

Newsletter

WEEK 2 • TERM 4



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 last week. Please be reminded that students need to bring sun-safe swimwear, a swimming bag, goggles, thongs, 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.

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 Billabong Sanctuary. 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

Diary Dates

Friday 16 October to 13 November - Swimming Lessons.
Friday 30 October - Day For Daniel.
Wednesday 4 November - Mass.
Friday 6 November - Last Prep Open Day for 2026.
Wednesday 28 October - Leadership Speeches.
Wednesday 18 November - Thanksgiving Mass - Gifting of St Vinnies Appeal Baskets.
Friday 27 November - Nursing Home Choir Visit.
November 30 - Graduation Mass and Dinner.
Wednesday 2 December - Awards Night.
Friday 4 December - Last Day of School Fun. Half Day.

Term Dates 2026

Term 4:

Tuesday 6 October – Friday 4 December

Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8.30 am - 3.00 pm

Religious Life of The School

APRE News

October is Mission Month in the Church calendar, a time when we are invited to put our faith into action by loving God and serving our neighbours. Catholic Mission supports communities around the world by sharing the message of Jesus through prayer, compassion, and practical help. Through their work, people in need receive support, dignity and hope, while peace, justice and care for creation are promoted across the globe.

This year, we are once again proud to support Catholic Mission through our Crazy Sock Day fundraiser. By taking part, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of others and help bring Christ's love to communities in need.

If you or your family would like to donate further to Catholic Mission or see the vital work they are doing to 'pave a path to education for Yamikami' in Malawi, please go to <https://www.catholicmission.org.au>



St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal



What do I donate?

- 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.

[sptsv.catholic.edu.au](https://www.sptsv.catholic.edu.au)

P-2 Classroom News

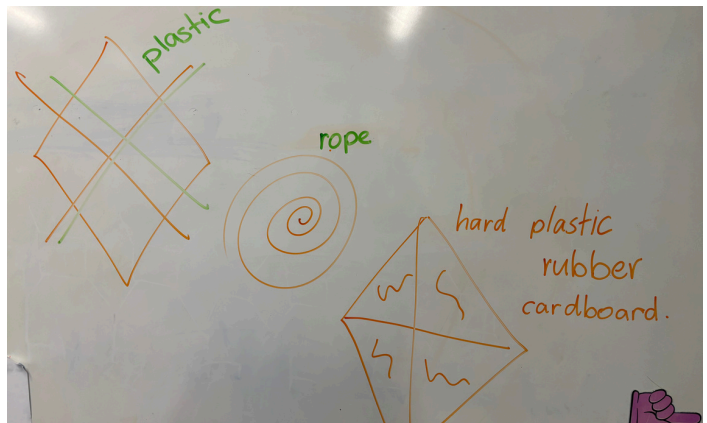
Engineering in Action in Prep-2

Our Prep-2 students have been busy stepping into the shoes of engineers! As part of our investigations into what engineers do, we took on the exciting challenge of designing and creating our own kites.

First, we explored different materials and discussed what might work best for a successful kite. After researching, planning, and building, it was time to put our creations to the test!

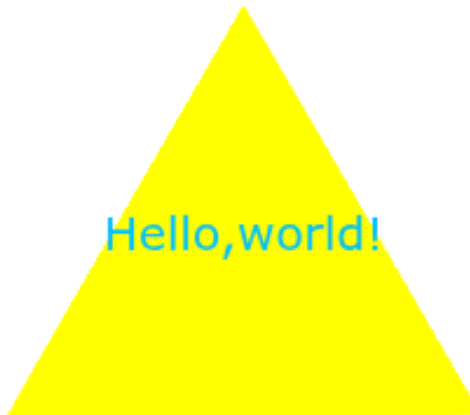
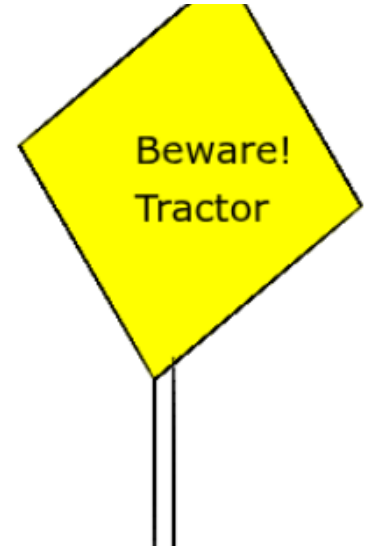
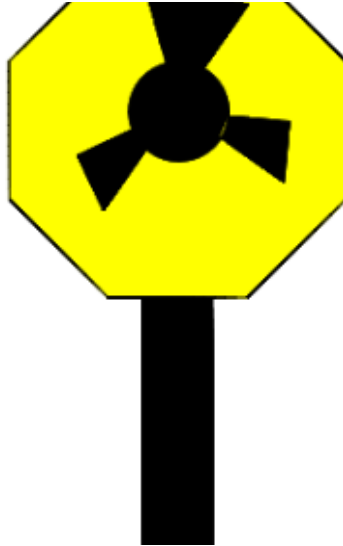
Like all great engineers, we discovered that not every design works perfectly the first time. We found that the materials we initially chose weren't strong enough to help our kites hold their shape. Rather than giving up, we did what engineers do best: learn from our mistakes, rethink our designs, and head back to the drawing board!

We are now exploring new materials and ideas to improve our kites and can't wait to see how our next versions turn out. Check out some photos of our first attempts below. We are excited to share our engineering journey with you!



3-6 Classroom News

Our students became digital artists in Term 3! Using Python and Turtle Graphics, they crafted stunning community signs that showcased some seriously impressive coding skills. From thoughtful designs to pixel-perfect execution, these young programmers proved they've got what it takes. The creativity on display was absolutely wonderful to see!



```
from turtle import *  
colour("green")  
begin_fill()  
repeat 4:  
    forward(100)  
    left(90)  
end_fill()
```

Guidance Counsellor

SchoolTV launches the early years' wellbeing series

Why ages 3 to 5 matter more than ever

It's official: the early years aren't just about getting ready for prep - they are shaping the future of our kids.

To help families and educators work hand-in-hand during these crucial years, SchoolTV has dropped its brand-new early years' wellbeing series. Designed specifically for children aged three to five, this new resource bridges the gap between home and school - before the first school bell even rings.

The expert behind the series

Developed alongside leading psychologist Dr Emma Woodward, the series tackles the big questions parents ask during these formative years

- Expert insights: Unpacking how young minds grow, learn and adjust.
- Practical strategies: Daily tips to tackle everyday challenges and make the most of key learning moments.
- Prevention & early intervention: Building capability early to set children up for long-term success.

Strong partnerships = thriving kids

By starting the conversation early, strong partnerships are built with families before schooling begins - and developed right through the primary years.

When parents and teachers speak the same language on child development, our kids win every time.

Watch the launch video: <https://sptsv.catholic.schooltv.me/eyws-launch-video>



TEEN TRAINING

AGES 10-16

**TRAIN HARD.
BUILD CONFIDENCE.
BE THE BEST *YOU*.**



**STARTS
8TH OCTOBER
2026**



**EVERY
THURSDAY
3:45PM**



**10 WEEK
BLOCK**



**\$5
PER STUDENT
PER CLASS**



**WITH
COACH COURTNEY**
SUPPORTIVE • MOTIVATING • RESULTS-DRIVEN



**EMAIL TO BOOK
INFO@TWEAKFITNESS.COM**



**84 CARTWRIGHT STREET,
INGHAM**

STRONGER BODIES. STRONGER MINDS. STRONGER *YOU*.



Yesterday students and staff pulled on the brightest, craziest socks for Socktober.

Organised annually by Catholic Mission, Socktober is an initiative that allows our school community to put faith into action through fun and fundraising. It reminds us that even small, joyful actions can create a powerful ripple effect across the world. This year, Catholic Mission's focus is supporting vulnerable communities in Malawi. Money raised through our Socktober event directly aids families in need by helping provide: Nutritious Food, Healthcare Services and Quality Education. A huge thank you to all the students and staff who participated.



Swimming Lessons

Our 2026 swimming lessons began last week, and we have five more lessons scheduled for this year. This activity is always a favorite among students, filled with lots of fun at the pool and the excitement of bus rides to and from the location with friends.





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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2026 MARAKA FESTIVAL

FAMILY FUN DAY

PARK RUN | AQUA-AEROBICS
WEIGHT-CARDIO-BOX CLASS
POOL PARTY | BBQ

Sat 24 October from 7:00am
Hinchinbrook Aquatic Centre & Palm Creek

STREET PARADE

THEME - RIO CARNIVALE
MARCHING BAND

Sat 31 October 5:00pm
Herbert St & Palm Terrace & Lannercost St

MASQUERADE PARTY UNMASKING THE QUEENS

QUEENS PRESENTED
FINGER FOOD
DJ WESTY
TICKETS VIA QR CODE BELOW

Sat 24 October 6:30pm
RSL

MARDI GRAS

PRINCESS & QUEEN CROWNING
ENTERTAINMENT ON STAGE
FIREWORKS
BAR & FOOD
SHOW RIDES

Sat 31 October 5:30pm
Rotary Park

AFTERNOON TEA

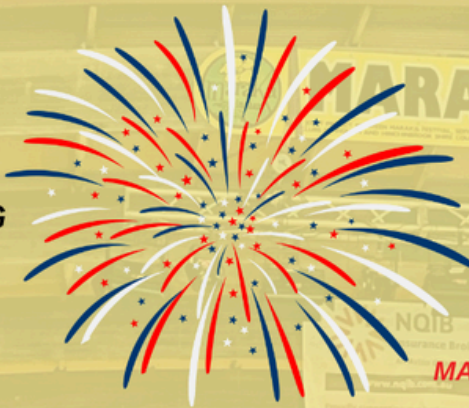
PRINCESS & QUEENS ENTRANTS PRESENTED

Sun 25 October 1:00pm
RSL

KIDS BIG DAY OUT

PET PARADE | FENCE PAINTING
BALLON ARTIST | FACE PAINTING
PETTING ZOO

Sat 31 October 9:00am
Ingham Showgrounds



MASQUERADE PARTY TICKETS



RIO CARNIVALE



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

Term 4: Tuesday 6 October - Friday 4 December

Office Hours:

MONDAY - FRIDAY

8.30am - 3.00pm



2027 Term Dates



Term 1	Wednesday 27 January – Thursday 25 March (9 weeks)
Term 2	Monday 12 April – Friday 25 June (11 weeks)
Term 3	Monday 12 July – Friday 17 September (10 weeks)
Term 4	Tuesday 5 October – Friday 3 December (9 weeks)

Year 12: Concludes on Friday 19 November 2027
Years 7-11: Conclude on Friday 26 November 2027