The Importance of Parents

by Brendan Gorman

It is wonderful to see our parents engaging with the school facilities, feeling welcome on site and to know what is going on here at school. It is terrific seeing parents relaxing on our sun chairs around the school, reading with their children and enjoying being here. We continue to look for ongoing ways of encouraging this vital connection. More details on this in the coming weeks.

Our school continues to be alive with opportunities beyond the classroom learning that we are well known for. In just a few short weeks, our Spring Fair will be upon us and I’m certainly looking forward to a wonderful day of connection and community as our students enjoy the many and varied opportunities throughout the day. I thank our parent community in advance for your generosity and attendance on the day. Our P&F run this event as the single largest fundraiser in the schools calendar. This allows a further expansion of resources in the school, of which we may not be able to offer without this fundraising.

Our rides throughout the day are a highlight for our students. Can I encourage you to purchase your arm bands early through one of the following links: www.trybooking.com/MFXK or by coming into the School Office and paying electronically. This allows the financial commitment of the day to be covered early, and for our organisers to make informed decisions about the day.

Booklets and order forms have gone home. Please do plan on being there and enjoying the great sense of community we are known for. Volunteers are still needed and Cath and Kylie would be delighted to hear from you. You can contact Cath on 0431 497 416 or Kylie on 0426 262 695.

Our parents are such an important part of our school community and we look forward to engaging with you throughout our Spring Fair.

Miss Bongi is coming

We look forward to welcoming Miss Bongi next weekend as she arrives in Australia to spend some time with us, strengthening the partnership between Intumbane School in South Africa and St Peter’s. Refer to the calendar reminders in this newsletter which outlines when parents will have the opportunity to come along and hear from Miss Bongi. We are thrilled to be able to support the work in this delightful little school and share in the good news of Jesus with this community.

Thank you

We wish to acknowledge and thank the many parents who assisted with afternoon tea following Angelina’s funeral. It is so wonderful to see our community continue to band together. The support for the Spartalis family has been overwhelming and encouraging and shows our Christianity in action.

Parent Information Session: Cancelled

Please note the information session scheduled for Thursday, 1 September has been cancelled on this occasion. We look forward to continuing to offer regular and meaningful parent sessions throughout each year. Thank you for your understanding.

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NEWSLETTER
I tell you for certain that everyone who hears my message and has faith in the one who sent me has eternal life and will never be condemned.

John 5: 24
Parent Code of Conduct

During Week 3, Term 3, the draft Parent Code of Conduct was attached for the newsletter for feedback. Following the consultation period, please note that the Parent Code of Conduct has now been adopted. Attached to this newsletter, please find the adopted Parent Code of Conduct for your information. We trust that this will not need to be enacted and appreciate the positive way our parents engage with our staff and students.

Alice in Wonderland Jnr - 2017

This week saw students attend a variety of short meetings to learn more about auditioning for the cast of our next whole school musical. Interested students have collected a note outlining further details, additional notes are currently available at the School Office. Auditions will commence Monday, Week 6 with Year 3. There will be no Primary Choirs on this Monday. Further details to be published on the Music noticeboard in the tunnel. Students wishing to be part of our cast must be available for rehearsals on Thursday afternoons from 3:15 - 4:30 pm.

Books for Bongi

We are once again raising funds for Bongi to purchase books for the Library at Intumane on her return. The library was funded by St Peter’s. Families have the opportunity to purchase book labels from the School Office or at Spring Fair. The cost is $5.00 per Book Label, and family names will be placed on the label for insertion into the books purchased.

Cute Chicks in Prep

Our Prep children have enjoyed the company of some very cute chicks these last few weeks. The Living Eggs Programme enables the children to see the lifecycle of a chicken from the incubation of an egg to the hatching stage. An event that delights ‘small kids’ and ‘big kids’ alike.

Reminder of Terms of Enrolment

A reminder that a minimum of one terms notice is required to withdraw students from St Peter’s. Failure to provide this notice will result in a terms fees being charged in lieu of notice. We are in the process of finalising vacancies for 2017 at this time. The last day to provide notice to meet the conditions of enrolment is Friday, 23 September 2016.

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.

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.

Sport

by Fiona Hornman

IPSSO Sport

Unfortunately our last round of winter sport was washed out this week. Next week St Peter’s have a Bye and the finals will be held in Week 7. Once the last round of competition is held next week we will know what teams have made it through to play in the finals. At this stage I would expect our Junior AFL team and Senior Soccer team to qualify.

National HPE Day

Wednesday, 14 September is National Health and Physical Education Day. The Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation (ACHPER NSW) are encouraging children and parents to take the challenge and get involved in the #HPEday competition. The competition invites people to take photos and videos of active participation in physical activity and upload them onto social media using the #HPEday hashtag. There are prizes for the most creative entries. For further information, please visit http://hpeday.com.au/get-involved/.

I will also be running a competition where interested students can make a poster or model that shows what could be in a healthy lunch box. There will be prizes awarded to the best entry in each stage. Entries should be handed to me prior to Tuesday, 13 September with the winners being announced on Wednesday, 14 September.

To show you are serious, make a parent pledge and commit to spending at least 30 minutes of physical activity with the kids on National HPE Day. It’s not only a chance to put a busy life on hold and enjoy some quality time with the kids, but it also can make a substantial difference to their health by encouraging good habits that can stay with them for the rest of their life.

TARA Interschool’s Equestrian Carnival

Brooke D. (2L) competed at the Tara Interschool’s Equestrian Carnival and was proud to represent St Peter's. Brooke competed in many events including sporting events, hacking and dressage. It was a big event with over 180 students competing on the day. She received many ribbons in the hacking ring and placed first in dressage.

Well done Brooke!
Spelling Bee
Out of thousands of applications, Marc M (6P) made it to the top 36 spellers nationally through a rigorous process of assessments, challenges and interviews that took place from September last year through to February this year. The assessment process included interviews with Executives from the television network, who tested Marc’s spelling ability, knowledge, aptitude and resilience. Along with 35 other amazing young spellers, Marc experienced a week of filming at Fox Studios in Sydney, and featured on Episode 1 of the program.

To acknowledge Marc’s achievement and his desire to study politics in the future, he has since been invited by the State Member for the Blue Mountains, Trish Doyle MP, to attend Parliament with her next Wednesday, 24 August.

Well done Marc!

Robo Cup
We wish Kieran F. (4E), Isabella HC. (5V), Ben C. (5V) and Bryce W. (5M) well as they compete in the RoboCup Junior today and tomorrow.

P&F Meeting
The next scheduled P&F Meeting will take place on Tuesday, 20 September at 7.00 pm.

Spring Fair
Volunteers Needed:
Please contact Cath on 0431 497 416 or Kylie on 0426 262 695 if you can volunteer.

Skip Bins: Do you have a contact that provides skip bins? To reduce the cost for our Spring Fair, we would love to hear from you if you could supply or know of someone who could supply skip bins for the day.

Please contact Mrs Dionne Taccia in the School Office on 4627 2990 or via email: administration@stpeters.nsw.edu.au.

Students of the Month
AUGUST
Isaac G. (4M)
Isaac is a caring young man with a positive attitude and willingness to help other students within our school community. His focused and determined attitude towards classroom activities demonstrates his desire to continuously improve.

Isaac displays integrity and maturity on and off the sporting field on all occasions and is commended for his honest and fair peer interactions. His courteous and polite manners are appreciated by teaching staff and his classmates. Isaac is a worthy recipient of the Student of the Month award.

Congratulations Isaac!

JUNE
Olivia F. (1H)
Olivia is a happy and friendly class member who always strives to do her best work. She is a very polite student who remembers to use her manners both with teachers and with her friends. Olivia has a very caring nature and will always offer to help others.

She constantly remembers to follow the classroom and playground rules. Olivia is a shining light for Jesus in all that she does and is a worthy recipient of the Student of the Month award.

Congratulations Olivia!

May
Sophia S. (5G)
This month’s Student of the Month is a delightful young lady who deserves this award for many, many reasons.

Sophia is a source of encouragement and tranquility in the classroom. She exhibits strong work habits and loves to contribute to all facets of school. She is respectful, helpful and flexible and is willing to try new things.

She is an organised and thoughtful student and well respected by her peers. It is a delight to nominate Sophia for this award as she truly demonstrates life through Christ.

Congratulations Sophia!

MARCH
Peter T. (2L)
Firstly, Peter is honest and trustworthy and can be relied upon to do the right thing, all the time.

He is also kind, thoughtful and always takes care of his classmates. He considers the feelings of others and makes sure that his words never hurt other people. Peter is good at waiting his turn and always includes others in the games that he plays.

Peter always tries his hardest to do his very best work, even if he finds a task difficult, he persists.

Peter’s manners are beautiful and his behavior is a credit to him.

Congratulations Peter!

FEBRUARY
Esha S. (6M)
Esha is a kind and hard-working young lady with a great enthusiasm for school. She has a terrific and excited attitude towards learning and those around her, proving to be a constant help in the classroom.

Esha is a reliable student who not only cares for others in the classroom but also in the playground. She is encouraging towards others and supportive during group activities, helping to keep others on track and help them think through problems.

Esha possesses a strong drive to learn and to be challenged in her learning, voluntarily seeking out extension tasks. Her strong imagination and creative writing skills are particularly noteworthy and impressive.

Congratulations Esha!

Bach’s Brandenburg and other Symphonic Treasures
Congratulations to Abbey D., Isabella HC. and Eleanor C. who will be performing with the Fisher’s Ghost Youth Orchestra in a journey through classical music from Bach to Rossini, Schubert to Dvorak, and more.

Saturday, 27 August, 7.00 pm at Camden Uniting Church. www.fjyo.com.au.

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. Groups will be held in the Boardroom on the following dates:

Wednesday, 7 September
Wednesday, 21 September
Learning Enhancement
by Heather Gillespie

Gateway 8 Challenge

On Thursday, 18 August, myself and Mrs Busutel met with a group of Year 5 and 6 students early to catch the school bus to Macarthur Anglican School where, along with students from many other schools, our students participated in the Gateway 8 Challenge. Over the course of the day, teams participated in a number of Challenge activities. The focus was on teamwork over individual performance. Some of the students also had the opportunity to demonstrate leadership in one of the challenges. Strong emphasis is placed on creativity, lateral thinking and problem solving skills. Students participated in English, Science and Mathematics Challenges along with challenges in Music, Humanities and Drama.

This is the first year we have had teams participating from St Peters in the Challenge. All tasks in the Gateway 8 Challenge emphasise higher order thinking skills – assisting students to develop their abilities in analysis, synthesis and creativity. Many of the Year 5 students are already keenly looking forward to next year when they may have the chance to participate again in this thought provoking day.

A highlight for many of the students on the day was the significantly sized individual pizza they were treated to for lunch!

The following Year 5 and 6 students participated:

Year 5
Jonathan S.
Keira B.
Benjamin C.
Noah G.
Natalia M.
Nethulima W.
Chloe M.

Year 6
Aden M.
Lucas B.
Lauren M.
Olivia D.
Ashleigh B.
Manoj W.
Ethan M.
Dylansher K.
Julian M.

Congratulations to all these students on their fantastic participation in the Gateway 8 Challenge.

Library
by Sandra Busutel

Book Week Parade

Wow, what amazing costumes. Thank you to parents, grandparents and carers for taking the time to find or make costumes for the children and attending on the day to cheer them on as they participated in the parade. A fabulous time was had by all and pictures are for you to enjoy below.

Music
by Jane Flack

String Instrument Changes

Parents, please note that for the remainder of 2016 the St Peter’s String Orchestra will meet each Friday morning at 8.00 am while the Training Strings Orchestra will meet each Wednesday morning at 8.00 am. The Starter Strings Orchestra will remain on Thursdays. We thank you for your understanding.

Chocolate Monday Now Overdue

A friendly reminder that all chocolate money was due back in Week 2. If you have money outstanding, please forward to the School Office by the end of Week 6. Thank you.
Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for the celebration of Angelina’s life that took place at school today for students in Years 2 to 6.
2. Pray for our Year 4 students as they look for opportunities to grow, to develop and to inspire one another.
4. Give thanks for the work of our P&F Committee.

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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

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 46251041 or email office@campbelltownanglican.org.

Calendar Reminders

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: 6.00 am departure

Tuesday 30/8/16
Life Education Visit: 3G, 5V and KN

Wednesday 31/8/16
Life Education Visit: 5V, 1H and KS
Debating Workshop: 8.00 am
School Shop: 8.00 – 10.45 am

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
St Peter’s Community Afternoon Tea with Bongi: 2.00 pm – Everyone welcome!

Thursday 8/9/16
FDL: 7.30 am
Life Education Visit: 2H, 4M and 2R
Junior Primary Author Visit
Spring Fair Recycle and Reuse Drop-Off Day (Final)
Friday 9/9/16
Life Education Visit: 6M
Spring Fair Plant and Cake Drop-Off Day (Whole School)
Spring Fair Set Up
Saturday 10/9/16
St Peter’s Spring Fair

Week 8
Monday 12/9/16
St Peter’s Cup Gala Day
Prep Koalas and Prep Kangaroos visit to Tim’s Garden Centre
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

Tuesday 13/9/16
World of Maths Day: 4O, 4M, 5G, 5M, 6A and 6M
Twilight School Tour: 4.30 pm
Senior Primary at St Peter’s session: 9.30 am and 6.30 pm

Wednesday 14/9/16
Debating Workshop: 8.00 am
School Shop: 8.00 – 10.45 am

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

Tuesday 20/9/16
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

Friday 23/9/16
Last day of Term 3
Junior Primary Sports Carnival
End of Term Assembly: 2.45 pm

School Holidays: Monday, 26 September to Monday, 10 October

Term 4
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 11/10/2016
Year 5 Camp
Year 6 Camp

Wednesday 12/10/16
Year 5 Camp
Year 6 Camp
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 17/10/16
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
Whole School Service: 6.30 pm at the Cube Campbelltown
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Parental Code

This Code has been developed so that parents/carers and those with parental responsibilities are aware of and meet St Peter's Anglican Primary School's expectations with regard to their interaction with the School, its employees, other parents/carers and students. Adherence to this Code is important to promote positive and productive relationships within the School Community.

Role of the School Generally

St Peter’s Anglican Primary School is responsible for establishing and administering the policies, procedures and rules which govern the day to day operations of the school. It is important that parents/carers recognise and respect this; adhere and have their children adhere to the School's requirements, and support St Peter’s Anglican Primary School’s decisions.

Discipline

St Peter’s Anglican Primary School expects students to comply with its rules and not engage in behaviour which is harmful to others or is contrary to the ethos and philosophy of the School. Parents/carers are expected to support the School in relation to its discipline policy and not do anything which undermines its authority. It must be understood that in the case of minor disciplinary matters, St Peter’s Anglican Primary School will be the arbiter of what is a fair punishment and will not engage in debate about the appropriateness of the punishment.

In relation to more serious disciplinary matters which may result in a long suspension or expulsion, the School will inform parents/carers of the matter which will be dealt with in accordance with the School’s disciplinary policy. While parents/carers will be consulted, the final decision will be the School’s.

Interaction with Staff

St Peter’s Anglican Primary School conducts regular meetings between staff and parents/carers at which the student’s progress can be discussed. There may be other times when a parent or staff member requests a meeting to discuss particular issues that may arise during the course of a student’s schooling.

If a parent wishes to meet with a staff member, they should make an appointment so that a mutually convenient time can be arranged. This can be done through the School office.

Parents/carers should never attempt to contact a staff member at their home.

For most matters related to your child’s education and pastoral care, the classroom teacher will be your first port of call. If the matter needs further attention the following lines should be followed.

Matthew 18 encourages us to approach the person that we have an issue with directly. I do encourage you to maintain this principle in having matters aired and addressed appropriately.

Team Leader- regarding class/grade specific teaching and learning or pastoral care matters.
**Director of Junior Primary** – regarding matters for Prep – Year 2.

**Director of Primary** – regarding matters for Year 3-Year 6.

**Director of Learning** – for anything related to your child’s learning that cannot be attended to be the class teacher of Grade Team Leader.

**Head of School** - For matters of a more serious nature that haven’t or can’t be resolved by other senior staff.

It is important that parents/carers show respect for staff and not publically criticise them or seek to undermine their authority. If a parent has a particular concern about a member of staff, they can raise it with the staff member concerned or with the Head of School, however, when doing so, they should observe the general rules of conduct set out in the Code.

St Peter’s Anglican Primary School has a duty of care towards all staff and for this reason any aggressive or abusive behaviour will not be tolerated.

**Grievance**

If a parent has a complaint about an issue, this should be directed in the first instance to the teacher responsible for the particular area of activity. If the grievance relates to a teacher or a teacher’s conduct, the complaint should be directed to the Head of School.

**Interactions Generally**

Communications whether verbal or in writing with other members of the school community whether teachers, administration staff, other parents/carers or students should:

- show respect, courtesy and consideration;
- not harass or bully another person; and
- not use intemperate language

Social media should not be used to criticise or denigrate others in the school community.

**Sport**

Parents/carers are welcome to attend sporting events, but should exercise restraint when supporting school teams. In particular, they should not abuse, threaten or otherwise seek to intimidate an umpire or referee or direct abuse against a player or any School representatives.

The sports coaches of the School pick teams based on their view of the most appropriate selection at the relevant time. It is not appropriate for parents/carers to complain about the failure of their son or daughter to be picked for a particular team.
Separated Parents

St Peter’s Anglican Primary School is aware that some students have parents that are separated or divorced. In these cases, parents should not attempt to involve the School in any parental dispute that may arise.

St Peter’s Anglican Primary School is not able to make judgement on the merits of claims made by one parent against another and should not be asked to do so. Nor should it be asked to take any action which is designed to disadvantage one party. The School will of course, observe any orders made by a Court in relation to a student or communications with parents.

Failure to Observe this Code

If a parent fails to observe this Code after being warned about a breach, St Peter’s Anglican Primary School may:

- limit access to a teacher or teachers;
- limit access to the school premises or sporting or other school events; or
- terminate the enrolment of the student.