Partnerships with Parents

by Brendan Gorman

I was impressed to see so many parents and carers taking the opportunity to speak with teachers at Monday night’s parent teacher interviews. This is always an important opportunity, as we work together to share information and gain further insight into the progress, growth, challenges and struggles that students are having. Of course, this is only one method of gaining such information. Our teachers are regularly meeting with parents, phoning them and sharing insights into their students.

There also seemed to be positive feedback at our attempt to keep interview schedules to time. Having time kept and multiple staff in the same rooms allowed parents to move between teachers more quickly and easily.

If you have any feedback on this style, please email us at: feedback@stpeters.nsw.edu.au.

Of course if you have any specific concerns or queries about your child’s progress, please contact the class teacher in the first instance.

Carpark Safety

I thank the parents and members of the community who have taken on board the comments regarding safety in our carpark. There are still a number of people who are parking and blocking kiss n drop, leaving children in cars to collect other children and switching between lanes of traffic. We appreciate your understanding if we need to remind you of the safety requirements of our school car park.

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. Due to anticipated heat, there will not be a picnic lunch this year.
- Prep Koalas and Kangaroos will hold an open classroom for grandparents on Monday, 14 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.

Prep 2017 Interviews

Interviews for Prep 2017 intake will be held on Saturday, 19 March. Have you got your application in? Contact our admissions team today on 4627 2990 or email administration@stpeters.nsw.edu.au.
Year 3 National Park Excursion

On Friday, 18 March, Year 3 will travel to the Royal National Park, Wattamolla Beach, to learn about the importance of the environment and National Parks, for all life on Earth. They will explore issues, values and attitudes towards the environment and National Parks. Students need to arrive at school by 8.10 am as the bus leaves no later than 8.30 am. All students will need to wear clothing suitable for bushwalking.

Whole School Easter Chapel

On Tuesday, 22 March, we will be holding a Whole School Easter Chapel in the School Hall from 9.00 – 9.30 am. Ministry Staff from Campbelltown Anglican Churches will lead the Chapel. All students from K – 6, as well as the Prep Kangaroos and Koalas, will attend this Chapel. This will replace all other Chapels for Week 9. Parents, Carers and other family members are welcome to join us for this occasion.

Please note that Parental Polyglots will finish early this day so parents will be free to attend the Easter Chapel.

International Day

On Monday, 21 March, we will be holding “International Day” at school. This day will coincide with Harmony Day and students will undertake activities to celebrate the diversity of cultural backgrounds within our school community. We would like students to come dressed in either cultural dress or orange clothing (Harmony Day colour). We will have a Parade of Nations at the morning assembly and then continue our activities during our Buddy Group time. We would like you to talk with your child about their family’s cultural background so they can participate in discussions during Buddy Groups.

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.

Please note that students attending the Paul Kelly Cup Gala Day will miss their Cyber Session.

Year 6 Overnight Excursion to Canberra

All students from Year 6 will soon be undertaking an educational tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government contributes $20.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate Program. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

Sport

by Fiona Hornman

Healthy Habits

Water

Tap water makes the best drink!

Not only is it thirst quenching, but also contains fluoride which helps make teeth stronger. Here’s what water has to offer:

- It is cheap and readily available.
- It doesn’t contain any kilojoules or sugar.
- It encourages optimal function of the body.

We should all aim to drink between five to eight cups of water a day. In the warmer months it is important to keep well hydrated. Always have water available when children are active. Encourage them to drink water regularly, even in the cooler months.

Cross Country

The school Cross Country Carnival was held today. Results will be published in next week’s newsletter. Students who placed in the top 10 in their age group (not including those who turn 7 this year), will have qualified for the IPSHA Cross Country Carnival to be held on Saturday, 2 April at The Kings School, Parramatta. Permission notes will come home shortly.

Well done to all of our students on their efforts today.

IPSSO Sport

This week games were played against Macarthur Anglican School. Results were as follows:

**Junior Sport**

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Players of the Match:

- Junior Basketball: Vaughn H.
- Senior Basketball: Dylan M.
- Junior Oz Tag: Caleb D.
- Senior Oz Tag: Kory M.
- Junior Cricket: Isaac G.
- Senior Cricket: Thomas G.
- Junior Soccer: Stevie F.
- Senior Soccer: Bridie L.

Next week:

- St Peter’s will have a BYE

**ST PETER’S SHOP MARCH SALE!**

**Student Walking Hats**

Normally $32.00.
On sale in March for $25.00.
While Stocks last.
Library
by Sandra Busutel

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 by 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. Pray for our Year 2 Students.
2. Give thanks for the opportunity to work in partnership with parents.
3. Pray for Mr Connell, Mrs Tindal, Mrs Levi and Mrs Nielson as they teach our delightful Kindergarten Students.

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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.

SAVE THE DATE!
Saturday, 10 September
Our Spring Fair is scheduled for this day. Please keep this date free.


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

TERM 1: 29 January – 8 April

**Week 8**

Monday 14/3/16
Introduction to Strings
K – 2: FDL: 7.30 am
Prep Koalas and Kangaroos: Open classroom for grandparents: 2.00-2.45 pm
Junior Primary Assembly: 11.30 am
Primary Assembly: 2.30 pm

Tuesday 15/3/16
Parental Polyglots: 8.30 am
Yr 6 Leadership Camp

Wednesday 16/3/16
Yr 6 Leadership Camp

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

Friday 18/3/16
Year 3 National Park Excursion
Prep Echidnas and Wombats: Open classroom for grandparents: 2.00-2.45 pm

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
Parental Polyglots: 8.30 – 9.00 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
Parental Polyglots: 8.30 am
Junior Primary Assembly: 11.30 am
Primary Assembly: 2.30 pm

**Week 10 cont’d**

Thursday 31/3/16
School Banking
Paul Kelly Cup Gala Day
Constable Michell Visit: Cyber Safety

Friday 1/4/16
Year 1 Macarthur Square Visit

Saturday 2/4/16
IPSHA Cross Country

**Week 11**

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

Tuesday 5/4/16
Parental Polyglots: 8.30 am

Thursday 7/4/16
School Banking

Friday 8/4/16
Last day of Term 1

**School Holidays**

21/4/16 – 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
Parental Polyglots: 8.30 am

Wednesday 4/5/16
Primary Athletics Carnival

**Week 3**

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

**Week 4**

Monday 16/5/16
Junior Primary Assembly: 11.30 am
Primary Assembly: 2.30 pm

Tuesday 17/5/16
Science Day
Amazing Me: Session 1: 6.00 pm
Amazing Me: Session 2: 7.15 pm

Thursday 19/5/16
Year 6 Overnight Canberra Excursion

Friday 20/5/16
Year 6 Overnight Canberra Excursion

Saturday 2017 Scholarship Testing Day