



# St Peter Apostle

Catholic Primary School

***CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2021***



# St Peter Apostle Catholic Primary School

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

Term 4 - Week 11B

15 December 2021

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Dear Parents,

Last night we were lucky enough to be able to have our Grade Six Graduation Mass with families in attendance. It was wonderful to be able to celebrate this special time as a community together and I was incredibly proud of the way in which our students represented themselves and our school in this final part of their primary school life. A big thank you to Ms Peta Costello and the Grade Six teachers for all of their work putting this night together.

Unfortunately, last week there was an error on the dates for the return to school next year. Please note the change of dates that have been included in this newsletter.

I am pleased to announce that over the holidays we will be resurfacing our school oval. This area of the school grounds has always been popular with students and it will be a great asset to the school to see it rejuvenated for 2022. Let's hope that everything goes well over the holidays and we are able to complete as much as possible before the students return.

On behalf of all the staff at St Peter's I would like to wish you all a joyous and peace filled Christmas. Although we have had our share of challenges this year, it has been a privilege to be a part of such a warm and giving community. I hope that you are able to spend time with your loved ones and reconnect with friends and family that you may not have seen in a while. Take care, God bless and we will see you all in 2022!

Regards

*Karen Wilson*

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## Dates to Remember

*Dates are subject to change*



		2022
Tuesday	1st February	Year 1- 6 Children return to school, School begins at 8.45am
Wednesday	2nd February	Swimming starts (Gr 3 to 6)
Thursday Friday	3rd February 4th February	Year Preps start 8.45 am—12.00 noon
Monday Tuesday	7th February 8th February	Year Prep 8.45am –1.30pm
Wednesday	9th, 16th & 23rd February	Year Prep - NO SCHOOL ( <i>unless Testing</i> )
Thursday	10th February onwards	Year Prep 8.45am-3.15pm

Please look at the school website, a lot of dates have been entered for 2022.

## FEES 2022

2022	Fees		Levies					
	Recurrent	Capital	Curriculum	Swimming	Camp	Excursion	Sacrament	Other
Family	\$1,800							
Prep			\$300			\$80		
Grade 1			\$300			\$80		
Grade 2			\$300			\$80		
Grade 3			\$350			\$80		
Grade 4			\$350			\$80		
Grade 5			\$350		\$250	\$80		
Grade 6			\$350		\$250	\$80		

2022 Fee Payment Consent Form [click here](#)

2022 Credit Card Direct Debit Payment Form [click here](#)

## WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS ARTWORK

“MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM ST PETERS” - To view [click here](#)



### **Advent - Week 3**

Light three candles and sit for a moment in silence.

Pray together

Christ our Joy,  
Brighten our homes with your presence.  
Clarify our vision so that we might see you in the people we cherish.  
Make every holiday activity an opportunity to spread your light and love.  
We wait for your coming with delight.

Amen

### **Advent - Week 4**

Light four candles and sit for a moment in silence.

Christ our Peace,  
Glow brightly in each moment.  
Enlighten our vision so that we see beyond the trappings of the holidays.  
Relive us, if just for a moment, of our worries and stress.  
We wait for your coming with serenity.

Amen



Dear Parents and Carers

On the advice of the Victorian and Australian governments, over the last 18 months we have implemented several measures to reduce the risk of students catching and spreading COVID-19, and to help keep our students and each other safe.

These measures include ventilation of indoor spaces, additional cleaning, regular use of hand sanitiser and the wearing of masks, alongside increasing vaccination rates in our community.

COVID-19 vaccines have been tested, and shown to be safe and effective in protecting against serious illness and reducing the likelihood of COVID-19 spreading. They are important to protect you and your loved ones from COVID-19, and to reduce disruption to your child's education and out-of-school activities.

On 10 January 2022, children aged 5 to 11 will be eligible for COVID-19 vaccinations.

These vaccinations will be available at participating general practices, pharmacies, Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations and state vaccination centres.

The vaccine is one-third of the adult dose and will be delivered over two separate appointments, expected to be eight weeks apart. The time between the two doses can be shortened in special circumstances, such as in an outbreak response or for international travel.

The commencement of the program on 10 January 2022 provides an opportunity for all children aged 5 to 11 to receive at least one vaccine dose before they return to school, and their second dose before the end of Term 1, 2022.

Archbishop of Melbourne, Peter A Comensoli, has said that 'in our faith tradition, all the available vaccines in Australia are permissible to receive'. He has strongly encouraged the people of the Archdiocese of Melbourne to get vaccinated.

You are strongly encouraged to book your child or children in to receive their first vaccination before Term 1 begins.

Vaccination is not mandatory to attend school, but it is highly encouraged to keep all children and their families safe.

### **How to book an appointment**

Bookings will be available later in December 2021.

You will be able to book a vaccine appointment at a participating general practice, pharmacy, community health service or state vaccination centre through the [Vaccine Clinic Finder](#).

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### **Victorian Coronavirus Hotline**

The Victorian Government's [Coronavirus Hotline](#) on 1800 675 398 can assist you with bookings at a general practice, pharmacy or state vaccination centre, and help with any questions you have about vaccination.

### **Support for students with disability or special requirements**

There is [extra support](#) available for students with disability or special requirements to access COVID-19 vaccinations. The [Association for Children with a Disability](#) will hold a Facebook Live session for families of children with additional needs on Tuesday 11 January at 10.30 am. You can [register online](#).

### **Parent and community webinars**

Experts from the Royal Children's Hospital will hold a Facebook Live session – 'COVID-19 vaccinations for 5 to 11 year olds: Your questions answered' on Thursday 16 December at 11.00 am. This [Facebook page](#) has further details about the session.

### **More information**

Resources are available to help you and your child or children prepare for the vaccination:

[Needle phobia – The Melbourne Vaccine Education Centre \(MVEC\)](#)

[Tips to help a child afraid of needles and stop it becoming a phobia – ABC Everyday](#)

[The ABCs of COVID vaccines – Sesame Street.](#)

The Victorian Government's coronavirus website also has [translated information about COVID-19 vaccines](#) in multiple community languages.

To ensure the safest start to the 2022 school year for your child or children, I encourage you to help them get vaccinated before they return to school.

Kind regards

Karen Wilson  
Principal

## SPORTS

Head to Wyndham Park for an active start to the new year and join in some free sport and fitness activities for kids, adults and families between 4<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

Check out Dance, Karate, Skateboarding, Yoga, AFL & Gymnastics, plus much more! There are sessions for all ages delivered by local Wyndham providers. No experience is required and suitable for all abilities.

All sessions will be held on the Central Lawn area, except for a [Skateboarding Come & Try Day](#) at the new Werribee St Skatepark on Saturday 15th Jan and for the very first time in [Wyndham a Disc Golf Come & Try Day](#) at Presidents Park, Wyndham Vale on Sunday 16th Jan. Registrations required for most sessions and spaces are limited. Click [here](#) for more information and to book in for a session.



# ACTIVE HOLIDAYS

## WYNDHAM PARK

Boost your school holiday fun with two weeks of free sport and fitness activities at Wyndham Park between 4-16 January 2022. Daily sessions will offer opportunities for kids, adults and families to get active and try something new.

▶ **WYNDHAM PARK**  
Entry via Wedge St Piazza,  
Watton St Werribee



**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**  
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# PARENT RESOURCES

Click on any image below for more information.

## STUDENT ABSENCE



## TERM DATES



## CANTEEN / LUNCH ORDERS



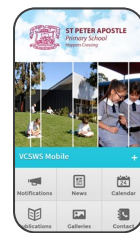
## MOBILE PHONES



## OPEROO (CAREMONKEY)



## SCHOOL APP



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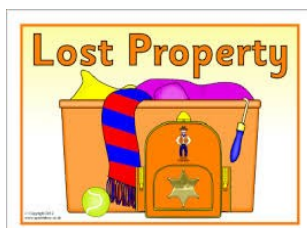
## SCHOOL UNIFORM



## STUDENT HEALTH



## LOST PROPERTY



## 2ND HAND UNIFORM SHOPPE



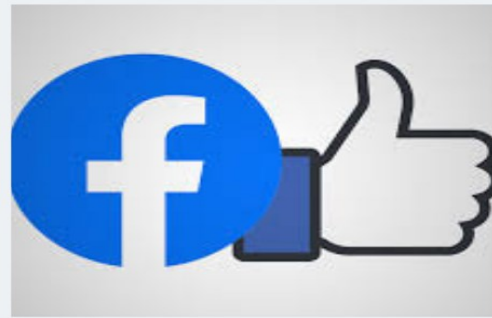
## OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OSHC)



# Community NEWS

Enrolments to Catholic Secondary Schools :  
28 January 2022— Applications will open for Year 5 students commencing Year 7 in 2024.

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**Have you joined the  
St Peter FaceBook  
Group?**

Make sure you enter the  
details when  
requesting to join



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Marian College

On Site College Tours are back.

Register for a tour : Visit [www.marianw.catholic.edu.au](http://www.marianw.catholic.edu.au) or phone school office on 9363 1711.

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Thomas Carr College

A promotional banner for Thomas Carr College. On the left, a photo shows two young women in school uniforms. The main text reads "YEAR 7 - 2023 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN" in large white letters on a blue background. Below this, a dark grey box says "LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE". On the right, the Thomas Carr College crest is shown above the text "THOMAS CARR COLLEGE" and "CELEBRATING 25 YEARS". At the bottom right, a yellow box states "APPLICATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 20 AUGUST 2021".

# St. Peter Apostle Mission Parish Hoppers Crossing 9749 4300



### **DAWN MASS NOVENA – 16 TO 24 DECEMBER 2021**

5:00am Mass (please note there will be no fellowship after Mass due to COVID restrictions)

### **CHRISTMAS EVE– FRIDAY 24 DECEMBER 2021 (No 8:30am Mass)**

4:00pm Unknown Vaccination Status Mass (Cap of 50 — On a first come first served basis)

6:30pm Family Mass, Carols at 6:00pm

9:30 pm Vigil Mass, Carols at 9:00pm

12:00am Midnight Mass, Carols at 11.30pm

### **CHRISTMAS DAY – SATURDAY 25 DECEMBER 2021**

8:30am Mass

10.30am Mass

1:15pm Spanish Mass

NOTE – No 6:00pm Mass on Christmas Day

### **SUNDAY, 26 DECEMBER 2021**

8:30am, 10:30am, 5:00pm Normal Weekend Masses

12:00pm Filipino Mass

3:30pm Unknown Vaccination Status Mass

### **NEW YEAR’S EVE – FRIDAY 31 DECEMBER 2021**

8:30am Weekday Mass followed by Holy Hour of Thanksgiving.

### **NEW YEAR’S DAY – SATURDAY 1 JANUARY 2021**

9:00am Mass

6:00pm Vigil Mass

### **SUNDAY, 2 JANUARY 2021**

8:30am, 10:30am, 5:00pm Normal Weekend Masses

3:30pm Unknown Vaccination Satus Mass

### **RECONCILIATION RITE I – THURSDAY, 23 DECEMBER 2021**

7:00pm At St. Peter’s Parish — Vaccinated only

**May the Spirit of Christ  
Bless You at Christmas  
And all through 2022**

***jesus is the reason  
for the season***