



# St Peter's Lutheran School

## News Bulletin - Friday 11th February 2022

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### From the Principal

Hi everyone, I hope that you have all had a wonderful week. The weather has kept us cool in the mornings and then warmed up in the afternoons it's looking as though for our swimming carnival in 3 weeks' time we may have more consistent temps which will be perfect. Don't forget that we have our Swimming Carnival on Wednesday the 2th March. We will head down from around 10:00 for a 10:30 start and will be returning to school after lunch.

We are expecting another delivery of Rapid Antigen tests over the coming days. The Government will be delivering them to us and we will pass them onto families as soon as possible. Please refer to the information that has been sent home in regards to notifying both the school and relevant Government departments if a RAT comes back positive. We appreciate your commitment to this process.

Just a timely reminder that we are a sun smart school and during both term 1 and term 4 students must wear their hats during any outdoors activities. A reminder to also please check that you have all of your child's uniform clearly named.

This week our Swimming program began. Everyone was keen to get into the water and start our lessons. Please remember that Bus students are picked up from the pool by their bus and parents that pick up students are also asked to collect their children from the pool each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoon for the next 3 weeks. Please ring the office and speak to Mrs Walters for any further information that you may need.

At the start of each year there are always several notes that you are required to fill out and return for our records. If you are unsure of what to fill in on these notes or have questions about their content please ring the office between 8:30-2:30 and Mrs Walters will be able to assist you.

Have a safe and Blessed weekend,

*Tim Reimann*



# Devotional Thoughts

## The Lord who never gives up on us

by Pastor Joshua Pfeiffer

**The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness (Lamentations 3:22,23).**

[Read Lamentations 3:22–33](#)

I've been blessed to know a lot of love in my life: from my parents, my wife, my children, many other family members, friends and brothers and sisters in Christ. From these same people has come much mercy and help in times of need. Human beings cannot thrive for long, maybe even not survive for long, without love and mercy from others. Yet as wonderful as the love and mercy I have received from other human beings is, it all has this in common: it has a limit. It is finite. Sometimes, the difficulties of life bring us up against this limit as relationships break down or people move away. Ultimately, the reality of death means that no matter how strong our human love is, there will come a time when the love I rely on from another person will no longer be there in the way it is now.

Yet the Scriptures testify to us of a steadfast love that never ceases. It never ends. It has no limit. This is the steadfast love, faithfulness, grace and mercy of the Lord, fully revealed in Jesus Christ. The verse from Lamentations points us to a very simple sign of the Lord's steadfast love built into his creation, namely, the morning. As we lay in bed and hear the first chirping of the birds, as we see the first rays of the morning sunshine peak over the horizon, as our feet once again touch the ground and we rise to discover another new day – God's people are to see in all this a sign of the Lord's steadfast love for us. No matter what has happened the day before, his steadfast love and mercies are new for you every single morning.

The people of old were left with this promise, not fully knowing how God would bring it about in their midst. We know that there was one definitive morning in history when the sun was rising, and the women went to the tomb to find it empty, which shows this is love even stronger than death.

***Heavenly Father, I thank you that your steadfast love never ceases and that your mercies never come to an end. I thank you that they are ever-new for me, just as sure as the morning sun rises. Strengthen my love for you and others. In Jesus' name, Amen.***



# Awards



Milla Bartlett - Being an excellent listener in the swimming pool.



Lydia Paech - For persisting with her handwriting & spelling & improving in neatness & accuracy.



Mercedes Paech - For being kind & caring towards our new students.

# Notice's

## Important Dates

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

### February 2022

14th - Vaccination Clinic @ VRI Hall

16th - 18th - School Swimming

23th - 25th - School Swimming

### March 2021

1st - Shrove Tuesday

2nd - School Swimming Carnival

14th - Labour Day Public Holiday

24th - School Photos

### April 2021

8th - Last Day Term 1

25th - ANZAC Day

26th - First day Term 2

## Vaccination Clinic

Monday 14th February 2022 Wimmera Health Care Group will be running a vaccination clinic for 5-11 year olds at the VRI hall. There will also be adult booster's available, bookings are essential.

If you would like to book please contact Wimmera Health Care Group on 5362 3423 **option 2.**

## Visitors to school

It is currently strongly recommended that we keep visitors to our school for essential and emergency situations only. Anyone entering our school Building's must QR code in and show the office proof of full vaccination.

## Uniform

Please contact the office if you require uniforms. We are still accepting donations of second hand uniforms. Please drop them into the office.

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- A.A MILNE



# Bushfire At Risk School Information

## School procedures for the bushfire season

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools and children's services listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district. **Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.**

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter [and SMS message/phone tree]. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

**Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast.** This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- Out-of-school-hours care will also be cancelled on these days
- School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.
- The bus co-ordinating school will advise if bus routes will be cancelled.

Depending on which Bureau of Meteorology district is impacted bus route cancellations may affect our school.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – **on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.**

# Bushfire At Risk School Information

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan, [reprioritised any maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire and cleared our facility's grounds and gutters]

## ***What can parents do?***

- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, [by checking our website [insert URL] and by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.

Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.

If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.

You can access more information about children's services closures on the Department of Education and Training website – see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx>

For up-to-date information on this year's fire season, visit the CFA website at [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au) or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 667.



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