ST. PETERS CATHOLIC SCHOOL HALIFAX

Newsletter

WEEK 5 • TERM 4



Diary Dates

Friday 6 November - Last Prep Open Day for 2026.
Wednesday 18 November - Thankgiving 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

Dear Parents and Carers

Last week, our school community had the privilege of listening to leadership speeches performed by the Year 5 students. Leadership begins with knowing who you are and what you stand for. Sharing those values with the school community takes courage and a belief in yourself and your potential. All the boys did a superb job, and their families should be very proud of them. Congratulations go to Patrick Misson, School Captain, Eli Normor, Vice Captain, and Joseph Mick, Sports Captain. I know they will represent our school proudly in 2027.

As the year draws to a close, we begin preparations for Graduation and Awards Night. We warmly invite all our school families to join us for Graduation Mass on Monday 30 November at 6:00 pm at St Peter's Church. As a small school, having everyone present means so much. It is a chance to not only honour our graduating students but also to welcome and support our 2027 school leaders. Your presence will help make this a truly memorable night and show the strength and spirit of our little community.

A note went home last week inviting families to nominate their preferred time for the Awards Celebration. Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond. We will continue to have an Awards Night this year. This special event is not only an opportunity to celebrate the achievements and growth of our students, but also to acknowledge and thank our families and wider community for their ongoing support throughout the year.

Coming together as a school community is something worth celebrating in itself. We look forward to sharing this occasion with you, reflecting on the year that has been, and enjoying one another's company as we celebrate our collective successes. More details will be shared in the coming weeks.



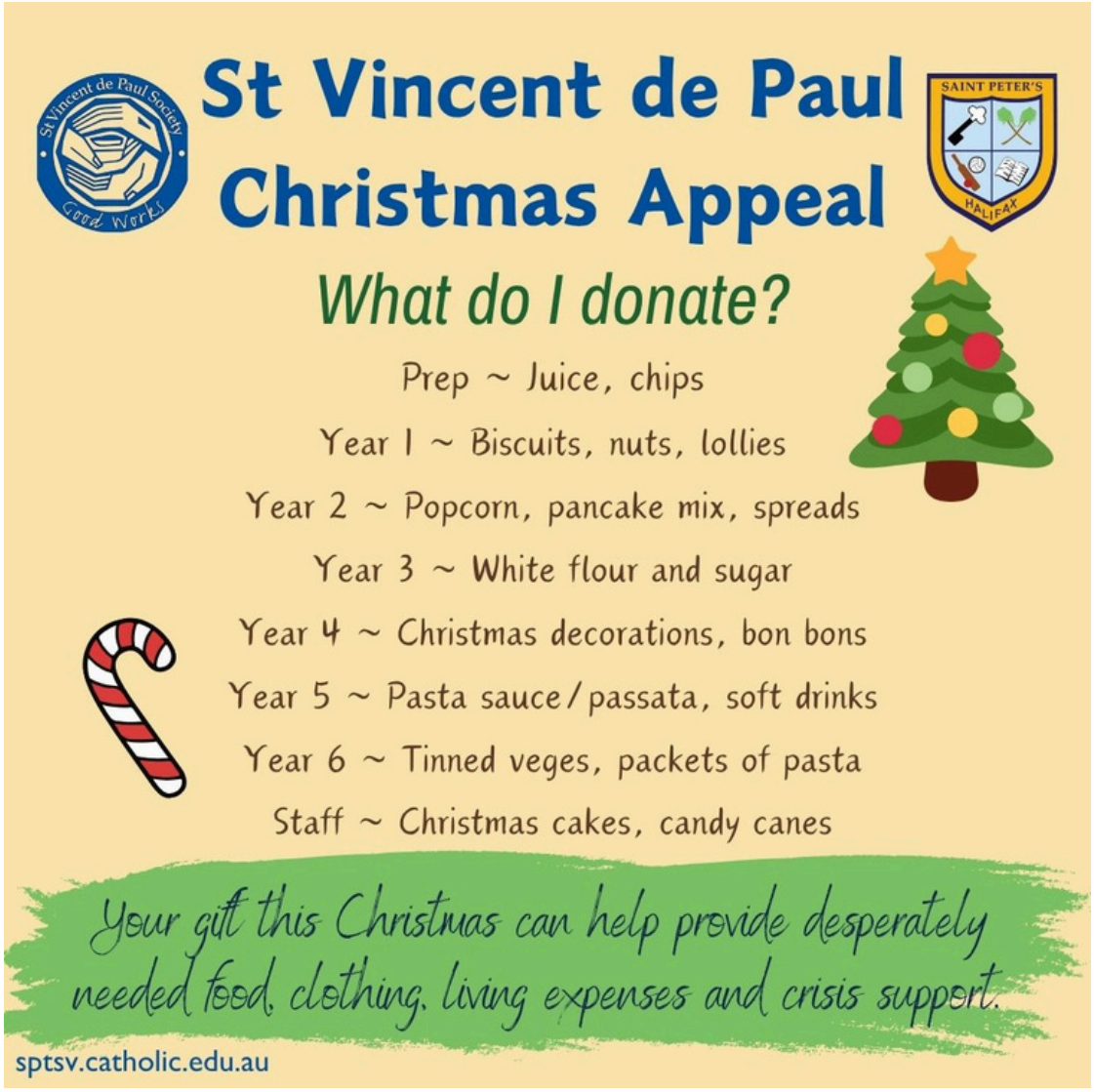
God bless
Christine Timms

APRE News

Each year, St Peter's proudly supports the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal, and once again, we are humbled by the generosity of our students and their families already. Your kindness and compassion continue to make a real difference in the lives of those who need it most.

We understand that with the rising cost of living, many in our community are doing it tough. That's why every contribution, no matter how big or little, is so deeply appreciated. If you are able, we encourage you to give what you can to help support others in our local area and to stand in solidarity with the St Vincent de Paul Society in their mission to assist those experiencing hardship this Christmas.

Donations are due in by Wednesday 18 November where they will be presented to St Vincent de Paul during our Thanksgiving Mass.



P-2 Classroom News

Literacy Learning In Action

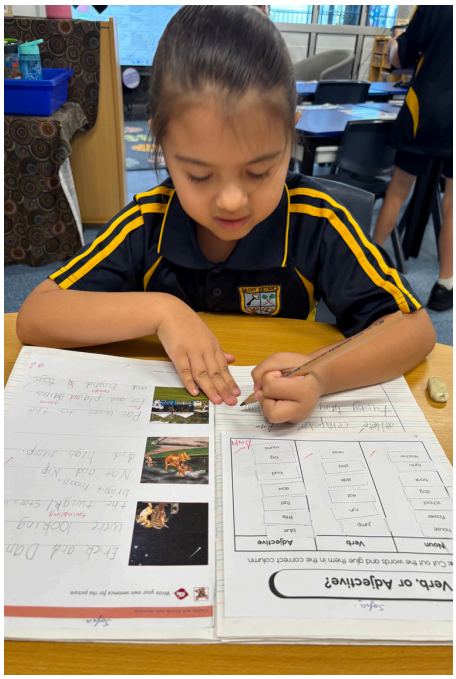
Our students have been working incredibly hard during Literacy lessons and are showing great growth and confidence every day. A major focus has been recognising and hearing sounds in words. We spend lots of time exploring sounds, building words, and practising our reading and writing skills. Students enjoy writing a wide variety of words and challenging themselves to read unfamiliar words by using their sound knowledge and decoding strategies.

One of our favourite activities is our exciting Roll and Race games. The students have become so skilled that they are regularly beating Mrs K, much to her surprise! These games provide a fun way to practise sound recognition, word reading, and spelling while building confidence and fluency.

The class has also been working hard to tackle new and unfamiliar words. It has been wonderful to see students persevering, sounding out words carefully, and celebrating their successes as independent readers.

While we have loved all of our Literacy learning, the absolute highlight recently has been making playdough with Mrs G! After carefully following the recipe and creating our own playdough, students used it to make a variety of shapes and creations. This hands-on activity helped strengthen fine motor skills while providing lots of opportunities for creativity, collaboration, and fun.

We are so proud of the enthusiasm, determination, and effort our students bring to Literacy each day. Keep up the fantastic work!













3-6 Classroom News

This term in Science, we're exploring how the forces of nature shape the surface of the Earth! In our last lesson, we ran a fun experiment using beef stock cubes to represent the Earth. We put them through some "earthquakes" and "rain" to see what would happen!











Guidence Councellor

School TV special report: Smartphone readiness quiz

Receiving a first smartphone is a significant milestone in a child's life. While there is no universally "right" age, deciding when the time is right involves much more than simply considering their age or whether their friends already have one. A smartphone brings greater independence, along with increased responsibilities, making it important to consider whether a child has the maturity and judgement to use it safely and responsibly.

Most young people have already used tablets, computers, gaming consoles or shared family devices before having access to their own smartphone. This quiz is not designed to assess technical skills or how well your child uses technology. Instead, it explores the judgement, responsibility, self-regulation and social maturity needed to manage the greater independence that comes with having regular access to a personal smartphone.

The Smartphone Readiness Quiz has been designed to support conversations about this important milestone. Rather than providing a simple yes or no answer, it encourages families to reflect on key areas of readiness, recognise strengths and identify opportunities to further develop the skills needed before taking this next step.

Access this link to take the quiz: https://sptsv.catholic.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-smartphone-readiness-quiz-au

SchoolTV is an online wellbeing platform that provides schools and families with expert, clear and actionable guidance on child and adolescent mental health and development.





BIG RED WALK DAY FOR DANIEL

St. Peter's was proud to join Our Lady of Lourdes and Gilroy Santa Maria College in the Big Red Walk today to raise awareness and support for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. The foundation provides valuable personal safety education to children and young people.

First, Christie Sinclair and Megan McQuaid from the Student Protection Team at Townsville Catholic Education reminded our students to feel safe every day, know their rights, and understand that their safety is very important.









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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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SAVE THE DATE!



Please join

LUCINDA PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

for our annual

CHRISTMAS CAROLS !



Wednesday 16th December2026

Borello Park Lucinda

- Twilight Markets from 4.00pm
- Food stalls
- Carols at 6.00pm
- Local Talented Performers
- Santa will have gifts for the kids!
- Free balloon twisting
- Free face painting
- Incredible Raffles!



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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
Term 4: Tuesday 6 October - Friday 4 December

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

2027 Term Dates

Diocese of Townsville Catholic Education

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