High Expectations – Foundational Skills
by Brendan Gorman

One of the most important areas of a teachers practice is that of reflection. The ability to look back at what has happened and ask:
- What worked well?
- What could be better?
- Did I cater to all student needs?

Reflection and evaluation are critical areas of our school and our staff engage in this regularly and purposefully.

The teaching staff have been reflecting throughout this year on the important foundational skills, the basics and how these can continue to be taught effectively throughout the school years. The review of our documentation and how this is dispersed, how staff are supported in delivering the schools expectations, is happening. This constant reflection, to ensure we are minimising the chances of foundational skills slipping through the cracks, is happening.

Our Senior Leadership Team are involved in the regular review of teaching programmes, bookwork and assessment schedules. Our Learning Enhancement Team work alongside class teachers in assisting students who are missing important skills or need more structured support.

We continue to receive glowing reports from local high schools about how well our students are prepared for secondary school.

This is certainly pleasing, but not something we can expect without constant review, reflection and evaluation. We don’t get everything right, but we seek to be constantly improving, taking each step forward to provide the very best learning for every student here at St Peter’s.

That’s why high expectations matter.

Intumbane Week
Miss Bongi has arrived home in South Africa and wanted me to pass onto the School Community her immense thankfulness for the prayer support, encouragement and assistance provided during her visit last week.

Bongi writes:
“I am writing this email to say thank you very much for inviting me over and for all the support you are giving to me and to the whole school community.

I had a great time meeting with parents, teachers and students. Please thank them for me about their hospitality, their warmest welcome and their prayers”.

Spring Fair
Last Saturday was such a beautiful day. To see the excitement on the faces of students, and the hard work of our parent volunteers, certainly paid off. The day went smoothly, the weather was beautiful and community was encouraged here at the school.

I want to particularly thank the Spring Fair Coordinators: Kylie Budin and Cath Paterson, who with the support of the P&F Executive Committee, pulled off a brilliant Spring Fair. Thank you to the entire school community for your attendance, donations and support.

Following the next P&F meeting, the Committee will advise the amount raised from this year’s fair.

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NEWSLETTER
Jesus said “I am the one who raises the dead to life! Everyone who has faith in me will live again, even if they die.”
John 11:25

ST. PETER’S ANGLICAN PRIMARY SCHOOL
16 SEPTEMBER 2016 – TERM 3 WEEK 8
Staff News

We are in the process of finalising our staffing needs for 2017 and give thanks to God for the provision of outstanding applicants.

Maggie Levi has informed me that she is expecting her third child early in 2017. We praise God for this wonderful news and look forward to hearing of the baby’s arrival. Please pray for ongoing good health for Maggie.

Mr Nathan Bell and his wife Emma, welcomed their first child, Fox Bell on Friday last week. Fox is doing well and Nathan is looking forward to the joys of parenthood. Praise God for Fox’s safe arrival.

We Hate To Say Goodbye

We hate to say goodbye to families, but we know there are times and circumstances when families have to leave our school. If at any time you become aware that your child will not be here, please let us know as soon as possible. The enrolment contract that everyone has signed requires one term’s notice in writing. Parents are charged fees in lieu of notice for failing to do so.

Please know that it is not the school’s intention to be harsh or punitive, which is why we frequently remind families that this is part of the contract that the school will enforce. We don’t want families to be caught unaware. However, like all businesses, we have to make staffing decisions based on the best information that we have. We also have families on waiting lists that need to give their schools proper notice. If you will not be at St Peter’s next year, please let us know before the end of the term

School Banking

Due to unforeseen circumstances, School Banking will take place on Wednesday, 21 September for the last week of Term.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Lost Property

There is a significant amount of lost property in the School Office. Office Staff endeavour to return all items labelled to the children, but unfortunately there is a large amount of clothing, uniform items and lunchboxes without names.

Please ensure you label everything your child brings to school to assist us in returning such items. Please note, all lost property will be thrown out or recycled at the end of each term.

Library

by Sandra Busutel

Author visit – Lisa Shanahan

Last Thursday, children’s author Lisa Shanahan spent the day with our Prep to Year 2 students. The students were exposed to her storytelling and how she writes stories. There was group and individual participation from students and teachers and great fun had by all.

BOOK FAIR:

Term 4, Weeks 2 & 3

Book Fair Parent Afternoon

Parents, here is your chance to do some Christmas shopping early. An afternoon has been set aside for you to access the Book Fair while your children are still in class.

The parent afternoon will take place Friday, 21 October (Week 2) from 2.30 pm – 3.40 pm in the School Library. EFTPOS will be available.

The Book Fair will be open to students in Week 3 on Monday, 24 October and Tuesday, 25 October (before school, lunchtime or after school if accompanied by a parent) and Wednesday, 26 October (before school only).

Most children will have a chance to view the fair with their classroom teacher on the Thursday or Friday before the purchasing commences. Children may come home with a wish list of books they like. Please feel under no obligation to purchase anything on their list.

Sport

by Fiona Hornman

St Peter’s Cup Soccer Gala Day

Monday, 12 September saw the first annual running of the St Peter’s Cup at the Ron Dine Memorial Reserve, Camden. The day saw 6 schools represented from the Central Coast down to Wollongong including two St Peter’s teams. The teams played 4 round matches and both our girls and boys teams qualified for the semi-finals. The girls went down 2-0 to the eventual winners of the day, The Illawarra Grammar School, while the boys were also defeated by the winners of the day, Green Point Christian School. Both teams gave it their all and enjoyed the day.

St Peter’s will host the St Peter’s Cup each year and hopes to have even more schools join next year.

Golf for girls

The Camden Lakeside Golf Club will once again hold their Golf for Girls clinic on Thursday, 29 September. It is aimed at 7 to 14 year old girls interested in learning the basics of the game. The clinics are fun, accessible and a satisfying introduction to golf.

Further information can be found at http://www.camdenlakeside.com.au/childrens-golf.html
Western Sydney Wanderers: Futures Clinics

Western Sydney Wanderers would like to give any players 8-12 years old who are currently playing football in New South Wales an opportunity to register for an intense Wanderers training experience. Wanderers coach and technical director Ian Crook will deliver a three (3) day programme at Blacktown Football Park from Wednesday 5 October to Friday, 7 October.

Each child will get an exclusive insight into what it takes to train like a Wanderers player along with their very own Wanderers training kit. This programme is a step up in intensity from our ‘Play the Wanderers Way’.

For more information or to register contact the Wanderers office on 8602 6404.

CIS Athletics

Congratulations to Isaac G. (4M) for placing 3rd on Wednesday at the CIS carnival in High Jump.

Well done Isaac!

Junior Primary Sports Carnival and P&F Food Day

Our Annual Junior Primary Sports Carnival will be held next Friday, 23 September. Prep to Year 2 will participate in activities and races to have some fun!

Children are to wear the full school winter sports uniform, with their red sport shorts underneath, and their House coloured polo shirt.

Parents are very welcome to come along to cheer for the children. There will be an area for parents to sit on the side of the track closest to the road (please feel free to bring along a rug or a chair).

Prep Echidnas and Wombats will be joining in on the fun. Preps Koalas and Kangaroos are welcome to pop in for some fun as well.

On this day, the P&F are also running a Food Day BBQ Lunch for the whole school. If you are a parent with a child in Junior Primary, we would love your help at the Sports Carnival with jobs such as pinning on ribbons, marshalling children and assisting teachers with games between 9.00am and 1.00 pm.

If you have a child in Senior Primary, we would love your help with the BBQ from 11.30 am. Please fill in the return slip on the notes sent home this week or email: administration@stpeters.nsw.edu.au.

Year 1 and 2 Swim School

Details were sent home this week regarding the Swim School for Years 1 and 2. It is a good opportunity to introduce them to this environment in preparation of the Swimming Carnivals they will attend whilst in Primary.

Cook House BBQ Lunch

Cook House will share in a BBQ lunch after Whole School Assembly this coming Monday, 29 September in honour of their House service. Students will need to bring their normal recess this day and will enjoy a sausage sandwich for lunch.

Cumberland will begin their House service from Week 9.

Musical

by Melinda Richardson

Alice in Wonderland Jnr

At the end of week 7, our 2017 cast was announced. We would like to congratulate all students who participated in the audition process for their confidence and bravery - singing in front of others can be a very nervous experience! It was an incredibly difficult job for the musical team, with over 110 students auditioning.

Yesterday was the first opportunity for our cast to join together for their first ‘read through’ rehearsal. We look forward to working further with these students, to bring together another amazing school musical. For all cast members, please note that the Musical noticeboard this year is found on the outside wall of 3C facing the library.

As for Seussical Jnr in 2015, Alice Jnr will also be a whole school event. All grades will make up parts of the chorus throughout the course of the musical, and the allocated songs will be taught throughout Music programmes next year.

Parental Polyglots Continues

The programme will teach beginners French, a few useful phrases to use with your children and time to get together with other enthusiastic parents and experience learning a second language. During Terms 3 and 4 we will meet from 8.30 – 9.15 am on a Tuesday morning, on the following dates: 20 September, 11, 18 and 25 October and 1 November. Contact Madame Amy Meallonier to register your interest via email at: administration@stpeters.nsw.edu.au.

Option to Pay 2017 Fees in Advance

Families have the option to pay the Annual Fees (Tuition, Service and Capital Works) for 2017 at current years rates if paid in full by Monday, 31 October 2016.

Please email casc@casc.org.au or call 4628 0110 for further details or to register your interest.

Prep Teddy Bears’ Picnic

All Prep classes will be enjoying a Teddy Bears’ Picnic next week. Prep Koalas and Kangaroos will have their picnic on Tuesday, 20 September and Prep Echidnas and Wombats having theirs on Thursday, 22 September. Students will also enjoy a sausage on roll on each of these days.

Prayer Points

1. Praise God for the wonderful 2016 Spring Fair. Thank Him for the excellent work of the coordinators and all who volunteered.
2. Pray for the teachers as they work with the delightful students in their care.
3. Pray for the many new families seeking enrolment at St Peter’s in 2017.
4. Pray for the final week of Term 3 and give thanks for the opportunities of holidays to rest and re-energise.

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

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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

Week 9
Monday 19/9/16
School Shop: 8.00 – 10.45 am
School Shop: 1.00 – 3.45 pm
Whole School Assembly: 11.30 am
Cook House BBQ Lunch
Tuesday 20/9/16
Parental Polyglots: 8.30 am
Prep Koalas and Kangaroos Teddy Bears’ Picnic
P&F Meeting: 7.00 pm
Wednesday 21/9/16
Debating Workshop: 8.00 am
Parent Prayer Group: 8.30 am
School Shop: 8.00 – 10.45 am
School Banking today!
Thursday 22/9/16
Football Development League: 7.30 am
Year 4 Tobruk Farm Excursion
Prep Echidnas and Wombats Teddy Bears’ Picnic
Friday 23/9/16
Last day of Term 3
Junior Primary Sports Carnival
P&F Food Day
End of Term Assembly: 1.45 pm

Week 1 Cont’d
Wednesday 12/10/16
Year 5 Camp
Year 6 Camp
Year 1 and 2 Swim School
Debating Workshop: 8.00 am
School Shop: 8.00 – 10.45 am
Thursday 13/10/16
Year 5 Camp
Year 6 Camp
Friday 14/10/16
Year 5 Camp
Year 6 Camp

Week 1
Monday 10/10/16
Students commence for Term 4
School Shop: 8.00 – 10.45 am
School Shop: 1.00 – 3.45 pm
Tuesday 11/10/16
Parental Polyglots: 8.30 am
Year 5 Camp
Year 6 Camp
Twilight School Tour: 4.30 pm

School Holidays
School Holidays: Monday, 26 September to Monday, 10 October
Office is open daily: 9.00 am – 3.00 pm (not including Monday, 3 October: Labour Day Public Holiday)

OSHCC Centre Operating Daily: 7.00 am – 6.00 pm (not including Monday, 3 October: Labour Day Public Holiday). BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Thursday 6/10/2016
Holiday Band Day

Term 4

Week 1

Spring Fair 2016