



St Peter's Lutheran School

News Bulletin - Friday November 20th 2020

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From the Principal

Hello everyone, welcome to week 7 of term 4. The students and I this week worked out the number of days left until Christmas was only 36!! This year has been very different for all of us. We have been particularly proud of how staff and students have managed the changes due to COVID and adapted calmly and quickly. Even though we may only have 3 weeks left on the school calendar we are certainly keeping focussed and busy. Thank you all once again for your positive attitudes, support and trust.

A final reminder to parents and caregivers of any year 6 students. John from the Dimboola Mensland would like all new DMSC students to come in sooner than later to try on school uniform items for 2021.

Please make time over the coming weeks to call in and speak with John about your DMSC uniform requirements.

Due to current restrictions and working within the 'Permitted School Activities' We will be holding our final Chapel service/Award presentation and Formal year 6 Graduation here on Friday the 11th of December on School grounds. This final service will only involve staff and students. No Parents or caregivers will be permitted on site. Every effort will be made to video this modified Chapel service and provide access to families who would like to watch our final year service.

We will provide further details over the coming weeks and assure all families that we will be taking as many photos as possible.

Our senior class sleepover was on last Friday night the 13th of November. All of the students were very well behaved. Everyone had a great deal of fun and particularly enjoyed the scavenger hunt, pass the parcel and hide and seek in the dark. Thank you to our wonderful staff who planned these exciting and engaging activities. A big thank you also to both Emily Hicks and Kathryn Dwan for keeping our students safe and comfortable overnight.

Another reminder that Andrew from 'Creations Photography' will be coming to our school on Wednesday the 25th of November. This isn't very far away now so please take note and be prepared for this long awaited day. Remember it is full Summer uniform for all boys and girls and we are asking all students to bring along their Bomber Jackets in case they are needed.

Yours in Christ,

Tim Reimann



Devotional Thoughts

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. –
Jeremiah 29:13

If you've known about God already for some time, you might read this Bible verse and think, why would I need to find God? Even if you've had a great relationship with God, there is always much more that we can experience and learn about Him. He wants us to experience Him in a deeper way and know about His ways so that we can experience more of His love and goodness in our lives.

In order to really find God, this verse is saying that we must seek Him with all of our hearts. We can't casually try to seek God a little here and there and expect to really find Him. We must dive in and seek Him with everything we have in order to really find Him and get to know Him.

This type of seeking doesn't happen on a Sunday at church. This doesn't even happen if you only open a Bible once a week. This happens when you lay aside other things and place all your focus on finding Him that you truly get a breakthrough.

It's not that God is holding out on us and is only willing to reveal Himself to us if He sees we are seeking enough. This Bible verse is simply saying that our hearts were never designed to be able to focus on several things at once. We must choose to place our focus on one thing and that one thing alone to really get results.

Today, decide that you're going to daily take time to seek the Lord. This verse assures us that when we do, we will find Him. You'll never regret taking your time and focusing on the Lord.



Notice's

Important Dates

All the below dates are to the best of our knowledge and may change at short notice depending on COVID-19 restrictions.

November 2020

25th - School Photos
24th - SPLS Prep 2021 Transition Day
27th - Report Writing Day (Student Free Day)

December 2020

1st - SPLS Prep 2021 Transition Day
8th - State Wide Transition Day
11th - Last Day Term 4 for students (normal finish time)
11th - Graduation Service (Students & Staff Only)
16th - Last Day for all staff

School Photos

Reminder that school photos will be taken on Wednesday 25th November. Please make sure your order forms have been returned by Monday 23rd November. We do not have any spare forms but can provide you with a price list if necessary.

Student Free Day

Friday 27th November will be a student free day. Staff will be writing reports and preparing for end of year. No supervision on site.

Transition Days

Our Transition Days for Prep 2021 will be as Follows;

Tuesday 24th November 2020 8.30am - 1pm
Tuesday 1st December 2020 8.30am - 1pm
Tuesday 8th December 2020 8.30am - 3.20pm
(State Wide Transition Day)

Chapel Services

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

Lunch Orders

Lunch Orders are back from Thursday 15th October.

Please make sure there is only 1 order per bag/envelope. Money for multiple orders can be placed in one.

Our menu is different to DMSC, please make sure you are ordering off the correct menu.

Orders must be in by 9am.

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Student Awards

Thea Paech

For always trying her best in and outside of the classroom.



Nitika Krahe

For outstanding effort and thinking of others before herself.



Charlotte Paech

For adding thought and creativity to develop Quality work during Art.



Bushfire At Risk School 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 School 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



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