Indonesian Curriculum

Our school makes a commitment to exposing children to an Asian Culture as part of the “big picture” national plan for Australians to be better able to engage with our Asian neighbours in a changing world. Indonesian is the language we focus on, and this week we have been fortunate to have in our midst “Cha” (Cahyani) from Denpasar in Bali. She is working with the English and Asian Languages Foundation and is here as part of the Diocesan initiative to support Asian languages and Culture in our schools. She has been a wonderful guest and contributed much to our education.

Parking in Greenmeadows Drive

I have had a request from the residents along Greenmeadows Drive where parking sometimes overflows. It seems that when parking in this narrow street cars are straddling the footpath and making it difficult for the residents to use the footpath or verge area. Can I ask you to consider this pedestrian traffic when parking in this area.

Kindergarten Information Evening and Orientation

It was lovely to see most of the Kindergarten 2014 parents again at our Information evening on Tuesday. The staff rallied around to prepare and present information which we thought would be relevant and interesting to parents as many of them join our school community. Maybe the information was also useful to those with children already present - I hope so. These additional responsibilities give lie to the perception commonly circulated that teaching duties end at 3pm! Wouldn’t that be lovely. I would like to publically thank the teachers for their contribution to the night, and for all they do above and beyond actual classroom face to face teaching.

Tony Watts
Principal
Christmas Hampers: *The Spirit of Christmas... The Spirit of Giving to others*
Collection for St Agnes’ Parish Christmas Hampers has begun. Each class has been asked to prepare a hamper for a family in need of our support. Notes have been sent home with details of gifts that are needed for each class hamper. Please make sure all gifts are wrapped and clearly labelled. Hampers are in the classrooms. We are also seeking helpers to assist with packing and deliveries. Please advise the office if you can help. Thank you to those parents who have already offered their services.

**Remembrance Day – Monday 11th November:**
On Monday, School Captains, Isaac Post and Hannah Jordan will be joining Principal Tony Watts at the Remembrance Day ceremony held at the Town Green Memorial at 10.30am. This day marks the anniversary of the armistice which ended the First World War and is a time in which we remember those men and women who have served their country during war.

- Thank you to Father Donnelly for celebrating Mass with our Stage 3 students and staff. Year 3 will lead assembly on Monday morning as we acknowledge Remembrance Day.
- Year 5 will participate in a Reflective Leadership Day next Thursday. Year 5 parents have been invited to attend the Liturgy at the end of the day at MacKillop Hall at 1.30pm.

_Amanda Howle – Leader of Evangelisation_

**Kinder 2014 – Orientation Day:**
Children commencing kindergarten at St Peter’s next year have an opportunity to visit the school next Tuesday 12th November as part of their orientation for “big school”. Children will be able to meet with teachers, spend time in the kinder classrooms, walk around the school and purchase something special from the canteen.

**Library News – with Fran Cullen Librarian**
If you are a regular patron of our excellent Hastings Library you may have already borrowed ebooks or audiobooks from their Overdrive catalogue. This facility will soon be available to all students of St Peter’s Primary. Our own Overdrive site is currently in development and after I have completed the technical training and trialled the system it will go “live” I see great benefits in this style of borrowing, notably the accessibility of reading materials 7 days a week, 52 weeks a year, downloadable to a large variety of devices from anywhere with Internet access. We have made the decision to allocate a portion of the generous Library grant from the P & F Association this year towards the initial set up costs of the system and a small start-up collection. I thank our Parents and Friends for their continued support of the Library. More information on this exciting new addition will follow in the coming weeks.

Meanwhile, if you’d like to explore our Oliver Library catalogue the link is: [http://library.lism.catholic.edu.au:8280/oliver/libraryHome.do](http://library.lism.catholic.edu.au:8280/oliver/libraryHome.do)

**Welcome!**
Welcome to our 2 interns from the school of Education at the University of Newcastle. Stephanie Hicks (KL) and Emma Murphy (3G) pre service teachers will be starting with us on Monday 11th November for 2 weeks.

_We hope they enjoy their time at St Peter’s._

**St Peter’s Own Cook Book – At Our Table... Selling Now !!!**
“At Our Table” – a celebration of food, family and twenty years of education at St Peter’s Primary School. This wonderful collection of family recipes from our school community is now available to order for $20.00 each.

Lots of orders have been received already.... So keep them coming... wonderful Christmas present !!!

**You are invited to the annual**
_St Peter’s Ladies Christmas Shop-a-Thon_
**Saturday 30th November 2013 from 6.00pm - St Peter’s School Hall**
$10.00 entry includes canapés and a glass of bubbly!
Please RSVP to petesfundraisers@hotmail.com or find us on Face Book

**“SKoolbag”**
Our school is now using an iPhone APP called “SKoolbag” to help us further communicate with parents and school community. To install this APP is easy.... Just look for our school name St Peter’s Primary Port Macquarie in the Apple APP Store and install it on your iPhone. SKoolbag is also on our website. Have a try !!!

**Busways - Year 2 into Year 3 2014**
A reminder to parents of Year 2 students progressing to Year 3 in 2014. Busways have sent a letter and bus application to those families who travel by bus. Could you please fill out and return to the school office promptly. Thank you.
Monday 11th November
- Remembrance Day
- Staff Meeting
- Dance Program

Tuesday 12th November
- Kinder 2014 – Orientation Day
- Clothing Pool – 8.20-8.45am
- Dance Program
- Library – KG, KL

Wednesday 13th November
- Library: KS, Years 3 and 4
- Dance Program

Thursday 14th November
- Year 5 – Leadership Day & Liturgy
- Library: Years 1, 2, 5, 6
- Clothing Pool – 8.20-8.45am
- Band Practice
- School Banking
- Dance Program

Friday 15th November
- Year 7 2014 – Orientation Day
- Class Awards Assembly – 8.45 am
- Year One – Open Classroom –9am
- Stage Sport
- Dance Program

Future Dates:
- 10th November - Yr 4 - Jazz in the vines at Bago Vineyards – 11am-3pm
- 18th November – Kindergarten Intensive Swimming commences for 10 days
- 19th November – Book Pack Pre Order Forms go home
- 19th-21st Nov - Kindergarten 2014 – Transition Sessions
- 19th November – P & F Meeting

Change of Date
Year 2 Open Classroom is now Friday 29th November !!!

> Sam Edmonds Fundraising: Fundraising efforts to support Sam Edmonds in his endeavours at the National Athletic Carnival has been overwhelming and I thank you so much. Remember tickets are on sale at the office for $2.00 each or you can place money in a sealed addressed envelope titled “Sam Edmonds High Jump”. Please also place your child’s name and class on the front of the envelope. Whether it’s $2.00 or $10.00 worth of raffle tickets, everything helps. Sam leaves for the National Carnival late November, so it’s not too late to support him.

Yesterday I was witness to 100’s of students in the hall watching our high jump superstar undertake training. It seemed every year level was well represented as they cheered and supported Sam through every step and leap. Sam will be training every Monday, Thursday and Friday at a lunch time.

Another way St Peter’s is supporting Sam is through the sale of ice cups which will be on sale Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The cost of an ice cup is 50 cents and all money raised will be used to buy raffle tickets to support Sam.

> Swimming Carnival: Thursday 5th December is our school swimming carnival which will be held at the Port Macquarie Olympic Pool. Notes will be sent home in the coming weeks and detailed in that note will be the request for parent support. For those who are new to our swimming carnival, it requires a large number of parent help to ensure the day is successful.

> Intensive Swimming: Our intensive swimming program will commence on Monday 18th November. A note will be sent home early next week detailing what is required.

There is no glory in practice, but without practice, there is no glory... (Unknown)

Jeff Arkinstall – Sports Co ordinator

Have you heard about the ~ STAR (Succeeding Together As Readers) Program
This is a great reading program that supports students in Year 1 and Year 2. It’s in small groups, it’s structured, it’s interactive and together the group develop their skills in oral reading and comprehension. It occurs 4 days a week in our Literacy block.

Denise McLoughlin – STAR Program

Canteen

Monday
Kirsten Wickham, Sonya Pieren

Tuesday
Tracey Bewicke

Wednesday
Debbie Ward, Val Dorathy, Jo Madden

Thursday
Jodie Richmond, Luisa Lloyd

Friday
Kim Fehon, Lindell Bailey, Taya Andrews

Canteen Roster 2014 – The canteen relies on parent volunteer support to run smoothly so your help is much appreciated and needed!! Many of our volunteers arrange to do their canteen day with a friend – this is a great way to catch up !!

School Band
Please return all Band Notes by Monday 11th November 2013 if you are interested in your child becoming a member.
Children will be tested for instrument selection for 2014 in the coming weeks.

Flyers Attached this week !!

Wayne Richards Sporting Scholarship
Nominations for Australia Day Awards 2014
St Peter’s Own Cookbook – order form
Week 5 Term 4

Awards

KD: Blake Romer, Isabella Burns, Grace Hartley
KL: Jenna Bryan, Kaden Lawler, Matt Randall
KS: Jasmin Cooper, Zak Hale, Kira Lewis
1D: Sophie O'Keefe, Riley Harmer, Bailey Atkin
1L: Lacey Sears, Jacob Ross, Grace Dawson
11: Timothy Broderick, Evie Washington, Ethan Apthorpe
2B: Jesse Breust, Jaidyn Bonfield, Bronte McAllister
2W: Macey Lewis, Thomas Bauer, Brooke McLaughlin
3G: Kaelan Marsh, Paige Narayan, Ryan Binskin
3S: Jordan Hyde, Logan Myers, Tahlia Power
4D: Saoirse Bailer, Lachlan Hall
4KH: Hugh Robertson, Niamh Cargill, Callum McElroy
5A: David Santos, Patrick Lockwood, Zac Lawrence
5M: TJ Avery, Madalin Boys, Andrew Stocks
6P: Genevieve Barth, Brayden Caballero, Olivia Gahan
6H: Kieran Gainsford, Liam Johnson, Leevon Mulcahy

The Happy Smiley Faces
of our Kindergarten and Parents
at their Open Classroom
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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$20 ea

Order Form

Name: ____________________________

Phone number: ________________________

Email: ____________________________

Quantity _____ @ $20  Total: $ __________

Please place order form with payment into an envelope and deliver to the office.
Wayne Richards Sporting Scholarship

The Mayor's Sporting Fund offers financial support for Hastings-based athletes APPLY NOW

One special grant to the value of $4,000 is offered once a year on top of the regular funding provided to local athletes aged between 13-21 years.

The grant is offered as a tribute to former Mayor, the late Cr Wayne Richards. Wayne was instrumental in the formation of the Sporting Fund in 1999 and was a passionate supporter of youth and sport in the Hastings.

ONLINE APPLICATIONS
Open: 28th October 2013
Close: 31st January 2014

For more information please call (02) 6581 8111 or go to - www.pmhc.smarygrants.com.au/WRSS2014
NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE 2014 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Young Citizen of the Year - 16-30 years
Citizen of the Year - 31-65 years
Senior Citizen of the Year - 65 years +
Community Group of the Year

Nominations close 29 November 2013

Nominations must be made by an individual or organisation online at: www.pmhc.nsw.gov.au/australiadayawards2014