











Welcome back to St Peter's Primary School.

We hope everyone has had a restful break during the holidays. It is exciting to have everybody back and ready for a bright and exciting new term.

In Term 2, all Grade 1 students must wear their sports uniforms on **Tuesday and Thursday**.
School begins at 8.50 am and finishes at 3.10 pm.

Please remember that being on time for school in the morning is crucial for learning, and be on time to pick up your child at 3:10 pm if you haven't booked with Camp Australia.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Library 	PE (Ms. Natasha) Wear sports uniform 		Class Sport Wear sports uniform 	Visual Arts (Ms. Longano) 
Change Readers 	Music/ Performing Arts (Ms. Scott) 			STEM (Ms. Burnie) 
				Assembly 2:30pm (fortnightly) 

Drop-off:

In Term 2, we will continue to focus on independence. In the classroom, this includes students looking after their belongings, keeping their lockers clean, and organising themselves for the beginning and end of the day. To support us in this, we encourage parents to say goodbye at the gate and allow children to walk independently into the school. Please note: Gates open at 8:30 am, and students are asked to line their bags up in the designated space in the undercover area. They are then encouraged to go and play until the bell rings at 8:50 am.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL):

As a school, we have focused on our PBL values of respect, responsibility, resilience and safety. This term, we will continue with our weekly lessons that focus on particular values, expected behaviours, and routines in our PBL matrix. These lessons will set the students up for success and provide clear and explicit ways to

consistently demonstrate St Peter's PBL values. We will continue to use Class Dojo and our acknowledgement system for the students. Students earn points for displaying PBL values, which they can collect and redeem for fun rewards. It's a wonderful way to motivate and encourage good behaviour, celebrating even the smallest wins! By reinforcing positive behaviour, we can create a more positive and engaging learning environment for all our students.

Religion

In Term 2, Year 1 will explore themes of belonging, community, stewardship, and moral responsibility through the Church and Jesus' teachings. They'll reflect on stories like the Resurrection, and the Good Samaritan to learn about kindness, justice, and being part of God's family. Through discussion, storytelling, role-play, prayer, and creative activities, students will deepen their understanding of how to care for others and feel a sense of belonging in their faith and school community.

Literacy

This term in Literacy, we will continue with Heggerty phonemic awareness to strengthen students' sound recognition and manipulation skills. We will reinforce previously learned Heart Words while introducing new ones to support reading and writing development. Reading will focus on building fluency through decoding strategies, expression, and phrasing. Handwriting sessions will help refine letter formation, spacing, and overall legibility. In writing, students will explore recount and procedure texts, learning to sequence events clearly and give step-by-step instructions. Our Writer's Notebook will provide opportunities for creativity and personal expression.

Reading folders, Library, Homework

Take home reading books have continued this term. Please check this folder as it is our way of communicating with you. Inside the folder you will find a decodable book for your child to read, and a topic book where you would read to your child. As a guide, we encourage you to spend approximately 10 minutes of reading time at home with your child. Students will be provided with a reading journal which they will fill out each night, please make sure these journals are signed and returned each day to school.

Please note: Students will get new levelled reading books every Monday, please ensure their reading folders are in their bag on Monday.

On Monday's, students need to bring a library bag with their library books and reading books inside to school, clearly marked with their name.

Students may borrow two books from the library each week. Reading library books together can be a part of nightly reading. Please return the books each Monday so your child can borrow other books.

Each fortnight, students will receive a homework learning grid. Please view the tasks, complete it and sign it and return it each fortnight.

Maths

In Term 2, our Year 1 students will focus on key mathematical concepts, including counting and place value, to strengthen their number sense and understanding of patterns. In measurement, they will compare and order objects by length, mass, and capacity through hands-on activities. For addition and subtraction, students will develop strategies using number lines, ten frames, bar models, and number bonds to build confidence in solving problems. Later in the term, they will explore time duration, learning to sequence events and compare lengths of time.

Integrated Curriculum

This semester, Year 1 students are exploring history, focusing on how daily life in the past differed from today. They will learn about changes in communication, transport, technology, and work, and reflect on how these past events have shaped their lives now. Through hands-on activities and discussions, students will make connections between their own experiences and the historical changes that have influenced the world around them.

Digital Technology

Students will continue to apply their skills in the safe use of technology and how to use educational apps across different curriculum areas. They will use iPads to support their learning and various digital platforms, including Reading Eggs, Seesaw, and Maths Seed.

Physical Education

During Term 2 in Physical Education students will practise fundamental movement skills and apply them in a variety of movement situations including indoor and outdoor settings. Students will participate in a unit on Soccer and learn basic skills such as how to kick and dribble a soccer ball. Students will learn to cooperate with others and participate in games with and without equipment. Students will participate in a range of physical activities in outdoor environments and investigate contextual factors and environments that make physical activity safe and enjoyable.

Music and Performing Arts

In term two, students in grade one and two are learning about Music related to their incursion, *Rhythm Works*. They are focusing on the song 'Road Train', learning facts about these and relating them to the sounds of that piece of Music.

In addition students in grade one and two will be learning to play the xylophone, focusing on elements of music as they do and building their vocabulary of musical terms.

STEM

During Term 1 in STEM, students will explore the Technology domain.

The Grade 1/2 students will learn how to log onto a computer and develop basic skills using the mouse and keyboard. They will explore how websites store personal data and how to act safely about this. Students will also use digital tools to be creative and share information digitally with their teachers. This term they will also be introduced to algorithms and the concept of following step-by-step instructions to complete a task.

Visual Arts

Throughout Term 2 students will prepare artworks for the 2025 Art show to be held in term 3. This term students will improve fine motor skills by working with textiles. Students will also get the opportunity to create a piece from clay. They will examine artwork by Japanese artist, Takashi Murakami, and create a large scale 2D artwork.

Italian

In Term 2, Year 1 students will continue building their awareness of Italian, focusing on expressing their feelings and current states of being. They will also learn how to say when something hurts and explain why, helping them communicate both emotions and physical discomforts in Italian.

Pick up and Camp Australia:

This is just a reminder to pick up your child on time at 3:10 p.m. If you are late, your child will be asked to walk to the school office due to child safety and staff meetings.

We use Camp Australia for our before-school, after-school, curriculum day and holiday programs. If you know you will be late picking up your child after school, please book with Camp Australia. If your child has not been with Camp Australia before, please register via this link: <https://pp.campaustalia.com.au/>.

You are also encouraged to download the Camp Australia app on your phone.

If you need more information about Camp Australia for your child, please feel free to look through this link: <https://campaustalia.com.au/schools/0F4C>

Camp Australia provides healthy and delicious afternoon tea and a wide range of different play-based activities both inside and outside.

Important Dates for Term 2

2025 Term 2 Dates

April

Monday 21st April: Easter Monday- No School

Tuesday 22nd April: Students start Term 2

Friday 25th April: ANZAC Day- No school

Monday 28th April: Metro Rail Awareness and Safety Session

Tuesday 29th April: School Photos

May

Sunday 4th May: Year ½ Parish Mass at 9am

Friday 9th May: Mother's Day Liturgy (Presented by Year 1)

Monday 28th May: Year ½ Excursion to Melbourne Museum

June

Monday 9th June: King's Birthday- No school

Tuesday 10th June: Staff Professional Learning Day- No School

Wednesday 25th June: St Peter's Clayton Got Talent

Friday 27th June: P&F Social Event- 70th Anniversary

July

Wednesday 2nd July: Learning Expo and St Peter's Feast Day celebrations

Friday 4th July: Last Day of Term: School finishes at 1pm

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child throughout the year, please feel free to contact me.

I can be reached via email or by making an appointment via our school office.

I am looking forward to supporting you and working together.

Kind Regards,

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