

30 May 2023, Volume 8

ST PETER'S NEWS

CHALLENGING OUR STUDENTS THROUGH A FOCUS ON EXCELLENCE



WHAT'S INSIDE:

Message from
the Principal - 3

St Peter's World
of Sports News - 10

Youth in Performing Arts
Success - 11

SHINE Conference &
the Bishops visit - 16

ANNOUNCEMENT



**WE HAVE A
NEW PHONE
NUMBER**

St Peter's phone system is currently being upgraded to a cloud-based phone system, resulting in a change to our phone number.

Calls coming through the current school phone number will be redirected to the new number for a short period of time before the number is cancelled at a later date.

St Peter's contact details will be updated in all school communication channels over the coming weeks.

We encourage you to update the school contact details in your devices as soon as possible to avoid confusion. We appreciate your support as we transition to this new phone system.

7256 2125

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

As many of you will be aware, last Sunday was Pentecost Sunday, the day that celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit and the day which marks the end of our Easter season. It is a very significant day for us as Catholics as it is the coming of the Holy Spirit which fills our hearts with power and purpose. In the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 2, we are told that a strong, driving wind filled the room where Mary, the apostles and the first followers of Jesus were gathered. Tongues of fire came to rest on their heads allowing them to speak in different languages so they could understand each other. Peter explained this as the Holy Spirit bringing the apostles the gifts and fruits necessary to fulfil their mission to go out and preach the Gospel to all nations.

It was just after Pentecost that Peter, the patron saint of our school and the first leader of our church, preaches for the first time and converts thousands of new believers. It is for this reason that Pentecost is often referred to as the birthday of the church.

The Holy Spirit is perhaps the most difficult person of the blessed trinity for us to understand. Often described with words such as comforter, helper, advocate, guide or spirit of wisdom, the Holy Spirit has been there since the beginning of time; is present in all of us and we believe is the source of our energy, our power and our strength. The Holy spirit comes alongside all of us in our daily lives and is there for help and support whenever any of us may need it.

For our young people at St Peter's there are numerous opportunities for students to explore their faith and experience the power of the Holy Spirit in their own lives. Our students who have taken these opportunities talk about how the Holy Spirit has helped them to know God's love in a very personal way; helped them to know that they are an important part of God's family and have a unique purpose in this world. I have had students tell me after these experiences that they now understand how strong they are, how they now feel joy, how capable they are and how their fears subside. These are incredible stories to hear from young people, yet it happens so often for the students who choose to be part of the experiences offered to them. The Holy Spirit is at work in so many of our young people and the invitation is always there for others to seek out a better understanding of the own faith and the power of the spirit.

At our staff meeting last week, our Youth Ministry Coordinator, Michael Tobin, spoke to all staff about the Youth Ministry program at St Peter's and the extraordinary opportunities available to our students, from weekly meetings, social events, retreats and what we describe as mountain top experiences such as the Ignite Conference which is coming up in September. The youth Ministry program is a core part of our evangelising mission at St Peter's and key to the purpose of Catholic schooling. We exist as a school to provide these experiences for our students and are very proud of what we offer and the number of students who accept these challenges. Over 10% of our student body are engaged in Youth Ministry in some form.

At the end of July, I will have the privilege of travelling with a number of our St Peter's students to Lisbon, Portugal, for World Youth Day. This 3 – week pilgrimage through Italy and Portugal will provide an intense faith experience for students where each individual can explore their own faith development and feel the Holy Spirit at work in their lives.

Tim Hildebrandt
Principal



WELLBEING @ ST PETER'S IN 2023



Everyday counts in school attendance, while a day's absence seems harmless these absences quickly add up. Absences from school impact academic achievement and social and emotional wellbeing for individual students. Learning has a sequential process whereby what your adolescent learns each day builds on what they learned the day before. Therefore, an absence, disrupts their learning routine. Students can lose academic confidence and find it difficult to maintain or build friendships due to long periods of absenteeism. This can also be the case with excessive late arrivals or early departures.

You have a legal responsibility to send your children to school every school day. The required attendance rate is >90%, this equates to no more than 10 days of absence for the entire school year. Of course, an absence for illness, religious reasons, or family circumstances is reasonable and unavoidable. Students will be supported with work accessible on Compass and contact with the Year Co-ordinator and teachers via email.

School Refusal is the term used when the poor attendance is related to anxiety or excessive worry the adolescent has about going to school.

School refusal can occur at any age but usually occurs during periods of transition such as starting high school or family break up. Adolescents may show signs of school refusal following holidays, school camps, sports days, and weekends. Whilst there isn't a single cause for school refusal, it can be a sign of a developing mental health problem, such as anxiety or depression.

If you are experiencing difficulty getting your child to school every day and on time, please contact your child's Year Co-ordinator or the Director of Wellbeing, Mrs Little for support.

KEEP COMMUNICATING AND LISTENING - Listen to your teenager to identify what is the cause of their anxiety? It's important to let them talk without judgement. Understanding them will allow you to more accurately address their needs.

IDENTIFY AND RESPOND EARLY - It's important to talk to your teenager about what's happening. Support them to communicate with the school about what is happening.

TALK TO THE SCHOOL - Contact the school as soon as you become concerned to arrange a meeting to discuss how to best support your teenager.

KEEP CALM - Be consistent with expectations and routines.

SET CLEAR BOUNDARIES AROUND TECHNOLOGY

- Set limits on screen time; take the phone, computer and other technology out of the bedroom.
- Keep technology in a common area so your child/teenager can't connect during the night or in the early hours of the morning.
- Lead by example.

BE POSITIVE ABOUT SCHOOL - Encourage and highlight the positives of attending school. This isn't to dismiss their anxiety or emotional distress, but discussing the positive can help your teenager see the benefits of going to school (e.g. friends, sport, extra-curricular activities)

Additionally, the following weblinks have useful strategies to assist with school refusal:

[How to deal with school refusal - ReachOut Parents,](#)
[School refusal: children & teenagers | Raising Children Network](#)
[School refusal - Be You](#)

Attendance Homeroom

To assist student getting to school on time each day Mr Hopley and I will be running a homeroom for students who have already exceeded the 10 days of absence, so we can have wellbeing related focus, help get students organised for class and assessments and put supports in place to ensure attendance rates increase. Once students' attendance rates have increased they will be placed back into the usual homeroom.

Parent Webinars

Elevate Education has some upcoming webinars to support parents in supporting their child. Please see the flyer to register.

Candice Little and Owen 
Director of Wellbeing

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



education.nsw.gov.au

Term 2 Parent Support Series

Free Parent Webinars

[Click here to Register](#)

*Join us and Elevate Education for
FREE 60-minute webinars designed to
help you overcome specific challenges
that you and your child might be
facing across the term!*

In Term 2 we'll cover:

1. *Motivation*
10th May @ 6:30 (AEST)
2. *Ask Me Anything*
24th May @ 6:30 (AEST)
3. *Exam Preparation*
7th June @ 6:30 (AEST)
4. *Exam Room Skills*
21st June @ 6:30 (AEST)



STAGE 4 NEWS - YEAR 7 EXCURSIONS GALORE & REPORTS

Extra Curricular Excursions

In recent weeks there has been plenty of extra-curricular events happening around the college and it has been great to see so many Year 7's getting involved. On Tuesday 16 May, many Year 7 students participated in The NSW Junior Chess League's Metropolitan Secondary Schools Competition in Sydney, forming a very strong Junior Team with lots of wins in the bank. On Monday 22 we had another large group of Year 7 students from both the Book Club and Writer's Club travel to Chatswood to attend the Sydney Writer's Festival. This was a very valuable experience in allowing students to extend their knowledge and understanding of the writing process, as well as getting to meet some world-famous authors.

We have been very impressed by the number of extracurricular activities our Year 7 students are involving themselves in and encourage them to continue to do so!

Under 13's Boys Rugby League

Last Wednesday 24 May a group of very keen and enthusiastic boys travelled to Erina Oval to participate in the Under 13 Central Coast Premiership (City Cup) Rugby League competition. It was a tough competition with the boys losing their first match vs TLSC 8-0, winning their second vs Terrigal 10-6, and losing their last vs Gorokan 6-4. Arlo Benjes was a standout with a barnstorming performance. A big congratulations to the whole team for pushing hard all day and representing the College proudly.

Science + Geo Excursion

On Wednesday 31 May Year 7 travelled to Toowoomba Bay for a joint Geography and Science Excursion. This excursion was to explore and investigate the formation and management of the natural environment of Toowoomba Bay. It was a lovely sunny day allowing the students to get the most out of the day and explore how our beautiful coastline has been formed and changed and developed over time.

Reporting time

Now being in Week 6, we are coming up to our first major reporting time for Year 7. This means students need to make sure they are staying on top of everything they have due and handing all assessment tasks in by the due dates. This information can all be found on Compass for both Students and Parents to view.

We understand it can be a very stressful time for our Year 7's as it is such a big change from primary school, but if at anytime students feel overwhelmed, the Leaders of Wellbeing as well as the Counsellors and Wellbeing Room are always available for students to use.

St Peter's Day

Coming up in Week 10 we have our Annual St Peter's Day celebration. This is a whole school full day event that takes place on school grounds, involving a variety of fun games, activities, competitions, food stalls and much more. Make sure you keep an eye out for more details on this as we get closer to Week 10!!

Tony Grosman & Yasmin Rooney



STAGE 5 NEWS - YEAR 9 CAMP - WE CAN'T WAIT!

Well, we are well and truly into the thick of things now coming into Week 6 of this term. You have settled in well, but as the stress and pressure of assessment time starts to hit, we remind you all to make sure you're as organised as possible. This term is a reporting term, so it is absolutely crucial for you to make sure that your assessments are submitted or completed on time, and to the best of your ability. If you find yourself away or struggling, please make sure you see your classroom teachers and the Leaders of Learning to get the assistance you may need for those.

There have been a few little instances of disruptive behaviours in class as well lately and we would like to remind you all to ensure that you are embracing every learning opportunity that is offered to you. Likewise, on the playground we encourage you all to interact with each other respectfully at all times to keep our community running cohesively.

Camps

Year 9 will be given some more information soon regarding upcoming camps next term and we will begin to gauge how much interest lies with each different camp. Most of our students seem eager to participate and already have a fairly good idea of which camp they would like to attend, but if they do have any questions they are encouraged to speak to either Mr Lawicki or Miss Moroney to clear up any hesitations they may have.

The three camps running for Week 4 of next term are:

- Surf Camp
- Wee Jasper
- Lake Burrendong

Surf Camp

Our surfers head north to Treachery and the surrounding coastline for a week of surf and waves. They will head into the water, go for some picturesque walks/hikes and bond around a campfire as they take a week to really come together in their shared interest.

Collectively, these students will take care of themselves by cooking their own meals together and making sure their campsite and everyday activities run smoothly. Students need to have completed the Surf Survival Course during sport this year if they are intending to attend Surf Camp this year.

Wee Jasper

Wee Jasper is a small, picturesque valley at the foot of the Brindabella Ranges on the backwaters of Burrinjuck Dam. It is located 54km south-west of Yass and the students will be camping at Billy Grace Reserve on the banks of the Goodradigbee River. This reserve has flush toilets, running water and hot showers- so don't panic. It will be cold! And you will get dirty! Wee Jasper offers a unique adventure opportunity; an 'ABC' combination of Abseiling, Bushwalking and Caving will provide memories that will last a lifetime. At the end of a long day, an evening campfire provides the focus for relaxation, stories and conversation.

This camp is a tent camp- so pack a really good sleeping bag, some thermals and some extra layers for that night-time chill.

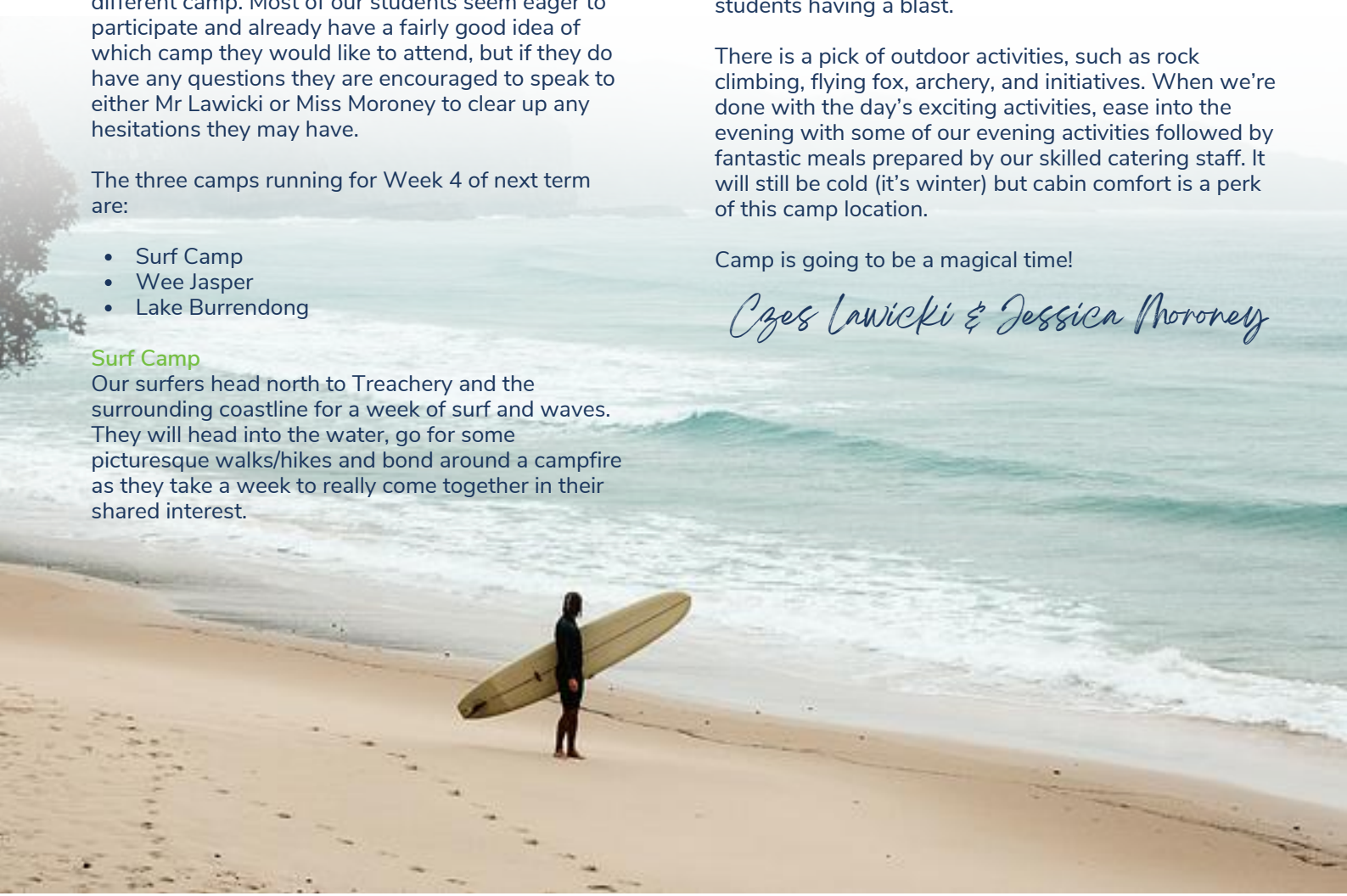
Lake Burrendong

Lake Burrendong Sport and Recreation Centre sits between Parkes, Orange and Dubbo with Parkes a 90 minute drive and Orange and Dubbo both a 60 minute drive. This campsite has 67 hectares of unspoiled bushland hemmed in by trees stretching skyward, 'roos bouncing across the horizon and soundtracked by our students having a blast.

There is a pick of outdoor activities, such as rock climbing, flying fox, archery, and initiatives. When we're done with the day's exciting activities, ease into the evening with some of our evening activities followed by fantastic meals prepared by our skilled catering staff. It will still be cold (it's winter) but cabin comfort is a perk of this camp location.

Camp is going to be a magical time!

Czes Lawicki & Jessica Moroney



STAGE 6 NEWS - ST PETER'S DAY IS ON THE WAY!

As we move into the second half of Term 2 students are encouraged to maintain their current commitment to study periods in the library as they start to complete the beginning wave of assessment tasks for the term. A well organised use of time is essential for managing the study and workload for all senior students.

St Peter's Day

St Peter's Day is the final day of Term 2 and our leaders are hard at work organising the day for all students to enjoy. We look forward to St Peter's Day 2023 and can't wait to see what our Year 12's have in store for the school.

Year 11 Wellbeing for Learning

Year 11 was fortunate to have Kylie Bailey come to Wellbeing for Learning period during Week 5 where she discussed effective time management techniques for students. This included realistic study times, and work, sport, and family commitments throughout the week. Students left the seminar with a stronger understanding of what it means to correctly manage their time for the week.

Winter Uniform

I would like to continue to remind all students that Winter School Uniform is now required to be worn correctly. Please ensure each day your uniform represents St Peter's well and reflects the values we hold as respected members of the community.

Winter Sport Results

Congratulations to the Open Girls AFL team, where they went undefeated in their gala day.

The Open Boys Basketball team went 3-3 and the Open Girls Basketball team went 2-2.

Congratulations to all who participated! An outstanding effort from all Stage 6 students.

Welcome Back Mrs O'Keeffe

In the last few weeks we have been lucky enough to have Mrs O'Keeffe back on campus for a few days on and off but we are building up to her return to the Leader of Wellbeing for Year 12!

A huge thank you to Mr Dryden and Mr Scott for holding the fort during Mrs O'Keeffe's maternity leave. You both have done an amazing job! I'm sure the students will agree that they have been a delight to have in the Stage 6 office and on the playground!

*Mitchell Dryden, Adam Beavis
& Mitchell Scott*



POP POP POP

We've gone Pop Crazy in Visual Arts this semester!

Our Year 9 and 10 Visual Arts students have been exploring Popular Cultural themes and studying the artworks from Pop Artists and the Pop Art movement.

They have created bright, vibrant and bold Skateboard Deck designs, inspired by music, movies, fast food, and comic book characters, just to name a few.

The students learnt how to creatively design for a particular object, Skateboard Deck, and apply various paint application techniques; hand painting with acrylic paint, free drawing with Posca paint pens and stencilling and spray paint.

A selection of these fabulous artworks is currently on display for a Stage 5 'Pop Skateboard Decks' Exhibition in the School Library.

Our Year 8 art students have been tantalised by 'Sweet Treats', creating their Pop Art canvas paintings inspired by the famous artworks of artist Roy Lichtenstein.

Milkshakes, donuts, ice-creams, fruit loops and lollies have been carefully painted into fun, colourful and delicious artworks.

Well done to all our art students for their imagination and creativity in producing some outstanding artworks!

Nicola Oram & Amanda Purnell



SPORTS NEWS

Intermediate Soccer Gala Day

On Wednesday 17 May, the College Girls and Boys Intermediate Soccer teams took part in the Broken Bay Gala Day at Cromer Park.

Facing tough opponents, our Girls approached each game with determination and a never-give-up attitude. Though the final scores showed three 5-0 losses and a 2-0 loss, it is crucial to remember that the true victory lies in the valuable lessons learned and the bonds formed.

The boys also played hard and came away with a win 5-0, a draw 1-1 and two close 1-0 defeats.

Both teams were relatively young teams with the majority of players in Year 9 and will now look positively towards improving their skills for next years gala day.

Thankyou to Mr Miles and Mr Little for supporting the students though training and on the day.



Photo: Intermediate Girls Soccer Team with coach Mr Miles



Photo: Intermediate Boys Soccer Team with Mr Little

Open Boys Basketball

St Peters Open Boys Basketball team completed in the Broken Bay Basketball competition on Monday 22 May.

The team worked exceptionally well together to finish with a respectable 3-3 record which included a tough loss for the boys to Mater Maria where Deegan H hit a 3 with 40 seconds to go cutting the lead to 3, the team then forced a turnover with 35 seconds to go, got a shooting foul with 30 seconds left on the clock and we watched the clock reduce to zero. A tough loss that fuelled the fire for the remaining games.

Jack P was expectational on the day leading our young squad, by example, with his high basketball IQ and led a team of strong players: Deegan H, Andrew B, Cohen M, Krish S, Zane M, Bryson G, Duncan F and Vegas T.

Overall, a great day with many highlights such as, dunks, buzzer beaters, three pointers and above all teamwork. Congratulations to the boys that competed, and I look forward to next year.

Open Girls Basketball

St Peters competed at the Open Basketball Competition on Monday 22 May at Breakers Stadium, playing other Catholic Schools from Sydney and the Central Coast.

The competition was fierce, with some particularly strong and skilled teams challenging our players to give their best on the court. We had a strong team chosen from years 11 and 12. Eden M, Elizabeth P and Tara L where the old guard; they brought experience, maturity and leadership to our games, and led our team to 2 victories against St Brigids and Mackillop. From year 11 we were represented by Taya W, Jeorgia B, Yanneke TB, Brooke T and Chloe P. These girls brought tenacity, ferocity and a good dose of football strength to the team.

The girls played well together and above all had fun on the court. Although we did not make the semi-finals, St Peters can be proud of the way in which these ladies represented the college.

Boys and Girls AFL

Recently our college sent a number of teams to the Central Coast Cup held by the AFL.

Outstanding results for all three of our teams. Our Junior Boys and Senior Girls were both undefeated and victorious, with both teams progressing through to the next stage of competition and will be representing the Central Coast.

Our Senior Boys unfortunately lost in the grand final. Brady M, Nate M, Isaac L, Zane M, Jed H, Hayden C, Brooke T, Taya W and Ellie W all were amazing for their respective teams.

We have so much sporting talent at this school!

Jacob Hawkins

YOUTH IN PERFORMING ART SUCCESS!

Run by Central Coast Council, the Youth in Performing Arts showcases the region's best young talent in the performing arts space.

The annual YIPA concerts present a variety of performances including Vocals, Dance, Instrumentals, Bands, Drama and much more. Each YIPA variety concert is completely different to the next. For the youth of the Central Coast, YIPA is an important opportunity to perform in a professional venue, Laycock Street Community Theatre. Along the way these young performers receive support and guidance from adults with extensive experience in the performing arts. Many friendships are created back stage as these young performers meet like-minded performers with a passion for the performing arts.

The YIPA concerts ran over 4 days this year across Wednesday 17 May - Saturday 20 May. As a College we were lucky enough to have the YIPA team come on campus to audition some of our talented students, many of whom were selected to perform. Two of our students were also lucky enough to be awarded scholarships:

The 2023 YIPA / Woy Woy Little Theatre Encouragement Award recipient was Amelia G (Year 12) and the recipient of the 2023 YIPA / Gosford Musical Society "Alf Taylor Memorial" Scholarship was Chloe L (Year 11).

Congratulations to all of the St Peter's students past and present who performed!



Photo: Channing H before his performance (credit: parent photo)

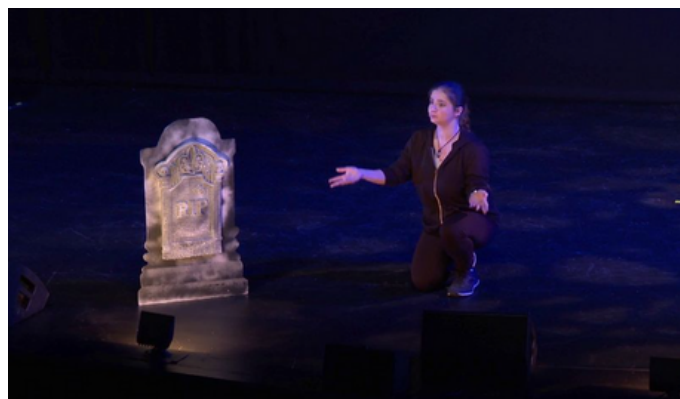


Photo: Amelia G performing in 2022 (credit: YIPA Instagram)

YIPA, from the point of view of a performer

Recently, the Youth in Performing Arts (YIPA) Committee came to St Peter's to watch auditions from a range of St Peter's students, to see who would be allowed to perform at the one of the four YIPA concerts this year. I was very pleased to be invited to perform for them once again. I performed at YIPA last year as well.

There were a number of students from St Peter's who performed at Laycock Theatre, including Channing H (Year 11), Mia C (Year 12), Chloe L (Year 11), Amelia B (Year 12) and Tarah M (Year 12).

Whenever you are accepted to perform for YIPA, you have the chance to apply for a scholarship. This means that a number of groups or programs will watch your performance and they may give you at a monetary prize to put towards tuition and goals within the performing arts. I was lucky enough to be able to apply this year.

On the night of my performance, I performed a drama monologue titled 'Prison Mike'. This monologue is from the American sitcom titled, 'The Office.'

I was very fortunate to receive a call from the YIPA committee to say that I had received a scholarship that I can use to assist in my performing arts journey.

I would also like to congratulate Chloe, who was awarded a scholarship as well. I am also lucky to be asked to perform at the YIPA presentation night later this year.

Amelia G.
Year 12



Photo: Chloe L during YIPA rehearsals (credit: YIPA Instagram)

LIBRARY NEWS

Sydney Writer's Festival

Each year, Book Club students have the opportunity to attend the "Secondary School Days" session as part of the annual Sydney Writers' Festival. This year, an assembly of excited students from years 7 to 12 caught the train to Chatswood to see, and listen to, four world famous Young Adult authors. The students were inspired to read and write and challenged to think about the world from others' perspectives. The authors Jane Godwin, Jeremy Lachlan, Lili Wilkinson and Jason Reynolds spoke passionately about the writing process, why they write and what keeps them writing. Students learnt that sharing stories and reading stories are powerful tools that can help you deal with issues and understand the world.

Students also developed skills in how to navigate public transport, finding their way around in the city and how to prioritise their spending - with books winning over fast food. 😊

We are very proud of our courteous and curious young adults who embraced the experience and represented our College with pride.



Photo: Jessica P, Sabah P and Louma C-D with YA author Lili Wilkinson and her latest novel - A Hunger of Thorns

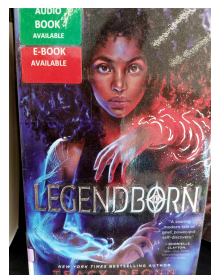
NEW and EXCITING titles in print and soft copies

The Library has acquired a range of new and exciting YA fiction and nonfiction for patrons to enjoy over the dark winter months. We have also made it easier for students to find the books they like online and in audiobook format by adding a "Audiobook available" and "eBook available" stickers on all the print books that can be read online or listened to.

To access eBooks and Audiobooks, patrons need to go to: <https://sspctlibrary.wheelers.co> and login with your school email address. For the ease of reading or listening to audiobooks on their phone, patrons need to download the ePlatform app, find St Peter's Catholic College and login with their school email address.



Photo: Some of our new fiction and non-fiction reads for Winter.



ACCESS to DIGITAL resources

The Library boasts a wide range of digital resources for all students. Descriptions and login details can be found here:

Marit Skarstein



JSTOR - Academic Research Database

<http://jstor.org>
Username: saintpeters
Password: lugterah (case sensitive)

Register for an account to utilise bookmarking features

ClickView - films, documentaries, tv shows

Username: your school email address
No need for a password - you will be prompted to sign in with your CEnet credentials



Jacaranda eLibrary - suite of digital textbooks

English, Maths, Science, History, Geography, Art, PDHPE, Economics, Business Studies, Commerce, Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Civics and Citizenship, Food Tech, Atlas, Psychology.
www.jacplus.com.au
Username: your school email address without "stu"
No password required

Wheelers eBooks and Audiobooks

<https://sspctlibrary.wheelers.co>
Click on "sign-in" - you will be prompted to login with your CEnet username and password.



MyON - digital fiction and non-fiction books

<https://myon.com>
type in St Peter's Catholic College (with the apostrophe)
Sign in with your school email as your username and password "stpeters"

Destiny - Library Catalogue

<https://destiny.dbb.org.au>
Click on "St Peter's Catholic College"
Sign in with your CEnet username and password
Search the catalogue, see your current loans, put books on hold.



Study Skills Handbook - Learn how to study

<https://www.studyskillshandbook.com.au>
Username: stpeters
Password: 84success

STAGE 5 MARINE ECOSYSTEMS & SUSTAINABILITY ORRCA EXCURSION

ORRCA Excursion

As part of Stage 5's study of marine mammals this term, our students were lucky enough to partner with ORRCA marine rescue to complete an Introduction to Marine Rescue course.

On Thursday 11 May, students participated in an incursion to learn the theory behind marine rescues from identifying common species to community education.

Then on Thursday 18 May, students headed to Terrigal Beach on a beautiful sunny day to put all their theory into practice. Students completed hands-on training in 'mammal triage' and first aid as well as data collection and community safety.

However, the most popular part of the day was learning to sling the beached mammals and return them to the (very chilly!) ocean.

All students were so convincing in their rescue skills that quite a crowd gathered at Terrigal to watch, believing a real whale rescue was in progress! All students are to be commended on how they represented the College and a special thanks to Mr Lynch who accompanied us on the day.

Kate McMahon



2023

RELIGIOUS CREATIVE ARTS

COMPETITION

WORKS TO BE INSPIRED BY THIS YEAR'S THEME...

Compassion

"... be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble."
1 Peter 3:8

PROUDLY SUPPORTING THE WORK OF MARY MAC'S PLACE

MORE INFO

Entries Close 18 August 2023

Join us for the ultimate celebration of creativity and talent at Catholic Schools Broken Bay's highly anticipated competition. Open to all students from Kindergarten to Year 10, this event features five exciting categories, including visual arts, dance, drama, music, and short film. Finalists will have the opportunity to perform or display their work at a special 'Showcase' performance evening, with industry performers and judges in attendance. Don't miss out on this incredible chance to showcase your creative talent!

Stage 1 - Competition closes 18 August 2023.
Stage 2 - Finalists judging 7 September 2023.
Stage 3 - Finalists showcase evening 24th October 2023.

Register your interest at your school and mark the important dates on your calendar. Get ready to make your mark in the world of art and entertainment!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
Broken Bay

Compassion

The Bishop's Art Prize competition is a well-established event at Catholic Schools Broken Bay and has been running for the past 10 years. Many talented artists over the years have been recognised for their skill and creativity.

The art prize competition is now called the 'Religious Creative Arts Competition' and includes 5 categories:

- Visual Arts
- Dance
- Drama
- Music
- Short film

Students will plan, prepare and work on their creative pieces during Term 2 and 3.

Submissions will need to be handed in to schools by Week 5 of Term 3. Local judging will take place followed by a selection of finalists.

These finalists will then be featured at the 'Showcase Night' to be held at the Hornsby RSL at 5:30pm on Tuesday 24 October, 2023.

2023

RELIGIOUS CREATIVE



COMPETITION

WORKS TO BE INSPIRED BY THIS YEAR'S
THEME...

Compassion

“... be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.”

1 Peter 3:8



MARY MAC'S
PLACE

**PROUDLY SUPPORTING THE
WORK OF MARY MAC'S PLACE**

Join us for the ultimate celebration of creativity and talent at Catholic Schools Broken Bay's highly anticipated competition. Open to all students from Kindergarten to Year 10, this event features five exciting categories, including visual arts, dance, drama, music, and short film. Finalists will have the opportunity to perform or display their work at a special 'Showcase' performance evening, with industry performers and judges in attendance. Don't miss out on this incredible chance to showcase your creative talent!

- Stage 1 - Competition closes 18 August 2023.
- Stage 2 - Finalists judging 7 September 2023.
- Stage 3 - Finalists showcase evening 24th October 2023.

Register your interest at your school and mark the important dates on your calendar. Get ready to make your mark in the world of art and entertainment!

MORE INFO

Entries Close 18 August 2023



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
Broken Bay

PATHWAYS NEWS

Annual Pathways Speed Dating Event

St Peter's Catholic College hosted our Annual Pathways Speed Dating event for our Year 8 and Year 10 students.

We are always so grateful to the many different industry professionals who gave up their time to help open our students' minds to life beyond High School and the many different pathways.

Our students moved around the room to the many pods of Industry professionals where they were able to speak for approximately 8 minutes learning about the many different pathways.

Our guest speakers who were able to attend were as follows:

- Macquarie University
- University of Newcastle
- TAFE NSW
- North Construction
- Central Coast Group Training – Apprenticeships and Traineeships
- Catholic Care – Early Childhood and Community Services
- One Agency – Real Estate, Sales, and Business
- Defence Australia
- Central Coast Industry Connect
- Transport for NSW

Unfortunately, due to Covid and Flu outbreaks, the following organisations were unable to attend - Borg Manufacturing, NBN@ Australia, CSIRO.

It was a great experience and opportunity for our students to interact with industry professionals, Universities, TAFE NSW, VET education, learn more about Apprenticeships and Traineeships with CCGT and the many thriving industries on the Central Coast.

This opportunity is invaluable for our student's growth and the lead up to subject selection. This provides a platform to make an informed decision about what subjects will support them on their chosen pathways.

At this event we welcomed back two Alumni's of St Peter's sharing their journeys with our students too; one currently studying Communications and Media and an Ambassador for Macquarie University and Jo Withford who is currently a Project Manager for Transport NSW.

It was such a fabulous day of learning, growing and inspiration.

Kylie Bailey



THE ANNUAL SHINE CONFERENCE SHONE BRIGHT IN 2023

This year marks 5th year of the shine youth ministry conference hosted by St Peter's, the shine conference is a festival of music and faith that helps the youth of today explore their faith and get a deeper understanding that religion isn't all about reading the bible and is actually a loving community that is willing to help and support you as you explore your faith journey. Through the workshops at Shine you can learn about different aspects of the catholic community I went to one about connecting religion to the world of social media by Jaimi where she compared how following someone on Instagram is like how Jesus slowly built up a following I found it incredibly insightful. My second workshop was dark and light by Father Rob Galea. He talked about how he himself found himself in the dark and was going through a rough time but through Christ he found the light again, his comparison between the dark and the light and Father Rob's battle with depression was spoken in a way that I found it profoundly relatable, it really moved me in away that I wasn't expecting. We ended the day with some more music performed by Father Rob and dancing it was an overall really fun experience. - Yr 10 Student St Peter's

Shine conference is one of my favourite events I get the opportunity to attend at St Peter's. The Shine day consists of workshops, music, dancing and speeches. You have a chance to listen to guest speakers with life lessons, learn new music, dance and have fun with friends across Broken Bay. I have attended for three years and never had a dull moment, if you were to ask anyone from Shine what the best part of the day is I'm sure they tell you about the party in the hall. Shine has been one of the most enjoyable ways for me to get involved with my school and start my faith journey, I most definitely recommend it to all! Yr 10 Student - St Peter's





THE LABYRINTH - A NEW SPIRITUAL PLACE AT ST PETER'S

On Friday 19 May, Bishop Anthony Randazzo attended our campus and was the first to walk on the newly completed Labyrinth.

With a strong vision to enhance the facilities of the College, and with thanks to NSW Government grant as part of the NSW Government Community Building Partnership 2021, Principal Tim Hildebrandt and the College sought to transform an unused space into a spiritual place for students, parents, community members and visitors to the school site.

The Labyrinth will enhance the facilities not only for the College, but for the local community.

It is a beautiful, landscaped space with sensory native plants available for College students, special needs students, members of the local parishes, senior citizens, and neighbouring schools to utilise as a place of learning, relaxation, and reflection.



SCHOOL PHOTO ORDER OPTIONS FOR 2023

advancedlife
photography

School photos time is fast approaching and in 2023 advancedlife School Photography & Print Specialists is the College's photographer of choice.

School photos will be taken on
WEDNESDAY 14 JUNE 2023

This year advancedlife will be providing families with both an online or envelope based ordering system. Below is an outline of how to purchase your child's school photos. Photo envelopes will be sent home shortly.

OPTION 1 ORDER ONLINE NOW

Online payment options include Visa, Mastercard and PayPal. Alternatively, you can choose to pay over 10 weeks using LatitudePay.

STEP 1

Find your school's shared 9 digit community order code on the **advancedlife** order envelope.



STEP 2

Go to www.advancedlife.com.au on your computer, phone or tablet.

Enter your school's 9 digit order code in the 'order & download' box. This will take you to the secure online ordering site for your school.



STEP 3

Click on 'Order Photos' and complete your details and choose your package, then follow the payment process. During this process you can place orders for additional children at your school and sibling photos, if available.



OPTION 2 CASH/ENVELOPE ORDERING

Schools prefer orders placed online. However, if you are unable to order online, please complete your order using the order envelope provided.

STEP 1

Complete a separate order envelope for each individual child's package/s ordered. If ordering for more than one child, payment should be enclosed in the envelope of the eldest child and this should be indicated on the envelope of the other child/children (the envelope that does not have cash enclosed).

STEP 2

Enclose exact cash payment in one envelope for the package/s you are ordering. Payment for more than one child should be in the eldest child's envelope and marked at the bottom of the envelope in the space provided.

STEP 3

Return your completed envelope/s, with correct cash payment, to our photographers on photo day.

Please note: You must enclose exact correct payment, as change is not available. Credit card payments can only be made online and we no longer accept cheques. There is a separate envelope for sibling photo orders, should your school choose to offer sibling photos.

St Peter's Catholic College school 9-digit Order Code

VRF EHT E1Y

School photographs will be returned approximately 6 weeks after the day of photography. Please note this delivery timeframe is dependant on proofing and additional photography days at your school.

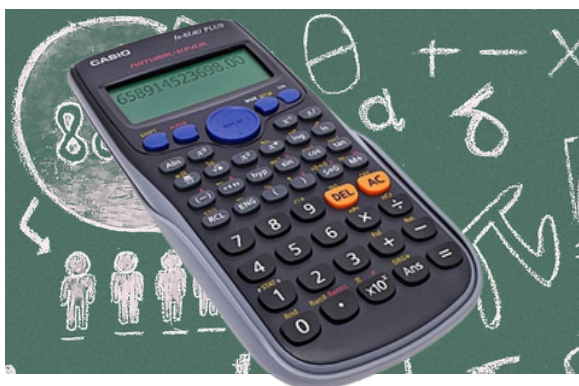
IMPORTANT - "not for publication" students

If you have instructed your school that your child's image is "not for publication" (sometimes called "do not publish" or "not for media release" instructions), the school will ensure that your child is not presented to our photographers on photo day and school photographs will not be available for purchase. If you wish to change your instruction, then you must notify your school, so they change their records and identify your child as able to be photographed for school photography purposes. All students presented to our photographers by your school on photo day will be photographed, their images will appear in school photography packages with their fellow students and these packages will be available to purchase by all families.

Questions?

Please contact advanced life through their Contact Us page www.advancedlife.com.au/contactus

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 Mitchell 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 Mitchell

Leader of Learning - Mathematics



TUNING IN TO TEENS

Parenting Program



St Peter's Catholic College is offering a program that aims to help you and your adolescent manage the many emotional challenges of this stage of life. "Tuning In To Teens" is a six-week parenting program run once a week for two hours.

The program will teach you how to manage your own and adolescent's emotions in way that will help you to remain close and keep communicating. By learning these skills, you are less likely to have as much conflict within your family and your teen is more likely to talk to you about the challenging issues they face. These are factors that have been found to reduce the risk of mental health and substance abuse problems.

Our face-to-face Tuning In To Teens program will run in Term 3 for 6 weeks from Thursday 20 July to Thursday 31 August 10am to 12pm on the College campus. Limited places are available, priority will be given to those parents that register first. Please note that to get the most benefit out of the program, we recommend you commit to attend each week. If this is not possible for you at this point in time, we would appreciate if you could consider registering for a program at the later date.

Please register your interest for the Term 3 Tuning into Teens program by email to stpeters@dbb.catholic.edu.au. For more information, please School Counsellors on 4351 9800.

Tamara Goldrick & Tatjana Domazet

UPCOMING EVENTS @ ST PETER'S

Wednesday 31 May
Friday 2 June
Friday 2 June
Monday 5 June
Tuesday 6 June
Tuesday 6 June
Tuesday 6 June
Tuesday 6 June
Tuesday 6 June
Wednesday 7 June
Wednesday 7 June
Wednesday 7 June
Wednesday 7 June
Friday 9 June
Friday 9 June
Monday 12 June
Tuesday 13 June
Wednesday 14 June
Wednesday 14 June
Thursday 15 June
Friday 16 June
Monday 19 June

- Stage 4 Josie Mitchell Debating Competition
- Year 12 Physics Kickstart 2023 Excursion
- Stage 6 2023 Japanese HSC Skills Preparation Day
- College Assembly
- Year 10 Immunisations
- Broken Bay Junior Boys/Girls Soccer
- Year 7 Pathways Financial Literacy Talk
- World Youth Day Formation Day @ Mackillop CC
- Year 9 and 10 Parent Teacher Interviews (On Campus)
- UNSW The Maths - Women, Empowerment, Opportunity Workshop
- Year 10 Pathways Money Talk
- Year 7 & 8 All Schools Touch Football Gala Day
- Under 14 & Under 18 Rugby League Event
- Year 10 Reflection Day
- Stage 5 Japanese Somersby Falls Excursion
- Kings Birthday Public Holiday
- Year 10 into 11 Subject Selection ZOOM
- School Photo Day
- 2023 Battle of the Chefs
- Year 10 Love Bites
- Pathways Session - Digital Enablement/IT Traineeships
- Year 10 into 11 Subject Selection Showcase