High Expectations
by Brendan Gorman

Children in this day and age receive a myriad of messages about what is right, what is wrong and how they should respond to these messages can, at times, be understandably confusing for them. Advertising, television, the internet and peer groups have much to answer for when it comes to our children is understanding what is OK and what isn't.

Our homes become increasingly busy as we juggle work, church, family, sporting and co-curricular commitments and homework. Our children need to know what is expected and what isn't. This is true for both home and school.

This is one of the reasons why the high expectations of St Peter's are in place. Our behaviour, uniform, bookwork and learning expectations are clear and enforced with all students. One child's choices should not disadvantage another. Most importantly, choices must not disrupt or distract another child's learning.

We are grateful for the ongoing support of parents as we address issues on a daily basis to ensure all children know the expectations we have and know the boundaries in which they can operate. When a child is reminded of our expectations, be it a behavioural, classroom or uniform expectation, on most occasions, the response indicates our students know what is expected.

Where high expectations are in place, and enforced, we allow for an environment where children can thrive, can be stretched, challenged and be the learners we long for our children to be.

Intumbane Week
To hear Miss Bongi speak with our students about the poverty, the sadness and the need at Intumbane and many other places has been wonderful to witness. This week we have seen our students grow in their understanding of the reality of the world beyond their own backyard. A name of a school has become real for our students and we celebrate the learning and the opportunities of this week with all students.

Our sadness is that this week is only one week, yet we are confident that Miss Bongi will return in the future.

Our community has again rallied with over 250 books donated to the Intumbane library. We are delighted to be able to ensure students in Intumbane have access to quality literature. Our ongoing fundraising for Intumbane, which includes both the annual Disco and Slipper Day, allows us to support the employment of a Values Based Educator to teach children about vital areas such as HIV, domestic abuse and personal safety. I am thrilled that our community is supporting this vital area.

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Spring Fair
Our community is very much looking forward to tomorrow’s Spring Fair. Thank you to those families who have purchased arm band rides, have donated baskets, drinks, cakes, plants and items to recycle. Tomorrow’s fair is about community, first and foremost. An opportunity to catch up with other parents, for our children to enjoy a fun day with one another and for some funds to be raised that will benefit the students here at St Peter’s.

Please plan to come along to volunteer for a time if you are able and to enjoy the myriad of activities throughout the day. I look forward to catching up with you throughout the day.

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.

Mr Glenn McPherson has advised that he has accepted a new position at Broughton Anglican College from the commencement of 2017. Glenn has been a wonderful part of our community and will be missed.

Mrs Nerida Hadfield has been appointed as a Classroom Teacher/ Team Leader from the commencement of 2017, Nerida is currently an Assistant Principal with the Department of Education and is ecstatic about commencing here at St Peter’s.

Mrs Tessa Robertson will return to St Peter’s in 2017 after 12 months of leave and we look forward to welcoming her back.

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. There are significant financial penalties 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.

Compulsory Swim School
After a successful trial of the Swim School last year for our Year 2 students, we are extending the programme to include all of Year 1. It is a good opportunity to introduce them to this environment in preparation of the Swimming Carnivals they will attend whilst in Primary. More details will be sent home in the near future.

Sport
by Fiona Hornman
IPSSO Winter Sport Wrap Up
This week saw 3 of our 8 Rep Sport teams play in the finals. The Junior AFL and Newcombeall teams, as well as the Senior Soccer team, travelled to various grounds to play off for the Premierships.

Junior Newcombeall was unfortunately defeated 2-0 in the semi-final against Thomas Hassall Anglican College (THAC). The Senior Boys Soccer team defeated William Carey Christian School (WCCS) 1 nil in the semi-final which resulted in them progressing through to the final to play off against THAC. They fought hard but were defeated 5-2 against an extremely tough side.

The Junior AFL team went into the finals undefeated and were going to be hard to beat. They played against All Saints Grammar (ASG) in the semi-final, coming away with a 56-0 win. This left them up against Macarthur Anglican School (MAS) in the final. They were all feeling confident as they had won the last 3 games against MAS. They didn’t get off to the best start, 12 points down at the end of the first quarter. However that’s where Macarthur’s points stopped and St Peter’s turned up the heat scoring an unanswered 46 points to win 46-12. The whole team played extremely well and were humble winners.

Well done to all teams on making the finals.

Library
by Sandra Busutel
Coming soon: BOOK FAIR
Term 4, Weeks 2 & 3
This year’s theme is:

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.

Kinder Parents
Russell Matheson, the former MP for Macarthur, has donated books for each Kindergarten student prior to the recent Federal Elections. These books have been sent home this week. We thank Mr Matheson for his generosity each year toward our Kindergarten students.

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.
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

Don’t forget that you can still donate $5.00 per book for Bongi at our Spring Fair tomorrow. Bongi will purchase books on her return to South Africa for the Library at Intumbane. The library was funded by St Peter’s. Family names will be placed on the label for insertion into the books purchased.

Senior Primary at St Peter’s: Parent Information Sessions

Come along and find out about our plans for Senior Primary at St Peter’s. Parents are welcome to attend an information session at the school next Tuesday, 13 September. Session times are 9.30 am or 6.30 pm.

Prayer Points

1. Praise God for the success of Intumbane Week – for the awareness and connection that has occurred and for Miss Bongi.
2. Pray for our Year 2 students as they prepare for the excitement of moving to Primary.
3. Pray for the many new families seeking enrolment at St Peter’s in 2017.
4. Pray for the organization of our Spring Fair, giving thanks for the work of the Coordinators.

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 School’s 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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Week 9 Cont’d

Wednesday 21/9/16
Debatng Workshop: 8.00 am
Parent Prayer Group: 8.30 am
School Shop: 8.00 – 10.45 am
Thursday 22/9/2016
Year 4 Tobruk Farm Excursion
Friday 23/9/16
Last day of Term 3
Junior Primary Sports Carnival
End of Term Assembly: 1.45 pm

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)

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

Thursday 6/10/2016
Holiday Band Day

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
Parental Polyglots: 8.30 am
Year 5 Camp
Year 6 Camp
Twilight School Tour: 4.30 pm

Wednesday 12/10/16
Year 5 Camp
Year 6 Camp
Year 1 and 2 Swim School
Debatng 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 2

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

Tuesday 18/10/16
Parental Polyglots: 8.30 am
Kindy Orientation (including Prep Koalas and Kangaroos): 9.15 am

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 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: 40, 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
Debatng 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

Weekend 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: 8.30 am
P&F Meeting: 7.00 pm