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ST PETER'S NEWS

CHALLENGING OUR STUDENTS THROUGH A FOCUS ON EXCELLENCE



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MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

This year has flown by, and we find ourselves in the month of November 6 weeks out from a Christmas break. For nearly 550 of our students this has been their first full year of high school. For the rest it has been the first full year in quite a while and there are visible signs of fatigue and tiredness. Whilst it has been a long year for us there are still great things to look forward to over the coming weeks. Learning continues, skills are gained and outside of the pressure of assessment there lies a great opportunity for students to engage with great elements of the curriculum offered here at St Peter's!

Presentation Day for 7-10 is looming, our Christmas Party is on the 2 December, our Christmas Appeal is underway, and the Year 12 Students are into the first weeks of their HSC year. The Unlocked Programme in Year 9 is offering job ready skills, electives are being finalised for 2023 and reports are being written. The Year 12 formal on the 7 November was a great success and then the 2023 Year 7 students and their parents joined us on Wednesday evening for an information night and we will see the students again on the 28 November for their Orientation Day.

Last week the Parishioners from St Cecelia's Parish at Wyong joined us for student led technology coaching where they were guided in the use of phones, collating photos, saving files, and using iPads and laptops. Once again, we are building strong relationships with our local community. These relationships will be extended from next week when we host a weekly parish Mass here on site at 8.00am each Tuesday morning. This will be in addition to the Wednesday morning Masses that occur weekly.

As we journey towards Advent, we are called to think of those in our community who are less fortunate than we are and we along with other school will support Mary Macs, a Catholic Care agency based out of Woy Woy. They serve those in need, who are homeless many of whom travel along the train lines from Sydney to Newcastle. On the school's Facebook page, you will see how we can support them with not only donations but also the initiative 'Shout a Mate a Plate'. For a \$6 donation you can provide a nutritious and hearty meal.

The busyness and positivity of this community is infectious, and our students, teachers and families are making a difference in the world.

Blessings to all

Steve Hopley

Acting Principal



Parish Christmas Dinner

WYONG CATHOLIC PARISH

ST CECILIA'S
ST JOHN FISHER
ST PETER'S

CELEBRATE THE END OF YEAR WITH US

- WHEN** Friday 16th December 2022
- WHERE** St John Fisher Hall Hicks Lane Tumby Umbi
- TIME** 6pm
- COST** Donation
- RSVP** Monday 5th December Jo 0424 763 734

*Please join us for Dinner
and Christmas Carols*

16TH
FRIDAY
DEC 2022



WELLBEING @ ST PETER'S

FRIENDS

How not to be a friend

Remember when we were raising our little ones, we taught them to share, be nice to others, and to include everyone. I remember inviting a whole Kindergarten class to a birthday party so no-one would feel left out!

There is one issue with this approach, we can't be friends with everyone. Sometimes our personalities clash, sometimes we have different values and sometimes we just don't know why we don't like someone. There is nothing wrong with this; we are human beings and as humans, we are complex.

So how do we NOT be a friend?

- When we share a space with people we must be polite, say hello, smile, and reply to a question. We do not have to be overly friendly.
- We do not tell other people not to be that person's friend.
- We do not say negative things to that person.
- We do not approach the person with the intention of causing emotional or physical hurt.
- We let them live their life in the vicinity of us without it causing conflict or issues.
- We do not try to isolate them from others by spreading rumours about them.
- If we were friends with them once, we do not share their secrets with others. Sharing these secrets says more about your character than it does about them.
- We respect a person's dignity, and humanity.

We don't have to be everyone's friend, but we do need to share the school environment and later possibly a work environment with them. Find enjoyment with your friends and leave others alone to do the same with their friends.

Regards

Candice Little and Owen
Director of Wellbeing



Tolerance implies a respect for another person, not because he is wrong or even because he is right, but because he is human.

John Cogley

YEAR 7 NEWS AND UPDATES

Police Liaison Office Talk

A few weeks ago, students in Year 7 had a visit and presentation 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.

Students watched a video with both male and female football players, who spoke about their experiences with violence and gangs, as well as making positive choices. They encouraged students to listen to parents, role models and inspirational people. Kim reiterated these messages, enforcing that it was okay to make mistakes, but students had to learn from them and make better choices in the future. It was also explained to the students that it is important that we make decisions for ourselves, rather than letting others influence our decision making. Students were spoken to about bullying, harassment, intimidation, the consequences

of these behaviours for both perpetrators and bystanders as well as being held accountable for our behaviour.

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

Geography

On Friday 2 December (Week 8), Year 7 students will be going on an excursion to Toowoomb Bay, as part of their learning for both Science and Geography. Here, students will investigate the formation and management of Toowoomb Bay. Students will need to wear their sports uniform. At the end of the day, students will be allowed to swim in the sea (under supervision).

Students will be required to bring:

- Packed lunch
- Hats
- Sunscreen
- Swimmers
- Towel

Further information about this day can be found on Compass.

Tony Brosnan and Megan Smith
Leaders of Wellbeing - Year 7



YEAR 9 NEWS AND UPDATES

Week 6! The countdown is well and truly on for Term 4 of 2022, and with the end in sight we encourage you to keep being your best selves, put your best feet forward and sail on into the holidays.

With mid term comes lots of stress- plenty of assessments, lots of sport and just regular life pressures. Try and keep on top of what you can and remember to ask for help if you need it. Our door in the Year Co office is always open and our Wellbeing Hub is up and running if you ever need the space.

Unlocked Program

A group of our students have been participating in the Unlocked Program each Friday this term. It is designed to strengthen community

connections, economic and social participation. Our students have tried a range of skills in these days including metal work, carpentry, gardening, with more to come in the following weeks and are thriving. The feedback from their teachers and supervisors has been nothing but positive and they themselves seem to be getting a lot out of the experience.

Keep up the good work guys!

Outdoor Adventure

As part of one of our electives here at school, some of our Year 9 students have been adventuring! Mr Czes Lawicki and Miss Yasmin Rooney were lucky enough to get our lots into the great outdoors for a hiking adventure in the beautiful Strickland State Forest.

Everyone had a great time and the weather really turned it on for the day- the smiles say it all. We can't wait to see what they get up to next.

Andrew Lomax and Jessica Moroney
Leaders of Wellbeing - Year 9



ATTENTION YEAR 7 TO 10 PARENTS AND CARERS

The previously advertised end of year Year 7 to 10 Presentation Evening will now be held during the day on **Wednesday 13th December** at the following times:

Year 7 and 8 - 9:00am - 11:00am
Year 9 and 10 - 11:40am - 1:40pm

Parents are invited to attend with doors opening 15 minutes prior to the assembly start time shown above. A light morning tea will be held at the conclusion of each assembly for all parents/carers in attendance.

YEAR 11/12 NEWS AND UPDATES

We really have had an incredibly busy and productive few weeks in Stage 6 world.

Last week during our Wellbeing period, Elevate Education came and spoke to the new Year 12's about the importance of effective study. They helped our kids with a few pointers and tips and the presentation was very well received.

On Thursday we had our Year 11 Academic Presentation. It was wonderful to see so many parents and friends in attendance and sincere congratulations to all those who received an award.

Congratulations also to those students who recently took part in the Battle of the Businesses and Battle of the Builders. Jade R, Zoe G, Zane C and Josh D all did incredibly well and finished second in their respective fields.

In the world of Finance we had a number of students who presented a report to the Bendigo Bank Junior Board of Directors Program. Congratulations to Charlotte H, Dhruv M, Elizabeth P and Jack T. This is a very prestigious event and the students could not have been better ambassadors for the College.

Finally next Monday evening we have students attending Coastal Shelter to feed those in need. Special thanks to Luke S, Tahliah D, Ellouise H and Rebecca L for putting up their hand to help.

As an added bonus is they get to spend some extra time with Mr Dryden!

A few community notices to finish

If anyone is interested in a carpentry apprenticeship please see Mr Stretton or Mr Dryden in the Stage 6 Office. A local roofing and carpentry business has been in contact and is looking for someone interested and keen to start straight away.

Please make sure that if you wish to park your car on the College Grounds you have filled in the google form sent out by Mr Dryden. If you have any questions please pop into the Stage 6 Office. Parking at school is a privilege and not a right so always bear that in mind!

Finally... our study periods have been amazing recently. Mr Stretton and myself have been checking the library regularly and the work ethic and level of engagement has been incredible. Just make sure to remember that if you have a study first period you have to be at school for homeroom as normal.

Finally, you may notice that it's Mr Dryden writing this and not Mr Stretton. I will be filling in while Mrs O'Keeffe is on maternity leave. I did this exact role last year and loved every minute of it. On my first day 2 weeks ago I found myself walking around the senior playground at lunch. I could not help thinking to myself how lucky I am. What an extraordinary bunch of young adults we have at St Peter's and how privileged I am to teach them.

Scott Stretton and Mitchell Dryden
Leaders of Wellbeing - Year 11/12



JAPANESE NEWS – CC JAPANESE CULTURAL COURSE

2023 Year 9 (and Year 11) Orientation Day

What a wonderful day the Orientation Day was. Not only did we get to meet our classmates from other schools, but we also became acquainted with the students who will be doing the Beginner's Online Course in Year 11 2023. It was exciting to see where our study of the Cultural Course can take us in only a few years.

Mrs Campbell planned an informative, exciting and practical day. As I posted in the last newsletter the students of the Cross Campus Cultural Course learn about Japanese culture and develop a deeper understanding of Japan as a nation. Many students are coming to the course with an extensive knowledge already and they will be able to apply this in numerous ways in the course. The Orientation Day provided the chance for students to have a practical learning experience in a 'live' environment, something as online learners we don't get the chance to do very often. It soon became apparent that many of the students shared a love of Japanese 'pop' culture, particularly manga and anime, striking up fast friendships over shared viewing history.

Most notably on the day we were able to experience a beautiful Japanese tea ceremony. Thank you, Miho and Yoko sensei for impressing us so much with the beauty and serenity of this traditional past time. The Japanese treats with the tea ceremony were a real treat for everyone, contrasting the bitter tea taste with sweetness. After that, we all enjoyed an 'oishii' [delicious] lunch at the Yayoi Japanese restaurant in Chatswood. Some of us trying Japanese food for the first time. Using chopsticks proved to be quite a challenging experience but most students proving very adept at using them. It was a very friendly and chatty atmosphere over the lunch dishes. It was great to see everyone getting on so well.

We even managed to become familiar with our Canvas platform; trying out a few activities using the tools available.

Some of the students commented about the day:

"The tea ceremony was very enjoyable and I enjoyed it very much. The sweets that were given were very yummy. 「イレアナ」 The tea ceremony was very fun and tasted good, I enjoyed watching how the tea was made and the precision of the movements. 「ブライス」"

"The Japanese orientation had been an amazing experience that had enabled students to experience different aspects of Japanese culture such as the food, a tea ceremony and also learning about different facts about Japan with a zoom with someone physically in Japan. It also allowed students to build new connections and friendships with different students. It was also helpful to know the way about the Canvas website and how next year doing Japanese will operate. Mrs Campbell and Mrs Dowdell did an excellent job in organising this day and I had learnt many things about both the language and the culture. 「ヴェラ」"

As I mentioned in the previous newsletter, this day was held at Mercy College, Chatswood, so a big thank you goes out to Mercy College for accommodating us. I would like to add my heartfelt thanks [doumo arigatou gozaimashita] to the Year 8 students (soon to be Year 9!) for engaging so enthusiastically with the day's activities. You all behaved impeccably and with maturity far from your years. I look forward to the work we will do together next year. Mrs Campbell, as always, ensured the day run smoothly for both the Year 8 and Year 10 students alike.

To all students and families, have a safe and successful end of 2022; a wonderful Christmas and an even safer and happy 2023. I look forward to our first lesson next year.

Jenni Dowdell

Japanese Language Course (CCC - Online)



VET STUDENTS REPRESENT!

Battle of the Business Assistants

It has been a busy few weeks in the VET Department, with several teams across a number of subject areas competing in diocesan wide competitions to test their skills learnt through their VET courses in Stage 6.

In **Business Administration**, two teams of 2 students, Jade R. and Zoe G (Team 1) and Scarlett W and Ryan K. (Team 2) were entered from St Peter's and they completed against teams from four other diocesan schools. With less than a week to prepare, both teams performed amazingly well.

Overall on the day, St Joseph's Catholic College secured 1st place, the St Peter's team of Jade and Zoe were awarded 2nd place and Mount Saint Benedict College from Pennant Hills came 3rd. Scarlett and Ryan achieved 6th place overall.

All teams represented their respected schools with such pride and professionalism and it was so lovely to watch them all chat amongst each other during their lunch break.

Thanks to Josie Busby and her HO team for putting the whole competition together and to Mrs Taylor for assisting throughout.

Great work everyone!!

Simone Peat
VET Teacher

Battle of the Builders

In **Building and Construction**, similar to the Battle of the Business Administration teams of 2 students, were entered from St Peter's to complete against teams from other diocesan schools. Our team of Year 12 VET Certificate II Construction students Zane C and Joshuah D completed under the St Peter's banner.

The competition was held at Mackillop Catholic College at Warnervale.

The Annual Catholic Schools Broken Bay Battle of the Builders competition fosters students' communication, teamwork, organisation, and leadership skills designed by industry experts to assess the students' knowledge, practical competence, and employability skills against a set of strict criteria.

In Mr Beavis' absence, Ms Clarke accompanied Zane and Joshuah and got to witness the boys take home 2nd place!

It was an exciting and busy day for all involved and the team performed extremely well for the hard fought win (only one point separating two teams!).

Mr Beavis would have been proud of his students! Congratulations to both Zane and Joshuah.

A special mention to Zane who was noted by the judges to be the best stand out student in the workshop for his skills in the carpenter's challenge component of the competition.

Great job Zane!

Taryn Clarke
VET Teacher



THE TAS TEAM IN ACTION

Stage 4 Engineering

2022 has been a good year for both the Yr7 TEN classes with Mr Judge, exploring designing, engineering using 3D graphics and workshop technologies.

This year our classes have pushed individual student boundaries in creative designing a drawing using CAD a drawing program called Fusion 360.

Students developed 3D graphic ideas that were then printed with our 3D printers.

Students also designed, built and raced CO₂ powered race cars from blocks of balsa wood. The creative car designs were unique and provided all students with collaborative learning tasks building and racing their original car models.

We also experienced design concepts with flying glider models constructed from lightweight core board.

Ian Judge

Engineering Teacher



Stage 4 Agriculture & Food Technologies

What better way to end the Term for Mr Hildebrandt than joining in with Year 7's Garden Pizzeria Café Assessment Task.

TAS Leader of Learning Mr Wellings is always happy to check in on the skills of the students with a taste test and many other teachers love to second that trial with ratings of 10/10.

Taryn Clarke

Food Technology Teacher



THE TAS TEAM IN ACTION AGAIN!

Stage 4 Digital Technology

Students have been studying the Digital Technology course over the past semester and actively engaging in a broad use of current and emerging technological devices.

Term 3 was devoted to the Minecraft Educational program in which students programmed their way through a range of exciting and difficult courses.

Term 4 has shifted the focus to robotics and the use of the Sphero devices. Students are required to master the control of the Sphero robots using various coding tools and to navigate their way around several pre constructed 'Challenge' tracks.

Mick Wellings

Leader of Learning - TAS

ST PETER'S INAUGURAL PORTRAIT PRIZE

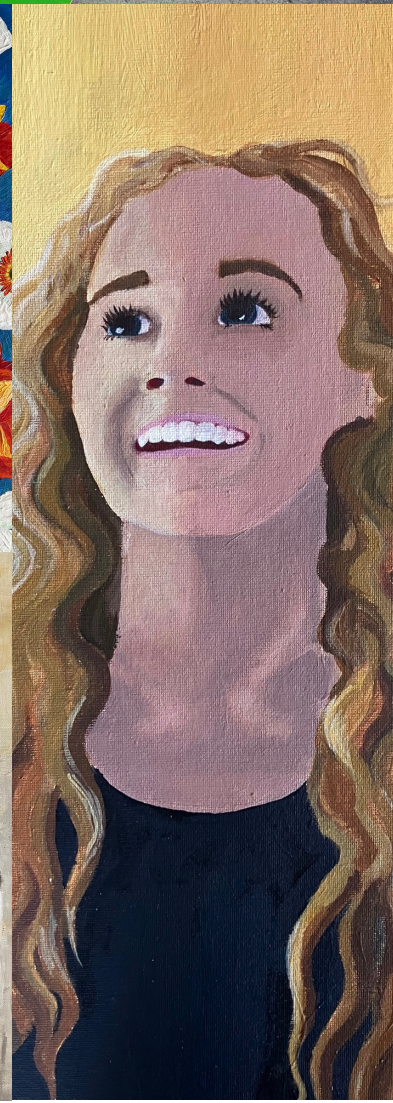
Inspired by Australia's prestigious Archibald Prize, our talented Year 9 and 10 Visual Arts students have been busy drawing and painting a sensational collection of Portraits for our inaugural St Peter's Portrait Prize. An exhibition of the selected finalist artworks will go on display in the Q-Block Hallway Gallery later this term.

A panel of judges will determine the St. Peter's Portrait Prize Winner and will be announced later in Term 4. The audience will be invited to cast a vote for their favourite portrait and the winner will receive a Viewer's Choice Award.

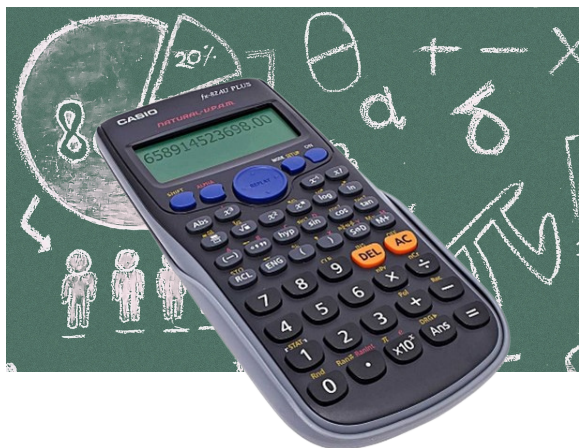
We invite you to join us in a special afternoon celebration of the Visual Arts and we look forward to sharing this event with you. An announcement will be made on Compass once the exhibition dates have been finalised. Here is a sneak preview of three of our submissions.

Nicola Oram and Amanda Purnell

Visual Arts Team



MATHS HELP AVAILABLE TUESDAY



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

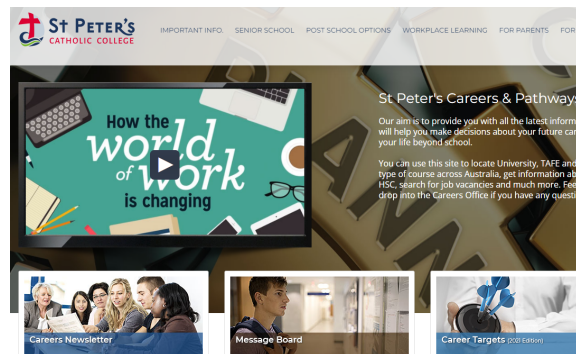
If your child is struggling with concepts or particular topics we encourage them to come along and discuss with Ms Michell and her team of Maths whizzes.

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

Wednesday 23 November
 Thursday 24 November
 Thursday 24 November
 Friday 25 November
 Friday 25 November
 Monday 28 November
 Tuesday 29 November
 Thursday 1 December
 Friday 2 December
 Tuesday 13 December
 Wednesday 14 December
Term 1 2023
 Monday 30 January
 Tuesday 31 January
 Tuesday 31 January

Surfarama Surf Competition
 Year 10 First Aid Certification Day 1
 Broken Bay Surf Lifesaving Carnival
 Year 10 First Aid Certification Day 2
 Mega Maths Day
 Year 7 2023 Orientation Day
 BBSSA Tennis
 Whole School Assembly
 Year 7 Science/HSIE Toowoomba Bay Excursion
 Year 7 to 10 Presentation Day
 Last day of formal classes for 2022

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



**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**

