Embedding Excellence
by Brendan Gorman

Over the past number of years, St Peter’s has been successful in receiving external grants to assist us with various projects that improve and embed excellence within our school. Our current round of funding incorporates an area that is often a challenge in schools, communication. To this end, with the assistance of external funding and a desire of the School Executive to constantly improve in this area, we are pleased to advise that we are very close to launching our parent portal.

Our parent portal will be a secure platform where parents can have access to a variety of information and services. Initially, parent teacher interviews will be booked through this system and parents in 2L will be trialing this system. Access to newsletters, the school calendar, delivery and acknowledgement of permission notes and providing reasons for absences, will all be able to be achieved through this portal. In the coming weeks, all families will receive a hardcopy letter outlining the process to initially access the portal, to change your password and start using the portal.

Throughout the rest of the year, we will launch the various features of the portal and will advise as these become available. As we embed excellence in our school, we are grateful to be able to make these areas simple for our parent community.

PYP FAQ’s and Information

Early next week a hard copy and a digital version of the PYP overview and frequently asked questions will be distributed to all families in the school. We are incredibly grateful for those parents who have engaged with the school by asking questions, seeking clarification and acknowledging support and/or concern. I ask all families to take the opportunity of reviewing this information. Mrs Melinda Richardson and I will be available each morning next week from 8:30 – 9:00 am for informal chats and clarification on any issues that may still exist.

The school is excited about the positive impact this framework will have on our students and looks forward to working with our parent community to achieve the best possible outcomes for our girls and boys.

A Christian School

One of the main questions parents have raised in relation to PYP is how a non-Christian framework can operate within a clearly Christian school. Our school has always maintained the importance being Christian as the central pillar of all that we do. This, under both the Executive and the Schools’ Council, will not change.

Each day, we work in a world that is not Christian. We are mandated to follow the curriculum requirements of the BOSTES, an organisation that is not Christian. What we can do, is to consider the curriculum through the lens of the Bible. We believe that the PYP framework will allow us to do this more effectively.

Whole School Assembly

A reminder that all parents and friends are invited to attend our end of term Whole School Assembly on Monday at 11:25 am in the School Hall. Coffee and Tea will be available at the front of the school for parents from 10:30 am.

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Holiday Care
Our programme for holiday care has been emailed to all families. Please consider requirements early as places are strictly limited and will be filled on a first in, first served basis. Please note that enrolments will only be confirmed if you are successfully registered in Hubworks, our online payment system. Please also note that there is no holiday care available on Friday, 22 July due to whole staff training.

Thank You to the Parent Community
Last week the school received a donation from the P&F Committee following fundraising efforts in 2015. The donation of $15,000 has been used to purchase improved Maths resources and to provide some new furniture in the library. Our students are provided with much due to the hard work and dedication of the many volunteers who desire to build community and to improve the opportunities our girls and boys have.

Parent Code of Conduct
Following an identified need, a Parent Code of Conduct is being explored at present. If you have any areas of suggestion for items that need to be included in such a document, please email them to: feedback@stpeters.nsw.edu.au.

We appreciate the fact that the majority of our parents exercise their interactions with the school and other students appropriately. We wish to be clear on our expectations of all parents.

Areas that will be outlined in this document include parent interactions with other people’s children, staff, interactions at sport, access to our grievance policy and family law expectations.

We would be delighted to receive any feedback on this prior to the School initiating this Code of Conduct.

Information Technology
by Jane Flack
Headphones
All students in Years 3-6 will be required to supply their own headphones for IT lessons. Students will need to have their name clearly labelled on it and take responsibility for its care. Ear-buds are not acceptable and a mouse is optional.

Music
by Jane Flack
String Orchestra
Last Saturday, our School String Orchestra participated in the Wollongong Eisteddfod. They were the youngest Ensemble in the Open Age Category, competing against University and High School students. Our String Orchestra achieved a Highly Commended award. This is a great achievement for such young performers. Well done Hannah A., Lorenzo L., Jonathan S., Madeline G., Amath A., Eleanor C., Aaron H., Mithula G., Megan H., Ria K., Morgan R. and William S.

Example of the Adjudicators comments were as follows:
“Fine ensemble playing in this piece, with careful attention to the conductor and well organised bowing within each section. Entries and endings were very well coordinated. The piece had energy and rhythmic precision”.

“Excellent contrasts of character in this work. The entries were confident and accurate, and the overall sound was warm and colourful”.

We are very proud of your efforts!

Sport
by Fiona Hornman
CIS Cross Country
On Thursday, 16 June Mackenzie H. and Lachlan S. competed at the CIS Cross Country Carnival as a part of the IPSHA team. I was fortunate enough to be the IPSHA team manager on the day enabling me to see them run. There were many amazing runners and this level is extremely competitive. Both students ran their best and should be happy with their results with a 57th and 41st place respectively.

IPSSO Sport
This week St Peter’s competed against Macarthur Anglican School, results were as follows:

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Players of the Match:
Junior Newcombeball: Samadhi K.
Senior Volleyball: Kayla Z.
Junior Netball: Jessica M.
Senior Netball: Acacia G.
Junior Soccer: Diego DLC.
Senior Soccer: William T.
Junior AFL: Aurelia G. and Vaughn H.
Senior AFL: Sarah D.
Next week:

Next week SPAPS once again play against Macarthur Anglican School. Junior games commence at 11.35 am and Senior games at 1.00 pm, with all games taking place at Macarthur Anglican School.

Tennis Tuition with Tony Podesta Term 3 - Enrol now

Wednesday’s and Thursday morning sessions: 9.30 – 10.30 am and 10.30 – 11.30 am. Suitable for students in Years 3 to 6. Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes: Suitable for students in Years 1, 2, 3 and 4. Enrol online through the following link: https://sprout.readystebook.me/go/Fir st-Serve-Booking. Alternatively, call Tony on 041844780 to register over the phone.

Football Development League – Term 3 Enrolment Open

FDL begins Term 3, Week 2, Thursday, 4 August at 7.30 am and will run weekly for a six week block – enrol now through the School Office on 4627 2990 or email: administration@stpeters.nsw.edu.au to register your child/ren. The cost of $45.00 will be billed through Schools’ Council.

Public Speaking Evening - Reminder

Next Thursday, 30 June we will be holding our annual Public Speaking Evening. This event will take place in the School Hall, commencing at 7.00 pm, with a light supper provided. All members of the school community are invited to attend and hear the talented Year 4-6 speakers. They have been working hard this term in a series of workshops to prepare a 3 minute speech based on the topic: Now that I have your attention...

House BBQ – Reminder

Argyle has been undertaking school service this term. This service concludes at the end of Term 2. Children in Argyle will enjoy a celebration BBQ lunch on the last day of term Friday, 1 July. Students are to bring their own recess as normal.

P&F

The rescheduled P&F Meeting will take place next Wednesday, 29 June at 7.00 pm.

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. Pray for the staff of St Peter’s as they finalise reports for Semester 1.
2. Pray for the many people in our community who are wrestling with winter colds and flu.
3. Pray for wisdom for the Schools’ Council and the School Executive as they make decisions in our school.

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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 10

Monday 27/6/16
School Shop: 8.00 – 10.45 am
School Shop: 1.00 – 3.45 pm
Whole School Assembly: 11.30 am
Tuesday 28/6/16
Year 5 Powerhouse Museum Excursion
Year 2 Film Studies Excursion: Finding Dory
Prep open classrooms: Portfolio viewing
2.15 pm
Wednesday 29/6/16
School Shop: 8.00 – 10.45 am
Year 2 and 3 with Year 4 and 5 Crusaders
Groups Joint Gathering
Junior Rep Sport: 11.35 pm
Senior Rep Sport: 1.25 pm
P&F Meeting: 7.00 pm

Week 10 Cont’d

Thursday 30/6/16
Public Speaking Evening: 7.00 pm
Friday 1/7/16

Year 3 Roald Dahl Character and Movie Day
Year 4 and 5 Crusaders End of Term
Celebration: Lunch in 3C
Argyle House BBQ Lunch
Last Day of Term 2

Prep open classrooms: Portfolio viewing
2.15 pm

School Holidays

Monday, 4 July – Friday, 15 July

OSHC operating everyday: Bookings Essential
School Office open every day: 9.00 am – 3.00 pm

Staff Development / Pupil Free Days

Monday, 18 July – Friday, 22 July

OSHC operating Monday to Thursday: Bookings Essential
School Office open Monday to Thursday: 9.00 am – 3.00 pm

Friday 22/7/16
Staff Retreat Day:
• No OSHC services offered today
• School Office Closed

TERM 3: 25 July – 23 September

Week 1

Monday 25/7/16
Students Commence
School Shop: 8.00 – 10.45 am
School Shop: 1.00 – 3.45 pm
Wednesday 27/7/16
Debating Workshop: 8.00 am
School Shop: 8.00 – 10.45 am
P&F Meeting: 7.00 pm
Friday 29/7/16
Morning School Tour: 9.30 am

Week 2

Monday 1/8/16
School Shop: 8.00 – 10.45 am
School Shop: 1.00 – 3.45 pm
Junior Primary Assembly: 11.30 am
Primary Assembly: 2.30 pm
K-6, Koalas and Kangaroos Parent Teacher Interviews: 4.00 – 8.00 pm
Tuesday 2/8/16
ICAS English
Wednesday 3/8/16
Debating Workshop: 8.00 am
School Shop: 8.00 – 10.45 am
Thursday 4/8/16
FDL: 7.30 am
Echidnas and Wombats Parent Teacher Interviews: 4.00 – 6.00 pm