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Ss Peter & Paul's Parish Primary School



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*Achieving Together in Faith*

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*Today we welcomed  
Mr Keith Wolahan MP  
to SSPP.*

*Mr Wolahan came to present  
our school with new national  
flags.*



### **OUR PRAYER FOR LEARNING**

*We thank you for the gift of  
learning and the blessing of  
our school community.*

*Guide us in our work and  
activities, and help us to  
support and uplift one  
another.*

*May we always strive to do  
our best and show kindness  
and respect to all.*



### **CALENDAR DATES**

<b>Week 9</b>	Fri 14/6	Playgroup—9:15am—10:45am Gathering Space
<b>Week 10</b>	Fri 21/6	Year 5/6 Winter Gala Day
	Fri 21/6	Playgroup—9:15am—10:45am Gathering Space
	Fri 21/6	Whole School Assembly—presented by Prep /I—2:45pm
<b>Week 11</b>	Sun 23/6	WORKING BEE—ALL WELCOME
	Wed 26/6	Parent Teacher Interviews—2:00pm—6:00pm
	Thur 27/6	Term 2 Expo—Celebration of Learning—2:45pm
	Fri 28/6	Ss Peter & Paul's School Feast Day Celebrations
	Fri 28/6	Whole School Mass—11:30am—Feast Day Mass—ALL WELCOME
	Fri 28/6	End of Term 2—1:00pm finish
	Sun 30/6	Parish Feast Day Mass & Celebrations—ALL WELCOME

*"In the light of Christ."*

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

### ***"In the light of Christ."***

*I am thrilled to share the wonderful news about our Year 3/4 students' outstanding achievement at the Gala Day yesterday. Our tee-ball teams performed exceptionally well, showcasing their great determination and teamwork. We are incredibly proud that both teams finished as Premiers! A special thank you to our students for their inclusive spirit, warmly welcoming and involving the students from St Phillips. It was also heartening to hear that students from SSPP volunteered to fill teams of other schools who were short of players. This is a true testament to the values we hold dear in our community.*

*Looking ahead, we are excited about our upcoming School Feast Day. Please see further in the newsletter the details of the Parish Day. It promises to be a joyous occasion, and we hope to see all families joining in the celebrations.*

*Today, we were honored to have a visit from Mr Keith Wolahan MP— Member for Menzies, who graciously presented our school with new flags. I am pleased to announce that we have been successful in securing a grant from the Veteran Affairs Office of the Federal Government to install a third flagpole. The new flagpole will be installed in Term 3, enhancing our school's ability to display all our flags proudly.*

*In the coming week, parents will receive their child's Semester 1 Report and Portfolio. Parent-Teacher Interviews take place on Wednesday 26th June. Please see further in the newsletter the details of how to book your interview time.*

*We are entering the final weeks of the term and I remind everyone to check the newsletter, calendars and emails so no student misses out on any of the opportunities.*

Warmest wishes,

**Trish Vandekolk**

### **TERM 2 WORKING BEE—SUNDAY 23rd JUNE 8:30am—11:30am**

We will be holding our Term 2 Working Bee on Sunday 23rd June starting at 8:30am and finishing at 11:30am. We hope to prepare the school grounds for our School/Parish Feast Day Celebrations. There will be weed mat and mulch to lay as well as some general cleaning around the school grounds. We are incredibly grateful for the support and dedication of our parent volunteers who attend our school working bees. Your involvement plays a crucial role in maintaining our school grounds, ensuring our children have a beautiful and safe environment to learn and play. By contributing your time and effort, you help us keep our grounds well-maintained without the need to increase school fees for additional maintenance costs. Your support not only enhances our school community but also sets a wonderful example of teamwork and community spirit for your children.

We look forward to seeing you at our next working bee. Together, we can continue to make a positive impact on our school. Please respond through Operoo.



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## SCHOOL NEWS

### **SSPP FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS—June 30th AT 11:15AM**

We gather as a faith community on Sunday 30th June for our School & Parish Feast Day Mass and Lunch. This is a very important day for all members of our community and we can look forward to a joyous celebration and a wonderful community event following the Mass. All students, staff and families are asked to attend this event to give thanks for all the great things about Ss Peter & Paul's and to share in a communal lunch provided by the parish. Students from the school will take part in processions and readings at the Mass. We hope to have all students and their families attend.



### **NATIONAL STUDENT WELLBEING PROGRAM**

Ss Peter and Paul's has been successful in gaining funding through the National Student Wellbeing Program. This funding has allowed us to employ Sue Cahill in the role of Student Wellbeing Officer/Counsellor one day a week for the remainder of this year.

Sue has extensive experience in the area of Student Wellbeing particularly in this region of schools. Recently, Sue was the Student Wellbeing Leader at St Charles Borromeo Primary School in Templestowe, a role she held for 23 years after attaining her Masters in Student Wellbeing through Melbourne University. Sue has a Diploma in Counselling and is a member of the advisory council of The National Centre Against Bullying (NCAB), an initiative of the Alannah & Madeline Foundation. NCAB is a peak body working to advise and inform the Australian community on the issue of childhood bullying and the creation of safe schools and communities, including the issue of cyber safety.

Sue is a director of 'The Workshop'. The Workshop develops and delivers a wide range of programs that promote the social development of young people as individuals, as responsible family and community members, and as citizens.

Sue is a trained Peaceful Kids and Peaceful Parents facilitator and was a member of the Beyond Blue National Education Initiative Technical Advisory Network that worked on the Be You initiative.

We welcome Sue to our Ss Peter & Paul's Community look forward to building our relationships with her as she works to support your children in our school.



# Ss Peter & Paul's Winter Appeal 2024

## Let's help our local community

The Ss Peter & Paul's, St Vincent de Paul Society relies on the support of our school to donate non-perishable food items for the needy in the Doncaster area and surrounding suburbs, especially in winter.

Our Faith & Service Leader along with our Social Justice Leaders are calling on our community to **please donate non-perishable items such as cans of food, Full cream UHT milk, baked beans, spaghetti, pasta, tinned fruit and tea & coffee.**

**Please bring your donations to the classroom or office and the Social Justice Leaders will come around and collect them. Thank you.**

**Jesus said** "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink". "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And Jesus answered them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers or sisters, you did it to me". (Matthew 25:35-40)





## SCHOOL NEWS

### **SEASONS FOR GROWTH PROGRAM**

Change and loss at any time can be challenging. We recognise that when changes occur in families through separation, divorce, bereavement or other life changes such as migration, children may benefit from learning the skills to understand and make sense of these situations.

To support our children who have experienced change, we are offering an evidence-based education program called Season for Growth. The aim is to teach children:

That change is part of life

- how to name and care for feelings
- problem-solving skills
- how to make good choices
- to develop support networks.

If your child/children has experienced:

- Parental separation/divorce;
- Death of a close relative - parent, sibling, or grandparent who has lived in their home;
- Migration from another country to Australia.

please consider them joining the Seasons for Growth program.

Due to the topics discussed in this program, it is only for years 2 to 6 students.

Any of these experiences have to have taken place more than 6 months ago.

The children will join a small group of between 4-7 participants and attend the weekly 45-minute sessions, for 4 weeks. Each child will receive a journal to guide them through the program and to record their experience and learning. Sue Cahill is a trained Season's companions and will conduct these sessions.

If the grief or loss occurred less than 6 months ago it is not recommended to join the Seasons program yet.

If you wish for your child/children to participate in the Seasons For Growth program please contact the school.

The 'Seasons' program will take place in Term 3.

### **TERM 2 SCHOOL FEES**

Statements have been issued. We ask all families to be mindful of paying fees in a timely manner. This supports the smooth functioning of the school, ensures the continuity of programs for all children, and fosters a sense of responsibility and respect within our school community. Families experiencing financial difficulties are asked to contact Trish.

### **PREP 2025 ENROLMENTS—PLACES ARE STILL AVAILABLE—ENROL NOW**

If you have a child eligible for Prep in 2025 please ensure you get your enrolment form in as soon as possible. If you know of anyone in your neighbourhood looking to enrol, please remind them of this second round date. We look forward to welcoming our new students and families.

**SSPP  
together with St  
Philips .  
PREMIERS**



**SSPP & St Philips**



**T-BALL**



# Year 3/4 Gala Day



## T-BALL

 **PREMIERS**



2024

## SCHOOL INTERVIEWS



On **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June**, we invite you for a meeting with your child's teacher to discuss your child's learning progress. This is an opportunity for parents and teachers to discuss your child's Semester One experience and for students to share their successes and challenges in their learning. It will also be an opportunity for students to set goals for Semester Two and for parents and teachers to discuss ways to achieve the goals.

The online booking site is now available. If you have any difficulty with the booking system, or accessing a device to book from please contact the office. If these times are not suitable for you please call the school on 9842 2056.

**BOOKINGS NOW OPEN!**

Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au)

Enter the code **wjmmf**

Enter your details and select the appointment times that suit your family best.

When you click FINISH your selected bookings will be emailed to you immediately. If you not receive your email, please check your junk-mail, or enter the event code again and check your email address spelling. Update your details if email address is incorrect. **DO NOT DELETE** the email you receive. Keep it somewhere safe. You may need to refer back to it at a later date.

**REMEMBER TO ADD YOUR APPOINTMENTS TO YOUR CALENDAR** - reminders will not be sent home.

If you need to view, cancel, change or print your bookings:

Click on the link in the confirmation email you received after you made your bookings OR return to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and enter the code and the email address you used when making your bookings.



## LIBRARY NEWS

### What's Happening in the Library?

#### 10 Next Reads for Kids Who Love Raina Telgemeier



Many of our students enjoy the works of author Raina Telgemeier. If you are looking for more books like hers you might find this article interesting . Please note, we are not endorsing the sale of these books just bringing an article that may be of interest to your attention

<https://www.readbrightly.com/10-next-reads-kids-love-raina-telgemeier/>



Everyone has received their login details for the Premiers Reading Challenge.  
Thank you Mrs V! We hope everyone starts adding books to their reading list .

Happy reading everyone !

Until next time  
Claudia and Nina  
(Ms Bortolin and Mrs V)

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# The smallest seed becomes the biggest shrub

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B



## What is God's Kingdom like?

Jesus described the Kingdom of God as being like a mustard seed - the smallest of seeds! - but once planted, it grows into the biggest of shrubs. What do you imagine the Kingdom of God to be like? Write or draw your answers



## MUSTARD SEED

How many words can you make from the letters in the words MUSTARD SEED?


Jesus used parables to help explain his teachings to people. Draw a picture from any one of the following parables...





## SCHOOL NEWS



### 2024 Grade 6 Graduation

#### Fundraising Program

Please support our fundraising for our End of Year Grade 6 Graduation Celebration. Every fourth week we will be donating sale proceeds to charity.

During Term 2 and 3 we will be selling POPCORN. \$0.50 per bag

#### Plain Only

They are Naturally Coloured and Flavoured

**WOOLWORTHS PURCHASED**

### LUNCH ORDERS AT SSPP IN 2024

We are pleased to announce that we have engaged with a local business who will provide a regular lunch order service to our school on Thursdays. The provider is called Classroom Cuisine (<https://classroomcuisine.com.au>).

They are used by many of our surrounding schools and are situated in the eastern suburbs of Melbourne.

To order, parents need to register for the service by going to the website and following the prompts to create an account. All ordering and payments are done online.

All the information you need and videos to show you how to register are available on the website: Classroom Cuisine

#### Please note:

- **Thursday is the only day of the week that SSPP is able to have lunch orders delivered to the school**
- **Some items from the website menu are not available to SSPP and have been disabled from the ordering system - please refer to the menu that is specific to SSPP that was sent to families previously**

Lunch orders will be delivered prior to the eating time of 1:35pm. This is before the afternoon recess.

**YOUTH LEADERSHIP VICTORIA**  
**Out of School Hours provider for SSPP in 2024**  
**For before and after school hours care**  
**Visit: [ylv.com.au](http://ylv.com.au)**

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# **YEAR 7, 2026 ENROLMENTS OPEN**



**Applications for Year 7, 2026 close  
Friday 16 August 2024.**

We warmly invite you to join us at one of our upcoming  
Talk and Tours, 9.30 - 11.00 am.

Friday 26 July  
Tuesday 6 August  
Monday 14 October

**REGISTER NOW**

VISIT OUR WEBSITE [SION.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU](http://SION.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU) TO BOOK



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Do you have a  
daughter in Grade 5?  
**Year 7 2026 enrolment  
applications close  
Friday, 16 August 2024.**

Apply today via our website  
[clc.vic.edu.au/enrol](https://clc.vic.edu.au/enrol)

Limited tour spots available, register at  
[clc.vic.edu.au/enrol/book-a-tour](https://clc.vic.edu.au/enrol/book-a-tour)



Hear from  
our Principal  
Stephanie Evans



## SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS

**doncare**



### You Matter!

A 6-week creative art therapy group  
for teens aged 13-18 years who are living  
with, or have lived with, family violence



Learn to let go of  
what you can't change

In a safe space that  
encourages listening and caring  
you can:

Improve self-confidence and self-esteem  
Learn about healthy relationships  
Form new friendships

Participation is free  
All art materials will be provided  
No artistic skills necessary!!

#### BOOK NOW

Iva 03 9856 1500 Iva.Pfeiffer@doncare.org.au  
Ursula 03 9896 6392 Ursula.Pethica@anglicarevic.org.au

**Tuesdays**  
**4:00pm to 6:00pm**  
**Call for the dates**

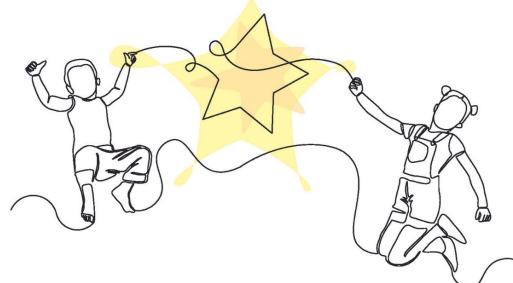
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Shine and Thrive through Art and Relaxation, for Kids

### S.T.A.R. KIDS



A 6-week art therapy group for kids in grades 4, 5 and 6,  
who have experienced or witnessed family violence

Get creative, express self, have fun  
Gain self-confidence and increase self-esteem  
Learn to manage emotions  
Make new friends

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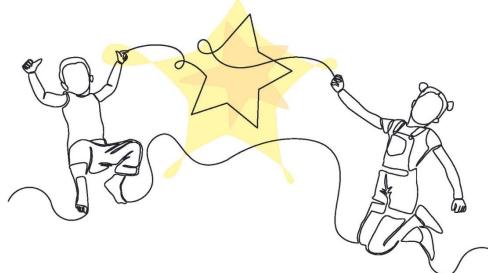
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