



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 P-12 Curriculum Coordinator



### Point-in-time Snapshot

Each year as NAPLAN week arrives, the media feeds us stories about children becoming fearful, parents becoming stressed and teachers drilling students in preparation for the tests. The message they

send is that NAPLAN is the force that dictates educational outcomes for both students and schools. (Perhaps if the same media refrained from publishing 'league tables' when school results are released, there might be a lessening of emotion around the tests.)

At St Peter's (and at most schools), NAPLAN is kept in perspective. This week our Years 11 and 12 students had a Geography excursion, our Years 7 and 8 students had immunisation shots administered and our Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students sat the NAPLAN tests. In other words, it was 'business as usual'. The tests were another activity in what is a lively and packed calendar.

This does not mean that we do not prepare our students for the tests. NAPLAN measures students' literacy and numeracy achievements and every day in every class students are engaged in learning experiences that develop these skills. In the weeks prior to the testing, teachers provide students with examples of the types of questions they will encounter. This develops their test literacy, ensuring that they know how to interpret the questions and understand what they are required to do.



The tests provide us with valuable information about the literacy and numeracy development of our students. We analyse the data looking for ways to enhance teaching and learning but do not lose sight of the fact that NAPLAN, as the CEO of the Australian Curriculum and Assessment Authority, said recently 'is a point-in-time snapshot'. Our students, each one with their special God-given talents, are much, much more than their NAPLAN results and St Peter's is much, much more than its NAPLAN results.

Sue Grotherr, P-12 Curriculum Coordinator

## Mothers' Day Celebrations

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### Friday 13 May

Student Free Day: Ipswich Show Holiday

### Friday 20 May

Disco, PA1, P-Year 2 (4.30-5.30pm) and Years 3-7 (6.00-7.00pm)

### 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

## SPORTSDRAWS

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Every year, Mayor Paul Pisasale holds a speech contest for Year 11 students from Ipswich schools. The contest is overseen by *Toastmasters International*, an organisation that's purpose is to

help people improve their communication, public speaking and leadership skills. Two students are selected from each school and they receive three training sessions from the local chapter of *Toastmasters*. Students are given the opportunity to present their speeches and receive feedback at different *Toastmaster* meetings.

Representing St Peters Springfield are Rachael Kollannur and Tanika Naicker. They competed on Wednesday 4 May in the semi-finals and won places (third place and second place respectively) to compete in the finals on Sunday 29 May. Congratulations to both girls for their outstanding efforts and good luck in the finals!

Rae Morgan, Teacher

## St Peters attends Queensland Youth Parliament

On Friday 6 May, four St Peters Year 12 Legal Studies students proudly represented St Peters Springfield at the Queensland Youth Parliament.

The Queensland Youth Parliament is held at the Legislative Assembly Chamber, Parliament House, where students are given the opportunity to debate the passing of a bill. This year's bill addressed the lack of environmental awareness in youth, the amount of carbon emissions released in cars during peak hour traffic and the environmental hazards of plastic packaging. Robert Hynes, who acted as the youth Shadow Minister for Education, made an exceptional speech as to why the bill should not have been passed, perfectly addressing the flaws and redundancies of the bill. Cesca Zieschank also opposed the bill, but recommended the implementation of environmental awareness programs to ensure that the future is in the hands of a greener generation.

Following the passing of the bill was an adjournment debate, where students could address matters of concern that were important to them. Georgia Geeves shed light upon Queensland being the only state to try 17-year-olds as adults under criminal law and Jed Leisemann drew attention to the under-representation of law enforcement in the Greater Springfield area.

Kevin Nguyen (Year 12)



## Boarder Week

This week is Boarder Focus week at St Peters Indooroopilly. It's an opportunity for the boarders to showcase their community to the wider St Peters College: to share what it means to be a boarder and the impact it has on each of the students there.

One thing that struck me as the boarders led chapel on Monday and Tuesday was the great mix of students from all corners of the world, who have come together into one community to go through school together. Our boarder community gives us a glimpse of what our world could look like if all people learned to live and work together for the good of all.

The Chapel theme focussed on unity (part of the word comm-unity) and referred to the day of Pentecost (celebrated this coming Sunday), when the Holy Spirit was poured out and empowered Jesus' followers to proclaim the Good News in many languages, bringing together people who were long divided by race, language and culture.

Our God is the God who seeks to bring people together; to bring peace and hope into this world. He sends out people with His message in order to transform and change the world; to speak and enact a way of life that unites people and brings peace. Our God has a plan for the world that looks very different from what we see every day in the news – a plan that can be glimpsed sometimes when a community works well; when people come together; help and respect each other and live together in peace. I believe our boarders show us what this can look like and this certainly encourages me and gives me hope for the future of this world.

May our Lord grant you glimpses of His plan and fill you with hope.

Pastor Thomas Böhmert, Indooroopilly Chaplain

## Early Morning at St Peters Springfield



## Christian Life Week



27 June – 1 July (Week 1) and 4 – 8 July (Week 2)

Secondary students are invited to attend *Christian Life Week* (CLW) during the July school holidays. These camps are a wonderful time for young people to come together in friendship, explore faith and grow deeper in their relationship with God.

- **Week 1:** 27 June – 1 July, Coolum Cross Ridge A, Coolum Sunrise Lodge and Koojarewon A; and
- **Week 2:** 4 – 8 July, Coolumb B and Koojarewon B).

**Cost:** \$372 early bird rate (early bird pricing ends four weeks prior to the camp, after which the price increases by \$30. St Peters students are eligible for a subsidy of \$100. Please use the Subsidy Code: **QGBK**

Register online at [www.lyq.org.au/clw](http://www.lyq.org.au/clw)

*It's hard to explain what CLW is like, but I would have to say it's like getting away for the world to come to a safe haven where you feel like no one's judging you or anything.*  
– CLW Camper



## Mater Hospital 'Day in the Life'

On Saturday 7 May, 16 students from Years 10 and 11 joined Mrs Johnson for a 'Day in the Life' as a health care worker at the Mater Hospital.

This morning was arranged as one of five opportunities for students to experience work shadowing at the Mater Hospital in Springfield. These opportunities allow students to get a taste for the health industry and investigate positions such as nurse, doctor, physiotherapist, radiologist, pharmacist and many more health care careers.

On Saturday, the students learned about nursing on the ward, and were given a detailed look into the process of their daily work routine. It was a great morning and the students enjoyed working and learning on the Ward. The students participated in CPR activities, learnt about the importance of nursing jobs, such as handover and medication, and were given case study explanations of how to use hoists to help their patients.

We look forward to our next session on 28 May, which will involve learning about the 'Day in the Life' of a theatre nurse.

To find out more information or to apply for our next session, please contact Mrs Johnson, [s.johnson@stpeters.qld.edu](mailto:s.johnson@stpeters.qld.edu).

**Sarah Johnson, Careers Coordinator**



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