



St Peter's Lutheran School

Newsletter - Friday 8th February 2019

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Dates to Remember

February 2019

13th - School Swimming
14th - School Swimming
15th - School Swimming
20th - School Swimming
21st - School Swimming
22nd - School Swimming
22nd - P&F Welcome BBQ
27th - School Swimming
28th - School Swimming

March 2019

1st - School Swimming
5th - Shrove Tuesday
5th - P&F AGM
6th - School Swimming Carnival
11th - Labour Day Public Holiday
21st - School Photos

Term Dates 2019

Term 1 29th January - 4th April
Term 2 29th April - 28th June
Term 3 15th July - 20th September
Term 4 8th October - 13th December



Church Calendar

10th Feb - 11am HC
17th - Feb - 11am LR
24th Feb - 11am HC

Awards

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Lillian Bruce: Showing kindness & caring by helping Lisa to tidy up the library.

Mercedes Paech: Working with a sensible attitude & trying her best during spelling.

Dane Paech: Reminding us that simple observations can make for the best answers.

Slater Collins: Connecting so well with Mrs Schubert & trying lots of new things.

Bridgette King: Showing leadership by supporting her peers with their work.



PRINCIPALS AWARD



Jasper Ward: Outstanding leadership, & setting a wonderful example to his fellow students.

Sam Mahfoud: Outstanding effort & always displaying great respect & manners.

Jax Skurrie: Outstanding behaviour & working to the best of his ability.

Jaxon Bourke-Finn: For excellent behaviour & awesome listening.

Thea Paech: Fabulous manners & always listening to instructions.

Max Werner: Outstanding effort & concentration during class activities.

From the Principal

Hi everyone and welcome to the first week of 2019! It is going to be a fantastic year here at St Peters with so much already organised and locked into our calendar. It has been wonderful to see all the happy faces and hear the excited conversations between our students as they arrived this week. Mrs Dent, Ms Dwan, Mrs Whittaker, Mrs Schubert and I were all extremely impressed by the manner in which our students behaved and approached their work this week. They were all very settled and well mannered.

We welcome the following new Foundation students, Jax, Kylie, Thea, Max, Isaac, Slater and their families to our school community. We also welcome Lillian and Samir to the senior class. If this is your first child at St Peters Lutheran school we encourage you to speak with your child's class teacher in regards to any questions you may have or information that you may require. Please don't hesitate to make an appointment with your classroom teacher if you are unable to catch up in the mornings.

You may also notice a new face around the school. Mrs Amanda Schubert has joined our staff team this year. Mrs Schubert will be working with Mrs Dent and I within the junior classroom most of the time. We are very pleased to have Mrs Schubert at St Peters, so please introduce yourself to her when you get a chance.

We have been extremely fortunate that this week we have had some milder weather. As you would be aware we are a sun smart school and during both term 1 and term 4 students must wear their hats during any outdoors activities. This week was noticeably cooler in the mornings so students may be wearing their jumpers when they first arrive at school. Please check that you have all of your child's uniform clearly named.

This Thursday the 7th February at 6:30pm we had our parent information night. This evening was for all parents and caregivers of children at St Peters. The evening is for parents to meet staff and also to find out about policies, procedures and class routines. It was an excellent opportunity for you to ask your child's teacher any questions you may have and to also meet other parents. If you were unable to attend this evening all relevant notes will be sent home with your child.

Next week our Swimming program begins. Yeah!!!! All of the students are super excited and really look forward to these lessons. You will have received information about items required and the process for the end of day pick up. Bus students are picked up from the pool by their bus and parent pick up students are also to be collected from the pool each afternoon. Please come and see your child's teacher for any further information that you may require.



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 come into the office between 8:30-2:30 and Mrs Walters will be able to assist you. Have a safe and Blessed weekend.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Yours in Christ,

Tim Reimann



Devotional Thoughts

How to steamroll a Kindergarten Teacher

'You have heard that it was said, "An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth." But now I tell you: do not take revenge on someone who wrongs you. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, let him slap your left cheek too. And if someone takes you to court to sue you for your shirt, let him have your coat as well.' (verses 38-40)

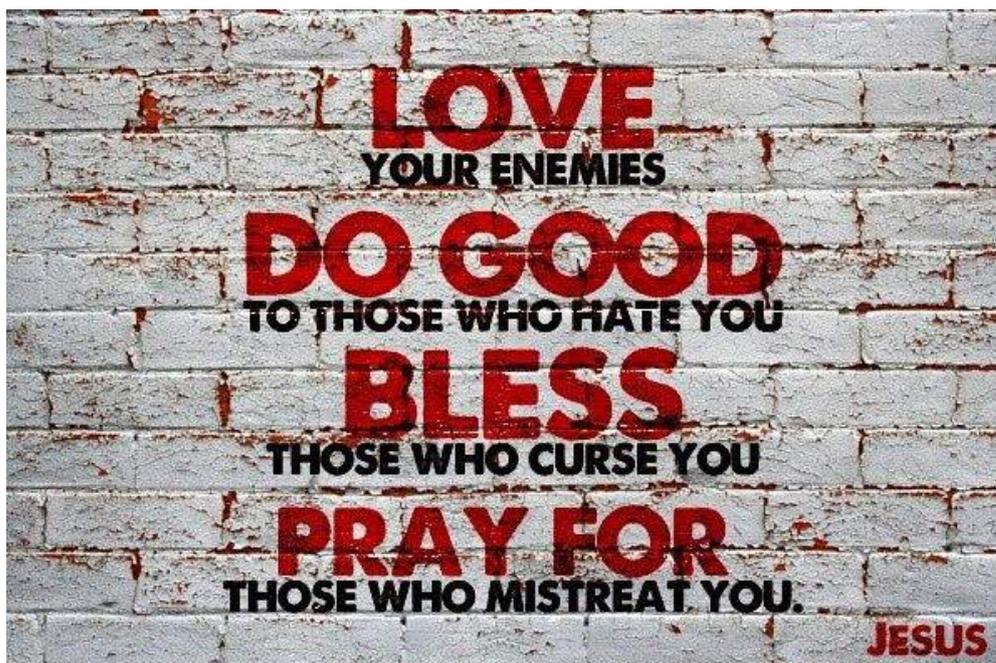
Read [Matthew 5:38-48](#)

Indoor mixed netball is the perfect sport for Ageing Ex- Footballers (AEF). Games are short. It's played inside nets, so there's somewhere to lean if you need a breather. There are ladies to show off to. Plus, it's competitive. And that's where the trouble begins.

The AEF only sees the ball. The timid kindergarten teacher in the way is steamrolled. The high looping pass from the goal keeper sets you up to take a ride and pull in a screamer. The centre is lined up for a shirtfront (or is it bib-front?). Of course, this is when the brawl breaks out: players pushing and shoving, yelling and swearing ... and that's just the ladies.

In today's society you're taught that people are just things to climb over on the way to the top. Generosity is something you quote but avoid if possible. Forgiveness is for the weak, kindness for the naive. If you come second, you're first loser. Jesus demands the opposite. He wants you to love, forgive, give. Even when you don't feel like it, even when others don't seem to deserve it. And not just a token, but generously. Jesus doesn't say it's easy, but he set the example in what he has done for you. Forgiving you, loving you even if you've ignored him, giving you all you need. Join this team and you'll be a real winner.

Jesus, I can't help getting frustrated when I keep falling short of your example. It seems hopeless even trying. Please forgive me and help me do better. Amen.



Pen Licences

Congratulations to Nitika Krahe & Chelsea Leith on gaining their Pen Licences!



Welcome BBQ

Each year St Peter's holds a 'Welcome BBQ' for all of our school community to get together before the complete madness of life takes hold. This years BBQ details are as follows

Where: The Pines (BBQ area near the Rowing Club)

When: Friday 22nd February

Time: From 5:30pm

What to Bring: Chairs, Picnic rug and drinks

ALL FOOD WILL BE SUPPLIED BY THE P&F COMMITTEE



Welcome Amanda Schubert

We are thrilled to introduce Mrs Amanda Schubert. Amanda has joined our team as a Teachers Aide and will be working in the Junior Room full time. Amanda comes from Nhill and has extensive experience working as a Teachers Aide at St Patricks Catholic School. Welcome Amanda!



Notices

P&F Catering Helpers

P&F are seeking helpers for a catering job they have on Saturday 6th April 2019. If you can assist in anyway please contact Rhianna Paech on 0418994234

Installation Service

Our Installation Service of new and returning staff will be held this Sunday, 10th February at 11am.
All welcome to attend.

Book Club

Scholastic Book Club went home late last week. Orders are due back no later than THURSDAY 14th February. If you need another copy, please contact the office.

P&F AGM Meeting

P&F AGM will be held on Tuesday 5th March 2019 @ 3.30pm in the Multi Purpose Room

All Positions are vacant

Parent Helpers

We are looking for parents who can assist us with the following;

Swimming Carnival - Wednesday 6th March
Athletics Carnival - Wednesday 3rd April

Roles we need assistance with are varied and able to be shared with other parents so you still have time to watch your child/children.

If you are in a position to be able to assist please let the office know.

Start of Year Forms

Please make sure you return all your start of year forms ASAP. If you need a new set, please contact the office.

Office Hours

Our office hours are;

8.30am - 2.30pm
Monday - Friday

Please try and make sure you are contacting us during this time.



Bushfire At Risk 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.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the CFA advise that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day.

Bushfire At Risk 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 or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 667.



Around Our School

