

Ephesians 2:20 "...built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone."

WHAT'S ON

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From the Head of Primary



'The Australian Government has committed an extra \$12 million to restore the focus, and increase student uptake of, science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) subjects in primary and secondary schools

across the country.' (2016) Restoring the focus on STEM subjects is about ensuring Australia's young adults are equipped with the necessary skills for the economy of the future.

In our Primary classes, we acknowledge the importance of these programs within our school day. All classes have used Primary Connections, a Science program funded by the Australian Government, to support student's science understandings, science as a human endeavour as well as science skills. As students move through the Primary school they also continually are engaged in mental math's processes, problem solving and higher order thinking.

Technology and Design are firmly embedded in our subject areas by integrating tasks to ensure they have real life relevance. Through our Year 4-6 iPad program as well as the use of laptops and iPad in the lower classes students ensure they are learning core ICT skills. In the Technology Curriculum coding is a focus skill and we are seeing amazing programs develop at Springfield in this area.

Walking into our Year 2 classroom during the morning session, sees our students engaged in their weekly coding activity. They follow a series of coding activities accessed through Code.org to teach them basic coding understandings. By the end of the course, students will be able to create interactive games or stories they can share with anyone.

At present, Mrs Rebecca Woolnough, our Year 2 teacher, is undertaking further professional development to further increase her skills so she can share her knowledge of Coding with fellow teachers. Mrs Woolnough also takes Coding Club for our Year 1-3 students during lunchtime.

Debbie West-McInnes, Head of Primary



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A Coding Club is also available for our Upper Primary Students.

Our Year 5 students have begun their journey into coding by using Scratch, which focuses on the basics of thinking and planning in order to make things happen (the whole purpose of coding) and creating applications such as interactive games, quizzes, and animations.

The skills within in the STEM subjects are deeply intertwined in our real world and it is important to have a skilled workforce using these fields to ensure Australia has its place in the world economy. It is our intent to continually offer opportunity for Hands on and Minds on activities within the STEM subjects as our students are the face of our future.

Year 5S Skype Session

Last Friday, Year 5S had the opportunity to Skype with Sharon Lutheran School in Hong Kong. Both schools shared the extra-curricular activities that were available. Questions were asked throughout to gain a better understanding of the final activity – a comparison between the two schools. Students discovered that the Sharon Lutheran School has a larger range of school clubs during the day but that St Peter's Springfield has a larger range of sporting opportunities due to the outdoor spaces we have. Both schools have Bible clubs run by teachers.

Friday 6 May

Mothers' Day Breakfast and Chapel, 7.40am
Community Celebration (theme: Superheroes), 5.00–7.00pm

Tuesday 10 May

Years 7 and 8 Immunisations: Round 2
P&F General Meeting 6.30–8.00pm

Tuesday 10 May to Thursday 12 May

Years 3,5,7 and 9 NAPLAN

Friday 13 May

Student Free Day: Ipswich Show Holiday

Friday 20 May

Primary School Disco, PA1, 4.30–7.00pm

Saturday 21 May

The Power of Positive Parenting, The Hub, 6.30–8.00pm

Wednesday 25 May

Open Day 9.00am–12 noon

Thursday 26 May

Community Focus Day Hearing Impaired: Loud Hair

Saturday 28 May

P&F Dinner Dance, Brookwater Golf Club, 7.00pm

Monday 30 May

Years 3 – 12 Private Tuition Recital, 5.00 – 6.00pm

Friday 3 June

Community Celebration (theme: Ignite), 5.00–7.00pm

Monday 6 June

Raising Resilient Children, The Hub, 6.30–8.00pm

Thursday 16 June

Year 6 Eminent Australians, Year 6 classroom, 6.00 –7.00pm

Friday 17 June

Whole School Closing Chapel, 8.30–9.00am
Term 2 concludes

Monday 20 to Friday 24 June

Student Free Days

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DEFENCE FORCE WORK EXPERIENCE

On 21 - 23 March, Robert Hynes (Year 12) attended a Defence Force Work Experience Program at Enoggera Barracks.

Robert is going through the recruitment process to attend ADFA in 2017 and took on this work experience in order to broaden job interest and Defence Force knowledge.



"I found the Work Experience Program was extremely beneficial to myself and the other members of the program. The schedule included both practical and theory aspects. The practical sessions involved us looking at the equipment used in the Defence Force. During the theory sessions, we visited the various museums at the Enoggera base to learn about the units that they are dedicated to, as well as their past history and deeds.

The most interesting part of the base was the Australian Army Malaria Institute where they explained to us what malaria was, the various symptoms of the virus and why it is so important, as direct combat is not the only thing that can bring harm to soldiers. During each period, over the course of the three day program, each student was given the responsibility of making sure that all the other students were accounted for, had all their belongings and was responsible for thanking the Work Experience Representative. However, the Work Experience Program wasn't purely military orientated. Throughout the program the Work Experience Representatives gave us excellent advice on life skills and values." – Robert Hynes (Year 12)

Jill Lange-Mohr, Principal

Community2 Project



Construction Manager at Cockram Construction and St Peters parent, Mark Wilshire, helped the College as part of their Community Service Volunteer Focus Project. Three Cockram Construction staff worked together to restore and top up the sand to the Prep sandpit and re-mulch gardens. Thank you Mark and team!

Jill Lange-Mohr, Principal



Year 5 Skypes with Sharon Lutheran School, Hong Kong



MINISTRY

Holidays and Holy Days

I love Australia – the Land of the long weekend! In the period from Good Friday to Labour Day we have four public holidays. If you get the Ipswich Show holiday it makes for five extra days off within seven weeks.

The word "holiday" comes from holy day: a day set aside for religious purposes. By that reckoning Australians must be a particularly holy bunch.

Even when used for secular occasions, public holidays remind me of God's goodness. These holidays/holy days remind me of God's command to rest: Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy. (Exodus 20:8) Each Sabbath was to be free from work because God himself rested on the seventh day after creating the world. Each Sabbath reminded his people that he had rescued them from slavery in Egypt at the Exodus and the command to keep the Sabbath holy prevented God's people from becoming slaves again.

"Rest and remember me" says God. "Don't overwork yourself. You are not slaves anymore. I made you to be with me and to know my peace, joy and love." I think God might be Australian!

Worship has always been part of keeping the Sabbath. Worship reorientates us towards God. The apostle Paul says, "All things are sanctified by the word of God and prayer." (1 Timothy 4:5) As we read God's word and pray – two of the key activities of worship – the day is kept holy.

Each week God invites us to spend time with him in worship to recharge spiritually and physically. To re-learn stillness. To make space so we can hear him speak to us. To take time out for our health and wellbeing.

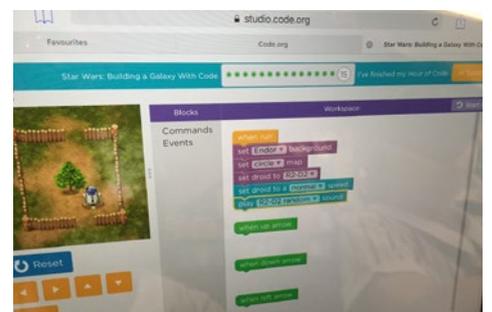
Here we see the beauty of God's commands – they are for our wellbeing and our blessing.

What would you need to do to know Sabbath rest? A weekly slow down? Digital detachment? A gap in scheduling? Downtime? Worship? God wants you to have a holiday, a holy day, every week.

"Come to me all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest" says Jesus. "Take my yoke on you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30)

Rest and remember. It's God's command for your good.

Pastor Matt Wilksch



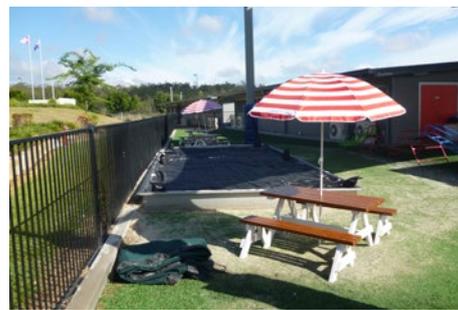
ANZAC DAY SERVICE AT ANZAC SQUARE



In 2016, St Peter's Springfield student leaders enjoyed the opportunity to represent the school for the first time at the ANZAC Day Service in ANZAC Square, Brisbane City. They were delighted to also be selected for ABC radio interviews.



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Magpies and Marshmallows



Science has always been about observation and, sometimes, fortuitous accidental discovery. Recently, Year 7 students accidentally discovered that if you leave a marshmallow on the ground for less than two seconds, it is likely to be eaten by a marauding Magpie! Now before you start thinking "litterbugs", the students did have a valid reason for sending marshmallows flying over the grass.

Their task was to use their knowledge of forces and simple machines to build a catapult capable of flinging a marshmallow a distance of half a metre. They also had to test the effect of changing one aspect of the design of their catapults. Consequently, some changed the length of the lever arm, others changed the number of rubber bands (changing effort force), and still more changed the shape of their



projectile, deducing the effect of friction caused by air resistance.

The students worked hard to build their catapults and the variety of design solutions (many built with paddle-pop sticks, rubber bands and plastic spoons) was impressive. They wrote a method that showed how they were going to test their catapults, collect reliable data, evaluate their results and reflected on the quality of their investigation.

Launch day dawned bright and sunny. Year 7 students lined up with their catapults ready for action, primed them with a marshmallow and let fly! The most impressive launch was by Lewis Docchi, who built a catapult with his mum's wooden spoon that sent marshmallows 20 metres up the slope! Team work was needed



when 7S launched their catapults, as some had to discourage the hungry magpies while their friends conducted the investigations.

This project provided students with the opportunity to learn about scientific method, test scientific concepts and, most importantly, have fun! One final observation: students (and their teacher) also like to eat marshmallows.

Michelle Thygesen, Teacher

SPORTS DRAWS

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SPORT PHOTOS

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Central District Cross Country

Last Thursday, St Peters Springfield competed in the Primary Schools District Cross Country Carnival. There were 28 students involved from Years 4-7 who achieved our greatest ever result at the championships. St Peters were placed first in their respective division and also won the overall aggregate trophy out of all the schools competing at the carnival. This is an amazing achievement and it is a great reward for all the hard work students have been doing at training this year. Congratulations to Ryan Bansal (Under 10 – 2nd place), Jorja Smith (Under 10 – sixth place), Cameron Annis-Wade (Under 11 – second place), Taylor Jacobs (Under 11 – third place), Hunter McFarlane (Under 11 – fourth place), Matthew Maynard (Under 11 – seventh place) and Aiden McKendrick (Under 11 – tenth place). It was also wonderful to see so many students improve their individual performances from last year. We congratulate all students involved and they should be very proud of their efforts as the results were a real team effort.

The following students were also selected for the Regional Cross Country Carnival which is an amazing feat, considering the high level of competition in each age group.

- Year 5: Ryan Bansal, Jorja Smith and Hunter McFarlane; and
- Year 6: Cameron Annis-Wade and Taylor Jacobs.

I acknowledge the efforts of Mr Nick Brayne, whose dedication to training these students has enabled the College to achieve these great results. Well done!

QGSSA Autumn Fixtures

Congratulations to all girls involved in games against Ipswich Girls Grammar last Friday. Although the weather did cause some games to be cancelled, some great results were achieved across the board.

Talisha Hansen and Nicole Spencer-Scarr played out a very good 3 all draw in the intermediate age group while Lucy Owen in Year 7 scored for the Junior side to help them to an impressive 6 – 1 victory.

Emma Wilson and Gabi Irvine had a good 5 - 1 win against Ipswich Girls Grammar while Georgia Geeves and the Senior B lost. Maddie Davies and the 10B team drew while Danielle Spencer lost her 9A game. Piper McSorely won her 9B game 1 – 0.

Open Girls Basketball

St Peters Open Girls Basketball team held out for a very tight and tense 28 – 27 victory over Ipswich Girls Grammar last Friday night. Cassie Poulain, Kuini Latu, Dione Bull, Talitha Cox and Talitha Hoard all made solid contributions in what will be one of their toughest games this season. Special mention to Eseta Latu who is unfortunately out for the remainder of the season with a fractured ankle. We wish her a speedy recovery and the Open Girls team the best of luck for the rest of the season.

AIC Rugby

Well done to all boys who pulled on a St Peters Rugby jersey over the weekend. There were some mixed results across the age groups with Jayden Moroney and 2XV team losing to Villanova while Bagoio Johnson-Tiumalu had a 10 – 5 win in the 15A's. Otis Danomira played with the 15B's and had a good win against Marist Ashgrove's 15 Gold team 49 – 5. Jerston Johnson-Tiumalu and Isaac Nicholls in the 8A team, Reihanna Ferrier in the 7A's and Tom Denny and Noah Duncan in the 6A's all lost to strong Villanova teams.

First XV Rugby

Well done to Ben Navosailagi and the First XV Rugby team for their impressive start to the AIC season. St Peters came away with a 64 – 5 victory against Villanova with Ben scoring an outstanding intercept try against the run of play. Ben was also presented with his First XV Rugby jersey last Friday and is in his 2nd year in the St Peters First XV Rugby team. Well done Ben!

AIC Football

A record number of boys turned out for St Peters Football last Saturday against some strong Villanova teams. It was a tough round against some quality teams from Villanova but it is fantastic to see so many boys committing to AIC Football. While most teams recorded losses, the 7A team managed a good 1 all draw with Lewis, Themys and Chris playing well. Well done to all boys involved.

5B Football

On Saturday, the Year 5B football team were defeated by Villanova 7-0. It was a tough match for Springfield but they played really well against an experienced football team. The boys tried gallantly all game and should be proud of their efforts. Reuben Dedekind played an outstanding



game in defence and made the opposition work for their goals. Well done also to Lachlan Hodgson and Hugh Longmire who prevented some easy kicks close to goal. Christian McKeown was fantastic as the team's first half goalkeeper, only letting in two goals. We wish the boys luck for their next match of the AIC season.

Total Football Academy

Total Football Academy will be running an after School soccer program during Term 2 at St Peters Lutheran College (Springfield). The program is for students in Prep to Year 4. Registration forms will be distributed during a free demonstration.

During the 6 week program games will be played inside an inflatable soccer field. This captures the imagination of students, giving them a great soccer experience. Training will take place inside a skills square focusing on different skills each week, such as dribbling, turning and shooting. As part of the program players can also purchase a soccer kit (Top and Shorts).

The program will start on Monday 9 May, Kindy to Prep at 2.40pm - 3.40pm and Years 1 to 4 at 3.00pm to 4.00pm. To sign up online visit www.totalfootballacademy.com.au or call Andy Robinson on 0413 888 643.

Dates: 9, 16, 23, 30 May - 6, 13 June.

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