The Lord is the greatest God, King over all other gods.
Psalm 95:3

The Importance of Reading

In this day and age, consumed by technology and an increasing busyness, reading with your children can often be the last thing on the minds of parents. It is too easy to allow television and ipads to replace something that, research shows, is vital in a child’s language development. If reading to and with your children is not something that you’re accustomed to, why not try some of the following suggestions to increase the reading that occurs in your household:

- When traveling in the car, why not borrow some audio books from your local library and listen to them as a family.
- Have a family ‘games night’ where children attempt to read the instructions, or cards involved in the game.
- Choose a book as a family and read it over dinner, perhaps a chapter each time.
- Have older siblings read to younger siblings and vice versa.
- Model reading as a parent – even if this is something you don’t do well, why not read a magazine or newspaper?
- Have a cooking afternoon where you encourage your children to read the recipe and work through it together.

Reading is such an important life-long skill and a love of reading can be fostered when parents show their children the value and importance that it has.

Community BBQ

Thank you to all the families who attended our community BBQ and Meet the Teacher Evening on Monday afternoon. It was wonderful to see many parents enjoying the opportunity to get to know one another better.

Helping at St Peter’s

We value and delight in parents who are available to assist with Reading Groups and other activities at St Peter’s. To add to the safety that we maintain here on site, we require parents, grandparents and friends who volunteer to have a Working with Children Check (WWCC) before assisting with our children. This is a fairly simple process and as a volunteer, is free of charge. I do encourage anyone who is considering assisting, to complete this check and contact the office with your details.
Staff Baby News

Congratulations to Mr Glenn McPherson and Mrs Anne McPherson who welcomed a daughter, Fleur, on Friday, 5 February. A sister for Ernest!

Congratulations to Mr Seth Mayo and Mrs Ellen Mayo on the birth of their third son, Reuben, on Tuesday, 9 February. A brother for Micah and Timothy!

Welcome to Our New Primary Staff

It is always exciting to start a New Year and we welcome our new Primary staff.

Mr Michael Alldis teaching 6M.

Mrs Veronica George teaching 5V.

Mr Edward Frost teaching 3F.

Mrs Kristy Edwards teaching 4E.

Miss Brooke Gillette teaching 3G.

New Students

We would like to welcome the following new students to our school:

Yuhan (Shelley) Z. (Prep Koalas)

Preti G. (1H)

Sport

Football Development League

A reminder that FDL begins on Monday, 15 February. Please check with the office on 4627 2990 or email administration@stpeters.nsw.edu.au to register your children. The program will run for six weeks at a cost of $45.00 billed through School’s Council. Kindergarten to Year 2 classes will run every Monday morning from 7:30 - 8:30 am. Year 3 to 6 classes will run every Thursday morning from 7:30 - 8:30 am.

House Update

Buddy Groups

This week we met for the first time in our small groups. Each group is led by one or two Year 6 students and will meet in a particular teacher’s room. There are two buddy groups assigned to each staff member. The aim is for that staff member to remain with their group throughout the years. This week, the children played ‘getting to know you’ games - finding out interesting information about each other. Over the next two weeks the groups will design their buddy group poster which will be displayed in their buddy teacher’s room.

Buddy groups are going to be a wonderful avenue for showing compassion, both in the playground and in the wider community, as groups endeavour to support local and national charities.

St Peter’s Shop Sale

New House Polo Shirts

Normally $24.00

On sale for $16.00 during February only

Get yours before the House Colour Day on Friday, 26 February!

School Bags also on sale: 10% off during February only.

Library

by Sandra Busutel

Book Corner

Picture Book
Ages 10+

Ophelia

She is the girl who will be queen: Ophelia, daughter of Denmark’s Lord Chancellor and loved by Prince Hamlet.

While Hamlet’s family stab, poison or haunt one another, Ophelia plans a sensible rule. One filled with justice and the making of delicious cheeses. Even if she has to pretend to be mad to make it happen, Ophelia will let nothing, not even howling ghosts, stand in her way.

Book Club

Book Club 2016 is “CASHLESS”

Book Club LOOP is the online ordering system

Go to scholastic.com.au/LOOP

- Select “St Peter’s Anglican Primary School”.
- Select the state (NSW) and suburb (Campbelltown).
- Simply grab your Book Club Catalogue.
- For a quick start, just click on ORDER or Register first to save your details for next time (existing Scholastic Store customers can simply log in).
- Select your school and your child’s class.
- Add your child’s first name & last initial (so the school knows who the book is for).
- Enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.

All orders are sent directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child’s classroom if you order by the close date. Afterwards, there’s no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details back to your school!
Music
by Jane Flack

Training Band
There are a number of instruments available to hire for our current band program. We would like to invite parents of students in Years 3 – 6 to write an expression of interest, regarding joining band, to Mrs Pollett. Once received, Mrs Pollett will then provide further information about the process and options available. Within your expression of interest we ask that you indicate your child’s instrument preference using a scale of 1-9 (1 being most desired). Please understand that we have a limited number of instruments available so it will be based on the order of when notes are received.

Instruments include: flute, trumpet, clarinet, saxophone, percussion, bass guitar, baritone, euphonium and tenor horn. If your child already owns a band instrument that they can use, and do not wish to hire, please also state this in the letter.

Notes must be received by Friday, 4 March (Week 6) and be given directly to Mrs Pollett by the students.

‘Introduction to Strings’ Program
Mr George Kowalik, our Strings Conductor, will be running the ‘Introduction to Strings’ program each week from Monday, 22 February (Week 6) in the School Hall and conclude Monday, 4 April. The cost is $100.00 (payable on the first day). Each student will be loaned a violin for the duration of the program. Introduction to Strings is open to all students from Years 1 to 6.

Please contact Mr George Kowalik on 0418485 210 to join.

House Colour Day and Kindergarten to Year 6 Disco
We are excited about the upcoming House Colour Day and Disco which will take place on Friday, 26 February. Children are encouraged to come to school wearing House coloured clothing (shorts, shirts, skirts, a dress or jeans) which represents their new School House. Suitable enclosed footwear is required (no thongs). During the day, the children will meet in their House groups for lunch.

At the conclusion of the day, Kinder - Year 2 will enjoy a disco. Children have the opportunity to pre-order a donut and some fruit to enjoy for afternoon tea, before entering the disco in the School Hall.

Year 3 - 6 students will be able to pre-order, or buy on the evening, a sausage sandwich to have before their disco fun begins. The permission notes, order forms and parent helper letters were given to the children on Wednesday. Please complete these and return, with the correct money, to your class teacher.

Our Kids in the Cyber World

Swimming Carnival
I would like to congratulate all of our students who attended and participated in yesterday’s swimming carnival. The level of behaviour and participation was excellent and we look forward to our team competing at IPSHA. Thank you also to Mrs Hornman for her organisation and management of the day and to all of the parents who assisted. We couldn’t have done it without you.

Parents, a reminder that all applications for children entering Prep in 2017 need to be submitted as soon as possible. Places are limited, act now to ensure your child does not miss out.

Year One “People Who Help Us” Day
To enhance our “People Who Help Us” HSIE unit this term, on Tuesday 23rd February (Week 5), Year One students will be coming to school dressed as people who help them in the community.

Some of the people we have learned about in class include Doctors, Nurses, Dentists, Vets, Police Officers, Fire-fighters, Butchers, Bakers, Hairdressers and Farmers.

Students are encouraged to be creative with the resources they have at home when planning their costume. Enclosed shoes and modest clothing need to be worn for safety and sun protection. Inappropriate items such as toy guns, for students dressing up as police officers, must not be brought to school.

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St Peter’s Physical Culture Club

Classes began on Wednesday, 10 February in the Church Hall. Girls wishing to attend directly after school, will be supervised by the Physical Culture staff until collected at the end of the lesson, or can be returned to afternoon care.

For further information please phone Anne McLeod on 46257253, 0417220128 or email annemcleod24@gmail.com

P&F

The first P&F meeting will be held on Wednesday, 24 February at 7.00 pm in the Board Room. An election will be held for the position of President of the P&F. Anyone interested should contact Mr Gorman in the first instance.

Calendar Reminders

TERM 1: 29 January – 8 April

Week 4
- Monday 25/2/16
  Junior Primary Assembly: 11.30 am
  Primary Assembly: 2.30 pm
- Friday 19/2/16
  Morning School Tour: 9.30 am

Week 5
- Monday 21/2/16
  Taste of High School Day – BAC
- Tuesday 23/2/16
  Year 1: People who help us day
- Wednesday 24/2/16
  P&F Meeting: 7.00 pm
- Friday 26/2/16
  House Colour Day: 9.00 am – 3.15 pm
  K – 2 Disco: 3.00 – 4.00 pm
  3 – 6 Disco: 4.30 – 6.00 pm

Week 6
- Monday 29/2/16
  Junior Primary Assembly: 11.30 am
  Primary Assembly: 2.30 pm

- Tuesday 1/3/16
  Parent Information Session 1: 9.00 am
  Parent Information Session 2: 6.30 pm

Week 7
- Monday 7/3/16
  Parent Teacher Interview
- Tuesday 8/3/16
  Twilight School Tour – 4.30 pm
- Thursday 10/3/16
  Prep Parent Teacher Interview

Week 8
- Monday 14/3/16
  Junior Primary Assembly: 11.30 am
  Primary Assembly: 2.30 pm
- Thursday 17/3/16
  Grandparents Day
- Saturday 19/3/16
  Prep Enrolment Interviews

Week 9
- Monday 21/3/16
  International Day
- Tuesday 22/3/16
  Easter Chapel
- Wednesday 23/3/16
  P&F Meeting – 8.30 am

Week 10
- Monday 4/4/16
  Whole School Assembly – 11.30 am
- Friday 8/4/16
  Last day of Term 1

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. Guide by your Spirit, the children and their parents, the teachers and staff, and the Schools’ Council. As we work together with one another and with you, may St Peter’s Anglican Primary School be a place where children learn and where all discover the true meaning of ‘Life through Christ’.

Amen

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for an excellent week in the life of our school.
2. Praise God for our swimming carnival and for the many personal bests achieved by our students.
3. Give thanks for the work of our OSHC team in caring for our students before and after school.
4. Pray for the members of our community who are struggling at this time.

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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 office@campbelltownanglican.org.