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ST PETER'S NEWS

CHALLENGING OUR STUDENTS THROUGH A FOCUS ON EXCELLENCE



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I want to start this week with a huge congratulations to our Year 12 HSC students. The last HSC exams are this Friday, and this marks the very end of the schooling journey for these students.

The HSC period has run very smoothly this year and I would like to extend my deep thanks to our HSC presiding officer, Mrs Pam McCann, for all her efforts to ensure the examinations were as calm and relaxed as possible.

Each year Pam shows her genuine care for all our students, and she supports each of them in a most thoughtful and gentle manner. Her work at St Peter's is highly valued. Our graduates celebrate for the final time at their formal next Monday night.

Mobile Phones

In the last newsletter I spoke about mobile phones at school and reminded everyone of the policy that the College has in place regarding phone usage.

Since this time I have visited many classrooms to observe the learning taking place. I am pleased to report that during these random visits I have only sighted one mobile phone being used without the teachers knowledge or permission.

I would like to encourage everyone to maintain vigilance around your child's mobile phone usage and to engage in regular conversations at home about the phone, how it is used and remind everyone that parents and carers can and should check the contents of phones on a regular basis. Support from home makes the job of policing phone usage at school easier and this means time can be spent in the classroom on learning not dealing with phone breaches.

Thank you for your support in this area.

Long Service Leave

This will be my last newsletter for this year. I am taking some long service leave commencing in week 6 of this term until the end of the year. In my absence Mr Steve Hopley will step into the role of acting Principal and Mrs Leanne Glassock will step into the role of Acting Assistant Principal – Evangelisation and Catechesis. I thank both Steve and Leanne for their willingness to accept these roles until the end of the year. I would therefore like to extend my gratitude to everyone for your support of the College this year and wish all families every success for the remainder of the school year and following this a happy and safe Christmas.

I will be back at the beginning of 2023 ready for another year.

Blessings to all

Tim Hildebrandt

Principal



WELLBEING @ ST PETER'S

Uniforms

Wearing a school uniform is a badge of pride, as it helps create an identity for the school and a sense of belonging for students. Uniforms show that you are part of St Peter's Catholic College and the Broken Bay Diocese. Wearing it says we're all in this together, it means you are halfway there to being respectful, and buying into St Peter's values.

A school uniform teaches students to dress smartly and take pride in their appearance as well as preparing students for when they leave school and may have to dress smartly or wear a uniform. Additionally, uniforms improve learning by reducing distraction, sharpening focus on schoolwork and making the classroom a more serious environment, allowing students to perform better academically.

Perhaps most importantly, a uniform means students don't have to worry about peer pressure when it comes to their clothes. When everyone is dressed the same, worrying about what you look like isn't so important.

There is no competition about being dressed in the latest trend, which would put a great deal of financial pressure on students and parents. Potential bullies have one less target for their insults; it's hard to make fun of what someone is wearing when you're dressed the same.

Yr 9 and 10 need to be in the ordinary college uniform unless they have PEP in their timetable, this indicates Practical lessons in PE and students can wear their PE uniform this day.

Sport also indicates the day students can wear their PE uniform.

If you need support in obtaining parts for the uniform please contact the front office or myself on candice.little@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Regards

Candice Little and Owen
Director of Wellbeing



YEAR 8 NEWS AND UPDATES

Welcome Back

We welcome Year 8 back to Term 4. The year has certainly flown, and it won't be long until they will be completing their second year of high school.

We encourage students to continue the hard work and commitment they have shown toward their studies and make the last term a great one!

The students will continue to be kept busy with classwork, Assessment Tasks, sporting events, and excursions. If students need any assistance in the completion of Assessment Tasks, they are encouraged to speak to their class teachers, or come and see the Leaders of Wellbeing in the LOW office.

A reminder that students should be coming to school in the College summer uniform.

For girls this means:

- College dress, below the knee
- Black leather, lace up, polishable shoes
- White socks
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For boys this means:

- College short sleeved polo shirt
- College cargo style shorts
- College socks with trim
- Black leather, lace up, polishable shoes

Police Liaison Officer Talk

On Wednesday 19 October, Year 8 students were spoken to by our Police Liaison Officer, Kim Smith. Her role as a School Liaison Police Officer is to work with schools in the aim to reduce youth crime, violence, and anti-social behaviour through many different intervention strategies.

The students were shown a video about making good choices and choosing the right path in life, which featured well known male and female sporting figures.

They were also spoken to about bullying, harassment, intimidation, and the consequences of this behaviour for both perpetrators and bystanders.

We encourage you to speak to your children about this presentation and hope that the students took on board the messages that Kim spoke about.

Reflection Day

On Friday 11 November (Week 5), Year 8 students will engage in Reflection Day. The day will take place in the Theatre, where students will be engaging in faith-based activities with Mr Tobin and members of the Youth Ministry Team.

Students will need to wear their sport uniform on this day. Further information about this day will come out via Compass in the coming days.

Czes Lawicki and Megan Smith

Leaders of Wellbeing - Year 8



YEAR 10 NEWS AND UPDATES

Welcome Back!

We are excited to welcome you all back for your final term of Year 10 and Stage 5. You've come back well, and we hope you got to enjoy your break.

One last term of being a junior, and for some of you one last term with us at St. Peter's. The time will fly, and we want you to embrace each moment of learning and each moment with your friends so you can look back on them fondly.

Term 4 is always one that moves very quickly and with the end in sight we want to ensure that you keep up your happy and respectful demeanours within the school environment-end Year 10 with a bang! With your assessment period coming to a close soon, we want to remind you that there are still normal expectations in class regarding your effort and behaviour. You've done so well all year and we want you to maintain the positive enthusiasm you normally carry into your classes until the end of this year. Teachers will still be writing your reports and giving you feedback so your behaviour will be reflected in this. Keep doing your best!

Year 10 Food Tech!

Last week, both Year 10 FTE had their Food tech practical assessment. Their cakes were phenomenal and tasted just as good as they looked. Well done to all- you created some masterpieces!

Sporting Success

Congratulations to our Year 10 girls who participated in the BBSSSA AFL Gala day: Taya W, Ellie W, Sienna-Mae M, Jeorgia B, Lainey M, Chloe P, Yanneke T, Grace H, Eva M and (assistant coach) Brooke T. The girls represented our school proudly and showed some excellent skill and success throughout the day- taking out the tournament with a dominant win in the final against St Joseph's 28-0.

Well done girls!

Special mention also goes out to Jayda G and Ella J who recently went to New Zealand to compete in a Trans Tasma Netball Competition- truly amazing stuff girls. Well done!

Aidan Taylor and Jessica Meroney

Leaders of Wellbeing - Year 10



JAPANESE NEWS – CC JAPANESE CULTURAL COURSE

2023 Year 9 Orientation Day

It is an exciting time for Year 8 students where they can pick their electives for Stage 5. For the students who have picked the Japanese Cultural Course – Online you will be starting this year with an Orientation Day, held on Tuesday 8 November 2022. This day is being held at Mercy College, Chatswood, so a big thank you goes out to Mercy College for accommodating us.

On this day students will get to not only get the technology sorted out, ready to start learning Week 1 of Term 1 2023, but they will also get to meet their classmates – from 3 different schools, their teacher – Mrs Dowdell and the Course Co-ordinator – Mrs Campbell.

We will also be providing students with the opportunity to immediately start the journey down the Japanese culture road. What does this mean? You may ask.

We will have a tea ceremony presentation by two Japanese guests, learn to use chopsticks and then test out these new dining etiquette skills over a lunch at a Japanese restaurant.

We will learn about Japanese writing, origami, artwork...just to name a few. Students will also receive a showbag with some resources that

will help them begin their Japanese culture journey. We are looking forward to a wonderful day and will provide and update after the day.

TANOSHII KEIKEN

Year 9 St Peter's students and Year 9 Cross Campus Students – Incursion/Excursion

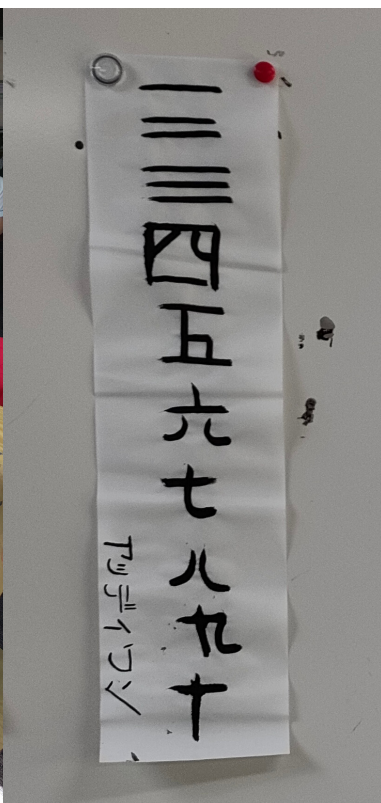
Our Year 9 Japanese Cultural Course group this year have been working hard on their Term 4 PEP (Personal Experience Project) called 'tanoshii keiken'. This means 'enjoyable experience.' They have learnt about something of a Japanese nature that really appeals to their interests. They will be showcasing this knowledge at a Panel of Experts presentation to an audience of Year 9 peers.

This 'showcase' day is being held at St Peter's Catholic College, Tuggerah with Sydney students travelling down for a day of practical activities including 'shibori' – Japanese-style tie-dyeing, PEP presentation and Japanese lunch which they will cook and then eat. It will be a great opportunity to learn about different 'tanoshii keiken' and interact with the Year 9 students from St Peter's as well. We hope it will be a worthwhile and collaborative day. Again, like the Orientation Day, I will update you on our day's activities after the event.

Take care きをつけてください。Iki o tsukete kudasail

Jenni Dowdell

Japanese Language Course (CCC - Online)



PATHWAYS & PARTNERSHIPS - THE NORTH CHALLENGE

The North Challenge

St Peter's Catholic College were thrilled to be invited into a fabulous Pathways & Partnership program with North Construction & Building Pty Ltd for our Year 10 Commerce students.

Over the past 4 months our 5 students – Kayli D, Krish S, Nathan M, Luke P & Rohan B were offered full day workshops with senior management from North where they were shown all the techniques of how to run a successful business.

The opportunity for our students to be exposed to such high level experience and to be on site in a board room of one of the most successful businesses on the Central Coast was an experience our students have been so excited and honoured to be a part of this great opportunity.

This amazing program put our students to work on finding a solution to the housing crisis and affordability on the Central Coast.

All teams from secondary schools on the Central Coast did such an amazing job of finding solutions and it's fair to say we were blown away by the young minds of today.

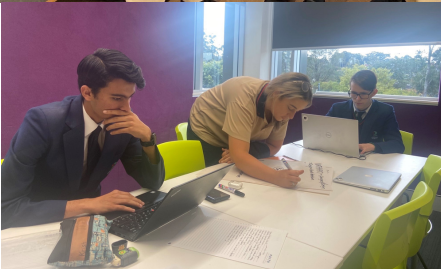
St Peter's Catholic College were over the moon to win the North Challenge for 2022.

We are very lucky to be able to offer such innovative initiatives.

The Pathways and Partnership program is engaging with many industries and businesses to create more of these programs to showcase the different pathways available to our students beyond school and to help our students become more aware. We are helping shape the next generation of future leaders and industry professionals.

Kylie Bailey

Pathways & Partnerships Leader



FOOD FABULOUS FOOD!

Year 10 Food Technology

This semester for Food Technology, our unit "Food for special occasions" required Year 10 to create a digital party planning portfolio for a memorable NYE celebration.

The students had to present their portfolio with aesthetic appeal in a digital format demonstrating understanding of the importance of presentation, nutrition and menu planning considerations.

As part of their assessment, Year 10 then had to create and make a Show Stopping Cake to serve at the themed New Year's Eve celebration.

The students demonstrated such talent and creativity within the kitchen evident in the final show stopping cake presentation.

Nailed it!



Year 8 Agriculture & Food Technologies

Also this week in TAS, for Year 8 Agriculture and Food Technologies, the students participated in their Garden Pizzeria Café Assessment.

For this assessment, students were required to demonstrate and apply technical skills developed within the kitchen.

Some of our lucky College teachers were invited to attend as special guests, on World Teacher's Day and as you can see, they really enjoyed their healthy pizza topped with herbs grown in Agriculture by the students.

That's Amore!

Taryn Clarke

Food Technology Teacher



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SCIENCE?

Year 7 Science

This term Year 7 are learning about Earth and Space.

The unit sees students looking models, theories and laws while developing an understanding of the Earth and the solar system from a scientific stand point.

Recently Year 7 have been investigating the layers of the Earth and the rocks that make up each layer by examining rock characteristics.

Sedimentary, igneous and metamorphic rocks contain minerals and are formed by processes that occur within Earth over a variety of timescales and according to their observable properties.

Elisha Davison

Year 7 Science Teacher



CO-CURRICULAR NEWS - EQUESTRIAN CLUB

On behalf of Mrs Hill and the Equestrian team, a big congratulations goes out to the three Equestrians whose parents drove them all the way to the Australian Equine and Livestock events centre in Tamworth 13-16 of October.

This is easily a 5 hour drive whilst towing a horse float, to Represent St Peter's College and compete in the Inter Schools Horse Extravaganza. Charlee S, Year 9, and her horse Ammy placed 4th and 1st in her two show jumping classes and she also got Reserve Champion in her age group.

Charlee also competed her off the track thoroughbred mare Kim for the first time and did very well with two lovely clear rounds.

Apryl M, Year 10, showed great riding skills and determination as this time Wally got a little temperamental with some stage fright in the dressage ring.

Still, despite this Apryl persevered in all the events she entered and demonstrated great sportspersonship.

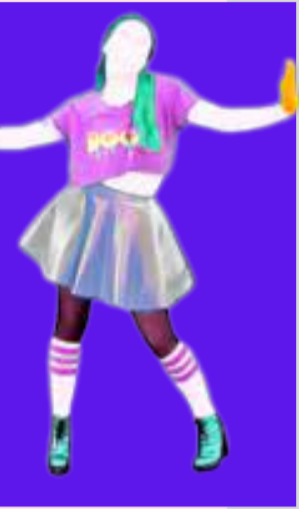
Sienna S, Year 7, and her horse Bear also placed 4th and 3rd in her two show jumping classes.

Well done to the team work demonstrated between horse and rider and the dedicated parents who got them there

Robyn Hill

Equestrian Club Leader





JUST DANCE




So you think you can "Just Dance?!"

Break 1 Term 4 Thursdays
Come to all or come to one!

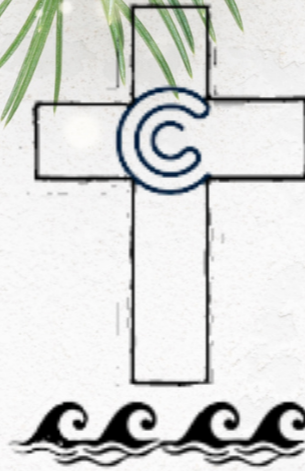
Your choice!

THEATRE





**Free entry!
Just bring the fun!**



**At St Peter's
Tuggerah**


"A VERY CCC CHRISTMAS"

**2ND DECEMBER 2022
4pm - 7pm**

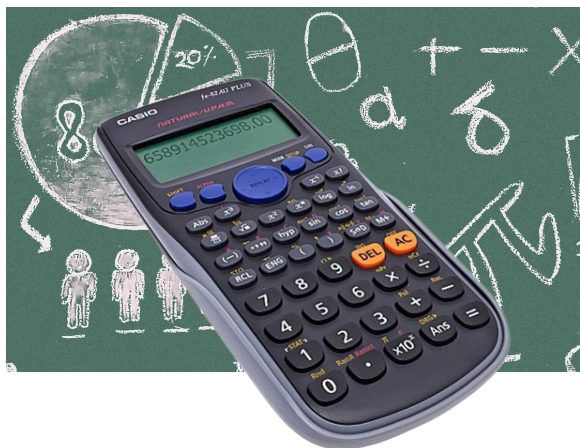
**Prizes for the
best Christmas
outfit!**

**GET READY FOR
Christmas Markets
Food Games Dance**

**To attend see your
Youth Ministry Co-ordinator**



MATHS HELP AVAILABLE TUESDAY



Maths support is available every Tuesday during Break 1 in the Explore Zone of the Library.

If your child is struggling with concepts or particular topics we encourage them to come along and discuss with Ms Michell and her team of Maths whizzes.

Calculators are also available for daily hire from the College Library, for more information please see Ms Skarstein & the Library Staff.

Teresa Michell

Leader of Learning - Mathematics

ST PETER'S CAREERS WEBSITE



St Peter's Careers Website

The St Peter's Careers website is a valuable resource for all parents, carers and students. Information is regularly updated includes a weekly STP careers newsletter that contains exciting career development opportunities for students across a wide variety of industries and pathways.

The website explores post school options, provides key information for senior school students including UAC information, minimum standards, HSC information and USIs.

Why not visit <https://stpeterscareers.com> today to discover how we can assist you and your child in their post school options.

Pauline Dibb

Leader of Learning - VET/Careers and Pathways

UPCOMING EVENTS @ ST PETER'S

Monday 7 November
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Tuesday 10 November
Friday 11 November
Monday 14 November
Friday 18 November
Friday 25 November
Monday 28 November
Tuesday 13 December
Wednesday 14 December

Term 1 2023

Monday 30 January
Tuesday 31 January
Tuesday 31 January

HSC Examinations conclude
Year 12 Graduation Ball
Preliminary End of Year Awards Presentation
Year 8 Reflection Day
VET Work Placement Week commences
Year 10 Reflection Day
Mega Maths Day
Year 7 2023 Orientation Day
Year 7 to 10 Presentation Night
Last day of formal classes for 2022

Year 8 -12 New Student Orientation
Year 7 and new Student commence
All students return for 2023