



## Our Senior Class - Out and About!



*There has been many learning experiences for our Year 5/6 class.*



### Peace Prayers of St Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.



### CALENDAR DATES

<b>TERM 4</b>		
<b>Week 1</b>	Fri 6/10	Playgroup 9.15am-10.45am
<b>Week 2</b>	Wed 11/10	Online Community Engagement Meeting @ 6.30-7.30pm
	Thu 12/10	Yr 5/6 STEM Showcase @ Catholic Leadership Centre Melbourne
	Fri 13/10	Playgroup 9.15am-10.45am
	Fri 13/10	Whole School Assembly—Presented by Yr 5/6 2:45pm
	Fri 13/10	School Disco 6pm-8pm
<b>Week 3</b>	Fri 20/10	Playgroup 9.15am-10.45am
	Fri 20/10	SOCKTOBER DAY—fancy socks
<b>Week 4</b>	Tues 24/10	First Communion Family Faith Night—7:00pm
	Wed 25/10	Prep 2024 Parent Information Night—7:00pm
	Sun 29/10	Working Bee 8:30am—11:30pm



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

### **We are called...listen deeply**

Welcome to Term 4. I trust that everyone had an enjoyable break. The weather was very kind!

It is hard to believe how fast the year has gone and that we are now into the last nine weeks of the school year for 2023. We have another exciting term planned for our students and the community with lots of opportunities for everyone to be involved. Please look at all the events and dates and mark these in your calendar.

We finished last term with a very jam packed final week which saw our Year 3/4s participate brilliantly in their Hooptime event; a select group of Year 5/6 students competed in the Race 300 event in the CBD, and the remaining Year 5/6s conducted their MAD (Make and Difference) project around the shops in Jackson Court. We commend our students on their enthusiastic involvement in these events and congratulate them for their achievements.

Also in the last week of Term 3 we had our School Athletics Carnival. What a wonderful day that was with the beautiful sunshine and the incredible efforts of all the students! We congratulate Ryan House on scoring the most points on the day. Sincere thanks to Mr Paul Mitchell for his coordination of the day and to all staff who led events and looked after the students. We also thank the parents who helped on the day. Things would not have gone so smoothly without you. We are very grateful to all the parents and families who attended on the day and provided great support for all the students.

On the last day of the term we celebrated Footy Colours Day with students coming to school dressed in AFLW, AFL, Soccer and NRL colours and jerseys. Through the generosity of our families we were able to raise funds for the Fight Cancer Foundation. On this day, students enjoyed a special lunch of hotdogs. We sincerely thank the staff and parents who helped to prepare and serve this on the day.

We look forward to another great term of learning, fun and community involvement.

Warmest wishes,

**Trish Vandekolk**

### **REMINDER FOR YEAR 5/6 PARENTS**

**ALL CAMP FORMS ARE DUE MONDAY 9TH OCTOBER**

**ADVANCE NOTICE**  
**SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS TERM 4**  
**MONDAY 6th NOVEMBER — STAFF TIL**  
**FRIDAY 17th NOVEMBER — BERRY STREET TRAINING DAY 1**  
**FRIDAY 8th DECEMBER — 2024 STRATEGIC PLANNING**  
**NO SCHOOL ON THESE DAYS**

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## SCHOOL NEWS

### **TERM 4 WORKING BEE SUNDAY 29TH OCTOBER 8:30AM—11:30AM**

Our Term 4 Working Bee will be held on Sunday 29th October. We will be focussing our work on the distribution of mulch around the school gardens. Many hands will mean that the work is done quickly. Your help and attendance at our Working Bees ensures that the maintenance levy charged to families is kept to a minimum. Please reply through the Operoo notification of your attendance.



### **WHEELBARROWS AND SHOVELS NEEDED**

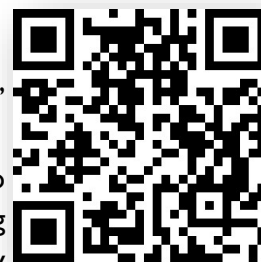
### **WHOLE SCHOOL DISCO—FRIDAY 13TH OCTOBER**

Tickets are selling fast for our School Disco next Friday night from 6:00pm—8:00pm. It is sure to be a fun night for all our students. Our Year 6 Leaders will prepare some decorations, games and prizes for the night.

Tickets can be purchased through Trybooking: <https://www.trybooking.com/CMCOP>

Tickets are \$20 per child. The ticket includes entry, a light meal with a bottle of water, games and prizes.

We are in need of some parent to assist on the night with preparing and serving food and to supervise students. If you are able to assist please respond to the Operoo request. Working With Children Checks and a signed Child Safe Code of Conduct will need to be provided by any parents/carers who help on the night.



### **FREE ICY POLES\* (CONDITIONS APPLY)**

### **SCHOOL START TIME & PUNCTUALITY—PRIZE FOR THE MOST PUNCTUAL CLASS**

We are noticing a concerning number of students are arriving late to school. This has a significant effect on the children and their readiness for learning, both those arriving late and those who are in class on time.

**School starts at 8:50am each day. This is the time when students should be in their classrooms ready for the roll to be taken and prayer to be held. Over the next four weeks we will be monitoring the arrival times of students. A prize will be awarded to the class with the greatest percentage of students present at 8:50am every week. (Maybe longer) Each Friday the winning class will receive a free icy pole.**

Staff are on duty at the front gate and on the basketball court from 8:45am. This would be the ideal time to drop your child at school so they can catch up with friends and be ready to enter the classroom as soon as the first bell sounds.

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN LEARNING GROUP (CEG)**

We are very lucky to have a wonderful parent community who do such great work for all our students. Parents are strongly encouraged to get involved with the CEG and help contribute to the learning opportunities for all our students. You are invited to join us for our next meeting on Wednesday 11th October at 6:30pm ONLINE. We have our School Disco & Mini Market to organize this term. We hope to have as many parents as we can attend to share their ideas. A link to the google meet will be sent to families via email on 11/10.



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## SCHOOL NEWS

### UNIFORM CHANGE TO SUMMER

Students are expected to be wearing Summer Uniform now with black school shoes. Please ensure that your child has their school hat with them every day. Students without a hat for play time, lunch time and PE (when in the yard) will need to remain in the gazebo for protection from the sun. We encourage students to apply sunscreen when needed.

### FEE STATEMENTS—YEAR 5/6 CAMP, SWIMMING & EXCURSIONS

Families are asked to ensure they are up to date with fee payments to secure our Year 5/6 Camp, Swimming and Excursion programs can go ahead for all students.

Fee Statements are sent via email. Please make your payments as soon as possible. Families experiencing financial difficulties are asked to contact Trish. The final due date for the 2023 School fees is Friday 1st December 2023

**SCHOOL STARTS AT 8:50AM—PLEASE ARRIVE ON TIME**

### CHILD SAFETY STANDARDS (MINISTERIAL ORDER NO. 1359)

**Child Safe Standard 1:** *Organisations establish a culturally safe environment in which the diverse and unique identities and experiences of Aboriginal children and young people are respected and valued.*

This standard addresses the importance of creating culturally safe, welcoming and inclusive environments for Aboriginal children and young people, and their families. Schools must meet specific requirements relating to this standard regardless of whether there are Aboriginal children and young people currently using their services or facilities. Implementing this standard will require ongoing effort, not just a one-off change.

Cultural safety includes being provided with a safe, nurturing and positive environment where Aboriginal children:

- feel comfortable being themselves
- feel secure to express their culture and spirituality
- are supported by a school community who respect their Aboriginality, and encourage their sense of self and identity.





To support establishing minimum requirements and continue to embed the Child Safe Standards, the following are examples of practice here at Ss Peter & Paul's School:

- We begin events and meetings with an Acknowledgment of Country
- We fly the Aboriginal flag on school grounds
- We display plaques and signs to acknowledge Country and Traditional Owners
- We engage with MACS Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education officers for advice about creating culturally inclusive learning environments
- We express zero tolerance for racism in our statement of commitment to child safety included in our Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy and other documents

For more information about the Child safe Standards follow the link provided: [New Child Safety Standards](#).

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## Positive Behaviour for Learning

			
We are safe	We are respectful	We are responsible	We are active learners

### Our School Expectations

We are active learners.	We communicate respectfully.
We work and play fairly, sensibly and inclusively.	We move safely and responsibly.

### Our Behaviour Matrix

	We are active learners	We communicate respectfully.	We work and play fairly, sensibly and	We move safely and responsibly
IN ALL AREAS AT ALL TIMES	We: are ready to learn respect others views and opinions try our best and have a go encourage others learn from our mistakes	We: are honest and use kind words with a friendly tone call others by their name use manners use appropriate eye contact and body language care for ourselves, others and the environment use full body listening	We: take turns treat others as we would like to be treated play by the rules include others when we work and play encourage others collaborate with others set a good example use equipment safely and correctly	We: use walking feet keep our hands, feet and objects to ourselves look where we are going make way for others move quietly



# SCHOOL NEWS



## Athletics Day



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# SCHOOL NEWS



<p><b>STEM MAD SHOWCASE OCTOBER 12TH</b></p>		
	<p><b>OUR GRADE 5 &amp; 6 STUDENTS WILL BE COMPETING IN AN AVIATION COMPETITION!</b></p>	
		<p><b>GOOD LUCK TO OUR STUDENTS!</b></p>

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# God's kingdom will be given to those who do right

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A



**Working for God**  
 Jesus says that we shall be given God's kingdom if we work hard to do right. How can we be good workers for God?

I can be a good worker for God by...

I can be a good worker for God by...

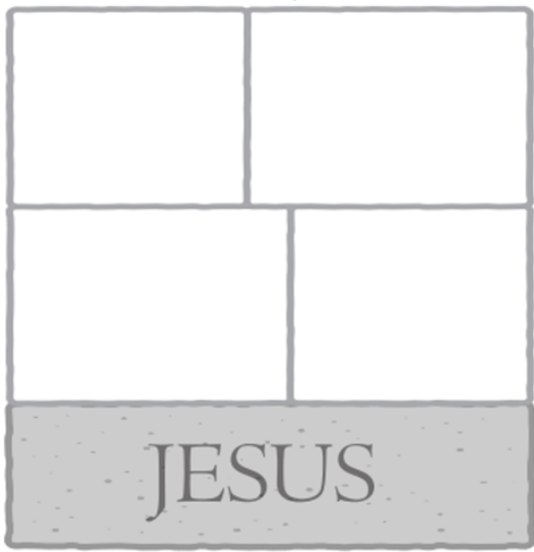
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THE STONE REJECTED BY THE BUILDERS HAS NOW BECOME THE MOST IMPORTANT STONE OF ALL.

With Jesus as the cornerstone of our faith, fill in the other stones with pictures of the people in our world who are rejected and outcast.



**Gospel** Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and

killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

**Religious Education News**


- **Sacrament date:** First Holy Communion Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm.
- First Communion Family Faith Night: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 7pm in the library.
- First Communion candidate's reflection day: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 9am – 3pm in the library (Note change from Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November).

# SCHOOL NEWS

## TERM 4—LIBRARY NEWS



In Term 3 we examined and enjoyed the CBCA (Children's Book Council of Australia) Book Week's Shortlisted picture books for 2023. We chose our favourites which were different from the winners, showing us that all the shortlisted books are good choices and now the students are looking for books in the library with the CBCA book week sticker on them. A Library reading tree was set up to encourage and share good books which we will continue this coming term. Well done also on the many students avidly reading and added to the Premier's reading challenge with success.

In Term 4 we will continue to encourage each other to borrow each week and remember to bring library bags to do so. We have kept a tally again of the regular Library borrowers and the class with the most (after averaging it out for the number of students in the class) will receive a prize each as a reward. Students have remembered to come before school to return their books and tick off their name. Well done!! 

In Term 4 we will look closely at an author together and the types of books they write, noticing and comparing themes, similarities and differences, language and making connections with the author's life and our own.

Please continue to encourage your child to enjoy and take care of their Library materials and return them for more.

Happy Reading!

Anna Johnston

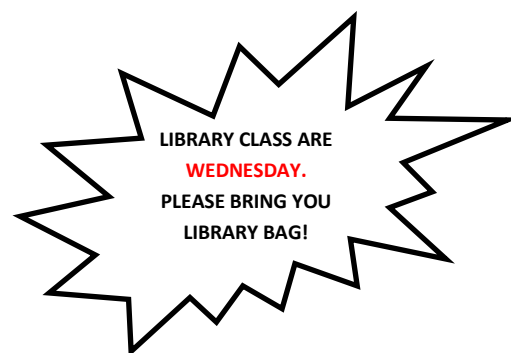
### TERM 3 - GREAT LIBRARY BORROWERS

1ST—PREP/YEAR 1

2ND—YEAR 5/6

3RD—YEAR 4

4TH—YEAR 2/3



## PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the 2023 Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge. The Reading Challenge ran from March to September. During that time you read over 1700 books - what a fantastic effort! All those who completed the challenge will be receiving a certificate in the coming weeks.



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# SCHOOL NEWS

## REMINDER STUDENT ABSENCES— PHONE MESSAGE OR EMAIL

Parents are reminded that the school requires notification of all student absences. Parents can either call the school to leave a message on our designated absence line or email the school (your child's teacher, the principal or the office) to inform us of the reason for the absence. This is a legal requirement in line with the school's Attendance Policy. All unexplained absences will result in a phone call to parents.



### 2023 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.

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## School is better when your child is here

Going to school every day is the most important part of your child's education. There are no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind and can affect their educational outcomes and their social connectedness. The best thing you can do is support your child to get to school every day.

A positive attitude towards school, healthy habits and routines, and parental involvement can support your child's regular school attendance and prevent chronic absence patterns.



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### 1. Establish positive habits to promote attendance

- Set good bedtime and morning routines to make the process of getting to school smoother for everyone. Try to prepare as much as possible the night before, e.g. school uniform, school bag packed.
- Ensure your child gets enough sleep and exercise to support their physical and mental health.
- Talk positively about the importance of school attendance with your child. Explain that it is an important part of growing up, a legal obligation and that you expect them to attend every day.
- Show an interest in your child's school and become involved where possible. Keep notes, newsletters, etc. in a place where they are visible reminders of school news for the whole family. Talk about school activities in a positive manner.
- Discuss any changes to usual routines in advance with your child, such as alternative drop-off and pick-up arrangements, to ensure clarity and minimise anxiety.

### 2. Changes in your child's attitude towards school

We all have those days when it is just too hard to get up and feel motivated to go to work or school, but if this occurs regularly, it may be a sign that your child needs support. Early intervention is vital to address physical, emotional or social reasons for school avoidance before it progresses to chronic absence problems and on to school refusal.

#### Signs of school avoidance to look out for

- feeling sick before school, e.g. waking up with a headache, stomach-ache or sore throat
- tearfulness, clinginess and dawdling before school – struggling to get out of bed, leave the house or get out of the car
- complaints about attending school and reluctance to talk about school
- missing classes and being late for class.

#### What is happening at school?

Early signs of school avoidance may be identified at school through observations and insights by your child's teachers. Work in partnership with the school to support your child's attendance and wellbeing.

### Further Resources

[Anxiety about going to school](#) – Victorian Government

[Attendance and missing school](#) – Victorian Government

[How can I get my teenager to school?](#) – Victorian Government

[Early Signs of School Avoidance/Refusal](#) – Travancore School

[Tips for Promoting School Attendance](#) – Travancore School

[Understanding School Avoidance and School Refusal](#) – Travancore School

[School refusal: children and teenagers](#) – Raising Children Network

[Understanding school refusal](#) – Headspace

[School refusal](#) – Be You  
[Everything you need to know about school refusal](#) – ReachOut

### 3. What can you do when you see the signs?

- Work with your child to understand what is happening and so that they feel supported and empowered. Listen with compassion but be consistent in expectations.
- Speak with your child's teacher(s) about your concerns.
- Consider taking your child to the GP to rule out or address any physical or emotional health problems.
- Request and attend school meetings with your child and their teacher to develop strategies to support increased attendance.



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# Playgroup

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9:15AM EVERY  
FRIDAY IN  
SCHOOL TERMS

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Term 4, 2023

## Free eSafety parent and carer webinars

Join eSafety's expert education team for a free live webinar designed for parents and carers.

### Term 4 topics:

- **Wellbeing and digital technologies (30 minutes)**  
For parents and carers of young people in secondary school.
- **Getting the most out of gaming (45 minutes)**  
For parents and carers of children aged 7 to 14.
- **Navigating online friendships (30 minutes)**  
For parents and carers of young people in secondary school.
- **Getting started with social media: TikTok, YouTube, Instagram (30 minutes)**  
For parents and carers of young people in primary and secondary school.



For more information and to register now: [esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars](https://esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars)



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## SCHOOL NEWS



### ROAD SAFETY MESSAGE

**Drivers, please do not do a U turn in Beverley Street.  
There are roundabouts at each end of the school for  
drivers to turn around.**



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\*valid Term 4: Oct 9th to Oct 27th

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# SCHOOL NEWS

## YLV SSPP OSHC

Program Information

Service Phone Number: 0457 085 784



### OPERATING TIMES

#### Before School Care

Hours:

7:30am - 8:45am

#### After School Care

Hours:

3:30pm - 6:00pm

#### Pupil Free Days:

8:00am - 6:00pm

#### Vacation Care:

8:00am - 6:00pm



### Prices

#### Before School Care

\$20.00

After Max CCS:

\$3.18

#### After School Care

(Permanent) \$25.00

(Casual) \$30.00

After Max CCS:

\$3.98

\$4.77

#### Pupil Free Day and Vacation Care

(Permanent) \$60.00

After Max CCS:

\$9.54

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