



St Peter's Lutheran School

Newsletter - Friday 26th June 2020

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Upcoming Important Dates

June 2020

26th - Last Day of Term 2

26th - Reports go home, early finish
@ 2.15pm

July 2020

13th - First Day Term 3

August 2020

4th - P&F Meeting @ 3.45pm

September 2020

9th - School Photos

Term Dates 2020

Term 1 - 28th January - 27th March

Term 2 - 14th April - 26th June

Term 3 - 13th July - 18th September

Term 4 - 5th October - 18th

December

Awards



Kylie Clarke - For demonstrating love & inclusive play.

Chelsea Leith - Showing courage through considering her own capabilities & choosing to expand outside of her comfort zone when working in class.

Principal Award



Max Werner - Sharing his appreciation for all creatures when studying "Habitats".



From the Principal

Hi everyone, I hope that you all have had a wonderful week and are all looking forward to having your children home for the July holidays. We have now officially reached the end of the first semester for 2020. It has been a rather interesting term dealing with the pandemic, restrictions and around 60% of student's remote learning for over half of the term. Even though it has certainly looked very different, all students have adapted and had a fabulous first half of the year. I am sure that terms 3 and 4 will be just as good.

We have only just recently been able to lock in a new date for our school photos.

Wednesday September the 9th is now when Andrew from Creations Photography will be coming out to St Peters. We certainly have plenty of warning so please ensure that your children will be well presented and dressed appropriately on the day.

Today you will have received your child's semester one report and I encourage you all to sit down and read through their achievements. Reports contain information on your child's progress in respect to national standards as well as areas for further skill development and growth. It is disappointing but often the case that as adults we tend to focus on those areas that we may have had issues with when we were at school or those areas that stand out in our minds as problem areas for our children. All children learn and grow differently. When we compare individual students or siblings we are truly wasting our time. There is nothing worse for a child than hearing parents making comparisons... "Your sisters reports were always....."

It is even more important that we build our children up through positive conversations about their learning and achievements. My recommendation is that just like us adults, children respond better to these 'chats' when they know you are on their side and are interested in them and not just the report. Point out and discuss all the great things they have achieved and then decide together on a focus area for next term. Set the bar at an achievable height so that they can truly succeed!

The past semester has been full of opportunities and successes for our students. It is with much pride that I must thank the students for their fantastic behaviour and respect, no matter the situation or location. You have all earned a rest from school routine, and I wish you all a safe a blessed holiday break with your family and friends.

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

Have a safe and Blessed Weekend,
Yours in Christ,

Tim Reimann

**Start everyday with a
new hope, leave bad
memories behind and
have faith for a better
tomorrow.**



Devotional Thoughts

Musings from a skate park

by Rachael Stelzer

'But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light' (1 Peter 2:9).

[Read 1 Peter 2:1-17](#)

I went with my boys to the skate park on the weekend. I expected chaos, but I learned some lessons instead.

I watched kids giving each other a nod that said, 'Your turn', and waiting. They gauged the terrain and took a line to zip down and up a slope or a quarter pipe, watching for where others stood. My 11-year-old made friends with a 5-year-old and encouraged him in a new skill he was trying. At one stage, a kid complained to his dad, 'I got snaked!' I learnt that this meant someone had broken the unspoken rules of skate park etiquette and dropped in on him without checking carefully first.

I watched the 15- and 20-year-olds, and the stares of wonder from the younger kids as they defied gravity on their BMX bikes. I talked to a dad whose 9-year-old son is diagnosed with ADHD and medicated, but here in the skate park, he is a semi-pro with a YouTube channel and some sponsorship from local businesses. 'This is the only thing that centres him', said his dad.

It got me thinking. I hope our churches are like skate parks.

I hope we are in the business of encouraging people to try new skills, gifts and talents. I hope we are set up in such a way that people are kept safe. I hope we are building community, not just in institutional ways, but through genuine relationships and friendships. I hope we have respectful ways of working with those who cause injury to others or risk doing so. I hope we have ways of bringing our young people into contact with their wise elders, to be able to learn and wonder at their faith and their wisdom. And I hope that for those who deal with labels in their everyday world, we can offer freedom from these labels and recognise the soul within.

Heavenly Father, as we start returning to our worshipping communities, we pray for opportunities to encourage and inspire each other once again. May our church communities welcome and build everyone up, from the young to the old. And may we hold Jesus high, as the one who defied death, and will drop in on us again soon. In Jesus' name, Amen.



Notices

Term 3

Today is the last day of Term 2.

Term 3 will commence on Monday 13th July 2020.

Please stay safe over the break and we look forward to seeing everyone back next term.

Uniform

During Term 2 & 3 students are expected to wear full winter school uniform. This includes our school bomber jackets. Access to classrooms is limited before 9am, children need to make sure they have a jacket to wear on these frosty mornings.

Email List

If you would like to receive our school newsletter and/or the P&F Minutes by email, please email admin@spls.vic.edu.au

Chapel Services

With the current COVID-19 restrictions, there will be no Friday Chapel Services until further notice.

Important Date

You would have noticed our important dates section is still very small. With current COVID-19 restrictions, we are unable to plan any excursions, incursions or camps. We will update you all once we are given the go ahead to book in things again.

School Uniforms

We have a large selection of Second Hand Uniform available, if you would like to have a look, please pop in during school hours.

If you would like to purchase new uniform items, please contact Kate Ward on 0409 528 958



Around Our School



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