



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

## WHAT'S ON

Please check the online calendar for the most up-to-date details

## From the Deputy Principal

On Tuesday 10 May, Dr Peter Vardy (Vice-Principal of Heythrop College 1999-2011) addressed hundreds of students from schools across Brisbane at St Peter's Indooroopilly Performing Arts Centre.



Dr Vardy is passionate about engaging young people with the big issues that impact them. He spoke about the idea of truth; what it means to be human; genetic engineering; the nature of human rights – conferred or innate; environmental ethics; and relationships between the sexes. Students had the opportunity to take to the microphone to respond to the statement: 'The main aim of life is to be happy'. Our very own Roman Stenzel was quick off the blocks, making an insightful contribution to the debate.

I was struck by this statement made by Dr Vardy: 'It is not about what you believe, but how you can argue it.' It is no small task to be clear about what one believes, let alone articulate it effectively to others whilst 'under fire'. I was pleased that our St Peter's Springfield students are embracing opportunities to develop these

skills through competitive and virtual debating; the Ipswich City Council Mayor's Speech Contest; Youth Parliament; and the USQ Mooting. I commend all students who have undertaken these activities.

Ryan Croxford (School Captain) reflected: "Going to see Dr Vardy was not about answering questions, but to teach us to start asking them". I am reminded of Paul's words in Colossians 2:3, that all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden in Christ, and it is in Christ that we find the full riches of complete understanding.

A final word from Dr Vardy – read!

Craig Schmidt, Deputy Principal

### Friday 20 May

Primary School Disco, 4.30 – 7.00pm, PA1

### Monday 23 to Thursday 26 May

Year 10 Career Avenue Interviews

### Monday 23 May

P-2 Private Tuition Recital, 3.00–4.00 pm

### Monday 23 May

Raising Confident, Competent Children, 6.30–8.00pm, The Hub

### Wednesday 25 May

Open Day, 9.00am–12 noon

### Thursday 26 May

Community Focus Day Hearing Impaired – Loud Hair

### Monday 30 May

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

### Tuesday 31 May

Parent Information Session, Guests: Councillor Ireland and Lendlease, 6.00–6.45pm

### Friday 3 June

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

### Monday 6 June

Raising Resilient Children, 6.30–8.00pm, The Hub

### Thursday 16 June

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

### Friday 17 June

Whole School Closing Chapel, 8.30–9.00 am

Term 2 concludes

### Monday 20 to Friday 24 June

Student Free Days

## SPORTSDRAWS

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## Parent Information Night

Tuesday 31 May, 6.00pm, The Hub

Guest speakers Dean Patterson (from *Lend Lease*) and Councillor Sheila Ireland (Division 9) will present about local area development and future plans.

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## Private Tuition Recitals

There will be three recitals held to showcase the emerging talent of our musicians. All recitals will be held in the Performing Arts Building. Friends and family are invited and welcome to support the performers.

- 23 May, 3.00pm: Prep – Year 2;
- 30 May, 5.00pm: Years 3 – 6; and
- 30 May, 6.00pm: Years 7 – 12.

## Open Day

Our next Open Day is on Wednesday 25 May. This is an important opportunity for our students to showcase their talents and the school's ensembles. Members of *Arco String Ensemble*, *Gold Band* and selected Year 5 MEB students will perform. Students must bring their instruments and music and wear formal uniform.

Sally Grennan, Music Teacher

## Triple P Seminars

Last week, the first Triple P Seminar 'The Power of Positive Parenting' was attended by more than 65 guests from St Peters and the greater Springfield community. Dr Karyn Healy (psychologist and co-author of *Triple P* materials) presented about the difference positive strategies make to our parenting. Karyn will return for the final seminar on 6 June.

Dr Michael Herd will present the next seminar 'Raising Confident, Competent Children' next Monday 23 May. Michael is a psychologist in private practice, with an interest in supporting children on the Autism spectrum.

Triple P resources are available online at:  
<http://www.triplep-parenting.net.au>

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**Monday 23 May, 6.30-8.00pm**

*Raising Confident, Competent Children* presented by Dr Michael Herd

[Click here to register for this session](#)

**Monday 6 June, 6.30-8.00pm**

*Raising Resilient Children* presented by Dr Keryn Healy

[Click here to register for this session](#)

## 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, Coolumb Cross Ridge A, Coolumb Sunrise Lodge and Koojarewon A; and
- **Week 2:** 4 – 8 July, Coolumb B and Koojarewon B). St Peters Springfield students are especially encouraged to attend this session.

**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: **QQBK**

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 from the world to come to a safe haven where you feel like no one's judging you or anything.*

– CLW Camper

## Morning Prayer

Since the earliest days of the church, Christians have encouraged the practice of daily prayer. Whether it's done privately or publically, daily prayer is a wonderful gift which has many benefits; it's a good thing for people as individuals, and it's a good thing for the wider community.

There are certainly benefits of prayer for us as individuals. Prayer in the morning is a great way to start the day; if you like, it's a way of launching into a new day with your best foot forward. I've found that what I do first thing in the morning will often set the tone for the rest of the day. If I started the day in a rush, I will end up rushing through the rest of the day; if I'm disorganised in the morning, I'll still be chasing my tail in the afternoon. Morning prayer gives us the opportunity to start the day quietly and deliberately with word and prayer. This doesn't magically make your days any less stressful, and you'll still have the same jobs to do; but it is a gift to be able to start the day by listening to God, praying for the day ahead, asking for God's strength and wisdom, and handing cares or concerns over to him.

But prayer is never just about us as individuals. Christians can actually view prayer as a form of community service; we don't just pray for ourselves and our own needs, but we also pray for the world around us and its needs. This is something I have gained a new appreciation of since I've been part of the St Peters community. Most Monday through Thursday mornings between 7:45 and 8.00am you can find me in the Prayer Chapel (underneath the Chapel bell-tower at St Peters Indooroopilly). Sometimes I'm alone, at other times people join with me. It's a busy time for many people in the morning, and I understand that it often isn't possible for them to join me. I'm not disheartened by this; instead it gives this prayer time a distinct focus. It is a gift that I am able to sit there with the hustle and bustle of the school around me and pray for the wider community at the start of another day.

If you are able to join me for morning prayer, please do. You can access the Prayer Chapel at St Peters Indooroopilly from the stairway on the rear right-hand corner of the main Chapel. Morning prayer is normally from 7:45-8:00am; anyone is welcome to join in. Alternatively, if you can't make it, but would like me to pray for something in particular, please feel free to contact me on 3377 6507 or [m.prenzler@stpeters.qld.edu.au](mailto:m.prenzler@stpeters.qld.edu.au)

God's blessings to you all,

Pastor Matthias Prenzler, Indooroopilly

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# SPORT

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## SPORTS DRAWS

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### QGSSSA Autumn Fixtures

I congratulate all girls involved in Touch, Basketball and Football against St Aidan's last Thursday. There were some great results across all teams. Significantly, the Open Girls Basketball team had a solid win to remain undefeated with three rounds to go and the Senior A Touch team enjoyed a 2 – 1 win. The girls continue to train hard and develop skills. With only three rounds remaining I wish them well for the remainder of the season.

### AIC Rugby

There were mixed results across the age groups for Rugby: Year 6 (Noah Duncan) and 15B's (Otishein Danomira) enjoyed a win while the 15A's (Baguio Johnson-Tiumalu) drew 17 all. The 2nd's (Jayden Moroney), 16A's, 7A's (Rei Ferrier), and 8A's (Jershon Johnson-Tiumalu) played well but lost to St Laurence's. Ben Navosailagi and the First XV had a come-from-behind win 38 – 34, which will hold them in good stead as they come up against stronger competition in the coming weeks.

### AIC Football

The Football boys came up against strong St Laurence's College competition with the 7A (Bayley Douglas, Lewis Doci, Themys Arriagada-Malone, Chris Owen) team coming away with a nil all draw. The 7A team have drawn all their games so far this season and hope for their first win against St Patricks this weekend. Well done to all other boys who played but did not get a result last weekend. I wish the boys well for this Saturday's games.

### 5B Football

On Saturday, the Year 4/5B Football team were defeated by St Laurence's College 5-0. St Laurence's came out firing in the first half and scored four unanswered goals. St Peters showed great spirit to come back hard in the second half, only letting in one more goal and creating opportunities to put pressure on the opposition in defence. Ravindu Wathukarage, Hugh Longmire and Abhi Kanipaku all played well in their positions and continue to improve each week. It was a great effort by all boys.

### Representative Sport

Over the past few weeks, a number of students have excelled in representative trials. Last weekend, Cassie Poulain represented the College and Met West at the State 18yrs Girls Basketball Trials. Met West finished second overall and Cassie was named as a reserve for the 18yrs Queensland Team. This is an outstanding achievement as Cassie is only 16 playing against 18 year olds.

Congratulations to Lauren Harle (Year 7) who trialed at the Met West 12yrs Hockey trials and made the Met West team to compete at the State Titles in June. Congratulations also to Olivia Harding who represented Central District at the 12yrs Met West Football trials. Olivia was trialling against girls older than herself and narrowly missed selection in the Met West team.

Rei Ferrier and Noah Duncan will also trial at the Met West 12yrs Rugby Union Trials as part of the Central District team later in Term 2. Congratulations to all these students who continue to excel in their chosen sports.

### Congratulations Shai

Congratulations to Shai Williams (Year 9) who recently competed at the Australian Age Championships in Sydney. Shai has dedicated many years to training and has achieved outstanding results.

Shai placed second in the 14/15 girls platform, which was a great effort considering there were 21 girls in the event. Shai and her partner (Natasha) also came second in the 14 – 18 girls three metre synchronised event: another great result as there were 23 teams in the event.

In the coming months, Shai will trial at the Queensland School Diving Titles with the aim of representing Queensland at the Australian School Diving Championships in early August. I wish Shai well!

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