



St Peter Apostle Catholic Primary School

Learn, relate and live in the light of the Catholic faith.

Term 1 - Week 5B

27th February 2025

Dear Families

Harmony Day & Cultural Celebration

We are excited to celebrate our Cultural Festival for Harmony Day on Thursday 20th March. This special event will take place from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM and will showcase the diverse cultures within our school community. There will be entertainment and activities highlighting different cultural traditions. Families will also have the opportunity to purchase a variety of delicious food from different cultures throughout the evening. We encourage everyone to come along and enjoy this wonderful celebration.

As Harmony Day is close to Shrove Tuesday, we will **not** be holding our traditional Pancake Night this year. However, students will still get to enjoy special activities in their classes during the day to mark the occasion.

School Walkathon

Don't forget to gather sponsors for our School Walkathon. The funds raised will go towards continuing the development of our gardens and landscaping. Our students are already enjoying these inviting new spaces and your support will help us make them even better.

School Tours & Prep Information Night

If you know any families considering our school for their children, please let them know about our school tours, which run throughout the year. Additionally, our Prep Information Night will be held on Monday, 31st March. This night is a great opportunity for new families to learn more about what we offer.

Student Supervision Before School

A reminder to all parents that students are not to be dropped off before 8:30 AM, as there is no supervision available at this time. If you need to leave your child at school earlier, please ensure they are booked into the Before School Care program for their safety and supervision. All parents and students arriving before 8:45 AM must wait on the basketball courts. Families are not to wait outside classrooms or on the oval before the bell rings.

Student-Free Day – Tuesday, 11th March

A reminder that Tuesday, 11th March will be a student-free day due to staff professional development. Please make any necessary arrangements for your child on this day.

Regards

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Principal

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RELATE



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Dates to Remember - 2025

Dates are subject to change

2025 Term 1		
28th February	Friday	Interschool Sports - Round 3 - St Peter's vs Cambridge
4th March	Tuesday	Shrove Tuesday
5th March	Wednesday	Ash Wednesday Mass @10.00am
6th March	Thursday	Divisional Swimming
7th March	Friday	Interschool Sports - Round 4 - Woodville vs St Peter's
10th March	Monday	Labour Day Public Holiday - No school for students
11th March	Tuesday	School Closure Day - No school for students
12th March - 24th March	Wednesday - Friday	Grades 3 & 5 Students - NAPLAN (Timetable on next page)
14th March	Friday	Walkathon
20th March	Thursday	Harmony Week Cultural Festival @ 4pm -7pm
21st March	Friday	Interschool Sports - Round 6 - Mossfiel vs St Peter's
25th March	Tuesday	Grade 3 - Parent Eucharist Information Night @ 7pm
27th March	Thursday	Grades 4, 5 & 6 - Cross Country - Mossfiel Reserve
28th March	Friday	Grade 6 - Assembly Interschool Sports - Round 7 - St Peter's vs Wyndham Park
31st March	Monday	School Photos 2026 Prep Information Night
3rd April	Thursday	Last day for Students - 3.15pm finish Parent / Teacher / Student Conference - 3.30pm to 7pm
4th April	Friday	Student Free Day - No school for students Parent / Teacher / Student Conference Last day of term 1
22nd April	Tuesday	Term 2 Commences

SCHOOL UNIFORM TERM 1 & TERM 4 - No Hat No Play

As a 'Sunsmart' school all children are required to wear a hat during recess times. We have a 'No hat - No play' policy, so children without a hat will be required to remain in the shade during recess and lunchtime.



2025 Planned School closure dates

11th March	Tuesday	School Closure Day - No school for all students
4th April	Friday	Parent / Teacher / Student Conference - No school for all students
5th May	Monday	School Closure Day - No school for all students
22nd May	Thursday	Year 5 camp recovery day - No school for Year 5 students only
29th May	Thursday	Year 6 camp recovery day - No school for Year 6 students only
5th September	Friday	School Closure Day - No school for all students
19th September	Friday	Parent / Teacher / Student Conference - No school for all students
6th October	Monday	School Closure Day - No school for all students
3rd November	Monday	School Closure Day - No school for all students

2025 NAPLAN Timetable

Date	Test	Time
Wednesday 12th March	Writing Year 3 Writing Year 5	9:15am
Thursday 13th March	Reading Year 3 Reading Year 5	9.15am
Monday 17th March	Conventions of Language Year 3 Conventions of Language Year 5	9.15am
Tuesday 18th March	Numeracy Year 3 Numeracy Year 5	9.15am

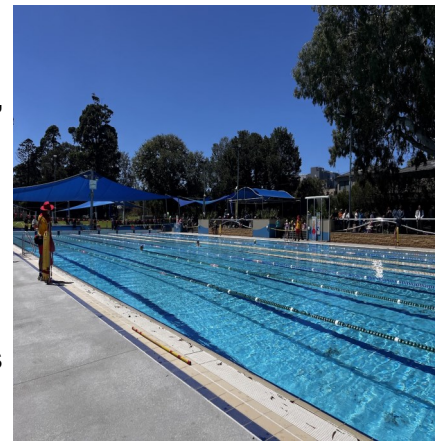
On the NAPLAN dates, students must have their laptops fully charged and at school. If your child has wired headphones could they please bring them on the days.

[Click here](#) for the NAPLAN information for 2025.

District Swimming Carnival

On Monday the 17th of February the Hoppers Crossing District Schools Sports Victoria Swimming Carnival was held at the WynActive Outdoor Pool in Werribee. Around 40 St Peter's Apostle students represented the school in a number of swimming strokes and categories.

They showed great effort and determination in finishing their races, most students went home with 1st, 2nd and 3rd ribbon, for some it was their first major sports meet representing St Peter's they did a fantastic job on the day. Overall we came **2nd at the District Swimming Carnival**. Thank you to the St Peter's staff Mr Gough, Miss Hamilton, Miss Dowie and Mrs Colla for helping, supporting and organising the students for each event. Thank you to all the parents who attended and supported their sons and daughters, it was beautiful to see you all there. Nine St Peter's students have made it through to Wyndham Division Swimming Carnival to be held on Thursday 6th March 2025 at the Werribee Outdoor Pool. They are the following students: Mitchell 6C came second in the U12/13 boys championship race, Johnny 3B, Alex 4C, Louise 4B, Sophia 6C, Brang 6A, Evie 6B, Tianna 6B and Raziya 6B. Wishing them good luck at the Division Swimming carnival.



Message from the Art Room

Dear Parents

The children have started the year off with some exciting art projects! Could you please ensure that they have an art shirt or an art smock for this lesson. We want to avoid paint on school uniforms. Thank you kindly!

Mrs Rose

(Visual Arts Teacher)

ST PETER APOSTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

2025
Walkathon
FUNDRAISER

Friday 14th March

Raising funds for Lawn & Landscaping
around the new playground area

PRIZES to be won!

- *Prizes for students in each class who raise the most money!
- *All students who return their sponsorship forms and money go into a raffle drawn on Monday 31st March at line up.

Student Sponsorship forms and Money due back to school
Friday 28th March

Community Hub Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3/3 English Classes 9.30-11am	4/3	5/3	6/3 Community Hub 9.30-10.30am <i>Join us for Pancakes</i>	7/3 No playgroup
10/3 Labour Day Holiday	11/3	12/3	13/3 Community Hub 9.30-10.30am <i>Women's Health Topic</i>	14/3 Playgroup 9.00-10.30am

Harmony Week Cultural Festival

Cultural Festival- get your costumes ready and come along to celebrate the many diverse cultures at our school. Thursday March 20th from 4-7pm. We have food vans book for families to purchase a meal, sporting workshops, cooking, craft and dance performances planned. We will also be looking for parent volunteers to help us run the night so keep a look out for our volunteer sign up. Please email:

justabley-cowell@stpeterahc.catholic.edu.au or awork@stpeterahc.catholic.edu.au



Playgroup will recommence Friday March 14th.

English classes running from 9-11am in the Community Hub.

Respectful Relationships



Respectful Relationships education is a core component of the Victorian Curriculum from foundation to year 12. It is all about embedding a culture of respect and equality across the entire school community.

In Term 1, teachers and education support staff have started the year building positive relationships in their classrooms. This week, the Foundation level, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 will focus on social emotional learning by engaging and developing their understanding of personal and cultural strengths. Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5 will engage and develop their understanding and skills through the emotional literacy topic.

Topic 1: Emotional literacy

Students develop the ability to be aware of, understand and use information about the emotional states of themselves and others.

Topic 2: Personal and cultural strengths

Students develop a vocabulary to help them recognise and understand strengths and positive qualities in themselves and others. They identify the values and strengths they have learnt from role models within their families and culture to think about how this guidance helps them to treat others with respect. They consider how to draw on these strengths to engage with the challenges and opportunities that life presents.

Online Safety

eSafe Behaviour

Student Use Agreement

eSafe Behaviour

Classroom Poster

MACS has developed an eSafe Behaviours Student Agreement and eSafe Behaviours Classroom poster for schools to use with students to guide and support appropriate behaviour when using the internet and online technologies.

The resources developed in consultation with students from primary and secondary schools capture authentic student voices.



LENT

Lent lies at the very heart of our Catholic faith. While Lent was originally intended as a time of preparation for those being baptized at Easter, it gradually became a time when all of us focus on getting ready to renew our own baptismal promises. It is a time when we reflect on the dying and rising of Christ that has made our salvation possible. The three Catholic observances we follow during Lent – prayer, fasting and giving alms – engage us in body, mind and spirit. Focusing on these traditional observances will bring your family closer to Christ ... and to one another.

PRAYER

"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus."

~ 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

New Ways to Pray

This Lenten season, try out some different forms of prayer as a family. Start a family conversation by asking, "How much time do you spend with your best friend?" Have each family member, adults included, talk about the question. Then ask, "How much time do you spend with God?" Talk as a family about how to make room in your lives to talk with God.

Kids might enjoy praying to God in their own way. Young children talk to God before bedtime. Older kids may want to text or email God. They obviously don't have to send it, but the act of writing down (or typing in this case) a prayerful thought is prayer. If using email, save the prayers as drafts during Lent. When Holy Week begins, read through the emails and be reminded of the time spent with God.

FASTING

"When you fast, don't look gloomy like the hypocrites. They neglect their appearance, so that they may appear to others to be fasting. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward."

~ Matthew 6:16

Why Do We Fast?

While prayer and almsgiving are part of our regular Catholic observances, many people tend to limit fasting to the season of Lent. In times gone by, people emptied the larder on Fat Tuesday, which led to quite a bland diet for the next six weeks, until Easter. These days, we keep the fast limited to Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and abstain from meat on each Friday of Lent. Why fast? Fasting is a spiritual practice and discipline. It's aim is to help us focus on God. By limiting our intake of food, we exercise self-control, discipline our body. Experiencing physical hunger also reminds us of our utter dependence on God and puts us in solidarity with those for whom hunger is not a choice, but rather a fact of life.

Fasting doesn't have to be only about food. It can spill over to habits, practices and things that distract us from our relationship with God and others such as too much time spent at work or too much time on social media.

GIVING ALMS

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me."
~ Matthew 25:35-36

"But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you" (Mt 6:3-4).

The Gospel of Matthew reminds us that we are not supposed to make a big deal about our giving. Seeking glory for these things defeats the purpose. Kids love secrets! Enlist your children's enthusiasm for secrets by asking them to help you plan some silent sharing for those in need.

2025 Canteen Price List

Thursday & Fridays ONLY
[Click here](#)

2025 - 2nd Hand Uniform Dates

Located in the meeting room between school office and church.

Open Times
8:30am to 9:30am - Friday

Term 1- 2025

March - 7th
March - 21st



Outside School Hours Care

St Peter Apostle Primary School's Outside School Hours Care
Provider is Our Patch.

To enrol [click here](#)



AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

Catholic Secondary School Enrolments

Year 5 Students in 2025 - Starting Year 7 in 2027

If you intend to send your child to a Catholic Secondary School applications for students Year 7 in 2027 will open on **Tuesday 28th January 2025** and applications will close on **Friday 15th August 2025**.

Students Starting Year 7 in 2026

If you intend to send your child to a Catholic Secondary School and have not already enrolled them, Enrolments have now closed . We strongly encourage you to contact the secondary school as soon as possible.



BEYOND THE BELL TALK AND TOUR

Tuesday 18 March 2025
Starting 4.30pm



Come along to Beyond the Bell – Talk and Tour and meet our friendly students and staff here at Thomas Carr College.

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2025 School Fees

2025	Fees		Levies					
Grades	Family Fee	Capital	Curriculum	Swimming	Camp	Excursion	Sacrament	Technology
Per Family	\$1,970.00	\$50.00						
Prep			\$400.00					
Year 1			\$400.00					
Year 2			\$400.00					
Year 3			\$430.00					\$212.00
Year 4			\$430.00					\$212.00
Year 5			\$430.00		\$250.00			\$212.00
Year 6			\$430.00		\$300.00			

2025 FEE FORMS

2025 Fee Payment Consent Form [click here](#)

2025 Credit Card Direct Debit Payment Form [click here](#)

2025 CSEF Form [click here](#)

Please note: A new Credit Card debit payment form needs to be filled **every year** for monthly/fortnightly payments