A New Curriculum?

by Brendan Gorman

Over the past month, I have been avidly reading and digesting much information following the release of Gonski 2.0 ‘Through Growth to Achievement’. I also had the privilege of hearing the NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian speak to Heads of School and Chairs of Governing Bodies on the NSW Government’s plans to review the NSW Curriculum.

This certainly poses lots of questions for schools and educators alike. What does the new curriculum look like? What will be the focus? What will be added and if something is added, what will be taken away? The most important part of any review into education, is that those who are trained educators have the opportunity of being involved in the decisions that are to be made. The challenge with schools, is that everyone has been to school and therefore has a strong opinion on what works, what doesn’t and what they’d like for their own children.

As part of my membership of AHISA, I now sit on the AHISA Academic Committee. Already, this has proven to be an invaluable forum for understanding and input into such important decisions. Being able to ask specific questions and add to the debate, has been an excellent part of my role as Head of St Peter’s.

Notwithstanding any review, the focus on curriculum and on learning is something that St Peter’s has always maintained.

We have a rigorous curriculum that is reflected upon and adjusted to meet the specific needs of our students. Our intentional decision to implement the PYP, has seen great benefit with the clear transdisciplinary approach to our Units of Inquiry, meaning we are meeting the NSW Governments mandated outcomes in a measured and systematic manner, that promotes inquiry and student input.

I’m not concerned about a review of our curriculum and look forward to the ongoing discussions and questions that will be raised. Thanks for continuing to trust your children to us, as we seek the very best education for them, here at St Peter’s.

NAPLAN Online

I am appreciative of the staff and student interaction with NAPLAN online last week. Our systems coped extremely well with the assessments and our students managed the adjustment to the online system well.

NAPLAN is one assessment only and is useful alongside our rigorous assessment schedules here at St Peter’s. Results will be available to parents later in the year.

Movies with Mr Gorman

Invitations have gone home to all students in Kindergarten through to Year 6 for our first holiday movies with Mr Gorman. If you missed an invitation, please contact the School Office.
More Attitude

The two attitudes that our students are focusing on this fortnight include Curiosity and Commitment. At St Peter’s we love to see students who are curious, who pose questions, who wonder and consider possibilities. We also love to see students who remain committed to their learning, to their friends and their school. We look forward to seeing these attitudes on display throughout this fortnight.

Spring Fair

Our Spring Fair will be held on Saturday, 8 September and we are looking for a Coordinator who can work with school staff to ensure the day is a success. We already have some Coordinators for major things such as the BBQ and the Auction. Are you keen? Please contact Mrs Lisa Ryder in the School Office or email: events@stpeters.nsw.edu.au

Year 5 Camp

The Year 5 Camp will occur from:

**Tuesday, 12 June to Friday, 15 June (Week 7, Term 2).**

Students will spend time learning about early Australian history, specifically the discovery of gold and its impact in building our nation. The camp will also offer opportunities for team-building and other challenging outdoor recreation activities. Students will have the opportunity for personal and spiritual reflection in an idyllic bush setting.

Year 6 Camp

Year 6 Camp will occur from:

**Tuesday, 3 July to Friday, 6 July (Week 10, Term 2).**

Students will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programmes with a focus on Australian history, culture and heritage in Canberra.

The camp will allow students to undertake a range of unique experiences including a visit to the Perisher Snow Fields. Students will have the opportunity to undertake and conquer new challenges, develop their teamwork skills, develop greater independence and hear the good news of Jesus.

Employment Opportunity - CASC

Our Corporate Office is looking for an Administration/Finance Officer to join their team. For more information, visit: [http://www.stpeters.nsw.edu.au/about-us/employment.htm](http://www.stpeters.nsw.edu.au/about-us/employment.htm)

Library

**BOOK FAIR IS COMING!**

Winter holidays will soon be upon us and who doesn’t love to curl up with a good book and a cup of hot chocolate on a cold, drizzly Winter’s day. We have you covered as Carnival Book Fairs, an all Australian company, are bringing their Book Fair to us during Week 8. Students will have a chance to view the Book Fair at the end of Week 7, with purchases available during Week 8.

Students in Prep have been enjoying a new book, Macca the Alpaca by Matt Cosgrove. It’s a fun story about an alpaca who loves cuddles but is bullied by Harmer the Llama. Harmer soon learns that he’s not as big and tough as he thinks.

Kindergarten are enjoying a selection of Premier’s Reading Challenge titles with Mrs McDonnell, including Bim Bam Boom by Margaret Wild and Wayne Harris. It was great hearing each Kindergarten class helping Mrs McDonnell read various parts of the story.

Year 1 are learning more about the difference between a fiction and non-fiction book. We have a big book that gives us lots of information about the types of things we see in a non-fiction title - it’s a book about books! We’ve discovered that sometimes stories can give us information, like the life cycle of a butterfly in The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle.

Thank you to our families who have been assisting students with the return of overdue books. We hope you are finding the verbal reminders, along with reminder notes in student diaries to be helpful. Just a reminder that the Loop for Scholastic Book Club Issue 3, closes on:

**Wednesday 30th May**, should you wish to purchase anything.

Lost Property

There is a significant amount of lost property in our Lost Property box. Please ensure you label all your child’s/ren belongings in order to assist us with returning any lost property. Unlabelled clothing will be donated to sick bay. All plastic ware will be disposed of due to health reasons if not claimed.

We would appreciate your assistance and support with this matter.

Student of the Month – May

Emmett is a kind and considerate Year 5 member who readily seeks opportunities to assist and support others. He ensures that those around him know that they are valued, assisting them with their learning.

Emmett will often be seen helping others to gather and organise their learning materials or providing additional support to those struggling to complete tasks. He always offers praise to his classmates, encouraging them when they take risks in their learning.

Emmett positively approaches all tasks, seeking feedback from teachers and his peers to improve. He strives to be a positive role model for his peers and is a valued member of Year 5.

He is a worthy recipient of the student of the month.

Congratulations Emmett!

Beannies for Brain Cancer

It was excellent to see so many students supporting our House and Food Day yesterday and wearing a beanie to promote awareness and raise funds for Beannies for Brain Cancer. We have appreciated the encouragement we have received from the many families who have had family or friends affected by Brain Cancer.

Our school raised over $800.00 which is an excellent achievement for such a good and important cause.
Learning Labs

In the July holiday period, Wollongong University offers a range of learning opportunities for students with academic excellence. These are highly sought after courses and, as such, places are limited. You will also be asked to provide evidence of your child’s ability to successfully participate within these courses.

If your child is interested in attending one of these workshops, please visit the University of Wollongong website for more details:


If you have questions or are seeking supporting documentation, please contact Ms Edwards at:
kedwards@stpeters.nsw.edu.au

Year 4 - Hyde Park Barracks and The Sydney Living Museum

On Monday, Year 4 travelled by train into the city to visit the Sydney Living Museum and Hyde Park Barracks. This excursion was the provocation for our third Unit of Inquiry – ‘Where We Are in Place and Time’. Our Central Idea that ‘People and Events in our Past Have Shaped our Country’ was explored as we learnt about how life was different before colonisation for the Aboriginal people; and how that colonisation impacted Australia in a myriad of different ways. These two thoughts are our first two lines of inquiry.

At the Sydney Living Museum, we looked at Aboriginal artifacts and specific people who contributed to shaping our country. We heard about Captain Arthur Phillip and the struggles between him and the Indigenous Australians.

We also gained a greater understanding of the Aboriginal perspective, particularly as we looked at a painting of that title by Gordon Syron. It was an excellent representation of how the arrival of the First Fleet must have felt for the Aborigines.

At the Hyde Park Barracks, we inquired into what life was like for the convicts and got to wear convict clothing, sleep in their hammocks and use bricks to make walls. It was enlightening to listen to the facilitator share many stories and many of us were shocked to learn how young some convicts were.

The train trips allowed us some great social times with our friends and we appreciate the support of the parent helpers who assisted us on this day. Thank you.

Years 1 and 2 Crusader Camp Day

On Friday, 18 May, Year 1 and 2 participated in a day camp run by Crusaders. The children engaged in a variety of fun activities which included - kite making, lantern making, a sensory walk, initiative games, making juggling balls and parachute games.

There was a time of worship followed by a Bible story and a discussion about the power of God. The afternoon concluded with the Mini Olympics which heard each team cheering loudly for the colour.

It was a great day which enabled the students to reflect on God’s word, build relationships, have fun and appreciate being outside in God’s creation.
Sport
by Fiona Hornman

IPSSO Sport
Week 3 games were against MAS. Results were as follows:

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Players of the Match:
Junior Soccer: Issac B
Senior Soccer: Lucas D
Junior Netball: Brooke D
Senior Netball: Aurelia G
Junior AFL: Lachlan R
Senior AFL: Isaac G
Junior Newcombeball: Timaima F
Senior Volleyball: Mia S

Next week’s games are against WAC with Junior games at 12.00 pm and Senior games at 1.00 pm. Netball and Volleyball will be played at St Peter’s and AFL and Soccer will be played at Hurley Park.

Interschool’s Snow Sports
The Northern NSW Interschool’s Snow Sports will take place at Thredbo during the first week of the holidays from:
Monday, 10 July to Saturday, 14 July 2018
Students may race in Snowboarding and Skiing events. Students of any ski level from beginners to advanced, are encouraged to participate. If you are interested in finding out more information about the event, please contact Fiona Hornman at: fhornman@stpeters.nsw.edu.au

CIS Hockey
On Monday, 14 May, Aimee B and Darcy R attended the CIS Hockey Gala Day. The event runs as a round robin where students play multiple games with the hope of being selected into the CIS hockey team. Both students were successful in making their respective teams and will now represent CIS at the NSW PSSA Hockey Championships later this term.

Congratulations to both students.
Athletics Carnival
The Athletics Carnival was held at Campbelltown Stadium on Friday, 11 May. Despite the wind and cold temperature, students were full of energy and ready to race. All students had the opportunity this year to take part in shot put, long jump and discus as well as track events. This increased participation levels significantly and ensured all students were kept actively engaged throughout the day.

There were 18 records broken by students on the day. The winning House was Durham, followed by Cumberland in second and Bligh in third. Argyle was the winner of the House Spirit Award as they were lead brilliantly by their House Leaders. The age champions were as follows:

Junior Boys: 1st Lachlan R, 2nd Nile B, 3rd Curtis L.
Junior Girls: 1st Mackenzie H, 2nd Laila A, 3rd Evelyn R.
11 Year Boys: 1st Jaxson S, 2nd Aaron H, 3rd Aleksandar G.
11 Year Girls: 1st Miraneta L, 2nd Ashleigh Y, 3rd Laila M.
12 Year Boys: 1st Isaac G, 2nd Logan D, 3rd Charlie L and Harrison B.
12 Year Girls: 1st Stevie F, 2nd Aimee B, 3rd Natalie C.

Students who placed first in the Boom and field events or finished in the top 4 places overall in the 100m and zoom will progress to IPSHA.

IPSHA will be held at Sydney Olympic Park on:
Wednesday, 29 August 2018
Permission notes will come home shortly.

Prayer Points
- Pray for researchers who are attempting to develop a cure for Brain Cancer. Give thanks for the money raised yesterday for this cause.
- Pray for those in our community who are unwell at this time. Pray for a quick recovery.
- Pray for our Prep students, that they would maintain their natural curiosity and wonder.
- Give thanks for our dedicated and committed teaching staff.

The School Prayer
Jesus, our Master and our Friend. You came to show us the truth and to teach us the way of life; Send your blessing on our School.

St Peter’s Anglican Primary School is a ministry of Campbelltown Anglican Churches.
Church at Ten is held in the School Hall on Sunday mornings at 10.00 am.
Please call the Church Office on 4625 1041 or email: oce@campbelltownanglican.org

Uniform Shop – Opening Hours
Monday’s:
Morning: 8.00 am – 10.45 am
Afternoon: 1.00 pm – 3.45 pm
Wednesday’s:
Morning: 8.00 am – 10.45 am
Pete’s Coffee Cart
Friday’s: 8.30 am – 10.00 am

The next edition of our Newsletter will be:
Friday, 8 June 2018

Calendar Reminders 2018
TERM 2: 1 May – 6 July
Week 5
Monday 28/5/18
Sydney Eisteddfod 2018: Instrumental Groups TBC
Tuesday 29/5/18
9.00 am – 9.30 am: Chapel Years 3 & 4
ICAS Science
Wednesday 30/5/18
9.00 am – 9.30 am: Chapel Years 5 & 6
12.00 pm – 12.45 pm: Junior Rep Sport
1.00 pm – 2.00 pm: Senior Rep Sport
Thursday 31/5/18
7.00 am – 3.00 pm: Year 6 Leadership Tour of NSW Parliament House
9.00 am – 9.30 am: Chapel Kindergarten & Morning Tea
8.45 am – 2.30 pm: TIGS Trophy, Judy Masters Oval
Friday 1/6/18
6.30 pm – 7.30 pm: Stage 1 Wine & Cheese Night

Week 6
Monday 4/6/18
11.30 am: Junior Primary Assembly
2.30 pm – 3.10 pm: Primary Assembly
5.00 pm – 6.00 pm: Partnership in Learning Committee Meeting
Tuesday 5/6/18
9.00 am – 9.30 am: Chapel Years 3 & 4
Wednesday 6/6/18
9.00 am – 9.30 am: Chapel Years 5 & 6
11.45 am – 12.30 pm: Junior Rep Sport
1.30 pm – 2.30 pm: Senior Rep Sport
Thursday 7/6/18
9.00 am – 9.30 am: Chapel Kindergarten & Morning Tea
Friday 8/6/18
8.30 am – 9.15 am: Executive Drop In
9.00 am – 9.30 am: Chapel Years 1 & 2
9.30 am: School Tour for New Families
**Week 7**

**Monday 11/6/18**
Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday

**Tuesday 12/6/18**
6.30 am: Year 5 Camp
9.00 am – 9.30 am: Chapel Years 3 & 4

**Wednesday 13/6/18**
Year 5 Camp Continues
9.00 am – 9.30 am: Chapel Year 6

**Thursday 14/6/18**
Year 5 Camp Continues
9.00 am – 9.30 am: Chapel Kindergarten & Morning Tea

CIS Cross Country

**Friday 15/6/18**
9.00 am – 9.30 am: Chapel Years 1 & 2
3.30 pm: Year 5 Camp Concludes

**Week 8**

**Monday 18/6/18**
11.30 am: Junior Primary Assembly
2.30 pm – 3.10 pm: Primary Assembly

**Tuesday 19/6/18**
9.00 am – 9.30 am: Chapel Years 3 & 4

**Wednesday 20/6/18**
9.00 am – 9.30 am: Chapel Years 5 & 6

**Thursday 21/6/18**
8.20 am – 3.00 pm: Macarthur Zone Chess for the NSW Junior Chess League Competition
9.00 am – 9.30 am: Chapel Kindergarten & Morning Tea
2.00 pm – 3.00 pm: Year 1 – Open Classroom

**Friday 22/6/18**
9.00 am – 9.30 am: Chapel Years 1 & 2
Kindergarten to Year 2 - Yves Stening Author Visit today

**Week 9**

**Monday 25/6/18**

**Tuesday 26/6/18**
9.00 am – 9.30 am: Chapel Years 3 & 4

**Wednesday 27/6/18**
9.00 am – 9.30 am: Chapel Years 5 & 6

**Thursday 28/6/18**
9.00 am – 9.30 am: Chapel Kindergarten & Morning Tea
7.00pm – 8.00 pm: Public Speaking Evening

**Friday 29/6/18**
8.30 am – 9.15 am: Executive Drop In
9.00 am – 9.30 am: Chapel Years 1 & 2

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**Week 10**

**Monday 2/7/18**
11.30 am: Whole School Assembly

**Tuesday 3/7/18**
9.00 am – 9.30 am: Chapel Years 3 & 4
2.00 pm – 2.45 pm Prep Portfolio

**Wednesday 4/7/18**
Year 6 Camp Continues
9.00 am – 9.30 am: Chapel Years 5 & 6

**Thursday 5/7/18**
Year 6 Camp Continues
9.00 am – 9.30 am: Chapel Kindergarten & Morning Tea
2.00 pm – 2.45 pm: Prep Portfolio

**Friday 6/7/18**
9.00 am – 9.30 am: Chapel Years 1 & 2
Year 6 Camp Concludes

School Reports to be sent home

Last Day Term 2

School Holidays

**Monday, 9 July to Friday, 27 July 2018**

School Office open: 9.00 am to 3.00 pm each day (with the exception of Friday, 27 July 2018 which is Staff Professional Development Day).

OSHC Centre operating 7.00 am to 6.00 pm each day (with the exception of Friday, 27 July). Bookings Essential.

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TERM 3: 30 July – 28 September 2018

**Week 1**

**Monday 30/7/18**
Students Commence Term 3