myanmar
and
find out about the happenings
around our school

Thursday 8th February 2024
9.00am- 10.00 am

Toddlers and babies
most welcome



St Peter's Kids

Eat Well

Fruit Break

All students are encouraged to bring easy to eat or pre-cut fruit or vegetables from home.

Students across the school will have an opportunity to eat their fruit or vegetables in class, at their desk for the Fruit Break each day.

Fruit break does not replace any additional eating of packed fruit and vegetables in your child's lunchbox.

Students are also encouraged to bring a water bottle each day – these can be refilled at the bubble taps as needed. Staying hydrated helps the brain to function and in turn assists students with their learning.



Encouraged	Not encouraged
<p>Water</p> <p>Fruit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 😊 All fresh fruit 😊 Fruit canned in natural juice/ no added sugar 😊 Dried fruit* <p>Vegetables</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 😊 All fresh vegetables 😊 All canned vegetables e.g. corn or baby corn (in a small container) <p>* Dried fruit is high in natural sugar and tends to stick to teeth, encourage fresh fruit whenever possible</p>	<p>Drinks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fruit or vegetable juice ● Fruit flavoured cordial or mineral water <p>Foods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fruit leathers, Roll-Ups® or fruit sticks ● Fruit lollies e.g. jubes ● Fruit jams or jellies ● Fruit or vegetable breads, pies or cakes ● Fruit canned in syrup ● Potato crisps, vegetable chips or hot chips ● Popcorn

FOR A HEALTHY LUNCHBOX **PICK & MIX** SOMETHING FROM EACH GROUP 1-6!



Developed in conjunction with the Achievement Program to support a whole-school approach to healthy eating.



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FRUIT 1	VEGETABLES 2	MILK, YOGHURT AND CHEESE 3	MEAT OR MEAT ALTERNATIVE 4	GRAIN AND CEREAL FOOD 5	WATER 6
<p>FRESH FRUIT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apple • Banana • Mandarin • Orange quarters • Passionfruit halves (with spoon) • Watermelon, honeydew, rockmelon chunks • Pineapple chunks • Grapes • Plums • Nectarines, peaches, Apricots • Strawberries • Cherries • Kiwifruit halves (with spoon) • Pear <p>MIXED FRUIT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fruit salad • Fruit kebabs <p>DRIED FRUIT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dried fruit, nut, popcorn mixes* <p>TINNED FRUIT/SNACK PACKS/CUPS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In natural juice (not syrup) 	<p>FRESH CRUNCHY VEGIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corn cobs • Carrot sticks • Capsicum sticks • Green beans • Cucumber sticks • Celery sticks • Snow peas • Tomatoes (e.g. cherry and Roma tomatoes) • Mushroom pieces <p>Can serve with either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hummus • Tomato salsa • Tatziki • Beetroot dip • Natural yoghurt <p>SALADS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coleslaw and potato salad (reduced fat dressing) • Mexican bean, tomato, lettuce and cheese salad • Pesto pasta salad* <p>BAKED ITEMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grilled or roasted vegetables • Wholemeal vegetable muffins or scones • Vegetable slice (with grated zucchini and carrot) • Popcorn <p>SOUP (In small thermos)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pumpkin soup • Potato and leek soup • Chicken and corn soup 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Milk • Calcium-enriched soy and other plant-based milks • Yoghurt (frozen overnight) • Custard <p>Tip:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freeze the night before to keep cool during the day <p>Can serve with either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheese cubes, sticks or slices • Cottage or ricotta cheese • Cream cheese • Tatziki dip <p>Can serve with either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fruit • Wholegrain cereal, low in sugar • Vegetable sticks • Rice and corn cakes • Wholegrain wheat crackers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tinned tuna or salmon in springwater • Lean roast or grilled meats (e.g. beef, chicken, kangaroo) • Falafel balls • Lean meat or chicken patties • Tinned tuna or salmon patties • Lentil patties • Lean deli meats (e.g. ham, silverside, chicken) • Boiled eggs • Baked beans (canned) • Tofu cubes • Hummus dip • Lean meat or chicken kebab sticks • Peanut butter* <p>Can serve with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wholegrain sandwich, roll, pita or wrap bread with salad • Rice and corn cakes • Wholegrain wheat crackers • Side salad <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vegetable frittata • Skinless chicken drumsticks • Savoury muffins or scones (e.g. lean ham, cheese and shallots) • Homemade pizzas with lean roast or deli meats and vegetables <p>Can serve with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Side salad • Steamed or roasted vegetables 	<p>MAINS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wraps • Sandwiches • Rolls • Toasted sandwiches <p>Tip: Use breads such as wholemeal, multigrain, rye, sourdough, pita, flat, corn, mountain, lavash, white fibre-enriched, soy and linseed, herb, naan, bagels, foccacias, fruit bread and English muffins.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pasta dishes • Rice, quinoa or cous cous dishes • Noodle dishes • Sushi <p>SAVORY BAKED ITEMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Homemade pizzas - Wholemeal savoury muffins or scones (e.g. ham, cheese and corn muffins) - Vegetable based muffins - Pasta or noodle bake <p>SWEET BAKED ITEMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fruit loaf • Wholemeal fruit based muffins <p>SNACKS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High fibre, low sugar cereal (e.g. muesli) • English muffins • Crackers • Crispreads • Rice cakes • Corn thins • Wholemeal scones • Pikelets • Crumpets • Hot cross buns (no icing) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take a water bottle (for refilling throughout the day) <p>Tip:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freeze overnight to keep foods cool in lunchboxes <p>Sweet and savoury snack foods (e.g. muesli/fruit/nut bars, biscuits, crisps, cakes, muffins, slices) should be limited in lunchboxes. They can lead to excess energy intake if consumed in large amounts.</p> <p>Sugar sweetened drinks and confectionery should not be provided in lunchboxes. They can lead to excess energy intake and tooth decay.</p>  <p><i>*Check your school's policy regarding the use of nuts and products containing nuts.</i></p>

For more information about healthy eating and for many tasty recipes, visit the the Healthy Eating Advisory Service: <http://heas.health.vic.gov.au/>

Introducing our Translators

In 2024 if you require any assistance with interpreting or translating school documents or talking to your child's class teachers, please contact us and we can ask our interpreters to support you.

Feel free to contact us if you require any assistance navigating the Compass (our school communication app) so you can keep updated with what is happening around the school.

Kindly,
Jodie Stubley and Amanda Work (EAL/D Leaders)

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Rose can interpret and translate Hakha Chin and Burmese



Swe Zin can interpret and translate Burmese



Kwala can interpret and translate Karen



Sa Hay can interpret and translate *Karen*



Term 1 2024 2nd Hand Uniform Dates

Located in the meeting room between school office and church.
Open Times - 8:15am to 9:30am

February 2nd & 16th
March 1st & 15th



NEW LABELLING SCHEME

Dear Parents

Lost Property is very difficult to manage at St Peters. Many items are placed in Lost Property but very few are ever claimed. Staff return named items where they can, but probably 95% of jumpers, jackets, beanies, hats and drink bottles are not named and so cannot be returned. Sometimes items purchased secondhand have previous names on them and we cannot return these either.

Please name your child's jumper, jacket, beanie, hats, lunch box and drink bottle.

Where uniform items are not named - staff will write the child's unique four digit number on the collar or a hidden area of the item with a laundry marker. This four digit number is the start of their email address. This means that when an item is found, staff can pop the four digit number into Compass to find whose item it is.

If you do not want this to be written - please label your child's items. Staff will ask students to have their lunchbox and drink bottle named when they notice they are not.

We hope this new system will see fewer items in Lost Property and save parents a lot of money as they will not be needing to replace lost items.

Pattie McCusker

SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2024

RECONCILIATION

Parent/ Student night - Tuesday 27th February - 7.00pm

Reflection day - students only - Tuesday 26th March

First Reconciliation - Tuesday 26th March - 7.00pm

FIRST EUCHARIST

Parent/ Student night - Thursday 2nd May - 7.00pm

Reflection Day - students only - Friday 17th May

Eucharist Masses -

Saturday - 18th May - 6.00pm

Sunday - 19th May - 10.15am

Saturday - 15th June - 6.00pm

Sunday - 16th June - 10.15am

CONFIRMATION

Parent/ Student night - Tuesday 10th September - 7.00pm

Reflection Day - students only - Thursday 17th October

Confirmation - Thursday 17th October - 7.00pm



St Peter Apostle Primary School

We are thrilled to be introducing Our Patch to St Peter Apostle Primary School. Our Patch is a fresh provider in the education and care space, sprouting from a dream to create entirely unique spaces that gives children voice and offers them a safe place of wonder in which to GROW.

The St Peter Apostle Primary School Patch will provide children with endless opportunities to build confidence and resilience through activities like Outdoor Sports, Arts & Craft, Music and Cooking. Delicious and nutritious breakfast and afternoon tea is included and will ensure children are satisfied and excited to see what is on the menu for the next session.



Location:

St Peter Apostle Primary School
16-38 Guinane Ave, Hoppers Crossing VIC 3029

Contact:

1300 018 310 or info@ourpatch.education

Hours of Operations

Before School Care - 7:00am to 8:45am
After School Care - 3:15pm to 6:30pm
Pupil Free Days - 7:00am to 6:30pm

	Program Fees without Child Care Subsidy		Program Fees with maximum* Child Care Subsidy	
	Permanent	Casual	Permanent	Casual
Before School Care	\$22.00	\$24.50	\$4.02	\$6.52
After School Care	\$24.00	\$26.50	\$3.48	\$3.84
Pupil Free Day	\$78.00	\$80.50	\$11.31	\$11.67

*Maximum Child Care Subsidy of 90%. To check your eligibility please check your MyGov account or visit Centrelink's Payment and Service Finder.

Bookings made within 48 hours incur an additional fee.
Cancellations within 24-48 hours incur a 25% charge of the session fee.



To register and book visit:

<https://ourpatch.education/before-and-after-school-care/>





HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED OUR SCHOOL APP -COMPASS

- You can download the Compass App on iOS and Android devices, simply search for **Compass School Manager in the store**.
- Contact the school office for your unique user name and password. Each parent will have their own log in.
- Once you are signed in, you will have access to view all upcoming events for your child. Permission slips will need to be consented or declined from this page.
- Events** - If there is an Event for your child, on the home screen the Events and Payments box will show **“you have an event requiring action”** (as shown in image 1). Click on the box, the Events screen will open as per image 2. Click on the Event and fill in all required details to accept or decline the event. All fields must be filled in for the submit button to be activated.
- Latest News** - Notes that don't require consent will be shared via the News feed. Scroll through to view the latest posts from our school. E.g. wear house colour t-shirt day.
- If you require assistance contact the school office.

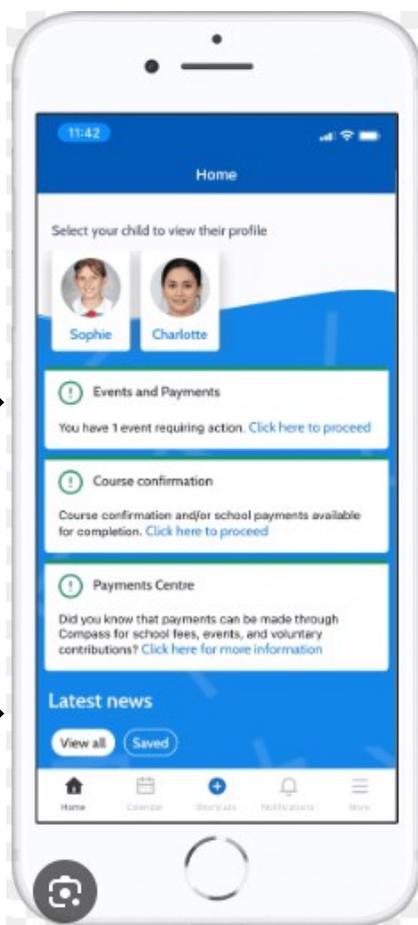


Image 1

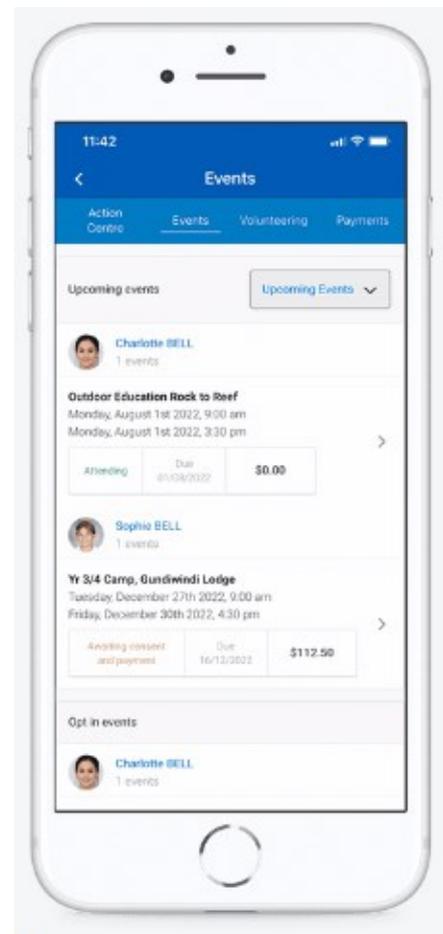


Image 2

SCHOOL FEES - 2024

2024	Fees		Levies						
	School Fee	Recurrent	Capital	Curriculum	Swimming	Camp	Excursion	Sacrament	ICT
Family Fee	\$1,900.00								
Prep				\$320.00			\$80.00		
Year 1				\$320.00			\$80.00		
Year 2				\$320.00			\$80.00		
Year 3				\$350.00			\$80.00		\$212.00
Year 4				\$350.00			\$80.00		\$212.00
Year 5				\$350.00		\$250.00	\$80.00		
Year 6				\$350.00		\$300.00	\$80.00		

The ICT levy will continue in 2024 for our students in Grade 3 and Grade 4, as higher grades will still be part of the previous BYOD Program.

In 2025 the levy will be extended to Grades 3, Grades 4 and Grades 5.

If your family is eligible for the Reduced Fees Policy and you have been approved through the formal approval process, then the ICT levy will be included in the discount fees offered.

The benefits of this new program are as follows:

- Every Grade 3 child will have a device to use at school
- The device will be owned by the student
- The device does not need to be fully paid for at the start of Grade 3

2024 FEE FORMS

2024 Fee Payment Consent Form [click Here](#)

2024 Credit Card Direct Debit Payment Form [click here](#)

Please note: A new Credit Card debit payment form needs to be filled **every year** for monthly/ fortnightly payments.

CSEF

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.



Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund APPLICATION Form

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students.

HOW TO APPLY:

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download a copy by [clicking here](#).

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

- ⇒ You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred: new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools this year.
- ⇒ changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

Catholic Secondary School Enrolments

Enrolments to Catholic Secondary Schools 2025

If you intend to send your child to a Catholic Secondary School and have not already enrolled them, Enrolments have now closed . We strongly encourage you to contact the secondary school as soon as possible.

Year 5 Students in 2024 - Starting Year 7 in 2026

If you intend to send your child to a Catholic Secondary School applications for students Year 7 in 2026 will open on **Monday 29th January 2024** and applications will close on **Friday 16th August 2024**.



PARENT RESOURCES

Click on any image below for more information.

STUDENT ABSENCE



TERM DATES



CANTEEN / LUNCH ORDERS



MOBILE PHONES



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SCHOOL APP



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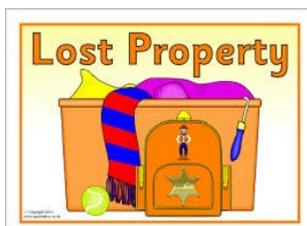
SCHOOL UNIFORM



STUDENT HEALTH



LOST PROPERTY



2ND HAND UNIFORM SHOPPE



OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OSHC)

