

ST. PETER'S
Anglican Primary School

NEWSLETTER

God loved the people of this world so much that He gave his only Son, so that everyone who has faith in Him will have eternal life and never really die.

John 3:16

19 OCTOBER 2018 – TERM 4 WEEK 1

Phones at School

by Brendan Gorman

Last term, I mentioned that we had the pleasure of renowned Child Psychologist Dr Michael Carr-Gregg visiting St Peter's to speak with Heads of Independent Primary Schools. Michael spoke with passion about the impact of technology on our students and in particular, the growing trend of providing young children with a smart phone. Michael asked about our expectations here at St Peter's as he is currently working on a proposal for State Government recommendations in this area. I articulated that students may bring phones to school where there is a need for them to do so, however they must be signed in at the School Office upon arrival and collected prior to going home. **There is no need for a student to have a phone at school throughout the day.**

What has become more confronting, is the growing trend across schools of parents communicating with their children directly throughout the school day. I hear of schools where parents text their children, where parents hear of issues occurring and approach the school before the school has the opportunity to investigate or make contact with parents. I'm thankful that this is not an issue at St Peter's. Students in Years 3 to 6 were reminded that all phones and devices must be logged at the School Office. Students caught with a device that has not been signed in, will be issued with an in-school suspension.

Whilst seemingly punitive, the research is clear on the impacts of phones on young minds. We as a community encourage wisdom in technology usage. We hear of the need to oversee what our children are accessing, yet a smart phone is a computer in the pocket of an impressionable young person. The temptation to be distracted, to engage in inappropriate activity, to have access to strangers, or to take photos and share them - are all within reach of a young person with such a device. Whilst we'd hope it wouldn't be our children who engage in such activities, the reality is that children do.

St Peter's will remain phone free as a Primary School and I'm grateful for the parental support we have had thus far. If your child needs a phone before or after school, then that's fine, just ensure it is handed in at the School Office and collected before going home. The responsibility is one of significance that we must not take lightly.

Whole School Service

A reminder that our final Whole School Service for 2018 will be held on **Monday, 29 October** with a 6:30 pm start at The Cube, Camden Road, Campbelltown.

All students in Kindergarten to Year 6 and their families are expected to attend and the evening will conclude by 7:30 pm.

Tim Beilharz from Anglican Youthworks will be speaking on John 9.

We look forward to seeing you there.

New Students

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

Prep – Catriona, Mila, Connor & Lewis
Year 1 – Patrick
Year 2 – Dilruwani
Year 6 – Dinil

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Welcome Back

It was excellent to welcome back our delightful students on Monday. Seeing the refreshed faces ready for quality learning is always inspiring. Our students looked ready and enthusiastic in their summer uniforms, ready for all that Term 4 will bring. With quite a short term ahead, I'm aware of the many requirements of the term ahead. For ease of family organisation, please note the following dates:

Monday, 29 October - Whole School Service for all families, 6:30 pm at The Cube, Campbelltown Road, Campbelltown.

Thursday, 15 and Friday, 16 November - Professional Development Days / Student Free Days.

Our School Office will be closed on:
Friday, 16 November 2018

Vacation Care will operate for limited numbers on these two days. Bookings are essential and are available via: oshc@stpeter.nsw.edu.au. Care is available from 7.00 am – 6.00 pm.

Friday, 30 November - Year 6 Graduation, 6.00 pm.

Monday, 3 December - Presentation Evening for all families at The Cube, Campbelltown Road, Campbelltown.

Tuesday, 4 December - Last Day of 2018.

Option to Pay 2019 Fees in Advance

Families have the option to pay the Annual Fees (Tuition, Service and Capital Works) for 2019 at current years' rates if paid in full by **Wednesday, 31 October 2018**.

Please email casc@casc.org.au or call 4628 0110 for further details or to register your interest.

Kindergarten Orientation

Next week, we welcome the Kindergarten Class of 2019 and their parents for their Orientation. It is an exciting time of year for both our current Prep families and our new families to the school. In Week 8, students will have the opportunity to meet their Kindergarten Teacher for 2019 and begin to get excited about the year ahead!

ICAS English and Science Competitions

We would like to acknowledge the achievement of Nishith M, in attaining a Distinction in both the ICAS English and Science Competitions.

Staffing Update

Mrs Renee Sharpe, our wonderful Registrar, will conclude her role in a few weeks as she takes on an exciting role helping families with newborn babies within the hospital setting and beyond. Renee will be missed as a staff member although will still be around as a parent. I thank her and congratulate her on the exciting role.

I also congratulate **Ms Kristy Edwards** on being appointed as Head of Learning Support at St Paul's Grammar School. Kristy has been travelling significant distance and reluctantly decided to apply for this position to be closer to home and her own family. Kristy has been a huge asset to our school and in particular, our Learning Enhancement Department. Selection of her replacement has commenced.

Mr Troy Calnan has been appointed as a classroom teacher commencing in 2019, joining us with 15 years teaching experience.

Mrs Alison Smith has been appointed as our part time EAL/D teacher in our Learning Enhancement team. Alison joins us from Meriden Anglican School and we are thankful for this exciting addition to our team.

Mrs Danielle Willis has also been appointed as a part time teacher in 2019. Danielle completed her prac here some time ago and is looking forward to joining our team.

Class teachers and allocations for 2019 will be announced toward the end of the term.

Homework

Acknowledging the busyness of Term 4 for many of our families, formal homework will conclude at the end of Week 4 (Friday, 9 November). All students are encouraged to continue to read, with a specific emphasis on oral and shared reading, to continue their development of fluency, accuracy and comprehension, regardless of your child's reading ability. Mathletics (Mathseeds for Kindergarten) and Soundwaves are digital resources that will also continue to be available for students to access from home. If you are unsure of your child's log in and password, please make contact with their class teacher.

Toys 'n' Tucker

We have registered to participate in Toys 'n' Tucker again this year. We plan to collect donations between:

Monday, 5 November and Thursday, 29 November.

Some ideas/suggestions:

Food

- Christmas cake
- Christmas pudding
- Dried pasta (500g)
- Pasta sauce
- Jam (500g)
- Lollies (200g)
- Long-life milk, custard or cream
- Packet of biscuits
- Tea (50pk) or coffee (100g)
- Tinned fruit and vegetables (425g)
- Tinned ham (450g)
- Tinned salmon (415g)

Gift ideas

Pre-school

- Age-appropriate games
- Educational toys
- Picture books

Children

- Good-quality toys
- Outdoor games
- Sporting equipment

Teenagers

- Gift cards/vouchers
- Sporting equipment
- Toiletry packs

Sadly, we can't include chocolate as it's likely to melt.

Year 4 Camp

Despite the challenging weather, our fantastic Year 4 students have engaged in their camp at the beautiful Lake Macquarie with Crusaders. Again, I was impressed with their determination, behaviour and willingness to embrace the challenge by choice philosophy we have maintained through our camping programmes. Students enjoyed sailing, canoeing and fishing amongst a variety of other activities to build team work, resilience and a further understanding of the Christian gospel.

Well Done Year 4.

Prep 2019 'Story and Play' Session 1

This morning we welcomed our Prep 2019 students and families to the first of our 'Story & Play' Sessions. The children and parents had a great time playing together and getting to know each other.

The next session will be held on:

Wednesday, 31 October from 10.00 am - 11.00 am

We look forward to seeing more of our Prep 2019 family then.



University of Wollongong – Holiday Workshops

The University of Wollongong regularly runs holiday workshops for students who are high achievers. In the past, St Peter's students have enjoyed attending these days.

If you are interested in considering something like this for your child, please follow the link below.

<https://www.uow.edu.au/in2uni-myway/learninglabs/index.html>

Please note that this event is not organised by St Peter's staff. If you are interested in your child attending you will need to organise registration, transport and payment.

'Drop off' and 'Pick Up Bay' – Safety

Our 'drop off' and 'pick up' zone in the School carpark provides parents and carers with a safe environment to drop off and collect their children from school.

For the safety of our students, parents, carers and visitors it is important that parents **do not park in the 'drop off' and 'pick up' zones at any time, which includes before and after school hours.**

If you wish to leave your car, please park in one of the carparks located near the school.

Sport

by Fiona Hornman

Junior Primary Athletics Carnival 2018

Congratulations to the following students on their achievements.

Bronze Medal Sub-Junior School Champion Girl: Magnushire W

Silver Medal Sub-Junior School Champion Girl: Yishu S

Sub-Junior School Champion Girl: Ivy S

Bronze Medal Sub-Junior School Champion Boy: Alexander M

Silver Medal Sub-Junior School Champion Boy: Chris M

Sub-Junior School Champion Boy: Lucas L

Bronze Medal Junior School Champion Girl: Alicia W

Silver Medal School Champion Girl: Danijela G

Junior School Champion Girl: Ella M

Bronze Medal Junior School Champion Boy: Lachlan C

Silver Medal School Champion Boy: Elijah H

Junior School Champion Boy: Logan S

Winning House: Bligh



Library

by Melinda Robinson

Welcome back to Library and borrowing for a very short Term 4. It's been so great to see so many books surviving holidays and being returned for others to enjoy. We do, however, have a handful of very overdue books. Should your child have an overdue book, a blue overdue note will be issued next week. We would appreciate you helping your child locate the title/s and returning these to school. Our returns basket on the circulation desk willingly accepts books at any time of the day, including before and after school!

As term 4 is a short one this year, borrowing will cease at the end of Week 4:

Friday, 9 November

To aid us with our stocktake and preparation for 2019, we ask that all books are returned by Friday, 23 November.

BOOK FAIR IS COMING!

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair is happening again, and this year the fair will be here for an entire week. Students will view the fair on **Thursday, 1 November and Friday, 2 November.**

Purchasing will be available before and after school from:

Monday, 5 November to Friday, 9 November

We are more than happy to help parents with some Christmas shopping, so please feel free to linger a little after your children have gone into class or arrive a little earlier in the afternoon, and pick up a few stocking fillers.

A study from the University of Sussex, discussed in a recent online article I was reading, states that reading a book lowers stress levels more than any other activity tested. Listening to music, having a cuppa or going for a walk are all great things, but a good read was shown to have an even greater effect on one's ability to relax. So, keep reading, perhaps with your favourite cuppa and a little music in the background - think of how relaxed you'll be then!

Prayer Points

- Give thanks for the Year 4 students and their enthusiasm and passion on camp this week.
- Pray for the many new students who are looking forward to Prep and Kindergarten Orientations in the coming weeks.
- Pray for the term ahead, for good learning, good relationships and opportunities.

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.

Chapel Roster

Tuesdays:

9.00 am – 9.30 am: Chapel Years 3 & 4

Wednesdays:

9.00 am – 9.30 am: Chapel Years 5 & 6

Thursdays:

Kindergarten Chapel – Cancelled due to Kindergarten Orientation Day

Fridays:

9.00 am – 9.30 am: Chapel Years 1 & 2

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

Uniform Shop – Opening Hours (During Term Time)

Mondays:

Morning: 8.00 am – 10.45 am

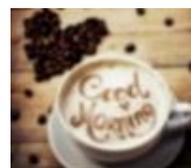
Afternoon: 1.00 pm – 3.45 pm

Wednesdays:

Morning: 8.00 am – 10.45 am

Pete's Coffee Cart

Fridays: 8.30 am – 10.00 am



Calendar Reminders 2018**TERM 4: 15 October – 4 December 2018****Week 2****Saturday 20/10/18**

8.30 am – 2.00 pm: Tiger Shield

Monday 22/10/18

9.15 am – 10.45 am – Kindergarten Orientation

Tuesday 23/10/18

9.00 am – 1.00 pm: IPSHA Debating Gala Day

9.00 am – 1.45 pm: Teddy Bears Picnic - Prep Koalas and Prep Kangaroos

Wednesday 24/10/18

Year 1 & 2 Swim Programme

Thursday 25/10/18

9.15 am – 10.45 am – Kindergarten Orientation

8.00 am – 2.30 pm: IPSHA Gymnastics

Friday 26/10/18

9.00 am – 1.45 pm: Teddy Bears Picnic - Prep Echidnas and Prep Wombats

Saturday 27/10/18

9.00 am – 10.00 am: School Tour

Week 3**Monday 29/10/18**

11.30 am: Junior Primary Assembly

2.30 pm: Primary Assembly

6.30 pm: Whole School Service at Campbelltown Catholic Club – The Cube

Tuesday 30/10/18**Wednesday 31/10/18**

Year 1 & 2 Swim Programme

10.00 am – 11.00 am: Prep 2019 Story & Play Session

Thursday 1/11/18

IPSHA Gymnastics

Friday 2/11/18

Book Fair (Parent Afternoon Session)

Week 4**Monday 5/11/18**

8.00 am – 8.50 am: Book Fair Purchasing Open

Art Explosion Day

3.15 pm – 3.45 pm: Book Fair Purchasing Open

5.00 pm – 6.00 pm: Partnership in Learning Committee Meeting

Toys 'n' Tucker collection

Week 4 Cont'd**Tuesday 6/11/18**

8.00 am – 8.50 am: Book Fair Purchasing Open

3.15 pm – 3.45 pm: Book Fair Purchasing Open

Toys 'n' Tucker collection

Wednesday 7/11/18

Year 1 & 2 Swim Programme

8.00 am – 8.50 am: Book Fair Purchasing Open

3.15 pm – 3.45 pm: Book Fair Purchasing Open

Toys 'n' Tucker collection

Thursday 8/11/18

8.00 am – 8.50 am: Book Fair Purchasing Open

3.15 pm – 3.45 pm: Book Fair Purchasing Open

Toys 'n' Tucker collection

Friday 9/11/18

House Day/Walk-a-thon (am) Food Day

8.00 am – 8.50 am: Book Fair Purchasing Open

3.15 pm – 3.45 pm: Book Fair Purchasing Open

Toys 'n' Tucker collection

**Saturday 20th October**

Come on down & say hello, walk a few laps with us, visit our stand and purchase some fun glow things! Every dollar helps our team's fundraising efforts.

It's going to be a great day, lots of things to do - archery, a concert and BBQ and all for a good cause.



Campbelltown Athletic Stadium

