



St Peter's Lutheran School

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From the Principal

Hello everyone, welcome to Week 4 of Term 2 of 2020. I hope that you have all had a safe and happy week. We have had a very calm and pleasant week at school working each day on our classroom activities and also spending as much time as possible keeping our bodies strong and alert through plenty of fun physical activities, sunshine and fresh air.

It has certainly been pleasing to have such mild weather this week. The sunshine and temperatures around 20deg makes being outside very comfortable and the warmth from the sun's rays keeps the chills at bay.

As you would have seen and also heard in last week's newsletter, we have decided that to add some excitement and flair to each Friday this term. We are offering all students the opportunity to participate in 'Fabulous Fashion Friday'

It would be voluntary for all students whether they are at school or remote learning. This is not a fundraiser so no donations will be collected. It was simply an idea that students had and staff thought would be good fun.

Today was the second of our 'Fabulous Fashion Fridays' and it was 'Crazy Hair' day. Students were allowed to style their hair into whatever look or colour they wanted. We had some very exotic and fabulous hair do's today. We encourage those at home to participate also. If possible we would love to see what the children do for these Fabulous Fashion Fridays. You can send us a photo via email or SMS of your children and what they came up with! **Next week is Favourite Colour Friday**, and the following Fashion theme will be 'Crazy Hat' (week 6) we look forward to seeing some fabulous styling next week! Please encourage your children to participate if possible!

This week we also had some excitement in the playground with the installation of a large circular two person swing. The older girls helped me to put the swing together and then hang it at a safe height. Needless to say it has been extremely popular during recess and lunch time. There will eventually be 2 swings both hanging on the high galvanised frame. We hope that these new playground items encourage teamwork and also add some variety to play times.

I thank you again for your continued patience and support as we work through the challenges facing our community at the moment surrounding COVID-19.

We are still receiving regular updates from The Department of Education, Department of Health and Human Services, Independent Schools Victoria and Lutheran Education. We will follow their direction in regards to any changes and other essential information for families.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school during school hours.

Have a safe and Blessed weekend,

Yours in Christ,
Tim Reimann



Devotional Thoughts

The Isenheim altar

'For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin' (Hebrews 4:15).

Read Hebrews 4

The Isenheim altar is the main treasure of a museum in Colmar, in the Alsace region of France. Painted in the early 1500s by Matthias Grünewald, it folds out to reveal a number of scenes from the Bible.

Upon first glance the painting of Jesus' crucifixion is disturbing, ghastly, even surreal. His body is green, covered in open sores. It seems unnecessarily confronting. With all the indignity and pain that crucifixion involved, why would an artist add these bizarre features to the dying Jesus?

In reading the history and purpose of the altar, all becomes clear. Grünewald painted the altar for the monastery of St Anthony in Isenheim. The monks of this order were well known for treating victims of the plague and skin diseases. These diseases caused sufferers to develop blisters and gangrene, turning their skin green.

The artist's message? Jesus knows your suffering. Jesus has felt your pain. He has gone through all the frustration, all the grief, all the uncertainty you will ever face. And he's taken it to the cross for you.

If Jesus were to be represented in artwork today, he might be painted as a strung-out mother with expectations dragging from all sides, or as a dad whose lost his job because of COVID shutdowns, or as a lonely, confused child or teenager trying to make sense of a crazy world – or as someone like you.

Dear Jesus, what a comfort to know that you are not distant, aloof and untouchable, but that you are a friend who's been through pain, grief, loss, frustration, stress and loneliness – and all for us. Amen.



Notices

Fabulous Fashion Fridays

Starting next week, we encourage the kids to dress up with the following themes on a Friday.

No donations are required, just a bit of fun to brighten up this challenging time. We encourage those learning from home to participate and send us a photo of your kids dressed up.

Friday 15th May 2020 - Favourite Colour

Friday 22nd May 2020 - Crazy Hat Day

Lunch Orders

There will be NO Lunch Orders until further notice. Those students attending school will need to bring both recess and lunch.

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