



ST. PETER'S
Anglican Primary School

NEWSLETTER

This God made the world and everything in it. He is Lord of heaven and earth, and he doesn't live in temples built by human hands. He doesn't need help from anyone. He gives life, breath, and everything else to all people.

Acts 17:24-25

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Focus on Reading

by Brendan Gorman

How do you encourage a love of reading in your own children? Research continues to show that developing a passion for reading happens best as a young child and comes from the modelling of the importance of this skill. Many parents start out with good intentions, yet in the busyness of life, sometimes the priority for reading wavers.

There is much hype at present in educational circles about the benefits of children reading aloud to another person or even an animal. Sitting with a dog or a cat and reading aloud not only can improve a child's oral reading skills, but can assist with anxieties and social skills.

Reading is a skill for life and there are simple ways of encouraging this. Join a local library, they are free for residents in a local area, or if you work in that area. Go along, choose a book and discuss with the Librarian other options for your interests. Have a book with you as an alternative to other options. Make it a priority for you to listen to your child read.

Mistakes are Ok

Can you recall a mistake you've made recently? The reality is that we all make mistakes on a regular basis, yet society sometimes convinces us that mistakes are a problem, something we should be ashamed or embarrassed about.

A focus for this year will be considering failure as a learning experience. An acronym for FAIL is 'First Attempt In Learning'. What a wonderful way for reconsidering mistakes. In making mistakes, in failing, we reflect, evaluate and consider alternatives. A shift in mindset where mistakes are ok, where failing is part of learning.

Keep us Informed

We love to hear of news in our families. Have you welcomed a new child, have you achieved something in a sporting or musical endeavor outside of school? Our community is richer when we celebrate such achievements. Please let your teacher know, or email the School Office with any news you would like to share.

PYP @ SPAPS

Thank you to each of the parents who attended our Parent Information Sessions yesterday on the PYP. These sessions were aimed at improving understanding, language and approach to allow conversations at home to continue. The partnership in learning that we have with our parents is vital and we appreciate your support in encouraging learning outside of the confines of school.

P&F

Our first P&F meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday, 28 February at 7.00 pm in the Library. Please come along, bring your ideas and suggestions and contribute to the ongoing success of St Peter's P&F. To assist the newly elected Executive Committee, a short survey has been prepared. We would be grateful for your efforts in completing this, following the link below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NMDLB87>

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Disco

Our Disco will soon be here and we would love your help! If you could volunteer your time to help set up, decorate or serve food, we would love to hear from you. Please use the reply form on the note that has been sent home, or contact the School Office on administration@stpeters.nsw.edu.au

Introduction to Strings

An Introduction to Strings Programme with Mr Kowalik, will commence on Monday, 20 February. The Programme will be held in the Music Room at 8.00 am - 8.45 am each Monday for the remainder of Term 1. The cost of \$100 per student includes tuition, instrument hire and is payable directly to Mr Kowalik. Please contact Mr George Kowalik on 0418485 210 if you have any questions or to join.

Grandparents' Day

Grandparents' Day is a wonderful opportunity for our students to share their learning and school with grandparents. Please provide an email or postal address to administration@stpeters.nsw.edu.au so an invitation to attend this special day may be extended on your child/ren's behalf.

Alice in Wonderland Whole Day Rehearsal

The Musical cast will be involved in a whole day rehearsal on Friday, 24 February to consolidate their learning up until this point in time. Rehearsals will be dedicated towards ensuring learned choreography is precise, and that transitions between songs and scenes are smooth.

Cast members will come to school in Mufti (appropriate casual clothing, with enclosed shoes, covered shoulders and appropriate length shorts). Rehearsals will take place within normal school day hours.

Sport

by Fiona Hornman

Healthy Habits

Healthy, active families

Children who see their friends and family eating healthy foods and being active are more likely to do the same. Be a good role model for your children by:

- Eating healthy foods in front of your children
- Being willing to try new foods
- Having a positive attitude to healthy food

- Getting active together as a family
- Finding everyday opportunities to be active – take the stairs instead of the lift, use public transport instead of the car.

Swimming Carnival

We could not have asked for a better day for our annual St Peter's Anglican Primary School Swimming Carnival. With rain the previous day and scorching heat the following day, we were so blessed to have pleasant, sunny temperatures. There was great House spirit on display, led by our fabulous House Captains with a high level of participation with the introduction of the non-competitive 25m swim. This was a great introduction to a 50m race. I feel that it was a great success and we will continue with this in 2018. The winning House was Cook who just beat Bligh. Bligh took home the House Spirit award based on participation points and cheering. The age group results were as follows:

Junior	
1. Ilah	1. Diego
2. Raphaela	2. Jaxson
3. Emilia	3. Aaron
4. Mackenzie	4. Phoenix
11 Years	
1. Natalie	1. Jonathan
1. Alyssa	2. Harrison
2. Mia	3. Isaac
3. Abigail	4. Bryce
12 Years	
1. Mya	1. Dan
2. Chloe	2. Benjamin
3. Brooklyn	3. Morgan
4. Isabella	4. Lachlan

Permission notes will come home shortly for the IPSHA Carnival that will be held on Tuesday, 7 March at Sydney International Aquatic Centre. Students who have qualified for IPSHA are displayed on a list in the tunnel along with a list of their events.



IPSSO Sport

Our first round of IPSSO will be next week. We will host Broughton Anglican College with all games, with Basketball being held at Bradbury Oval. Junior games commence at 11.50 am and Senior games following at 1.10 pm.

Tennis

If you are interested in having Tennis coaching for your child on a Wednesday during school hours, you can enrol now for Term 1 coaching. Details are as follows:

Classes commence Wednesday, 1 March. Year 1 - 3 at lunchtime, Year 3 to 6 at 9.30 am - 10.30 am or 10.30 am - 11.30 am. Enrol online through the following link: <https://sprout.readysetbook.me/go/First-Serve-Booking> or call Tony on 0418414780.

Learning Enhancement

by Heather Gillespie/Kristy Edwards

Pause Prompt Praise Training Session for Parents and Volunteers

The Pause Prompt Praise Reading Programme is a programme of reading instruction designed to support readers to develop reading skills and strategies. The aim of the Programme is to provide students with a one to one reading session for up to 15 minutes with an adult to reinforce and encourage the development of their reading skills. If you are interested in volunteering to help on this Programme or you would like ideas on how to support your own child's reading at home, you are welcome to join us.

On Thursday, 2 March we will be holding the following two training sessions for the Pause Prompt Praise Reading Programme in the Music Room opposite the School Office.

Session 1 9.30 am – 10.30 am
Session 2 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm

During the sessions we will discuss:

- The use of Phoneme and Grapheme knowledge to work out words
- Pause Prompt Praise Reading strategies
- Comprehension strategies that can support students to understand text.

If you would like to be a part of this training please email the School by Monday, 27 February at administration@stpeters.nsw.edu.au

If you would like to help as a reading tutor, please be aware that you will need to have a current Working with Children's Check validated by the school.



Meals Ministry

From time to time school families experience episodes of hardship for many reasons. As members of our school community it is good to support one another practically at such times whenever we are able.

To this end, a Meals Ministry is being established, so that in times of crisis a meal may be provided to a family in need.

If you would like to contribute to this Ministry and are able to provide a simple meal at short notice, please let the School Office know. Your name will be added to the list of those willing to assist and you will be contacted if a need arises. You will not be called upon more than once a term.

Calendar Reminders

TERM 1: 27 January – 7 April

Week 5

Monday 20/02/17
Junior Primary Assembly: 11.30 am
Primary Assembly: 2.30 pm

Wednesday 22/02/17
Junior Rep Sport 11.50 am
Senior Rep Sport 1.10 pm

Thursday 23/02/17
Kinder-Year 2 Disco 3.00 – 4.30 pm
Year 3 – 6 Disco 4.30 – 6.00 pm

Friday 24/02/17
Alice in Wonderland – Whole day rehearsal

Week 6

Monday 27/02/17
House Day

Tuesday 28/02/17
P&F Meeting 7.00 pm

Wednesday 1/03/17
Junior Rep Sport 12.00 pm
Senior Rep Sport 1.15 pm

Thursday 2/03/17
Paul Kelly Cup Gala Day

Friday 3/03/17
Year 6 Taste of Broughton Day

Week 7

Monday 6/03/17
Junior Primary Assembly: 11.30 am
Primary Assembly: 2.30 pm
Prep Koalas and Kangaroos, Kindergarten –
Year 6 Parent Teacher Interviews 4.00 –
8.00 pm

Tuesday 7/03/17
IPSHA Swimming and Diving Carnival

Wednesday 8/03/17
Junior Rep Sport 11.35 am
Senior Rep Sport 1.00 pm

Thursday 9/03/17
Prep Echidnas and Wombats Parent
Teacher Interviews 4.00 – 6.00 pm
Prep and Kindergarten 2018 Information
Evening 6.00 pm

Friday 10/03/17
Cross Country

Week 8

Wednesday 15/03/17
Junior Rep Sport 12.00 pm
Senior Rep Sport 1.20 pm

Saturday 18/03/17
Prep 2018 Interviews

Week 9

Monday 20/03/17
Junior Primary Assembly: 11.30 am
Primary Assembly: 2.30 pm

Tuesday 21/03/17
Harmony Day

Tuesday 21/03/17
School Tour 5.00 pm

Wednesday 22/03/17
Junior Rep Sport 12.05 pm
Senior Rep Sport 1.10 pm

Week 10

Monday 27/03/17
STEPS Eye Sight Screening

Tuesday 28/03/17
P&F Meeting 7.00 pm

Wednesday 29/03/17
Junior Rep Sport 12.00 pm
Senior Rep Sport 1.15 pm

Thursday 30/03/17
STEPS Eye Sight Screening

Friday 31/03/17
Grandparents' Day

Saturday 1/04/17
IPSHA Cross Country

Week 11

Monday 3/04/17
Whole School Assembly: 11.30 am

Tuesday 4/04/17
Whole School Easter Chapel 9.30 am

Wednesday 5/04/17
Junior Rep Sport 11.45 am
Senior Rep Sport 1.35 pm

Friday 7/04/17
Last Day of Term 1

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for our Year 6 students who have completed their leadership retreat earlier this week.
2. Pray for opportunities to encourage a love of reading.
3. Pray for those families in our community who have welcomed new additions to their families.

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.

