

Newsletter

WEEK 2 • TERM 3



Diary Dates

Friday 24 July - Year 6 GSM

Transition Morning.

Monday 27 July - Catholic Education Week Mass.

Thursday 30 July - Small Schools Athletics.

Friday 31 July - School Photo Day.

Tuesday 4 August - Silent Auction Due Date.

Wednesday 5 August - NAIDOC Celebration. St Teresa's College.

Thursday 6 August - Barnes Cup.

Friday 7 August - Prep Open Morning.

Term Dates 2026

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 3! We hope everyone has enjoyed a restful break and is ready for an exciting and productive term ahead. Term 3 is shaping up to be an extremely busy one, with a wide range of learning opportunities, special events, excursions and school activities planned across the coming weeks. We look forward to seeing our students continue to grow, achieve their goals and embrace every opportunity that comes their way. Thank you for your ongoing support as we work together to make this a successful and enjoyable term for all.

Some of these events include:

- P-2 Pevan and Sarah Excursion
- Catholic Education Week Combined Mass GSM
- NAIDOC Week Celebrations at St Teresa's College
- Small School Athletics and Barnes Cup
- School Photos
- St Peter's Verification
- Write a Book in a Day and the Australian Maths Competition
- Prep Open Mornings

Verification will be a major focus in Week 5, and some members of our school community may be contacted over the coming weeks to assist with the process. As part of the verification process, community members may be invited to participate in a panel discussion and provide feedback on how they believe the school is progressing and supporting student learning and wellbeing. If you receive an invitation, we encourage you to consider taking part, as your insights and perspectives are highly valued and will help showcase our school's strengths and future directions. Please keep an eye out for further information and invitations in the coming weeks.

Just a reminder from the last newsletter: our focus for Renewal will be on three key priorities to help strengthen our school:

- **Our Mission and Vision:** Renewing and strengthening our school's Mission and Vision, inspired by the faith and witness of St Peter, so that all members of our school community understand, embrace and live our shared Catholic values in everyday life.

- Teaching and Learning Consistency: Developing a shared approach to teaching and learning to ensure all students experience consistent teaching, understand what they are learning, and are supported to achieve success.
- Supporting Every Student: Strengthen our school-school approach to understanding and supporting learning so that every child is known, valued, and provided with the support they need to flourish.

As we move into this busy and exciting term, I look forward to working together and making Term 3 a successful and rewarding experience for all.

God bless
Christine Timms

Tuckshop Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you that, effective from week 3, the tuckshop will no longer be operating. Our last day of service will be Monday, 20th July.

This decision comes after careful consideration of the busy schedules of our parents and the volunteer nature of this role, which has made it challenging to maintain the tuckshop efficiently.

The school foresees offering one-off tuckshop experiences throughout the year for special occasions.

We appreciate the support you have shown for our tuckshop and the wonderful volunteers who have contributed their time. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out.

Thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely,
Christine Timms
Principal

Religious Life of the School

APRE News

Quiet Contemplation

One of the most wonderful experiences we share at St Peter's is attending Mass and celebrating the Eucharist with our Halifax community. We always begin with a quiet reflection, taking time to centre ourselves and think about what has happened in our lives since the last time we gathered. We reflect on what we are grateful for, acknowledge the things we are sorry for, and offer a simple prayer for those who may be struggling.

This moment provides students, staff, and parishioners with the opportunity to have a private, personal conversation with Jesus, allowing for a quiet pause that can deepen and enrich their relationship with Him.

Taking time during the day for quiet contemplation gives all of us the chance to recognise the many wonderful gifts God provides. It is also a time to confess our shortcomings and to ask God to watch over and guide those who may be in need of support. These quiet moments help strengthen our faith and bring our community closer together.



P-2 Classroom News

100 Days Brighter!

What an amazing day we had celebrating 100 Days of School!

We were so excited to come to school dressed as what we would like to be when we grow up. Our classroom was filled with future chefs, tractor drivers, gamers, fishermen, veterinarians, and many more. It was wonderful to see everyone sharing their dreams and showing off their fantastic costumes!

As soon as we walked into our classroom, we were amazed by the wonderful decorations Mrs Kemp had prepared. The room looked bright, colourful, and ready for a very special celebration.

One of the highlights of the day was decorating delicious cupcakes made especially for us by Mrs Timms. We had so much fun adding icing, sprinkles, and decorations to create our own sweet masterpieces. They looked almost too good to eat!

We also enjoyed decorating our 100 Days crowns and creating self-portraits. These activities gave us a chance to be creative while celebrating how much we have learned and grown over the past 100 days.

The day was filled with laughter, smiles, and excitement from beginning to end. We are so proud of all we have achieved in our first 100 days of school and cannot wait to see what the rest of the year brings.

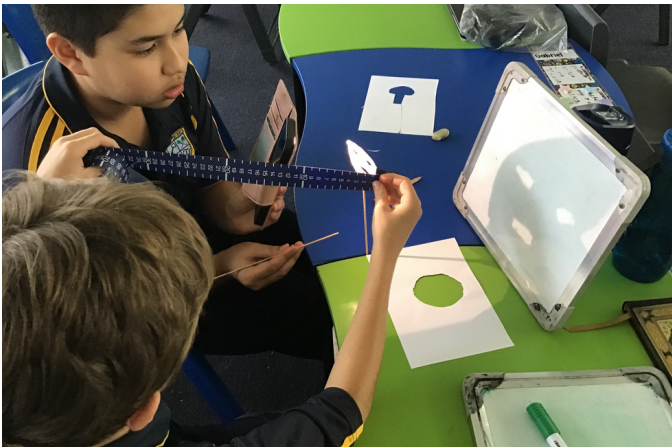
Happy 100 Days of School! Here's to more learning, growing, and making wonderful memories together!



3-6 Classroom News

Light is our star subject for Science this term! Your children have been brilliant investigators, using torches to discover how shadows shift and change when objects move around a light source. We even had a special moment with a laser demonstration to see exactly how light travels through space.

The real magic happened when students became shadow scientists! They explored the properties of light and shadow by observing and recreating different shadow shapes, getting hands-on with the concepts. Then came the experiment—students tested how changing the distance between an object and a light source affects the shadow's size and clarity. It's been wonderful watching your children's curiosity shine as brightly as the torches they've been using!



School Photo Day



JULY 31ST

Important – No registration = No photo

Parents are now able to register for photo day!

Step One: Goto the address

<https://memories.northpointphotos.com.au/>

Enter this JobCode– JRK5D5TSAT

sptsv.catholic.edu.au

Enter the child/or children's name and contact details (this is the way you will receive your child's password to view and order photos).

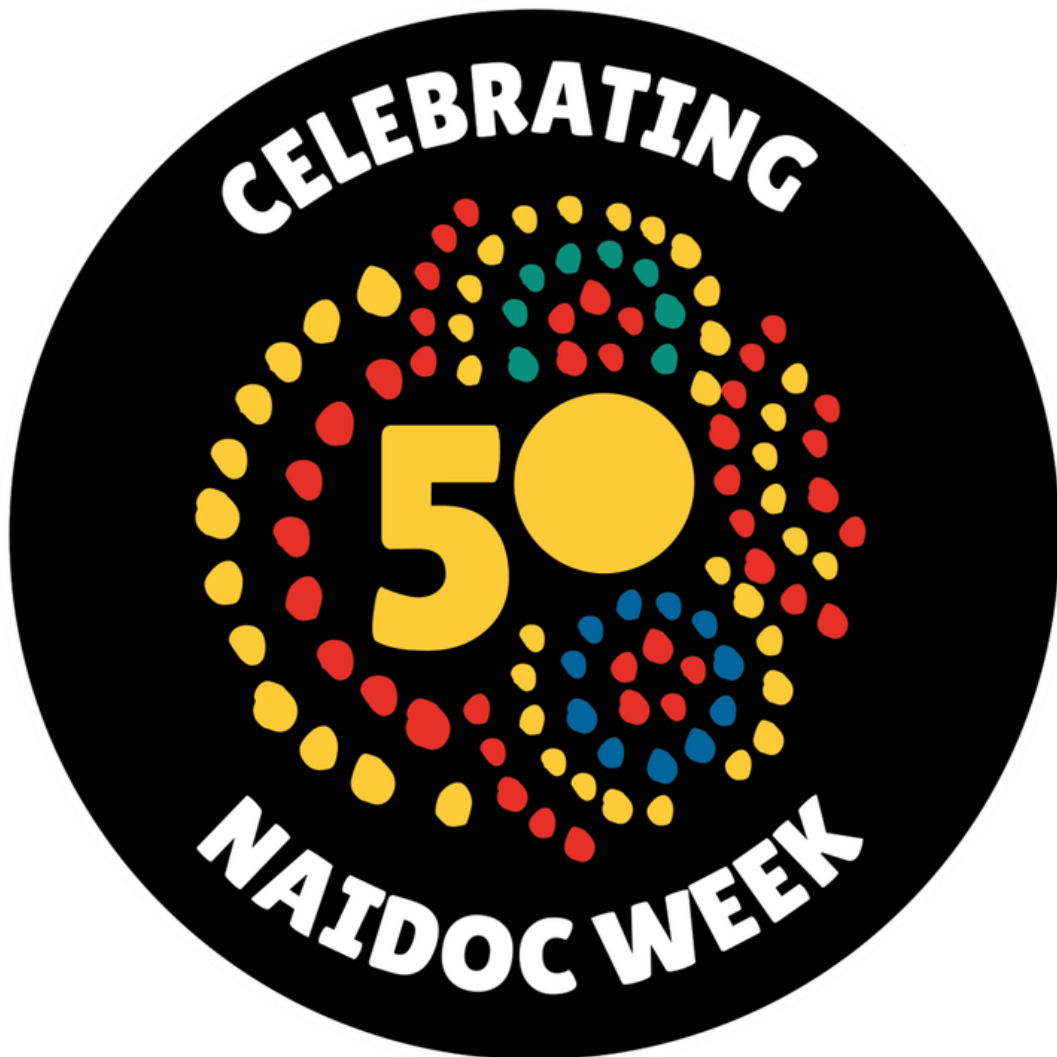
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SPECIAL REPORT: Celebrating NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC Week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and provides an opportunity for all Australians to learn from and engage with the world's oldest continuing cultures.

Its origins trace back to the Aboriginal rights movement and the 1938 Day of Mourning, one of Australia's earliest civil rights movements advocating for recognition and equality. This year's theme, 50 Years of Deadly, celebrates 50 years of NAIDOC Week as a national week-long celebration, recognising generations of strength, resilience, leadership and cultural pride.

Today, NAIDOC Week brings communities together through traditional and contemporary celebrations that foster understanding, respect and connection. For children and young people, it provides an opportunity to appreciate diverse perspectives, strengthen cultural understanding and recognise that our differences enrich communities. This Special Report offers caregivers practical suggestions for celebrating NAIDOC Week together and continuing these important conversations at home.



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Join Us

Prep Open Mornings

Fridays 8:30 - 11:00 am

Term 3 - 7th Aug & 21st Aug

Term 4 - 16th Oct & 6th Nov

Bring a hat, waterbottle and lunch!

FOR MORE INFORMATION:



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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 3: Monday 13 July – Friday 18 September

Office Hours:

MONDAY - FRIDAY

8.30am - 3.00pm





FREE Hearing Screening

JCU Speech Pathology Clinic

Free 20-minute hearing screening appointments for children and adults aged 4 years and older.



Children and adults



No referral required



20-minute appointments



FREE service



APPOINTMENT DATES
Morning sessions available

- Thursday 16 July
- Friday 17 July
- Thursday 23 July
- Friday 24 July
- Thursday 30 July
- Friday 31 July



Limited places available
Only 40 appointments!
Booking essential



Call JCUHealth to book your appointment today.
(07) 4781 4495



CLINIC LOCATION

Level 2, Clinical Practice Building
1 James Cook Drive
JCU Douglas, QLD 4814



Please note: A hearing screening is not a full diagnostic assessment. If concerns are identified, further assessment may be recommended.

2026 Term Dates



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| 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