Welcome Back

Welcome back to all our families and children, staff and supporters. The first day back for our learners was a very positive experience. I am amazed and impressed by how quickly the classes have settled into learning and this bodes well for the remainder of the term. The first day for teachers commenced with a Mass for all parish education staff, where new staff were welcomed into our school communities. Father Donnelly reminded us we are part of the greater mission of the Church, bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to our students and their families. Without this mission, we would not exist. Back at school, we re-visited our Vision for Teaching and Learning, reminding us that learning is more important than teaching.

We welcome Karen Robson back to our staff as Assistant Principal. Ms Robson was seconded two years ago to the role of Teacher Educator in the Catholic Schools Office (CSO). Mrs Koning, Assistant Principal last year, is on maternity leave. Ms Helen Stanley returns to our staff after a two year secondment to the St Agnes Parish office, and is part of our Year 5 teaching team. We welcome Mr Evan Murtagh (Year 2) Mrs Brooke Saville (Year 1) and Ms Liz Hinton (Teacher Assistant) to our staff. We also welcome back Mrs Tamiie Walker to the front office staff.

There has been some student movement as well, with some families moving on, and some families moving in. We welcome 20 new students to our school for the 2015 school year.

Jorja Smith (Yr1), Austin Pettit (Yr1), Maggie McKenzie (Yr1), Isobel Galvin (Yr1), Lily Greenwell (Yr1), Macey Arkinstall (Yr2), Madelyn Beattie (Yr2), Henri Bannon (Yr3), Alexandra Beattie (Yr3), Emily Galvin (Yr3), Eli Greenwell (Yr3), Kyle Mooney (Yr3), Ranen Tebbit (Yr3), Hudson Arkinstall (Yr4), Vanessa Kite (Yr4), Rowena Kite (Yr4), Harrison Couttie (Yr4), Banjo Dynan (Yr5) and Jacinta Mooney (Yr5).

Next week we expect our very keen new Kindergarten students to join us as well. We wish all our new teachers, parents and children a very happy and fulfilling time at St Peter’s Primary School and, of course, if you are already here, we wish you much happiness and success as well.

Tony Watts - Principal

Opening School Mass
Tuesday 24th February 2015 9.30am St Peter’s Hall
Our whole school will celebrate this Opening School Mass
This is an important occasion in our school and an opportunity to formally induct our 2015 school leaders
All welcome ...
Sacramental Programs for Catholic Children

† Sacramental Program for children attending St Peter’s If there are any new Catholic students from Year 3 to Year 6 who have not received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation and would like to be involved in the programmes this year, please leave your name at the Office.

† Baptism If you have a child in Year 2, who has not been baptised in the Catholic church and are wishing for them to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, you need to organise for them to be baptised before the end of Term 1. Please phone the Catholic Presbytery on 6583 1024 to organise this.  
MAREE BENNIE – LEADER OF SCHOOL EVANGELISATION

† St Agnes’ State School Sacramental Program will continue this year. If families know of any children who are not attending a Catholic school and who wish to enrol in this program, please ask them to contact the Catholic Presbytery on 6583 1024.

DENISE McLOUGHLIN – SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM COORDINATOR

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Student Appointments - During School Hours

Parents are requested to please NOT make appointments for children during school hours. Picking your child up during school hours or arriving late to school disrupts the whole teaching and learning experience for not only your child but the whole class, as well as the office. Children need to be at school on time. Our bell rings at 8.45am and the children’s learning commences at this time.

Parents are asked to please be considerate.

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Welcome back to the 2015 School Year

I would just like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a “smooth” start to the year. Hopefully by the time you read this, books, stationery, uniforms, shoes, IT requirements etc. are all sorted for the commencement of another year.

It is a privilege to work in the new position of Coordinating Executive Officer for St Agnes’ Parish. Whilst I am not a big one on titles, the key word in the title is “coordinating”. My role is to coordinate the educational endeavour of the Parish to ensure that our six schools are all working together to achieve common goals. The other important aspect of the position is to strengthen the links between the schools and the Parish. The Catholic school contributes significantly to the Church’s mission to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. The Catholic school offers the Catholic community and indeed the people of Australia, an educational formation for the full development of young people – intellectually, spiritually, physically, morally and emotionally. This is done in partnership with parents and carers.

A warm welcome to all the new families commencing in Parish schools this year and of course to the 47 new members of staff. Welcome back to Karen Robson, Assistant Principal at St Peter’s and to Anne O’Brien, the new Principal of the combined St Paul’s and MacKillop Senior College, now known as MacKillop College.

I look forward to working with all of the Parish school communities in 2015.

Best wishes  
JOHN McQUEEN – COORDINATING EXECUTIVE OFFICER (PARISH EDUCATION)

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Important Reminders:

Photos: From time to time throughout the year children may have their photo taken during various school activities. These photos may be published in our school newsletter, on the school website or in the local paper. Parents who have any concerns regarding the publication of their child/children’s photo are asked to please contact school principal, Mr Tony Watts.

Permission Notes and Payments: Parents are asked to send all permission notes and payments to their child’s class teacher and NOT through the front office. Please ensure that these are sealed in a plastic cliplock bag with your child’s name, class and the event clearly labelled on the front.

Change in Details: During the school holidays many families change address, mobile numbers, emails etc. Please advise the school office if there have been any changes to family details so that we may keep our records up to date.

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Clothing Pool

Our second hand uniform clothing pool will operate this year again on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8.20am to 8.45am. Thank you to Janice Palmer who has kindly taken this volunteer role on again.

We are in desperate need of girls summer uniforms. If you have any at home that are no longer needed it would be greatly appreciated if you could send them into the office. Thank you.

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Skoolbag – iPhone and Android App

St Peter’s will continue using the App “Skoolbag” as an extra means of communication to parents. This app is available for iPhones through the Apple App Store and an Android version is available through the Google Play Store. To install, just look for our St Peter’s Primary School Port Macquarie in the Apple store or Google Store. With over 500 downloaded subscriptions, parents are able to receive push notifications and alerts for upcoming events relevant to the whole school and to their child’s class. If you already have this App don’t forget to go into the settings and change your child’s class information filters.
Dates to Remember - Week 2 Term 1 2015

Welcome Back
Everyone

Term 1 “Calendar”
and Canteen Roster
Will be out next week

Monday 2nd February
☑ Kinder – Best Start Interviews
☑ Zone Swimming Trials
☑ Library – 1 Red reading group
   3 Red, 4 Red and 4 Blue

Tuesday 3rd February
☑ Clothing Pool – 8.20-8.45am
☑ Library – 1 Green reading group
   6 Green, K Green and 3 Blue
☑ Staff Meeting

Wednesday 4th February
☑ Kindergarten Commence – 8.45 am to 12 noon
☑ School Banking Commences -Note Day Change
☑ Library – 1 Blue reading group
   6 Red, K Red, 2 Red, 2 Green and 2 Blue

Thursday 5th February
☑ Kindergarten – 8.45 am to 12 noon
☑ Band – 8am – Senior Rehearsal
☑ School Sport – Years 3 and 4
☑ Library – K Blue, 5 Red, 5 Green and 3 Green
☑ Clothing Pool – 8.20-8.45am

Friday 6th February
☑ Assembly and Class Awards - 8.45 am
☑ Kindergarten – 8.45 am to 12 noon
☑ School Sport – Kinder, Yr 1, 2, 5 and 6
☑ P&F Pool Party – 5.30pm – 8.30pm

Thursday 5th February – Band Tutorials
Registration for band tutorials for instruments after
eating at 1st lunch in the hall – 11am
(Please do not bring any instruments)

Future Dates:
Tues 17th February: Zone Swimming Trials @ Macksville
Tues 17th February: P &F Meeting – 7pm
Tues 24th February: Opening School Mass – 9.30am @ St Peter’s Hall

Another year and another very busy sports program ahead.

- **Swimming Trials:** Good luck to our swimmers who will be competing for a spot in our school team on Monday. A note went home with your child yesterday. In summary, bus will leave at 8.45am Sharp and return approximately 12.30pm.
  Thank you to Mrs Hamer, Mrs Richmond, Mrs Duffy, Mrs Mapstone and Mr Hamel for volunteering to ensure this day runs very well.
- **West Tigers NRL Team:** A number of players from the West Tigers NRL Team will be visiting Year 3-6 on Tuesday February 3rd as part of their Community Engagement Program.
- **Congratulations Madeleine:** Madeleine Laws-Farrell has just recently returned from New Zealand from a pathway Sport Golf Tournament. Madeleine performed very well on such a big stage.
- **Tennis Star – Chloe:** Congratulations to our budding tennis star Chloe Garvey. Chloe over the holidays has been awarded a Tennis scholarship by Westport Tennis Club. An outstanding effort Chloe and we wish you all the best in your sporting endeavours.

Jeff Arkinstill – Leader of Sport

A message from – JOPRIM

☑ The school sock supplies have run out and will be available again within 2 weeks.
☑ A wallet was left at JOPRIM on Saturday 24th January. There is no ID inside. Please call JOPRIM on 6584 1076 if it is yours. Thank you.

A message from BUSWAYS

To assist students in the first two weeks of the school year, students waiting for their school free travel pass may travel free.

As of Monday 16th February students who do not have a 2015 Bus Pass must pay the fare for school travel of $1.70 per trip, otherwise travel may be refused.

Canteen

Monday  Nicky Lewis
Tuesday HELP WANTED
Wednesday Penny Matthews
Thursday Kate Perkins, Michelle McIlveen
Friday Belinda Pope, Donna Butterworth, Nicole McIlroy

Going home today and enclosed with today’s newsletter is our new and revised “Pete’s Ears” Canteen Menu. There have been many new additions to the menu, so please take the time to read through and familiarise. Looking forward to your continued support.

Debbie Robins
Canteen Manager
School Assembly and Class Awards
Our first assembly for 2015 will be held next Friday morning at 8.45am in the school hall. Class Awards will be given to children at these assemblies. Parents are welcome to attend.

School Banking – New Day
School Banking for 2015 will commence next week. Children may bring in their student bank book each Wednesday (Please note the day change from last year) and books will be returned on the Thursday. Kinder students wishing to commence school banking will receive a school banking kit in the coming weeks.

Dear Parents,

St Peter’s Carpark

Thank you for your patience as our contractor completes the St Peter’s car park and drop-off zone. Unfortunately the inclement weather of the last few weeks has inhibited the installation of further traffic management devices and line marking. Hopefully this will be completed in the coming days (weather permitting).

We are reviewing the functionality of the new design on a daily basis and once scheduled work has been completed, we will continue this review to ensure efficiency and safety.

During the completion of the project we will have qualified traffic management staff monitoring traffic movement and controlling pedestrian flow in peak times. Into the future we will also have the main crossing under management and supervision.
During construction (and at all times), for the safety of everyone, I would ask that you exercise extreme caution whilst driving in this zone.

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation.

Yours sincerely

John Mcqueen Coordinating Executive Officer Parish Education

An invitation from St Peter’s P&F Association

St Peter’s Primary P &F Association would like to extend a special invitation to St Peter’s families

You are invited to attend a “Pool Party”

At the Port Macquarie Olympic Pool on Friday evening

6th February 2015

This is a fun family evening where old and new families can get together
5.30pm – 8.30pm
Bring a picnic tea – BBQ available
Entry fee payable at the pool
TO ORDER LUNCH

Please write child’s name and class clearly on lunch bag.
If you are not sure of the cost of items, place a little extra money in the bag.
If you don’t have a lunch bag – just write the order on an envelope (place the money inside it) remembering to include 10 cents for the cost of bag.

Late orders are not appreciated by volunteers.
Please remind your child(ren) to place orders in basket in the morning before class begins.

Drinks are to be collected at lunch 1 after presenting lunch bags.

No credit will be given to anyone as it is difficult to collect money owing.
Children with no lunch or money in lunch order will be given a vegemite sandwich, piece of fruit and cup of water.

Debbie Robins ~ Canteen Supervisor
All fillings and salads may be used on sandwiches, wraps or in a tub...
Mix and match for lots of healthy lunchtime variety

Toasting available – all year (no extra charge)
All sandwiches made with multigrain bread only

**SANDWICHES**

One (1) filling
- Vegemite 2.00
- Cheese 2.00
- Tomato 2.00
- Egg 3.00
- Chicken (*fresh*) 3.50
- Extra filling 0.50

Two (2) fillings
- Tomato & Cheese 2-50
- Egg & Lettuce 3-00
- Fresh Chicken & Lettuce 3-50
- Extra filling 0.50

**SALAD SANDWICHES / TUBS / WRAPS**
- Chicken Caesar Salad Tub 3.50
- Caesar Salad Tub 3.00
- Fruit Salad Tub 2.50 GF
- Salad Tubs 2.50 GF
- Strawberry & Yoghurt Tub 2.50 GF
- Salad Sandwich 3.00
  lettuce, tomato, beetroot, carrot
- Salad Sandwich - with cheese 3.50
  - with Fresh chicken 4.00
- Lavishes extra 0.50
  *Wholemeal
  Gluten Free available
- Extra filling 0.50

**HOT FOOD**
- Lasagne plus small salad 4.00
- Fried Rice 3.00
- Chicken Burger 3.50
  *home made chicken pattie*
  - lettuce and mayo
- Hamburger 3.50
  *home made beef pattie*
  - lettuce, tomato, beetroot
- Pasta tub with sauce 2.50
- Small Pies (*Lite*) 1.20
- Pizza – *homemade*
  - ham, cheese, pineapple 3.00
- Cheese & Bacon Roll (*small*) 0.80

# The above all come with a small salad and are not sold individually.

**MEAL DEALS**
- * Sausage Roll (*Lite*) 5.50
- * Large Pies (*Lite*) 6.00

*Meal deals above include 1 piece of fruit and 1 bottle of water

- Sauce – tomato 0.30
DRINKS – *Available for purchase at Lunch 1 and to be collected from Canteen if purchased in a lunch order*

- Revolution 100% Pop Top 200ml 2.00
  *Orange, Orange Passionfruit, Apple Blackcurrant*
- Bottled H2O 600 ml 2.00
- Focus Water 350ml - lemonade/raspberry/blackcurrant 2.00
- Flavoured milk –
  - UP+GO 250 ml - chocolate, strawberry, vanilla 2.00
  - 250 ml Chocolate, Strawberry *(Mighty Cool)* 2.50
  - 500 ml Chocolate, Strawberry *(Norco)* 3.50
- Plain milk – 150 ml 1.00

FOR SALE – Lunch 1

**Frozen Snacks**

- Frozen Fruit Smoothies *(Home Made)* 1.00
- Quelch Fruit Stick 0.50
- Frozen Yoghurt 1.70
- OJ Cups 0.70
- Icy Twist 1.00
- Pineapple Juice Ice Cups 0.50
- Ice Cream Cup 125ml *(Low Fat)* 1.00
- Paddlepops – Chocolate, Banana 1.30
- TNT – Chocolate 1.00
- Calippo 1.00

**Fruit and Other Snacks**

- Piece of Fruit 0.50
- Watermelon / Rockmelon Slices 0.50
- Fruit Kebabs 0.50
- Fruit Weetbix 0.10 ea or 5 for 0.30
- Frozen Pineapple/ Frozen Orange Quarters 0.30
- Jelly Cup and Fruit 0.50
- Trail Mix *(Home Made)*
  - Dried fruit and popcorn 0.50
- LCM Slice *(Home Made)* 0.50
- Muffins *(Home Made)* *Apple, Banana, Berry* 0.50
- Vege Chips 1.00 GF
- Chips – Sea Salt 1.00 GF
- Chips – Honey Soy 1.00
- JJ Chicken Snacks 1.00
- Popcorn 0.60
- Pretzels 0.70
- Garlic Bread 0.50
- Milkshakes – *Summer only* 0.50
- Hot Chocolate – *Winter only* 0.50

*Don’t forget Pete’s Eats*  
**Tuesday Special**  
...See over the page for details!!
Introducing Pete’s Eats

Tuesday Special - Term 1 2015

Home Made SUSHI

Varieties available
Chicken
Chicken and salad

$3.00

Only available on Tuesdays!!

Place your order as normal on your lunch bag
How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

iPhone & iPad Users
1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "Install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPod Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "Install".
5. When installed click "Open".
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

Android Users
You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.
1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device.
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

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