INTRODUCTION

St Peter’s Anglican Primary School provides a dynamic, supportive learning environment, underpinned by the Christian faith and with a focus on a strong academic curriculum.

Outstanding class teachers encourage the enjoyment of learning and the fulfilment of each child’s potential.

Specialist teachers assist particularly in the areas of Music, Sport, Language and Science.

We aim to nurture all children as they develop friendships and grow in confidence, maturity and faith.

THE SCHOOL STRIVES TO:

- Appoint exemplary Christian classroom and specialist teachers.
- Pursue academic excellence.
- Promote in students a love of learning, pride in individual and collective achievement, and a strong work ethic.
- Encourage students to fully extend their skills and talents, and to constantly challenge the limit of their abilities.
- Develop superior skills and knowledge in information technology.
- Provide opportunities for students to develop a high level of proficiency in Sport, Debating, Public Speaking and the Creative and Performing Arts.
- Commit to a nurturing system of pastoral care that is dedicated to the support of individual students and their families.
- Develop in students a strong sense of service to others and to the community.
WE ENCOURAGE ALL OUR CHILDREN TO:

- Develop an understanding of the Gospel message and the importance of serving God in their lives.
- Develop fully their intellectual, social and physical abilities.
- Think critically and creatively.
- Develop enthusiasm and respect for learning.
- Show respect and courtesy towards others.
- Learn the value of working together.
- Learn to appreciate the importance of service to others.
- Show initiative and develop qualities of leadership within the school and wider
SCHOOL HISTORY

St Peter's Anglican Primary School is located on the site of the original St Peter's School, founded in 1823 during the ministry of the Reverend Thomas Reddall. As the first Rector of St Peter's Anglican Church, Rev Reddall was also a noted educationist and was given the added responsibility of being the first Director General of Education in New South Wales while still the Rector of St Peter's Church.

The original St Peter's School closed in the 1890's but in 1983, St Peter's School was re-established by the then Rector of St Peter's Anglican Church, Rev Canon John Darlington. The school began with just 54 students but now caters for 550 students as well as 60 students in our Prep (Pre-Kindergarten) classes.

Chapel services are held in St Peter's Church (the third oldest Church in Australia, built 1823).

The White House, built in 1887, housed the very first classes from 1983. In 2001/2002 this heritage building was carefully restored and is now used for learning support groups, extra-curricular language classes and specialist music lessons.
CHRISTIAN LIVING

At St Peter’s we provide students and their families with the opportunity to learn about Jesus and to grow in faith. This takes place in the classroom, through the curriculum and through weekly chapel services.

Our students attend chapel in St Peter’s Church where they take an active role in leading the service and singing. Many parents, younger siblings and grandparents also attend these chapel services.

Our hope and prayer is that every person connected with our school will come to know the life Jesus offers and by example show this life to others.

Students are therefore encouraged to make informed decisions and to be considerate, thoughtful and respectful towards others. We recognise that all our children are precious to God and have gifts and capabilities that deserve to be nurtured. Everyone at St Peter’s should experience school as a safe and happy environment where each child is treated equally, justly and fairly.

Christian Values Promoted at St Peter’s

At St Peter’s we believe that the values we espouse should be powerfully modelled in the classroom and throughout the school purposefully and meaningfully. By living these values we serve God. Education, vocation and morality are buildings without foundations if we lack genuine faith in Jesus and a desire to care for others as well as ourselves. It is the faith we want our children to see in their teachers and our staff at St Peter’s.

We adopt a positive, consistent approach, aimed at developing responsible self-discipline. In all we do, we aim to develop supportive relationships between families, teachers and students.
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<th>FAIR GO</th>
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<td>Pursue and protect the common good where all people are treated fairly for a just society.</td>
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<th>FREEDOM</th>
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<td>Enjoy all the rights and privileges of Australian citizenship free from unnecessary interference or control, and stand up for the rights of others.</td>
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<td>Be accountable for one’s own actions, resolve differences in constructive, non-violent and peaceful ways, contribute to society and to civic life, take care of the environment.</td>
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<td>Be aware of others and their cultures, accept diversity within a democratic society, being included and including others.</td>
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TEACHING AND LEARNING

St Peter’s employs highly qualified, dedicated Christian teachers. The teaching staff seeks to emulate the characteristics of a professional learning community, in which teachers work collaboratively to improve student outcomes and take collective responsibility for student learning. The comprehensive professional development program focuses on implementing evidence-based practice in all aspects of teaching and learning.

The school curriculum includes the six Key Learning Areas prescribed by the New South Wales Board of Studies: English, Mathematics, Human Society and Its Environment, Science and Technology, Creative Arts and Physical Education, Health and Personal Development. The curriculum is carefully structured to cater for the diverse academic, social, emotional, physical and spiritual needs of our students. Specialist teachers are responsible for the teaching of Scripture and Music programs from Kindergarten to Year 6. In the primary years, Science is taught by a specialist teacher in a well-equipped classroom. The language program is gradually expanding, with German taught in all literacy classes in Years 2 - 6 and French introduced in Kindergarten and Year 1.

St Peter’s has a strong academic focus. NAPLAN results indicate that the school results are above the Australian averages and the averages of statistically similar schools. Individual student results are generally concentrated in the top two bands. The majority of students in Years 3 - 6 participate in the UNSW International English, Mathematics and Science Competitions.
CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

St Peter’s provides a rich and varied range of exciting learning activities for our students.

Music, Dance, Drama and Art

- Specialist Music classes for all students.
- Year 2, Middle Primary and Senior Primary Choirs.
- Vocal Ensemble.
- Stomp (percussion) Band.
- Recorder Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble.
- Dance and Drama Activities.
- Music Performances.
- Art Clubs.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Band, Orchestra and Tuition

- Junior and Senior Bands. Band tuition.
- String Orchestra. String tuition.
- Visiting Music teachers for Guitar, Flute, Piano and Strings.
- String Orchestra and Instrumental Concerts.

EXTRA ACTIVITIES

Languages

- French (Kindergarten and Year 1).
- German (Literacy classes in Years 2 - 6).
- French and Spanish (Extra-curricular).

Public Speaking and Debating

- All Primary children in Years 3 - 6 are involved in Public Speaking.
- St Peter’s Public Speaking Competition.
- IPSHA (Independent Primary Schools Heads’ Association) Debating Competition.

Other Clubs and Activities

- Chess Club.
- Writing Enrichment Group.
- National Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians.
- Science Club.
- Technology Club.
- Lego Club.
- Gardening Club.
- Crusader Breakfast Club (Year 6).
- Christian Discovery Groups (Years 2 - 5).
SPORT

The school offers a comprehensive Sporting program as well as Gymnastics classes and Tennis tuition.

From Year 3 students are involved in either school-based sports programs or inter-school competitions in summer and winter. During the winter season St Peter’s fields highly competitive teams in AFL, Netball, Boys’ Soccer and Modified Volleyball. In the summer our students compete in Cricket, Basketball, Girls’ Soccer and Oztag.

Students in Years 3 to 6 may be selected to compete at major Sporting Carnivals up to State PSSA / All Schools and National level in Swimming, Athletics, Cross-Country and team sports.

The House System

Our House System develops school spirit and encourages interaction between children of different ages. A number of exciting competitive activities are run throughout the year for our seven Houses involving both classroom activities and outdoor sports competitions.

Student leaders in each House are responsible for the various activities, including charitable fundraising and co-ordination of their House teams.

Our Swimming and Athletics Carnivals and our annual House Sports Fun Day are occasions where the team spirit of the individual Houses comes to the fore.
FACILITIES

St Peter's Anglican Primary has outstanding facilities. The modern buildings provide large double brick classrooms, which are air-conditioned and carpeted. All rooms have a quiet reading/computer room for students, a teacher's office, a shared wet area for art as well as a refrigerator for student lunches. Internal doors link most of the partner classrooms.

The school is well equipped with high tech computer resources. Integration of technology across the whole primary curriculum is a key objective. The Information Resource Centre accommodates a fully integrated computer laboratory with 30 computers. The development of a school intranet has also added to the school's ability to support learning through the use of technology. Each classroom has a minimum of four computers linked to a school network and through this students can access the intranet, selected areas of the Internet and the print resources of the Information Resource Centre (IRC). Years 5 and 6 now have access to tablets. All classes have interactive SmartBoards that are linked to the network. The school has many types of technologies available for integration into the classroom environment.

The IRC also houses a large ground floor computerised Library. Here students can research material from the large array of books provided or read quietly in one of the reading book nooks located around the perimeter. All classes, including Prep, visit the Library each week for borrowing.

Students make good use of the tennis and basketball/netball courts and for less structured activities, there are handball courts, play equipment and a covered play area. Students also have access to a range of good quality sporting facilities nearby for inter-school sporting competitions.

The 'White House' incorporates a classroom and large specialist Music area on the first floor. On the ground floor there are Music Studios, a language room (French and Spanish) as well as learning support rooms.

Adjacent to the 'White House' is the old stable that was built in 1838. This has been converted to a specialist Science room.
OUTDOOR EDUCATION

A developmental camping program is an integral part of the Primary experience at St Peter’s. Students in Years 2 and 3 have ‘camp at school’ with Year 3 staying overnight to help prepare them for the ‘Outdoor Education Program’ from Year 4. Camps foster a different style of learning, where team building activities and physically demanding challenges, such as orienteering, abseiling and yachting, provide opportunities for personal and spiritual growth and reflection. Camping programs are developed in conjunction with Crusader’s Summit Educational Camps and are held offsite at Kiah Ridge, Attunga, (Southern Highlands), Lake Macquarie or Galston Gorge.

NURSES

At St Peter’s we have two registered nurses who share the responsibility of caring for your children if they are unwell. They administer medication and regularly communicate with parents if the need arises.
**PRE-KINDERGARTEN CLASS**

The St Peter’s Anglican Primary School or Prep (Pre-Kindergarten) classes cater for children who turn four by 30 April of the year in which they intend to enrol.

Our Prep classes are not a pre-school but an extension of our school, to allow for controlled learning as children approach Kindergarten.

Some of the activities will be of a pre-school nature but there is a definite structured learning program aiming to prepare children for Kindergarten.

There are three separate Prep classes. The first is a two day class on Monday/Tuesday, the second is a one day class on Wednesday and the third is a two day class on Thursday/Friday. Children may only enrol in any one of these classes.

- The classes operate during all four school terms.
- The full class enrolment is 20 children.
- Fees for Prep are invoiced to parents prior to the commencement of each term.
- Children who are enrolled in the Prep class have their enrolment guaranteed through to the end of Year 6.
- The class operates from 9.00 am to 2.45 pm and the children need to be signed in and out by the person bringing and collecting them.

Children will require a packed recess and lunch each day. All children will wear the full summer St Peter’s uniform during Terms 1 and 4 and a red school tracksuit during Terms 2 and 3.
COMMUNITY AND SERVICE

We challenge students to consider the needs of others as well as themselves. The school fundraises for local and international charities and projects.

Our particular international focus is a special partnership with Intumbane Primary School in KwaZulu Natal, South Africa. This link was established in 2009 and continues to forge strong relationships between our two schools. Students are developing empathy for children in a very different culture and learning that they can make a difference by demonstrating their care in practical ways.

St Peter’s School families have raised money to build a library and provide resources for this library. Our students continue to raise money allowing more books to be purchased for the Intumbane library as the children there have never owned a book themselves or had access to borrowing one from a library.

Our fundraising has also meant an electric water pump has been installed at the school as well as money having been given for the vegetable garden project. Our ongoing project is to provide a life-skills teacher part-time at the school.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OOSH)

St Peter’s OOSH Centre operates from 7.00 am each morning and after school until 6.00 pm each evening. The Centre provides care and activities for the students who attend before and/or after school, as well as during pupil free days. In the morning we provide breakfast and after school we offer afternoon tea. The OOSH Centre provides an opportunity for the students to complete their homework activities, to read, play board games and do craft in a quiet atmosphere. Outdoor activities are organised where the students can exercise, play and be active.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

We understand that the education process is a team effort and we greatly value the involvement of parents in many school activities. Parents are encouraged to join us for chapel services, assemblies, sports carnivals and information evenings. Parents are also invited to volunteer to help in the classrooms and on excursions. The Parent’s and Friend’s Association (P&F) is a great way to support the school and to meet other parents.