



16 FEBRUARY 2018 – TERM 1 WEEKS 2&amp;3



**ST. PETER'S**  
Anglican Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in his book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**John 20:30-31**

# That Community Feel

by Brendan Gorman

One of the areas of focus for a school such as ours is community. A parent waving good bye to a child in the morning, knowing that their child will be cared for, nurtured, encouraged and challenged. Knowing they will be included, supported and engaged in friendships and support groups.

A parent standing outside the school, chatting with other parents about their experiences, their desires and dreams for their child.

A parent questioning a teacher about how they can support their child's development, understanding requirements and concerns.

Our school is a rich and diverse community, one where all members are equally as important. We desire a strong connection with our parent body and as such provide opportunities for you to interact with one another and with us.

### Pete's Coffee Cart

Our Coffee Cart is available each Friday morning to facilitate and encourage conversation. If you are around on a Friday morning, please drop by. Even if you don't enjoy coffee, the connections are invaluable.

### Wine and Cheese Evenings

Our first "Wine and Cheese" evening will be held for all Kindergarten parents on:

**Friday, 23 March 2018**

Invitations will be forthcoming.

Year 1 and 2 and Year 3 to 6 evenings are also scheduled for later in the year. We look forward to joining you for further opportunities to connect with other parents.

### Community BBQ

Despite the heat, it was excellent to see many parents enjoying not having to cook dinner at the commencement of the year, as part of our Meet the Teacher evening. Again for me, it was seeing families sitting together, talking, laughing and connecting that was so encouraging.

Our school community is richer for the parents we have in our school. I encourage you to get involved and get to know other parents when you have the opportunity.

### Friends of St Peter's

Following the decision to dissolve the Parents and Friends Association at the end of 2017, the school is pleased to be launching a new parent consultative group to allow parents an opportunity to offer suggestions, have input and contribute to the life of the school.

Friends of St Peter's will meet once per term, with other groups meeting as necessary.

The first meeting will occur on:

**Tuesday, 27 February 2018 at 7.00 pm in Music Room 2.**

The focus of this meeting will be understanding Inquiry. Mrs Richardson and Mr Gorman will take you through some hands

on experiences to help you understand the inquiry that your children are undertaking as part of their learning. We hope to see you there.

### Farewell Mrs Stonebridge

Mrs Stonebridge, our wonderful School Counsellor, will be finishing up with us at the end of March as she and her husband take on full time Church Ministry responsibilities. Mrs Stonebridge has been such a calm and influential person for many of our students and we are thankful for her contribution.

We are advertising at present for a suitable replacement and will make an announcement in due course.

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and <https://twitter.com/stpetersaps>



## New students

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

Prep

Summer

Year 1

Promise

## Requests for Leave During Term Time

Parents are reminded that all children are required by law to attend school on a daily basis unless they are ill.

It is important that parents try to restrict family holidays to the school vacation periods. While this may not always be possible due to family illness or special occasions, it is important to remember that extended absences will disrupt a child's schooling.

Parents are reminded that all leave outside of school holidays must have the prior approval of the Head of School. Such approval should be requested by completing the **Application for Exemption from Attendance at School** form which can be picked up from the School Office or you can download the form from the school website for your convenience.

[www.stpeters.nsw.edu.au](http://www.stpeters.nsw.edu.au)

Where possible, at least two weeks advanced notice of the requested leave would be greatly appreciated.

Please be reminded also that teachers cannot provide parents with the work that will be covered by classes held during the child's absence. Students are expected to make arrangements to catch up on any missed work. Teachers will be happy to provide suggestions for study while the student is away.

## Change of Date: Amazing Me Session

Please be advised that the Amazing Me Sessions booked for Tuesday, 29 May 2018 in the School Calendar has been changed to: **Tuesday, 21 August 2018.**

We apologise for any inconvenience.

## Grandparents' Day

Grandparents' Day is a wonderful opportunity for our students to share their learning and school with grandparents.

Please provide an email or postal address to: [administration@stpeters.nsw.edu.au](mailto:administration@stpeters.nsw.edu.au) in order for an invitation to attend this special day to be extended on your child/ren's behalf. Grandparents' Day will take place on **Thursday, 29 March 2018.**

## House Day/Food Day

On Monday, 12 February, we enjoyed lunch in our House Groups as we had our first Food Day for 2018. This was also the first opportunity for our students to meet with their Buddy Groups for the year, and to start our Year 6 students' roles as Leaders. Our Buddy Groups work beyond the sporting realm and into Pastoral Care and Peer Support. We love to watch our students grow in relationship with each other!

*Hebrews 10:24 "We should keep on encouraging each other to be thoughtful and to do helpful things". (CEV)*

## Carpark

Please be considerate when parking in our school carpark. There are limited visitor parking spots. Our staff have designated car spots to park in and we ask that you avoid parking in them. There is a carpark on the corner of Broughton and Howe St or the car park adjacent to the Bowling Club for you to use.

**Please note: Thursday, 22 February, Primary pick up will occur through the main drive through due to the School Disco.**

We thank you for your understanding and support in this matter.

## Coles Sports for Schools

We have registered for the Coles Sports for Schools Programme. You can help our school by shopping at Coles between:

**Wednesday, 7 February and Friday, 11 May 2018.**

For every \$10.00 you spend you will receive a voucher. Just drop the vouchers into the collection box in our School Office. Every voucher received will add to our tally which we can then redeem for some excellent sporting equipment for our school.

The more we collect, the more we can redeem! We are excited to choose a wide range of sporting equipment from brands such as Kookaburra, Nike, Sherrin, Spalding, Wilson, Steeden and Nyda.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to lots of smiles when our students are playing with our new gear.

## Positions Vacant

- School Counsellor
- Strings Tutor/Conductor
- Assistant Registrar
- OSHC Assistant
- Facilities Assistant

For further information, please refer to our website: [www.stpeters.nsw.edu.au](http://www.stpeters.nsw.edu.au)

## Library

by Melinda Robinson

Welcome to our School Library for 2018. Borrowing commenced this week, with all classes visiting the library at their respective times. It was great to see so many students with their library bags, which help to protect books as they are transported between school and home. Please assist your child in remembering their library bag on borrowing days. We understand that there are times when library bags are forgotten and thus would like to have a small supply of sturdy plastic bags on hand for student use. Please drop your donations into the library should you have any spare.

Students in Years 1-6 are being encouraged to borrow 2 books each week, one non-fiction and one fiction. All readers, including those at the beginning of their reading journey, learn much from exploring factual texts, and it's a great opportunity to sit and learn new things with your child.

Don't forget, our library is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays before and after school, until 3:40 pm, should your child need to borrow or return books before their class borrowing time. Children should be accompanied by an adult at these times.

Grandparents' Day takes place Thursday, 29 March and the library will be hosting a Book Fair, as we know there are many grandparents who enjoy sharing books with their grandchildren. The Children's Bookshop at Beecroft will be bringing a fabulous assortment of books which may be purchased on the day. A great opportunity to prepare for birthday presents, special gifts or even getting ahead for Christmas! Part of the book fair will also be an opportunity for families to donate a book or two to the library.

The library would love to place a donation certificate in a book on behalf of your family, so we look forward to seeing you on the day.

We'd love to hear about what you and your child are enjoying reading. There will soon appear a Suggestions Box on the front circulation desk. Should you have suggestions for books you'd like to see in our library, please pop these ideas into the box.

Happy reading!

## New Arrival

We congratulate Mr & Mrs Sodarack who welcomed their new daughter, sister to Tyson. Praise God for such wonderful news and her safe arrival.



## Sport

by Fiona Hornman

### Swimming Carnival

On Friday, 6 February we competed in our School Swimming Carnival at the Gordon Fetterplace Aquatic Centre. This opportunity for students, who are 8 years and above, allows for selection to compete at the upcoming IPSHA Swimming and Diving Carnival.

We enjoyed a day of encouragement, competition and plenty of House spirit throughout the day!

The winning House on the day was **Bligh**.

Winner of House Spirit was **Durham**.

Congratulations to the age champions:

**Junior Girls:** 1st Mackenzie H, 2nd- Anahita M, 3rd- Laila A

**Junior Boys:** 1st Cohen S, 2nd- Jensen C, 3rd- Thomas H-C

**11yr Girls:** 1st- Ilah N, 2nd- Raphaela O-S, 3rd - Isabelle S/Eleanor H

**11yr Boys:** 1st- Jaxson S, 2nd- Aaron H, 3rd- Aleksandar G

**12yr Girls:** 1st-Aimee B, 2nd-Alyssa H, 3rd- Aurelia G

**12yr Boys:** 1st-Harrison B, 2nd- Dylan S, 3rd- Charlie L

**The IPSHA Swimming and Diving Carnival will be held at Homebush Aquatic Centre on: Tuesday, 6 March 2018.**

Congratulations also to the following students who have been selected to compete at the IPSHA Swimming and Diving Carnival:

Owen A, Laila A, Aimee B, Harrison B, Natalie C, Tristan C, Jensen C, Cruze C, Evangeline C, Kieren C, Ella F, Timaima F, Aleksandar G, Isaac G, Bella G, Aurelia G, Aaron H, Thomas H-C, Alyssa H, Torah H, Mackenzie H, Kobe J, Curtis L, Charlie L, Anahita M, Hannah M, Laila M, Jesse N, Ilah N, Raphaela O-S, Indianah P, Evelyn R, Isabelle S, Dylan S, Cohen S, Jaxson S, Claire S, Mia S



### Football Development League

We are looking to once again run the FDL on a Wednesday afternoon for Kindergarten to Year 6 students using an external provider and Mr Alldis. If you would be interested in attending these sessions.

Please let the School Office know at: [administration@stpeters.nsw.edu.au](mailto:administration@stpeters.nsw.edu.au)

### Tennis Coaching

If you are interested in having tennis coaching for your child on a Wednesday or Thursday lunch time, you can enrol now for Term 1 coaching.

Enrol online through the following link: <https://sprout.readysetbook.me/go/First-Serve-Booking> or call Tony on 0418414780

### Scholarships 2019

St Peter's Anglican Primary School Scholarships for 2019 are available to new entry students and those enrolled in our school in Year 4, 2018. Scholarships are available in three categories:

- Academic
- Music
- All Rounder

Scholarship Information and Application Forms can be located on the School Website or from the School Office.

Scholarship applications close: **Friday, 13 April 2018.**

### Thank You for Helping Anglicare Share the Joy of Christmas!

Toys 'n' Tucker is one of Anglicare's significant community partnership programmes that continues to grow in reach and participation because of the generosity of our partners and volunteers.

Christmas 2017 saw over 400 churches, youth groups, schools and businesses come together to contribute food, gifts and cash to help those who would have otherwise gone without.

As a community, we supported over 4,500 families throughout Sydney and the Illawarra. Close to 3,000 children experienced the excitement of waking up to gifts on Christmas morning. Because of your generosity, thousands of families had a special Christmas and enjoyed a special festive meal.

On behalf of the families that were supported through this Programme, Anglicare would like to thank the children, staff and their families and assure them that their generosity helped make a real difference to families in need at Christmas.

### School Banking

We are seeking volunteers to assist our School Banking Coordinator. Weekly banking takes place every Thursday morning from 9.30 am.

Please contact:

**Mrs Claudia Davids on 0425 233 228** if you are able to assist.

### 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**

### Prayer Points

1. Praise God for an excellent Community BBQ and commencement to the 2018 Academic year.
2. Give thanks for the positive start to our Chapel programmes this year and for Ministry staff who support us – Mr Fortescue, Mr Twist, Miss Burns and Mr Bullen.
3. Give thanks for the settled start for our Kindergarten and Prep 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

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: [office@campbelltownanglican.org](mailto:office@campbelltownanglican.org).

**The next edition of our Newsletter will be: Friday, 2 March 2018**



## Calendar Reminders

### 2018

#### TERM 1: 29 January – 13 April

##### Week 4

###### Monday 19/2/18

8.00 am – 10.45 am: School Shop Open  
1.00 pm – 3.45 pm: School Shop Open  
11.30 am – 12.10 pm: Junior Primary Assembly  
2.30 pm – 3.10 pm: Senior Primary Assembly

###### Tuesday 20/2/18

9.00 am – 9.30 am: Chapel Years 3 & 4

###### Wednesday 21/2/18

8.00 am – 10.45 am: School Shop Open  
9.00 am – 9.30 am: Chapel Years 5 & 6

###### Thursday 22/2/2018

9.00 am – 10.00 am: Chapel Kindergarten & Morning Tea  
3.00 pm – 4.30 pm: Kindergarten to Year 2 School Disco  
4.30 pm – 6.00 pm: Years 3 to 6 School Disco

###### Friday 23/2/2018

9.00 am – 9.30 am: Chapel Years 1 & 2

##### Week 5

###### Monday 26/2/18

8.00 am – 10.45 am: School Shop Open  
1.00 pm – 3.45 pm: School Shop Open

###### Tuesday 27/2/18

9.00 am – 9.30 am: Chapel Years 3 & 4  
7.00 pm – 8.00 pm: P&F Meeting

###### Wednesday 28/2/18

8.00 am – 10.45 am: School Shop Open  
9.00 am – 9.30 am: Chapel Years 5 & 6

###### Thursday 1/3/2018

9.00 am – 10.00 am: Chapel Kindergarten & Morning Tea

###### Friday 2/3/2018

9.00 am – 9.30 am: Chapel Years 1 & 2

##### Week 6

###### Monday 5/3/18

8.00 am – 10.45 am: School Shop Open  
1.00 pm – 3.45 pm: School Shop Open  
11.30 am – 12.10 pm: Junior Primary Assembly  
2.30 pm – 3.10 pm: Senior Primary Assembly

###### Tuesday 6/3/18

9.00 am – 9.30 am: Chapel Years 3 & 4  
6.00 am – 4.00 pm: IPSHA Swimming and Diving Carnival

###### Wednesday 7/3/18

8.00 am – 10.45 am: School Shop Open  
9.00 am – 9.30 am: Chapel Years 5 & 6

###### Thursday 8/3/2018

9.00 am – 10.00 am: Chapel Kindergarten & Morning Tea

4.00 pm – 6.00 pm: Prep Parent Teacher Interviews (Echidnas & Wombats)

6.00 pm – 8.00 pm: Prep & Kindergarten 2019 Information Evening

###### Friday 9/3/2018

9.00 am – 1.00 pm: Cross Country @ Broughton Anglican College Years 2-6  
9.00 am – 9.30 am: Chapel Years 1

##### Week 7

###### Monday 12/3/18

8.00 am – 10.45 am: School Shop Open  
1.00 pm – 3.45 pm: School Shop Open  
IPSHA Boys Football Nominations  
CIS Girls Football Nominations

###### Tuesday 13/3/18

9.00 am – 9.30 am: Chapel Years 3 & 4  
3.30 pm – 8.00 pm: Parent Teacher Interviews (Prep Koalas & Kangaroos, Kindergarten to Year 6)

###### Wednesday 14/3/18

8.00 am – 10.45 am: School Shop Open  
9.00 am – 9.30 am: Chapel Years 5 & 6

###### Thursday 15/3/18

9.00 am – 10.00 am: Chapel Kindergarten & Morning Tea

###### Friday 16/3/18

9.00 am – 9.30 am: Chapel Years 1 & 2  
8.30 am – 3.00 pm: Paul Kelly Cup Gala Day

##### Week 8

###### Monday 19/3/18

8.00 am – 10.45 am: School Shop Open  
1.00 pm – 3.45 pm: School Shop Open  
11.30 am – 12.10 pm: Junior Primary Assembly  
2.30 pm – 3.10 pm: Senior Primary Assembly  
CIS Girls Football

###### Tuesday 20/3/18

9.00 am – 9.30 am: Chapel Years 3 & 4

###### Wednesday 21/3/18

8.00 am – 10.45 am: School Shop Open  
9.00 am – 9.30 am: Chapel Years 5 & 6  
Harmony Day/International Day

###### Thursday 22/3/2018

9.00 am – 10.00 am: Chapel Kindergarten & Morning Tea  
CIS Swimming & Diving

###### Friday 23/3/2018

8.30 am – 9.15 am: Executive Drop In  
9.00 am – 9.30 am: Chapel Years 1 & 2  
6.30 pm – Kindergarten Wine & Cheese Night

##### Week 9

###### Monday 26/3/18

8.00 am – 10.45 am: School Shop Open  
1.00 pm – 3.45 pm: School Shop Open

###### Tuesday 27/3/18

9.00 am – Easter Chapel Whole School  
5.00 pm – School Tour for new families

###### Wednesday 28/3/18

8.00 am – 10.45 am: School Shop Open

###### Thursday 29/3/2018

9.00 am – Grandparents Day

###### Friday 30/3/2018

##### Good Friday

##### Week 10

###### Monday 2/4/18

##### Easter Monday

###### Tuesday 3/4/18

9.00 am – 9.30 am: Chapel Years 3 & 4

###### Wednesday 4/4/18

8.00 am – 10.45 am: School Shop Open  
9.00 am – 9.30 am: Chapel Years 5 & 6  
IPSHA Girls Hockey Nominations

###### Thursday 5/4/2018

9.00 am – 9.30 am: Chapel Kindergarten & Morning Tea

###### Friday 6/4/2018

9.00 am – 9.30 am: Chapel Years 1 & 2

##### Week 11

###### Monday 9/4/18

8.00 am – 10.45 am: School Shop Open  
1.00 pm – 3.45 pm: School Shop Open  
11.30 am – Whole School Assembly

###### Tuesday 10/4/18

9.00 am – 9.30 am: Chapel Years 3 & 4

###### Wednesday 11/4/18

8.00 am – 10.45 am: School Shop Open  
9.00 am – 9.30 am: Chapel Years 5 & 6

###### Thursday 12/4/2018

9.00 am – 9.30 am: Chapel Kindergarten & Morning Tea

###### Friday 13/4/2018

9.00 am – 9.30 am: Chapel Years 1 & 2  
Year 5, 2019 Scholarships Due  
2.00 pm – ANZAC Assembly & Afternoon Tea

##### Last Day of Term 1





# Learning Labs

**APRIL 2018**

**AN ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT PROGRAM FOR HIGH ACHIEVING STUDENTS FROM YEAR 1 TO YEAR 6**

More information about the workshops on offer and the application process can be found online at [uow.info/learninglabs](http://uow.info/learninglabs)

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE WEDNESDAY 7 MARCH 2018**

April is a small program. Priority is given to those who were not placed in January, and then by allocated by received date of application. Please note: Students who are not placed in April can not access priority placement for July. Everyone will be treated equally for July.



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Outreach & Pathways

<p><b>LITTLE LEARNING LABS (YEARS 1 &amp; 2 DURING 2018)</b></p> <p>WHEN: 16 and 17 April, 2018                  WHERE: University of Wollongong                  TIME: 9:00am - 2:00pm                  FEE: \$150</p> <p><b>LITTLE MINI-LABS (YEARS 1 &amp; 2 DURING 2018)</b></p> <p>WHEN: 18 April, 2018                  TIME: 9:00am - 3:00pm                  FEE: \$90                  Location is the same as above</p>
<p><b>EARLY LEARNING LABS (YEARS 3 TO 6 DURING 2018)</b></p> <p>WHEN: 19 and 20 April, 2018                  WHERE: University of Wollongong                  TIME: 9:00am - 3:30pm                  FEE: \$160</p> <p><b>EARLY MINI-LABS (YEARS 1 &amp; 2 DURING 2018)</b></p> <p>WHEN: 18 April, 2018                  FEE: \$85                  Location and times are the same as above</p>



**PROGRAM INFORMATION**

Little and Early Learning Labs is an enrichment program designed for students who are performing in the top 10%- 15% in their area of interest within their peer group, and are seeking a challenging and fun experience during the school holidays. All workshops are held over one (mini-labs) or two days, and are presented by teachers with specialist training or a specific interest in gifted education. There will be sponsorship places available for some participants- please see more details on how to apply for these places on the website.

**WORKSHOPS ON OFFER**

Learning Labs workshops cover a range of diverse and innovative disciplines that are designed to challenge and stimulate the interest of the academically gifted. Here is a taste of what's coming up for Little and Early Learning Labbers in April:

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**Forensics for Fun**  
 A variety of crimes are committed each day that need to be solved. In this hands-on workshop we will use skills that real forensic scientists use to solve these mysteries. We will document, investigate, test and hypothesize to our quest to solve these mysteries. Students will get an insight into this highly specialist field of science!
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**Fantastic Beasts: Create your own**  
 Do you often dream about the fantastic beasts and mythical creatures that may well be among us? If so, this workshop gives you the opportunity to create your own! This is a hands-on workshop where you will use your imagination, sketch, colour and create a new mythical creature. You will also learn how to design, draw and sculpt your very own mythical creature.
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**Exploring Ancient Egypt**  
 Come on an adventure down the Nile and explore fascinating pyramids, powerful Pharaohs, rich culture, intriguing traditions and society to see what life was like in Ancient Egypt. Learn hieroglyphs, their beliefs about the gods and what happened in the afterlife, the mummification process and the role scarabs and crocodiles played.
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**Momentum Mathematics**  
 Learn the secrets of SPEED-MATHEMATICS. You will discover the world of mentally multiplying very large numbers faster than you could tap the digits into a calculator. You will learn to recognise patterns and increase your speed and accuracy. Mental mathematics not only enhances the precision of thought but it improves your memory.

A full list of the available workshops to choose from will be posted on the website in February, 2018 when applications open. Please note that the program books up quite quickly, so ensure you submit your application as early as possible.

**APPLICATION & CONTACT DETAILS**

For more detailed workshop descriptions, how to apply, FAQ's, and the online application form, please go to: [uow.info/learninglabs](http://uow.info/learninglabs)

For all other enquiries, please contact the Learning Labs team via:  
**E:** [learning-labs@uow.edu.au](mailto:learning-labs@uow.edu.au) **P:** (02) 4221 5557 **Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/UOWOandP](http://www.facebook.com/UOWOandP)

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE WEDNESDAY, 7 MARCH 2018**



ChiFUNese awarded Best Language Programme – Australia



Are you preparing your child for success in the 'Asian Century' by learning Chinese? Facts: **Mandarin Chinese is the world's most spoken language** with 1 in every 5 people in the world speaking it, and the second most spoken language in Australia; in NSW primary schools, Chinese is the most popular LOTE program; China is Australia's largest trading partner; and **learning Chinese enhances cognitive capabilities by using both sides of the brain** (whilst most other languages only use the left side of the brain)!

ChiFUNese is one of the most innovative and popular Chinese language programs held at 40+ locations around Sydney. Our students feel happy and inspired to learn because it's fun and easy!

We are currently assessing interest for a new before/after-school Mandarin class at St Peter's Anglican Primary School. Register your interest at [www.chifunese.com.au/eoi/](http://www.chifunese.com.au/eoi/). For enquiries, please email [admin@chifunese.com](mailto:admin@chifunese.com). Get **FREE access to online learning** simply by expressing your interest!

