

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 Principal



There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:28

NAIDOC

At the start of term, we recognised NAIDOC

Week (National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee Week). This year's theme is *Songlines: The living narrative of our nation*. A highlight was last week's visit from our local Indigenous Elder, Uncle Albert. I share with you his beautiful email message after his visit to St Peters:

"Could you pass on to all the students and staff my heartfelt thanks for their most generous respect and courtesy on my first visitation to St Peters Springfield. Pastor Matthew: I have been to many schools in Brisbane. Never before have I had a very disciplined forum of both staff and students such as I experienced yesterday. Please give everyone my best wishes for giving me the highest honour, for the very rare expression of compassion and recognition all human beings are most entitled to. I am so glad to have this once-in-a-lifetime experience. All the very best for a most productive future." – Uncle Albert Holt

In researching information about NAIDOC Week, I came across *The Bunya Mountains Story*. The Bunya Mountains are very close to where I grew up on the Darling Downs and could be clearly seen from our property at Macalister.

Cultural Significance

In what was probably Australia's largest Indigenous event, diverse tribes, up to thousands of people, once travelled great distances, from as far as Charleville, Dubbo, Bundaberg and Grafton, to these gatherings.

They stayed for months, to celebrate and feast on the bunya nut. The bunya gatherings were an armistice accompanied by ceremonies, dispute settlements and fights, marriage arrangements and the trading of goods. As the fruit ripened, locals, who were bound by custodial obligations and rights, sent out messengers to invite people from hundreds of kilometres to meet at specific sites.

The Bunya Tree

The Bunya trees pollinate in South East Queensland in September and October. The cones fall 17 to 18 months later in late January to early March from the coast to the Bunya Mountains. When the fruit was ripe, the people



of the region would set aside differences and gather in the Bon-yi Mountains (Bunya Mountains) to feast on the kernels. The ripe cones fall to the ground. Each segment contains a kernel in a tough protective shell, which will split when boiled or put in a fire. The flavour of the kernel is similar to a chestnut.

My other connections with these magnificent trees include the bunya nut tree-lined avenue at my alma mater, Concordia College in Toowoomba, and also the park close to my house in the Western suburbs.

For me, the Bunya Mountains and the bunya nut tree are a part of my history; my living narrative.

As we celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, we rejoice in what brings us together as one people, not what divides us.

2017 Enrolments

Our next Open Day is on Saturday 27 August, with Information Sessions followed by tours at 9.00am and 10.30am.

Enrolments are strong for 2017. If you intend to enrol other children in your family, please do so as a matter of urgency. Please encourage friends who intend to enrol their children to act quickly. There are very limited places available at our Kindergarten.

Thank you for your continued support as we work with you on your child's education journey.

In His Service

Jill Lange-Mohr, Principal

ST PETERS SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS

FRIDAY 5 AUGUST
Faith Foundations
Head 2 Heart
Confirmation

5–6:45pm,
St Peters Springfield



OPEN DAY
27 AUGUST, 9am–12PM

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Ensembles Concert

Our ensembles have been hard at work polishing their repertoire for the annual Ensembles Concert. This concert will showcase the achievements of our ensembles, and will be held next Friday 12 August, commencing at 4.00pm in The Hub. Performing ensembles include: Arco Strings, Bella Voce, Burgundy Band, Dance Troupe, Gold Band, Mezzo Voce and Poco Voce. The concert will be approximately 50 minutes.

Participating students have been given relevant information. Parents, please complete and return the form provided to students to assist with seating arrangements.

Sally Grennan, Music Teacher

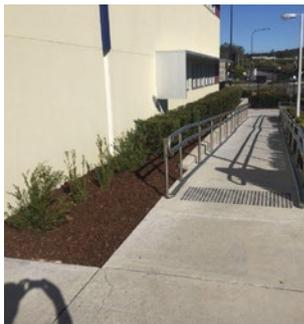
Year 8 Debating



Congratulations to our Year 8.2 Debating team, who made it through to the QDU debating finals. Khushi Purswani, Abbey Lay, Minna Hood and Renieke van Jaarsveld put together a convincing argument, missing out on victory by only two points! Throughout the course of the competition, these students have grown in their ability to formulate an argument and present with confidence. Congratulations students!

Mrs Horrigan, Madame Morgan, and Mr Wingett, Teachers

Community2day Project: more Landscaping for St Peters



School App update for IOS



The St Peter's App for Iphone and Ipad (IOS) has a new look!

What's New?

Boarding button: view Boarding Notices, Menus and Photo galleries.

Media button: Photos and Videos are now located here.

Android devices: Similiar update to follow for Android users later this year.

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Winning the Ultimate Prize

Run in such a way as to get the prize!
1 Corinthians 9:24

My favourite Olympic moment is from the 2000 Olympics in Sydney when Cathy Freeman won gold on the track in the 400m. Freeman was the hometown hero and overwhelming favourite. Just days before, she stood with the Olympic torch amid a spectacular cascade of water to light the Olympic flame, which nearly went out due to a technical hitch. A few days later, Freeman came out wearing her body suit and did what she did best – run fast. She won, before slumping to the track with a look of bewilderment as to what she had just achieved – for her people, her nation, and herself. Then, with the pressure lifted, she bounded joyfully around the stadium with the Australian and Aboriginal flags, dancing with delight. She inspired a nation, uniting indigenous and non-indigenous people with pride and joy.

Running the race; winning the prize. It is a metaphor for the whole of life. Will we make it through to the end? Will we win? Will we be dancing with delight at the end?

The Apostle Paul used the image of running in the Games to describe the Christian life. It's such a great metaphor because life is not always easy – it's not all running downhill with a tail-wind. We run and we receive the crown of glory; the gift of eternal life, through Jesus who has run this race and won the victory for us. When Jesus rose from the dead the victory over death was complete; sin had been dealt with and the devil defeated. Paul urges us not to give up when things get tough because Jesus has won the prize for us.

Paul and his readers knew well the image of the athlete and the race, having been in Corinth when the Isthmian Games were held. The Isthmian Games were one of four ancient Greek athletic competitions. Along with the Nemean, Pythian and Olympic Games these were the Pan-Hellenic Games. Athletes competed in the nude and received wreaths made from laurel, pine and even wild celery!

Paul's life and ministry testified to Jesus as the one who has won the victory for us and shares the prize with all who follow him, through the suffering of this life, through death and to eternal life with him. Paul encourages us all to persevere in our journey through life, keeping faith in God; trusting in his leading; giving our best each day; and running to win the ultimate prize.

As you watch the Olympics, may you remember the race of your life and that Jesus has won the victory over sin, death and the devil and he shares this victory and its spoils with you!

Pastor Matt Wilksch, Chaplain

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QGSSA Rhythmic Gymnastics

Congratulations to Emma Wilson, Gabi Irvine, Ella Thompson and Eeva Tampel who have been training hard since Term 2 for the QGSSA Rhythmic Gymnastic Championships at Moreton Bay College. The girls have put in many hours of training which will culminate in their performances this Friday. We wish them the best.

A special mention to Emma Wilson, who has been a member of the Open Rhythmic team since Year 8. Emma was a 2015 Rhythmic Vice-Captain and is a 2016 Rhythmic Captain. Emma's selection in the Open's and her position as Captain were recently acknowledged at the Senior School assembly at Indooroopilly and the Secondary Assembly at Springfield. Emma has lead this team brilliantly throughout her time in the program. Her commitment to training and her willingness to help younger students in the program is outstanding. We wish Emma the best for her final performance as a St Peters Rhythmic Gymnastic representative. Well done Emma!

QGSSA Winter Fixtures (Round 3)

Well done to all girls who played last Saturday. St Peters enjoyed a successful weekend, winning a majority of games played across all sports. A number of teams enjoyed their first wins of the season against St Hilda's and other schools. Congratulations to all teams who competed last weekend.

Team	Student	V St Hilda's
Senior A Hockey	Rachael Kollanur	3 – 0 Loss
Junior A Hockey	Lauren Harle and Sarah Harle	8 – 0 win
10A Netball	Trinity Messer and Talitha Cox	51- 20 win
10C Netball	Irenna Antoniou, Alana Antoniou, Maegan Gregory and Talitha Debnam	
9B Netball	Danielle Spencer	21 – 11 Loss
8A Netball	Hannah Couch and Sera Momo	24 – 16 Win
8C Netball	Khushi Purswani and Abbie Lay	11 – 7 Win
7A Netball	Shaia Tautua	44 – 24 Win
7B Netball	Abbie McCormack, Miche Vorster and Sneha Neupane	44 – 17 Win
Senior A	Krystal Hersey	29 – 18 Win
Junior A	Sophie Joyce and Jade Hersey	36 – 14 Win

Years 3 – 6 Athletics Training

Mr Brayne's Years 3 – 6 Running group will move from Thursday afternoon to Wednesday afternoon from 3.00pm to 4.00pm.

The following training sessions will begin in Week 4, Monday 1 August:

Day	Coach	Focus
Mon 3.00 – 4.00pm	Mr Nick Brayne	Sprints and Long Jump (Years 3 - 6)
Wed 3.00 – 4.00pm	Mr Nick Brayne and Mr Matthew Knight	Middle Distance and High Jump (Year 3 - 6) Throws: Shot Put and Discus (Year 3 - 6)
Thurs 3.00 – 4.00 pm	Mr Jeremy Lohe and Mr Marty Lane	Throws: Shot Put, Discus and Javelin (Year 5 – 12) Sprints (Year 7 – 12)

Date Claimers

Central District Primary Athletics (10-12yrs):

- Monday 8 August at Limestone Park, Ipswich; and
- Tuesday 9 August at Limestone Park, Ipswich.

Ipswich Independent District Athletics (13-19yrs):

- Monday 8 August at UQ Athletics Centre, St Lucia

SLAPS Athletics

- Wednesday 31 August at QSAC, Nathan

St Peters Springfield Prep – 3 Inter-House Athletics:

- Friday 2 September at Springfield Oval, St Peters Springfield

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9PM, FRIDAY 19 AUGUST

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