

Newsletter

WEEK 9 • TERM 3



Diary Dates:

Friday 12 September - Prep Open Morning

8.30 am - 11 am

Monday 15 September - Whole School

Vision Screening.

Wednesday 17 September - Assembly 2.30

pm

Thursday 18 September - Macknade Touch

Carnival

Friday 19 September - Prep Open Day

Friday 19 September - Last Day of Term 3

Term Dates 2025

TERM 3

Monday 14 July - Friday 19 September

TERM 4

Wednesday 8 October - Friday 5

December

Office Hours

Monday - Friday

8.30 am - 3.00 pm

Hello everyone

As Term 3 draws to a close, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone for their incredible efforts during what has been a truly eventful and busy term. This time of the year is always packed with activities - sports events, open days, cultural celebrations, and performances - all of which require immense dedication, planning and behind-the-scenes work. Despite the hectic schedule, our commitment to supporting students academically has remained strong. I deeply appreciate the hard work of staff and community members who made these events possible. I'm sure our students valued the chance to step away from their books and engage with the wider community and other schools in our district. Thank you once again to everyone who contributed to making Term 3 such a memorable and enriching experience.

Our **Prep Open Morning** is happening tomorrow. If you know any families who might be interested, whether they are ready to enrol or simply curious, please encourage them to come along. Everyone is welcome. It is a great opportunity to explore our school, meet our wonderful staff, and see what makes our school special. Let's work together to welcome new families into our community.

Next term catholic schools across the diocese have been allocated an extra Pupil Free Day on Tuesday 7th October. The Non-State Schools Accreditation Board (NSSAB) has recently released their Revised Education Guideline for Educational Programs for Non-State Schools. The revised guideline and associated time allocations for meeting the curriculum place a heavy emphasis on English and Mathematics to develop strength in literacy and numeracy.

Schools are currently working through the implementation of these changes, which includes alterations to timetabling, lesson planning and resource allocations. The changes will be in action from Term 1, 2026. These changes are an exciting opportunity to ensure every child is given the opportunity to thrive academically, socially, and spiritually.

As we head into the break, I wish everyone a safe, restful, and enjoyable holiday. Take time to recharge and spend quality moments with loved ones. We look forward to welcoming you back refreshed and ready for Term 4 on Wednesday 8th October.

God bless
Christine Timms

Religious Life of The School

APRE News

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Each year, the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, introduced by Pope Francis, invites us to pause and reflect on the important role older generations play in our lives, communities, and faith traditions. Pope Francis stated, *"The elderly are messengers of tenderness and the wisdom of lived experience,"* reminding us that our grandparents are irreplaceable and provide us with unconditional love and support during our lives.

We are exceptionally lucky at St Peter's to have so many grandparents playing pivotal roles in our students' lives, and we would love to show our appreciation, gratefulness and love by inviting all our special grandparents and the elderly to morning tea on **Friday, 24th October at 10:30 am**. Morning tea will be catered and served by our students.



Prep Open Mornings

Whether you're considering enrolling or just curious,
we'd love to welcome you and your little ones.

Please remember to bring

- hat
- water bottle
- morning tea

Come and explore St Peter's!



Time:

8:30 - 11:00 am



Dates:

- Friday, 12th September
- Friday, 19th September
- Friday, 14th November
- Friday, 21st November



Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 7 October 2025



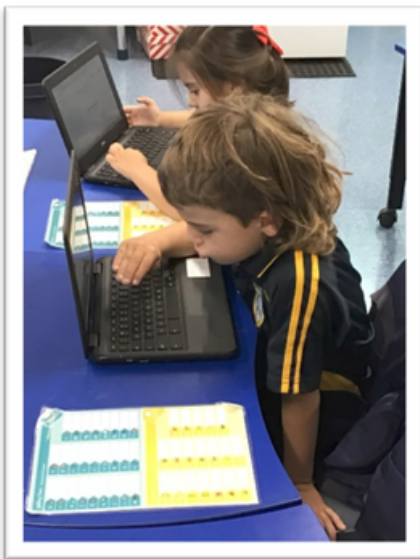
P-2 Classroom News

Digital Technologies

This term, our P/1/2 students have been learning how to use our classroom Chromebooks with growing confidence and independence. They have practised logging on by themselves, using Google to safely search for images and information, and have created their very own Google Slides presentation, whereby each child has shared “All About Me” information, such as their favourite foods, animals, and colours, while learning how to insert text, change fonts, add images, and apply slide transitions.

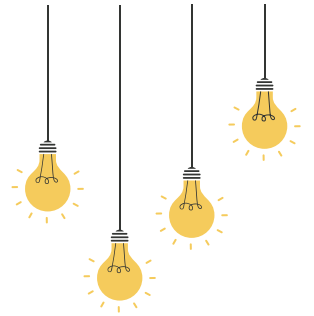
These activities have been an engaging way for students to build both digital and communication skills. The Australian Curriculum V9 for Digital Technologies highlights that children in the early years should learn how to use digital tools to create and share ideas, present information in different ways, and begin to understand how technology supports their learning. Our students are achieving these goals in fun and meaningful ways, while also developing independence and problem-solving skills.

We are very proud of the creativity and enthusiasm the P/1/2 class has shown as they take these first steps in their digital learning journey. They are already demonstrating the confidence to use technology as a tool for both learning and sharing.

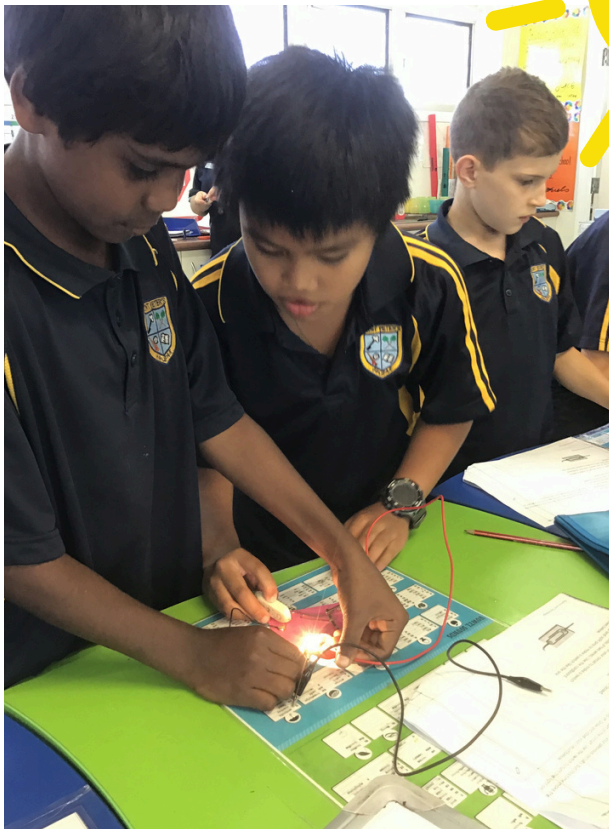


3-6 Classroom News

Hands on Maths



This term 3-6 have been investigating electricity. After learning about types of energy, we had fun creating our own electrical circuits in class. We'll be auditing electrical safety in our homes soon and using the results to create an advertising campaign promoting electrical safety. In the meantime, we've included some safety tips for parents from Ergon Safety Heroes in the newsletter.



ROMANELLO SHIELD

Last week St Peter's participated in the Romanello Shield. Both the junior and senior teams were awesome and played with enthusiasm and great sportsmanship.

Congratulations to the junior Saints team, who won their final. And a big thank you to the Lourdes students who combined with our senior team to play on the day.

We were all very proud of your performances and your resilience both on and off the field. Well done!



ST PETERS CHOIR PERFORMANCE

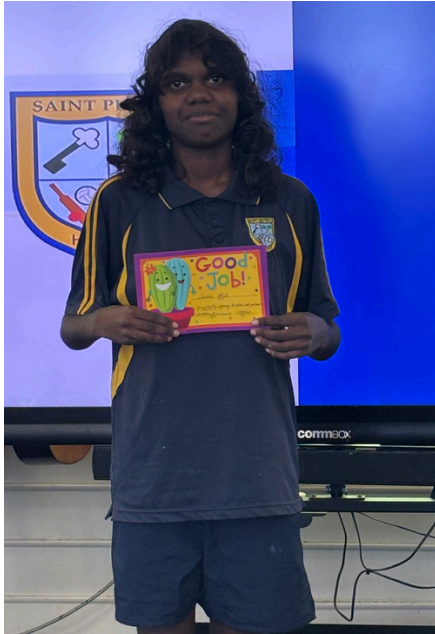
St. Peter's Catholic School had the privilege of performing at the Community Hub in Conroy Hall. The students delivered exceptional performances, providing a wonderful opportunity to bring smiles to everyone in attendance.

We would like to thank Mrs. Vera Di Bella for preparing us for the performance and Desley Di Bella for the warm invitation.

Thank
you!



AWARDS



Jedda's award was for demonstrating patience and kindness to others.
Beautiful!



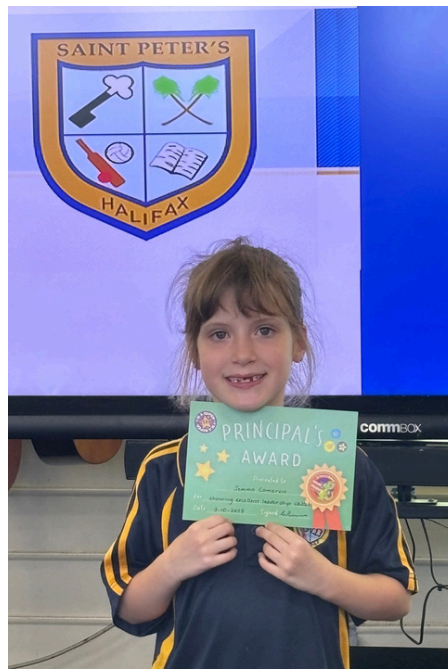
Jemma received her award for being a good friend



Blake and Marlee received their Principal's Awards on behalf of their classes for a beautiful choir performance. Bravo.



Student of the Week went to Elli for participating with enthusiasm in his learning. Great work



The Principal's Award went to Jemma for showing excellent leadership skills



This fortnight's G.R.O.W winners were Karl and Jemma. Well done to you both!

Guidance Counsellor

R U OK? Day – It's More Than Just One Day

R U OK? Day is not just about one day—it's about every day. At this time of year, I'm always reminded of how important it is to check in on others and make sure they're truly OK. Years ago, before R U OK? Day even existed, I was working in the hospitality industry. Part of my role was to greet people as they walked through the front door. It seemed like a small, routine gesture—saying hello and asking how their day had been.

One day, I asked a young person I'd known for a while, "How are you going?" It was a simple question, but one he clearly appreciated. He started talking and even offered to help me stack the cold-room. When we were alone, he shared that he'd been struggling with his mental health. He told me about a day when he was at his lowest point—feeling completely overwhelmed. In that moment, his phone rang. It was an old friend passing through town, asking if he wanted to catch up. That unexpected call became a turning point. It reminded him that someone cared, and it helped him find a way forward.

This week, we're celebrating R U OK? Day, a national reminder to check in with the people around us. The message is simple but powerful: "Are you OK?" can start a conversation that helps someone feel supported and less alone. At school, we're encouraging everyone to:

- Wear yellow to show support
- Take time to ask a friend or classmate how they're really doing
- Join our wellbeing activities and learn how to be a good listener

You don't need to fix someone's problems—just being there and showing you care can make a big difference. Let's make kindness louder than silence.



R U OK? WORD SEARCH 10 words



Word List

SUPPORT	LISTEN	FRIEND	ACTION
RUOK	HELP	CARE	ASK
HEALTH	CHECK		

BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all parents and families who supported our bookfair this year. For the amazing effort, creativity, and time that went into creating fantastic Book Week costumes. The students looked incredible, making the parade truly adventurous!



Winner



CONGRATULATIONS

St. Peter's is proud to announce that our school captains from 2020 will continue to lead at Gilroy Santa Maria College in 2026. Keira Erkkila will serve as the House Captain of McAuley, and Denae Condon will assume the role of School Captain. Scott D'Emden will also serve as House Captain of Rice and graduated from St Peter's in 2020. Congratulations to all three; we wish them every success in their leadership positions.



St Peter's Catholic School added 2 new photos — at St Peter's Catholic School.

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Congratulations to Keira who was elected as School Captain for 2020 and Denae who was elected as Vice Captain for 2020. We know they will work hard serving their school community as leaders in 2020.



GSMC 2026 Student Leaders



Congratulations to your newly elected 2026 Student Leaders



GILROY SANTA MARIA
—COLLEGE—

2026 House Captains

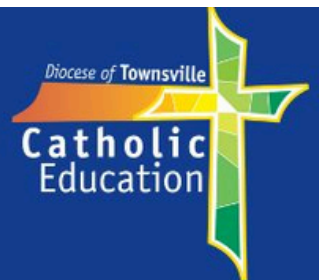


ATTENDANCE

We would like to bring to your attention a recent trend of increased student absences, particularly on Mondays and Fridays, as well as some prolonged absences. We recognize that regular attendance plays a crucial role in both academic achievement and the personal development of our students. Your support in encouraging your child to attend school consistently is invaluable, and we are grateful for your partnership in this endeavor.

If your child is facing a circumstance that requires them to be absent for more than seven days, we kindly ask that you inform both your child's classroom teacher and the office at your earliest convenience. This will enable us to work effectively in providing the appropriate resources and support to help your child stay engaged with their learning during this time. Thank you for your understanding and commitment to your child's education.

Attendance matters ... Days lost = years lost



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

When your child
misses just...

they miss weeks
per year

and years over
their school life



Patterns of absenteeism can have a serious impact on your child's education.

HOW DO YOU LIBRARY?



HINCHINBROOK SHIRE LIBRARY
22 SEPTEMBER 2025 - 4 OCTOBER 2025



PUBLIC NOTICE

SUMMER HOURS HINCHINBROOK AQUATIC CENTRE

OPERATING HOURS:

- MONDAY – THURSDAY: 6.00AM TO 6.30PM;
- FRIDAY: 6.00AM TO 5.00PM;
- SATURDAY: 8.00AM TO 4.00PM; AND
- SUNDAY: 8.00AM TO 4.00PM.



ROUND ROBIN COMPETITIONS STARTING SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER

**GIRLS & BOYS
DIVISIONS**

**10 WEEKS
INCLUDING FINALS**



Ingham, N.Q.

INGHAM TENNIS JUNIOR TENNIS FREE COACHING SESSIONS

*Tuesday 23rd September
and
Tuesday 30th September
8:30am-11:30am for ages 5-13
Racquets available for use.*

Get active and come and try tennis on the
school holidays.
Fun skills development with our fully
qualified coach.
To register interest call:
Coach - Tom Casey 0413 199 702
Proudly sponsored by



At Ingham Tennis Courts next
to the Showgrounds.



Reminders

Together We Grow



Sick or Absent?

Please advise the school before 9am, whenever your child is sick or absent.

Medication Notice

The administration of medication to students will only be done when a staff member has been notified and a medication form is signed by the parent/guardian. Medication authority forms are available from the office.

School Uniforms

St Peters uniform shirts can be purchased from Barnes Sewing Centre, 22 Lannercost Street, Ingham.

School Hats

Each new enrolment receives their first hat free from St Peters. Further hats can be purchased for \$20 from the office.

School Dates


TERM 3:
Monday 14 July - Friday 19 September

Office Hours:

MONDAY - FRIDAY
8.30am - 3.00pm



**OUR SCHOOL TUCKSHOP NEEDS YOU !
PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL IF YOU CAN HELP OUT.
EVEN ONE DAY A TERM WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

 2025 TERM DATES	Term 1 Tuesday 28 January - Friday 4 April (10 week term)
	Term 2 Tuesday 22 April - Friday 27 June (10 week term)
	Term 3 Monday 14 July - Friday 19 September (10 week term)
	Term 4 Tuesday 7 October - Friday 5 December (9 week term)
	Year 12 students will finish Friday 21 November 2025 Year 7-11 students will finish Friday 28 November 2025 Primary Classes (P-6) will finish Friday 5 December 2025