Keeping Our Kids Safe in the Cyber World

by Brendan Gorman

It was wonderful to see such an impressive turn out for the first of our parent information sessions for 2016. The sharing and discussions, around keeping our children safe in the ever growing and changing cyber world, was terrific to see.

At these sessions we shared what the school is doing to prepare and equip our children to use the online world safely. We addressed the inherent dangers of pornography, predators and permissions. As a Christian school, we desire our children to be in the world, but not of the world. We desire them to be safe, to work within legal and moral boundaries and to be kind and respectful in their interactions with others.

Following the success of these sessions, we plan to repeat and extend them again later in the year. If you were unable to attend, I encourage you to consider the following:

1. Where are your children allowed to use their devices? Are they in common areas?
2. Do your children know who they are talking to online / playing games with online?
3. Do you, as a parent, discuss the dangers of the online world with your children?
4. Would your child feel comfortable disclosing something they had encountered online that made them feel uncomfortable?

We want to equip our students to use the tools of technology wisely and effectively. Please keep the conversations happening with your children at home.

Reportable Conduct Forum

Last Friday, I had the opportunity of attending the NSW Ombudsman’s Forum into Reportable Conduct. Following 16 years of legislation, much has changed and systems are improving. For me, as Head of St Peter’s, there were some clear areas that require attention and I am thankful for the opportunity that the forum provided to give voice to some areas where we can improve.

I am pleased that, as a school, we are ahead of the game in the following areas:

1. All staff who work at St Peter’s have a cleared Working with Children Check in NSW. I would like to see this become a national check.
2. All staff who are employed at St Peter’s have undergone rigorous screening through reference checks with the Principal of their previous school (if they have worked in a school previously).

It is wonderful to be leading a school that takes the protection and wellbeing of our students seriously.

Farewell Mrs Shepard

After a long and significant period of service to St Peter’s, as a classroom teacher and for most part of her career, our Prep teacher, Mrs Shepard concludes her service to our school today. Following a year of long service leave, Mrs Shepard returned with excitement to teach Kindergarten. Unfortunately for a number of reasons, she has needed to make this difficult decision.

We want to thank Mrs Shepard. We thank God for her influence and will miss her. Mr Stuart Connell has been appointed to teach KS for the remainder of the year.

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Our 2016 P&F Executive Committee

Congratulations to the following parents who have been elected to lead our P&F throughout 2016:

- President: Mr Peter Buckley (Father of Fraser in Kindy).
- Vice President: Mrs Tracy Braithwaite (Mother of Lucas in Year 6).
- Secretary: Mr Brendan Foran (Father of Kieran, Year 4 and Louise in Year 3).
- Treasurer: Mrs Belinda Watson (Mother of Bryce, Year 5 and Charlie in Year 3).

Coordinators:

- Student Banking: Mrs Claudia Davids (Mother of Izabella, Year 6 and Annalieze in Year 2).
- Food Day: Mrs Cindy Ataaliia (Mother of Noah in Prep)
- Spring Fair: Mrs Cath Paterson (Mother of Elyssa in Year 4) and Mrs Kylie Budin (Mother of Emily, Year 3 and Nathan in Year 1).

The next P&F Meeting will occur on 23 March at 8.30 am. At this meeting, decisions will be made around fundraising for 2016.

Save the date!

Our Spring Fair is scheduled for Saturday, 10 September. Please keep this date free.

Staff News

We welcome Miss Victoria Tranby who will be our new Intern, taking over the role vacated by Mr Stuart Connell.

Carpark Safety

Please see the specific email sent to families about safety in our carpark. It is of great concern that some are risking the safety of children and others, in their rush.

We appreciate the support of our community in ensuring the safety of all users of the school carpark.

Year 1 Macarthur Square Visit

On Friday, 1 April, Year 1 will be visiting Macarthur Square Shopping Centre to complement their inquiry unit about ‘People Who Help Us’. Students will enjoy identifying community workers who help them, including hairdressers, butchers, bakers and pharmacists. Students will discover who provides a service to them and in which shops they are able to buy goods.

They will be able to buy a stamp at the post office and post a letter, buy fruit from the fruit market and discover what products are available from the butcher.

Year 1 are looking forward to their first excursion outside school this year!

Library

by Sandra Busutel

Parents

The majority of students remember to bring their library book/s back each week so they can borrow. If you have a child/ren in Prep – Year 2 please remind them to return their library book on their designated day so we don’t have sad children.

Book Corner

The girl from the Great Sandy Desert by J. Chuguna

Ages: 8–12

The Girl from the Great Sandy Desert is the account of the life of Mana, a young Walmajari girl and her family, in the desert country of north-west Australia.

ST PETER’S SHOP MARCH SALE!

Student Walking Hats

Normally $32.00.
On sale in March for $25.00.
While Stocks last.

Grandparent’s Day

Thursday, 17 March

We would like to invite all Grandparents to join us on 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.

School Banking: Calling for volunteers – we need your help!

Our students really enjoy participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program and to keep this program running we need your help.

Mrs Claudia Davids, our Student Banking Coordinator would love to hear from you if you could volunteer a small amount of time each Thursday morning. Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills and also help our school with fundraising.

Currently, School Banking day is Thursday. If you are interested in volunteering for this great program, please let Mrs Davids know, or just turn up on a Thursday morning at the School Office any time after 9.15 am. Parents who attend Kindy Chapel are more than welcome after this has finished.

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.

Parent / Teacher Interviews

Letters were sent home on Friday, 26 February for the upcoming Parent / Teacher Interviews to be held on Monday, 7 March. The booking system closed today at 12.00 noon. Unfortunately, no further bookings will be made.

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

Kindergarten, Year 1 and all Prep classes will enjoy a Water Fun Day next week. Activities will include water relays, water obstacle courses, pass the wet sponge, clamming for marbles and a whole lot more!

Children will need to come on their allotted day wearing a T-shirt, shorts and joggers, ready to have some fun with water. Parents, it is advised that you send with your children a towel and a change of clothing, including underwear, for the afternoon session. It is not necessary for children to wear swimming attire on this day but may do so only if they are able to get in and out of it independently for toileting. If electing to wear swimming attire, rash shirts and board shorts are essential.

Prep Koalas and Prep Kangaroos will enjoy their fun day on Tuesday, 8 March. Prep Echidnas and Prep Wombats will have theirs on Thursday, 10 March and Kindergarten and Year 1 on Friday, 11 March.

Cyber Safety Presentation

Throughout Term One students in Years 3-6 have been learning how to safely navigate the Internet and make wise online choices. On Thursday, 31 March, Senior Constable Louise Michell will talk to our students about their digital footprints and the consequences of their online actions. This is a valuable opportunity which will help to equip our students for life in a digital age.

Student Travel Passes

Student Opal card travel is now in use. When entering and departing their bus, students must tap on, then off.

Music

by Jane Flack

Training Band

It has been encouraging to receive so many letters from students who are keen to join our Training Band program which commences in Term Two. Information will be sent home in Weeks 7 & 8 with students who have been allocated an instrument. Students who have missed out on a place due to instrument availability will be notified and put on a waiting list.

Sport

by Fiona Hornman

Healthy Habits

Lunchbox snack foods

Children need to eat a range of different foods to provide nutrients to meet growth and energy needs. Snacks need to be everyday foods rather than sometimes foods.

Everyday Snacks- fruit loaf, plain popcorn, plain or plain yoghurt, cheese and crackers, fresh fruit or canned fruit, dried fruit and cheese cubes, wholemeal biscuits or crackers, vegetable sticks and dip or salsa, corn or rice cakes with or without spreads, celery, cherry tomatoes and carrot sticks.

Sometimes Snacks- muesli bars and dried fruit bars, potato crisps / chips and corn chips, lollies, confectionery and chocolate.

IPSSO Sport

This week:
This week St Peter’s had a BYE due to the IPSHA Swimming Carnival.

Next week:
Next week games are against Macarthur Anglican School. Junior games commence at 11:35 am and senior games commence at 1:20 pm. Oz tag, basketball and girls soccer will be played at MAS and cricket will be played at Fairfax oval, Harrington Park.

IPSHA Swimming

The IPSHA swimming carnival was held on Wednesday, 2 March at the Homebush Aquatic Centre. St Peter’s had 38 students swim across 7 events with many students achieving ribbons in their heats. Two stand out performers on the day were Abbie H and Blake W. Abbie finished 7th overall in the 50m breaststroke. Blake qualified for the CIS team in the 50m backstroke finishing in 4th place as well as finishing 6th in the 50m medley and the 50m butterfly.

Well done to all students for trying your best.

Cross Country

The St Peter’s Anglican Primary School Cross Country Carnival will be held next Friday, 11 March at Broughton Anglican College. The carnival requires at least 15 parent helpers to be spread across the course. I encourage parents who are able to help to complete the helpers section of the permission note and return it to school as soon as possible.

The carnival will be for all students in Years 2-6. 7 year olds will run 1.5km, 8-10 year olds will run 2km and 11-12 year olds will run 3km. Participation is compulsory.
Association Development Program

In 2015 we had over 150 children between the ages of 7 and 14 undertaking our A.D.P. As well as being coached in a structured program by experienced coaches, the players were provided with the opportunity to play against South Coast Football in a gala night. This year we will be conducting the program once again at Lynwood Park on Monday evenings, starting at 5.45 pm or 6.45 pm. We have also invited Sutherland Football Association to join in and make it a three way venture to add to our program.

In 2016 we are once again embracing the coaching methodology that is part of the Football Federation of Australia (FFA) National Curriculum and as such we are targeting participants (both boys and girls mixed and a girls only program) in the U7 - U14 age bracket who wish to progress to the next level of development.

The 4 “core skills” listed below are our focus, with the repetition of these skills in various settings during the 20 week program.

1. Striking the ball and passing
2. Running with the ball
3. First touch
4. 1 v 1

Also for the first time we will be endeavouring to place players into “groups” after the first few weeks so the players can be challenged on their ability rather than their age.

Commencing on Monday, 14 March 2016 the cost of the 20 week program is $240.00 (discount of $50 for each additional sibling). Limited to the first 150 players and includes:
- Quality Coaching in a structured program
- Training kit (Shirt / Shorts / Socks)
- Drink Bottle and Ball
- Hoodie

Please express your interest by returning your registration form with a deposit of $120.00 (full fee to be paid prior to Monday, 7 March 2016) to michelle@macarthurfootball.com.au. Registration forms can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Norm Boardman
Technical Director
Macarthur Football Association

Parental Polyglots - Update
by Justine Holmes

I have been thrilled to have had such a great response to this program, and am in the process of contacting each person who is interested. If you don’t hear from me, please do not hesitate to email again.

If you have not responded yet, but are interested, please email me to let me know, or just turn up to the first session.

As you would expect, it has been difficult to find a time to suit everybody. I plan to start running classes on Tuesday mornings. Next term, I intend to schedule an evening class.

We will meet 8.30 - 9.30 am Tuesday mornings, commencing Tuesday, 15 March (Week 8) until Tuesday, 3 May (Week 2 of Term 2).

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for Mrs Shepard and her faithful service to St Peter’s.
2. Give thanks for our Year 6 Student Leaders.
3. Pray for wisdom for our parents as they parent.

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Disco Fun!

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 Campbellingtown 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 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
Prep Kangaroos and Prep Koalas Water Fun Day
Twilight School Tour – 4.30 pm

Thursday  10/3/16
Yr 3 – 6: FDL: 7.30 am
School Banking
Prep Echidnas and Prep Wombats Water Fun Day
Prep Echidnas and Wombats 2016 Parent Teacher Interviews: Beginning at 3.30 pm

**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
Parent Polyglots: 8.30 am
Yr 6 Leadership Camp

Wednesday  16/3/16
Yr 6 Leadership Camp

Thursday  17/3/16
Yrs 3 – 6: FDL: 7.30 am
School Banking
K – 6: Grandparents Day

Friday  18/3/16
Year 3 National Park Excursion

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
Parent Polyglots: 8.30 am
Whole School Easter Chapel: 9.00 am
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
School Banking
Friday  25/3/16
Good Friday

**Week 10**

Monday  28/3/16
Easter Monday

Tuesday  29/3/16
Parent Polyglots: 8.30 am
Junior Primary Assembly: 11.30 am
Primary Assembly: 2.30 pm

Thursday  31/3/16
School Banking
Friday  1/4/16
Year 1 Macarthur Square Visit

Saturday  2/4/16
IPSHA Cross Country

**School Holidays**

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

Friday  22/4/16
2017 Scholarship Applications Due

**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
Students Commence Term 2
ANZAC Ceremony: 9.00 am
P&F Meeting: 7.00 pm

**Week 2**

Monday  2/5/16
Junior Primary Assembly: 11.30 am
Primary Assembly: 2.30 pm
Whole School Service: 6.30 pm

Tuesday  3/5/16
Parent Polyglots: 8.30 am

**Week 3**

Tuesday  10/5/16
MAPLAN
Twilight School Tour: 4.30 pm

Wednesday  11/5/16
NAPLAN

Thursday  12/5/16
NAPLAN

Friday  13/5/16
NAPLAN Make Up Day
GRIP Leadership Conference
MACARTHUR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION INC.
SCHOOL HOLIDAY COACHING CLINIC

**When:** Monday, 11 April – Thursday, 14 April 2016, 9.00 am – 12 noon

**Where:** Lynwood Park, Rangers Road, St Helens Park

**What to bring:** boots, football kit, drink bottle, shin pads, hat and sunscreen

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

**Age Group:** ________________  
**DOB:** __________________________

**Surname:** ________________  
**First Name:** ____________________

**Address:** __________________________________________________________

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**Parent / Guardian Information**

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**Current Club** __________________________________________________________

**Does the player have any known health issues?**  
**Yes / No**

If yes, please supply details and medication requirements?

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**MFA Coaching Clinic T-Shirt size (please circle)**  
6  8  10  12  14  16

**Payment of $150 or $130 with sibling discount to BSB 062 516 A/C 2800 2382**

with player’s name and April Clinic as the reference.

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**OPTION 1**
When using direct debit, please bring the payment receipt with you on the first day of the Coaching Clinic.

**OPTION 2**
Call in to Office before COB Friday April 8th and pay by cash.

All applications must be received and paid by COB Friday 8th (no walk ups for organizational purposes)

Players receive a ball, T-shirt and barbecue lunch and presentation on the final day.