World Teacher’s Day
by Brendan Gorman

Last Friday was World Teachers Day, a simple opportunity to acknowledge and thank the teachers for the exceptional work they do each and every day for our students. I have constantly said how thrilled I am with the teaching staff at St Peter’s. They work tirelessly to ensure our students are well catered for with meaningful learning engagements and quality pastoral care.

Our staff work well together to support one another and we see this each and every day. They care, they pray for their students, they want to bring out the best in each and every one. I thank each member of our teaching staff team for their passion, commitment and drive to provide excellent Christian education to the students at St Peter’s. Our support staff are brilliant also. Thank you.

Dr Michael Freelander, MP Visit

It was wonderful to welcome Dr Freelander MP, the Federal Member for Macarthur on Wednesday this week. Mr Gorman was able to provide a tour of the school as well as discussing some of the government and opposition plans around school funding and Early Childhood Education. Dr Freelander was very impressed with the school, the respectful students and our improved Prep facilities.

Open Day for Prospective Students

We know that our best advertising is the word of mouth of our parent community and are extremely thankful when we are able to enrol a student based on the recommendation of another St Peter’s family. A new initiative we are trialling this year is a day where students may attend the school for a day, to trial, or have a taste of what a day at St Peter’s is like. We intend to advertise this day widely, however, wanted to give parents the opportunity of spreading the word with their friends and family who may be interested in enrolment at St Peter’s.

The day will be held on Tuesday, 15 November. Families interested should RSVP through the School Office or enrol@stpeters.nsw.edu.au. We encourage you to spread the word if you know of someone who would benefit from a uniquely Christian education based on best practice pedagogy, in a caring and nurturing environment.

Invitations went home this week with each child. Please feel free to pass this onto family and friends who may be interested.

No Newsletter Next Week

Due to our PD days next Thursday and Friday, there will not be a Week 5 newsletter. Any specific information required will be emailed separately.

Student Led Conferences

A reminder that Student Led Conferences will occur on Thursday, 10 November from 3.30 pm to 7.00 pm. Student Led Conferences are an opportunity for each student to share their learning with the parents/carers. Bookings are available through our Parent Portal. http://sentral.stpeters.nsw.edu.au/portal

We acknowledge that the day these conferences have been scheduled may present issues for some families. We have taken feedback on board and will consider a more suitable time of year for future occasions. Thank you to those parents who have conveyed suggestions in this regard.

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Student Free Days
A reminder that there are two Professional Development days each November. School will be closed next Thursday, 10 and Friday, 11 November. Vacation Care will operate for limited numbers on these two days. Bookings are essential and available via oshc@stpeter.nsw.edu.au.

Presentation Evening
A reminder that our annual Presentation Evening will be held on Monday, 5 December at the Cube in Campbelltown. Junior Primary will commence at: 5:00 pm. Primary will commence at: 7:00 pm. Child-care will be available for students in the alternate section to the Presentation Evening session, at the Cube, by St Peter’s Staff.

All families are required to attend Presentation Evening and we look forward to recognising each student.

Class Orientation Afternoon
As has become our custom and practice, all students will meet with their 2017 class teacher and students on Thursday, 1 December in the afternoon. Please be aware that many factors go into the class placement of each student at St Peter’s. Specific requests to change classes will not be accommodated. Thanks for your understanding in this regard.

Year 7 Entry into Selective High Schools in 2018
A reminder that online applications close Monday, 14 November 2016. For further information please use the following link: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

St Peter’s Coffee Cart
A little while ago we announced the commencement of a coffee cart at the front of the school one morning per week. I’m pleased to announce that on Friday, 18 November and each Friday morning for the rest of the year, our coffee cart will be in action.

For the remainder of the year, coffee is free of charge as our barista teams gain valuable experience. Baked treats will also be available for sale. The cart will operate from 8:30 – 10.00 am on Friday’s.

Walkathon
On Monday, 7 November, St Peter’s will be holding our Crazy Colour House Walkathon. Students are to come dressed in their House Colour Polo shirt or Sport shirt and Sport shorts and are encouraged to wear House coloured wigs, crazy glasses, and hairstyles. Please note, no coloured hairspray is to be used. Students are also encouraged to ask parents and friends to sponsor this walkathon as we are raising funds for the purchase of new IT resources for the Library. On the day, children should bring a safety pin and their sponsorship form so that the number of laps completed can be noted. Children will sit together in House groups to eat their recess and lunch which has been brought from home.

This House day is an opportunity for children to work together in a number of structured activities. We are grateful for the effort of our community in supporting such efforts which directly impact the opportunities our students have. Last year, we raised $7,500 which was used for refreshing reading resources in the library. The fundraising effort is deliberately chosen to impact all students.

Parent Prayer Group
Come and join Miss Leanne Burns, Senior Assistant Minister from St Peter’s Anglican Church, for a Parent Prayer session from 8.30 - 9.00 am.

Groups are held in the Boardroom on the following dates:-
Wednesday, 9 November
Wednesday, 16 November
Wednesday, 23 November
Wednesday, 30 November

Scholarships 2018
St Peter’s Anglican Primary School Scholarships 2018 are available to new entry students and those enrolled in our school in Year 4, 2017. Scholarships are available in the three following categories:

Academic Scholarship
Music Scholarship
Sport Scholarship

Scholarship information and application forms can be located on the school website and from the School Office.

Scholarship Applications close on Friday, 7 April 2017.

Music
by Jane Flack

Music Festival
The St Peter’s Anglican Primary School Music Festival is on Tuesday, 22 November. This event is a special celebration of our co-curricular music groups. The School Hall gates will open at 6.30 pm and the main performances will commence at 7.00 pm.

All are invited. Notes for students involved in the performances were distributed this week.

Library
by Sandra Busutel

Book Fair
Thanks to your generosity and support, the library will be able to purchase books over the coming 12 months to the approximate value of $3000.

Book Corner
Ages: 8+
Bright Star by Jenny Oldfield
Mum thinks some time on her aunt’s ranch will help Morgan straighten out. Morgan doesn’t agree until she meets the damaged pony, Bright Star. This book has a dyslexia-friendly layout and typeface so even more readers can enjoy it.
Sport
by Fiona Hornman

IPSSO Sport

This week St Peter’s competed against Oran Park Anglican College, results were as follows:

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Players of the Match:
Junior Basketball: Tashvi K.
Senior Basketball: Manoj W.
Junior Oz Tag: Tamika-Bree H.
Senior Oz Tag: Jasmine P.
Junior Cricket: Isaac G.
Senior Cricket: Mithula G.

Next week:
Next week SPAPS play against Broughton Anglican College. Junior games commence at 12.05 pm and Senior games at 1.40 pm. All games held at Broughton Anglican College.

Tennis Racquets

Today every student in Kindergarten will have received a tennis racquet. We thank Tennis Australia for providing all of our students in Kindergarten with a racquet and therefore providing the opportunity for them to develop their tennis skills away from school.

IPSSHA Gymnastics

On Thursday, 27 October Joshua D. competed at the IPSHA gymnastics competition. He performed extremely well on the day, competing in Level 2, placing 2nd in pommel, 3rd in vault and high bar and 4th in floor and rings. What a great achievement. Well done, Joshua.

Healthy Habit

Boredom Busters

Primary school aged children should spend less than 2 hours using small screens (e.g. computer, iPad, tv) each day. Try these activities to help children stay active and have fun without screens:

- Play indoor games e.g. card games, board games, puzzles, arts and crafts, hide and seek
- Grow plants, herbs or vegetables in a small pot or outdoor garden
- Prepare easy-to-make healthy snacks e.g. fruit kebabs, yoghurt ice blocks
- Set up an obstacle course in the backyard

Parent Volunteers

From time to time St Peter’s will hold events that require helpers to set up, or pack up amongst other things. If you, as a parent would be willing to assist on occasion, we would love to hear from you! Please contact the School Office by phone or email to administration@stpeters.nsw.edu.au.

School Lunches

Due to the increase in the number of children requiring recess or lunch. A note will be sent home to advise parents/carers that your child has visited the School Office. We kindly ask that a gold coin donation be returned to contribute to the associated costs.

Opal Card

Just a reminder for parents/carers you will need to apply for a new opal card if your student:

- Is just starting school and has not had a pass before
- Is in a transition year (ie, Year 2 to 3 or 6 to 7)
- Is changing schools, including going between Primary and Secondary school
- Or, if the student’s personal details have changed (ie, address).

If this is the case, parent/carer can go online to complete their application form, print it out and return it to the school. The application is available at www.transportnsw.info/school-students. If you would like a brochure they are available in the School Office.

Toys ‘n’ Tucker

We have registered to participate in Toys ‘n’ Tucker again this year. We plan to collect donations between Monday, 14 November and Friday, 2 December.

Fisher’s Ghost Parade

The Fisher’s Ghost Community Parade will take place tomorrow, Saturday, 5 November, 2016. Some of our Senior Band members will entertain the members of our community by performing pieces as they proceed down Queen Street, while we encourage as many children as possible to walk behind the band, promoting our wonderful school.

Children are to wear school summer uniform with walking hat. We will meet in the School Hall at 12.45 pm where parents will sign their children in. The walk will commence at the showground and finish in Koshigaya Park, Campbelltown where parents will meet and sign out their children at approximately 2.30 pm.

P&F Trivia Night

We are proud to announce the return of the St Peter’s Anglican Primary School P&F Trivia Night.

This will be held on Saturday, 19 November 2016. Please read the attached flyer for all of the exciting details.

P&F Executive Elections 2017

At our November P&F meeting on Wednesday, 23 November at 7.00 pm in the Board Room, elections will be held for the executive of our P&F in 2017. President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer positions are all declared vacant and are open for nomination and election.

Positions of Food Day Coordinator, Banking Coordinator, and Spring Fair Coordinator(s) are also sought at this meeting.

Our 2016 Committee have done a wonderful job at putting systems and structures in place which will make the role of the 2017 Committee easier. If you are interested in one of these positions, even if you haven’t been involved in P&F previously, please prayerfully consider your nomination. If you would like further information, please feel free to catch Mr Gorman who can answer any questions. Our P&F is the envy of many schools and supports the operation of the school through support and fundraising.
Calendar Reminders
Term 4 (10 October – 6 December)

Week 4
Saturday 5/11/16
Fisher’s Ghost Parade: 1.00 pm

Monday 7/11/16
House Colour Day

Tuesday 8/11/16
Twilight School Tour: 4.30 pm

Friday 10/11/16
Pupil Free Day

Week 5
Monday 14/11/16
Toys ‘n’ Tucker Begins

Monday 21/11/16
Toys ‘n’ Tucker

Tuesday 22/11/16
Prep Koalas and Kangaroos Presentation
Afternoon: 2.00 pm

Friday 24/11/16
Prep Orientation: 9.30 am

Saturday 25/11/16
Pupil Free Day

Week 6
Monday 28/11/16
Toys ‘n’ Tucker

Monday 4/12/16
Toys ‘n’ Tucker

Tuesday 5/12/16
Year 4 Camp

Thursday 7/12/16
Year 4 Camper’s Celebration Day: 8.00 am

Friday 8/12/16
Toys ‘n’ Tucker

Weekly Observations

- A reminder that the last day of Term 4 is Tuesday, 6/12/16.
- The School legal requirement for students to be present for the first day of Term 5, Monday, 10/12/16.

Prayer Points
1. Give thanks for the ongoing exciting learning occurring here at St Peter’s.
2. Pray for all students in the final weeks of Term 4.
3. Pray for our staff as they continue report writing for the second semester.

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

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Church at Ten is held in the School Hall on Sunday mornings at 10.00 am.

St Peter’s Anglican Primary School is a ministry of Campbelltown Anglican Churches.

Please call the Church Office on 4625 1041 or email office@campbelltownanglican.org.
2018 SCHOLARSHIPS

AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS ENTERING YEAR 7 & 11 IN 2018

Academic (Years 7 and 11)
STEM — Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (Years 7 and 11)
Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA)
Music (Years 7 and 11)
Visual Arts (Years 7 and 11)
Drama (Year 11)
Christian Service (Years 7 and 11)
Indigenous Leadership (Year 11)
Languages – Spanish (Year 11)

You are invited to attend the 2018 Scholarships Information Evening
Monday 7 November 2016
7.30pm – 8.30pm in the College Hall

TIME FOR TRIVIA?

St Peter’s P & F Trivia Night 2016
Saturday, 19 November 2016

Join us for a fun packed night of games and trivia. Show off your random knowledge and get a team together.
BYO Food and Drinks.

Arrive at 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start in our school hall.
Admission cost is $20pp.

Payment can be made at the school office or direct deposit.
Account Name: St Peters P and F
BSB: 062-032 Account Number: 1037 4879