



St Peter's Lutheran School

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From the Principal

Hello everyone, it has been a sensational week here at St Peters. We hope that your week has been positive and productive also.

On Sunday afternoon, the Victorian Government announced that, on the advice of the Victorian Chief Health Officer, regional and rural Victoria will move to Stage 3 restrictions and metropolitan Melbourne will move to Stage 4 restrictions to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). These requirements apply to all schools across the government, Catholic and Independent sectors.

The changes to schools' operations came into effect on Wednesday 5 August, following a student free day on Tuesday 4 August, and are likely to apply until the end of Term 3. As outlined in the Chief Health Officer's advice on Friday, schools remain safe places for staff and students - but these steps are critical measures to reduce the movement of students and families across the state

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day is celebrated each year around the 4th August. It is important that we at St Peters show our support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, as well as learn about the crucial impact that culture, family and community play in the life of every the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander child.

The theme for 2020 is "We are the Elders of tomorrow, hear our voice".

Elders hold a significant role in the Aboriginal community. They are the holders of traditional knowledge and are often called up to provide reassurance, comfort and hope, especially in times of uncertainty.

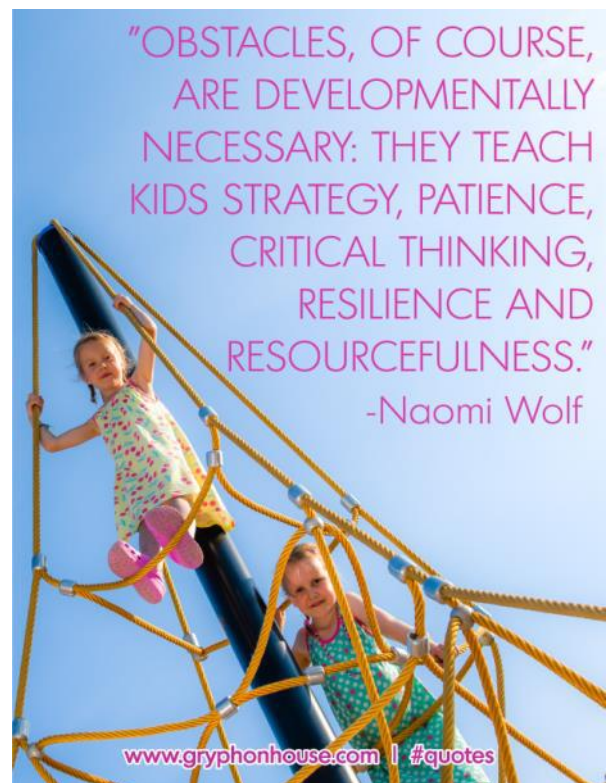
All P&F meetings scheduled over this term have been cancelled. If you have any important items to share or ideas for future fundraising please contact Heidi Bruce, Zoe Krahe or another parent who is part of the P&F committee. New parents and friends are always welcome, so please come along once we are allowed to meet here at school again

New enrolments for 2021 and for the following year 2022 are being taken. It is encouraging to see that we already have several prep students enrolled for next year and also the year after. Please come in and see Mrs Walters in the front office if you require further information or documents. Pre-enrolling at this time is a way to ensure that your child/ children and their needs can be considered prior to the New Year. Teaching staff are able to organise class groups, order resources and plan ahead more efficiently when we know student numbers well in advance.

Even though under current restrictions we must maintain many of the same routines and habits as last term. School cleaning will be ongoing every day of the week. Students will be encouraged to maintain good hygiene habits and all staff and students will have their temperature taken every day of the week.

Have a safe and Blessed weekend,

Yours in Christ,
Tim Reimann



Devotional Thoughts

Our deepest hunger

by Georgie Schuster

I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty (John 6:35).

[Read John 6:25–35](#)

All week we have been hearing about God's ability to provide food for our physical bodies, in miraculous ways. But today we come to something deeper.

Bread would have still been fresh in people's memories. Many would have been part of the large crowd who joined in the feeding of the 5000 as written earlier in the chapter, or if not, they would have heard about it! Jesus, acutely aware of this, needed people to change their focus to eternal matters.

He reveals himself as the bread of life – the source of nourishment that does not spoil or run out.

The people who first heard these words, and the words that followed, grappled with them. They struggled with who they knew Jesus to be (the son of Mary and Joseph) and now he was telling them that he came down from heaven and was/is the bread of life? We, however, have the benefit of hindsight: the Last Supper, Jesus' death and resurrection, our celebration of holy communion.

We often think that we know what will satisfy us. In our quest to find peace and fulfilment on our own terms we often chase after and consume things that end up leaving us empty and wanting.

The depth of God's love and commitment to us, however, is unfathomable. There is only one who can truly satisfy our deepest hunger. Father God provided what was needed. He sent Jesus, the bread of life. The offer is made for us to take and eat. What does that mean for you today?

Dear Heavenly Father, for the gift of your Son Jesus, the bread of life, we give you our thanks. Our deepest hunger is fulfilled. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Notice's

Lunch Orders

Lunch Orders are cancelled until further notice. We may consider ordering from the bakery at a later stage. But in the mean time all students attending school need to come with lunch every-day.

Chapel Services

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

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How to
avoid
infection
or spreading
the virus



Wash your hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds



Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth



Cover your mouth or nose when coughing or sneezing



Use only disposable tissues, and dispose of them immediately after use



Practise social distancing by staying 1.5m (2 arm-lengths) away from others



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces



Stay at home unless absolutely necessary

Notice's



By Tessa Leach-Charlotte Revell-Lexi Farmers

Joint Hindmarsh & Yarriambiack Shire Backyard Camping Comp!
Grab your tents, marshmallows and fire pits because the Hindmarsh and Yarriambiack Youth Councils are organising a backyard campout!!

What you need to do to enter:

1. Take a picture, video, Tik Tok or Instagram of your campsite.
2. Upload to Hindmarsh Shire Youth Council and Yarriambiack Youth Action Council Facebook or Instagram page. Make sure to tag us!
3. Welcome participants under 25 years old.

--PRIZES--

-- 1st place: 3 nights camping on a powered site in either the Dimboola Caravan park, Warracknabeal Caravan Park or the Hopetoun caravan park --2nd price: 2 nights on a powered site camping -- 3rd price: 1 night on a powered site camping

**Competition closes on 30 July 2020, 7 p.m.
Winners will be announce on 31 July 2020**

Face Coverings

Based on advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer, the Victorian Government announced that compulsory wearing of face coverings will extend to all of Victoria from 11.59pm on Sunday 2 August. This means everyone over the age of 12 must wear a face covering when they leave their home for one of four reasons:

- study or work — if you cannot work from home
- medical care and caregiving
- shopping for essentials
- daily exercise.

Face coverings are also recommended in situations where maintaining 1.5 metres of physical distance is not possible.

For information about face coverings, visit the [Department of Health and Human Services \(DHHS\) website](#)

Face coverings for staff and students in schools

All school-based staff must wear face coverings at school, and when travelling to and from school.

Teachers and education support staff

Teachers and education support staff will not be required to wear face coverings while teaching, but those who wish to do so, can. Teachers should wear face coverings in other areas of the school when not teaching (for example, in the staffroom, on yard duty and when providing first aid or taking temperatures), and when travelling to and from school.

Primary students

Students who attend primary school for on-site supervision will not be required to wear a face covering. Students who are aged 12 or over by Year 6 will not be required to wear face coverings. The Victorian Chief Health Officer has advised that it is not practical to require some primary school students to wear face coverings while others are not required to.

Secondary students

All secondary school students who are attending on-site for Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE), Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) or on-site supervision will need to wear a face covering, including when travelling to and from school, unless they are travelling alone in a vehicle or with members of their household.

Exemptions

Some students and staff are exempt from these requirements. This includes students or staff who have a medical condition - including problems with their breathing, a serious skin condition on the face, a disability or a mental health condition. This includes students who attend specialist schools.

Read about [specific exemptions](#) from these requirements.

Parents and carers

Parents and carers will be required to wear face coverings whenever they leave the house, including for school drop off and pick up. If they are travelling in a car alone, or only with members of their household, they do not need to wear a mask.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) hotline

The Department's coronavirus (COVID-19) hotline is available Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, call 1800 338 663.

Around Our School

