The Son of Man did not come to be a slave master, but a slave who will give His life to rescue many people.

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The Benefits of a Prep to Year 6 School

by Brendan Gorman

I am often asked a number of questions from current and prospective parents of our school, why St Peter’s is ‘just’ a primary school and are there any plans to commence a St Peter’s high school? The answer to these questions is both simple and complex. Allow me to explain.

From the origins of the original St Peter’s school in the 1800’s, it was always destined to be a stand-alone primary school. When our current school commenced in 1983, the governors intended for our school to be primary. For us today, this provides clarity of purpose and allows us to highlight the many benefits of primary education. There are currently no plans to introduce a secondary component to St Peter’s.

For me, there are three main benefits of a stand-alone primary school.

1. Focus – we are focused on primary students’ learning and wellbeing. Our programs and activities are targeted at this age group and we achieve well without needing to be concerned about secondary requirements.

2. Resourcing – put simply, it is expensive to operate a high school. Without this expense, our funds are directed into providing the best resources, including human resources, for the benefit of our students.

3. Opportunity – Focusing on primary allows us to provide additional opportunities for this age group that may not be available in P-12 schools. Our extensive co-curricular program which our staff invest heavily in, is a good example of this.

I am proud of the fact that we are a stand-alone primary school. I am also proud of the strong relationship we have with Broughton Anglican College. Students who complete Year 6 at St Peter’s, are assured of enrolment at Broughton from Year 7. In this, our students gain the benefits of a distinct primary education and continuity into secondary education at Broughton.

As a Primary trained educator who has also taught in secondary, I love the enthusiasm, the passion and the uniqueness of learning, within relationship, with a core class teacher who knows their students. For me, St Peter’s isn’t ‘just’ a primary school. We are purposefully primary and proudly so.

A decision was made in 2013 to pause these services, simply due to changes at the RSL club, where these services had taken place. This year, we plan to reintroduce these services with the first to occur on Monday, 2 May. Please place this date in your personal diaries to ensure you can be there for this important occasion. More details will be provided in the near future.

Whole School Services

One of the key features of St Peter’s has been whole school services where the entire community of St Peter’s gathers for a service. A speaker will share from God’s word, there will be singing, prayer and an opportunity to get to know one another better. Attendance at these services has always been part of our requirement of entry into the school.

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Welcome to our New Staff

Mrs Renee Sharpe
Enrolment Officer.

Mrs Nyree Keats
Registered Nurse.

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1. Building relationships between the students and teachers.
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Grandparents Day
Save the Dates: Thursday, 17 March
We would like to invite all Grandparents to join us this day for the following celebrations:

• Kindergarten concert and classroom visit from 9.30 – 11.00 am, followed by morning tea in the hall for ALL grandparents and then open classrooms for Years 1-6 until 1.00 pm.
• Prep Koalas and Kangaroos will hold an open classroom for grandparents on Tuesday, 15 March from 2.00-2.45 pm.
• Prep Echidnas and Wombats will hold their open classroom for grandparents on Friday, 18 March from 2.00-2.45 pm.

We would like to send invitations to all our grandparents either by email (preferable) or post. To enable this to occur, please supply the school office with grandparents contact details by next Monday, 29 February. Grandparent's details can be emailed to administration@stpeters.nsw.edu.au.

Library
by Sandra Busutel

Parents
Please remind your children when it is their library day, especially if you have children in Prep and Kindergarten. Please ensure their library book is in their bag as the very young have difficulty understanding that if they have their bag but no book, then they are not allowed to borrow.

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Our Kids in the Cyber World

Information Sessions
Tuesday, 1 March
Venue: School Hall
Session 1: 9.00 – 10.30 am
Session 2: 6.30 – 8.00 pm
• What are your children accessing?
• What are we a School doing, teaching and enforcing?
• What can you do at home?
St Peter’s will run two information sessions for parents only. We ask that you make alternative arrangements for your children.

Next week
Next week there will be no Rep Sport Games due to the IPSHA Swimming Carnival.

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Book Corner
Ages: 5+

Silly Squid by Janeen Brian

This bright and colourful picture book for young children features a collection of simple and funny verse about Australian creatures found by the shore. Each poem is accompanied by some facts about the animal and the illustrations are based on the colours and features of the environment in which each one lives.
Parental Polyglots
An Opportunity for You!

by Justine Holmes

Parental Polyglots is the title of a funding venture being supported by the Commonwealth Government through the AISNSW, which will enable St Peter’s to run language courses for parents. As members of our School Community, you will have the opportunity to learn the language your child is learning at school.

We will take the opportunity to share with you, why learning languages is so beneficial for everyone, and how our Languages Program at St Peter’s is designed. You will get to learn German (later we hope to offer French as well) in similar ways to how your children are learning in the classroom.

We are seeking expressions of interest and suggested times that would suit best. Frau Holmes hopes to run a daytime class, and if there is interest, an evening class as well, for those families juggling work / family / life!

Lessons will run for 45 min - 1 hour, for approximately 6 - 8 weeks.

The current possibilities are:
Tuesday 9.30 am, Thursday 11.15 am or Thursday 3.15 pm (we could make this a real German "KaffeeKlatsch" which would be fabulous!).

If you are interested, please email Frau Holmes on jholmes@stpeters.nsw.edu.au and let her know which day / time would suit you best.

If evenings would suit you better, could you please email Frau Holmes with your preferred time/day and we will work out the best evening for a class.

Parent / Teacher Interviews

Letters were sent home today for the upcoming Parent / Teacher Interviews to be held on Monday, 7 March. The booking system will become live on Monday, 29 February at 7.00 pm and close at 12.00 noon, Friday, 4 March. No bookings will be made after this time. Please contact the School Office if you are experiencing any difficulties booking your appointments.

Parent / Teacher interviews for Prep Echidnas and Prep Wombats will be held on Thursday, 10 March.

Music

by Jane Flack

New Cello Teacher

We are thrilled to welcome Mrs Imogen Willson who will be joining our talented team of Peripatetic Music Tutors.

Mrs Willson is an experienced Cellist and has been tutoring students for many years. She will be available each Monday, commencing Week 6 (29 February).

Please contact Mrs Willson on 0412 092 939 to arrange tuition. We also have a number of Cellos available for hire through the school.

Training Band

We would like to invite parents of students from Years 3 and 4 to write an expression of interest to Mrs Pollett, who will then provide further information about the process and options available. We have also had some enthusiastic students from Years 5 and 6 express their desire to join the training band so we are now opening up the opportunity to them as well. 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 by Mrs Pollett.

Instruments include: flute, trumpet, clarinet, saxophone, percussion, bass guitar, baritone, euphonium and tenor horn.

If your child already owns a band instrument they can use, and do not need to hire, please also state this in the letter.

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

School Banking

School Banking has commenced for 2016. This will take place each Thursday.

If you would like to open a new account for your child, please contact the Commonwealth Bank. You will then be able to send your banking booklet in with your child weekly.

Student Travel Passes

We have been advised by Interline Bus Service that the opal card moratorium finishes on Tuesday, 1 March 2016. Students should be notified that, when entering and departing their bus, they must tap on, then off.

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 the opportunity to celebrate our Grandparents.
2. Give thanks for the new families who have joined us at St Peter’s this year.

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St Peter’s Anglican Primary School
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.
Calendar Reminders

TERM 1: 29 January – 8 April

Week 6
Monday  29/2/16
Introduction to Strings
K – 2: FDL: 7.30 am
Junior Primary Assembly: 11.30 am
Primary Assembly: 2.30 pm

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

Wednesday  2/3/16
IPSHA Swimming and Diving Carnival

Thursday  3/3/16
Years 3 – 6: FDL: 7.30 am

Week 7
Monday  7/3/16
Introduction to Strings
K – 2: FDL: 7.30 am
Prep Kangaroos and Koalas, K – 6: Parent Teacher Interviews: Beginning at 3.30 pm

Tuesday  8/3/16
Twilight School Tour – 4.30 pm

Thursday  10/3/16
Yr 3 – 6: FDL: 7.30 am
Prep Echidnas and Wombats 2016 Parent Teacher Interviews: Beginning at 3.30 pm
Prep 2017 Information Night: 6.00 pm

Friday  11/3/16
Cross Country
Kindergarten and Year 1 Water Day

Week 8
Monday  14/3/16
Introduction to Strings
K – 2: FDL: 7.30 am
Junior Primary Assembly: 11.30 am
Primary Assembly: 2.30 pm

Tuesday  15/3/16
Yr 6 Leadership Camp

Wednesday  16/3/16
Yr 6 Leadership Camp

Thursday  17/3/16
Years 3 – 6: FDL: 7.30 am
K – 6: Grandparents Day

Saturday  19/3/16
Prep 2017 Enrolment Interviews

Week 9
Monday  21/3/16
Introduction to Strings
K – 2: FDL: 7.30 am
International Day

Tuesday  22/3/16
Whole School Easter Chapel
CIS Swimming and Diving Carnival

Wednesday  23/3/16
P&F Meeting – 8.30 am

Thursday  24/3/16
Years 3 – 6: FDL: 7.30 am

Friday  25/3/16
Good Friday

Week 10
Monday  28/3/16
Easter Monday

Tuesday  29/3/16
Junior Primary Assembly: 11.30 am
Primary Assembly: 2.30 pm

Saturday  2/4/16
IPSHA Cross Country

Week 11
Monday  4/4/16
Introduction to Strings
Whole School Assembly – 11.30 am

Friday  8/4/16
Last day of Term 1

School Holidays
11/4/16 – 22/4/16
OSHC Holiday Care Daily Bookings Essential

Friday  22/4/16
2017 Scholarship Applications Due

Term 2
TERM 2: 25 April – 1 July

Week 1
Monday  25/4/16
Anzac Day Public Holiday

Tuesday  26/4/16
Staff Development Day / Pupil Free Day
OSHC Care Operating – Bookings Essential

Wednesday  27/4/16
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