



St Peter's Lutheran School

News Bulletin - Friday 10th September 2021

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From the Principal

Hi everyone, welcome to week 9 of term 3, we have had a positive and very productive week here at St Peters. It has seemed to be a very long and tiring term for all of our school community. With the added complication of managing COVID restrictions. We often forget that the cold times of the year can often be as challenging and exhausting as the middle of summer particularly for our young ones whom are extremely active. We are all looking forward to having a good break from routine at the end of next week.

Mrs Amanda Schubert has recently been offered a Teachers Assistant position in Melbourne. Amanda will be starting her new job next term. We are extremely excited for her and her family even though we will all miss her happy disposition, patience, kindness and fabulous baking skills. Mrs Schubert has been an outstanding staff member throughout her 3 years here at St Peters. We know that both staff and students will be sad to see her go, however we all wish Amanda and her family all the very best in the future.

School finishes for term 3 next Friday the 17th of September. Home time will be at 2:20 as has been in the past. Term 4 commences on Monday the 4th of October.

Thank you to those parents and caregivers that were able to book a time to speak with your child's teacher. Parent teacher interviews are not only a chance to hear about your child's learning, but also an opportunity for you to connect and develop a positive relationship with teaching staff.

A reminder that next term all students will need to have a school hat to wear each day. Our school is a Sun smart school and our term 1 and term 4 rule is, **No hat, No play, and stay out of the sun today!** Please contact Kate Ward if your children need a new hat or summer uniform items for next term.

A little reminder to all parents and caregivers to please contact our office if your children are absent on any given day, even during this time of lockdown. Please leave a message if we are unable to take your call.

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 family to support our efforts in this area.

Have a safe and Blessed weekend,

Tim Reimann



Devotional Thoughts

One true hope

by Maria Rudolph

But as for me, I watch in hope for the Lord, I wait for God my Saviour; my God will hear me (Micah 7:7).

[Read Micah 7:7-12](#)

Often, I have heard Christian people say, 'Family is the most important thing'. We are certainly taught to honour our father and mother (Exodus 20:12) and be humble and gentle to all people (Ephesians 4:2), not least the members of our own family.

But relationships with others is somewhat out of our control. They can never give us complete satisfaction and fulfilment, no matter how much we pursue positive relationships with others.

Sometimes things go wrong. As we are reminded by the prophet Micah (7:6), 'a son dishonours his father, a daughter rises up against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law – a man's enemies are the members of his own household'. And the prophet Isaiah even reminds us, 'Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!'

Although our closest friends and family may forsake us at some point in our lives, God never will. God can always be trusted; he is always constant. God is always close to you – in times of joy and in times of need.

God is, in fact, the most important thing and should come before all other things in our lives. When we have God as our number one, all other things will fall into place. It doesn't mean the hardships will stop and everything works out for the better. But when we look to God above all else, we know where our help comes from. We can put things in perspective, and we can have confidence in him.

Have you been challenged in family relationships?

Loving God, thank you for your constant, unfailing love. Help me put my trust in you completely. Help me be forgiving and loving with people who hurt me, particularly my own family members. Help me to love in the way you love me, unconditionally and loving even the unworthy and unlovable. In Jesus' name. Amen.



Notices



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of 2 - 12 year olds

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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

17th - Last Day Term 3 (Early Finish)

October 2021

4th - First Day Term 4

18th - 22nd - Book Week

22nd - Grandparents Day

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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

School Concert

With ongoing restrictions, we have decided to move our school concert to Term 4.

Term 3 will now finish on Friday 17th September at 2.20pm.

Uniforms

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

For new uniforms, please contact Kate Ward.

It is not the strongest of the species
that survive, nor the most intelligent,
but the one most responsive to
change.

Charles Darwin

Around Our School



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