



### Our Vision

- As a Catholic community, called by God, we nurture relationships as we serve, learn and grow.

### Our Mission

- To lead pupils more fully into the mystery of Christ and the Living Tradition of the Church.
- Our School motto is "Love One Another"
- To foster and develop Christian Values.
- To work together to enable children to see themselves as worthwhile members of a wider Catholic Faith Community

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## BULLETIN

### WISDOM UPFRONT

"Everyone has a story – maybe you are the one meant to hear it"

### *PRINCIPAL'S NEWS*

*Mr. Armando Gagliardi*

Dear Families

Welcome to Term Four!

It was great to see all the children arrive on Monday morning with smiles on their face, ready to be with their teachers and friends. Their energy throughout the week has been evident, reconnecting with our school community in so many ways.

I take this opportunity to thank all families for their commitment and support of the school in recent months. Your ability to stay positive during difficult circumstances is a credit to you all.

Attached in the bulletin is information that may continue to assist children in transitioning back to school.

### **WORLD TEACHERS DAY**

On Friday 30 October, we acknowledge *World Teacher's Day* in Australia. The day provides an opportunity to pay particular attention to the important role of teachers within our school communities.

I would like to thank the staff at St. Peter Chanel School for giving your child the best education possible. Their commitment, passion and professionalism are indicators of individuals striving to be the best they can possibly be, in a most challenging profession.

Let us give thanks for all our educators at our school.

### **CAR PARK**

A reminder to all families that dismissal for students in Years Prep, 1, 2 & siblings is at 2.45pm each day and for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 at 3.15pm each day. It is important that families adhere to these times and do not arrive to school substantially earlier than required. The aim of these staggered finishing times is to promote flow for vehicles and families and avoid congestion.

### School Administration

Email address:  
officeadmin@  
spcdeerpark.catholic.edu.  
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### Website

A reminder that our website is accessible for all parents. A variety of information is available.

[www.spcdeerpark.catholic.edu.au](http://www.spcdeerpark.catholic.edu.au)



### SCHOOL CROSSING

Brimbank City Council have implemented a few changes to the way our School Crossing Supervisors work Covid-19 safe at a crossing.

#### Changes

- Compulsory wearing of masks – WHISTLES WILL NOT BE USED
- Hand signals and voice commands will be used to instruct pedestrians in place of the whistle
- To maintain social distancing, all supervisors will stand on the opposite side of the crossing to where pedestrians approach

Morning shift: School Side location

Afternoon shift: Opposite side to school

### SCHOOL FEES AND LEVIES

Outstanding school fees remain for 2020. It is important that they be paid promptly to ensure that the school can meet its payments. Thank you to all parents who have finalised their fee payment for 2020. Your support with this matter is appreciated. All families received a letter outlining a part credit regarding school levies. If you have any queries, please contact the school.

### SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS

Please note that school will be closed on Monday, 2 November and Tuesday, 3 November. A parish closure day has been allocated for the Monday, to precede the Melbourne Cup. There will be no school for students on these days. OSHC will be available for students on Monday 2 November. Parents must register their child prior to the day.

Please note that the school will also be closed on Friday 13 November (Professional Learning day for staff ) and Monday 7 December allowing Learning Conversations to take place. More information will follow in due course.

### END OF 2020 SCHOOL YEAR

A reminder to all parents that the end of the 2020 school year will conclude on Friday 11 December at 1.00pm for all students. The After School Program will be in operation as per normal on this day. Year 6 students will also finish on Friday 11 December.

### DIARY DATES TERM 4 – 2020

Friday 23 October	Public Holiday
Monday 2 November	Parish Closure Day
Tuesday 3 November	Melbourne Cup – Public Holiday
Friday 13 November	School Closure- Professional Learning for Staff
Monday 7 December	Learning Conversations
Friday 11 December	School 2020 concludes for all students

## ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

St Peter Chanel Primary School, (Administration building) has been nominated in the Category for: Small Projects under AU\$2m for the first **People's Choice Award**. The award is being organized by Learning Environments Vic. Chapter.

I have been asked to send this notice and alert our community to assist in generating votes for '**People's Choice Award**'.

Below are detailed instructions of how to vote:

1. Follow **@le\_vic\_chap** on Instagram
2. On their feed, you will see the image below
3. '**Like**' the post to assist in winning the people's choice award

It is great for our community to be acknowledged regardless of the outcome. I will inform the school community of any decisions in due course.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Angela Giordimaina

Religious Education Leader

### October- The Month of the Rosary

The month of October is dedicated to the most Holy Rosary; the most widely practised prayer amongst Catholics around the world. On October 7, we celebrated the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

The Church celebrates Mary as a model for all believers and an example to us all. Through the examples we find in the Gospels, we know that Mary was a wife and mother of great faith who served others, prayed, was courageous and yet also suffered.

Children have also been praying the Rosary. I invite you to say the Rosary with your child, taking the time to pray and remember the lives of Jesus and Mary and to thank and praise God for them through prayer.

Pope Francis wants us to rediscover the beauty of the rosary and says, "the Rosary is a prayer that always accompanies me; it is also the prayer of the ordinary people and the saints... it is a prayer from my heart.

### Feast of St Anthony Mary Claret

Friday 23 October is the Feast of St Anthony Mary Claret, the founder of the Claretian Missionaries. Our Parish Priests here at St Peter Chanel are Claretians. St Anthony Mary Claret was a missionary whose mission was to spread the word and the love of God just as Jesus had asked us to do. His motto was to 'Light the whole world on fire with the love of God.' The community of St Peter Chanel follow the motto to *Love One Another*. Therefore, may we all share our love with all we meet in our thoughts, words and actions.

May you know God  
May you love God  
May you serve God  
And May you praise God  
Just like St Anthony Mary Claret



### Sacraments- 2021

Dates for 2021 sacraments are yet to be finalised. I thank families from Years 3 and 4 for their understanding in the need to cancel sacraments for 2020. We look forward to 2021 in hope that children will be able to celebrate their sacraments.

### Important Dates in the Church Calendar

All Saints Day	Sunday, 1 November
All Souls Day	Monday, 2 November

May God Bless You All!

### **LITERACY:**

Adelina Elzeine P-3 Literacy Leader  
Adrian Schultz Year 4-6 Literacy Leader

### Book Week 2020

Book Week is a time to celebrate and enjoy a love of reading and books. We will be celebrating Book Week this term during the week beginning Monday October 19th.

The theme for Book Week this year is *Curious Creatures, Wild Minds*.

We will be celebrating book week with a dress up day for all students on **Thursday 22 October**

All students (Prep -Year 6) are invited to come to school dressed up as a book character of their choice on this day. Due to the current circumstances, we are unable to have our whole school parade this year, however, we will share photos with families via Seesaw.

We look forward to an exciting and fun-filled Book Week!

### **PARENTING IDEAS:**

*Michael Grose*

To make their transition easier, here are considerations if your child is returning – or preparing to return – to the classroom.

#### **1. Talk to them about how they feel**

It is important to encourage your child to discuss their feelings about returning to school. This may require a [difficult conversation about the pandemic](#), especially in light of the school's safety measures.

If they feel anxious or worried, help them understand this is perfectly normal, and that you and their teachers are there to support them. Although difficult, try not to share any anxiety you may have with them.



Also bear in mind your child may be returning to a pre-existing issue from before lockdown – for example, a bullying or relationship issue, or difficulty with school work or staff – or they may be preparing for the transition to secondary school.

Try to give them a **non-judgmental and supportive place** to share any anxiety. Younger children, in particular, may not always have the words to express their feelings, so try to find a way of bringing up the conversation without putting pressure on them – for instance when you're playing with them, or going for a walk. This can help them to open up naturally and identify what they are anxious about. If you are concerned about their mental wellbeing, **extra support** is available.

## **2. Pack right, pack light**

Your school will have been in touch to let you know what your child should and (more likely) should not bring in – such as stationary, bags, PE kits, bottles and lunch.

## **3. Make sure they understand the rules**

Your school will have also been in touch to explain the various new procedures in place. If you have not received this information or are unsure what the rules are, you should contact the school administration.

Make sure you read all school communications with your child and make sure they are prepared, so it is not a shock when they enter the school gates.

## **4. Make sure you know the rules too...**

You will need to know where and when to drop them off and pick them up, as well as what parts of the school you can access.

Your child will be eagerly expecting you at collection time, so make sure whoever is collecting them, are there for them, in the right place at the right time.

## **5. End of day emotions – do not push them**

For younger children in particular, a school day can require a lot of self-regulation or compressed behaviour, which can lead to **tired and emotional outbursts later on in the day**. Given the length of the lockdown and the new school safety rules in place, these emotions may be hard to cope with when they return.

It is a good idea to keep this in mind, and allow for some 'letting off steam'. Your instinct may be to ask about their day, but be aware that your child may prefer to simply unwind.

## 6. Stay informed

Given the long absence from school, there may be a difficult period of readjustment. There may be fresh challenges for your child, from working with new classmates and teachers, to coping with their work and observing the rules.

Try to stay informed about how they are getting on – but if you are concerned, contact the school administration about speaking to the class teacher.

## 7. Get some rest...

Your family may have been getting used to some rather unusual hours during lockdown and that may have extended into the summer holidays.

Make sure they are getting a [good night's sleep](#) for their return to school. It might mean introducing some earlier bedtimes than they have had recently, but a good night's rest will help them cope with the return to school and the new routines they will be adapting to.

# October 2020

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Book Week	20	21	22 Dress Up day for students	23 Public Holiday	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 World Teachers Day	31	

# November 2020

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
						1 All Saints Day
2 Parish Closure Day All Souls Day	3 Melbourne Cup	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 School Closure	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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