

# Newsletter

WEEK 5 • TERM 2



## Diary Dates:

**Friday 22 May - Under 8's Day and Movie Night**

**Friday 19 June - Whole School Choir Performance.**

**Thursday 25 June - Last Day of Term 2**

## Term Dates 2026

**Term 2: Monday 20 April – Thursday 25 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

Thank you to everyone who joined us to celebrate Mother's Day. It was wonderful to see so many of you at school, and the students loved sharing the morning with the special people in their lives. We hope you enjoyed a happy Mother's Day and felt truly appreciated.

During Term 2, students have been provided with the opportunity to develop their tennis skills under the expert guidance of Tom Casey, Junior's Coach from the Ingham Tennis Association. Supported by Sporting School grants, our students will enjoy six (6) lessons, along with access to tennis equipment, including racquets, balls and nets. It has been great to see students taking the initiative to practice before school and at lunchtime, eager to refine their skills and impress Tom in their next session.

Tomorrow we will host our Teddy Bears Picnic for Under 8's Day. It is a lovely opportunity to welcome families into our school, celebrate early childhood, and showcase the learning, resources and facilities we offer. If you know any families with young children who may be considering our school, please encourage them to come along.

We are also holding our first Movie Night for students this Friday. We are starting it earlier and finishing earlier, so please be aware of the new times. There will be hot dogs, soft drinks, and goodies for purchase and a gold coin donation to enter. We are always ready for a party at St Peter's.

Two weeks ago, we were delighted to welcome a professional photographer to St Peter's to capture publicity images of our staff and students. While the day brought some disruption to our usual routines, the results were truly exceptional. The photos provide a wonderful snapshot in time, showcasing our students and the many opportunities and experiences we offer as a school community. Some of these images will be used in upcoming enrollment campaigns to help share our story more widely.

As we look to the future, we remain mindful of the changing nature of our township and the importance of maintaining strong enrolments. The way our school is spoken about and represented in the wider community plays a vital role in how we are perceived. Your continued support in sharing positive messages about St Peter's is invaluable, helping us to grow and ensuring we can continue to meet the diverse needs of our students and community.

God bless  
Christine Timms

# Religious Life of the School

## APRE News

Pentecost is a special celebration in the Church, remembered as the day the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples. After Jesus had returned to the Father, the disciples were praying together when a strong wind and tongues of fire appeared, and they were filled with courage and joy. The Holy Spirit helped them to speak to people from many nations and to share the Good News with confidence.

Pentecost is often called the “birthday of the Church” because it marks the beginning of the disciples mission to spread Jesus’ message of God’s love. At school, we can live the spirit of Pentecost by being brave, kind, and welcoming, and by using our words to build others up.



### PENTECOST PRAYER

**BREATHE IN ME O HOLY SPIRIT  
THAT MY THOUGHTS MAY ALL BE HOLY;  
ACT IN ME O HOLY SPRIT  
THAT MY WORKS, TOO MAY BE HOLY;  
CRAW MY HEART O HOLY SPIRIT  
THAT I LOVE BUT WHAT IS HOLY;  
STRENGTHEN ME O HOLY SPIRIT  
TO DEFEND THAT IS HOLY;  
GUARD ME THEN O HOLY SPIRIT  
THAT I ALWAYS MAY BE HOLY.**

# TENNIS

**WE'RE EXCITED TO WELCOME INGHAM TENNIS COACH TOM, WHO WILL BE VISITING OUR SCHOOL FOR THE NEXT 6 WEEKS TO TEACH US THE SKILLS WE NEED TO ENJOY AND SUCCEED IN TENNIS.**

**WE'VE ONLY JUST BEGUN, BUT ALREADY OUR STUDENTS ARE SHOWING GREAT ENTHUSIASM AND PLENTY OF POTENTIAL. WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE HOW MUCH THEY GROW OVER THE COMING WEEKS!**



# P-2 Classroom News

## Making Magical Music in Prep – Year 2!

There is a beautiful, rhythmic buzz filling our early years classrooms every week, and it is all thanks to our wonderful music teacher, Mrs DiBella! We absolutely love welcoming her into our space each week for our dedicated music sessions.

Our Prep, Year 1, and Year 2 students have been diving headfirst into the wonderful world of sound, movement, and creativity. Each lesson is packed with energy as the children express themselves through singing favorite tunes and exploring creative dance movements.

Beyond just having a wonderful time, our mini-musicians are hard at work developing foundational musical skills. Mrs DiBella has been guiding the students to understand and identify:

- The Beat: Finding the steady heartbeat of a song.
- Rhythm: Exploring how words and patterns move over the beat.
- Tones: Discovering the difference between high and low sounds, as well as different musical textures.

Of course, a crowd favorite is always the chance to get hands-on with our musical instruments! From shaking maracas to tapping rhythm sticks and ringing triangles, the children are doing a fantastic job learning how to play together as an ensemble. Thank you, Mrs DiBella, for bringing so much joy, passion, and music into our school week!





Together we grow

[sptsv.catholic.edu.au](http://sptsv.catholic.edu.au)

Join us at us at

# St Peter's Under 8's

Friday  
22 May

09.30 -  
11.00 am

## TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

Bring your  
hat, water  
bottle and  
teddy bear

Seed  
planting

Pin the ears  
on the  
teddy bear

Teddy bear  
biscuit  
making

Painting  
and  
water play

...  
and loads  
more fun!



## ST PETER'S KID'S MOVIE NIGHT

Looking forward to seeing you!!

FRIDAY  
22 MAY  
05.30 -  
7:30 PM

CHIPS  
HOTDOGS  
POPCORN  
LOLLIES  
CHOCOLATE  
SOFTDRINK  
To purchase



PLEASE COME AND ENJOY  
THE FUN AT ST PETER'S

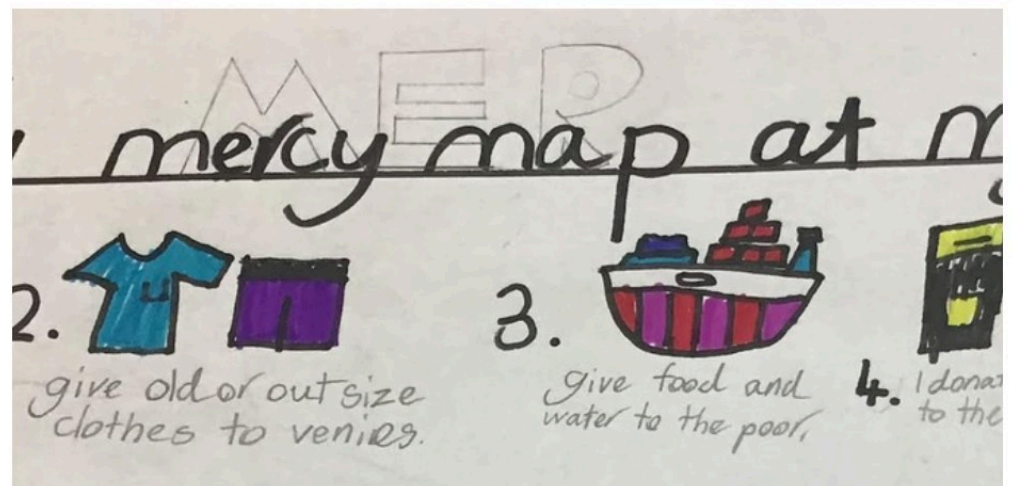
# 3-6 Classroom News

## WORKS OF MERCY

What a beautiful journey we've been on exploring the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy! Our students have created something truly special with their Mercy Maps — visual guides that show how compassion and kindness can bloom in everyday moments right here at St. Peter's.

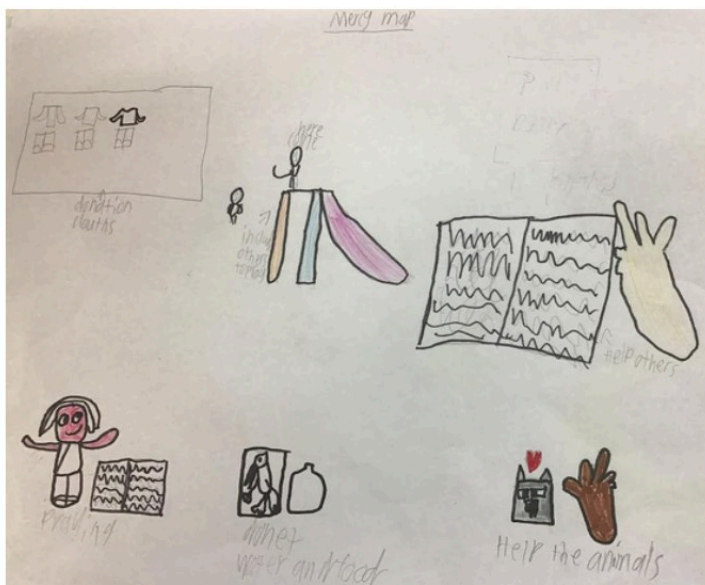
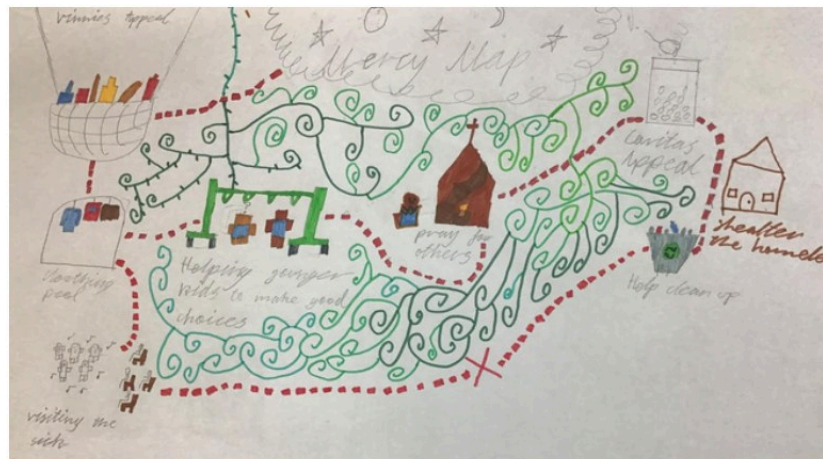
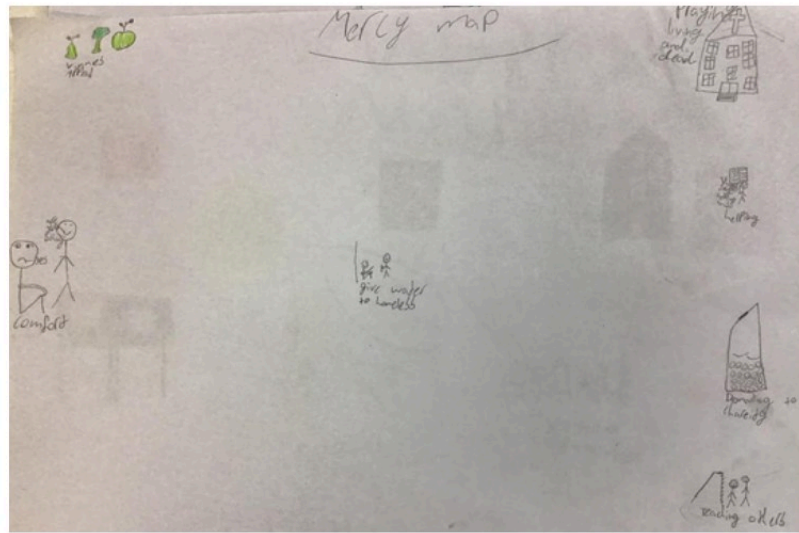
From small acts of generosity to words of encouragement, these maps reveal that mercy isn't just something we learn about in Religion class — it's something we live and practice every single day. Each student has discovered their own meaningful ways to make a difference, and that's what makes these maps so inspiring!

Take a moment to ask your child about their Mercy Map and the acts of kindness they've mapped out. You might be surprised at the thoughtful ways they're already spreading mercy in our school community!





# Mercy Maps





# KIDS

Fun  
Hands-On  
Delicious!



# PIZZA & PASTA



## COOKING LESSONS



FRIDAY 3RD JULY



CWA HALL,  
STONE RIVER



8:00AM - 12:30PM

PRICE  
INCLUDES  
APRON

WHAT THEY'LL DO:

- ✓ Make their own pizza
- ✓ Create fresh pasta



EAT  
WHAT  
YOU  
COOK!



# \$35 PER CHILD

★ LIMITED SPOTS - BOOK EARLY!



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# TUCKSHOP MENU

Selection	Price
<b>Cob of Corn</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>
<b>Spaghetti Cups</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
<b>Mini Mince Buns</b> <i>Dinner roll size</i>	<b>\$4.00</b>
<b>Hot Dogs</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
<b>½ Hot Dog</b>	<b>\$2.50</b>
<b>Homemade Ham &amp; Cheese Pizza</b>	<b>\$6.00</b>
<b>Homemade Ham, Cheese &amp; Pineapple Pizza</b>	<b>\$6.00</b>
<b>Fresh Sides</b> <i>Carrot, Apple, Lettuce, Cherry Tomato, or Cucumber</i>	<b>\$1.00 each</b>
<b>Chicken Nuggets</b>	
<b>80¢ each or 6 for \$4.50</b>	<b>From 80¢</b>
<b>Toasties or Sandwiches</b> <b>Fillings:</b> Ham,Cheese,Tomato, Lettuce, Chicken, Mince	<b>\$5.00</b>
<b>Fresh Wraps</b> <b>Fillings:</b> Ham,Cheese,Tomato, Chicken, Mince, Lettuce	<b>\$6.00</b>
<b>Cup of Cordial</b>	<b>50¢</b>

Thank you for supporting our tuckshop!

# Guidance Counsellor

*Strong minds, kind hearts*

As we move through the school term, children continue to learn many important life skills - not just in the classroom, but also through friendships, challenges and everyday experiences. One important skill we help children build is resilience.

Resilience means being able to bounce back when things do not go the way we hoped. Children may feel disappointed when they lose a game, make a mistake or have friendship worries. These feelings are normal and are all part of growing up.

As adults, we can support children by encouraging them to talk about their feelings and reminding them that everyone faces challenges sometimes. Children learn resilience when they are given opportunities to try again, solve problems and keep going even when things feel hard. Simple phrases such as *'What could you try next time?'* or *'I'm proud of you for not giving up'* can help children develop the confidence to persevere.

At St Peter's, we continue to encourage kindness, problem-solving, and positive coping skills. Working with our families, we can help our students to understand that disappointment does not last forever and that setbacks can help us to be stronger, braver, and more confident over time.

Here is a useful link to School TV, which has an Easy Parenting Guide concerning resilience:

[HTTPS://SPTSV.CATHOLIC.SCHOOLTV.ME/SITES/DEFAULT/FILES/DOCUMENTS/2.%20FACTS HEET POSITIVE%20PARENTING.PDF](https://sptsv.catholic.schooltv.me/sites/default/files/documents/2.%20FACTS%20HEET%20POSITIVE%20PARENTING.PDF)

# 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 Peter's 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 Peter's. Further hats can be purchased for \$20 from the office.

## School Dates

TERM 1:  
Wednesday 28 January- Thursday 2 April

## Office Hours:

**MONDAY - FRIDAY**  
8.30am - 3.00pm

**Ingham Region Catholic Parish**

**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

**99 YEARS**

**Feast of St Anthony**

**Bemerside**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Celebration of Mass**  
11.00 am

Mass will be celebrated with our Parish Priest

**Entertainment**  
Anthony Fracchia

- Religious Articles
- Monster Raffle
- 500 Club
- Bottle Stall
- Jumping Castle

**Lunch from 12.00-6.00 pm**

**Stalls**

- BBQ
- Fish & Chips
- Granita
- Tea & Coffee
- Cakes & Sandwiches
- Canoli
- Softdrinks
- Bar

**Procession & Rosary**  
2.30 pm

followed by the Blessing of Children and Distribution of St Anthony Bread

**ALL WELCOME**

For more information please contact Anthony on 0408 151 833

**2026 Term Dates**

**Term 1** | Wednesday 28 January – Thursday 2 April (10 weeks)

**Term 2** | Monday 20 April – Friday 26 June (10 weeks)

**Term 3** | Monday 13 July – Friday 18 September (10 weeks)

**Term 4** | Tuesday 6 October – Friday 4 December (9 weeks)

Year 12: Concludes on Friday 20 November 2026  
Years 7-11: Conclude on Friday 27 November 2026

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