



St Peter's Lutheran School

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From the Principal

Hi everyone, we have had a very wet but extremely productive week here at school. The rains this week have been wonderful, our oval and gardens are all looking magnificent. We hope that you are all keeping warm and gradually getting used to wearing masks whenever you're out and about.

This week we welcomed Tiarnah into our senior class for part of a day. Tiarnah and her family will be moving to Dimboola in September. Tiarnah is currently in year 4, we look forward to getting to know Tiarnah and her family once they are settled.

As you are no doubt aware, Mrs Millie Dent will be taking Maternity Leave during Term 4 and also Terms 1 & 2 next year. Ms Emily Hicks will be filling this position while Millie is away. Ms Emily Hicks has been in for several days already this term, getting to know students, staff and school routines. We look forward to having Emily join our school community and look forward to getting to know her better.

We decided that because of the return to stage 3 restrictions we should once again add some flair and fun to our Friday's this term. **'Fabulous Fashion Fridays'** are now back on!! **Next Friday we will start with 'Odd Bod Friday'** which would involve wearing miss matched clothing like shoes/socks/tops and pants. Casual clothes are allowed. The following Friday (week 8) the theme is 'Farming Friday' and students are encouraged to wear older farming/camping style clothing, something they can get dirty in and not be worried. The final 2 Fridays will be 'Fantastic Mask Friday' and the last day of term will be 'Football' colours day. Please encourage your children to be a part of these Fun Fridays.

I am aware that we all receive so much information from the media, family and friends. It can also be difficult to find up to date details or specific information when needed. Please use the link for the Department of Education, Skills and Employment provided on our school website to access the latest up to date information on COVID-19.

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.

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

An immense gift

by Pastor Reid Matthias

When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honoured the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed to eternal life believed (Acts 13:48).

[Read Acts 13:42–49](#)

I was born in a set of triplets. I have an identical twin brother and a fraternal sister. As I was growing up, it was always interesting at Christmas and birthdays to see what we would receive as gifts. In some ways, my sister was lucky because she always received different gifts than Ryan and me. For the two of us, it was always a race to open our presents the fastest because we knew that what one got, so would the other. Gift givers didn't want to show favouritism, obviously.

I have to admit, there were times when I received a present, and I wished that Ryan wouldn't have gotten the same thing also. It feels kind of strange to admit that, but sometimes you want all the good stuff for yourself.

So it seemed for Paul and Barnabas. God's chosen people, the Jews and converts to Judaism, believed that they were receivers of God's good gift of eternal life, but they didn't want to share it with the Gentiles. It seemed as if they believed there was a scarcity to God's mercy, goodness and grace.

There can be times when this skewed belief still happens – denominations can believe that they have a monopoly on God's mercy, goodness and grace. Sometimes, without intending, others are turned away because we just want to have the good stuff for ourselves.

Thankfully, God's love is not scarce. It is overfilling, overflowing and overwhelming. We couldn't capture it all even if we wanted to, which is why the Gentiles experienced the power of the Holy Spirit.

This is why we experience the power of the Holy Spirit.

In what way have you experienced the immense gift of the Holy Spirit today?

As far as gifts go, God, you have outdone yourself. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, you revealed salvation to me by the power of the Holy Spirit. Help me to open the truth of that gift today. 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.

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School Buses

School buses are considered essential and will continue to run as normal. Buses are cleaned after every trip, social distancing measures are in place and bus drivers are complying with face covering requirements.

Fabulous Fashion Friday's

We will re-commence our Fabulous Fashion Friday's for a bit of fun during Stage 3 Restrictions. For those learning remotely we encourage you to participate too and send us in some photos.

Friday 28th August 2020 - Odd Bod Friday (odd shoes, socks, clothes inside out etc)

Friday 4th September 2020 - Farming Friday

Friday 11th September 2020 - Fantastic Face Covering Friday

Thursday 17th September 2020 - Footy Colours Day (Last Day Term 3)

Chapel Services

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

YOU MAY NOTICE THAT YOU FEEL MORE STRESSED, ANXIOUS OR DEPRESSED THAN USUAL. THIS IS NORMAL AT THIS TIME BUT THERE ARE THINGS YOU CAN DO TO LOOK AFTER YOURSELF BOTH PHYSICALLY AND EMOTIONALLY.

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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.

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