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St Peter's Primary School Parent Handbook 2024

SCHOOL PRAYER

Help us Lord in every way,
to work our best throughout the day.

Help us Lord to think of others,
through the guidance of Mary our Mother.

Thank you for our caring friends, whose friendship with us never ends.

Thank you, Jesus, for dying for us,
we love you, Lord Jesus...
St Peter...Pray for us.

Amen

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PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

At St Peter's School, our core mission is to inspire students to learn, achieve and serve with integrity. Our core values – TRUE (Trust, Respect, Unity, Excellence) – are central to our school's philosophy. We aim to nurture each child's unique abilities, providing an environment where they can flourish emotionally, spiritually, academically and socially. By fostering a love for learning, we encourage students to look beyond appearances, seek deeper truths, and discover true happiness.

Our curriculum is designed to offer a wide range of high-quality educational opportunities. With specialist programs in Music, Physical Education, the Arts, and Science, we enrich the academic journey for each child, ensuring they receive a well-rounded education. Each student is individually known, supported, and challenged to reach their full potential through focused interventions that cater to diverse learning needs.

At St Peter's, we are proud to be a Catholic school, with Jesus at the heart of our community. As we strive to reflect on our dignity and purpose, we guide students to develop their natural creativity and critical thinking, preparing them for a future beyond this world.

We believe that parents are the foremost educators of their children, and our partnership with families is essential to student success. We encourage active parental involvement in school life. Together, we create a strong community spirit, where children learn, not only from structured lessons, but also from the adults around them.

This partnership between home and school is mutually supportive, and it is our goal to work together in nurturing and guiding each child. At St Peter's, parents and staff join in a shared mission: to support the personal growth and educational development of every student, helping them become fully integrated, compassionate and capable individuals.

We are committed to providing a high-quality 21st-century Catholic education, where children are encouraged to be open to truth, respectful of differing views, and reflective in their thinking. Our school community welcomes boys and girls from Pre Kindy through to Year Six, ensuring a nurturing and inclusive environment for all.

As a school steeped in Christian values, we foster a sense of belonging, where friendships are formed, and lifelong values are developed. We invite families to explore our website and contact us for a tour to learn more about the vibrant community and exceptional education that St Peter's offers.

Justin Tuohy PRINCIPAL

2024 TERM DATES

Term One	Wednesday, 31 January – Friday, 29 March	
Term Two	Monday, 15 April – Friday, 28 June	
Term Three	Monday, 15 July – Friday, 20 September	
Term Four	Monday, 7 October – Friday, 6 December	
These dates are correct at this point in time; however, may change due to circumstances beyond our control.		

2024 PUPIL FREE DAYS & PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Term One	Monday, 4 March - Labour Day Public Holiday	
	Friday, 29 March - Good Friday Public Holiday	
Term Two	Thursday, 25 April – Anzac Day Public Holiday	
	Friday, 26 April – PD Day (PK students attend)	
	Friday, 31 May – PD Day (PK students attend)	
	Monday, 3 June – WA Public Holiday	
Term Three	Friday, 20 September – PD (PK students attend)	
Term Four	Friday, 1 November – PD (PK students attend)	
	Monday, 4 November – Catholic Day	
	Monday, 9 December – PD days	
	Friday, 13 December	
These dates are d	correct at this point in time; however, may change due to circumstances beyond our control.	

SCHOOL TIMES

8.45am - 2.45pm (Fridays only) Pre Kindy:

Kindergarten: 8.30am - 2.45pm

> Kindy Blue Monday, Tuesday and Thursday Kindy Maroon Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday

Kindy White Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

Pre Primary – Year Six 8.30am - 3pm

BELL TIMES

8.30am Classroom Doors Open 8.45am School Day Begins

10.25am-10.45am **Recess** 12.25-1:05pm Lunch

3pm School Day Finishes

CONTACT DETAILS

Postal Address: PO Box 656, Inglewood WA 6932 Street Address: 103 Wood Street, Inglewood WA 6052

Telephone: (08) 9338 9900

Email: stpeters@cewa.edu.au
Website: stpeters.wa.edu.au

Office Hours: 8am - 4pm Monday to Friday, during the school term only

(an answering machine operates outside these hours).

If you have any queries or require assistance, please feel welcome to call 9338 9900 or visit us at the front office.

ABSENCES

If your child is going to be absent from school, please notify the school **before 9am** (see options below). Please do not email the class teacher directly regarding absences.

- Via SEQTA Engage <u>Instructions</u>; or
- Complete the absentee form on website <u>Student Absences</u>; or
- Call the Absentee telephone line on 9338 9901; or
- Email <u>absenteestpeters@cewa.edu.au</u>

The Education Act mandates that all children of primary age attend school. All things being equal, time spent on school tasks is the single biggest factor in learning success. Please do not encourage your child to miss school unnecessarily as most instruction is sequential and lost lessons may be difficult for children to make up.

If you are planning an extended absence from school (e.g. holiday), you are required to complete an <u>Student Extended Leave Notification</u> before departure - a month in advance if possible.

ACCIDENT & ILLNESS

Minor injuries (e.g. minor cuts, abrasions, bruising) will be dealt with by a member of staff with First Aid training. Students injured in any serious manner will be attended to by trained staff members, with parents notified in accordance with the gravity and urgency of the situation. It is preferred to err on the side of caution.

If your child is unwell, please do not send him/her to school. If a child becomes unwell whilst at school, his/her parents/caregivers will be contacted immediately.

In some cases of communicable illnesses, students may not be able to return to school without a medical certificate. For more information on communicable diseases, please view the Department of Health's <u>Control of Communicable</u> <u>Diseases Manual</u>.

ASSEMBLIES

Assemblies are conducted on a Thursday afternoon (see <u>Community Calendar</u> for dates), usually at 2.10pm. During our Assemblies, notices are read out and merit awards distributed. In addition, students are also awarded 'Person of the Week'. Parents of award recipients are invited to attend as special guests. All Assemblies are held in the Undercover Area. On a rostered basis throughout the year, classes have the opportunity to show work and/or entertain the school community with their assembly item. The class assemblies are held on Friday mornings.

BICYCLES & SCOOTERS

Bicycles and scooters are to be walked into the school grounds. Any child riding a bicycle or scooter to and from school must wear a correctly fitted helmet. Bicycles and scooters are always to be stored in bicycle racks and it is advisable to be fitted with safety locks.

Parents are asked to regularly remind their children about road safety on bicycles and scooters. Please insist on your children going home immediately after school and regularly check bicycles and scooters for safety. It is not advisable to allow very young children to come to school on their own, riding bicycles or scooters.

BIRTHDAYS

If you wish to supply a treat for the children to help celebrate your child's birthday, please bring in wrapped confectionery (lollies/lollipops). This confectionery must be store-bought. (Other sugary products, chocolates, cake, cookies, nuts, or nut products are not allowed.)

BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Book Club catalogues will be distributed throughout the year. All orders are made **online** using the Scholastic payment instructions on the catalogue. Deadlines for orders will be published in the School's Newsletter and reminder text messages will also be sent.

BOOKLISTS & STATIONERY

St Peter's purchases all the necessary items as a back-to-school requirement for each student. This option allows our school to order high-quality items in bulk at exceptionally competitive prices, saving parents time, money and resources. All stationery items will be delivered to the classrooms at the beginning of the year.

Parents are required to purchase the following from Uniform Concepts:

- · Library Bag
- · Homework Bag

Each year, students will be required to retain:

- Library Bag (purchased in Kindy from the Uniform Shop)
- Homework Bag (purchased in Kindy from the Uniform Shop)
- Art Shirt (supplied in the Year One Bulk Order)
- Headphones (supplied in the Pre Primary Bulk Order)

If a student misplaces or damages any of the above items, it is the parents' responsibility to provide a replacement.

CALENDAR

Parents are encouraged to view the school's live online calendar for information on upcoming events. The calendar can be viewed on the school website <u>Community</u> <u>Calendar</u>.

CANTEEN (Monday - Friday)

The Canteen provides balanced and nutritious lunches for Kindy to Year Six students, at a very reasonable cost. As Kindy has an earlier lunch and recess time, the Kindy menu is slightly different, and students are unable to order hot food or recess items. To view the latest Canteen menus, please visit the school website Canteen.

Parents must place their Canteen order online through QuickCliq Quickcliq.com.au before the daily cut-off time of 8:45am. If you miss the 8.45am cut-off, please call QuickCliq on 1300 116 637 to request that a late order be placed, which will be put through to the Canteen. Recess items are now only available for pre-order on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Cash is also accepted for recess items. Children can also line up at lunchtime (after the second lunch bell and they have eaten their lunch) and purchase snacks with cash. Lunch orders can be placed up to a month before and can easily be cancelled, as long as it is before the 8.45am cut-off for the day it has been ordered for.

The Canteen relies on voluntary assistance from parents, mainly on Monday and Friday mornings. Parents can email the Canteen Managers to offer their assistance. In the interest of safety, parents on roster are requested not to bring young children canteen@stpeters.wa.edu.au

CHANGE OF FAMILY DETAILS

It is mandated that the school keeps accurate records of all students. Please advise the school immediately of any change of family details, addresses, telephone numbers, emails, etc – stpeters@cewa.edu.au.

Parents' contact numbers must be kept up-to-date. Please ensure that we have the name and address of someone (other than the parent) who lives in the metropolitan area, should they be needed in case of emergency. If your child is to be left with a friend in your absence, a contact address and telephone number should be left with the front office.

Where access of any party to a child attending school is limited in any way, contact should be made with the Principal so that appropriate measures can be taken.

DENTAL CLINIC

Students can receive dental treatment at the Hillcrest Dental Therapy Centre. If you would like to make use of this free service, contact the Centre direct on 9271 7184 or hillcrestDTC@health.wa.gov.au.

DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Under no circumstances are dogs of any size or breed to be brought on to school grounds. Please ensure that your dog is kept at home when dropping off or collecting your child/ren from school grounds.

ENRICHMENT PROGRAM A.Q.U.I.N.A.S.

At St Peter's, we celebrate the diversity and achievements of all students and encourage them to discover and perform at their potential in every domain. Exceptionally able students are supported through an approach that recognises learner needs and provides depth and complexity through stimulating, flexible and differentiated learning environments.

An Enrichment program is run where small groups of students from Years Three to Six participate in weekly sessions. These sessions are designed to challenge and develop creativity and higher-order thinking skills. Students are selected for the program through a process primarily based on general knowledge testing, in combination with input from classroom teachers. This process will occur in Term Three when students are in Year Three onwards.

ENROLMENT POLICY

Catholic Schools exist to further the Mission of the Church. In Western Australia, the Mandate of the Bishops requires the Catholic Education Commission of Western

Australia to make Catholic school education available to all Catholic children, as far as resources allow Enrolment Process .

Parents are the prime educators of their child/children, and the role of the school is one of support. The following priorities are given to enrolment applications:

- 1. Siblings of students currently enrolled at St Peter's Primary School.
- 2. Catholic students from within the Parish with a Parish Priest Reference.
- 3. Catholic students from outside the Parish with a Parish Priest reference.
- 4. Other Catholic students
- 5. Children of families with historical links to the school.
- 6. Non-Catholic children from other Christian denominations.
- 7. Other non-Catholic students.

Parent(s) and the applicant will be invited to an enrolment interview with the Principal/Assistant Principal (at least one parent and the child will be expected to attend). Interviews for Kindergarten occur in March/April of the year before the child is due to commence. In order for an application to be lodged, the following documents/checklist must be submitted.

- Student Enrolment Application Form (with National Data Collection Form)
- Parent Code of Conduct
- Application Fee \$55 (non-refundable per application)
- Birth Certificate (copy)
- Baptism Certificate (copy)
- Immunisation Certificate from MyGov website (copy)
- Parish Priest Reference Form
- Custodial Orders (if applicable)
- Australian Passport/Citizen Cert/Visa (if both parents and/or student born overseas)
- Any other information relating to application (ie, past school reports, etc)

The acceptance of an application form does not guarantee an enrolment interview or offer of enrolment.

EVACUATION & LOCKDOWN

Every school is legally obliged to have in place, and practise, emergency evacuation and lockdown plans. One evacuation or lockdown drill will usually occur each term. This practice is to maximise the safety of all students, staff and visitors in the case of an emergency. Due to the nature of the events, parents will not be notified before a drill takes place; however, will be advised after the event, normally through the fortnightly Newsletter.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

A range of extracurricular activities are available to students, both before and after school. For a list of activities and information, please refer to the Newsletter on the website. Newsletters

FACTIONS/HOUSES

All students in Kindergarten to Year Six are allocated into four factions/houses representing important figures in history:

Angelico (Blue) Friar Angelico (1397-1455) was a famous Dominican who lived in

Italy, and his feast day is celebrated on 18 February.

Dominic (Yellow) St Dominic (1170–1221) is the patron saint of astronomers, and his

feast day is celebrated on 8 August.

Siena (Red) St Catherine of Siena (1347-1380) was canonised in 1461, and her

feast day is celebrated on 29 April.

Verona (Green) Church of St Anastasia in Verona was consecrated as a

Dominican Church in 1471 until 1808, and co-entitled to St Peter

of Verona, martyr, and co-patron of Verona.

Students participate in sporting events such as swimming, athletics and cross country carnivals to earn points for their faction/house. The faction system is designed to promote sportsmanship, enjoyment, team spirit, co-operation and endeavour.

FAITH DIMENSION

Class Masses, Liturgies and whole-school Eucharistic celebrations are held throughout the year. Dates will be advised via the Newsletter and in the website calendar <u>Community Calendar</u>. Parents are welcome to attend all celebrations as part of the school community.

St Peter's Primary School enjoys strong links with our Parish. We are very much supported by our Parish Priest, Fr Jeronimo, who regularly visits the school and attends major school events. Classes take turns in attending Parish Masses each term, and these visits will be included on the Community Calendar. The Parish and School work closely together on the Sacramental Programs undertaken by our students.

In keeping with the Archdiocesan Policy for the preparation of children for the Sacraments of Initiation, our Parish implements the policy for the Sacraments of Initiation being **Family Focused**, **Parish Based** and **School Supported**. The need for these experiences is important for catechesis.

Family Focused: The responsibility for this preparation belongs firstly with parents. This reflects the teachings of the Church that children being initiated into the Church should be able to primarily look to their parents and family for the necessary nurturing of their faith.

Parish Based: It should be noted "the pre-eminent place for catechesis" is the Parish (*Catechesi Tradendae 67*). The Parish is the place where people learn to live as a faith community.

School Supported: The role of the Catholic schools in supporting Sacramental programs for young people is to nurture strong partnerships between family and parishes (*Catholic School Mandate para 80*). As a Catholic school, we support all students with their preparation of the Sacraments.

Generally, <u>Year Three</u> students make their **First Reconciliation**, <u>Year Four</u> students receive their **First Holy Communion**, and <u>Year Six</u> students receive the Sacrament of **Confirmation**. Therefore, **all children wishing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation**, **Eucharist and Confirmation in our Parish must register with the Parish at the start of the school year – <u>St Peter the Apostle</u> – or email the Sacramental Coordinator at stpetersstc@gmail.com. It is imperative that the children are enrolled at the commencement of the year so their Sacramental preparation can be full and complete.**

We look forward to supporting you and your children in their Sacramental journeys.

FEES - TUITION FEES

Annual school fee accounts are emailed to each family during Term One. There are several payment options to assist families in paying their school fee account via BPay, Direct Debit, Credit Card or Cash.

Option 1	Full payment
Option 2	Monthly Instalments
Option 3	Fortnightly Instalments
Option 4	Weekly Instalments

The tuition fees of a family attending St Peter's Primary School will be reduced by:

- 20% for the second child
- 40% for the third child
- 100% for fourth and subsequent children

The school can offer additional tuition concessions to holders of eligible Health Care and Pensioner Concession Cards. Other levies and charges still apply. Rebate forms can be collected from the school office or by emailing finance@stpeters.wa.edu.au.

FEES - FAMILY LEVIES AND CHARGES

- Building Levy (per family) this compulsory family levy contributes to the debt serving of the school's existing and future building loans. This levy is reviewed annually by the School Advisory Council.
- P & F Levy (per family) parental engagement and involvement in our school community helps to foster a deeper connection between home and school. The P & F Levy provides St Peter's Primary School Parents and Friends Association the opportunity for parents/caregivers to support their children's learning through donations back to the school for capital improvements and/or teaching equipment supporting current programs offered by the school. The P & F Association reviews the levy each year.

FEES - STUDENT LEVIES AND CHARGES

- Amenities Fees (per child) contribute to the expenses of classroom curriculumbased learning resources, together with incursions and excursions.
- Sacramental Program (per child) students in Years Three, Four and Six receive
 the sacraments of Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation respectively.
 This levy supports the delivery of these sacramental programs.
- Technology Levy (per child) contributes to the repayments associated with loans/leases for Information Technology equipment, establish or replace computing hardware and upgrades in IT necessary to comply with teaching and learning programs.
- Literacy, Mathematics and Music Levies (per child) these levies enrich the teaching and learning resources available at St Peter's through these subject areas.
- Kindergarten Screening (per child) St Peter's has an Early Intervention Program to screen all Kindy students. Western Kidz provides a speech and language screen as part of this program. This screening supports our Early Childhood philosophy and the aims of our Kindy and Pre Primary classrooms.
- Camp & Leavers' Shirt (per child) Year Six students attend a school camp which aims at establishing strong relationships through team building, development of leadership and decision-making skills.
- Fee Schedule please visit <u>School Fees</u> for the current Fee Schedule.

ENROLMENT LEVIES AND CHARGES

- Application Fee- A non-refundable fee of \$55 (incl GST) is payable at lodgement.
- Enrolment Deposit An enrolment deposit fee of \$100 (excl GST) is payable on confirmation of a student's placement at St Peter's Primary School. This fee will be credited to your first fee account. Should the student not commence at St Peter's Primary School, this fee will be forfeited.

HOMEWORK

We believe that homework is a worthwhile task when it is seen to extend learning opportunities beyond the school environment and have a positive effect on student achievement.

Homework should be a positive learning tool that develops, consolidates and reinforces skills and understanding presented in class. We recognise that homework assists in developing sound work routines, organisational skills, fluency and self-discipline. Teachers will communicate the home study expectations throughout the year.

iPADS

Students from Kindergarten to Year Two have access to 1:2 iPads, and students in Years Three to Six have 1:1 iPads provided by the school. Whilst on school grounds, students are not permitted to use their iPads before or after school. For queries regarding iPads, please contact IT Support on itstpeters@cewa.edu.au

LATE TO SCHOOL

Students who arrive at school after 8.45am must collect a BLUE TRANSIT CARD and sign in at the front office iPad. The Transit Card must be presented to the teacher on entering the classroom. The school assumes duty of care for that student from the time recorded on the iPad.

Early childhood (PK, K, PP) students who arrive late for school must be signed in at the front office, and taken to the classroom by the parent.

LIBRARY

All students visit the Library on a weekly basis. Over the last few years, we have had an increase in the number of books that have been lost or damaged beyond repair. Replacing lost and damaged books is costly to the school.

If your child has lost or damaged a book, you will receive a 'Lost/damaged Book Notification Letter' with the required payment to replace the book/s. If you think your child has lost or badly damaged a Library book, please contact your child's teacher or our library Officer <u>library@stpeters.wa.edu.au</u>

MEDICAL

If a student needs to take medication whilst at school, parents must complete an <u>Authorisation to Administer Medication</u> form available online or from the front office. Staff are unable to administer medication without this form. Medication for students in Years One to Six is stored in the Sick Bay and should be collected by an adult at the end of each school day. Medication for students in Pre Kindy, Kindy and Pre Primary is stored in the Early Childhood Learning Area.

MEDICAL - EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

If your child suffers from a serious and/or potentially life-threatening illness (e.g, anaphylaxis), parents must provide detailed information to the school in the form of an Emergency Action Plan. Medication for these illnesses should be brought in at the beginning of every year and will be stored in the Sick Bay. Anaphylactic students in Years One to Six must carry their own EpiPens in an insulated, medication bag. It is the parents' responsibility to ensure medication and Emergency Action Plans are current.

Children with serious and/or potentially life-threatening illnesses are listed on the school's Emergency Action Plan list which is accessible in all areas of the school to ensure that, no matter where the child is in the school, the correct medical plan can be followed.

NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters are an important way of communicating matters concerning the school. These newsletters provide up-to-date information on school, P&F and community activities. They are published fortnightly Fridays on odd weeks of the term and are on the school website Newsletters .

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

OSHClub provides a before and after school service on-site. OSHClub provides high quality Before School Care, After School Care, Pupil Free Day Care, and Vacation Care Program options for primary-aged children in a safe, fun and stimulating environment.

Please contact OSHClub directly for more information <u>Out of School Hours Care</u>. Enrol online and manage your bookings – <u>OSHClub.com.au</u>

Email: stpetersinglewood@oshclub.com.au

PARENT AND TEACHER COMMUNICATION

Throughout the year, a variety of methods will be used to communicate between students, parents and staff. These include:

Parent Information Evening (PP to Year Six)

Beginning of Term One

Parent Teacher Interviews (K to Year Six) End of Term One

Newsletter Fortnightly (odd Friday)

Academic Reports (PP to Year Six) End of Terms Two and Four

Parent Teacher Interviews (Kindergarten) End of Term Three

Electronic Portfolio (K to Year Six)

Ongoing via Seesaw App

The Parent Information Evening for Pre Primary to Year Six is held at the beginning of Term One and is an opportunity for parents to meet their child(ren)'s classroom teachers and receive information on the plans for the year ahead. Dates for these meetings will be published in the Newsletter and placed on the Community Calendar on the school website Community Calendar.

Parent/Teacher Meetings are held towards the end of Term One. This is an opportunity for parents to meet with teachers on an individual basis. A link will be sent via email to book an appointment, closer to the date.

Throughout the year, parents are encouraged to contact their child's classroom teacher to discuss any concerns. Please email the classroom teacher to arrange a time for the meeting.

PARENTS & FRIENDS (P&F)

The Parents and Friends (P&F) is an integral part of school life. The P&F is a body of volunteers who believe in the school and seek to further its aims. Membership is open to parents/caregivers of children attending St Peter's Primary School. Meetings take place once per term during term time. The P&F is responsible for running community events, and to assist in promoting and organising parent involvement. Opportunities are given to parents to provide feedback on school activities. The Annual Community Meeting is held in November/December each year. At this meeting, a working committee is elected. Parents are kept informed of activities via the electronic Newsletter and the P&F Class Reps.

St Peter's P&F

PASTORAL CARE, BEHAVIOURAL SUPPORT & BULLYING PROCEDURE

All members of the St Peter's School community need to be able to experience a caring, safe and positive school environment for themselves and others. St Peter's Primary School is committed to ensuring that any concerns are dealt with fairly, objectively and in a timely manner, and that processes reflect the principles of participation, co- responsibility and subsidiarity.

Most issues can be dealt with at a classroom level by contacting the classroom teacher. If the matter is not resolved, parents are asked to complete the Bullying Report Form <u>Bullying Report Form</u>. A member of the Leadership Team will then be in contact.

PLAY AREAS

During recess and lunch, students have access to a range of sporting equipment available from the communal sports bin. Students can play on the oval, playground, quiet area and basketball court, as per playground rosters.

CHILDREN ARE NOT PERMITTED TO USE ANY PLAY EQUIPMENT, BEFORE OR AFTER SCHOOL.

PARKING - PICK UP & DROP OFF

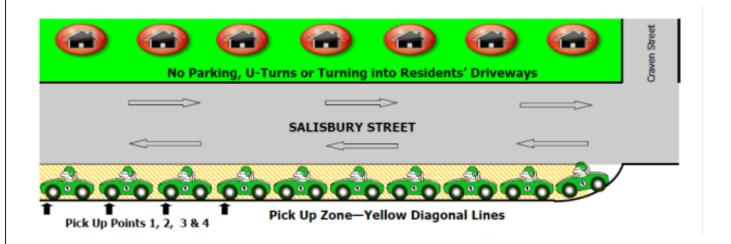
We urge parents to exercise great care and patience when dropping-off or picking-up children to and from school. Sections of Salisbury Street and Wood Street are controlled areas (drop-off, pick-up zones). To remain any longer may incur a fine. All children who have not been picked up from either Wood Street or Salisbury Street by 3.15pm will be taken to the school office to wait for their parents to collect them.

Under no circumstances are parents' cars to be parked in the school car park during school hours unless by prior arrangement with the Principal. All students who are transported to or from the school by vehicle must be dropped-off or picked-up from the designated Drive-Thru areas.

Parents who park in the streets surrounding the school may accompany their child to their classroom before 8.45am and collect them from their classroom or the Undercover Area. All families collecting students at the pick-up zones must display their family name card on the vehicle's sun visor. Please advise the front office if you require a laminated family name card. Drop-off and Pick-up applies for students from Pre Primary to Year Six. Parents of Pre Kindy and Kindy students are required to park and collect their children from the classrooms. All children must be collected from the school grounds by 3.15pm.

Overtaking, as well as parking, in the drop-off/pick-up zones is potentially dangerous. Adhering to the rules keeps it safe for everyone. Patience is a virtue! Please be a good role model to your children!

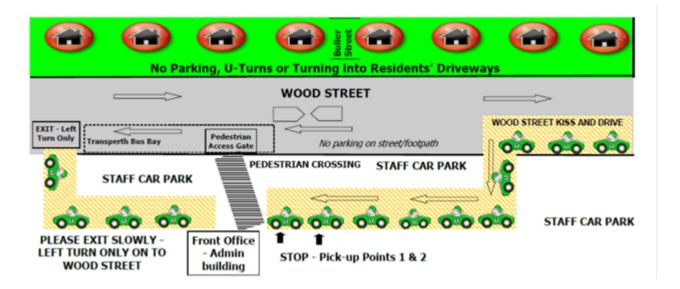
SALISBURY STREET – PICK UP/DROP OFF ZONE RULES



- 1. Pick-Up and Drop-Off at Points 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 progress down the line and do not exit prior to these points.
- 2. Parents are **NOT** permitted to exit the vehicle. Children should be independent and enter and exit without assistance on the kerbside (bags should be in an accessible position).
- 3. Please display your name placard in a visible position at pick-up (visor preferred as not always visible on dashboard you will receive placard for Pre Primary).
- 4. Follow the flow of traffic no U-Turns or turning into Residents' driveways.
- 5. Inform grandparents, relatives and friends of procedures, if picking up children.
- 6. School Drop-Off times 8am 8.30am (teacher supervision commences at 8am)-students to sit quietly in undercover area until moving into classrooms at the 8.30am bell.
- 7. Council **No Parking** Signs for Zones 7.45am 8.35am and 2.45pm 3.30pm

Please ensure that you follow the rules for the safety of our children

WOOD STREET – PICK UP/ DROP OFF ZONE RULES



- Entry must be via Wood Street Kiss and Drive slip lane only please do not turn right into school gate from Wood Street. No pedestrian access through car park – please use pedestrian access gate only.
- 2. Pick-Up and Drop-Off at Points 1, 2, 3 and 4 progress down the line and **do not** exit prior to these points please be patient.
- 3. Parents are **not** permitted to exit the vehicle. Children should be independent and enter and exit without assistance on the kerbside (bags should be in an accessible position).
- 4. Please display your name placard in a visible position at pick-up (visor preferred as not always visible on dashboard you will receive placard for Pre Primary).
- 5. Follow the flow of traffic into school grounds no U-Turns or turning into Residents' driveways **LEFT TURN ONLY ON EXIT.**
- 6. Inform grandparents, relatives and friends of procedures, if picking up children.
- 7. School Drop-Off times 8am 8.30am (teacher supervision commences at 8am)-students to sit quietly in undercover area until moving into classrooms at the 8.30am bell.
- 8. Council **No Parking** Signs for Zones 7.30am 8.30am and 2.30pm 3.30pm

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PRE KINDY (3 YEAR OLDS)

Underpinned by the Early Years Learning Framework of Being, Becoming and Belonging, our Pre Kindy program offers a wonderful opportunity for children - who have turned three years old - to play, explore and be curious in their learning. Please visit our website for more information.

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PUBLICATION OF IMAGES

Our school regularly uses images of students in a variety of ways to recognise excellent achievement, inform parents and the local community of school matters, publicise events and to promote the school (Newsletter, social media). Parental permission for the use of images is presumed; however, NO PERMISSION from parents/caregivers for the use of student images is sought at the beginning of each year, via the Principal's Welcome Email.

REPORTS (SEQTA ENGAGE)

At the end of each semester, reports for students in Pre Primary – Year Six will be available to parents online through SEQTA Engage – paper copies will not be distributed. To access SEQTA Engage, please go to

https://stpeters.engage.cewa.edu.au/

If you have forgotten your log-in details or are new to the school and have not yet been issued a password, please contact IT via email at itstpeters@cewa.edu.au. Please note that once you have been issued a password, you must log-in within seven days or your details will expire.

Once students are no longer enrolled in the school, parents will not be able to access SEQTA Engage. Therefore, please ensure that you download and save a copy of student reports (including NAPLAN, etc).

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

St Peter's Primary School is under the financial management of the St Peter's School Advisory Council, a representative body elected from the school and parish community, and accountable to the Archbishop and the Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia. The School Advisory Council works with the Principal and Leadership Team to provide support with the financial management of the school and as a sounding board for new initiatives and policies. The School Advisory Council meets each term and reports are tabled from the Chairperson,

School Principal, Treasurer, Parish Priest and the P&F representative. Members are elected at an Annual Community Meeting which is held each November/December, in conjunction with the P&F.

SCHOOL POLICIES

Policies and procedures can be viewed or downloaded from the school website <u>Policies</u> and <u>Procedures</u>

SOCIAL MEDIA

Parents are invited to 'LIKE' the school's Facebook page at <u>St Peter's Primary School Facebook Page</u> and the school's Instagram account at <u>St Peter's Primary School Instagram</u> to keep up with the latest school news. These pages are intended as a positive communication tool for our parents and community. If you have an issue or complaint, we ask you contact the school directly.

Parents are NOT permitted to post pictures or videos taken at the school of any child, other than their own, on Facebook or other social media, unless express permission has been granted by the parents of all other children in the photo/video. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photo Day dates will be advertised in our Newsletter and Community Calendar. Photos will consist of class and individual photos. Individual order forms will be handed out to each student prior to photo day.

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

St Peter's Primary School is one of over 30 Catholic schools in WA that utilises the services of a qualified Psychologist. The School Psychologist supports schools to meet the learning, social and emotional, and behavioural needs of students. Our School Psychologist works in collaboration with the Leadership Team, staff members, caregivers, external agencies, and directly with students.

Involvement of the Psychologist for students is determined by the Student Support Team and is based on school priority. If you feel your child may benefit from involvement with the School Psychologist, please discuss this with your child's classroom teacher first, and they will follow-up.

SUPERVISION – BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL

Students should not arrive at school before 8am and should leave promptly when school concludes, unless participating in an authorised, supervised activity. Teachers are in their classrooms by 8.30am when the classroom doors open. After

school, teachers will be on duty until 3.15pm to supervise students waiting to be collected from the pick-up areas on Wood Street and Salisbury Street.

As a goodwill gesture, our Leadership Team will provide Duty of Care in the Undercover Area for Pre Primary to Year Six students arriving at school from 8am and after school until 3.15pm. If arriving at school before 8.30am, children are requested to sit in the undercover area until teacher supervision commences.

As children arriving early will need to wait up to 30 minutes in the Undercover Area before entering the classroom at 8.30am, it is important that families discuss the expectations of students whilst waiting in the Undercover area.

In the Undercover Area, WE:

- 1. SIT down when we arrive at school in the morning and to eat our lunch.
 - 2. PLACE all rubbish and food scraps in the bin.
- 3. PICK up rubbish to keep our school clean and tidy.
 - 4. PUT our lunch boxes in our class containers.
 - 5. SIT down in our class area by the second bell.
 - 6. DO NOT RUN.

No supervision is available for children before 8am and children who have not been collected from school by 3.15pm must be collected from the FRONT office. Parents/guardians of children who are repeatedly left at school after 3.15pm will be required to make alternative after-school care arrangements for their children. OSHClub provides a before and after-school service on the St Peter's school site.

Parents with Pre Kindy and Kindy students are required to accompany their child to the classroom in the morning and collect the child from the class teacher at the end of the school day.

All school play equipment is out of bounds to students and siblings before and after school.

TOYS, GAMES & ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

Mobile phones, electronic games and other such items are not to be brought to school unless permission is given by the Leadership Team. If a student is required to bring a mobile phone to school, it is to be handed to the classroom teacher every morning and then picked up every afternoon after the 3pm bell.

UNIFORM SHOP

All students must adhere to the School's Uniform Policy and always wear the correct uniform.

To view the full Uniform Policy, please visit <u>Uniform Guidelines</u>. The school uniform is available to purchase at: Uniform Concepts Inglewood Superstore, 834 Beaufort Street, Inglewood <u>Uniform Price List</u>. The Superstore is open six days per week, (Monday to Friday – 9am–5pm, Thursday 9am–6pm and Saturday 9am–1pm).

The Second Hand Uniform Shop is a voluntary service provided by our P&F. All funds raised from the sale of second hand uniforms are directed to the school to assist with funding for various items and activities. The shop is located opposite the Admin office building on Wood Street. Please see the school website for specific opening days <u>Second Hand Uniform Shop</u>.

UNIFORM STANDARDS

- All items of clothing should be clearly marked with the child's full name.
- St Peter's School Hats must be worn at all times when the student is outdoors.
- School socks must be worn. They are to be visible, not hidden in school shoes.
- School pants must be worn correctly. They are not to be worn low, so that boxer shorts and/or underwear are visible.
- As part of the winter uniform, the school tie must be worn correctly.
- Pre-owned items need to have the previous owner's name removed before being renamed.
- Children often accidentally pick up wrong items of clothing. Please check that what they are wearing actually belongs to them.
- All children are expected to be in complete and correct school uniform from the beginning of each term.

Children should always wear their school uniform correctly, with a note of explanation if the correct uniform is unavailable. Should any child wear the incorrect uniform without written communication from his/her parent/caregiver, a uniform infringement notice will be sent home by the classroom teacher. Should this matter be reoccurring, a follow-up with the parent/caregiver will be done so by a member of the Leadership Team.

WET WEATHER JACKET - the School Wet Weather Jacket may be worn to and from school, recess and lunchtime only, not in class. No other wet weather jacket can be worn in Years One to Six. Please note that this jacket does not replace the wearing of the school jumper or sports track top.

SCHOOL BAG - all students are required to use the St Peter's school bag.

PURCHASING UNIFORMS - all items (except sport and school shoes) are to be purchased from Uniform Concepts Inglewood Superstore, 834 Beaufort Street, Inglewood. The Superstore is open six days per week (Monday – Friday 9am–5pm, and Saturday 9am–1pm)

PERSONAL PRESENTATION- GROOMING AND ACCESSORIES

- Earrings sleepers or plain studs may be worn, one in each ear for both boys and girls. Wearing of two earrings in each ear is not permitted.
- Chains and necklaces a gold/silver chain with a simple pendant of religious significance is permitted and must be worn underneath the uniform.
- Other the wearing of a watch is permitted. Watches featuring games, cameras etc are not acceptable.

NOT PERMITTED

- Rings, bracelets, bangles or anklets.
- Wearing makeup or nail polish.
- Writing on the body with pen, Texta etc.
- Writing on the school uniform or altering the school uniform in any way.

HAIR - the School Principal reserves the right to decide the acceptability of hairstyles.

- Hair must be clean, neat and tidy. Students with hair longer than collar length are
 to wear their hair tied back. Hair is to be tied back with maroon or white elastics,
 ribbons, scrunchies or headbands. On sports day, students can wear accessories
 of his/her faction colour only.
- Fad and extreme haircuts/styles are not permitted. This includes:
 - shaved lines, zigzags and symbols in the hair;
 - shaved sections. mullets (short or shaved top and/or sides, long at the back);
 - rat tails; shaved hair shorter than a number 2 clipper;
 - coloured or dyed hair;
 - coloured extensions; and
 - excessive gel or wax.

KINDY UNIFORM

- St Peter's maroon sport shorts, or maroon pleated skirt with black/maroon sports briefs/bloomers
- St Peter's faction sport top
- St Peter's Track Top/Pants
- Sport shoes (no fluorescent laces) or brown/black school-style sandals (no Birkenstock/Croc style, etc)
- St Peter's Hat

PRE PRIMARY UNIFORM

- St Peter's maroon sport shorts, or maroon pleated skirt with black/maroon sports briefs/bloomers
- St Peter's faction sport top
- St Peter's maroon/white polo shirt (Fridays and on excursions) *Due to the uniform changeover, white or maroon polo shirt is acceptable.
- St Peter's Track Top/Pants
- Sport shoes (no fluorescent laces) or brown/black school-style sandals (no Birkenstock/Croc style, etc)
- St Peter's Hat

YEARS 1-6 ONLY SUMMER UNIFORM (Terms One and Four)

Girls

- St Peter's cotton check uniform or unisex grey shorts (with St Peter's maroon/white polo shirt) * *Due to the uniform changeover, either the white or maroon polo shirt is acceptable.
- Brown/black sandals, or correct black school shoes (Mary Jane, lace-up or Velcro leather shoes) with short white socks. (No black sneakers or Birkenstock/ Croc style sandals, etc, sockettes or knee-high socks)
- St Peter's Track Top
- · St Peter's Hat

Boys

- Grey shorts
- St Peter's maroon/white polo shirt *Due to the uniform changeover, white or maroon polo shirt is acceptable.
- Brown/black sandals, or correct black school shoes (lace-up or Velcro leather shoes) with short grey school socks with Dominican stripe. (No black sneakers or Birkenstock/ Croc style sandals, etc, sockettes or knee-high socks)
- St Peter's Track Top
- St Peter's Hat

YEARS 1-6 ONLY WINTER UNIFORM (Terms Two and Three)

Girls

- St Peter's maroon tunic or skirt (skirt -Years 4-6 only) or unisex grey long trousers (or shorts)
- White long or short sleeve shirt
- St Peter's tie
- Correct black school shoes (Mary Jane, lace-up or Velcro leather shoes) with short white socks, or maroon/white tights. (No black sneakers sockettes or knee-high socks)
- St Peter's maroon jumper
- St Peter's Hat

Boys

- Grey long trousers (or shorts)
- · White long or short sleeve shirt
- St Peter's tie
- Correct black school shoes (lace-up or Velcro leather shoes) (NO black sneakers, sockettes or knee-high socks)
- St Peter's short grey socks with Dominican Stripe
- St Peter's maroon school jumper
- St Peter's Hat

SPORTS UNIFORM (Kindy - Year Six)

Girls

- St Peter's sport shorts or maroon pleated skirt (and black or maroon sports briefs/bloomers)
- St Peter's faction sport shirt
- School Tracksuit Top/Pants
- St Peter's White Polo shirt Fridays only (Kindy exempt)
- White ankle socks (NO sockettes)
- · Sport shoes
- School Hat

Boys

- St Peter's sport shorts
- St Peter's faction sport shirt
- School Tracksuit Top/Pants
- St Peter's White Polo shirt Fridays only (Kindy Exempt) *Due to the uniform changeover, white or maroon polo shirt is acceptable
- White ankle socks (NO sockettes)
- Sports shoes (no iridescent laces)
- School Hat

VISITORS

All visitors (including parents) to the school during school hours must report their presence to the Front Office. Any desired access either to children or to children's property (e.g. school bags) must be through the office. Children taken out of school during the day must be signed out and, if returning, must be signed in, by a parent. Any visitors to the school must report to the office and sign in and collect a visitor's label.

For security purposes, the school gates will be locked at 9am and re-opened at 2.15pm each day. This is a matter of safety and a duty of care for all students at St Peter's Primary School.

WET WEATHER DAYS AND DAYS OF EXTREME HEAT

On wet days, students will remain in their classrooms during break times and engage in quiet activities. On days of extreme heat, the school program is adapted to suit the prevailing conditions. Students will remain in classrooms during lunch breaks and sport lessons are held in the Undercover Area. Pupils will not be dismissed early without special notification.

WHAT TO BRING TO SCHOOL

Please ensure all items are clearly labelled with child's name:

- ✓ Drink bottle, labelled and filled with water
- ✓ School hat
- √ Healthy packed lunch NO NUTS!!
- ✓ Healthy packed morning tea NO NUTS!!
- √ School backpack
- ✓ Apply sunscreen before coming to school
- ✓ Spare set of clothes (Pre Kindy to Year One)
- ✓ Library Bag (on Library days only)
- ✓ Maroon Homework Bag (Kindy to Year Six)
- √ iPad (Years Four to Six)

WITHDRAWAL OF STUDENTS

If you wish to withdraw your child/ren from the school, one term's notice is required. This notice must be in writing and addressed to the School Principal. Failure to do so may incur a penalty of one term's tuition fees.

YEARBOOK

All families are able to purchase a copy of the Yearbook. You are welcome to purchase multiple copies of the Yearbook if you would like one for each of your children.

Orders and payments will be required during Term Three (via the Newsletter), and the Yearbook will be distributed to families towards the end of Term Four, to ensure that we can include as many events as possible in the Yearbook before it goes to print.