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DIARY DATES:

Touch Football - Macknade SS,
Thursday 15th September

Last Day Term 3 - Fri 16 Sep

Public Holiday - Thurs 22 Sep

Public Holiday - Mon 3 Oct

First Day Term 4 - Tues 4 Oct

Swimming Starts - Wed 5 Oct

Dance Starts - Fri 21 Oct

EOY Graduation & Dinner - Mon
28 Nov, 7.00pm

EOY Awards - Wed 30 Nov,
9.30am

Last Day Term 4 - Fri 2 Dec

First Day Term 1 2023 - Mon 23 Jan

TERM DATES:

TERM 3: (10 Weeks)

Mon: 11 Jul - Fri 16 Sep

TERM 4: (9 Weeks)

Tues: 4 Oct - Fri 2 Dec

OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY - THURSDAY

8.30am - 1.00pm

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we approach the end of Term 3 and await the beginning of Term 4, I wish to advise you that Mrs. Railene Spina is taking leave for Term 4. We wish her all the very best during her time off. On behalf of our St Peter's School community, I would like to take this time to thank Railene for her efforts over the year thus far. May God's blessings be always with her.

Next Term, we welcome Ms Kaitlyn Wallace into the Year 3 / 4 teaching and learning space.

Kaitlyn has a wealth of experience, having taught in various Townsville Catholic Schools, and worked for several years on Palm Island. She is currently completing her Masters in Guidance. Kaitlyn has a prior engagement in week 1 and will join us full time in Week 2.

I would like to invite everyone to a welcome morning gathering, Term 4, week 2, Monday 10th Oct 8:00- 8:30am.

Week 1 of Term 4, we have the wonderful team of Sarsha Quirk, Helen Stumey & Rebecca Silvini sharing their teaching skills in the 3 / 4 space.

As we find ourselves at the end of Term 3, it is easy to look back and wonder where the last 10 weeks have gone. Conversely, at the beginning of each term the same 10 weeks seems such a long time. I offer my sincere thanks to all staff, parents, carers and our students for contributing to the rich story of St Peter's Catholic School, Halifax.

"Set the patterning in place and our St Peter's tapestry weaves itself".

With Term 4 being a 9 week term, we look forward to some major celebrations and events including:

- Farewelling our year 6 students and wishing them every success at secondary school
- Electing our new year 6 leaders for 2023
- Participating in swimming lessons, the swimming carnival, learning dance with Caroline Britton, and yoga.

Last weekend I attended a Trauma- Aware Schooling, Conference in Brisbane. This was an insightful experience that highlighted various ways in which we as teachers, can support students who have experienced trauma.

To support our students at St Peter's, I am introducing a new framework call *Reboot's Whole-Brain Framework*. This framework will assist teachers with supporting students to recognise, respond and regulate their emotions. The framework is based on Dr. Bruce Perry's Neuro-sequential model of Therapeutics which identifies the three brains in which drive our thinking and actions; our Wild, Emotional and Smart Brains, and teaches students strategies in responding to the emotional behaviours that we experience when in these various 'brains'.

Ms Shiels & Ms Amanda will be attending a two-day workshop on the 6th & 7th October in Brisbane to support the implementation of this framework within our school community.

On behalf of our dedicated, committed and caring teaching team, we wish you all the happiest of holiday time with your children.

God Bless
Paula Jerome

Together we grow





Religious Life of the School 2022



The Sorrowful Heart of Our Blessed Mother

Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows, September 15

“Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted and you yourself a sword will pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” [Luke 2:34-35](#)

What a profound, meaningful and very real feast we celebrate today. Today we try to enter into the profound sorrow of the heart of our Blessed Mother as she endured the sufferings of her Son.

Mother Mary loved her Son Jesus with the perfect love of a mother. Interestingly, it was that perfect love she had in her heart for Jesus that was the source of her deep spiritual suffering. Her love drew her to be present to Jesus in His own Cross and sufferings. And for that reason, as Jesus suffered, so did His mother.

But her suffering was not one of despair, it was a suffering of love. Therefore, her sorrow was not a sadness; rather, it was a profound sharing in all that Jesus endured. Her heart was perfectly united with her Son’s and, therefore, she endured all that He endured. This is true love on the deepest and most beautiful level.

Today, on this memorial of her Sorrowful Heart, we are called to live in union with the Blessed Mother’s sorrow. As we love her, we find ourselves feeling the same pain and suffering her heart still experiences as a result of the sins of the world. Those sins, including our own sins, are what nailed her Son to the Cross.

When we love our Blessed Mother and her Son Jesus, we will also grieve over sin; first our own and then the sins of others. But it’s important to know that the sorrow we experience over sin is also a sorrow of love. It’s a holy sorrow that ultimately motivates us to a deeper compassion and deeper unity with those around us, especially those who are wounded and those caught in sin. It also motivates us to turn from sin in our own lives.

Reflect, today, upon the perfect love of the heart of our Blessed Mother. That love is capable of rising above all suffering and pain and is the same love God wants to place in your heart.

Lord, help me to love with the love of Your dear Mother. Help me to feel the same holy sorrow she felt and to allow that holy sorrow to deepen my concern and compassion for all those who suffer. Mother Mary, pray for us. Jesus, I trust in You.

PEACE BE WITH ALL
PAULA JEROME

Awards Week 10 Term 3

Years P-2 Class Award:

Layne & Elyse

Years 3 & 4 Class Award:

Ava, Blake & Bradley

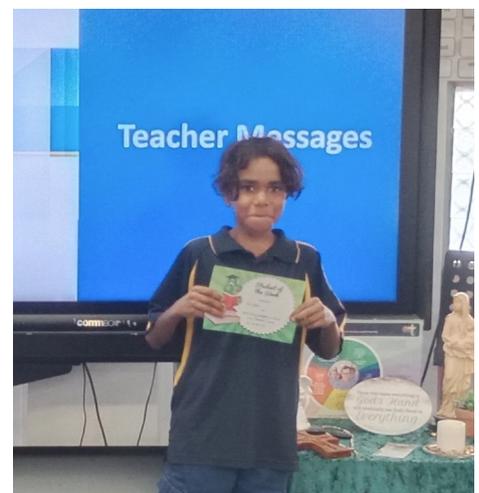
Years 5 & 6 Class Award:

Skye, Dennis & Kevin



Happy Birthday: Indianna

Student Award: Sa'Jahn



Jacqui Francis visit



Touch Football comp



P-2 Class News

This term students have been learning about informative texts. P/1/2 students have read a variety of informative texts that have been presented in a variety of ways, including infographics, books, videos and more. Using a mentor text *Salty Mumma*, students have learnt how to research and write their own informative text on their chosen animal. Students completed the writing process by publishing their writing work with a habitat diorama of their animal. Check out some pictures below of the students during the writing process and the completion of their dioramas.



5/6 Class News

Last week, 5/6 enjoyed learning how to write beautiful poetry with Gamilaroi poet, Luke Patterson via Zoom. The topic of our poems was, "Endangered Species." For every poem written, a tree will be planted in the Royal Botanic Gardens. It's exciting to think that a tree will exist somewhere just because we sat down to write a poem. We will also be entering them into the "Poem Forrest" competition. Wish us luck!

Koala

Koala,
Swinging from
tree
to tree.
Grappling
to the top
of the tree.
Soft as cotton -
cotton candy.

By Kevin



Tasmanian Devil

A Tasmanian Devil,
cowered under a shag-
gy rock cave,
complete with a soft dirt carpet.
Small green plants, buried into the ground by small foot-
steps.
Footsteps too small to be from the female see now,
from where I spectate, up here, in a Tasmanian Blackwood
Tree.
A cub appears from behind its restless mother.
Another and another until there are five babies,
all pestering their mother for food.
Angry and tired, the mother rages at her cubs, then turns,
desperately trying to rest, but her cubs depend on her for
food.
Tired but full of duties she rises and disappears into the rain.
The howling cubs mourn their mother's departure, then set-
tle.
The hard-working mother returns with fresh meat,
then she sits back to watch her babies feast on their first
meal.



Where the Salt Meets Fresh

As the summer sun rises
up with the grey clouds
saltwater hits the rocks.
Trees willow in the powerful wind.
River water hits the salt gently
and I look at the
leaning tree branches.
I look at the
aftermath of the loud raindrops hitting the
croc.
Now she drifts
into the murky depths of
where the salt hits fresh.

By Wyatt



5/6 Class News cont...

Green Turtle

Swimming
in the Big Blue.
Gracefully
swimming through
the water.
I stare into the
sunset.
I feel the sand
in between
my feet.
Calmly, a
shell rises
from the
water like
an island. It
disappears in
the sunset.

By Tynan



Snubfin Dolphins

Through the gentle waves,
pods of Snubfin Dolphins,
gracefully, jump out of the
glimmering waters,
peacefully, gliding through the air.
I watch hypnotized, by the beauty,
of fluid motion, swaying in the waves.
The breeze, cool as ice on my skin.
A noticeable taste of salt lingers,
in the air. The sky,
bright with warm colours.
Swimming into the vibrant sunset,
they sing their songs.
Water silently splashes,
as I drift, out to sea.
While night slowly dawns,
the restless ocean seemingly calms down.

By Amellia



Cassowary

Forest leaves swish and
swoosh
while the cassowary sleeps.
In the beautiful night sky
twinkling stars go by
while the cassowary sleeps.

By Braydan



5/6 learned how to follow the “ALEC” method of checking in on our friends on “Are You Ok Day.”

- A. Ask, “Are you okay?”
- L. Listen without interrupting.
- E. Encourage action.
- C. Check up on the person later.

RUOK?
A conversation could change a life.



Guidance Gossips!

R U Ok Day- Thursday 8th

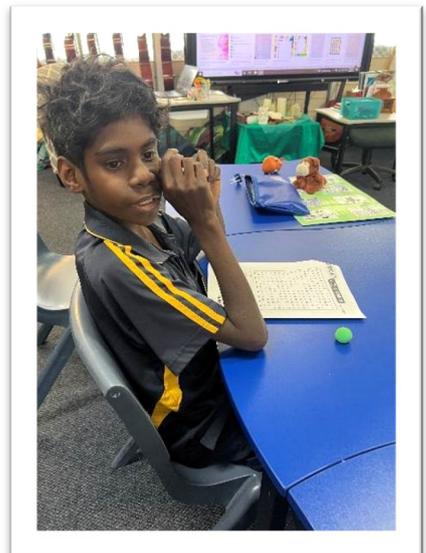
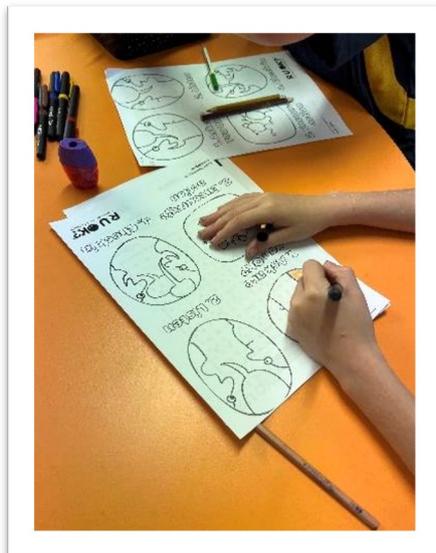
It's our National Day of Action when we remind Australians that every day is the day to ask, 'are you OK?' and start a meaningful conversation whenever they spot the signs that someone they care about might be struggling with life.

To start a conversation there are 4 simple steps to take:

1. Ask "R U Ok?"
2. Listen
3. Encourage Action
4. Check In

Last Thursday in the classrooms, the students started conversations regarding R U Ok and completed activities that promoted self-reflecting! It is great to see the St Peter's students engaging in this important but simple concept of checking in with others.

If you find yourself or others in a crisis you can always reach out to Lifeline on 13 11 14 or Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800.

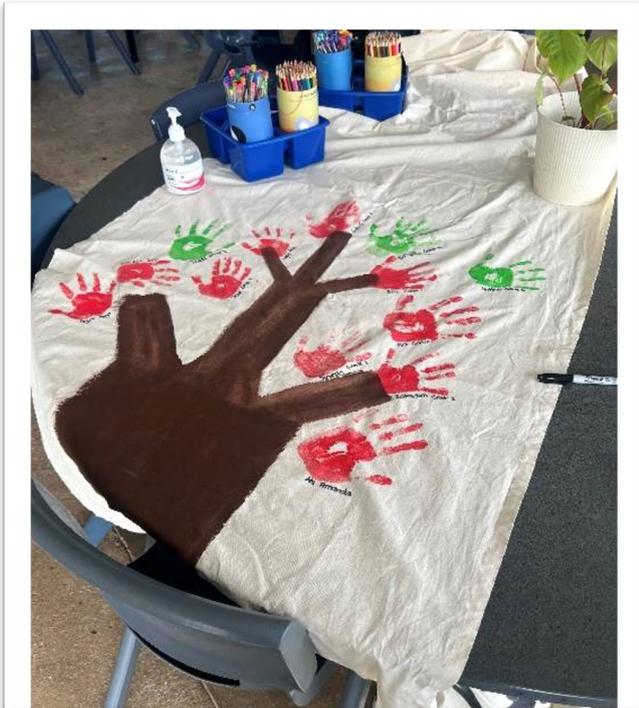


Guidance Gossips! Cont...

Together We Grow

This term myself and the wonderful staff and students of St Peter's encompassed our school mantra of Together We Grow but creating this wonderful team effort mural seen next to the tuckshop. It was great to see the students painting each other's hand and encouraging their mates to come up and place their hands on the mural! Great work students!

Have a great school holidays!
Madison Park- Guidance Counsellor



HERBERT RIVER SCHOOL HOLIDAY CRICKET BRISBANE HEAT PROGRAM

FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGED 5-12

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JUNIOR BLASTERS



For Boys & Girls aged 5-7

Where: Butler Park

When: Fridays - 5pm Oct

Cost: \$90

Includes: 8 weeks of skills & games, a Blast shirt, hat, bat & ball!

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MASTER BLASTERS



For Boys & Girls aged 7-10

Where: Butler Park

When: Fridays - 5pm Oct

Cost: \$100

Includes: 8 weeks of games, Blast cap & Blast pack!

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JUNIOR CRICKET



For Boys & Girls aged 9-17

Where: Butler Park

When: Fridays from Oct

Search Herbert River at
www.playcricket.com.au



**QUEENSLAND
CRICKET**



Kung Fu - Thursdays 6.00 - 7.00pm

Swimming Lessons Term 4 - Wednesdays (6weeks) 5th Oct, 12th Oct, 19th Oct, 26th Oct, 2nd Nov, 9th Nov.

Assembly Term 4, 8.30am - Wednesday's, Week 2,4,6,8 - All Welcome

Whole School Masses Term 4, 8.30am - Wednesday's, Weeks 3,5,7, Week 9
EOY Mass 7.00pm - All Welcome

Dance Lessons Term 4 - Friday's, Weeks 3,4,5,6,7,8.

EOY Graduation Mass & Year 6 Dinner , 7.00pm - Monday 28th November

EOY Award Presentations - Wednesday 30th November 9.30am

Last Day Term 4 - Friday 2nd December 11.30am finish

Sick/Absences

Please advise the school before 9 am, whenever your child is sick/absent.
Thanks for your cooperation.



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.



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Mass Times

St Patrick's Ingham

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm

Sunday: 8.30am & 7.00pm

St Peter's Halifax

Sunday 7.00am

Canossa Chapel Trebonne

Sunday: 10.00am

St Teresa's Abergowrie

Sunday: 10.00am