Welcome Back

by Brendan Gorman

We are delighted to welcome back families for Term 2. Term 2 is traditionally a very busy term and one where our students are exposed to a number of worthwhile learning engagements. I trust families have enjoyed the opportunity of rest and are refreshed for the challenges of the term ahead.

St Peter’s Vision

Please look out for a special invitation in the near future for parents to attend an information session where senior staff will share some exciting initiatives that are being considered for our school at present.

We always desire a strong partnership between home and school, and as such, I encourage parents to avail themselves for one of the sessions. Information on these sessions will be emailed directly to parents.

Winter Uniform Changeover

A reminder that all students should be in full winter uniform as of this week. The School Shop is open each Monday from 8.00 – 10.45 am and 1.00 – 3.45 pm and also each Wednesday from 8.00 – 10.45 am.

Orders are also available via the website or through the School Office. The Shop Staff will call to take payment over the phone and then deliver uniform items to the classroom.

Anzac Commemorations

As always, I was delighted with our students and their participation in our Anzac Assembly on Wednesday morning. The importance of this event as a Christian School, and as Australian Citizens, is significant. It was also wonderful to host a number of representatives at our assembly who have either served in conflict or have had family members serve.

Also, a number of students and staff were able to attend the Campbelltown service and participate in the march on Monday.

LEST WE FORGET.
Staffing News
Welcome back to Mr Glenn McPherson from Paternity Leave and Long Service Leave.

Miss Alison Jones is taking a well-deserved Long Service Leave break in Term 2.

Mrs Sophia Gauci has commenced as our new School Nurse and will be working (Thursday and Friday) alongside Mrs Nyree Keats.

New Student
We would like to welcome the following new student to our school:
Yashica S. (3G)

Promotional materials permissions
As advised at the end of Term 1, the school plans to create a number of promotional video’s etc, where students may be included. Due to the large number of students that may appear, we would like any parents who would not like their children involved in such material, which may be shared via social media, to complete an ‘opt out’ form. This will be emailed to all families at the commencement of next week.

Position Vacant
School Cleaner: 2.30 – 7.30 pm each day. Please email CV to: employment@stpeters.nsw.edu.au

Mother’s Day Stall
The Mother’s Day Stall will take place next Friday, 6 May. All gifts are $5.00 and the correct money is to come to school on the day with your child. There is the opportunity to buy multiple gifts as well.

Volunteers are needed, so if you can help and have a Working with Children Check validated by the School, please call Mrs Tracy Braithwaite on 0423 481 106 or email administration@stpeters.nsw.edu.au.

Volunteers will need to be at School on the Friday by 8.30 am.

Prep Kangaroos and Koalas will have the opportunity to buy on Tuesday, 3 May.

P&F
The next P&F Meeting will take place on Wednesday, 25 May at 7.00 pm.
Everyone is welcome.

Music
by Jane Flack

Term 1 Strings Concert

We certainly have talented students at St Peter’s (and a very talented strings teacher!). At the end of Term 1, Mr George Kowalik held a strings concert for our students to showcase what they have been learning over the term. There were a record number of students who participated in the ‘Introduction to Strings’ program. It was impressive to hear what they had achieved in such a short space of time. Please contact Mr Kowalik on 0418 485 210 if your child is interested in strings tuition at school.

It would be fantastic to see more students play the cello. Contact Mrs Imogen Willson on 0412 052 939 for details.

General enquiries about our music program can be made through the School Office or directly to me. Tutors may be contacted directly regarding private lessons. Their details can be found on the School website.

Band Students
All bands will recommence in Week 2. Students need time to tune and set up their instrument. Please encourage and help your child to arrive at the correct time for every rehearsal.

Monday: Senior Band (3:15 - 4:30 pm)
Tuesday: Junior Band (8.00 - 8:45 am)

Training band tutorials will be on a Monday or Tuesday. Students need to check the roster on the noticeboard in the tunnel each and every week.

All training band students will need to borrow the red tutorial book from the Library before their lesson. Hired instruments will be given to students at their tutorial.
Learning Enhancement
by Heather Gillespie

This is the first year we have teams participating from St Peter’s in The Da Vinci Decathlon, an inter-school academic gala day, conducted in the spirit of an Olympic Decathlon. Mount Annan Christian College will host this exciting regional event in partnership with Knox Grammar School’s popular Da Vinci program. The Challenge will be held on Monday, 2 May 2016.

All tasks in the Da Vinci Decathlon emphasise higher order thinking skills – assisting students to develop their abilities in analysis, synthesis and creativity. Sample questions provide an excellent resource for practice and can be found online.

Students in the teams will be travelling on the school bus and will need to be at school by 7.15 am as the bus will leave at 7:30 am. Expected return time is by 3.00 pm.

The following Year 5 and 6 students will be participating in the Da Vinci Decathlon at Mt Annan Christian School and we wish them well.

Year 6
Aden Mc.
Lucas B.
Marc M.
Olivia D.
Ashleigh B.
Dylan M.
Ethan M.
Dylansher K.
Julian M.

Year 5
Jonathan S.
Keira B.
Benjamin C.
Noah G.
Morgan R.
Nethulima W.

Some students who also returned notes to school will not currently be required but may be called upon to be reserves, to replace students who are unable to attend on the day.

Reminder - Kindergarten Finishing Time from Term 2

A reminder to parents that Kindergarten students are dismissed each afternoon at the same time as the whole school from the Junior Primary pickup lines by 3.15 pm, not 3.00 pm as they have done throughout Term 1.

School Banking

A reminder that parent helpers are needed to assist with the School Banking program. Please contact Mrs Claudia Davids if you feel you could help on: 0425 233 288.

Sport
by Fiona Hornman

IPSSO Sport

This week, trials were held for Winter Rep sport. The sports that students trialled for were Boys Soccer, Girls Netball, Newcombeball/Volleyball and AFL. Rep sport will commence week 3 and continue through Terms 2 and 3.

St Peter’s Athletics Carnival

The Athletics Carnival will be held next Wednesday, 4 May. There is still a great need for more parent helpers to help the day run smoothly. If you are able to help for a half or whole day, can you please return the parent helper slip that was on the permission note or contact the School Office on 4627 2990 or via email at administration@stpeters.nsw.edu.au.

Parking for Campbelltown Stadium is available off Airds Road. Access to the stadium is via the footbridge and is approximately a 400m walk. Please do not park at Wests Leagues Club.

School Sport

This term during sport, students who remain at school will have the opportunity to participate in a 4 week program of either soccer or tennis. Both sports will be run by qualified coaches. Students will be allocated to these sports based on houses.

Amazing Me

St Peter’s Anglican Primary School will be holding the AMAZING ME education seminars on Tuesday, 17 May. The program aims to provide information to children in the important area of personal development. Whilst not compulsory, it is recommended that parents take this opportunity to encourage discussion with their child/ren about this sensitive topic.

Our AMAZING ME educator will be Rowena Thomas. Rowena is a teacher and a Christian who has had over 20 years experience in this area. Rowena’s talks are lively, informative and engaging.

The first talk, for Years 3 & 4, will focus on the difference between girls and boys bodies, reproduction and birth. This will run from 6.00 – 7.00 pm.

The second talk, for Years 5 & 6, will focus on the difference between girls and boys bodies and puberty. This will run from 7.15 – 8.15 pm.

Bookings can be made through ‘trybooking’. A link will be supplied in next week’s newsletter.

Review of the Board of Studies, Teaching and Education Standards NSW

In March 2016, the NSW Minister for Education, the Hon. Adrian Piccoli MP, announced a review of the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards NSW (BOSTES).

Professor Louden, Chair BOSTES Review Panel, Ms Lisa Paul and Dr Phil Lambert have been appointed by the Minister to form an independent panel to oversee the review and prepare findings for his consideration. Parents are invited to complete the survey which is available at http://www.surveygizmo.com/s/3728846/BOSTES-Review.

The survey will remain open until midnight on Thursday, 5 May 2016.

Year 6 Buddy Group Leader Training

Today our Year 6 students undertook training to assist them in their role as Buddy Group Leaders. They looked at Leadership skills, different forms of communication and how to listen well to others, their own strengths and weaknesses as leaders and undertook relationship building activities.

They also experienced the first of our new Buddy Group sessions, based on a Peer Support unit on Relationships. This will allow them to run this session successfully with their buddy group in Week 3. We look forward to seeing Year 6 grow in their role as Buddy Group Leaders over the remainder of the year.
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 holidays, a time of refreshment and rest.
2. Pray for the learning that will occur in Term 2.
3. Pray for the relationships between our students, that they may continue to be positive and encouraging

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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.

Calendar Reminders

TERM 2: 25 April – 1 July

Week 2

Monday 2/5/16
Da Vinci Decathlon
Junior Primary Assembly: 11.30 am
Primary Assembly: 2.30 pm

Week 3

Tuesday 10/5/16
NAPLAN
Twilight School Tour: 4.30 pm
Wednesday 11/5/16
NAPLAN
AFL Community Auskick School Visit
Thursday 12/5/16
K-6 FDL: 7.30 am
NAPLAN
Friday 13/5/16
NAPLAN Make Up Day
GRIP Leadership Conference

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: 6.00 pm Session 1
Amazing Me: 7.15 pm Session 2
Thursday 19/5/16
K-6 FDL: 7.30 am
Year 6 Overnight Canberra Excursion
Friday 20/5/16
Year 6 Overnight Canberra Excursion
Saturday 21/5/16
2017 Scholarship Testing Day

Week 5

Wednesday 25/5/16
AFL Community Auskick: 3.30 - 4.30 pm
P&F Meeting: 7.00 pm

Week 6

Monday 30/5/16
Junior Primary Assembly: 11.30 am
Primary Assembly: 2.30 pm
Tuesday 31/5/16
ICAS Science
Wednesday 1/6/16
AFL Community Auskick: 3.30 - 4.30 pm
Thursday 2/6/16
K-6 FDL: 7.30 am

Week 7

Tuesday 7/6/16
K-2 Responsible Pet Education
Twilight School Tour: 4.30 pm
Wednesday 8/6/16
AFL Community Auskick: 3.30 - 4.30 pm
Thursday 9/6/16
K-6 FDL: 7.30 am

Week 8

Monday 13/6/16
Queen’s Birthday: Public Holiday
Wednesday 15/6/16
AFL Community Auskick: 3.30 - 4.30 pm

Week 9

Monday 13/6/16
Tuesday 14/6/16
Twilight School Tour: 4.30 pm
Wednesday 15/6/16
AFL Community Auskick: 3.30 - 4.30 pm
Thursday 16/6/16
K-6 FDL: 7.30 am

Week 10

Monday 27/6/16
Whole School Assembly: 11.30 am
Tuesday 28/6/16
Year 5 Powerhouse Museum Excursion