

Newsletter

WEEK 5 • TERM 1



Diary Dates:

Wednesday 25 February - Induction Mass
8.30 am, St Peter's School.

Wednesday 11 March - NAPLAN begins.

Tuesday 17 March - St Patrick's Day. Dress in green.

Friday 20 March - Harmony Day. Dress in Orange

Tuesday 24 March and 26 March - Parent/Teacher Interviews.

Monday 30 March - Palm Sunday Liturgy.

Wednesday 1 April - 95 to Thrive Awards

Thursday 2 April - Easter Celebrations

Thursday 2 April - Last Day of Term 1

Friday 3 April - Good Friday.

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8.30 am - 3.00 pm

Dear Parents and Carers

As we hit the halfway point of Term 1, I would like to thank our students, staff and families for the wonderful start to the year. It has been encouraging to see classrooms filled with enthusiasm, curiosity and a genuine commitment to learning. Our students have settled in beautifully, taking on new routines, challenges and opportunities with confidence. As we move into the second half of the term, I look forward to building on this strong foundation and continuing the momentum together.

Thank you to all parents and carers who have taken part in our **Renewal Process**, whether by attending the morning tea or completing the online surveys. Your insights and feedback are incredibly valuable. If you haven't yet had the chance to share your thoughts, surveys remain open until Friday, 27 February. We encourage every family to contribute and help us build a strong, vibrant vision for St Peter's in the years to come.

I would like to warmly invite all parents and carers to be a part of our **FACE (Family and Community Engagement) Meeting**. This is a great opportunity to collaborate on exciting projects and fundraising opportunities that will support our school community in the year ahead. Please come along and share your ideas on Thursday, 5 March at 3:30 pm in the library. We'd love to see you there!

NAPLAN will commence in Week 7 of this term. Below is an outline of the schedule for 2026:

Wednesday 11 March - Writing

Year 3 - 8:45 am

Year 5 - 9:45 am

Thursday 12 March - Reading

Year 3 - 8:45 am

Year 5 - 9:45 am

Tuesday 17 March - Conventions of Language

Year 3 - 8:45 am

Year 5 - 9:45 am

Wednesday 18 March - Numeracy

Year 3 - 8:45 am

Year 5 - 9:45 am

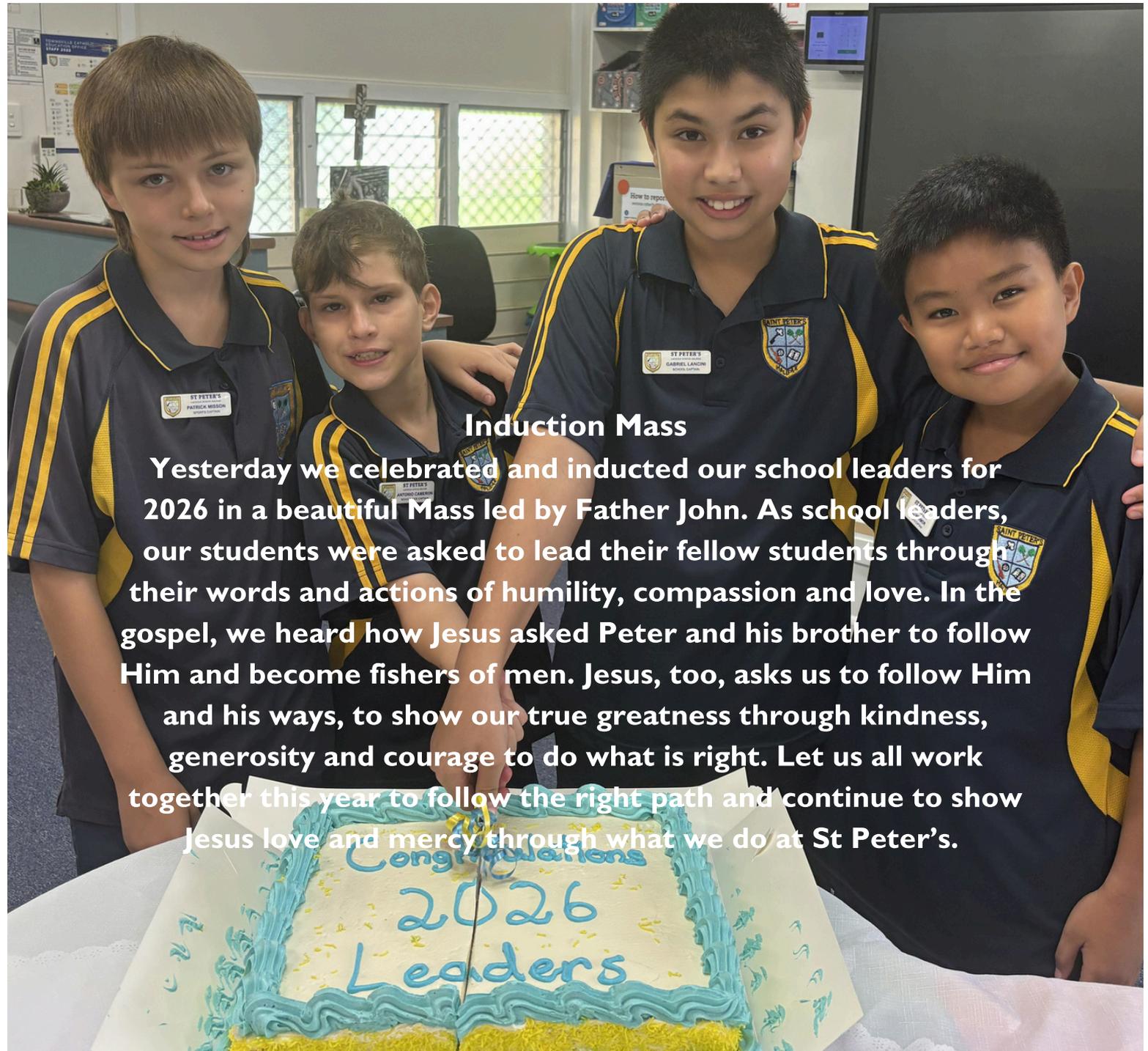
Catch-ups will occur on Friday, 13 March, and Monday, 23 March, for any missed tests.

For a small school, our calendar is always full of events and opportunities for connection. I look forward to catching up with many of you over the coming weeks. If you have any questions or would like to meet, please feel free to contact the office to arrange a suitable time.

God bless
Christine Timms

Religious Life of the School

APRE News



Induction Mass

Yesterday we celebrated and inducted our school leaders for 2026 in a beautiful Mass led by Father John. As school leaders, our students were asked to lead their fellow students through their words and actions of humility, compassion and love. In the gospel, we heard how Jesus asked Peter and his brother to follow Him and become fishers of men. Jesus, too, asks us to follow Him and his ways, to show our true greatness through kindness, generosity and courage to do what is right. Let us all work together this year to follow the right path and continue to show Jesus love and mercy through what we do at St Peter's.



Congratulations!



PROJECT COMPASSION

Last week, your child brought home their Project Compassion box. Caritas Australia's Project Compassion invites us to *Unite Against Poverty* this Lent, to raise much-needed funds to help alleviate poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity in the most vulnerable and marginalised communities in the world.

Below is one of the stories:

**CARITAS AUSTRALIA
PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Sisilia's story, Tanzania

Sisilia is a 13-year-old girl living in remote Tanzania, who had to walk long distances to collect water every day. Thanks to Project Compassion, Sisilia's school and village now have safe clean water close by and she can spend more time studying so she can fulfil her dreams of one day becoming a pilot.



Through our generosity, we can support children like Sisilia, giving access to the most basic needs that we take for granted.

Family & Community Engagement (FACE) Meeting

**THURSDAY | 5 MARCH | 3:30 PM
IN THE LIBRARY**

Join us to discuss school projects and engagement plans for 2026.



Together we grow

MORNING SNACK

8:20am - 8:30am

Please provide your child with a healthy option to start the day:

- Fruit
- Vegetables
- Yoghurt
- Cheese



Australian Government

21 MARCH HARMONY DAY



Dress Up Day!

Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity

Wear **ORANGE** or something that represents your family's culture

WE WILL
CELEBRATE
HARMONY DAY
ON FRIDAY
MARCH 20TH.

P-2 Classroom News

Last week in Religion, our students were learning about the Sign of the Cross - one of the most important and recognisable prayers in the Catholic tradition. More than just a gesture, the Sign of the Cross is a prayer in itself.

Teaching students how and why we make the Sign of the Cross helps them grow in understanding. We practise making the gesture slowly and thoughtfully, recognising that it marks us as followers of Jesus.

Students are encouraged to make the Sign of the Cross at the beginning and end of the prayers, before meals, and during times when they wish to feel close to God. By learning its meaning and practising it with care, our children are developing a deeper awareness of God's presence in their everyday lives.

In the early years, children learn best through active, hands-on experiences. Developing strong number recognition skills is an essential foundation for future mathematical understanding, and practical activities to help make this learning both meaningful and memorable.

When children can see, touch, move and manipulate objects, they build deeper connections between the numeral, the number word and the quantity it represents. Maths is fun in Prep-Year 2!

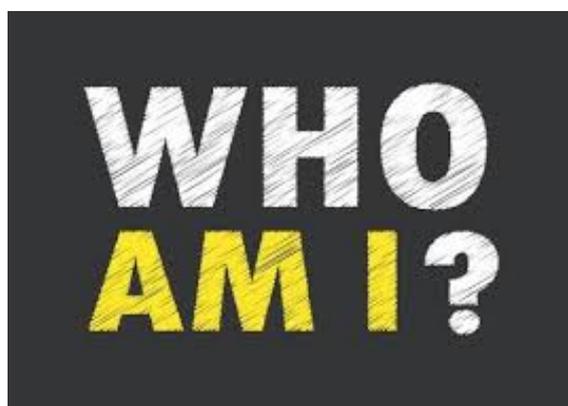


3-6 Classroom News



AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT

This term, we're learning about the Australian Government in HASS. We can tell you some of the responsibilities of each level of government (Federal, State and Local), and name some of our representatives. Keep an eye out for the handy flip books we made to revise our notes! Or, if you're up for a challenge, there are games to play on Google classroom. Do you know more than us about our system of government? Can you name the people in these photographs? We can!



Guidance Counsellor



What is bullying - and what can we do about it?

What is bullying?

Bullying is repeated behaviour that is meant to hurt, scare or upset someone. It can be physical (hitting or pushing), verbal (name-calling or teasing), social (leaving someone out or spreading rumours) or online. Bullying involves a misuse of power and happens more than once.

I'm being bullied - what can I do?

Tell a trusted adult as soon as possible. This might be a parent, teacher or another staff member. Remember, bullying is not your fault, and you deserve to feel safe.

I've seen someone being bullied - what can I do?

Be an upstander. Offer support to the person being bullied and let them know they are not alone. Report what you have seen to an adult. Speaking up can make a difference.

I've been called a bully - what can I do?

Stay calm and listen. Think about your behaviour and how it may have affected others. Talk to a trusted adult and ask for support to make things right and change your actions.

Cyberbullying and being safe online

Be kind and respectful online. Keep passwords private, think before you post and tell an adult if something feels wrong.

**Be Bold. Be Kind.
Speak Up.**

Shrove Tuesday



We had a wonderful time celebrating Shrove Tuesday, a special day of reflection as we get ready for the Lenten season. It is traditionally the last day to indulge before the Lenten season starts. a time for prayer, reflection on the past year, and renewal in the Catholic faith. This was followed by Ash Wednesday, when our community came together to kick off Lent. These shared moments really help us connect with our faith and remind us of the meaningful purpose that guides our learning through the year.

Ash Wednesday

Last Wednesday marked a significant day in our liturgical calendar as students and staff came together to observe Ash Wednesday. It was a wonderful opportunity for our school community to reflect and engage in the spirit of Lent.

Before the liturgy, students enjoyed a delicious fish and chips lunch, which was met with smiles all around. This tradition not only fills bellies but also brings us together as a community during this important time in our faith journey.

Students enthusiastically participated in a beautiful Ash Wednesday liturgy, skillfully led by Father Jomi. His heartfelt messages served as a reminder of the importance of this sacred season and encouraged everyone to embrace the themes of penance, reflection, and renewal.

We were delighted to have members of our St Peter's community join us for the festivities, adding to the warmth and joy of the day. Their presence truly highlighted the importance of coming together as one family in faith.

As we embark on this Lenten journey, let's continue to support one another and grow in our faith, guided by the teachings of our Church. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this day special.



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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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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

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