Technology: Benefits and Dangers
by Brendan Gorman

Yesterday, Mrs Stelzer and I ran a session with Year 6 students on the benefits and dangers of technology. This is one of the biggest challenges facing our generations today and the importance of knowledge, awareness and appropriate skills will allow students to engage safely and appropriately within our world.

Technology is something that has many benefits. It assists us with organisation, prioritising, connection with family and friends and allows us to do things wherever we may be. Yet with this convenience and benefit, comes risk. Risk of danger and risk of poor choices, we need to be aware and respond in a way that is appropriate.

Students who access the many and varied forms of social media are often unaware of the basics of privacy settings and friend restrictions. Perhaps there are adults in our community who don't fully understand this also. We frequently hear stories of children talking with people they don't know and we desire our students to be aware.

The session with Year 6 highlighted the following salient points:

1. There is no anonymity behind a computer screen.
2. 'Delete' doesn't delete anything.
3. Privacy settings should be checked frequently on all sites that are used.
4. You should only be ‘friends’ with your friends, not people who you don’t know.

5. You shouldn’t post or share anything you wouldn’t be comfortable with your grandparents seeing or hearing.
6. There are people in our world who seek to do the wrong thing to children.

These sessions are an important part of our learning here at St Peter’s and we expect students to comply with our codes of conduct and acceptable use policies here at school. We also encourage them to be mindful of these areas at home and have challenged the students to have conversations with their parents about the types of things they are doing online.

These are just some of the reasons that we do not allow students to have phones on camp. We are grateful for the support of our parent community in appreciating that unchecked access to the internet whilst on camp, is unwise.

Take the opportunity to check the above areas for yourselves, have a conversation with your children about their technology and set good boundaries early.

Miss Bongi is Coming
Miss Bongi touches down on Australian soil tomorrow. We are looking forward to a rich and rewarding week with her as we seek to strengthen our authentic and purposeful connection with Intumbane School in South Africa.

Afternoon Tea with Miss Bongi
Miss Bongi’s visit is next week! All parents and Carer’s are invited to an afternoon tea with Miss Bongi on Wednesday, 7 September from 2.00 to 3.00 pm.

To allow sufficient catering, please RSVP to administration@stpeters.nsw.edu.au by the afternoon of Monday, 5 September.

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RoboCup Junior Dance Competition: Results

On Friday, 26 and Saturday, 27 August, Kieran F. (4E), Isabella HC. (5V), Ben C. (5V) and Bryce W. (4M) competed in the RoboCup Junior Dance Competition with 43 other schools from across the state at the University of NSW. The team designed, built, coded and choreographed robots to dance in order to compete.

The team performed extremely well and have made it to the finals and will be competing in the National Competition with teams across Australia.

Well done Kieran, Isabella, Ben and Bryce.

St Peter’s Camps Now and Beyond

by Estelle Stelzer

Thank you to the many parents and students who attended the Camp Information sessions held last week. It was a great opportunity to share with you our current and future camping plans. If you were unable to attend, below are the details of our Camping programme for 2016 and 2017.

2016

Year 1: Friday, 24 November at school.
Year 2: Friday, 20 October at school.
Year 3: Friday, 21 October to Saturday, 22 October at school.
Year 4: Wednesday, 23 November to Friday, 25 November at Lake Macquarie.
Year 5: Tuesday, 11 October to Friday, 14 October at Lake Macquarie.
Year 6: Tuesday, 11 October to Friday, 14 October at Galston Gorge.

2017

Year 1: Friday, 24 November at school.
Year 2: Friday, 12 May at school.
Year 3: Friday, 20 October to Saturday, 21 October. Day out at Galston Gorge then overnight at school.
Year 4: Wednesday, 11 October to Friday, 13 October at Lake Macquarie.
Year 5: Tuesday, 6 June to Friday, 9 June at Mount Victoria - incorporating our Australian Colonies unit.
Year 6: Tuesday, 1 August to Friday, 4 August at Greenhills (Canberra) - incorporating the children’s unit on Democracy and involves a day at the snow.

If you have any questions or concerns about our upcoming camping programme, please make an appointment with me by calling the School Office on 4627 2990.

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.

Threatened Species Art Competition

Congratulations to Natalie C. (4M) on achieving third prize at The Threatened Species Art Competition organised through Campbelltown Council. The competition is a regional environmental education programme that encourages all young people to learn about a local threatened species and represent it in a piece of creative artwork.

Natalie will attend an award ceremony next Wednesday evening where the Mayor will give her an award. She will also receive a prize pack and a nocturnal tour of the Botanical Gardens at Mt Annan.

Well done Natalie!

Library

by Sandra Busutel

Junior Primary Author Visit

Children’s author Lisa Shanahan will spend time with Prep to Year 2 students next Thursday, 8 September to talk about her books and life as an author.

Primary Author Orders

All books ordered from Tim Harris were sent home last Monday.

Book Club

All book club orders were sent home on Tuesday.

P&F

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.

Main areas needed are:

- BBQ
- Auctions
- Recycle and Reuse

Sports

by Fiona Hornman

IPSSO Sport Finals

The IPSSO Winter Sport Finals will be held next week. Junior AFL, Junior Newcombeball and Senior Soccer have all qualified. Students will leave school at 8.00 am and return by the end of the school day. AFL will be held at Thomas Hassal Anglican School, while Senior Soccer will be at the Hoxton Park Soccer Fields with Junior Newcombeball taking place at William Carey Christian School. We look forward to seeing how these teams go.

IPSHA Athletics Carnival

Last Monday, 28 August myself, Mrs Stelzer and Mr Allidis had the pleasure of accompanying 53 students to the Homebush Athletics Centre for the IPSHA Athletics Carnival. The weather was great and the day started very well with all our relay teams receiving ribbons in their heats.

IPSHA is an extremely tough competition with around 50 schools competing for the top 6 spots in each event. St Peter’s students competed well over the day across 8 track and field events with some races having over 100 students vying for those top 6 spots. Some notable performances were Kye P. (2R) finishing 15th in the 100m and Blake W. (6A) finishing 12th in the Boom.

Two students qualified for CIS and they were Stevie F. (4E) who finished 6th in the Shot Put and 5th in the Discus and Isaac G. (4M) who finished 4th in the high jump and 5th in the long jump. We wish them the best of luck at CIS in Week 8.

National HPE Day

Wednesday, 14 September is National Health and Physical Education Day. 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 on 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.

**Parental Polyglots is Returning with a Focus on French!**

After a successful German Programme for Parents in Semester 1, we are excited to present the opportunity for parents to participate in 6 weeks of French lessons! 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. Through this you will have a unique opportunity to experience what your child does when they are exposed to languages here at St Peter’s and this programme will assist you in enhancing your child’s language learning journey.

During Terms 3 and 4 we will meet from 8.30 – 9.15 am on a Tuesday morning, on the following dates:

- 13 and 20 September
- 11, 18 and 25 October
- 1 November

We are also aware that some parents would appreciate evening sessions, and are hoping to run something later in the year.

Contact Madame Amy Meallonnier to register your interest via email at administration@stpeters.nsw.edu.au

**Books for Bongi**

We are once again raising funds for Bongi to purchase books for the Library at Intumbane 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.

## Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for the opportunity of Miss Bongi being here with us.
2. Pray for our Year 3 students as they grow and are challenged with the opportunities of learning.
3. Pray for the many new families seeking enrolment at St Peter’s in 2017.
4. Pray for the organisation of our Spring Fair, giving thanks for the work of the Coordinators.

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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 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!

### Week 7 Cont’d

**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
- Mufti Day
- 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

**Parental Polyglots – French**: 8.30 am
- 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
- Thursday**: 15/9/16
- Prep Wombats and Prep Echidnas visit to Tim’s Garden Centre
- Friday**: 16/9/16
- Life Education Visit: 6M
- Spring Fair Plant and Cake Drop-Off Day (Whole School)
- Spring Fair Set Up

### 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
- Parental Polyglots – French: 8.30 am
- 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
- P&F Food Day
- Junior Primary Sports Carnival
- End of Term Assembly: 1.45 pm

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