



# St Peter Apostle Catholic Primary School

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

Term 2- Week 4B

19th May 2023

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Dear Parents,

A big thank you to the parents who helped out at our Mother's Day Stall and Mother's Day Breakfast this year. Both events were highly successful and it was great that we were able to give students the opportunity to show their mothers or loved ones how special they are to them. It was a huge undertaking by the Parents and Friends to organise both events and we look forward to future planned events.

On Friday 26th May, we will be celebrating our school assembly. This time our assembly will be hosted by our Grade Two students and we look forward to seeing their amazing performances on the day. Families are more than welcome to attend.

Over the next two weekends, the students in Grade Four will be receiving the Sacrament of First Eucharist. Receiving communion is a special milestone in the faith journey of our students and allows them to be part of our Parish Community in a new way. Thank you to the classroom teachers and Ms Costello who have helped to prepare the students for this special occasion. Please keep these children in your prayers.

Last week we welcomed back the Grade 5 students who attended camp at Sovereign Hill. By all accounts the students and teachers enjoyed the chance to be engaged in the whole Sovereign Hill experience, including costumes and school in the times of the gold rush. I was especially proud of the way in which the students conducted themselves and represented the school.

*Karen Wilson*

## Dates to Remember

*Dates are subject to change*



19th May	Friday	2nd hand uniform shop open 8:15am to 9:30am Eucharist Reflection Day
20th May	Saturday	SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST - 6:00pm
21st May	Sunday	SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST - 10:15am
26th May	Friday	Community Hub Coffee and Chat—8:45am to 9:30am Grade 2 Assembly Term 2 Fees Due.
27th May	Saturday	SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST - 6:00pm
28th May	Sunday	SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST - 10:15am
<b>2nd June</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>School Closure Day - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</b>
8th June	Thursday	2023 Athletics Carnival (Gr 3-6)
9th June	Friday	Grade 1 Assembly
23rd June	Friday	Last Day of Term 2— <b>1:00pm Finish</b>

### **SPECIALIST DAYS 2023 - Sports Uniform Required**

#### **PREP - Tuesday 's**

**Year 1 - Monday / Wednesday**

**Year 2 - Monday / Wednesday**

**Year 3 - Monday / Thursday**

**Year 4 - Monday / Thursday**

**Year 5 - Wednesday / Thursday**

**Year 6 - Wednesday / Thursday**

## 2nd Hand Uniform Shop Dates Term 2

Located in the meeting room between school office and church — 8:15am to 9:30am

Friday 5th May

Friday 19th May

Friday 2nd June

Friday 16th June



# CANTEEN SPECIAL

Fruit toast with butter \$1.20

Hamburger - Homemade beef patty with lettuce, tomato, cheese and tomato sauce on a hamburger bun \$7.00

Hot Chocolate - Full Cup \$1.50  
1/2 Cup \$0.80

## SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2023

### FIRST EUCHARIST

Eucharist Masses -

Saturday 20th May 6pm, Sunday 21st May 10.30am

Saturday 27th May 6pm, Sunday 28th May 10.30am

### CONFIRMATION

Parent/ Student night - Thursday 7th September

Reflection Day students only - Thursday 12th October - 9am - 1.45pm

Confirmation - Thursday 12th October - St Peter's - 7pm

## Term 2 Fees Statements

Fee Statements have been sent out today. Term 2 fees are due Friday 26th May.



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

Make sure you enter the  
details when  
requesting to join



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## CHANGES TO SCHOOL FEES - 2023

In 2023 the school will be changing the way it structures its Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Program in response to the changing needs of the students and best practice for the school in moving forward. At the moment, families are asked to purchase devices for their children upfront in Grade 3 so that these can be used at school. Moving forward, the school will be using a leasing model which allows families to pay devices off while the student is at school from Grades 3 to Grade 6. To facilitate this we will be introducing an ICT levy in school fees that will cover the cost of the device over the four years. This levy will cover costs, including a carry case and the student will own the device when they graduate in Grade 6.

If your family is eligible for the Reduced Fees Policy and you have been approved through the formal approval process, then the ICT levy will be included in the discount fees offered.

The benefits of this new program are as follows:

- Every Grade 3 child will have a device to use at school
- The device will be owned by the student
- The device does not need to be fully paid for at the start of Grade 3

The new ICT levy will start in Grade 3 next year only, as higher grades will still be part of the previous BYOD Program. In 2024 the levy will be extended to Grades 3 and 4.

School Fees	Fees		Levies					
	Recurrent	Capital	Curriculum	Swimming	Camp	Excursion	Sacrament	ICT
Family Fee	1,850.00							
Prep			300.00			80.00		
Year 1			300.00			80.00		
Year 2			300.00			80.00		
Year 3			350.00			80.00		212.00
Year 4			350.00			80.00		
Year 5			350.00		250.00	80.00		
Year 6			350.00		250.00	80.00		

### Fees 2023

2023 Fee Payment Consent Form [click Here](#)

2023 Credit Card Direct Debit Payment Form [click here](#)

A new Credit Card debit payment form needs to be filled every year for monthly/fortnightly payments.



Do you hold a current concession card? You may be eligible for CSEF funding which will be Deducted from your fees. You can access a form on the below link,.

[https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/programs/CSEF\\_application\\_form.pdf](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/programs/CSEF_application_form.pdf)

# Community NEWS



**ST PETER'S  
YOUNG ADULTS Presents**

# TRIVIA NIGHT

**SAT, 20TH MAY 2023**

**DOORS OPEN 7.PM**

**\$10 PER PERSON**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**@St Peter  
Apostle  
Mission  
Parish, Hall**

Delicious bake sale food items available for SALE | **Join us for fun and win great prizes!**

**BOOKINGS are available ONLINE >**  
[www.trybooking.com/CHYQT](http://www.trybooking.com/CHYQT)  
**or Meet us after all weekend masses**

*Hosted by : Mal Function*



## Enrolments to Catholic Secondary Schools 2024

If you intend to send your child to a Catholic Secondary School and have not already enrolled them, we strongly encourage you to contact the secondary school as soon as possible. First Round Offers have been sent this week.

Thomas Carr will be sending out initial offers on 21st October. Catholic Secondary Schools will then begin offering places to students outside their Feeder Schools, which may result in them being unable to offer you a position in 2024.



# Free must-have app for parents & carers



## beacon

Parents & carers don't have the time to search the internet in order to find current, reliable and relevant sources of information when it comes to their kids online. Beacon is a new, free app created to help take the hard work out of keeping up to date with all things online and digital when it comes to our young people.

Developed in conjunction with the eSafety Commissioner and Common Sense Media, parents can rest assured they are only seeing quality, expert reviewed material as opposed to relying on your social media feed or news reports.

Features we think you'll love about this new app include:

- no need to be tech savvy, it's super simple to navigate
- customised, suggested articles based on the age and interests of your kids
- browse and search by topics including apps & devices, digital parenting, health & wellbeing, privacy and more
- step by step guide to help you and your kids create a family tech agreement. Not a one size fits all approach but customisable based on each individual young person in your home
- Direct links to report cyberbullying, grooming and other inappropriate online content
- Notifications and alerts (not annoying over the top frequency!) when new, relevant content is made available



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## Coffee and Chat @St Peter's Community Hub

**Would you like to get to know other parents/carer's from the school?**

- Join us to share food, knowledge and friendship with the St Peter's parent/carer community.
- Meet some community workers from Anglicare and chat about your parenting journey.
- Enjoy a safe space without judgement to make new connections and friends from the school community.
- Bring your kids along, activities provided.

**DATE:** Wednesday the 24th of May - 2023

**TIME:** 9am-10.30am

**WHERE:** 16-38 Guinane Ave, Hopper's Crossing.

**COST:** FREE

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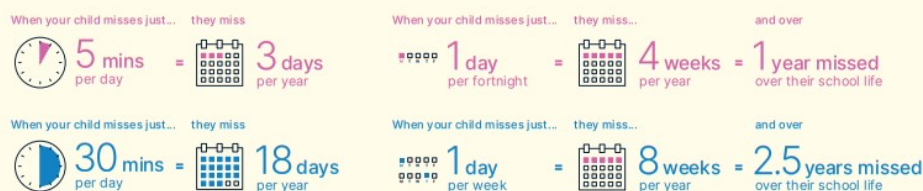
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TOMORROWS**



## 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. Establish positive habits to promote attendance

- Set good bedtime and morning routines to make the process of getting to school smoother for everyone. Try to prepare as much as possible the night before, e.g. school uniform, school bag packed.
- Ensure your child gets enough sleep and exercise to support their physical and mental health.
- Talk positively about the importance of school attendance with your child. Explain that it is an important part of growing up, a legal obligation and that you expect them to attend every day.
- Show an interest in your child's school and become involved where possible. Keep notes, newsletters, etc. in a place where they are visible reminders of school news for the whole family. Talk about school activities in a positive manner.
- Discuss any changes to usual routines in advance with your child, such as alternative drop-off and pick-up arrangements, to ensure clarity and minimise anxiety.

### 2. Changes in your child's attitude towards school

We all have those days when it is just too hard to get up and feel motivated to go to work or school, but if this occurs regularly, it may be a sign that your child needs support. Early intervention is vital to address physical, emotional or social reasons for school avoidance before it progresses to chronic absence problems and on to school refusal.

#### Signs of school avoidance to look out for

- feeling sick before school, e.g. waking up with a headache, stomach-ache or sore throat
- tearfulness, clinginess and dawdling before school – struggling to get out of bed, leave the house or get out of the car
- complaints about attending school and reluctance to talk about school
- missing classes and being late for class.

#### What is happening at school?

Early signs of school avoidance may be identified at school through observations and insights by your child's teachers. Work in partnership with the school to support your child's attendance and wellbeing.

### Further Resources

[Anxiety about going to school](#) – Victorian Government

[Attendance and missing school](#) – Victorian Government

[How can I get my teenager to school?](#) – Victorian Government

[Early Signs of School Avoidance/Refusal](#) – Travancore School

[Tips for Promoting School Attendance](#) – Travancore School

[Understanding School Avoidance and School Refusal](#) – Travancore School

[School refusal: children and teenagers](#) – Raising Children Network

[Understanding school refusal](#) – Headspace

[School refusal](#) – Be You

[Everything you need to know about school refusal](#) – ReachOut

### 3. What can you do when you see the signs?

- Work with your child to understand what is happening and so that they feel supported and empowered. Listen with compassion but be consistent in expectations.
- Speak with your child's teacher(s) about your concerns.
- Consider taking your child to the GP to rule out or address any physical or emotional health problems.
- Request and attend school meetings with your child and their teacher to develop strategies to support increased attendance.



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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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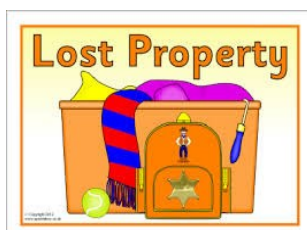
## SCHOOL UNIFORM



## STUDENT HEALTH



## LOST PROPERTY



## 2ND HAND UNIFORM SHOPPE



## OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OSHC)

