



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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## Head of Primary



There is a first time for everything!

Having my family visit for a weekend is always a highlight, as my husband and I get to spend wonderful, playful hours with our grandchildren. This weekend was special for us as we got to see

our granddaughter, who is nine months old, clapping for the first time. We had heard about the milestone but were overjoyed to see her clapping away with a big smile on her face. The rewards for our granddaughter were the looks on our faces and the positive comments expressed. At this age, there are many 'firsts' that come along to celebrate.

Sometimes first events come about from family traditions and are continued year after year. One event that started a very long time ago was who would be the first at the 'pinch and the punch' for the first of the month. This tradition still holds priority in our house even though all our children have left home. The reward was to be that person to hold that honour in the household until the next month. Unfortunately, there has to be a level of alertness as we approach the morning of the first, so you can ensure you have the chance to win the challenge. Rules have changed over the time, from the first family challenge; but it is still an important calendar event as the day approaches!

I have spent a lot of time over the past month reviewing the first four years of St Peter's Lutheran College Springfield where I recalled the many 'firsts' that happened along the way. Many were to do with creating traditions, some were to create opportunities for our students and others were to do with routines and the development of a new school. These programs have gone from strength to strength over the ten years but are still as important as when they first started.

This term, we have some 'firsts' once again.

### Girls Netball

It was with much excitement I attended netball at Western District's fields recently to watch the three teams entered into the competition. For the very first time we have been able to gain enough interest from our girls and families in Years 3, 4, 5, and 6 to form these teams. The girls

in their training sessions and on the court have shown commitment and persistence in developing their skills. They have been rewarded by improvement already, even though there has only been three games. A very big thank you to our teachers who are coaching the girls over the 16-week season.

### Readers Cup

For the first time four of our Year 6 students will be taking part in the Reader's Cup in 2017. Readers Cup is organised by the Qld Branch of the Children's Book Council of Australia. It is a state wide competition for young readers. Teams of four students together read a set of books, and then compete with other school or public library teams to answer quiz questions from the books. This competition challenges students to read widely, work collaboratively in a team and continue developing a love of reading. It allows readers to compete at a regional and state level similar to sporting competitions and to meet other students with an equal passion for books. The competition is held at the end of Term 2. Our students: Adam, Tisharah, Sara, and Reuben are all excited to be busy reading the required books. Thanks to Mr Knight and Mrs Grotherr for their work with our team.

### Springfield Schools Debating

Even though Debating is not a 'first' in our Primary school, there will be changes for our debating in 2017. I have set up the Inaugural Springfield schools debating competition with Springfield Anglican College, Springfield Central Primary and St Peter's to take part in a debating competition over Terms 2 and 3. As this is our first year it will be small competition with variance in structure from previous years to ensure we can maintain this program into the future. Our Year 5 and Year 6 teachers and I will be the debating coaches for 2017.

### Prep Bibles

My last 'first' is the wonderful event that is happening on Friday night during our Community Celebration. The Arise Lutheran Church, which is a church plant at our school, will be presenting each Prep with their own Bible – The Storybook Bible. The Bible stories are important in helping our children understand more about God's love. This is a fabulous initiative and one that will continue in our church and school calendar each year.

God's Richest Blessings,

Debbie West-McInnes, Head of Primary



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## Australian Private (Independent) Schools are World Class

In recent years, the media has made much of Australia's so-called decline in the world rankings in terms of academic educational outcomes on international tests,

such as PISA and TIMSS. So, it is most pleasing, particularly against this background of the occasional negative press, to share with parents a table produced by the Association of Heads of Independent Schools Australia (AHISA).



This table reveals that independent (private) schools across Australia, of which St Peters is one, perform extremely well academically, when compared to other educational systems around the world. Using raw average scores from the OECD's 2015 PISA Testing, Australian independent (private) schools rank among the top academic performers in the world. Specifically, Australian Independent Schools are first in the world, in Reading Literacy; second in the world, in Scientific Literacy; and equal fifth in the world, in Mathematical Literacy.

While as a school, and as a nation, we seek to be ever better, this is a timely and cogent reminder of the value of an independent (private) school education and that our young people can be confident in their preparation to make their way in the global community. And, of course, test scores are only one measure of quality schooling. They do not measure the richness of character and value formation, the quality of pastoral care provided, and breadth and depth of co-curricular opportunities on offer, that St Peters does so well.

**Tim Kotzur, Head of College**

## Behind the scenes

Have you ever wondered as a young child how puppets can spring to life, or start to engage in a conversation? I was fascinated when going to the theatre and watching puppets 'running the show' – and to discover later that they were actually controlled by strings and given the voices of the actors who played them. I loved marionettes – and had much fun in using hand puppets to keep my own children entertained on long flights – or having the hand puppet share a story with Junior students, during chapel.

I also loved going to the theatre, or to the opera. All the excitement in the run up for the special visit and then watching, listening and being drawn into the sung-and-played piece as an observer.

When I turned ten years old, I was offered a role on stage. How exciting that was: to be given the option to look 'behind the scenes', to practise for the part, we children had to play; to put on the costume and being transformed by the make-up artist; to watch the actors prepare for their scene, the technicians to draw the right strings for the curtains and the orchestra to play the overture for the play to begin – and to actually playing a part in it! Sometimes we waited at the end of the night in front of the backstage, and hoped for the autograph of our favourite actors.

'Looking behind the scenes' is exciting because you start to realise how much it takes to perform well. It allows us to understand how much rehearsal time is needed – so that every person not only knows their part well, but interacts with all the other members, in such a way that they together communicate the story as one to the audience. Of course, it requires different techniques for different parts. If you act you need to learn how to become the person you play, need to learn your words and how to use your voice, how to respond to the other actors. If you are a member of the orchestra, you will have learned your music and rehearsed to master your instrument so that you can play and, at the same time, tune in with all the other musicians.

It is similar to team sports, or mastering a team assignment, or singing together in a choir. You need to learn your part well but then need to rehearse together, so that you win the game, because everyone will have played their part; or that you staged that beautiful piece of music, even playing different instruments – or performed that song, coming across as one voice, even you were many.

To have a look 'behind the scenes' is a standing invitation of our St Peters community. We are one school community: even representing different parts of Australia and the world, bringing different customs and traditions to the school, having different likes. Like a daily rehearsal, we learn to understand and to respect each other so that, together, we learn and play as one team.

Participating as a member of our St Peters College community is really like a rehearsal for the 'real run', preparing you for the 'real world' so that you will be able to work together with others well, and jointly make a difference in this world.

Looking 'behind the scenes' may allow us to see that someone is actively involved in our play; helping us to spell out the rules and understand the game; to identify and get involved with our individual talents, to learn the ropes and play as a team, a God who cares deeply and grants us people in our lives who are on the same journey along with us, so that together we can perform well and tell the story or make great music to the joy of many. And, guess what? God has written his signature already in your book of life – you do not need to wait at the stage door, for his autograph, ever again!

So, come along then to the daily rehearsals and play your part, as one of the St Peters Lutheran College community, so that together we learn to witness to the one who grants us to learn and live as one, even when we are many.

## Silke Moolman, Indooroopilly Chaplain

**Community Celebration**  
**God's Excellent Adventure!**  
 • 5.00pm Games • 6.00pm Worship  
 • 6.45pm Sausage Sizzle  
 St Peters Springfield: 42 Wellness Way Springfield Central

Future Community Celebrations: June 2, July 7

**You are invited!**

**The relevance of Luther past and present**

Dr. Peter Vardy (UK), **MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> of MAY**, 6.45pm for a 7pm sharp start, finish 8.30pm.  
 Performing Arts Centre, St Peters Lutheran College, Lambert Rd, Indooroopilly

Please register at: [www.petervardy.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.petervardy.eventbrite.com.au)  
 The first in a series of Ecumenical lectures on the Reformation

## Christian Life Week 2017

During the midyear holidays, LYQ are again offering Christian Life Week camps for high school students at Coolum and Koojarewon.

A week of activities, fun and exploring faith in the company of other young people. Earlybird registrations close 29 May. Check it out at [www.lyq.org.au/clw](http://www.lyq.org.au/clw).

A discount is available for members of our community. Please talk to Pastor Michael Mayer or Pastor Thomas Böhmert for details.

**Follow Mr Kotzur on Twitter @Head\_StPeters**

## CONGRATULATIONS, MRS GRENNAN!

Congratulations to Mrs Sally Grennan, the recipient of the Margaret Humphreys Award for the Most Proficient Accompanist, won at the 124th Queensland Eisteddfod held in Gympie over the Easter weekend. The prize is awarded at the discretion of the adjudicators to recognise the accompanist who in their opinion was most accomplished.

The award recognises Margaret Humphreys, who was the founding accompanist of Ipswich Orpheus Chorale, and dedicated 31 years to the organisation. As the current accompanist of the Chorale and a friend of Margaret's, being the inaugural winner of this award has an added significance for Mrs Grennan.

Pictured L-R: Mrs Sally Grennan, George Hogg (founding conductor of Ipswich Orpheus Chorale) and Margaret Humphreys (founding accompanist of Ipswich Orpheus Chorale).



Jill Lange-Mohr, Principal

## PLAYGROUP COMMENCES!



Arise Lutheran Church at Springfield has had a successful start to their weekly Playgroup. Special thanks to Sarah Sampson, who is co-ordinating this exciting development at the school each Thursday morning.



## YEAR 6 LEADER SHIRTS

There was much excitement last week, when our Year 6 students received their Leadership shirts. They will wear them on their sports' days during the year, and also when they visit Canberra, in Term 3.



## Arise Playgroup

Playgroup is meeting on Thursdays from 8:15am to 10:15am. There are still a few spaces for children.

Please contact Sarah Sampson: [sarah.sampson@lca.org.au](mailto:sarah.sampson@lca.org.au) or 0438 125 067, to register your child.

Meet at St Peters Kindergarten front courtyard.

## THE GREAT MARSHMALLOW FLING

The challenge was set; use your knowledge of forces and simple machines, to build a catapult that is capable of flinging a marshmallow a distance of half a metre. The Year 7s were ready; each class lined up with their home-made catapults, primed them with a marshmallow, and let fly!

As a requirement of their task, the students had to change one aspect of the design of their catapults. Consequently, some changed the length of the lever arm, others changed the number or type of rubber bands used to provide the necessary effort force, and still more changed the shape of their projectile, measuring the effect of friction caused by air resistance.

This was a complex challenge, requiring them to be both innovative and methodical. The Year 7 students worked very hard to build their catapults and the variety of design solutions



(many built with paddle-pop sticks, rubber bands and plastic spoons) was amazing. Subsequently they had to write a method, test their catapults, collect reliable data, evaluate their results and reflect on the quality of their catapult design.

All the aspects of the task provided students with the opportunity to learn about the scientific method, test scientific concepts and most importantly HAVE FUN! Based on the marshmallow-filled, toothy grins, displayed at the end of the lesson, we got the last part right!

Michelle Thygesen, Teacher



# NAPLAN 2017

## National Testing for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9

On the mornings of Tuesday 9 to Thursday 11 May, Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will be involved in National Testing for literacy and numeracy as part of the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN).

On Tuesday 9 May, students will complete the Language Conventions Test (focusing on spelling, grammar and punctuation) and the Writing Test. Reading skills will be tested on Wednesday 10 May with Numeracy skills being tested on Thursday 11 May. The timetable for NAPLAN is below.

|               | Tuesday 9 May   | Wednesday 10 May      | Thursday 11 May  |
|---------------|---|-----------------------|--|
| <b>Year 3</b> | Language Conventions<br>40 minutes<br>Writing<br>40 minutes     | Reading<br>45 minutes | Numeracy<br>45 minutes   |
| <b>Year 5</b> | Language Conventions<br>40 minutes<br>Writing<br>40 minutes     | Reading<br>50 minutes | Numeracy<br>50 minutes   |
| <b>Year 7</b> | Language Conventions<br>45 minutes<br><br>Writing<br>40 minutes | Reading<br>65 minutes | Numeracy Part A (calculator)<br>50 minutes<br>Numeracy Part B (non-calculator)<br>10 minutes |
| <b>Year 9</b> | Language Conventions<br>45 minutes<br><br>Writing<br>40 minutes | Reading<br>65 minutes | Numeracy Part A (calculator)<br>50 minutes<br>Numeracy Part B (non-calculator)<br>10 minutes |

Language Conventions includes spelling, grammar and punctuation. Numeracy includes number, space, algebra, function and pattern, measurement, chance and data. Calculators are not permitted in the Numeracy test in Years 3 and 5. In Years 7 and 9, a calculator is permitted in Part A, but not in Part B.

NAPLAN tests essential skills such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. The content of each test is informed by the *National Statements of Learning* for English and Mathematics which underpin state and territory learning frameworks. Questions are multiple choice or require a short written response.

This year, the Writing task will require students to write either a narrative or a persuasive text. This will be evident from the stimulus they are given and we will not know what it is until the day of the Writing test. There will be one Writing prompt for students in Years 3 and 5, and a second, different Writing prompt for students in Years 7 and 9.

National Testing provides information on how students are developing in the specified areas in relation to national benchmarks. The tests also provide useful information which assists in improving teaching and learning.

Teachers will expose students to similar test formats and question types through an integrated approach in the lead up to National Testing. NAPLAN tests are one aspect of the

school's assessment and reporting process, and do not replace the extensive, school-based assessments of student performance.

Parents, guardians and caregivers can support their children by making them feel comfortable about the purpose and nature of the tests and encouraging them to do their best. They can also assure students that the tests will give them an opportunity to show the knowledge and skills learned in class.

All students are encouraged to participate in NAPLAN tests. Students with a disability may qualify for adjustments that reflect the support normally provided in the classroom. Mrs Stephanie Wise, the Exceptional Learners teacher, will contact you if your child is eligible for special provisions for the tests.

A formal exemption may be granted for a student with significant intellectual disability and/or significant coexisting conditions, or for a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background. Please contact Mrs Wise if you would like more information on special provisions or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

Please note the NAPLAN dates for 2017. It is important that a high level of student participation in the tests is reached and that all eligible students are assessed.

For more information, please visit:  
[www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/index.html](http://www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/index.html).

Sue Grotherr, P-12 Curriculum Coordinator

# MOTHERS' DAY BREAKFAST



Ms Jill Lange-Mohr,  
Principal

Invites you to our  
Mother's Day Breakfast

Friday 12 May 2017  
at 7:40 am

St Peters Lutheran College  
Springfield

At the Concourse  
(near the Tuckshop)

Join us for a delicious  
assortment of  
breakfast treats

followed by our Chapel  
Service in The Hub  
at 8:15–8:45am

School-aged children  
will be supervised until  
8:05am in MB06  
(near the Prep rooms)

Please RSVP,  
Friday 5 May 2017

Please return to your Pastoral Care Teacher or email to [s.enrolments@stpeters.qld.edu.au](mailto:s.enrolments@stpeters.qld.edu.au) by Friday 5 May 2017.

**I will be attending the Mother's Day Breakfast at St Peters:**

Mother's Name:

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Name of Student/s:

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Class of Student/s:

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# SPORT

Head of Primary Sport, Mr Jeremy Lohe p: 3470 3888 e: j.lohe@stpeters.qld.edu.au

## SPORTS DRAWS

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### QG Sport Autumn Fixtures

Well done to all girls who played fixtures against IGGS, last Friday afternoon. There were some great results across all sports and teams. It is fantastic to see all girls and teams developing as the season moves forward. Round 6 fixtures against Clayfield College will take place this Friday afternoon. Good luck for the rest of the season!

### QG Sport Winter Sign Ons

QGSSA Winter Sport Sign On information for Netball, Hockey, Tennis and Volleyball was emailed to girls last week. If girls are interested in any of these sports, please use the link found in the email to sign up. Trial and training times will be confirmed shortly. Please contact Mr Lohe if you have any questions.

### AIC Round 1 versus St Lawrence's College

Well done to all boys who represented the College last weekend in games against St Lawrence's. It was brilliant to see over 70 boys representing the College in Rugby and Football on Saturday. There were some mixed results across the both sports with the 8A Football team including Lewis D, Chris O and Themys A-M recording a win, while the 8A Rugby team, including Emmanuel L and Rei F had their first win for St Peters. The 7B Rugby team, Patrick H and Tyrell L also had a win which was a great start

for their season. There were many other teams that recorded narrow losses against one of the stronger AIC schools. Well done to all boys!

### AIC 5B Football

On Saturday, the Year 4/5 Springfield football team (5B) were defeated 4-1 in a closely contested match. St Peters dominated possession of the ball and had many shots on goal that went agonisingly close to scoring. The students were unlucky to lose in a really exciting game from all players involved. Well done to Justin P (one goal) who scored in the opening minutes of the match again this week.

### St Peters Sport Bus

Students are reminded that, if they require the St Peters Sport Bus to attend training, they must register their names on the St Peters Sport Bus Manifest. A large number of students have failed to put their name on the Bus Manifest in Week 1 of Term 2. The College requires an accurate list of students requiring a seat on the bus; so, we are able to provide an efficient service for all students. Students, who fail to put their name on the list regularly, may lose the opportunity of using this service to attend training. It is a student's responsibility to ensure this happens. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Lohe.

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### Springfield Hawks Rugby Union

Come and play for one of the fastest growing clubs in the greater Ipswich area. Whether you're just starting out, or looking to take your rugby to the next level, we can help you reach your goal through Junior and Representative level rugby. We have U9, U10, and U13 teams

With an emphasis on fun, sportsmanship and friendship, the Hawks are a genuine family club where children can learn their rugby in a safe and respectful environment.

Please contact the Club President on 0400 244 119 for further information.

St Peters Lutheran College  
Springfield

# Open Day

Wednesday 24 May 2017



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## IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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Attendance 3470 3850

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## ST PETERS PORTAL

Please be aware that the most up to date information regarding sport in 2017 can be found on myStPeters on via the St Peters App. General sport information booklets, individual sport booklets for Girls and Boys Sport, and seasonal and weekly draws can be found by logging into myStPeters or St Peters App.