Welcome Back

by Brendan Gorman

What a wonderful week as students have settled back into routine following the summer vacation. Our students bring St Peter’s alive and it is a delight to see them back at school focused on our core business of learning.

During the vacation period, we received confirmation from the International Baccalaureate that we have been accepted as a candidate school offering the PYP – Primary Years Programme. As someone passionate about learning and seeing students engaged, this is such an exciting initiative and we look forward to the ongoing benefits of this programme.

To this end, our staff have participated in a number of Professional Development sessions where they have shown their willingness to continue learning. Staff members embarked on some training in the framework and have been developing strategies to assist in sparking students’ interest in their first units.

Many stimulating activities are being planned this year to support a love of learning in every student. We welcome the richness that each new family brings to St Peter’s. Our school is what it is because of the uniqueness of each family unit. We look forward to building a positive partnership with each of you throughout the year.

We also welcome our new staff to our team. Each one brings something special yet brings much commonality in their commitment to Christ and their passion for young people and education.

Our Meet the Teacher and Community Dinner is planned for Monday, 6 February at 5.00 pm. A BBQ will be cooking and drinks will be available for purchase. Parents may like to bring food from home or takeaway, bring a picnic rug or find a spot to enjoy a light dinner with other families of the school. This is a great opportunity to get to know others better. The two sessions of Meet the Teacher are intended to allow you to let the teacher know anything about your child/ren that you feel necessary. This is not a structured Parent Teacher interview.

A number of building improvement projects have continued over the break with modifications in the Administration building, a new audio and lighting configuration in the School Hall and other projects nearing completion. We look forward to all that 2017 will bring. If we can be of assistance, please don’t hesitate to contact the School Office.

Parent Prayer Group

Please come and join Miss Leanne Burns, Senior Assistant Minister from St Peter’s Anglican Church, for a Parent Prayer session. This is held from 8.30 - 9.00 am every Wednesday in the Board Room.

School Shop Sale!

Next week
6 February and 8 February only
House Polo Shirts: $20.00
(Normally $24.00)
New Students

We would like to welcome the following new students to our school who have joined us in Prep to 6:

Eva-Sofia  
Riya  
Audrey  
Arihaan  
Ethan  
Divija  
Tobias  
Yoji  
Harry  
Jethro  
Dominic  
Ashton  
Annie  
Nkolisakwu  
Joshua  
Ayaan  
Beatrix  
Jovanpreet  
Eric  
Advik  
Jesse  
Bailee  
Shaynika  
Jensen  
Mateja  
Kyle  
Joshua  
Kiranan  
Ali  
William  
Sharon  
Hamish  
Canishka  
William  
Olivia  
Rhythm  
Cooper  
Nikolas  
Arianna  
Cody  
Ani  
Sheroy  
Oshell  
Viktor  
Luca  
Sophia  
William  
Anieva  
Jack  
Riley  

New Staff

We would like to welcome the following new staff member to St Peter’s:

Mrs Lauren Smart  
Classroom teacher KS

Mrs Nerida Hadfield  
Classroom teacher 4H/Team Leader  
Coordinator of Middle Primary (Years 3-4)

Miss Kym Busutel  
Classroom teacher 4B

Mr Joseph Stockinger  
Classroom teacher 5S

Miss Rachel Raj  
Classroom teacher 5R

Mr Peter Stevenson  
Classroom teacher 6S

Mrs Bec Fuente  
Teacher Assistant

Mrs Susan Leslie  
OSHC Assistant

Jonathan Fox  
IT Helpdesk and Integration Administrator

Mrs Janine Davidson  
Teacher Assistant

Anumi  
Andrew  
Tivon  
Amelia  
Andrew  
Austin  
Mikayla  
Florosei  
Ivy  
Yishu  
Georgia  
Randira  
Luke  
Connor  
Cormac  
Archer  
Jasmine  
Aria  
Imogen  
Peta  
Tiffany  
Fletcher  
Emily  
Mia  
Hugh  
Nuala  
Andre  
Ethan  
Ryan  
Amelia  
Claire  
Noah  
Rihana  
Isobel  
Nathaniel  
Patrick  
Zoe  
Eva  
Zachary  
Ava  
Eleanor  
Tyson  
Veronica  
Jayden  
Polly  
Isabella  
Jackson  
Ella  
Heidi  
Magnashire
Private Tutors for 2017

Tennis Coaching
Mrs Karen Kings: 0412 411 428
Mr Tony Podesta School of Tennis: 0418 414 780

Piano Tutors
Mrs Koula Johnson: 0405 680 028, 9642 7358 or koulajohnson@optusnet.com.au
Mrs Jiann Bekes: 0411 300 560, 4625 8290 or signp@optusnet.com.au
Mrs Marion Hall: 9603 7760 or marion47954@hotmail.com

Violin/Viola Tutor
Mr George Kowalki: 0418 485 210 or zkowalik54@gmail.com

Cello Tutor
Imogen Willson: 0412 052 939 or imogenwillson@gmail.com

Singing & Drama
Mrs Tamryn Kyselov: 0408 198 507 or tamrynkyselov@hotmail.com

Spanish Tutor
Marcela Varas: 0402 552 877 or mavarasli@gmail.com

Please remember that these tutors have been approved to provide lessons in our school, however, they are not employees of our school. If your children are interested in pursuing lessons with either of our tutors, please contact them directly to discuss this further.

Sport
by Fiona Hornman

Healthy Habits
Building healthy habits
Children are learning habits that will often last them a lifetime. Please consider the following:

Breakfast is important. Children who eat breakfast have better concentration. Eating breakfast can reduce snacking on high-energy foods in the afternoon in both adults and children.

Representative Sport Trials
Rep Sport trials commenced this week for IPSSO Sport teams and will be finalised during Sport next week. The sports available for students to trial for are Mixed Oz Tag, Mixed Basketball, Girls Soccer and Cricket. Students who are successful in making the teams will compete on a weekly basis against Broughton Anglican College, Wollondilly Anglican College, Oran Park Anglican College and Macarthur Anglican School. Summer Sport will run during Term 1 and Term 4. This year, all IPSSO team members will be expected to attend weekly training. Most teams will train on Wednesday mornings from 8.00 - 8.30 am, remaining teams will train during lunch times.

Tennis
If you are interested in having Tennis coaching for your child on a Wednesday during school hours, you can enrol now for Term 3 coaching. Details are as follows: Classes commencing Wednesday, 1 March Year 1 - 3 at lunchtime, Year 3 - 6 at 9.30 am – 10.30 am or 10.30 am – 11.30 am. Enrol online through the following link: https://sprout.readysetbook.me/go/First-Serve-Booking or call Tony on 0418414780.

Swimming Carnival
The St Peter’s Anglican Primary School annual Swimming Carnival will be held Thursday, 9 February at The Gordon Fetterplace Aquatic Centre, 21 The Parkway, Bradbury. The Carnival is for all students in Years 3 - 6 as well as those students in Year 2 who turn 8 this year and are capable of swimming 50m of any recognised stroke.

Students are required to make their own way to and from the venue and are to arrive by 8.30 am. The Carnival will conclude at approximately 2.30 pm. Students attending OHSC and who travel to school normally via public transport will be transported by the school mini bus to and from the venue and will need to indicate this on the permission note sent home during the week. Any parents or carers who are able to assist on the day would be greatly appreciated and are requested to return the parent helper slip on your child’s permission note.

IPSHA and CIS Trials
Throughout the year, various opportunities arise for your child, in Years 5 or 6, to trial for IPSHA and CIS teams in different sports. These trials are extremely competitive and require your child to be currently playing at a Representative level in that sport. If your child has an outstanding ability in a sport, please feel free to contact Mrs Fiona Hornman, so that the necessary trial information can be provided if an opportunity arises.

Library
by Sandra Busutel

Borrowing
Borrowing will commence for all students in Week 3 starting Monday, 6 February. Prep – Year 4 students require a library bag.

A Note about Library Borrowing
Our school library has on its shelves literally thousands of fabulous books from the very basic to lower secondary to cater for all readers. By encouraging children to borrow a library book/s each week we aim to foster their enjoyment of reading and love of books. Children are encouraged to borrow a book that is appropriate to their reading ability but also within the bounds of their age and maturity level and which can be read in 1 to 2 weeks.

For this reason certain restrictions are in place:
- Prep children may borrow 2 books from the Caterpillar.
- Children in Kindergarten and Year 1 may borrow one book from the Junior Fiction shelves.
- Year 2 students may now borrow one book from the Junior Fiction and from Term 2, Non-Fiction shelves. We have 3 bays of chapter books which have been especially chosen for Independent Readers in Kindergarten, Years 1 and 2.
- Primary children (Years 3 - 6) may borrow two books from any section. In some books the content is suitable only for Years 5 and 6 and these cannot be borrowed by younger children eg. some Harry Potter books, fantasy and crime.
- Should you have any concerns about the type of book your child is reading, please don’t hesitate to speak to the Library staff or myself.
- In consultation with class teachers, these restrictions may be adjusted.

Kindergarten – Year 6
If a child has finished the book they have borrowed then they may change their book/s any day from 8.30 am – 8.50 am or the second half of the Lunch break. If accompanied by a parent, students may change their book straight after school.

Position Available
Casual Shop/Café assistant required Wednesday and Friday 8.00 am – 11.00 am Term times as required. Refer to website for Position Description.
Community Dinner – Monday, 5 February, 5.00 – 6.30 pm

In conjunction with Monday’s Meet the Teacher afternoon/evening, please join us for our annual Community Dinner.

Bring a picnic blanket or chair and enjoy a free sausage on a roll on the Oval with friends new and old. Drinks will be available for $1.00. Please check the school Facebook page and Twitter feed for an update for inclement weather arrangements.

Learning Enhancement

by Heather Gillespie/Kristy Edwards

Pause Prompt Praise Reading Programme

During Term 1 we will be running a training session for the programme Pause Prompt Praise. This is a programme of reading instruction designed to support low progress readers to develop reading skills and strategies.

If you would like further information about this programme for your own child and would like to participate in a training session or if you are interested in volunteering some time to assist on this programme working with children in the school to improve their reading skills, you can sign up at the Meet the Teacher session next Monday, 6 February, or you can email Mrs Heather Gillespie or Mrs Kristy Edwards via administration@stpeters.nsw.edu.au.

The first training session for 2017 will be held during Week 4. We will notify you of the details once you have registered your interest.

Individual Plan Meetings

If your child requires adjustments in Class you will be contacted over the next few weeks to meet with your child’s 2017 Classroom Teacher to develop a plan for the new year. If you have any concerns about this, you can contact the Classroom Teacher or the relevant Learning Enhancement Coordinator for your child’s grade.

Mrs Kristy Edwards
Learning Enhancement Coordinator for Prep – Year 2

Mrs Heather Gillespie
Learning Enhancement Coordinator for Years 3 – 6

The email address where we can be contacted: administration@stpeters.nsw.edu.au.

St Peter’s Coffee Cart

Our Coffee Cart will be out the front of the school every Friday morning from 8.30 am - 10.00 am. Coffee, Hot Chocolate and baked treats will be for sale.

Pricing:

- Muffin $3.00
- Drink $3.00 (Cappuccino, Café Latte, Long Black and Hot Chocolate)
- Combo $5.00

Calendar Reminders

TERM 1: 27 January – 7 April

Week 3

Monday 6/02/17
Junior Primary Assembly: 11.30 am
Primary Assembly: 2.30 pm
Meet the teacher 4.00 – 5.00 pm
Welcome Community Dinner 5.00 pm
Meet the teacher 6.00 – 7.00 pm
Thursday 9/02/17
Swimming Carnival

Week 4

Monday – Wednesday 13/02/17 – 15/02/17
Year 6 Leadership Camp
Thursday 16/02/17
Parent Information Session 9.30 – 10.30 am
Parent Information Session 7.00 – 8.00 pm
Friday 17/02/17
School Tour 9.30 am

Week 5

Monday 20/02/17
Junior Primary Assembly: 11.30 am
Primary Assembly: 2.30 pm
Thursday 23/02/17
Kindergarten-Year 2 Disco 3.00 – 4.30 pm
Year 3 – 6 Disco 4.30 – 6.00 pm
Friday 24/02/17
Year 4 Hyde Park Barracks Excursion

Week 6

Monday 27/02/17
House Day
Tuesday 28/02/17
P&P Meeting 7.00 pm

Meet the Teacher

Monday, 5 February
4.00 – 5.00 pm
6.00 – 7.00 pm

Week 7

Monday 6/03/17
Junior Primary Assembly: 11.30 am
Primary Assembly: 2.30 pm
Prep Koalas and Kangaroos, Kindergarten –
Year 6 Parent Teacher Interviews 4.00 – 8.00 pm
Thursday 9/03/17
Prep Echidnas and Wombats Parent Teacher Interviews
Prep and Kindergarten 2018 Information Evening 6.00 pm
Friday 10/03/17
Cross Country

Prayer Points

1. Pray for our new Kindergarten and Prep students as they settle into routines and structures of school.
2. Pray for our parents as they adjust to the new school year.
3. Pray for the staff, for wisdom and clarity as they plan, teach and assess our wonderful students.

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

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter.
https://www.facebook.com/stpetersaps
https://twitter.com/stpetersaps

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

Church at Ten

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

Meet the Teacher

Monday, 5 February
4.00 – 5.00 pm
6.00 – 7.00 pm

Parent Information Session

Thursday, 16 February
9.30 – 10.30 am or 7.00 – 8.00 pm
In the School Hall
## 2017 TERM DATES

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