



St Peter's Lutheran School

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From the Principal

Hi everyone, welcome to week 7 of term 3, we have had a wonderful week here at St Peters. The beautiful sunshine that we received on several days this week certainly helped us all enjoy our time outside. The students that are onsite have been playing a modified hide and seek game which seems to be popular across the ages.

Thank you to all the families that are remote learning, for being patient earlier in the week when collecting remote learning packs.

Please remember to always contact our office if your children are absent even during this time of lockdown, please leave a message if we are unable to take your call.

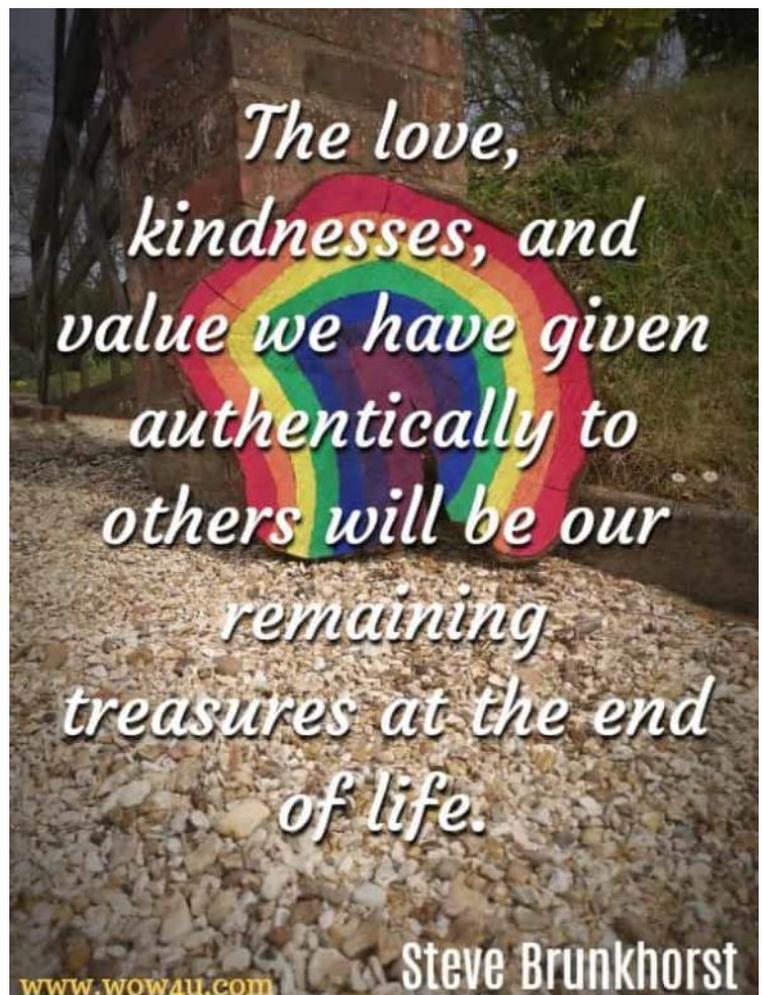
Parent teacher interviews are planned for Thursday the 9th of September and also on Friday the 10th. We will be holding them via phone call. If you fill in the note that was sent home and return it as soon as possible this will ensure that you book a time that works for you. **No bookings will be taken after Friday the 3rd of September.** It becomes far too difficult to fit in late bookings.

It had been planned that on Friday the 3rd of September the junior students will have their fun day and sleep over here at school. Unfortunately due to the uncertainty of current and future lockdown restrictions **we have decided to postpone the Junior sleepover.** We will let you all know when this may happen however, it will not be this term. We apologise for this change in plans but know that currently the fun day and sleepover would not be possible.

Many restrictions for school are still in place. Under current COVID restrictions non-essential visitors are banned from entering school grounds. We must maintain many of the same routines and habits as the last time. School cleaning will be ongoing every day of the week. All students are being regularly encouraged to maintain good hygiene habits. If your child presents as unwell at school you will be contacted to pick them up as soon as possible. We all must play our part in regards to protecting our community during this time. Please encourage your children to support our efforts in this area.

Have a safe and Blessed weekend,

Tim Reimann



Devotional Thoughts

Enjoy the good days; value the bad ones

by Pastor Peter Bean

When life is good, enjoy it. But when life is hard, remember: God gives good times and hard times, and no-one knows what tomorrow will bring (Ecclesiastes 7:14).

[Read Ecclesiastes 7:11–25](#)

The Message version of Ecclesiastes 7:14 says this: 'On a good day, enjoy yourself; on a bad day, examine your conscience. God arranges for both kinds of days so that we won't take anything for granted'.

One person's good day is another person's fantastic day! One person's hard time is another person's tragedy. In one sense, it is like the half-full/half-empty cup dilemma. No matter what you think you have, the cup holds half liquid and half air. No matter what you think of your life, you have your life!

And, according to The Message translation: God arranges for both times. What do we make of this? What sort of God is revealed here? Perhaps we need to consider the words of Jesus in Matthew 5:45, 'God makes the sun rise on the bad and on the good and causes rain to fall on the just and unjust'. The point is God practises universal, non-violent love. Through Jesus, grace, love and life are offered to all. The good and bad, the just and unjust, those who look for it and those who don't.

I don't know where you sit along these continuums. I do know that Jesus says, 'Come to me, all who are thirsty'. And each one of us is thirsty at times. Different times, different situations, different responses. God's offer, through Jesus, still stands.

And for those of us who respond to that grace, love and life, we receive blessings. And we are called to offer similar grace, love and life to others. No matter our situation, we are blessed to be a blessing.

Thank you, Lord, for the variety of life experiences we have. Help us to hold onto your grace and love, no matter our situation. When we are able, encourage us in our endeavours to be a blessing to others. Amen.

every day may not be good,



but there's something good
in every day.

Why are we doing gate drop off & pick up

- To ensure the safety of our staff, families and children who need to attend during this lockdown period.
- By not allowing parents onsite, should we get a positive covid case in a parent, our school would only be classed as a Tier 2 site, meaning that anyone who had been onsite would need to get tested urgently and isolate until they have a negative result – this would mean all staff, children and families that have been onsite during the exposure period.
- If we allow parents onsite and we had a positive case in a parent, we would be a Tier 1 site, meaning that we would all have to get tested and quarantine for a full 14 days and get tested multiple times. Ultimately resulting in a full school closure for that 14 day period.
- Gate drop off and pick up is a safety measure our school has implemented to ensure we can keep our staff, children and their families safe.



**We have a
COVID-19 Safety Plan
and are committed to
keeping you safe.**

Notices

Important Dates

All the below dates are to the best of our knowledge and may change at short notice depending on COVID-19 restrictions.

September 2021

5th - Fathers Day
9th - 10th - Parent/Teacher Interviews
17th - Last Day Term 3 (Early Finish)

October 2021

4th - First Day Term 4
18th - 22nd - Book Week
22nd - Grandparents Day

Uniforms

We are still accepting donations of good quality, clean 2nd hand uniforms.

For new uniforms, please contact Kate Ward.

Subscribe to the Newsletter

If you would like to subscribe to our newsletter and get it by email, please email admin@spls.vic.edu.au and we will add you to the list.

Absent Days

If your child is going to be absent from school, please contact the office on 5389 1626 or email admin@spls.vic.edu.au

Junior Class Sleep Over

Given the uncertainty of COVID Restrictions, the Junior Class Sleepover has been postponed. A new date will be set soon.

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Tips for your mental health and wellbeing during COVID-19



If you need to talk, these free support lines are here to listen 24/7:
Lifeline 13 11 14 | Beyond Blue 1300 22 4636 | Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800

National Coronavirus Helpline 1800 020 080 or headtohealth.gov.au



Australian Government
National Mental Health Commission

Around Our School



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