



St Peter Apostle

Catholic Primary School

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

Term 4 - Week 3B

23rd October 2025

Dear Families

Just a few reminders and announcements to share.

Grade 4 Sleepover

Our Grade 4 students were excited for their school sleepover last Thursday night. This event was a highlight of the year and an important milestone in building independence and confidence. Students enjoyed an evening of fun activities, games and shared meals with their classmates and teachers, followed by a night sleeping at school. Thank you to the staff who gave their time to make this memorable experience possible for our students.

Grade 4 Assembly

A reminder that the Grade 4 assembly will be held tomorrow. Families are warmly invited to attend and celebrate the students' learning and achievements. The Grade 4s have been preparing some wonderful presentations and are looking forward to sharing them with the school community.

Prep Information Night

Our Prep Information Night for 2026 families will be held on Thursday, 30th October. The session will provide an overview of our Prep program, introduce key staff and outline how we support students as they transition into school. It's also a great opportunity for new families to ask questions and learn more about what makes our school a nurturing and engaging place to learn. Please share this information with anyone who has a child beginning school in 2026 or beyond.

Parking Reminder – Disabled Parking Bays

We remind all families to please avoid parking in or across disabled parking spaces unless you have a valid permit. These spaces are reserved for families and visitors who rely on accessible parking and it's important that we keep them available at all times. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in keeping our car park safe and accessible for everyone.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. It's been a busy and positive start to the term and we look forward to the exciting events and learning opportunities still to come.

Regards

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LEARN



RELATE



LIVE



Dates to Remember - 2025

Dates are subject to change

Term 4		
24th October	Friday	Assembly - Grade 4
27th October	Monday	Welcome to Hoppers Day program - Grade 6 students attending Hoppers Crossing Secondary College in 2026
30th October	Thursday	2026 - Prep information night
3rd November	Monday	School Closure Day - No School for students
4th November	Tuesday	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday - No School for students
7th November	Friday	Assembly - Prep Year 6 Excursion to MacKillop College for 2026 Transition
13th November	Thursday	2026 Prep orientation - Session 1 @ 9.00am - 10.45am
14th November	Friday	Junior Sports Day - Prep - Yr 2 Grade 5 Leadership Day
17th November	Monday	School Tour @3.45pm
19th - 20th November	Wed- Thurs	St Peter Apostle Art Show
20th November	Thursday	Incursion Parliament Process - Grade 5 2026 Prep orientation - Session 2 @ 9.00am - 10.45am
27th November	Thursday	2026 Prep orientation - Session 3 @ 9.00am - 10.45am
9th December	Tuesday	Year 7 statewide orientation day for all Victorian government secondary schools
3rd December	Wednesday	Grade 5 - Monopoly Dream Excursion
4th December	Thursday	Christmas Concert
11th December	Thursday	Graduation - Grade 6
15th December	Monday	Year 6 Fun Day
16th December	Tuesday	Last day of Term 4 for students - 3.15pm finish

SCHOOL UNIFORM TERM 4 - No Hat No Play

As a 'Sunsmart' school all children are required to wear a hat during recess times. We have a 'No hat - No play' policy, so children without a hat will be required to remain in the shade during recess and lunchtime. We thank you for your support.





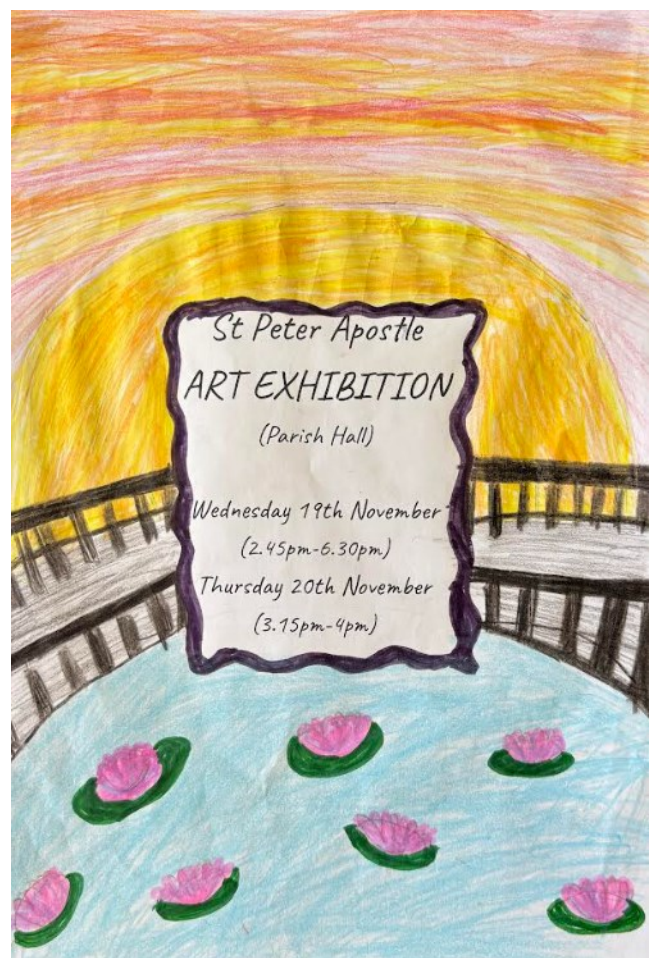
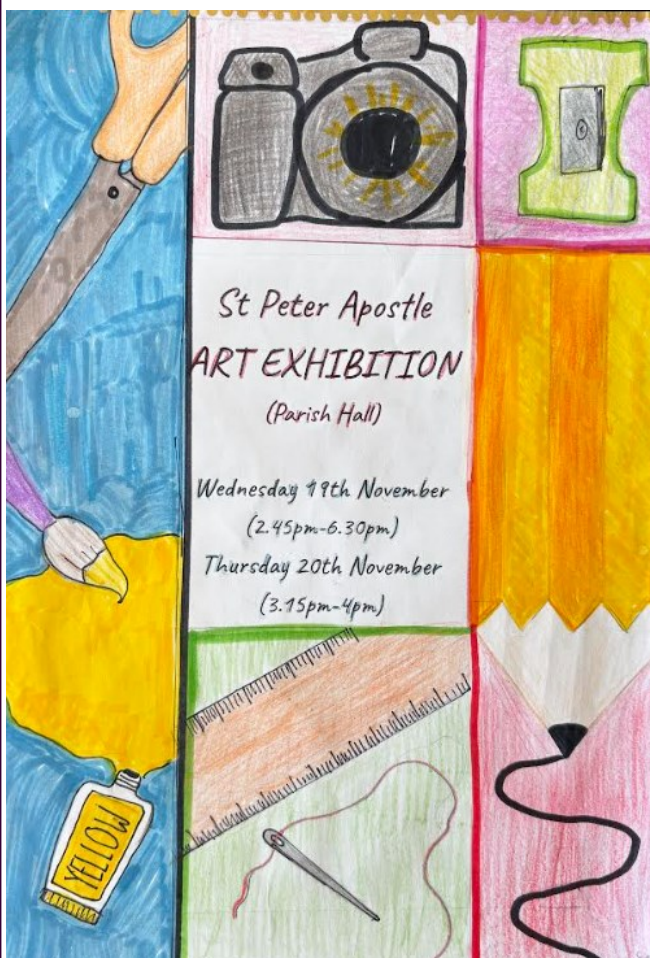
CLASS PLACEMENT

CLASSROOM PLACEMENTS FOR 2025

In the next few weeks we will begin organising children into classes for next year. If you have any concerns or relevant information regarding the placement of your child for 2026, please email Mrs Freeman mfreeman@stpeterahc.catholic.edu.au by **31st October** at the latest.

Please note: Requests **do not** carry over from one year to another. If you have had a concern in the past which has not been resolved you **MUST** put it in writing again for 2026. Due consideration will be given to your concerns however decisions will be made with the aim of placing your child into the best learning environment possible.

ART SHOW



Wyndham Division Volleyball Finals

On Tuesday the 14th of October the Grade 6 Girls Volleyball Team competed at the Wyndham Division Volleyball Finals at Eagle Stadium in Werribee. They played 5 other schools from this area, they won two games and lost three, they came third overall. They trained every week leading up to the finals during lunch time, they developed their volleyball skills and became a very cohesive group. Overall it was a great effort by the Grade 6 girls.

Teacher/Coordinator
Mr Herrera Physical Education



Child Safety

At St Peter's, we are committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people.

To maintain this safety, parents and pre-school children are NOT able to use Student Toilets. Parents and Pre-Schoolers cannot use the Junior/ Senior Toilets near the playgrounds or the Senior Toilets in the double storey Senior Building.

If a parent or pre-schooler needs to go to the toilet, they should go to the Office to be directed to a toilet in that building.



Advent is a four-week period before Christmas that serves as a time to focus on the Christian meaning of Christmas by preparing for the birth of Jesus. It involves reflecting on themes of hope, peace, joy, and love, and can be celebrated through family traditions like lighting an Advent wreath, opening an Advent calendar, or engaging in daily readings and prayers to prepare hearts for the season and draw closer to faith.

Key aspects for parents

- **Focus on preparation:** Advent is a way for parents to intentionally guide their children to look forward to the birth of Jesus and the meaning of Christmas beyond just the presents and busyness.
- **Build spiritual habits:** It provides an opportunity to build a family habit of reflection, prayer, and studying scripture together.
- **Incorporate traditions:** Parents can use traditional and modern traditions to make Advent engaging for their children.
 - **Advent Wreath:** A wreath with four or five candles (three purple, one pink, and a white "Christ candle") is lit each Sunday leading up to Christmas to represent hope, peace, joy, and love.
 - **Advent Calendars:** These can range from traditional calendars with chocolate or pictures to more personalized ones, like a book advent calendar with a new story each night.
 - **Family activities:** Families can also do simple activities like reading the Bible together, discussing passages, and praying.
- **Connect the season to faith:** Parents can connect the commercial aspects of Christmas, like shopping, to the spiritual themes of Advent, explaining why the season is needed and the gifts Jesus brings.



St Peter Apostle Mission Parish



Walk with the Jubilee Cross

As we
celebrate the
Jubilee Year,
come and
walk with us
on the streets
of Hoppers
Crossing

As we carry
the cross and
pray for all in
our parish
community.
Christian or
not, church
going or not



For information
and to register -
scan the QR code

"To celebrate the Jubilee Year 2025 announced by the late Pope Francis our parish is delighted to announce October as the month for Jubilee celebrations. **Every Friday in October commencing on 10th October we will be taking the Jubilee Cross around the streets of our parish from 6:00pm to 7:00pm** and praying for all the people resident in our parish, Catholic or not, coming to church or not, asking the Lord to bring them closer to Jesus. To participate in this wonderful event or one of the many activities you can partake in and to find out more details of the events please click on the link <http://bit.ly/4pnmJG8> or scan the QR code. Children below 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required to be part of the street walk with the Jubilee Cross. Come and join us in this spirit filled event for our parish."



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Job Search

Date & Time

Tuesdays, 12 - 3pm
Nov 11, 18 and 25

Venues

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TO ENROL, email Jodie Stubley:
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COMMUNITY HUB

Planner

MONDAY

Oct 13th & 20th
English Conversation Class
9.30-11.30 am



Term 4 Parent Classes

Job Search Workshop

Nov 11th, 18th & 25th
from 12pm - 3pm

THURSDAY

Community session
9.30-10.30am
Waterwell project-
Menopause

WEDNESDAY

Introduction to
Community Services
10 weeks from
8th Oct- 10th Dec
Tuesdays
from 12.45pm - 3pm

DROP IN FOR ANY ASSISTANCE WITH ENROLLING NEW
PREPS, HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS OR SIGNING UP FOR
OUR PATCH

2nd Hand Uniform Dates

Our 2nd hand uniform shop is located in the meeting room between the school office and church.

17th & 31st October
14th & 27th November
12th December



St Peter Apostle Primary School's Outside School Hours Care Provider is Our Patch.

To enrol [click here](#)

Canteen Price List

[Click here](#)

The Canteen is open Thursday & Fridays only.

2025 FEE FORMS

2025 Fee Payment Consent Form

[click here](#)

2025 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

2025 School Fees

2025	Fees		Levies					
Grades	Family Fee	Capital	Curriculum	Swimming	Camp	Excursion	Sacrament	Technology
Per Family	\$1,970.00	\$50.00						
Prep			\$400.00					
Year 1			\$400.00					
Year 2			\$400.00					
Year 3			\$430.00					\$212.00
Year 4			\$430.00					\$212.00
Year 5			\$430.00		\$250.00			\$212.00
Year 6			\$430.00		\$300.00			

Catholic Secondary School Enrolments

Year 5 Students in 2025 - Starting Year 7 in 2027

If you intend to send your child to a Catholic Secondary School, applications are now closed. We strongly encourage you to contact the secondary school as soon as possible.



SPEECH BOX

FUN: A VITAL INGREDIENT FOR BUILDING YOUR CHILD'S VOCABULARY

Research has shown that children learn how to communicate best when engaging in enjoyable and longer interactions with their caregivers. **In childhood, learning goes hand-in-hand with play.**

Children are more likely to learn vocabulary that relates to their interests and curiosities. Having fun with your child has the potential to significantly improve your child's interactions and communication skills.



After you discover what excites your child, here is how you can incorporate these interests into your interactions:

- Let your child lead and be responsive to their initiations. Be sure to respond quickly and positively. For example: "Wow, that's a really fast car!".
- Your positive and quick responses can support your child in continuing with the interaction, allowing more communicative exchanges and vocabulary building!
- Researchers suggest avoiding toys, games, and electronic books with flashing lights, loud noises, or long pre-recorded songs, as they can make interactions more challenging. Instead, encourage imaginative play, such as dress-ups, outdoor play, and building activities like Lego, to support vocabulary development.
- Your child may have sensory preferences that make certain activities better choices for encouraging communication than others. By following your child's interests and preferences, you are providing a space for your child to develop language through what is fun for them. Some ideas could include playing with sand, slime, foam or play-dough.

Fun encourages an interaction to have more 'turns', or back-and-forth exchanges, which creates more opportunities for vocabulary learning. When you tune into your child's interests and curiosities, research shows that language learning will flourish.



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School is better when your child is here

Going to school every day is the most important part of your child's education. There are no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind and can affect their educational outcomes and their social connectedness. The best thing you can do is support your child to get to school every day.

A positive attitude towards school, healthy habits and routines, and parental involvement can support your child's regular school attendance and prevent chronic absence patterns.



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1. Build Positive Attendance Habits

- Create consistent morning and bedtime routines; prepare uniforms and bags the night before.
- Talk positively about school and show interest in your child's learning and activities.

2. Notice Changes in Attitude

- Watch for signs like frequent "sick" mornings, tearfulness, or reluctance to go to school.
- Check in with teachers early if your child seems unhappy or withdrawn about school.

3. Take Action Early

- Listen to your child's worries, offer support, and keep clear expectations about attendance.
- Work with the school and your GP to develop strategies that support regular attendance.

It's important that parents please let the school know the reason for their child's absence—whether it's due to illness, family reasons, or a holiday—as this helps us support your child and keep our records up to date.



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