Kindergarten

It’s always lovely to welcome a new Kindergarten class into the school. There are so many emotions mixed up in the day - excitement and expectation, anxiety, pride - a sense of fulfilment, a sense of loss. Whatever the day brought, it marks a launching point for a young child’s growth to a whole and worthwhile life. Parents, your role is far from over, but now you’ve taken on new partners, and we are pleased to be working alongside you in this important venture.

School Leaders

Elections were held this week for our 2015 school leaders. Not all positions have been finalised but the votes have been counted for our School Captains and Vice Captains, and these positions were announced at assembly this morning.

**Congratulations**

**Captains:** Molly Fisher and Mitchell Scott  
**Vice Captains:** Sophie Evans and Jack Redfern

I am sure they will do an amazing job in these important positions, and make us all proud. The leaders will be inducted at our Opening Mass for the school year on Tuesday 24th February at 9.30am in our St Peter’s Hall.

Car Park

Our car park is looking fantastic and holding up well to the demands of extra Year 7 and Kindergarten traffic, as well as the regular traffic. Thank you for your patience as you learn the ropes of the drop-off zones, and master the arrows, signs and crossings. Not many schools have a car park, few have a drop-off lane, and we are very lucky to have both. The car spaces have been widened, speed bumps installed, crossings marked, and a crossing guard put in place. We are concerned about the amount of pedestrian traffic at the entrance to the carpark, and will be encouraging people to use the crossing which is marked and “guarded”. You can enter and leave the school now conveniently by the side gate near the marked crossing. This would take a lot of pressure off the pedestrian traffic where children line up for buses, and would be the safest option for crossing. Please don’t take short cuts between cars and buses, it is unsafe and sets a poor example for the children. A detailed explanation of how to use the carpark will be sent home under separate cover.

Assemblies

Friday morning assemblies will return to our regular program now that the hall is available again after all the building works. The assemblies are at 8.45 (allowing time for children to enter the hall) and usually finish in about 20 minutes. Awards are given, birthdays acknowledged and special religious events on the church calendar celebrated.

Parents are most welcome to attend.

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 ...
St Agnes’ Parish Youth Mass – Sunday 15th February 5.00pm

St Peter’s is rostered on regularly throughout the year to provide ministry assistance at the St Agnes’ Parish Youth Mass. St Peter’s will provide the music and offertory ministry at this mass next Sunday 15th February, 5.00pm at St Agnes’ Church.

All families are welcome to attend to help celebrate mass.

Parish Sacramental Program
St Agnes’ Parish is working towards developing a richer family and child-centred approach to each Sacrament within all the Parish school entities.

Sacrament of Confirmation – Year 2
Sacrament of First Communion – Year 3
Sacrament of Penance – Year 4

Sacrament Dates
Confirmation – 28th July
Communion – 30th August
Reconciliation – 2016
(NB: this now occurs in Year 4)

You will receive an invitation from the Parish with all the dates and information about the requirements for each Sacrament.

Maree Bennie- Leader of School Evangelisation

HUB DRAMA:
Starts Wednesday 18th February 2015, 5.00pm – 6.30pm – FREE Please phone Jai Corr 0415 779 240 to reserve a position. Ages 7+

St Peter’s P & F Association – Pool Party Invitation – TONIGHT !!!

5.30pm-8.30pm
Pool Entry of $5.00 per person / swimming or not
BYO Dinner or BBQ facilities available for you to use

Aquascramble Timetable – 25m Pool
Kinder: 6.00pm – 6.30pm
Year 1: 6.30pm – 7.00pm
Year 2: 7.00pm – 7.30pm
Year 3: 7.30pm – 8.00pm

Aquascramble Timetable – 50m Pool
Year 4: 6.30pm – 7.00pm
Year 5: 7.00pm – 7.30pm
Year 6: 7.30pm – 8.00pm

Apologies – In last weeks newsletter we welcomed our 20 new students
A special welcome to Jackson Mayne (Yr1) who was missed last week

Ashton Scholastic Book Club – a few reminders for new and existing families

Issue 1 – closing Tuesday 17th February 2015…

Book Club order forms are usually distributed twice each term. Scholastic have streamlined their catalogues and children now receive 1 brochure suited to their grade. Some extra forms are available in the Library.

Please do not feel that you are required to purchase from each issue. However, all purchases made by students result in valuable rewards for our school.

2014: we ordered over $1,300.00 worth of free resources for the Library

If purchasing, please complete order forms as directed and place in a sealed envelope, clearly marked with “Book Club”, “Child’s Name” and “Class”. Cash payments: correct amount is appreciated as I do not carry change in the Library.

If paying by credit card, it is your responsibility to obtain a payment approval number from Scholastic and enter it in the space provided on the bottom of the order form.

All the orders are collated by Mrs Cullen on the closing date and purchases are delivered to your child’s teacher approximately 1 week after the closing date.

The order forms themselves are another source of reading materials for your child

Fran Cullen - Librarian

From Our Grade Parents ...

Attached to the newsletter today...

✓ Parents or Carers invited to take on the role of “Grade Parent” for your child’s grade in 2015.
✓ Class Communication and Contact List for 2015.

New Library times ....
Please check on the calendar for changes

Structured Play Timetable...
Attached to this newsletter
**Monday 9th February**
- Leadership Meeting
- Library: 1 Red reading group
  - 3 Red, 4 Red, 4 Blue

**Tuesday 10th February**
- Clothing Pool – 8.20-8.45am
- Library: 1 Green reading group
  - 6 Green, K Green, 2 Green, 3 Blue
- Staff Meeting

**Wednesday 11th February**
- Kindergarten – Do Not attend
- School Banking
- Library: 1 Blue reading group
  - 6 Red, K Red, 2 Blue, 5 Red, 5 Green

**Thursday 12th February**
- Senior Band – 8am
- School Sport – Years 3 and 4
- Clothing Pool – 8.20am-8.45am
- Library: K Blue, 2 Red, 3 Green

**Friday 13th February**
- Assembly and Class Awards – 8.45am
- School Sport – Kinder, Yr 1, 2, 5 & 6
- Census

**Future Dates:**
- Mon 16th February: St Peter’s Prayer Day
- Tues 17th February: Book Club Closes
- Tues 17th February: Zone Swimming Trials @ Macksville
- Wed 18th February: P & F Meeting – 7pm
- Wed 18th February: Grade parent Meeting – 7pm – School Hall
- Tues 24th February: Opening School Mass – 9.30am @ St Peter’s Hall

**School Swimming Trials:**
Well done to the 48 students who attended our school swimming trials. It was a great day and all students displayed great St Peter’s manners and did their very best. 32 students have made our school team and will travel to Macksville on Tuesday 17th February (Notes were given to your child on Wednesday). Thank you again to Mr Rich, Mr Hannel, Mrs Hamer, Mrs Mapstone, Mrs Richmond, Mrs Mooney and Mrs Duffy for your fantastic support of this day.

**NRL – West Tigers:**
The West Tigers visited St Peter’s on Tuesday as part of the NRL “One Community”. The session was a wonderful insight into the importance of eating healthy and being active. Thursday lunch time saw a huge increase in league being played on the oval as students tried to emulate their sporting heroes.

**The importance of Healthy Eating:**
Each family should have received their Canteen Menu for 2015. As you have hopefully seen, it’s a fantastic example of a very healthy and nutritional canteen. We would love to see more children bringing to school healthier options in their lunchboxes and thus continue to promote the messages of healthy eating and its importance. Year 5 Ice cups (sold Monday, Wednesday and Friday for 50 cents) which is a fundraising effort for their camp, has even jumped on the board and now only sell fruit cups which are made solely from frozen fruits such as raspberries and blueberries.

**Winter Sports Trials:**
Year 5 and 6 students commence trialling for the Winter Sports Teams in Week 3. These sports include Netball, Soccer, Hockey, League and Union.

**Canteen**

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**Vacancies on the Roster!!!**
Help needed for Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays
Please see the office or contact Debbie in the Canteen
AWARDS WEEK 2 – TERM 1

Kindergarten: Charlie Cameron, Sierra Westbrook, Hugo Lund, Joey Thompson, Chloe Ryan, Stirling Wickham, Paige Goldie, Patrick Green, Riley Harris
Year 1: Lily Greenwell, Jackson Mayne, Isobel Galvin, Austin Pettitt, Maggie McKenzie, Makya Carney, Charlie McIlveen, Briella Sutherland, Jorja Smith
Year 2: Kodie Baird-Moran, Will Oliver, Bindi Zimmermann, Macey Arkinstall, Madelyn Beattie, Felix Hurdle, Annabelle Eakin, Zak Hale, Charlee Bailey, Caleb Trevillyan, Tom Rosenbaum,
Year 3: Wil Rosenbaum, Jayde Noffke, Ava Grgie, Harrison Whicker, Jesse Fisher, Dana Anderson, Joshua Allen, Toby Howard, Chelsie Power
Year 4: Rowena Kite, Vanessa Kite, Hudson Arkinstall, Jake Spurdle, Harrison Couttie, Emily Sheppard, Jesse Breust
Year 5: Kyle Smith, Frances Duffy, Taye Power O’Toole, Jacinta Mooney, Keegan Constable-Baritra, Banjo Dynan
Year 6: Daniel Cheeseman, Lachlan Hall, Jack Ware, Kristin Bruderer, Jack Fallon, Sarah Jennings

Kindergarten - 1st Day of Big School...

Kindergarten and their Year 6 Buddies – Lunch Time
ST PETER’S CAR PARK

What to do

Thank you for your patience during the many weeks it has taken to get the car park to this stage. We are 99% complete with only some footpaths and traffic islands to install. As you are now aware there are 3 distinct zones within the car park.

1. **Bus Parking Only** (and through traffic to St Pauls or Marion Centre)
   This zone is the most western lane of the roadway. At **NO** time are there to be cars parked in this zone. This is to ensure the safety of students and also smaller vehicles that may be unseen between buses. Through traffic and buses will be required to stop at the pedestrian crossing at the end of this zone. The school will aim to provide a pedestrian crossing guard at this location during the peak usage times of the car park.

2. **Drop Off Zone**
   This zone is to be used predominately for St Peter’s parents who wish to “drop and run”. St Paul’s students are encouraged to use the drop off zone opposite the pedestrian tunnel between St Paul’s & Mackillop. For optimum traffic flow, parents are encouraged to:
   - Slow down prior to entering this zone
   - Stop at the pedestrian crossing if people are approaching from the car park to get onto the traffic island
   - Pull into the next available space closest to the end of this zone, to allow others to park behind and not block traffic
   - Parents not to get out of their cars
   - Children to get out of the **LEFT HAND SIDE ONLY**. This is to ensure that children are not exposed to the traffic lane.
   - Children to have bags, etc with them whilst exiting the car. This is to prevent opening the boot of the car
   - Signal and check traffic lane free prior to exiting drop off area
   - Give way to pedestrians at the crossing at the end of this zone.

Please be aware that the drop off zone is not for prolonged parking/waiting periods. This zone only fits a certain amount of vehicles and extended delays by any vehicle will cause the traffic to bank back onto Greenmeadows Drive.
3. **General Car Parking**

   This is the remainder of the car park and can be used for longer drop off’s, pick-ups and extended waiting. If parents use this zone, then they **MUST** escort their children to the nearest refuge, either drop off zone “island” or pedestrian crossing near St Paul’s. This is to ensure the safety of their children as they walk through the car park. Small children are often hard to see between parked vehicles and everyone must take care.

   Please use the pedestrian crossings and do not cross before the drop off zone, bus zone and entry to the car park. This is a very confusing area for drivers and they do not need the added distraction of pedestrians moving between vehicles. There is a student entry at the north end of the school which is easily access from the pedestrian crossing.

   Children safety is paramount when using any car park. Within all areas/zones, please obey the following simple rules to make the car park safe and also make the traffic flow as easy as possible.

   - **SLOW DOWN**
   - Watch out for pedestrians and stop if required
   - Always exit the vehicle on the LEFT HAND SIDE
   - **SLOW DOWN**
   - Use the appropriate zone of the car park for your purpose
   - Obey the painted arrows and only go in the direction shown
   - Be courteous and aware of others around you
   - **SLOW DOWN**
   - Use the marked pedestrian crossings not try and cross where unmarked

   Thanks again for you help in this area. Traffic congestion on Greenmeadows Drive and Ocean Drive has already been reduced. With your continued co-operation the new car park should be a great asset to this school and something we are lucky to have, where many other schools in the area not so fortunate.
Dear Parents/Carers,

An invitation is extended to any interested parents or carers to take on the role of Grade Parent for their child’s grade in 2015.

The role of these parents is primarily to give pastoral assistance to the school by:-

- Co-ordinating a few simple social events for your grade such as a coffee morning, BBQ, mum’s/dad’s night out or any other social gathering
- Welcome new families to the school
- Help the Principal or Teacher co-ordinate assistance in crisis situations e.g. a seriously ill parent or child

The aim of the Grade Parents is to enrich and strengthen the community spirit at St Peter’s.

Please indicate below if you are able to assist and return the form to your child’s class teacher by **Monday 16\(^{th}\) February**. As a Grade Parent you will be expected to attend a meeting once a term. The first meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday 18\(^{th}\) February** in the St Peter’s Hall at 7.00pm. At this meeting there will be an opportunity to join with other parents from your child’s/children’s grade to schedule in social get-togethers for the coming year.

If you require more information or have any questions, please feel free to contact me on 0417 407 014

Thank you for your support,
Kim Goldie
Grade Parent Co-ordinator

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**Grade Parents 2015**

Please return this tear off slip by 16\(^{th}\) February 2015.

NAME................................................................PHONE NO.................................

EMAIL..................................................................................................................

CHILD/CHILDREN’S GRADE .......................................................  

(please tick appropriate box)

☐ Yes I am interested in becoming a Grade Parent
☐ As a Grade Parent, I give permission for my phone number to be circulated to other parents when required.
☐ I am unable to nominate for a Grade Parent but I am willing to offer Assistance
Dear Families,

**RE: Class Communication and Contact List**

In the spirit of networking and fostering friendships, and with your permission, we would like to compile a list of contact details to be circulated to families within your child/children’s grade.

This is a Grade Parent initiative, if you choose to participate, please do so in the knowledge that in accordance with matters of privacy, the information will be used for the sole purpose of compiling a contact list for social networking and would not be used in any other way by our Grade Parent team.

If you do not wish to have your details appear on a list, this is considered optional and your wishes will be respected.

If you are happy to have your details circulated to other families in your child’s grade, please complete your details below and send the tear off slip back to your child’s teacher in an envelope titled “Grade Contact List” by 20th February 2015. A completed list will be sent home for each grade soon afterwards.

Many thanks,
St Peters Grade Parents 2015

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**CLASS CONTACT LIST 2015**

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Main Contact Person’s Name

Contact Phone Number/s

Email Address

I agree to have the above details distributed within my child’s grade for the purposes of a class/grade contact list

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Mrs Morris | **Chess Club in Yr 6**  
Mr Post | **Lego Club in Library**  
Mrs Lawler | **Lego Club in Library**  
Mrs Lawler | **iPads in Yr 5**  
Ms Stanley |
| **Dress Ups outside canteen area**  
Ms Stanley | **Cards Stage 1/2/3 in Yr 3**  
Mrs Kalchbauer | **Just Dance in Yr 2**  
Mrs Morris | **Board Games in Yr 1**  
Mrs Tink | **Board Games outside area Yr 1**  
Mrs Hinton |
| **Chalk drawing Top Playground**  
Ms Nardella | **Sewing in Yr 3**  
Mrs Mowie | **Board Games in Yr 1**  
Miss Styles | **Chalk Drawing Top Playground**  
Mrs Patch | **Library**  
Mrs Cullen |
| **Library**  
Mrs Cullen | **Bubble Wands Top Playground**  
Mrs Somers | **Bubble Wands Top Playground**  
Mrs Somers | **Library**  
Mrs Cullen | **Coding Club**  
Mrs Rourke |
| **Library**  
Mrs Cullen | **Library**  
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Mrs Cullen | **Card Games in Yr 6**  
Mr Post |

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**Lunch One 11.00-11.30am**

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**Lunch Two 1.40-2.00pm**

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Mrs Mowie | **iPads in Yr 5**  
Mrs Stanley & Mrs Stevenson | **Board Games in Yr 1**  
Mrs Saville | **Angclung Band in Yr 5 (indonesian instruments)**  
Ms Stanley | **‘How To Draw’ in K Green**  
Mrs Whitehouse |

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*Structured Play Timetable Term 1 2015 (dry weather only)*