



# St Peter's Lutheran School

News Bulletin - Friday 6th December 2024

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## From The Principal

Hi Everyone,

### **Nursing home**

Today all our students visited the Dimboola Nursing Home. The residents at the nursing home were having their Christmas celebrations with their families. Our students bought them some Christmas cheer by singing and performing 'I wish you a merry Christmas' & 'Silent Night'. Also, students had created some beautiful Christmas cards personalised to each resident which they were able to hand out during their visit. We truly hope that the residents have enjoyed our visits this year and we are thankful that the nursing home staff are so welcoming to our school.

### **Emma Kealy Christmas Card competition**

Every year Emma Kealy runs a Christmas card competition for school students. She invites them to design a Christmas card that highlights their community. Unfortunately, this year we didn't have any students win the overall competition but today Emma Kealy visited our school to give Chelsea Elliott an honourable mention for winning the competition for our school.

Emma has kindly printed Christmas cards with Chelsea's design on it, for her to give out to her family and friends this Christmas.

Congratulations Chelsea!

### **Christan Food Bank**

Every year at Christmas time we like to donate to the Christian Food Bank in Horsham. If you're in a position to make a donation, please feel free to drop your donations off to the school office by Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Donations need to be non-perishable items such as tinned goods, spreads, dried goods, tea, coffee, sugar, long life milk, cereal varieties or toiletries.

### **Wimmera Lutheran College Dimboola Advisory Committee**

Expressions of interest are being sought for the WLC Dimboola Advisory Committee. With Wimmera Lutheran College commencing next year, the advisory committee will be the voice of the Dimboola campus to the WLC Board, so if you wish to contribute as part of this group, please let Millie know via email, phone or in person. A term of reference is available upon request.





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### ***End of Year /Graduation Service***

On Thursday December 12, we will be holding our end of year and graduation service at the Lutheran Church. The service will begin at 6:30pm and will conclude with a shared supper in the hall. We are asking all families to please bring a plate to share. Students are required to be dressed in full school uniform for the service and to arrive at the church at 6:15pm.

### ***Over and out***

This newsletter will be the last one for 2025!! Next week we finish on Thursday December 12 at 2:20pm. Just a reminder that on this day there will be no buses at the end of the day. Thank you so much to our school community for continuing to support St. Peter's Lutheran school in 2024. 2025 is an extremely exciting journey for us as we transition from St. Peter's Lutheran school to Wimmera Lutheran College. This transition is going to bring plenty of amazing opportunities to our school, students and staff. We look forward to sharing this time with you all.

I also hope each and every one of you have a blessed and safe Christmas and New Year.

Millie Dent



# Devotional Thoughts

## Standing firm—By Maria Rudolph

**You know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance (James 1:3).**

Read [James 1:1–15](#)

Has your faith ever been tested? We may, at times, get into situations where being a Christian is uncomfortable and a bit embarrassing for us. If you have lived in Australia for all of your life, I doubt you would have been threatened with death or bodily harm for possessing or teaching the Bible or attending or leading worship.

My friend from Persia has a different reality to face. If I so much as mentioned their name or even gender here, they would be fearful of their government's actions. After the glorious day of their baptism in Australia, they were unable to take any of the Christian literature or items they received as gifts back home for fear of what might happen to them or their family if border security discovered these items in the suitcase.

St James' words bear great similarity to the words of St Paul in Romans 5:1–4:

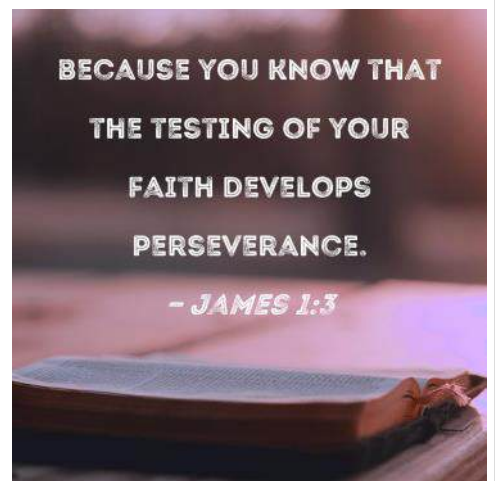
Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.

My Persian friend's hope in Jesus is unwavering through the trials that come from following Jesus. My hope in Jesus remains unwavering, too, even though I am not tested in the same way.

Some refer to internal church theological disagreements as a testing of their faith. This is not the context of 'faith testing' in Scripture. Disagreements among people who are free to express their faith and follow the same Lord Jesus Christ are different from Christians being persecuted for their faith by non-believers. Faith is salvation by grace through faith.

Instead of focusing inward and endlessly pondering and analysing internal church affairs, St James and St Paul call us to look outward and encourage each other to be witnesses to our hope in Jesus to those who don't yet know him. Isn't the current Advent season the perfect opportunity to do just that?

***Loving God, strengthen us by your Holy Spirit so we can stand firm when our faith is tested. Shine the Light of Christ through us to be beacons of your hope to the world around us this Advent season. In Jesus' name, Amen.***



# AWARDS



## Junior Classroom Award - Baxter Collins

For improved reading.



## Senior Classroom Award - Chelsea Elliott

For putting in the time and effort to ensure students have a great Christmas activities day.



## Senior Classroom Award - Mercedes Paech

For making an effort to support and work well with others during team tasks.

# Notice's

## Important Dates

All the below dates are to the best of our knowledge and may change at short notice.

### TERM 4 = 7th October - 12th December 2024

#### December 2024

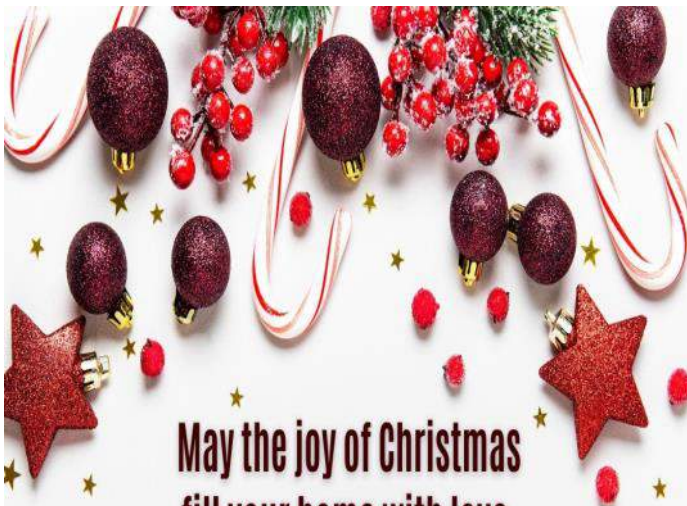
3rd - HTLC Grade 6/Grade 7 transition day

10th - Statewide Transition Day

12th - Last Day of Term - 2:20pm finish

12th - Graduation & End of year service at 6:30pm

### TERM 1 2025 = 29th January - 4th April 2025



May the joy of Christmas  
fill your home with love,  
your heart with hope,  
and your life with laughter.  
Merry Christmas!

## Christian Food Bank Donations

It is the time of year we ask families to start thinking about donating non-perishable items for the Christian Food Bank, such as:

Tinned goods

Spreads

Dried goods

Meal bases and sauces

Tea, coffee, sugar, other bottled/canned drinks

Long life Milk

Cereal varieties

Toiletries - toothpaste/brushes, soap, deodorant, toilet paper etc.

Please feel free to drop these off to the school office or bring them to the end of year/ graduation service.

## Dimboola-Natimuk Lutheran Parish

### 8th December 2024 - Second Sunday in Advent

10:00am LR Edenhope

10:00am LR Groke

Natimuk Join Vectis

11:00am HC Vectis

9:00am HC Dimboola

St Peter's Lutheran School is committed to providing a child safe and child friendly environment, where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and are able to actively participate in decisions that affect their lives.

## Notice's



CWA warmly invite the Dimboola Community

to

Christmas at the soundshell

Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup>

5.30 onwards

Santa arriving at 7pm

Fruit salad and ice-cream for sale

BYO picnic & insect repellent

Dress up in your Christmas finery & bring your  
singing voices

# Around The School



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**All staff and students at St Peter's would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Christmas and New Year!**

**Look forward to seeing you all in 2025.**

