

Friday 15 August - Yr 6 GSM Transition Morning

Monday 25 August - Book Week Begins. Dress Up Day.

Friday 29 August - Whole School Choir - Community Hub Coffee Club

Thursday 4 September - Romanello Shield Friday 5 September - Student Free Day

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 **Dear Parents and Carers**

Welcome to Week 5. We are flying through the term. Congratulations to the eight students who participated in the **Barnes Cup** last week. They were amazing representatives for St Peter's and did extremely well in their events. A particular mention should go to Joseph Mick, who has been picked to represent Herbert River at Red Track on Tuesday, 2nd September, for the 100m Sprint and Long Jump. All the best, Joe!

Week in Week 7. This year's theme, *Book an Adventure*, invites students to explore new worlds, exciting journeys, and unforgettable characters through the pages of their favourite books. To kick off the week, on Monday, 25th August, we are asking students and staff to come dressed in their favourite book character! We can't wait to see who you come as. There will be prizes for best costumes and the colouring in competition.

Our Prep Open Mornings are now being advertised. 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.

At the beginning of the week, I attended a Curriculum Network meeting provided by Townsville Catholic Education. We focused on many issues related to our diocese around curriculum guidelines, use of AI in schools, and assessment practices, just to name a few. One of the more interesting topics that St Peter's has been adopting for a number of years is the application of *Science of Learning* into learning areas to build the capacity of long-term memory in students. The idea is that students build their retention of knowledge through reviewing bits of learning over certain periods of time, giving them the opportunity to commit this knowledge to long-term memory, freeing up working memory for new learning. The research is fascinating. Learning is a dynamic process that thrives on consistency, engagement, and interaction. The best way for our students to learn is to be actively involved in their education. Regular attendance is important in primary school because children build on their learning day by day. The lesson structures in place at St Peter's support the Science of Learning and give our students the best opportunity to learn and grow. Through explicit instruction, repeating and practicing skills, and revisiting ideas over time, students lock information into their brains and set foundations for lifelong success.

Enjoy the rest of your week

Good Bless

Christine Timms



Religious life of the School

APRE News

THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - FRIDAY 15 AUGUST

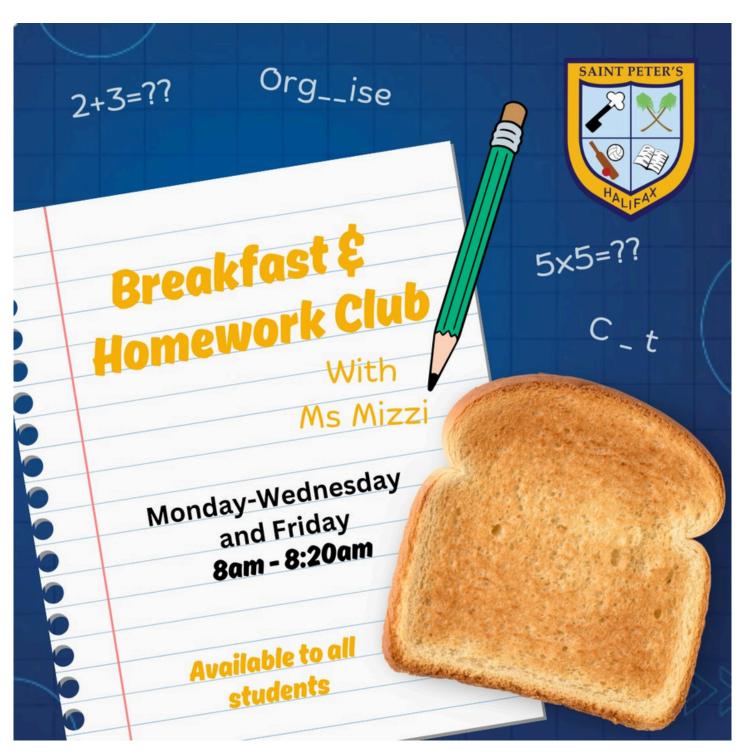
The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary teaches that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was taken up body and soul into heaven at the end of her earthly life. This was a special privilege given to her because she was the mother of Jesus and she led a sinless life. It honours Mary's deep faith and obedience to God and reminds us of God's promise of eternal life as we follow in the ways of Jesus. Below is a lovely child's prayer to Mary



Holy Mary, mother fair, Filled with love for God, Pray for us in all our needs. Pray for us today.



YOUTH MASS THIS
SATURDAY NIGHT AT
ST PATRICK'S CHURCH.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!





BARNES CUP

St. Peter's Students had a fun and successful day at The Barnes Cup, showcasing their talent, teamwork, and sportsmanship. As the day concluded, the students not only celebrated individual achievements but also strengthened their bonds as a team, making it a memorable event. Well done to Joseph, Elli, Patrick, Karl, Ella, Jayden, and Aurora

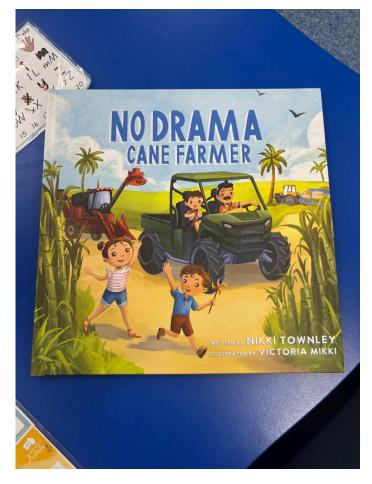


NO DRAMA CANE FARMER BOOK DONATION

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED HOW SUGAR IS PRODUCED? WRITTEN BY EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHER AND CANE FARMER'S WIFE, NIKKI TOWNLEY, THIS DELIGHTFUL RHYMING STORY OFFERS AN ENGAGING LOOK INTO CANE FARMING AND THE PRODUCTION OF SUGAR. JOIN US ON AN ADVENTURE TO DISCOVER HOW SUGAR CANE IS GROWN AND TRANSFORMED INTO THE SWEET SUGAR THAT WE ENJOY!

ST. PETER'S IS VERY GRATEFUL TO RECEIVE A DONATED COPY OF THE BOOK FROM THE CANEGROWERS WOMEN IN SUGAR HERBERT.











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🔒 Parent Update: New Queensland Social Media Laws

From the 10 December, children under 16 years will be prohibited from having accounts on age-restricted social media platforms: TikTok • Instagram • Facebook • Snapchat • YouTube



Why This Matters

These laws aim to:

- Protect children from online harm
- Encourage real-world social development by promoting healthier screen habits.

Parent Responsibilities

Although platforms must enforce the ban, your support is essential:

Talk About It

Explain the reasons behind the law and keep communication open about online safety

Monitor Use

· Review your child's apps regularly and use parental controls to manage access

🧽 Be a Role Model

Demonstrate balanced screen time and create tech-free zones at home

√ What's Not Banned?

Apps designed for education or wellbeing, such as:

- Google Classroom
- Messenger Kids
- Kids Helpline

These remain accessible for children under 16.

Let's work together to keep our children safe and confident in the digital world.

Current Laws.





P-2 Classroom News Thinking Outside the Box

Our P/I/2 students have been busy turning ordinary cardboard boxes into extraordinary creations! Over the past few weeks, "Box Craft" has been a highlight in our classroom.

Box Craft is more than just fun, it's a valuable learning experience that nurtures children's creative development. Students have been encouraged to think outside the box (literally!) by planning their designs, choosing how to use materials, and adding details to bring their ideas to life. This open-ended activity allows them to explore their imagination, express their individuality, and experiment with different shapes, textures, and colours.

It's also a fantastic way to develop problem-solving skills. Children have been challenged to figure out how to attach parts securely, make boxes stand upright, or create moving pieces. This has sparked wonderful conversations about trial and error, resilience, and finding alternative solutions when things don't go to plan.

Most importantly, Box Craft has brought a real sense of joy and accomplishment to our classroom, with students proudly sharing their creations with peers and family. We can't wait to see what they make next!









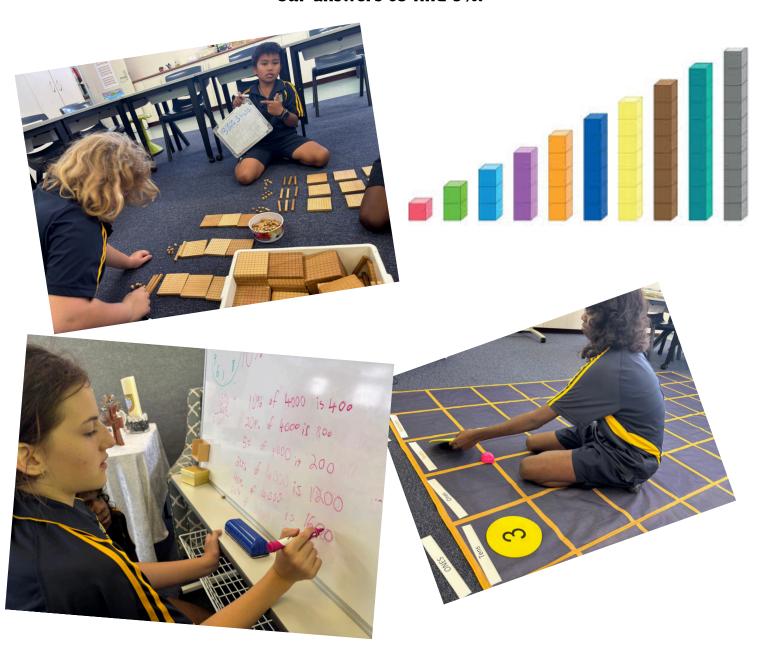




3-6 Classroom News Hands on Maths

This week, 3/4 has been learning how to multiply and divide. We made arrays using counters and connected the groups we made to "fact families" that contain four number sentences (two multiplication and two division). Next, we used MAB blocks to demonstrate how we can group larger numbers. We are even beginning to trade between columns!

Meanwhile, 5/6 has been learning how to find percentages. We started by moving whole numbers one place value column to the right to divide them by 10. Once we understood how this worked and linked it to the concept of 10%, we were able to use our times table knowledge to find other percentages that were multiples of 10. We can even halve our answers to find 5%!





Gabriel and Antonio received their awards for using feedback to improve their learning.



The Prep-2 awards this fortnight were given to Sofia for improvement in dictation and Jayden for giving 100% during his learning tasks.



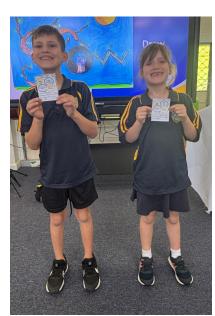
Student of the Week was Storm for helping others when they needed it.



Elli received the Principal's Award for excellent sportsmanship.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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



| 2025 TERM DATES | |
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| Term 1 Tuesday 28 January - Friday 4 April | 1 |
| Term 2 Tuesday 22 April - Friday 27 June | |
| Term 3 Monday 14 July - Friday 19 September | |
| Term 4 Tuesday 7 October - Friday 5 December | |
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ST. PETERS CATHOLIC SCHOOL HALIFAX

Reminders

Together We Grow



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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Mass Times

St Patrick's Ingham Saturday Vigil 6pm Sunday 8:30am & 7pm

St Peter's Halifax Sunday 7am

Canossa Chapel Trebonne Sunday 10am

St Teresa's Abergowrie Sunday 10am



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



- Term 1 | Tuesday 28 January Friday 4 April (10 week term)
- Term 2 | Tuesday 22 April Friday 27 June
- 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