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ST PETER'S NEWS

CHALLENGING OUR STUDENTS THROUGH A FOCUS ON EXCELLENCE



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

Welcome to the last week of Term 1.

This term has been incredibly full with so many initiatives and activities taking place, especially the last 3 weeks. Our Year 12 students have been through an assessment period in this time as they continue to work towards their Higher School Certificate. The assessment time was busy for them; however, many students are telling me that they were happy with the work they have done and are feeling on track in terms of where they are up to in their learning journey this year.

Last week was the first formation day for the nine students from St Peter's who are headed to World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal later this year. The day was attended by all the pilgrims from across our Diocese and it was wonderful to share the excitement of all of the students and young adults as they prepare for this amazing experience.

Year 7 had a very successful camp last week, thankfully the weather held off for them after a wet start on the first day. I visited the camp during the week and the students and teachers I spoke with were having a wonderful time. It is always inspiring to watch our students combat and overcome their fears and apprehensions as they attempt some of the more challenging experiences on camp. Year 8 are on camp this week and we keep them in our thoughts and prayers as they take part in a wide range of adventure and challenge activities. I wish to offer my sincere thanks to all the staff who go to camp, it is a busy and very tiring few days. St Peter's staff never give anything less than their best in the way they look after your sons and daughters while they are away on experiences like camp.

I further extend my thanks to all our staff for everything that has been achieved this term and the tireless efforts that staff give to ensure the best learning and the best experiences for our young people.

Holy Week

During this last week of term, let us not forget about the significance of this week for us as Catholics. This week is Holy Week, it commenced on Sunday with Palm Sunday and concludes on Holy Saturday. The purpose of this week is to not only to commemorate, but also to re-enact and participate in the events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion on Good Friday.

On Palm Sunday we celebrated the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The people laid palms before him, a gesture that is only reserved for significant leaders. Tomorrow we will celebrate the last supper, the final Passover meal that Jesus shared with his disciples and the meal that forms the basis of our sacrament of Eucharist. It was on Holy Thursday that Jesus was betrayed and then arrested. The mass which occurs in parishes on Holy Thursday is one of the most beautiful liturgies of the year as the priest washes the feet of parishioners just as Jesus did to his disciples on this night.

The greatest focus of the week is the Passion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Good Friday, the day that Jesus died, is commemorated in two ceremonies, "Stations of the Cross" which tells the story of the events leading to Jesus' crucifixion. This ceremony is usually held in the morning. In the afternoon, normally at 3pm, is the Good Friday liturgy consisting of the reading of passion story and then veneration of the cross. On this occasion churches are stripped of all decorations and the altar is left bare. Mass is never celebrated on Good Friday.

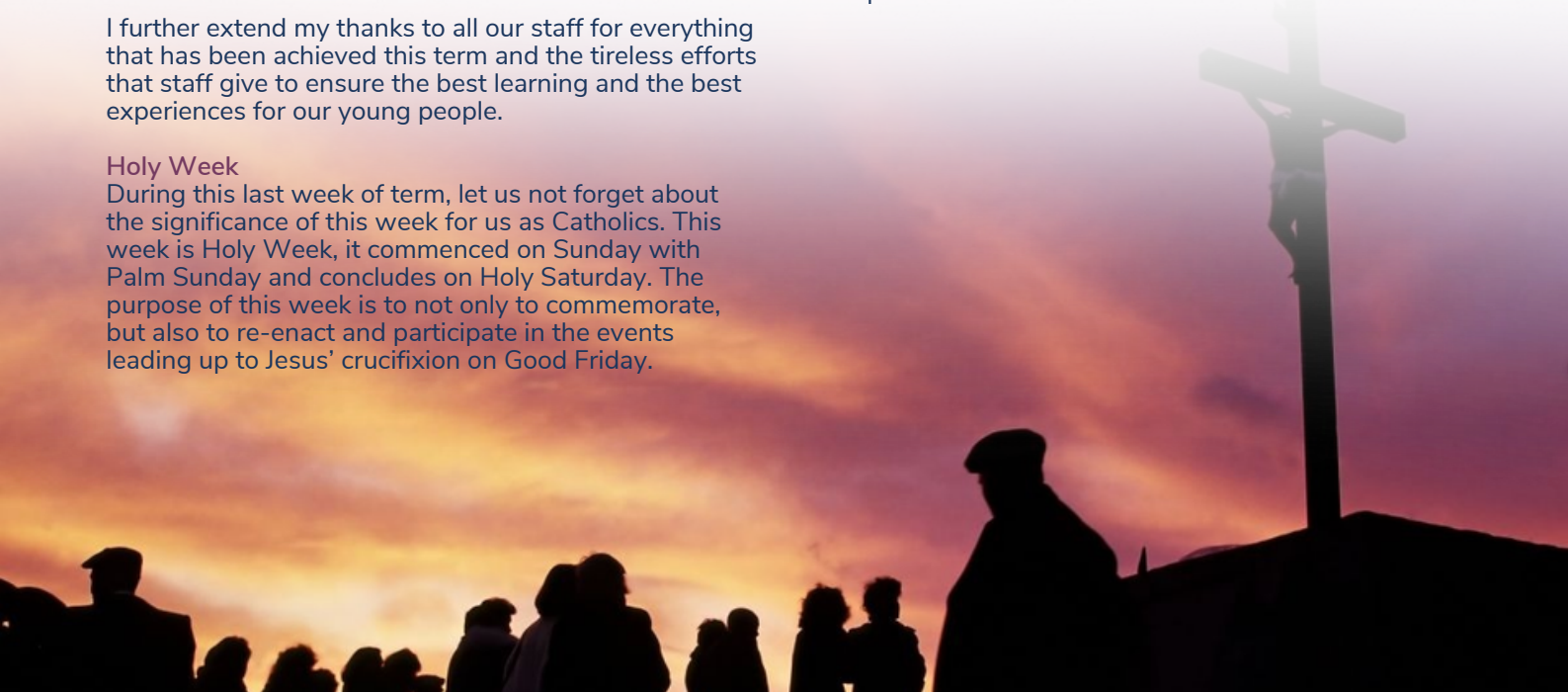
It is on Easter Sunday that Jesus rises from the tomb and the masses on Easter Sunday are filled with rejoicing and celebration. Churches are re-decorated, music starts again and a sense of joy is apparent in all congregations.

Can I encourage everyone to think about attending your parish over the upcoming Easter weekend. Check your parish websites for the times of the various ceremonies. If you have not attended Holy Thursday mass or the Good Friday celebrations in the past, these are truly beautiful ceremonies and quite different from our normal Sunday Masses. The atmosphere in the church is different on each of these days and it is very special to participate in the entire journey.

I wish all families a very happy and holy Easter and a restful school holiday period.

Tim Hildebrandt

Principal



Easter Liturgies at Wyong & The Entrance



St Peter's Catholic College students and families are invited to attend the Easter Liturgies this coming holy season at our parishes in Wyong, Tumbi Umbi and The Entrance..

Holy Thursday - Thursday 6 April

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| St John Fisher, Tumbi Umbi | 7.00pm | Evening Mass of the Last Supper |
| Our Lady of the Rosary, The Entrance | 7.00pm | Evening Mass of the Last Supper |

Good Friday - Friday 7 April

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| St Cecilia's, Wyong | 10.00am | Stations of the Cross |
| St Cecilia's, Wyong | 3.00pm | The Lord's Passion |
| St John Fisher, Tumbi Umbi | 10.00am | Stations of the Cross |
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Holy Saturday - Saturday 8 April

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| St Cecilia's, Wyong | 7.00pm | Easter Vigil Mass |
| Our Lady of the Rosary, The Entrance | 5.00pm | Easter Vigil Mass |

Easter Sunday - Sunday 9 April

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| St Cecilia's, Wyong | 7.30am | Mass of the Resurrection |
| St Cecilia's, Wyong | 9.30am | Mass of the Resurrection |
| St John Fisher, Tumbi Umbi | 8.30am | Mass of the Resurrection |
| St John Fisher, Tumbi Umbi | 5.00pm | Mass of the Resurrection |
| Our Lady of the Rosary, The Entrance | 8.00am | Mass of the Resurrection |
| Reynolds Court, Bateau Bay | 11.00am | Mass of the Resurrection |

Wishing everyone a happy and holy Easter

WELLBEING @ ST PETER'S IN 2023

As we move into the School Holidays and Easter, we are mindful that for some people in our community celebratory days can be triggering or difficult. Emotional reactions during a celebratory event, may include anger, fear, sadness, and shame, however, individuals may encounter difficulty in identifying any of these feelings and demonstrate them through poor or risky behaviours. If celebrations are emotionally difficult for your family, there are supports available.

Headspace:
(02) 4394 9180
<https://headspace.org.au/>

Lifeline:
13 11 14
<https://www.lifeline.org.au>

Kids Helpline:
1800 55 1800
<https://kidshelpline.com.au>

Look for moments of joy, no matter how small, and stay connected to your faith community. Our faith can be a powerful reminder to be grateful for the good things in your life, and to have hope for the future. This time of year is a great time to get outdoors. Spending time outdoors is proven to boost mental and physical wellbeing in many ways, from topping up on Vitamin D to helping offset depression. The best things in life are free; a social bike ride, walking and a picnic are great ways to get moving and enjoy being together.



Chocolate and Dogs don't mix, unless it's a Lab!

While a chocolate colour on dogs is perfect, Owen would like to remind everyone that consuming chocolate is poisonous to dogs. Chocolate contains theobromine. A dog's body cannot metabolize theobromine quickly having a negative effect on the dog's heart and nervous system, which can be lethal. Please ensure the Easter bunny leaves easter eggs up high where furry members of the family cannot access them.

If your dog does eat chocolate seek advice from your local vet. This Australian toxicity calculator can help you in identify the symptoms associated with the amount of chocolate consumed.

[Chocolate Toxicity Calculator](#)

Have a safe and happy holiday!

Candice Little
Director of Wellbeing

HAPPY EASTER



STAGE 4 NEWS - YEAR 8 ARE AT CAMP HAVING A BALL!

Hello Year 8 families and students

Staffing Changes

Miss Smith will be off on leave from week 1 until week 7 of Term 2 and taking her place as Leader of Wellbeing for Year 8 will be Mrs Briggs.

Miss Rooney will also remain in the Assistant Leader of Wellbeing for Stage 4 position until Miss Smith returns.

If at any time you need to contact either of us, our emails are:

susan.briggs@dbb.catholic.edu.au
yasmin.rooney@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Year 8 Camp

Year 8 are currently up at the Great Aussie Bush Camp at the Tea Gardens enjoying 4 days of adventure, team building and resilience building activities. We hope they are all having a great time and can't wait to hear about all the fun on their return!

Term 1 Wrap Up

Welcome to the end of Term 1! The term has certainly flown by, and the students have been kept busy with many different activities including the swimming carnival, camp, Bullying No Way Day, and Reflection Day in between their everyday lessons. We wish everyone a Happy Easter and a restful break and look forward to seeing everyone in Term 2!

Until next term

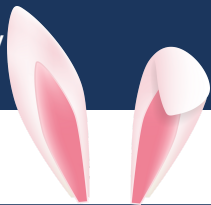
Megan Smith and Yasmin Rooney



YEAR 7

CAMP





STAGE 5 NEWS - YOU MADE IT TO THE END OF TERM!

Well, we've made it to the end of Term 1!

Congratulations to all of you on an amazing term - you guys have done yourself proud in the way you act and carry yourself throughout all aspects of the school. It's been such a positive start to the school year.

Careers Expo

On Tuesday 4 April, our Year 10 students travelled to Avondale University to attend the Career's Expo.

Stallholders from all walks and avenues of life were present to guide our students through a plethora of careers and pathways - which is really important as Year 10 begin to think about subject selections for Year 11 and 12.

The emphasis of the Career Expo is to examine industries and the range of career pathways available through further education, training and employment opportunities.

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The Career Pathway Expo is held at the start of the period where students in Year 10 are considering subjects for their preliminary and HSC years and provide options for those students who are also considering their career options after Year 10!

Thank you all for attending and beginning to engage in a future-focused activity. We hope every student got something out of the experience.

Holidays

After the holiday you will return to school on Wednesday 26 April in full Winter Uniform ready to tackle Term 2 just as well as you have tackled Term 1 in 2023.

Mr Lomax and I wish you all a happy, safe and restful holidays! Enjoy your break and we will see you all next term.

Andrew Lomax and Jessica Moroney



COMPASS AND EARLY DEPARTURES

Procedures for Early Departures from school

As a reminder to all families when needing to collect a student early from school (anything before 3.10pm), families need to provide a paper note to the student affected by the early departure (in the case of siblings, all students affected will require a separate note), to bring to school OR parents need to email the Student Services team using the email address below:

spctstudentservices@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Students will need to present their early departure note, signed by their parent to their Leader of Wellbeing or Assistant Leader of Wellbeing on the day of departure, who will initial the note and return to your student. Your student will then use this note to show their classroom teacher at the time of departure.

Please **do not** enter partial notes into Compass as this interferes with attendance and rolls for the day.

Please enter only full day absences into Compass.

UNIFORM SHOP EXTENDED TRADING HOURS

Cowan and Lewis have informed us that the Winter Uniform stock is now available for purchase in store and online.

Students will be required to be in full winter uniform from the beginning of Term 2.

The College uniform shop will trade with extended trading hours during the school holidays.

Monday 17 April to Friday 21 April 2023
Open from 9am – 2pm daily.

Cowan & Lewis offer shopping either in person from the school's uniform shop, or online 24/7 at:

<https://cowanlewis.com.au/product-category/st-peters-tuggerah/>

Girls Winter Trouser Option

The new winter trouser option for the girls winter uniform which is available for purchase.

ENROLLING NOW FOR YEAR 7 2024

The College is currently enrolling for Year 7 2024. Existing school families with students entering Year 7 2024 are encouraged to submit their applications for enrolment as soon as possible to ensure they secure a position for next year.

To enrol please click the "APPLY NOW" button below to download the Enrolment Package or collect one from the School Administration Office.

Along with the completed and signed application forms, families will need to provide:

- Student's birth certificate
- Sacramental certificates
- Immunisation Statement from Medicare
- Year 5 Semester 2 School Report
- Year 5 NAPLAN results
- As well as with any relevant court orders, medical or diagnosis reports/information.

Queries or questions about enrolment please contact Mrs Linda Selfridge on 4352 9817 or spctenrolments@dbb.catholic.edu.au

APPLY NOW



MATHS HELP EVERY 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

$$x_{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

BUSWAYS ROUTE 79 CHANGES TO AM/PM BUSES



Commencing Monday 24 April 2023 (1st Day of Term 2), Morning and Afternoon Route 79 will operate via a revised path (please refer to the official Busways letters on page 10 and 11 of this newsletter for specific routes).

As a result of this path change, Route 79 will no longer service Pacific Hwy between Louisiana Rd & Figtree Bvd.

For further information please contact Busways Customer Service on 1300 69 2929 or infoline@busways.com.au

Alternatively, you can view all of your schools timetabled services at:

<https://www.busways.com.au/nsw/school-services/school-timetables>

and select the link adjacent to your schools name; "New timetable | 24 April 2023".

Yours sincerely,
BUSWAYS

UPCOMING EVENTS @ ST PETER'S

Term 1 2023

Thursday 6 April
Thursday 6 April

Term 2 2023

Monday 24 April
Tuesday 25 April
Wednesday 26 April
Wednesday 26 April
Thursday 27 April
Friday 28 April
Wednesday 3 May
Wednesday 3 May
Saturday 6 May
Tuesday 9 May
Wednesday 10 May
Friday 12 May
Monday 15 May
Wednesday 17 May
Wednesday 17 May
Thursday 18 May

Year 8 Camp concludes
Term 1 concludes

Staff Development Day/Pupil Free Day
ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Term 2 commences
Anzac Day Ceremony
Year 9 HSIE Urban Excursion (Blue Side)
Year 9 HSIE Urban Excursion (Green Side)
Athletics Carnival
Lady Elliot Island Excursion commences
Lady Elliot Island Excursion concludes
Broken Bay Cross Country
Year 11 & 12 Entertainment Arthouse Excursion
Year 8 History Egypt Day Incursion
Year 7 Immunisations
Broken Bay Intermediate Soccer
Year 7, 8 and 9 Brainstorm Flipside Incursion
SHINE Conference



Busways

24th March 2023

**St Peter's Catholic College - Tuggerah
Wyong Christian Community School
Wyong High School
Wyong Public School**

Route 79 - AM SERVICE

Dear Parents and Students,

Commencing **Monday 24th April 2023** (1st Day of Term 2), **Morning Route 79** will operate via a **revised path** as detailed below.

Route 79 will continue to commence from Arizona Rd & Chelmsford Rd (7:53am) via Arizona Rd (R) Hakone Rd (L) Waterside Dr (R) Mataram Rd (L) Hiawatha Rd (R) Sparks Rd (7:59am) (L) Minnesota Rd (L) Wamervale Rd to Ebony Dr (8:01am), continues Wamervale Rd (R) Louisiana Rd (R) Fairmont Bvd (L) Minnesota Rd (R) Pacific Hwy, Brittonia Dr (8:14am) then to Wyong Station (8:27am). Then continues as School Bus 2129 to St Peters Catholic College.

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Yours sincerely,

BUSWAYS
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Busways

24th March 2023

**St Peter's Catholic College - Tuggerah
Wyong Christian Community School
Wyong High School**

Route 79 - PM SERVICE

Dear Parents and Students,

Commencing **Monday 24th April 2023** (1st Day of Term 2), **Afternoon Route 79** will operate via a **revised path** as detailed below.

Route 79 will continue to depart St Peter's Catholic College Top Car Park (3:31pm) via Mildon Rd (L)Pacific Hwy (R)into Wyong Station (3:42pm) (R)Pacific Hwy (L)Cutler Dr (L)Casey Dr (R)De Lisle Dr, Guardian Rd (R)Brittania Dr (3:53pm), Pacific Hwy (L)Minnesota Rd (R)Fairmont Bvd (L)Louisiana Rd (L)Wamervale Rd to Ebony Dr (4:05pm), continues Wamervale Rd (R)Minnesota Rd (R)Sparks Rd (L)Hiawatha Rd (R)Mataram Rd (L)Waterside Dr (R)Hakone Rd (L)Arizona Rd (R)Chelmsford Rd (4:14pm), Lake Haven Dr (L)Goobarabah Av (L)Into Lake Haven Shops (4:20pm).

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Yours sincerely,

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