The Importance of Teaching Right and Wrong

by Brendan Gorman

In a world that continues to tell us that anything goes is OK, that you cannot share an opinion that may be different from another person’s and where teaching the truths of the Bible is perceived as being both intolerant and inflammatory, schools have much to wrestle with, particularly authentically Christian communities such as ours. In a world where there is a temptation to shelter and protect our children, to fight their battles and advocate loudly for their rights, the role of the Christian teacher is vitally important.

Having taught in both Primary and Secondary settings, there is a key distinction between a Primary teacher and a Secondary teacher. Generally speaking, and of course there are exceptions to the rule, a Primary teacher teaches children first, whereas due to the necessity of the curriculum, Secondary teachers teach content, or subject areas first.

Whilst Primary teachers deliver curriculum and content also, and at St Peter’s we do this extremely well, learning isn’t restricted to the classroom and the lesson plans that are constructed. Learning occurs in the playground, at assemblies, whilst eating lunch, whilst waiting to go home in the afternoon. Learning occurs around the dinner table, whilst saying good night while travelling in the car. Learning occurs in relationships.

Learning comes from questions, from wonderings and ponderings. Learning comes from hearing other people discuss things and from the media. One of the most important areas for children to understand is the difference between right and wrong. Often this comes from parents, and rightly so. We teach our children that certain responses are acceptable, whilst others are not. At school there are guidelines, expectations and rules that help to instil this important area in our children. Teachers offer feedback, correct conversation, bookwork and assessments to help children better understand this important area. To guide and instruct and help them to be the best they can be.

As a Christian school, our understanding of what is right and wrong is largely influenced by the Bible. Our values and desires for our children are built upon what is true, what is right and what is helpful. The notion of relativism (where there is no correction of right and wrong) has no place in our school. Please continue to pray for our staff as they work in this important area, as we continue to pray for you as parents in your roles.

Whole School Service (Advance Notice)

An expectation of all families attending St Peter’s is the compulsory attendance at our Whole School Services throughout the year.

Due to venue difficulties, these have not occurred for the past few years; however, we are delighted to be reintroducing them, twice per year.

Please note that our Whole School Service for 2016 will be held at The Cube, 20-22 Camden Road, Campbelltown on Monday, 17 October from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. Ben Pakula, Children’s Minister at Harrington Park Anglican Church will be our guest speaker for the evening. More details will be provided closer to the date, however please note this expectation in your own calendars.
ICAS Science

by Estelle Stelzer

Congratulations to the following students who achieved the following results in the ICAS Science Exam.

Year 3
Credit
Sarah C. Cruz C.
Diego DLC. Patrick G.
Eleanor H. Hunter L.
Madeleine M. Phoenix M.
Erin N.

Distinction
Jesse N. Jason L.
Samantha B.

High Distinction
Lucas DF.

Year 4:
Credit
Connor R. Ben B.
Harrison B. Felicity B.
Stephanie E. Stevie F.
Joshua L. Sarah M.
Reuben S. Natalie W.

Distinction
Katrina T. Darcy R.
Madeline G. Alyssa H.
Thevan TH.

Year 5
Credit
Benjamin C. William C.
Nathan D. Idhant K.
Mithula G. Rupali
Jack K. Lachlan O.
Lorenzo L. Morgan R.
Nethulima W.

Distinction
William A. Amath A.

High Distinction
Dan P.

Year 6
Credit
Clarence B. Thomas G.
Daynay M. Bridie L.
Aden M. Ethan M.
Jasmine P. Emma W.

Distinction:
Marc M. Olivia D.

House Colour Olympic Day

On Wednesday, 10 August we will be holding our House Colour Olympic Day. Children are encouraged to wear either their House coloured shirt (available for purchase through the School Shop) or their normal school sport shirt, along with their school sport track suit (red sport shorts to be worn underneath). All children will engage in a range of ‘Mini Olympic’ activities where they will gain points for their House. Earlier this week, a food order form note was sent home regarding the opportunity to purchase food for lunch. Children are to return this form to their teachers.

String Ensemble at Events Cinema

On Saturday and Sunday, St Peter’s students had the privilege of playing at Campbelltown Events Cinema for patrons as they entered to view a movie concert performance by Andre Rieu. Eleanor C., Amath A., Madeleine G. and Aaron H. performed admirably to the audience. You made our school extremely proud!

2016/2017 Broughton College Captains

Congratulations to the following Student Leadership appointments at Broughton Anglican College:
Captain: Briana Araujo-Tough
Captain: Jack Rerekura (graduate of St Peter’s Anglican Primary School)
Vice-Captain: Vanessa Chang (graduate of St Peter’s Anglican Primary School)
Vice-Captain: Julian Bines

Chinese Language Tutoring - Expressions of Interest

We are currently seeking expressions of interest from families who may be interested in their child attending a user paid Chinese Co-curricular Programme. If your child is interested, could you please advise the School Office via email on: administration@stpeters.nsw.edu.au by Friday, 12 August.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

by Deborah Nash

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the 48 students who have already completed reading their books for the Premier’s Reading Challenge and entered the details of each book online. A reminder that the closing date for all books to be entered online at https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html is Friday, 19 August 2016 (Week 4).

There are 82 students who have logged in online and are yet to complete the challenge, 17 of whom have not entered details of any books. Don’t leave it too late!

If you have not yet logged onto the website, have been reading books and intend to complete the challenge, please log in THIS WEEK to check the username and password are correct. Please contact Mrs Nash immediately, through the School Office, if there are issues with logging on so it can be rectified in time before the closing date.

Remember that we will again be giving awards for the child in each class who has read the most books by the closing date, over and above the required number for the challenge. Students should keep a record of what they have read past the required books for the PRC on the Reading Log. Return your completed Reading Log to your class teacher by Monday, 22 August to be part of the School Challenge.

Intumbane Slipper Day

This coming Monday, 8 August, we will be holding our annual Intumbane Slipper Day. Children are encouraged to bring a gold coin and any loose change, to place it in their House bucket upon arrival at school. All children are encouraged to bring a pair of slippers this day. Students should wear their school shoes to and from school and will change into their slippers once they enter the classroom. School shoes will also be worn in the playground at recess and lunch.

The money raised from this event will be donated to Intumbane Primary School.

CCTV Upgrade

Following the number of break and enters we have had, we are currently upgrading our CCTV system within the school grounds. Therefore, CCTV will operate on our school site continuously.

Year 5 and 6 Chapel - Cancelled

Due to the House Olympic Day on Wednesday, 10 August, Year 5 and 6 chapel will not be held on this day only. We apologise for any inconvenience.
Learning Enhancement

by Heather Gillespie

“Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.”

Joseph Addison

We would love for you to come and be part of our reading workouts each afternoon in the staffroom.

Reading is such a vital part of life. For many students who struggle with learning to read the chance to have some extra practice is very important.

We currently have a great team of people who are helping students develop their reading skills and strategies on a variety of programmes that are run each afternoon. We are now looking for parents, grandparents and carers to work with us on these reading programs. It would be great to have some more helpers who can assist students to practice these valuable skills. All helpers will need to have a current Working with Children Check. The programs run each afternoon, Monday to Friday, in the staffroom. The programs aim to support students in their reading and comprehension skills.

If you are free one or more afternoons per week after lunch and are interested in helping out on the Learning Enhancement reading programmes please contact Mrs Heather Gillespie through the School Office on 4627 2990 or by email: administration@stpeters.nsw.edu.au and we can arrange a training session and a trial. If you are not sure what is involved and would like to come and observe or ask questions, you can also contact me. The days are flexible so please let me know if you would like to help out on these valuable programmes.

We look forward to seeing you at our next reading workout!

Living her learning

Lucy S. (2A) recently asked family and friends not to give her birthday presents, but to donate instead to the hospital where her grandfather is being treated for cancer. Lucy raised $906.00. What a generous and sacrificial act.

Well done, Lucy!
Winter Festival

Winter Festival is back at St Peter’s for 2016! Come and join us for an evening of wintry, frosty fun. Be enchanted by delightful accordion music, the theatrics of a mime artist and the beauty of French Dancing. There will be gingerbread decorating, ice skating, lantern designing and SNOW! Delicious food and drinks to warm you up will be available for purchase, along with craft items made by our students.

The Hall Playground will be transformed into a winter wonderland with a large Christmas tree at its centre. Don't miss this wonderful school community event, celebrating our French and German language programs!

P&F

Spring Fair

Why pre-purchase Ride Arm Bands? We need to pre-sell as many tickets as possible to actually cover the enormous cost of supplying carnival rides for the Spring Fair to be as enjoyable for the school families and the wider community. Please help us by pre-purchasing tickets as this ensures we have the costs of the rides covered. Also by pre-purchasing your tickets you save yourself money, which is a great thing to consider when you are buying a number of ride armbands. Ride Armbands can be purchased through trybooking link:

www.trybooking.com/MFXK
www.trybooking.com/214900

or, you can visit the School Office and pay by EFTPOS.

P&F Meeting

The next scheduled P&F Meeting will take place Wednesday, 24 August at 7.00 pm.

Prayer Points

1. Pray for the parents in our school, as they guide, support and teach their children.
2. Give thanks for the opportunities here at St Peter’s to help children be the best they can be.
3. Pray for our staff as they help children understand the truth of the Bible and what is right and wrong.

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2016 School Photo Days

There will be two photo days held this term. Please refer to our Uniform Booklet for correct attire on these days.

Photo Day 1: Thursday, 11 August:
Class and individual photos, Echidnas & Wombats Prep Classes, All sporting groups.
• Full winter uniform is to be worn.
• Girls are to wear long socks (not stockings).
• Junior Primary boys are to wear short trousers. Senior Boys are to wear long trousers.

Full winter sport uniform including white sport shoes are to be brought to school for children involved in sport photos.

An individual Photo Day 1 envelope has been given to each child. It is our preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day. Orders for packages can be placed securely online at www.advancedlife.com.au using our school's unique 9 digit Online Order Code which can be found on the envelope provided. If paying by cash or cheque, you will need to return the envelope to your child's class teacher by Monday, 8 August. There is no need to return the envelope if you are paying by credit card online.

All students will have their photos taken on this day.

Photo Day 2: Monday, 22 August:
Staff, Whole School, Co-Curricular, Music Groups, 4E, Koalas & Kangaroos Prep Classes.
• Full winter uniform is to be worn.
• Girls are to wear long socks (not stockings).
• Junior Primary boys are to wear short trousers. Senior Boys are to wear long trousers.
• Musical Instruments are to be brought to school for Band and Orchestra photographs.

Please note: Group photo ordering envelopes will be made available once the colour proofs are available for viewing.

There are no sibling photos this year as there will be a whole school photo taken. Please note that 4E is on a different day to the other classes due to Ms Edwards attending Professional Development on Thursday, 11 August.
Week 4 Cont’d
Wednesday 17/8/16
Debating Workshop: 8.00 am
School Shop: 8.00 – 10.45 am
Thursday 18/8/16
FDL: 7.30 am
Gateway 8 Academic Challenge
Vietnam Veterans Memorial Service
Spring Fair Grocery Drop-Off Day
Living Eggs Programme: Prep
Friday 19/8/16
Living Eggs Programme: Prep

Week 5
Monday 22/8/16
School Shop: 8.00 – 10.45 am
School Shop: 1.00 – 3.45 pm
Living Eggs Programme: Prep
School Photos Day – 4E, Whole School
Photo, Co-curricular, Music, Sport and Prep
Koalas and Kangaroos Photos
Tuesday 23/8/16
Living Eggs Programme: Prep
Wednesday 24/8/16
Debating Workshop: 8.00 am
Parent Prayer Group: 8.30 am
School Shop: 8.00 – 10.45 am
Year 3 – 6 Camp Information Session: 3.10 pm and 6.00 pm
P&F Meeting: 7.00 pm

Week 5 Cont’d
Thursday 25/8/16
FDL: 7.30 am
Literacy Day
Book Parade: 9.15 am
Spring Fair Recycle and Reuse Drop-Off Day
Living Eggs Programme: Prep
Friday 26/8/16
Living Eggs Programme: Prep
Morning School Tour: 9.30 am

Week 6
Monday 29/8/16
Life Education Visit: 6P, 5G and 2L
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
IPSHA Athletics Carnival
Tuesday 30/8/16
Life Education Visit: 3G, 5M and KN
Wednesday 31/8/16
Life Education Visit: 5V, 1H and KS
Debating Workshop: 8.00 am
Parent Information Session: 9.00 am
School Shop: 8.00 – 10.45 am

Week 6 Cont’d
Thursday 1/9/16
Spring Fair Basket Stall Donations Drop-Off Day
Spring Fair Recycle and Reuse Drop-Off Day
Life Education Visit: 4A, Prep Echidnas and Prep Wombats
Photos, Prep Echidnas and Wombats and all sporting groups
FDL: 7.30 am
Parent Information Session: 9.00 am and 6.30 pm
Friday 2/9/16
Life Education Visit: 6A, 1N and 3F
Intumbane Week: Bongi Visit!

Week 7
Monday 5/9/16
Life Education Visit: 4E, Prep Koalas and 2B
School Shop: 8.00 – 10.45 am
School Shop: 1.00 – 3.45 pm
Tuesday 6/9/16
Life Education Visit: 4O, Prep Kangaroos and KL
World of Maths Day: 3C, 4E, 3F, 3G, 5V and 6P

Are you free after school drop-off next week?

How does a free pop-up coffee cart with a jumping castle, craft and a puppet show sound?

It will be an excellent place for 0-4 year-old kids to play while adults enjoy a good coffee and conversation about Jesus.

Tue 9th and Fri 12th Aug | 9.30am to 11.30am | St Peter’s Church Green

Buy your Ticket here
https://www.trybooking.com/MGEJ
August 13, 2016
7:15pm for a 7:30pm start in St Peter’s Church Hall
Tickets – $12
Includes Supper!

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Author Visit: Tim Harris

Before becoming a writer, Tim Harris was a newspaper delivery boy, golf ball collector, checkout dude, babysitter, eBay seller, singer-songwriter and primary teacher of 15 years. One of the fresh faces in Australian children’s literature (without actually having a fresh face), his first series of books, Exploding Endings, will have primary-aged readers both captivated and laughing out loud.

Students may purchase Tim’s books. These books will come with a plate on which Tim’s signature will appear for you to attach to the book.

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