What a Week!

by Brendan Gorman

This week has been arguably one of the busiest in the life of our school and I wish to take the opportunity to commend our students for their exemplary approach and behaviour throughout the week. On Monday, we held our Intumbane Slipper Day which is a fantastic opportunity for us to continue our financial and prayer support of our sister school, Intumbane in South Africa. We certainly look forward to Miss Bongi arriving shortly and sharing and celebrating our close friendship and association.

Tuesday saw our Years 3-6 enthralled with an Author visit. Mr Tim Harris, Author of the Exploding Endings series joined us throughout the day. It was wonderful to have a former colleague and friend who has taken this enormous step into the world of writing share the challenges and joys with our students. Prep – Year 2 will hear from Author Lisa Shanahan on Thursday, 8 September. Our annual Book Character Parade will be held on Thursday, 25 August. Parents are very welcome to join us for the Parade at 9.30 am on the soccer field in the Hall Playground.

On Wednesday, students and staff came in their official House uniforms to take part in our Mini Olympics, in celebration of our Australian team competing in Rio. National Anthems were sung with passion, medals presented and a range of physical activities and challenges were enjoyed. We certainly understand that there may be some bleary eyes as students enjoy the wonder of the Olympics over the next few weeks.

On Thursday, our class photo day for most classes occurred. An important day in the life of the school year captured for our memories.

This afternoon, our community joins together to enjoy our second annual Winter Festival. Inspired by the European Christmas markets, our playground is transformed into a Winter Wonderland. The festival is open in the Hall Playground from 4:30 – 7:00 pm.

Throughout this week, not only have we seen our student’s display their best, but our staff have worked tirelessly to provide these opportunities on top of the excellent learning that happens day in and day out. I am incredibly thankful for their energy, willingness to go above and beyond and provide such excellent opportunities for our students.
We also wish our students well who are performing in the IPSHA Performing Arts Festival on Monday. Our school has always had a reputation for excellence in Music and we eagerly await seeing our students shine on the stage of Sydney’s Town Hall.

Our school is alive, is busy and is providing for our students across the board. What a place to be.

**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.

**Condition of Enrolment**

We hate to say goodbye to our students but understand that at times this cannot be avoided. If you will not be continuing at St Peter’s in 2017, a reminder that a full terms notice, in writing, to the Head of School needs to be given or fees in lieu of notice will charged.

**Chocolate Money**

Any outstanding Chocolate Money is now overdue. We would appreciate this being returned throughout next week so the P&F can finalise this for 2016.

Thank you to all who have sold chocolates or made donations.

**Uniform Reminders**

All students are expected to be in full school uniform each day. Despite co-curricular activities, full uniform should be worn to and from school and shoes etc. Changes are to take place once at school.

Walking hats are essential. Our School Shop is open each Monday from 8.00 am – 10:45 am and 1.00 pm – 3:45 pm. It is also open on Wednesday’s from 8.00 am – 10:45 am.

We thank you for your support in this regard.

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**P&F Involvement.**

I recognise the many and varied challenges of our parent community in committing to the tasks of our Parents and Friends Association. May I encourage you to consider your involvement? Meetings are held once per month and all parents of the school are officially voting members through the payment of your tuition fees.

Our P&F is about building community in the school as well as raising funds for projects that couldn’t occur within the school otherwise. Our annual Spring Fair is fast approaching on Saturday, 10 September from 9.00 am – 3.00 pm. This day relies on the generosity of our parent community to be successful. Cath and Kylie, our Spring Fair Coordinators, would love to hear from you.

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**Years 3-6 Camp Information: Afternoon and Evening**

An information session regarding the upcoming Years 3-6 Camping Programme will be held on Wednesday, 24 August. Two sessions will be held: 3.10 - 4.00pm and 6.00 - 7.00 pm. Parents and students are welcome to come and hear about the types of activities children will undertake later this year. Camp dates for 2016 are as follows:

- Year 3: Friday, 21 October to Saturday, 22 October.
- Year 4: Wednesday, 23 November to Friday, 25 November.
- Year 5: Tuesday, 11 October to Friday, 14 October.
- Year 6: Tuesday, 11 October to Friday, 14 October.

**Alice in Wonderland Jnr**

At the end of last term, we announced that our School Musical for 2017 is Alice in Wonderland Jnr. Beginning mid Term 3, we will begin auditioning students currently in Years 3 to 5 who are interested in being part of the main cast. Rehearsals will occur on Thursday afternoon from 3.30 – 4.30 pm beginning at the end of Term 3 and continuing until the musical is staged at the end of Term 2 2017. Announcements will be made to students over the coming weeks regarding the timing and process for auditioning. We are so excited to be on the musical journey once again!

**Bligh House BBQ**

On Friday, 19 August, students in House Bligh will be enjoying a BBQ lunch in appreciation of their service. Children will need to bring their recess as usual.

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**Library**

**by Sandra Busutel**

**Book Week**

**Book Parade** – Our Book Parade will take place on Thursday, 25 August at 9.15 am on the soccer field (green area) of the Hall Playground. This year’s theme: Australia: Story Country.

Students (Prep – Year 6) are encouraged to dress up as a biblical or book character. We ask that you put your creative hats on and see what you can come up with from the resources you have at home. If your child has the book at home associated with their character, then they might like to bring it along for the parade.

**Café** - Year 6 will be holding a Café after the Parade to raise funds for the Year 6 Farewell, so feel free to stay and have a chat and cuppa. There will be some yummy slices and cakes to eat as well as tea or coffee.

Parents, grandparents and carers are most welcome to watch the parade. Limited seating will be provided on the School Hall Verandah and the undercover walk-way. You are most welcome to stand outside the marked area for teachers and students on the other 2 sides of the soccer field, i.e. equipment sides.

**Author Visit – Tim Harris**

Primary students were able to experience meeting the author of the books they have enjoyed this term in class reading time. Tim Harris had the students in stitches and they were enthralled by his presentation. Students and teachers were encouraged to participate and we have some budding actors among both groups.

All orders are due by Friday, 19 August. Students said he was ‘Amazing, awesome, funny and gorgeous!’
P&F Meeting
The next scheduled P&F Meeting will take place Wednesday, 24 August at 7.00 pm.

Premier’s Reading Challenge: Closing Soon!
Return your completed Reading Log to your class teacher by Monday, 22 August to be part of the School Challenge.

Parent Prayer Group
Come and join Miss Leanne Burns, Senior Assistant Minister from St Peter’s Anglican Church, for a Parent Prayer session each fortnight on a Wednesday from 8.30 - 9.00 am. This is an opportunity for parents to pray for our students, St Peter’s Anglican Primary School and our school community.

Groups are held in the Boardroom on the following dates:-
Wednesday, 24 August
Wednesday, 7 September
Wednesday, 21 September

Prayer Points
1. Give thanks for our staff and students and all that has been accomplished this week.
2. Pray for our students in Year 6 in their final Semester at St Peter’s.
3. Give thanks for the work of our Chaplaincy Team at Campbelltown Anglican Churches.

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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
Calendar Reminders

Week 4
Monday  15/8/16
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
Living Eggs Programme: Prep
IPSHA Performing Arts Festival
Tuesday  16/8/16
ICAS Maths
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, 2L, 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
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
Thursday  1/9/16
Spring Fair Basket Stall Donations Drop-Off Day
Spring Fair Recycle and Reuse Drop-Off Day
Life Education Visit: 2H, 4M and 2R
Junior Primary Author Visit
Friday  2/9/16
Life Education Visit: 6A, 1N and 3F
Spring Fair Plant and Cake Drop-Off Day (Whole School)
Saturday  3/9/16
St Peter’s Spring Fair

Week 7
Intumbane Week: Bongi Visit!
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
Wednesday  7/9/16
Debating Workshop: 8.00 am
Parent Prayer Group: 8.30 am
Life Education Visit: 3C, 1M and KT
School Shop: 8.00 – 10.45 am
Thursday  8/9/16
FDL: 7.30 am
Literacy Day
Life Education Visit: 2H, 4M and 2R
Parent Information Session: 9.00 am and 6.30 pm
Friday  9/9/16
Life Education Visit: 6M
Spring Fair Plant and Cake Drop-Off Day (Whole School)
Saturday  10/9/16
St Peter’s Spring Fair

OUR SPRING FAIR NEEDS YOU!
We would like our Spring Fair to be as successful as possible and we need more volunteers.
Can you help for 30 mins to an hour on the day?
Please contact Cathrine on 0431 497 416 or Kylie on 0426 262 695