#### Term 4 - Week 5B

06th November 2025

**Dear Families** 

Just a few reminders and announcements to share.

**Prep Assembly** 

Our Prep Assembly will be held tomorrow at 2:15pm in the Church Hall. Families are warmly invited to attend and celebrate our youngest students as they share their learning and achievements. The Preps have been working hard to prepare something special and we know you'll enjoy seeing their enthusiasm and confidence on display.

#### **Art Show**

We're excited to announce that our Art Show will be held on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th November. This event will showcase the incredible creativity and talent of our students, with artwork from every year level on display. All members of our school community are welcome to attend as it is always a wonderful celebration of student expression and imagination.

#### **Christmas Concert Preparations**

Students have begun practising for our end-of-year Christmas Concert and there's already a lot of excitement in the air! This much-loved tradition is a highlight of the school calendar and a fantastic way to bring our community together to celebrate the year. More details about dates and times will be shared soon.

Thank you for your continued support as we move through another busy and vibrant term. We look forward to seeing many of you at upcoming school events.

Regards

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# Dates to Remember - 2025 Dates are subject to change

		Term 4			
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 Basket Raffle tickets sales start			
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 Basket Raffle drawn			
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.



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# 2026 RE-ENROLMENT DEPOSIT

Our School Fee Policy states -

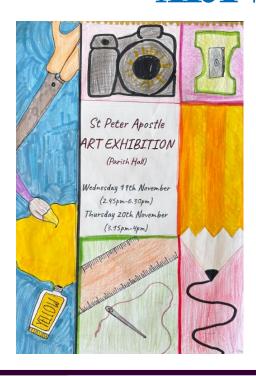
"All parents of children currently at school will be required to make a payment of \$150- per family in November. This enrolment deposit will be deducted from your following year's school fees".

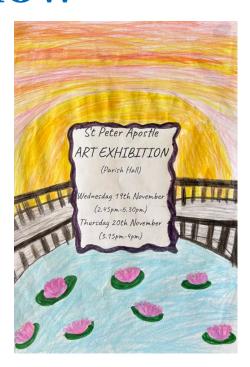
The enrolment deposit for each family is due by Friday 21st November 2025.

# 2026 Fees & Levies

2026	Fees		Levies						
Grades	Family Fee	Capital	Curriculum	Swimming	Camp	Excursion	Sacrament	Technology	
Per Family	\$2,050.00	\$100.00							
Prep			\$300.00	\$50.00		\$80.00			
Year 1			\$300.00	\$50.00		\$80.00			
Year 2			\$300.00	\$50.00		\$80.00			
Year 3			\$265.00	\$85.00		\$80.00		\$215.00	
Year 4			\$265.00	\$85.00		\$80.00		\$215.00	
Year 5			\$265.00	\$85.00	\$250.00	\$80.00		\$215.00	
Year 6			\$265.00	\$85.00	\$300.00	\$80.00		\$215.00	

# **ART SHOW**





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In Catholicism, saints hold a special place as holy individuals who led exemplary lives of virtue and faith. They are venerated and invoked as intercessors who can pray on behalf of the faithful to God. Saints are often associated with specific patronages—areas of life, professions, or causes they protect or advocate for. This article provides a comprehensive overview of notable saints in Catholicism, their patronages, and guidance on when and how to seek their intercession through prayer.

Catholics believe that saints, being in heaven and close to God, can intercede for us. This means they can pray to God on our behalf. Patron saints are designated as special guardians or protectors over certain aspects of life, occupations, illnesses, or causes. They are chosen based on some connection during their earthly lives or through traditions that associate them with particular needs.

# Saint Joseph

# Life and History

Background: Saint Joseph was the earthly father of Jesus Christ and the spouse of the Virgin Mary.

Virtues: Known for his righteousness, humility, and obedience to God's will.

### Patronages

Universal Church: Protector of the entire Catholic Church. Fathers and Families: Model for fathers and family life.

Workers: Patron saint of laborers and craftsmen.

Happy Death: Invoked for a peaceful death, as tradition holds he died

with Jesus and Mary by his side.

# Saint Anthony of Padua

### Life and History

Background: A Portuguese Franciscan friar known for his powerful preaching and expert knowledge of Scripture.

Miracles: Renowned for miracles attributed to his intercession during and after his life.

### Patronages

Lost Items: Invoked to find lost or stolen things.

Poor and Oppressed: Advocate for the needy and marginalized.

Travelers: Protector of those on journeys.

# Saint Francis of Assisi

### Life and History

Background: Founder of the Franciscan Order, known for his love of poverty and nature.

Virtues: Exemplified humility, simplicity, and compassion for all creatures.

### Patronages

Animals and Environment: Protector of animals and the natural world.

Peace: Advocate for peace and harmony.

Merchants: Patron saint of merchants and ecology.



SPEECH BOX

# USING LEGO TO BUILD COMMUNICATION SKILLS



Lego can be used to help develop oral language and social skills!

Lego play can help children:

- Follow instructions
- · Give directions and information
- Improve vocabulary (e.g., using describing words and specific names of Lego pieces)
- · Speak in full sentences
- Understand and use adjectives (e.g., blue, small, big) and position words (e.g., between and behind)
- Build relationships and work as a team Narzisi et al., 2021)

#### How to use Lego to support communication skills

- Choose a Lego kit with instructions and all the pieces inside. Start with a simple kit and gradually move to more complex ones.
- Assign roles to players (based on LEGO®-based Therapy for Social Skills). Roles can be switched
  each play session so everyone has a turn at a different job.
  - Engineer: Reads the instructions and describes which pieces are needed and where they go.
  - Supplier: Finds the correct Lego pieces as described by the Engineer and gives them to the Builder.
  - Builder: Puts the Lego pieces together according to the Engineer's instructions.

#### More ideas

**Speech Practice:** For example, if a child has difficulty with the "L" sound, encourage them to say words like "Lego" often (e.g., "I need the blue Lego, please," or "This is a long piece").

**Following instructions:** Start with simple Lego instructions and gradually increase the number of steps (1, 2, or 3 steps). Use words like "next to," "on top," "before," and "after." For example, say, "Put the green Lego next to the yellow Lego."

Improve vocabulary and sentences: Help your child build their vocabulary and sentence skills by using Lego play. Introduce them to specific names for different Lego pieces and encourage them to use full, descriptive sentences when asking for pieces. For example, they could say, "Can I please have the red 2x4 plate?"

Social: A 'Lego Club' can be formed. Children can communicate with others and build friendships. Encourage skills like problem-solving, patience, asking for help, and using kind words. Help them manage emotions by taking breaks and addressing any frustrations or sensory needs.



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#### 2nd Hand Uniform Dates

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

17<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> October 14<sup>th</sup> & 2 7<sup>th</sup> November 12<sup>th</sup> 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 <u>click here</u>

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.