World Teachers’ Day
World Teachers’ Day is normally celebrated around the world on 5 October, but in Australia that falls in the October holidays. We acknowledged WTD with a mention on twitter in the hope that our teachers would at least feel they weren’t forgotten. Little did I realise that the St Peter’s P & F had this all under control! On the alternate date for St Peter’s teachers, Tuesday 29 October, the parents of St Peter’s hosted a morning tea in the playground, treating all teachers to cups of tea and lots of home made cake! After some kind words about the special role teachers play in the lives of the children in their care, a presentation of 2 coffee machines was made to the school (for the staffroom) and a basket of coffee selections to kick off the bad habits! Each teacher also received a small gift reminding them that they are in a special vocation which is highly valued by our parent community.

Thank you parents, on behalf of a grateful staff.

Teacher Appointments
Two new teachers have been added to our staff (so far) for next year. We welcome Krysten Jones, with local connections, and Fiona Le Febvre, from the Canberra region. These fine teachers will add much to our staff and enrich our community. Please make them welcome. With Mrs Phoebe Morris heading to Maternity Leave in 2014, Mrs Cathy Stevenson has successfully applied for the vacant Leader of Pedagogy position for the 12 month period.

Year 5 Camp
Year 5 families have probably been following all the camp action on twitter- there has certainly been plenty of excitement. What I can tell you from my brief visit to the campers is that they were having a wonderful time, their teachers and group instructors were very impressed with their behaviour, manners and overall participation, and lots of personal goals have been achieved. What more could you ask?

Indonesian Visitor
Next week we will be hosting a visitor to our school from Indonesia. This is part of the Asian languages partnership the Diocese has initiated, and Cha will spend the week with our classes, assisting children to gain a greater understanding of the Indonesian language, culture, traditions and customs. Please make her welcome.

Tony Watts
Principal
Christmas Hampers
At this time each year St Peter’s contributes to the St Agnes’ Parish Hampers. This year each class has been asked to collect goods and gifts for a family in need of our support. A note will be sent home next week to each class specifying a family to collect for. Please send in gifts and non perishable food items to your child’s classroom. The closing date for donations of gifts and food is Wednesday 27th November 2013. Our school has a great tradition of helping with packing and distribution of hampers. We are seeking assistance to help sort and pack hampers at school and Parish and to deliver hampers. Our school community has always entered into the spirit of Christmas - the Spirit of giving to others.

KINDER 2014 – Information Evening
Tuesday 5th November
7 pm – St Peter’s Hall

This is a very important evening and parents with children commencing Kindergarten in 2014 are requested to attend.

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)
Many students from our school have participated in the various ICAS competitions throughout the year and they are to be congratulated on their efforts. A special mention and congratulations to the following students who have achieved exceptional results, with some children achieving in more than one competition:

**WRITING**
- **Credit:** Sally Edmonds, Maddison McKee, Madeleine Gearie, Maia Marino
- **Distinction:** Isabella Ryan, Hudson Harmer, Isobel Pares, Mitchell Scott

**ENGLISH**
- **Credit:** Sally Edmonds, Isabella Ryan, Mitchell Scott, Klaire Fallon Taylah Urquhart,
- **Distinction:** Jenna Baker, Kimberley Palmer, Imogen Smith, Montanna Higgins, Ryan Payne

**SPELLING**
- **Credit:** Ishea Aphorpe, Sally Edmonds, Declan Hall, Isabella Ryan, Juliana Soto, Madeleine Gearie,
  Zac Lawrence, Brayden Caballero, Ryan Payne
- **Distinction:** Sophie Evans, Mitchell Scott

‘At Our Table’ - Celebrating 20 Years of Education at St Peter’s Primary School Port Macquarie
Nearly a year ago Debbie Ward and I thought it would be fun to reignite the idea of compiling recipes from the St Peter’s community to make a fundraising cookbook. And so we did. It has been fun, frustrating, hilarious, sometimes soft in the middle and browned on the sides, but it has made it out of the oven and about to be dished up onto the tables of St Peter’s family and friends everywhere - we hope! The very special feature of this cookbook is the input from the St Peter’s community. It has recipes that will make hearts sing and tummies satisfied. It has special little titbits about how the recipe came about. It has family names that will long be remembered for the knockout cake or curry they were able to contribute. Cooking from ‘At Our Table’ will link us all to the kitchen tables of our friends and our families for a very long time. Enjoy! We now take off our aprons. (And put on our bibs. This has made us all hungry!)

Pennie McKee - Cook Book Committee

St Peter’s Own Cook Book – At Our Table...... now on Sale
‘At Our Table’ - a celebration of food, family and twenty years of education at St Peter’s Primary School Port Macquarie. This wonderful collection of family recipes from our school community is now available to order for $20-00 each.

Thank you to this very enthusiastic and dedicated committee, Penny McKee, Meredith Bauer, Debbie Ward, Moira Finch and Janelle Hall who have worked tirelessly to collate these treasured recipes. An order form is attached to this newsletter and also available from the school office.

Surf Safety and Beach Education Program
Grant Hudson, Senior Life Guard, from the Port Macquarie Hastings Council Lifeguard Service will be visiting our school next Tuesday to talk to children about the importance of water and beach safety. This important program is fully funded by our local Council and we thank them for this opportunity.

Flyers Attached
- St Agnes’ Primary School Fair – Saturday 2nd November - from 9 am
- Cartoon Workshop – Port Macquarie Youth Hub - 9th and 10th Nov
- St Agnes Parish Employment Opportunity - www.stagnesparish.org.au/pac/employment-opportunities
Summer Trials
Well done to the 47 students who participated in the Summer Trials held at Port Macquarie and Kempsey this week. Congratulations to the following students who were successful in making the Hastings Zone Team and will compete in Coffs Harbour on November 22. Could you please follow the instructions on the documentation that was given to the below children on Tuesday.
- Touch - Petrea Spencer, Maia Marino, Cooper Gallagher, Cody Fisher
- Softball - Drew Mutton and Chloe Garvey
- Basketball - Zac Lawrence, Darcy Pares, Patrick Lockwood, Daniel Ward and Lily Burgmann

Thank you to Mrs Gallagher, Mrs Cotter, Mrs Fisher and Mr Scott for your support!

Hastings Sport Awards
Congratulations to Brianne Gee, Isaac Post and Jacqui Palmer for being nominated for the Hastings Sports Awards in 2013. A much deserved nomination given the success all three have had on the sporting fields.

Sam Edmonds
Thank you to the many families who have already bought raffle tickets ($2.00 each) from the office to support Sam Edmonds at the National Athletic titles in November. I encourage all families to get behind Sam and purchase one or many raffle tickets either from the office or by sending money in an envelope. Every little bit helps and there are great prizes on offer including iPod Shuffles, a TV and a notebook. Remember, if you are sending money in via an envelope, can you write on the front of the envelope the following: Sam Edmonds High Jump, your child’s name and class. We will return your tickets via your child.

“If you can believe it, the mind can achieve it.” – Ronnie Lott

Jeff Arkinstall – Sports Co Ordinator

St Joseph’s Primary Laurieton School Fair
St Joseph’s Primary School in Laurieton is holding their Annual Fete on Friday 8th November from 4pm. The Mechanical Bull, Bungee Run, Haunted House, Jeeps, Rides, Disco, Boy/Girl Stall and Face painting, are just some of the fun things to keep the kids busy all night .... Santa arrives at 5.30 ... The Silent Auction and lots of Stalls will keep Mum and Dad happy too! For a fun filled family night we’ll see you there.... (For more information call 0422 558 933),

Canteen
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2014 Canteen Roster
Has been put up in the canteen this week. Please contact me if you would like to help again next year or alternatively leave your name at the office!!
Year 5 students have had an extremely positive, exciting, enjoyable and challenging time at the Great Aussie Bush Camp and we will provide a full recount of their experiences in next week’s Postman Pete. There has also been many wonderful moments that have been caught with the click of a camera shutter button. Should you wish a copy of these photographs, could you please send in a USB stick (in a marked zip locked bag) and give that to a Year 5 teacher.
**St Peters Own Cookbook**

**At Our Table**

There are some things that just aren’t forgotten about childhood: friends, school, and the comforting aroma of home cooking.

That’s why the St Peter’s ‘At Our Table’ is a must for all families who want to share a few of their childhood memories… and make new ones!

Delicious family dinners, modern Australian takes on classics and baked treats will inspire you to share ‘At Our Table’ with friends and family.

‘At Our Table’ – A Celebration of food, family and twenty years of education at St Peter’s Primary School Port Macquarie.

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**Order Form**

Name: ____________________________________________

Phone number: _____________________________________

Email: ____________________________________________

Quantity ______ @ $20  Total: $ __________________________

Please place order form with payment into an envelope and deliver to the office.
$10 entry includes canapés and a glass of bubbly.

St Peter's School Hall, Ocean Drive, Port Macquarie

Saturday 30th November 2013 from 6.00pm

St Peter's Ladies Christmas Shop-a-thon

You are invited to the annual
Cartoon Workshop
PORT MACQUARIE
Youth Hub
140 Horton Street
9 November - Saturday
10 November - Sunday
9am to 4pm
$35 per child/per day

Booking forms via our website or email
www.tooncreations.net
info@tooncreations.net
St Agnes’ School Fair 2013

Saturday 2 November

9:00am Start

Major Raffle

Book Sale

Craft/Plant

Kidzone

Cupcakes

Santa Drop

Country Pickin’s Bonza Bakery

Grocery Gamble

What’s on at the Fair?

Drinks

Coffee Club

Sand Art

Heavenly Hampers

Fairyland

Computer Capers

BBQ

Face Painting

2nd Hand Uniforms

Lolly Stall

Jumping Castle

Student Craft

Garage Sale

Clown Stall

Glow Sticks

TOYS

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