

Newsletter

WEEK 2 • TERM 4



Diary Dates:

Wednesday 15 October - Crazy Sock Day
Friday 24 October - Grandparents Day Morning Tea.
Wednesday 29 October - Leadership Speeches 8.30 am
Friday 31 October - Day for Daniel
Friday 14 & 21 November - Prep Open Day
Friday 28 November - 95 to Thrive Excursion

Term Dates 2025

TERM 4

Wednesday 8 October - Friday 5 December

Term Dates 2026

Term 1: Wednesday 28 January – Thursday 2 April

Term 2: Monday 20 April – Friday 26 June

Term 3: Monday 13 July – Friday 18 September

Term 4: Tuesday 6 October – Friday 4 December

Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8.30 am - 3.00 pm

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to Term 4! We are excited to begin this final chapter of the school year, filled with rich learning experiences, engaging activities, and memorable events. As we work together to finish the year strong, we encourage you to stay actively involved in your child's learning journey.

This week, all students from Years 2 to 6 participated in PAT Testing. PAT Testing is one of the many sources of information St Peter's uses to understand your child's learning progress. It provides teachers with a picture of where students are in their learning, their strengths and areas for improvement. This testing is provided every year and also shows student growth over time. Students completed the Reading and Maths PAT assessments. If you have any queries concerning your child's progress please contact your child's teacher to make an appointment.

Swimming started today. Please be reminded that students need to bring sun-safe swimwear, a swimming bag, goggles, thongs, a towel and underwear on swimming days. It is also important to sit with your child and explain the dangers associated with being around pools and the importance of listening to instructions. Child safety is always our priority and your help with these conversations is greatly appreciated.

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 elderly to morning tea on **Friday, 24th October at 10:30 am**. Morning tea will be catered and served by our students.

At the end of Term 4, we will be celebrating students who have achieved an annual attendance rate of 90% or above with a special excursion to Townsville Barra Fun Pack. This is a fantastic opportunity to acknowledge students for their commitment to consistent school attendance. Details about the excursion will be shared closer to the date. In the meantime, we remind families that regular attendance is essential for academic success. Consistency in attending school helps build strong learning habits and contributes to positive outcomes for all students. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child thrive.

God bless
Christine Timms

Religious Life of The School

APRE News

MISSION MONTH

October is Mission Month in the Church calendar. Catholic Mission is an organisation that responds to the call to love God and to love our neighbour by sharing faith through actions and prayer. With the help of Catholic Mission, churches around the world spread the message of Jesus, help those in need and promote peace, justice and care for creation. This year, we are again providing financial support for Catholic Mission through Crazy Sock Day and a sausage sizzle. Every little bit helps!

October is also the Month of Mary which is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Rosary. At St Peter's the Hail Mary will be included in prayer every day during this time in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Reach out. Give life.



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!



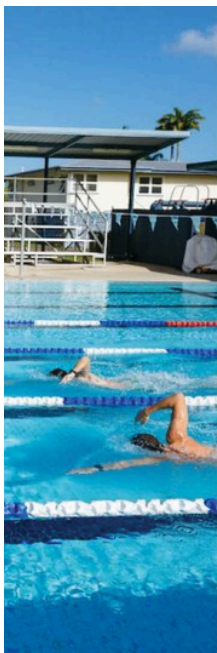
Time:

8:30 - 11:00 am



Dates:

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



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.



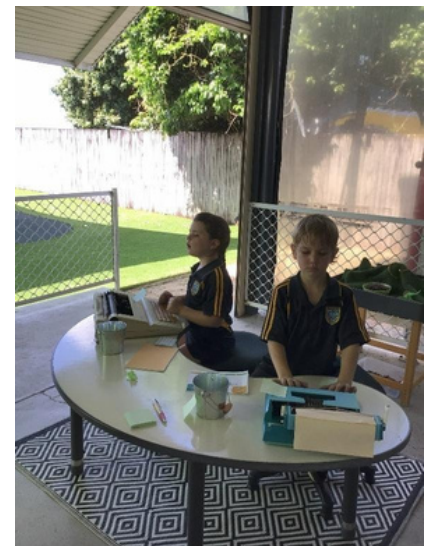
P-2 Classroom News

Imaginative Doctor's Play in Prep/1/2



Our dramatic play area has been buzzing with excitement as children immerse themselves in our “Doctor’s Surgery” setup. P/1/2 students have thoroughly enjoyed stepping into different roles, from caring doctors and attentive nurses to brave patients and organised receptionists. It’s been wonderful to see their imaginations come alive as they write prescriptions, bandage “injuries,” and make phone calls to schedule appointments.

Role play, or pretend play, is a valuable part of early learning. It encourages children to use language in meaningful ways, helping them practise new vocabulary, sentence structures, and conversational skills. As they negotiate roles, ask questions, and explain their ideas, they are developing oral language and communication abilities that form the foundation for reading and writing. This type of imaginative play also fosters social and emotional growth. Children learn to cooperate, show empathy, and see situations from different perspectives — all while having fun! We’ve loved observing their creativity and enthusiasm as they bring their ideas to life in the “Doctor’s Surgery.”





3-6 Classroom News

MEDIA ARTS

THIS WEEK, 3-6 PREMIERED THE CHILD SAFETY VIDEOS THEY WORKED ON THROUGHOUT TERM 3 IN MEDIA ARTS. STUDENTS WERE REQUIRED TO FORMULATE A RESPONSE TO A GIVEN SITUATION AND THEN, IN GROUPS, STORYBOARD THEIR FILM USING THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF CAMERA SHOTS AND MOVEMENTS. FILMING WAS A LOT OF FUN... AND SO WAS VIEWING THE FINISHED PRODUCTS!



TERM 4 EVENTS



ST VINCENT DE PAUL APPEAL

As the festive season approaches, our St. Peter's Catholic School community has a wonderful opportunity to embrace the spirit of giving. This year, we are proud to support the St. Vincent de Paul Society in its mission to provide food hampers to families in need during Christmas

Our goal is to fill as many hampers as possible, so no contribution is too small! Every item donated will directly impact the lives of families in our community, allowing them to enjoy a warm meal and celebrate this special time of year with their loved ones. Suggested items include canned goods, pasta, rice, breakfast items, and holiday treats.

Let's come together to show our support and make a difference. Your generosity can bring a smile to someone's face and remind them that they are not alone.

 **St Vincent de Paul**
Christmas Appeal 

Class lists:

Prep	~Juice, chips
Year 1	~Biscuits, nuts, lollies
Year 2	~Popcorn, pancake mix, spreads
Year 3	~White flour and sugar
Year 4	~Christmas decorations, bon bons
Year 5	~Pasta sauce/passata, soft drinks
Year 6	~Tinned veges, packets of pasta
Staff	~Christmas cakes, candy canes

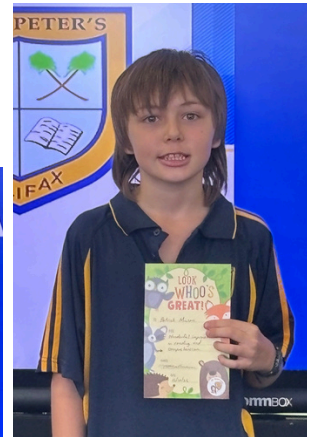
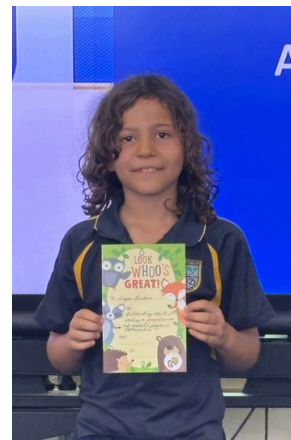
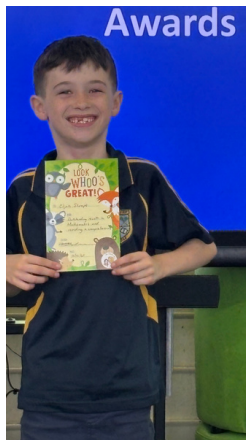
Your gift this Christmas can help provide desperately needed food, clothing, living expenses and crisis support.

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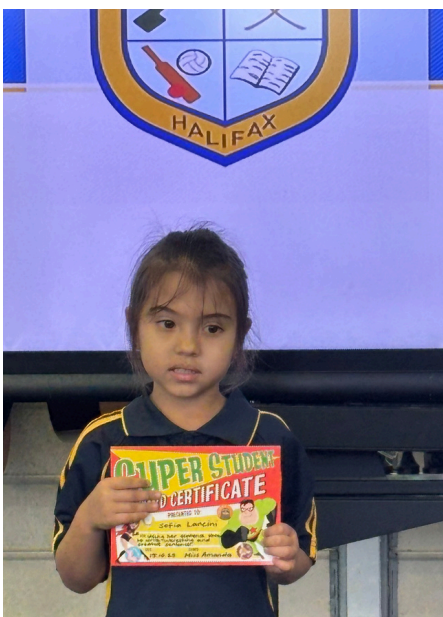


AWARDS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO JOSHUA, PATRICK,
JORDAN AND MRS BELCHER.
WE HOPE YOU ALL HAD A
WONDERFUL DAY.



Ms Balmain selected her 5 award recipients based on their wonderful improvement during this week's testing.



Sofia was rewarded for using her sentence knowledge to write interesting sentences by adding when and where. Well done Sofia.



Storm's award was for improved confidence in class when she is answering questions. Awesome.



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

Guidance Counsellor

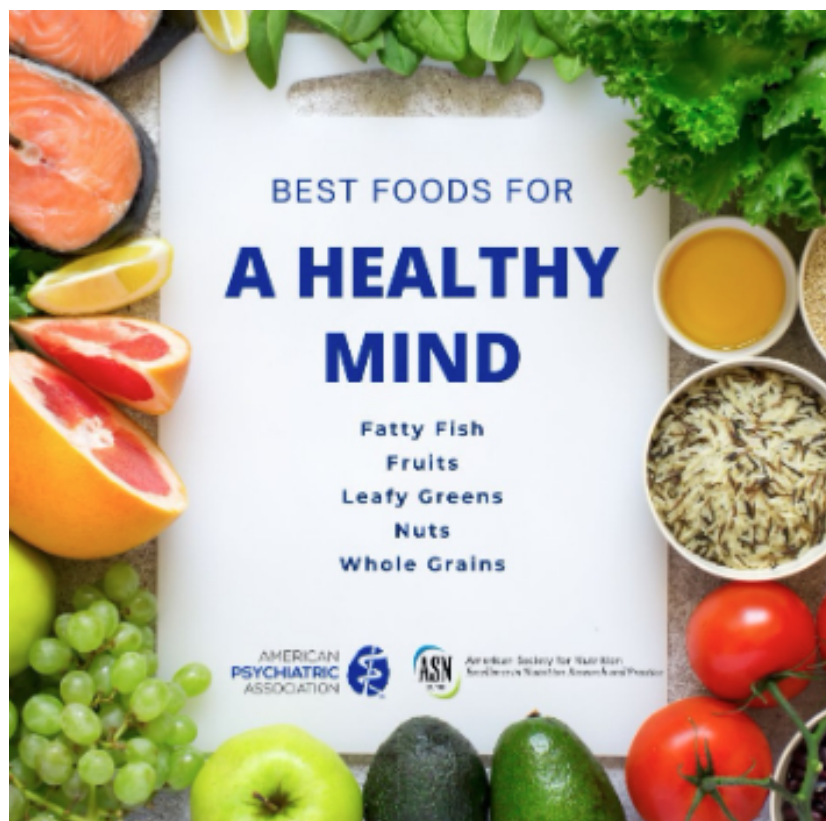
Supporting Our Students' Wellbeing Through Nutrition

At St Peter's, we believe in nurturing the whole child – spiritually, emotionally, socially, and physically. One important part of this is helping our students develop healthy eating habits that support their mental wellbeing and learning. Recently, I read an article that highlighted that if our food choices don't grow in the ground, or able to have babies, then we should be avoiding them. Research supports this, highlighting that eating a variety of foods from different food groups plays a vital role in helping children (and adults) manage stress, regulate emotions, and gain quality sleep.

While most research on nutrition and mental health has focused on adults, we are now seeing more studies that highlight how important good nutrition is for children's emotional and behavioural wellbeing. Children who regularly eat nutrient-rich foods are more likely to experience positive mental health outcomes compared to those who adopt a diet that is high in processed foods. Indeed, poor nutrition has been linked to increased risks of challenges such as anxiety, low mood, and difficulty concentrating.

As a guidance counsellor, I often see how food and eating behaviours can impact a child's ability to engage in learning and build positive relationships. Rather than focusing on the negative aspects associated with processed foods, the good news is that we can make a difference. By working together at St Peter's, as families, educators, and support staff, we can help our children develop positive attitudes toward food and ensure they have access to nourishing meals and snacks that are energising, healthy and beneficial to our long-term wellbeing.

While it can be challenging to change long-established eating habits, the small, consistent moments of healthy eating that we nurture in our children here at St Peter's can become powerful stepping stones toward lasting, positive change in their lives.



Pillowcase Project

St Peter's, along with Halifax State School took part in the Pillowcase Project.

Volunteers from Australia Red Cross ran an engaging workshop that helped students prepare for, cope with and respond to an emergency. It was a chance for the students to develop practical skills to deal with natural disasters and start conversations with their families.

The end products were amazing! Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who took the time to help our students build resilience in the face of emergencies.



Celebrating 10 years
of Pillowcase Workshops and
100,000 children reached in Australia



St Peter's Cane farmers

Canegrowers Herbert River (CGHR) have formed a partnership with Herbert Cane Productivity Services Limited (HCPSL) and Sugar Research Australia (SRA) to deliver an educational and hands-on cane growing initiative for primary schools in the Herbert region. The program aims to engage students in learning about sugarcane, from planting through to harvest, and to develop their understanding of the industry's agricultural practices and significance to our community.

Thank you to Leah Russo, Steven Marbelli, Rhiannon Harragon and Tayla Harragon for coming to St Peter's to start us off. Wish us luck!



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.

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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