



# St Peter Apostle

## Catholic Primary School

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

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### Term 2 - Week 5B

22nd May 2025

Dear Families,

#### Grade 5 Camp to Sovereign Hill

Yesterday, our Grade 5 students returned from their two-day camp to Sovereign Hill. The experience was a great success and gave students the chance to step back in time and learn about life during the gold rush. They participated in hands-on activities and developed a deeper understanding of this important part of Australian history. A big thank you to the staff who attended and supported the students throughout the trip.

#### Grade 3 First Reconciliation

Last Tuesday and Thursday our Grade 3 students celebrated their First Reconciliation. This was a special and meaningful step in their faith journey. We are proud of how respectfully and thoughtfully they approached this important occasion. Thank you to the staff who guided them through their preparation.

#### Grade 1 Assembly Performance

Thank you to our Grade 1 students who performed at our recent whole school assembly. Their enthusiasm and confidence were evident and their performance was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We also appreciate the staff who helped prepare them for the event.

#### Pilgrimage Journey – Following in the Footsteps of St Paul

Recently, I was fortunate to begin a pilgrimage following the path of St Paul, one of the most influential figures in the early Church. St Paul is known for his missionary journeys and letters, many of which are found in the New Testament. His teachings have shaped much of our understanding of Christian life and belief.

The first part of the journey took me to Ephesus, an important city in Paul's mission. It was here that Paul spent several years preaching, building a strong Christian community and writing some of his most important letters. It was such a humbling and inspiring experience to stand amongst ruins that were thousands of years old. Ephesus was a key location for the early Church and remains a powerful symbol of Paul's dedication to spreading the message of Jesus.

Following Ephesus, we travelled to Patmos to see the house that Mary, the mother of Jesus, is believed to have lived in. This visit was especially moving. As part of the experience, we took part in a local tradition by adding a prayer to the wall outside her house. It was a beautiful reminder of Mary's enduring presence and the power of prayer across time and place.

Regards

*Karen Wilson*

Principal





## Dates to Remember - 2025

Dates are subject to change

| Term 2          |                 |  |
|-----------------|-----------------|--|
| 22nd May        | Thursday        | Grade 5 - Recovery Day - No School for year 5 students<br>Division Cross Country @ Werribee Racecourse                               |
| 23rd May        | Friday          | Grade 6 - Winter Gala Day  |
| 26th - 28th May | Mon – Wed       | Grade 6 - Camp @ The Ranch   |
| 26th May        | Monday          | Community Hub - English Conversation classes from 9.30-11am  |
| 27th May        | Tuesday         | Confirmation Parent Night  |
| 28th May        | Wednesday       | Grade 5 - Mackillop Visit - Musical  |
| 29th May        | Thursday        | Grade 6 - Recovery Day - No School for year 6 students<br>Community Hub - Water Well Project- Mental Health & Wellbeing 9.30-10.30am |
| 2nd - 6th June  | Monday - Friday | Grades 3 to 6 - Swimming Program continue  |
| 2nd June        | Monday          | Community Hub - English Conversation classes from 9.30-11am  |
| 5th June        | Thursday        | Community Hub - 'Come and Meet the Principal' 9.30-10.30am   |
| 6th June        | Friday          | Prep - Milo's Birthday Party<br>Grade 6 - Interschool  |
| 9th June        | Monday          | King's Birthday (Public Holiday) - No school for students  |
| 10th June       | Tuesday         | Grades 3 to 6 - School Athletics Carnival  |
| 13th June       | Friday          | Grade 5 - Assembly   |
| 16th June       | Monday          | School Tour @ 3.45pm   |
| 18th June       | Wednesday       | Grade 4 - Eucharist Reflection Day   |
| 19th June       | Thursday        | Grade 4 - First Eucharist Mass   |
| 20th June       | Friday          | WRM Cross Country @ Brimbank Park  |
| 25th June       | Wednesday       | Grade 5 - Excursion to Thomas Carr College   |
| 27th June       | Friday          | Feast of St Peter and Paul   |
| 4th July        | Friday          | Last Day of Term 2<br>CSEF application close   |
| 21st July       | Monday          | Term 4 - Commences   |



## 2025 Planned School closure dates

|                |          |  |
|----------------|----------|--|
| 29th May       | Thursday | Year 6 camp recovery day -<br>No school for <b>Year 6 students only</b>      |
| 5th September  | Friday   | School Closure Day - No school for <b>all students</b>                       |
| 19th September | Friday   | Parent / Teacher / Student Conference -<br>No school for <b>all students</b> |
| 6th October    | Monday   | School Closure Day - No school for <b>all students</b>                       |
| 3rd November   | Monday   | School Closure Day - No school for <b>all students</b>                       |



We will be providing new families with school tours on the upcoming dates:

Monday, June 16th at 3:45 pm.

Friday, August 11th at 3:45 pm.

Monday, September 15th at 3:45 pm.

Please ask friends and family who live in our school's catchment area to register using the following link if they'd like to learn more about our school.

[Click here to register](#)



## District Cross Country

On Thursday the 8th of May, 2025 the District Cross Country was held at Heathdale Christian College. 51 students from St Peter Apostle PS participated. The Under 9/10 students participated in a 2 kilometre race, the Under 11 and Under 12/13 students participated in a 3 kilometre race that traverses over pathways and grass and mini hills. Leading up to this event the students had been training at school and outside school to prepare for the District Cross Country. All the students from St Peter's Apostle finished their races, and most of them came in top 20 and showed great determination to finish. Some of the outstanding performances were Stephen from 5C came in 1st place, and Costa from 6B came 3rd place in the Boys Under 11 race. Tianna from 6B came 1st place in the Girls Under 11 race. St Peter Apostle PS came third overall out of 8 schools which is a fantastic result. It was great to see so many parents supporting their sons and daughters at the District Cross Country. Ten students made it through to the next round which is the Division Cross Country at Werribee Racecourse.. They are Seng 4C, Tianna 6B, Isabella 5C, Evie 6B, Raziya 6B, Stephen 5C, Costa 6B, Olivia 6A, Mila 6B and Natalia 6A. Congratulations to all students for their great effort and dedication leading up the District Cross Country. Thank you to all parents who dropped off their sons and daughters early in the morning to train at St Peter's.

Mr Herrera  
Physical Education Teacher/Coordinator



Costa 6B



Tianna 6B



Stephen 5C



## National Simultaneous Storytime

On Wednesday the 21st of May students took part in National Simultaneous Storytime and read the story, 'The Truck Cat'.

As part of the celebration students competed in a colouring competition.

We are pleased to announce our four winners:

Prep A - Dylan

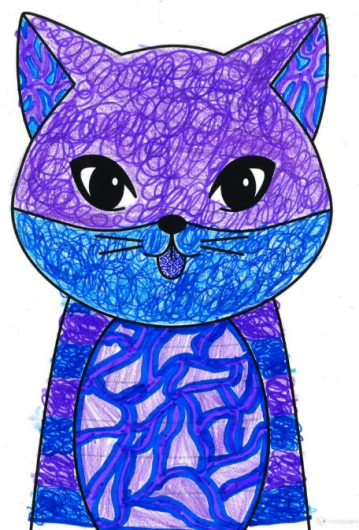
2B - Inayat

3A - Tanisha

4C - Tiffany



Tanisha 3A





## Meet Pope Leo XIV

Pope Leo XIV is a dual citizen of the USA and Peru, making him the first Pope from the USA and the second from South America (Pope Francis being the first). He is also the first Pope from the *Order of St Augustine*. *Significantly, Pope Leo is known for his extensive missionary work with the poor and disadvantaged in Peru. He became the Bishop of Chiclayo, Peru in 2015.*

But, there is more to know about our new Pontiff!

From a young age Pope Leo wanted to be a Priest – often playing ‘priest’ using an ironing board as an altar! He has a Degree in Mathematics, a Master of Divinity, and a Doctorate in Canon Law. He speaks Spanish, Italian, French, Portuguese, some German, and of course, English. He can also read Latin. Pope Leo loves to play tennis, read, travel, discover new places, and challenge his brothers at *Wordle and Words with Friends*.

*I enjoy relaxing with friends and meeting a diverse range of people whose gifts I learn from and appreciate greatly. –Pope Leo, 2023*







Playgroup will resume in Term 3.  
We appreciate your understanding



## Reconciliation Week



Reconciliation is about strengthening relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous peoples, for the benefit of all Australians.

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> of May



Please come and tie a ribbon on our prayer fence in acknowledgment Reconciliation.



Next week we will be celebrating Reconciliation week. Please join us before or after school and add a ribbon to our prayer wall, in front of the flag poles, in solidarity of Reconciliation.



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| Coordinated by<br>    | Event Partners<br><br> | Partners<br><br><br><br><br><br><br> | Supporters<br><br><br><br><br><br> |
| Principal Partner<br> | Major Partner<br>      |                                      | Find out more:<br>                 |

Further details to be revealed in the coming weeks.



# Tuning into Teens

## PARENTING WORKSHOP

### 7 week course

**Wednesday**  
May 14th 9.30am - 11.30am  
May 21st in the Community Hub  
May 28th  
June 4th  
June 11th  
June 18th  
June 25th

The program aims to increase parent-child connection by improving emotional communication in the family.



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## FACT SHEET FOR PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND CARERS

To view the whole fact sheet, click the following links:

English [Click here](#)

Vietnamese [Click here](#)

Chin Hakha [Click here](#)

### Getting started with parental controls in social media, games and apps



Many social media sites, games and apps now come with parental controls. The eSafety Guide has advice on safety features that can be useful for parents and carers, including how to use the settings to protect personal information and report online abuse.

Here are some examples of the parental control features included in popular social media, games and apps.

#### Roblox

Roblox is a game creation platform that allows users to design games, play together and chat. Using built-in parental controls, parents can manage the way their children use the game. These features include a 'restricted' mode that prevents access to chat and inappropriate games.

Find out more about Roblox safety settings in [The eSafety Guide](#) or Roblox [account restrictions](#).

#### TikTok

TikTok is a social media app for creating and sharing short videos. TikTok has a feature called Family Pairing that allows parents to link their Tik Tok account to their teen's account. Family pairing lets parents set controls like how much time their child spends on TikTok, the content they can see and their privacy settings.

Find out more about TikTok's safety settings in the [The eSafety Guide](#) or TikTok [for parents](#).

#### YouTube Kids

YouTube Kids is a filtered version of YouTube. Parents can create a separate profile for each child in their household. YouTube Kids uses a mix of automated filters, human review and parent feedback to limit the content that kids can see on the platform. Parents can also manually approve videos for their kids to watch, block videos and set screen time limits.

Find out more about YouTube Kids in the [The eSafety Guide](#) or [YouTube Kids](#).

#### Facebook Messenger for Kids

Messenger Kids is a free video calling and messaging app owned by Facebook. Parents can monitor their child's activity and control their contact list using a Parent Dashboard. Parents can sign up on behalf of their child, and it doesn't require the child to have Facebook account. Messenger Kids does not show advertising or offer in-app purchases.

Find out more about Facebook Messenger for Kids in [The eSafety guide](#) or [Messenger Kids](#).

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## **2025 - 2nd Hand Uniform Dates**

Located in the meeting room between school office and church.

### **Term 2- 2025**

Open Times - 8:30am to 9:30am - Fridays  
30th May, 13th June, 27th June

## **2025 Canteen Price List**

**Thursday & Fridays ONLY** - [Click here](#)

## **Outside School Hours Care**



St Peter Apostle Primary School's Outside School Hours Care  
Provider is Our Patch. To enrol [click here](#)

## **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 for students Year 7 in 2027 will open on **Tuesday 28th January 2025** and applications will close on **Friday 15th August 2025**.

### **Students Starting Year 7 in 2026**

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.

## **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 |           |           |            |

## **2025 FEE FORMS**

2025 Fee Payment Consent Form [click here](#)

2025 Credit Card Direct Debit Payment Form [click here](#)

2025 CSEF Form [click here](#)

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