



St Peter Apostle

Catholic Primary School

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

Term 2 - Week 3B

08th May 2025

Dear Families,

Pilgrimage

Recently, I was very fortunate to undertake a pilgrimage to Greece where I had the opportunity to walk in the footsteps of St Paul. This was a deeply moving and spiritual experience, especially during this jubilee year. I look forward to sharing my journey with the school community through a series of excerpts in upcoming newsletters.

Mother's Day

A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful P&F committee and dedicated volunteers for the incredible work behind our recent Mother's Day Stall. The event was a great success and it was lovely to see the excitement on the children's faces as they chose special gifts. Your efforts are truly appreciated.

We are also looking forward to our Mother's Day Breakfast this Friday. It promises to be a beautiful morning of celebration and connection as we honour the special women in our lives.

Carpark Courtesy

A reminder to all families to please observe carpark etiquette during drop off and pick up times. It is important that cars do not block the entry as this prevents others from being able to park safely in the carpark. Your cooperation helps ensure a smooth and respectful experience for everyone.

Upcoming Assembly

Our next school assembly will take place on Friday the 16th of May. We are excited to see our talented Grade One students take the stage and showcase their learning. We warmly invite families to join us for this special occasion.

Regards

Karen Wilson

Principal



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Dates to Remember - 2025

Dates are subject to change

Term 2		
8th May	Thursday	District Cross Country @ Heathdale
9th May	Friday	Mothers Day Breakfast @ 7.30am to 8.30am Grade 2 - Werribee Park Mansion
12th May	Monday	Maths Week School Tour @ 3.45pm
13th May	Tuesday	Grade 3 - Reconciliation @ 7pm
14th May	Wednesday	Grade 3 - Reconciliation Reflection Day
15th May	Thursday	St Peter Apostle Maths day - Dress Up Day Grade 3 - Reconciliation @ 7pm
16th May	Friday	Grade 1 - Assembly Interschool Sports - Cambridge Vs St Peter's
19th May	Monday	Grade 6 Excursion—Immigration Museum
20th - 21st May	Tues - Wed	Grade 5 - Camp @ Sovereign Hill
22nd May	Thursday	Grade 5 - Recovery Day - No School for year 5 students Division Cross Country @ Werribee Racecourse
23rd May	Friday	Grade 6 - Winter Gala Day
26th - 28th May	Mon – Wed	Grade 6 - Camp @ The Ranch
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
2nd June	Monday - Friday	Grades 3 to 6 - Swimming Program continue
6th June	Friday	Prep - Milo's Birthday Party
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
27th June	Friday	Feast of St Peter and Paul
4th July	Friday	Last Day of Term 2 CSEF application close
21st July	Monday	Term 4 - Commences

2025 Planned School closure dates

22nd May	Thursday	Year 5 camp recovery day - No school for Year 5 students only
29th May	Thursday	Year 6 camp recovery day - No school for Year 6 students only
5th September	Friday	School Closure Day - No school for all students
19th September	Friday	Parent / Teacher / Student Conference - No school for all students
6th October	Monday	School Closure Day - No school for all students
3rd November	Monday	School Closure Day - No school for all students

Western Metropolitan Regional Swimming championship

Last term Alex from 4C participated at the Western Metropolitan Regional Swimming championships in Geelong. It was tough competition and Alex was very close to getting first, but came away with 2nd place in backstroke. St Peter's community is very proud of his effort and determination.

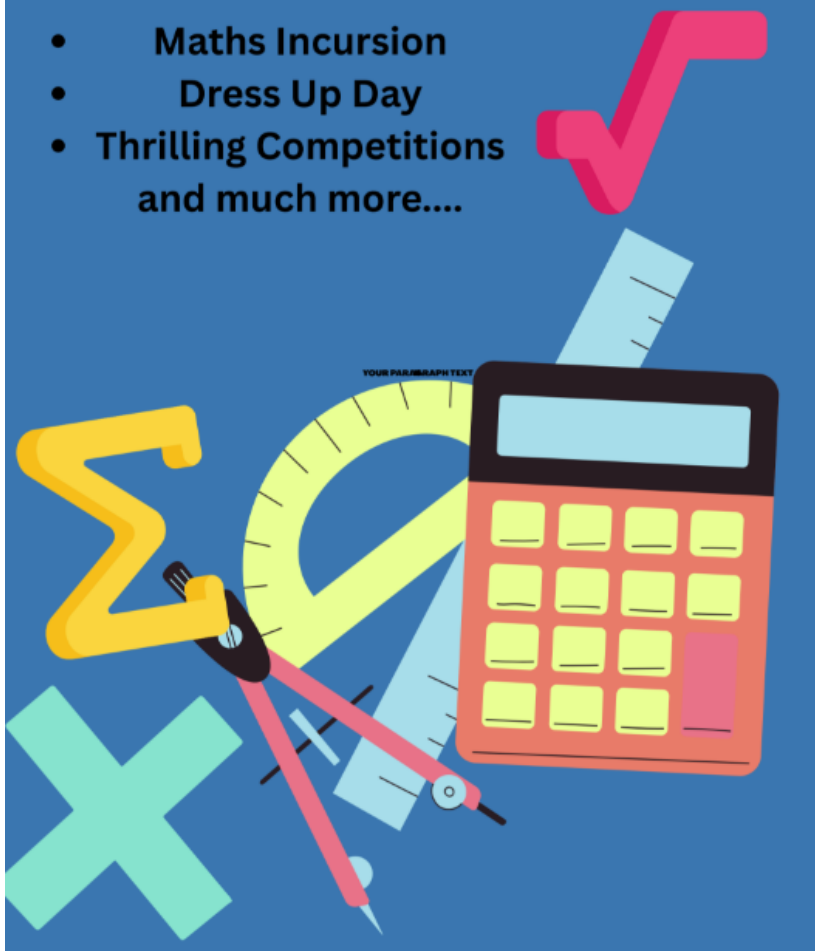
Mr Herrera
Physical Education Teacher/Coordinator



MATHS DAY

THURSDAY 15th May

- Maths Incursion
- Dress Up Day
- Thrilling Competitions and much more....



POSSIBLE DRESS - UP IDEAS



Unnoticed; Why aren't they said?

A still moment of silence, a heartbeat
Even in the quietest land is loud
The worry, the heaviness, the anxiety
The air thick, for two to compete
Earth preparing for the coming sound

Being trampled and withered
The poppies littered the beautiful field
But as soon as the first gunshot cried
Turkey tried to conquer
And the poppies laid there and peeled

Shouts and yells and screams of pain
Mingling amidst the battle cries
Splashes of red grew its rhythm
Humming with cacophony in the plain
Yet both sides with a tremendous tie

Caught up between it, young yet fiery
She was never meant to be there
But as a Turkish nation she felt it
The urge to fight and not be teary
But war scorched her heart flat and bare

Adrenaline faded and hope was uncertain
Flickering, unknown, the ember died
Until someone embraced it
Shutting herself out of the fight in pain
Only then could she weep and sob and cry

Glistening water of the cool lake
Flustered with pink petals
But they sank, sank, sank down
Like their warriors, the pain not fake
Grief hovering around, strong and fatal

Destruction and poverty and so much more
The innocents being torn and tossed
Shattering mind and sanity and all
One side, *her side to be forgotten, others tore*
Murky trust, secretive, unknown when all was lost

Lest they forget, and because only some died
But harassing, sickening attacks were launched at them too
The blood, stabbing and promised family
It fueled her, up to the brim, not her tears or her cries
But her *people were part of this too*
And that was her motivation to fight

Their loss and trauma *was real too*
Not a single lie in their mind
She'd let *them rest, tucked in the branches of their quiet nest*
Her people were *hers, so she would fight*
The loss of Turkey, in their unseen sight
What is 'lest we forget' if *they aren't said?*



written by our student Dinidhi Sirinayaka - Year 6

Pope Francis is memorable for several key reasons that set him apart from many of his predecessors:

1. **Firsts:**

He was the **first pope from the Americas** (Argentina), the **first Jesuit pope**, and the **first to take the name Francis**, after St. Francis of Assisi, symbolizing humility and concern for the poor.

2. **Focus on Humility and Simplicity:**

He rejected many traditional luxuries of the papacy (e.g., living in the Apostolic Palace) and emphasized living simply, aligning himself with the marginalized and poor.

3. **Progressive Tone:**

While upholding Church doctrine, he adopted a more **pastoral and inclusive tone** on sensitive issues like homosexuality, divorce, and inter-faith dialogue.

4. **Environmental Advocacy:**

He became a **global voice on climate change** with his 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si'*, *calling for urgent action to care for "our common home."*

5. **Global Diplomacy and Peace Efforts:**

Pope Francis played a role in key diplomatic events, including helping to restore relations between the **U.S. and Cuba**, and consistently called for peace in conflict zones.

6. **Accessibility and Charisma:**

He was known for his **warmth, personal gestures**, and **willingness to engage directly** with ordinary people — often hugging the sick, visiting prisons, and washing the feet of refugees.

Pope Francis

1936-2025





We warmly invite all families to make use of our Community Pantry—it's here to support anyone who may need a little extra. The shelves are stocked with non-perishable items and essential supplies.



Playgroup is back

Fridays from 9.00-10.00 am every week during the term.
All preschoolers, babies and toddlers welcome.



Community Hub dates:

- Monday 12th, 19th English Conversation classes from 9.30-11am
- Thursday 15th May Police in the Community 9.30-10.30am
- Thursday 22nd May Cooking session in the Hub 9.30-10.30am
- Thursday 29th May Waterwell project presenting a session on Mental Health and Wellbeing.

Everyone is welcome to join us.



If there are any parents that require assistance with enrolling their children for 2026 we can help. Please come into the hub or make an appointment.





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.



GET EXPERT ADVICE FROM EXPERIENCED PROFESSIONALS.

Respectful Relationships



Respectful Relationships education is a core component of the Victorian Curriculum from foundation to year 12. It is all about embedding a culture of respect and equality across the entire school community.

In Term 2, social and emotional learning across Prep to Year 6 includes a focus on either positive coping or problem solving.

Topic 3: Positive Coping

In this topic, students explore different coping strategies and talk about them. By learning the language of coping, they are more likely to understand and use helpful strategies, while reducing unhelpful ones. They also get to reflect on their own coping choices and learn new options.

Students are introduced to self-talk and practice using positive self-talk to handle tough situations. This helps them manage negative thoughts and feelings, and encourages persistence. Positive self-talk is a skill that can be learned and improved with practice.

Topic 4: Problem Solving

Problem-solving skills are an important part of the coping repertoire. The classroom program provides a number of learning activities to develop students' problem-solving skills. The activities in the program assist students to develop their critical and creative thinking skills, and to apply them to scenarios exploring personal, social and ethical dilemmas.

Lost Property

This bag was left behind at 3-6 Swimming earlier in the year. If it is your child's - please see contact Pattie McCusker



AUTISM ALLY

Join us for a supportive, two-week program to help parents and caregivers navigate life with a child on the autism spectrum. Through two interactive sessions, you'll learn essential information on Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), including tips for fostering early independence.

DATES CAN BE
TAILORED TO NEED

Key Topics

- ✓ What is ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder)?
- ✓ Helping individuals with ASD achieve daily balance.
- ✓ Effective, compassionate approaches to discipline and behaviour management.
- ✓ 'Behaviours of concern' and Coping Strategies
- ✓ Tools and techniques to enhance communication and interaction

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Cassie on 0428 074 668

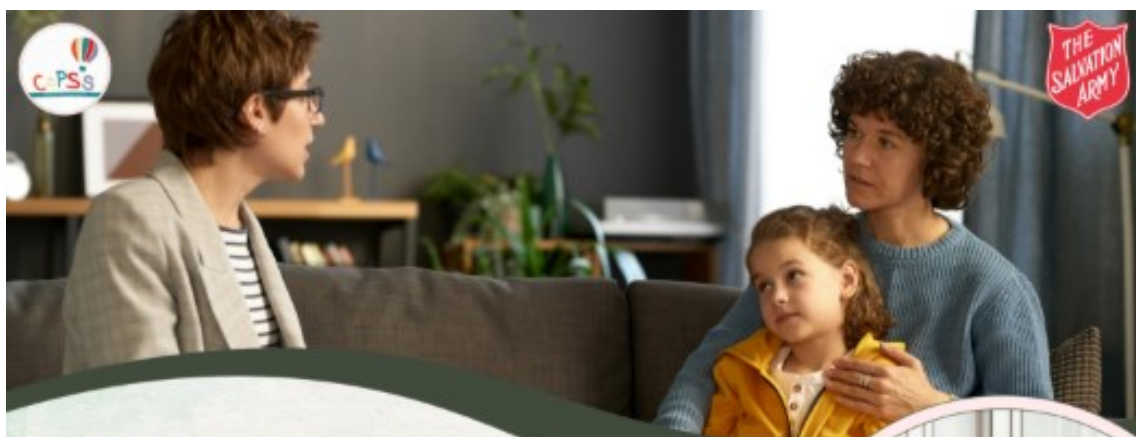
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Only Limited
Seats
Available!

**Register
Now!**





Individual Parenting Support Services

Free, personalized assistance for individuals in parenting roles with children aged 0 to 18 years*

Our Parenting Support Practitioners create personalised support plans, tailored to your family's needs, which can include:

- ASSESSING A CHILD'S EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE
- AGE-APPROPRIATE DEVELOPMENTAL CHALLENGES
- ROUTINE ESTABLISHMENT
- TRANSITIONING TO SCHOOL
- UNDERSTANDING AND MANAGING BEHAVIOURS
- EMOTION COACHING
- PARENTHOOD JOURNEY CHALLENGES

**6 TO 8 FREE SESSIONS AT YOUR HOME
OR AT A LOCATION OF YOUR CHOICE!**

* Eligibility criteria apply - parents/caregivers must reside in Wyndham Vale & Melton LGAs if requesting one-to-one support sessions with children aged 13-18, must also be parenting a child aged 0-12



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
TO REQUEST A REFERRAL FORM
EMAIL THE TEAM

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YOUR
INTEREST



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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
16th May, 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