



**ST. PETER'S**  
Anglican Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

All of us have sinned and fallen short of God's glory. But God treats us much better than we deserve, and because of Christ Jesus, he freely accepts us and sets us free from our sins.

**Romans 3:23-24**

3 MARCH 2017 – TERM 1 WEEK 6

# Attitudes of our Students and the Wider Community

by Brendan Gorman

As a school, we recognise the importance of knowledge, skills and concepts in contributing toward our students being the best they can be. Personal attitudes are developed through the influence of home, friends and school. The attitudes we display toward other people, toward the environment, toward learning, all influence the overall wellbeing of each student. We as a school desire our students, and indeed the wider community, to display appropriate attitudes both from a biblical standpoint and one where we acknowledge that our attitudes directly impact on others and the world.

We are aiming through the introduction of the PYP to develop students, (and community members) who can show:

**Appreciation:** Appreciating the wonder and beauty of the world and its people.

**Commitment:** Being committed to their own learning, persevering and showing self-discipline and commitment.

**Confidence:** Feeling confident in their ability as learners, having the courage to take risks, applying what they have learned and making appropriate decisions and choices.

**Cooperation:** Cooperating, collaborating and leading or following as the situation demands.

**Creativity:** Being creative and imaginative in their thinking and in their approach to problems and dilemmas.

**Curiosity:** Being curious about the nature of learning, about the world, its people and cultures.

**Empathy:** Imagining themselves in another's situation in order to understand his or her reasoning and emotions, so as to be open-minded and reflective about the perspectives of others.

**Enthusiasm:** Enjoying learning and willingly putting the effort into the process.

**Independence:** Thinking and acting independently, making their own judgements based on reasoned argument, and being able to defend their judgements.

**Integrity:** Being honest and demonstrating a considered sense of fairness.

**Respect:** Respecting themselves, others and the world around them.

**Tolerance:** Being sensitive about the differences and diversity in the world and being responsive to the needs of others.

These are all great attitudes to be displaying and considering as part of the learning journey.

## Kindergarten Parents Evening Save the Date

The School will be hosting an evening for Kindergarten parents to get to know one another better. Please look out for the personal invitation in due course and plan to come along. This evening will be held on Friday, 5 May. Book a babysitter and enjoy the chance to connect with fellow Kindergarten parents.

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## Prep and Kindergarten 2018 Information Evening

Just half way into Term 1, 2017 and we are already well into preparations for Prep and Kindergarten 2018. Our Information Evening, a compulsory part of the Enrolment process will be held next Thursday evening, 9 March from 6.00 pm in the School Hall.

Demand for Prep and Kindergarten programmes continues to be strong. Please ensure younger sibling applications are submitted now.

As our Prep programme is the natural entry point into the school, only a small number of vacancies exist for Kindergarten. Please note that if you have a child currently in Prep, you do not need to attend this Evening. If you would like to discuss your individual requirements, please feel free to contact our Enrolments Officer, Mrs Sharpe on 4627 2990.

A limited number of vacancies exist for places in 2017. Likewise, if you have family or friends that would benefit from the St Peter's experience, please have them contact us today.

## Dogs on Site

Following an incident involving a dog and a young child, I would like to request that parents avoid having their dogs at school including at pick up. This will assist in avoiding unnecessary anxiety and mitigating the risk of a dog hurting a child. Thanks for your understanding.

## Staffing

Mrs Veronica George finished her role at the School a few weeks ago following a move and opportunity to work as a Children's Minister. Mrs George has been capably replaced by Miss Raj who is doing a wonderful job with 5R.

Mrs Vicki Harrop also concluded her time with the School at the end of January. Vicki has, after 26 years of service taken the opportunity to work in a library, which better suits her personal needs. Whilst Vicki will be missed, she has also been capably replaced by Mrs Chris Lorking who is working with classes on Collaborative Teaching and Learning.

Thankyou Vicki and Veronica for your contribution.

## Chips & Chat

This week, the first group of students met with Mr Gorman for morning tea to discuss how things are going at school. Students are invited throughout the year to share how they are finding things, to offer suggestions and to discuss wellbeing and learning.

## 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](mailto:administration@stpeters.nsw.edu.au) so an invitation to attend this special day may be extended on your child/ren's behalf. Grandparents' Day will be held for Kindergarten – Year 6 on Friday, 31 March. Prep Koalas and Kangaroos on Tuesday, 28 March from 2.00 pm – 2.45 pm. Prep Echidnas and Wombats on Thursday, 30 March from 2.00 pm – 2.45 pm.

## P&F

It was wonderful to have over 20 parents and grandparents attend our first P&F meeting of the year, on Tuesday evening. It was great to see the enthusiasm and desire of the community to work together for the benefit of our students. Parents are welcome to come for one meeting, or as many as you are able, we would love to see you.

On Tuesday night, the P&F resolved to donate \$14,000 toward a planned upgrade of Reading resources across the School. We expect to purchase these in the next few weeks. This will be added to an already generous budget to ensure that our students are reading quality literature and have access to resources both in school and out of school.

Over the past few years, the P&F have contributed \$40,000 toward the Prep playground upgrade, \$17,000 toward the electronic sign at the front of the School, \$10,000 toward Mathematics resources and Library furniture and now \$14,000 toward Reading resources. Well done to our P&F.

Thank you to all who contributed to the various P&F initiatives in 2016. Your efforts are making a significant difference.

I encourage members of our parent and grandparent community to get involved with our P&F. Peter Buckley is working hard as President to have a focus where parent suggestions and ideas are welcome and heard. Of course if there are any issues, please feel free to contact the school directly.

## Late Arrivals

Whilst recognising the complexities of family life, I strongly encourage parents to make every effort to have their children at school on time. Missing the first part of any day is disruptive and impacts on your child's ability to adequately organise themselves for the day ahead. Being late can also affect a child's self-esteem and anxiety levels. Please make every effort to assist your child to be at school with enough time to get ready for class.

## Broughton Anglican College – Year 7 Taster Day

One of the unique privileges of our School is the strong partnership we have with Broughton Anglican College, just 10 minutes away at Menangle. Students who complete Year 6 at St Peter's Anglican Primary School, are assured enrolment into Year 7 at Broughton, following an application. As such, our Year 6 students spent today at Broughton where they were given a taste of high school. I commend Broughton to our parent community for secondary schooling. Applications for Year 7 are now being considered.

## Year 6 Overnight Excursion to Canberra

All students from Year 6 will soon be undertaking an educational tour of the National Capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the National Capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government contributes \$20.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate Program. The rebate is paid directly to the School upon completion of the excursion.

## Carpark - Safety

Our "drop off" and "pick up" zone in the School carpark provides parents and carers with a safe environment to drop off and collect their children from school.

For the safety of our students, parents, carers and visitors, it is important that parents do not leave their car to go and collect or drop off their child/ren whilst they are in the drop off/pick up line. If you wish to leave your car, please park in one of the carparks located near the School.

We thank you for your understanding in this matter.



## Musical – Alice in Wonderland Jnr

The Musical cast met for a whole day rehearsal last Friday. This was a great opportunity to consolidate our learning so far, and to see how all the scenes and songs fit together. The cast are to be commended for their excellent behaviour through our day. A reminder; however, that as part of their signed agreement, cast members are to practice their items at home regularly. The Musical will be a whole school event, and grades are already learning their Chorus parts within their Music lessons. Please note the following performance dates in your diaries, as all students will be required to attend both the day and evening performances:

Wednesday, 21 June (evening performance);

Thursday, 22 June (day and evening performances);

Friday, 23 June (day and evening performances).

## Sport

by Fiona Hornman

### IPSSO Sport

Sport this week was cancelled due to wet weather. In the case of wet weather, it is difficult to make a decision before 8.00 am as to whether IPSSO training will be called off. If you are unsure, it is advised that students still arrive at 8.00 am. If training is cancelled, students will be supervised in the Library.

### School Cross Country Carnival

The Cross Country Carnival will be held Friday, 10 March. I am still seeking parent helpers to be on the course during the Carnival. This will require approximately two hours of your time. Please let the School Office know if you are available to help.

### 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 held on Wednesdays.

Year 1 - 3 at lunchtime, Year 3 to 6 at 9.30 am – 10.15 am or 10.30 am - 11.15 am.

Enrol online through the following link:

<https://sprout.readysetbook.me/go/First-Serve-Booking> or call Tony on 0418414780.

## IPSHA Swimming

The IPSHA Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday, 7 March. A reminder that all students travelling by bus must be at School by 5.50 am for a 6.00 am departure.

## Calendar Reminders

TERM 1: 27 January – 7 April

### 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 / P&F Food Day

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

Prep Koalas and Kangaroos Grandparents afternoon 2.00 pm – 2.45 pm

School Tour 5.00 pm

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

Prep Echidnas and Wombats Grandparents afternoon 2.00 pm – 2.45 pm

Friday 31/03/17

Kindergarten – Year 6 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 beautiful Kindergarten girls and boys and the way they have settled into the routines of full time schooling. Pray for energy to sustain them.
2. Pray for our Year 6 Student Leaders as they develop relationships through their Buddy Groups.
3. Give thanks for those who volunteer as part of our P&F.

## 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](mailto:office@campbelltownanglican.org).

