



St Peter's Primary Newsletter



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Message from our Principal:

Dear St Peter's Community,

I wish to thank each and every one of you – staff, students, families and parishioners – for welcoming me into the St Peter's school community. These past three weeks have been an absolute joy for me to listen, learn and connect with you all. I instantly felt a sense of belonging from day one which has made my transition into the community and Principal role a smooth and enjoyable experience. I have truly appreciated the time that families have spent saying hello, introducing themselves, sharing stories about their family and checking in on me. The community spirit at St Peter's is seen, heard and felt.

I feel so proud of the St Peter's students who day in and day out demonstrate beautiful manners, kindness and a strong love for learning. I have begun facilitating my 'Listen, Learn and Connect' sessions with students in the classroom this week. The experience has been wonderful as the children have shown vulnerability, trust, curiosity and an openness for connection with me that has made my heart so full! The students have provided me with feedback that they have enjoyed the opportunity to share their story with me. I look forward to more classroom visits next week!

I am incredibly grateful for, and in awe of the dedication and passion for education shown by the staff of St Peter's. I have loved observing the ways in which staff are building authentic and meaningful relationships with the children in their care. Seeing the bright smiles on the student's faces tell me that they feel safe, happy and loved at St Peter's. The staff go above and beyond for the children to ensure that through rigorous data analysis, differentiation of the curriculum, personalised learning, targeted teaching, adjustments and engaging lesson designs every student is being catered for.

I especially wish to thank the leadership team Anne Tadinac, Seona Martin, Elise Monaghan, Alex Mulkearns, Belinda Harper and Kristina Cozzi for their incredible support and leadership. It is because of their expertise, skills, knowledge and dedication that the school has continued to maintain such high expectations and organisation throughout a change in Principal. Furthermore, I am extremely grateful to our admin staff Stephanie Wood, Leila Tadinac and Belinda McPherson for the welcoming, calm and organised atmosphere they create in our front office. I appreciate the time they have each spent to support me in learning the St Peter's systems, processes and online platforms so that together we can continue to serve our community with love, care and efficiency. I feel blessed to be working alongside and leading the staff of St Peter's.

I am truly excited about the opportunities that lie ahead and look forward to collaborating with our dedicated staff, supportive parents, and enthusiastic students. Together, we will continue to nurture and build upon the strong foundation of St Peter's and strive for continuous improvement in all aspects of our educational mission. Let us journey forward with faith, hope, and love, trusting in God's grace to guide us every step of the way.

Best wishes,

Jemma

Prayer and Reflection

"Dear Heavenly Father,

As we enter into this season of Lent, we humbly come before You with contrite hearts. Grant us the strength to journey through these forty days with a spirit of reflection, repentance, and renewal.

Help us to turn away from the distractions of this world and focus our hearts and minds on You. Guide us as we seek to deepen our relationship with You through prayer, fasting, and acts of service.

May this Lenten season be a time of transformation, where we let go of our burdens and allow Your grace to work in our lives. Grant us the courage to confront our weaknesses and the wisdom to embrace Your love and mercy.

As we walk alongside Jesus on His journey to the cross, may we be reminded of the ultimate sacrifice He made for us out of love. May His example inspire us to live lives of compassion, forgiveness, and selflessness.

We pray for all those who are suffering, lonely, or lost during this season.

May they find comfort in Your presence and strength in Your promises.

Lord, as we await the joy of Easter morning, help us to draw closer to You each day. Fill us with Your peace and joy, and empower us to be instruments of Your love in the world.

We ask all this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen."



Notices & Reminders

Please note the following regarding student absences:

When a student is absent from school due to illness, COVID, surgery, a family holiday etc; classroom teachers will not be expected to provide personalised explicit learning plans/activities to the student to engage in during the time of absence.

If a student is absent due to being unwell, the student's health and wellbeing is our first priority. This means we will not be placing expectations on our students to complete learning tasks whilst recovering from an illness.

Furthermore, if your family has chosen to book a family holiday during the school term, your child will not be given a personalised learning plan to complete during their absence. Going on a holiday brings so many rich experiences and learning as well as an opportunity to spend quality time together with loved ones. Whilst we will not provide a personalised learning plan for students who are absent due to illness or being on an extended holiday, we can offer you a range of ideas for embracing authentic learning opportunities should you wish to engage in them when on a family holiday. These include:

- Reading as a family
- Pray daily
- Keeping a journal
- Navigating maps
- Playing board games
- Solve puzzles
- Physical activities
- Manage a budget
- Visit cultural centres or museums
- Learn to greet people in a different language
- Try different foods and engage with all of your senses

Parent Teacher Conferences:

Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for 4th March. This is a wonderful opportunity for our teachers to build relationships with families, discuss your child's progress and goals, and increase family engagement in the life of our school.

Street Safety

Please be mindful of the speed limit around the school when dropping off and picking up children. The speed limit at this time is 40 kph. We thank you for ensuring the safety of our students and community.

School Calendar

The school website now shows an up to date calendar of school events for your reference.



Term 1 Calendar

Dates are subject to change. Please check website calendar of events each fortnight for updates

Week	Date	Event
Week One	Wednesday 31 Jan	First day of school Y1-6
Week Two	Wednesday 7 Feb	Prep Testing Day
	Thursday 8 Feb	Whole School Mass at 9.15am
	Thursday 8 Feb	Faith Night
	Friday 9 Feb	Whole School Mass at 9.15am
	Friday 9 Feb	Year 6 ISS at St Martins
Week Three	Monday 12 Feb	Whole School Assembly
	Wednesday 14 Feb	Prep Testing Day
	Wednesday 14 Feb	Ash Wednesday Mass
	Thursday 15 Feb	Grade 2 Incursion
Week Four	Wednesday 21 Feb	Prep Testing Day
	Wednesday 21 Feb	Prep Testing Day
	Thursday 22 Feb	Year 5 & 6 Mass at 9.15am
	Friday 23 Feb	UN WD Social Justice
	Friday 23 Feb	Community Spirit Family Picnic
Week Five	Monday 26 Feb	Buckly District Swimming at Oak Park
	Monday 26 Feb	School Assembly at 2.30pm
	Wednesday 28 Feb	Prep Testing Day
	Thursday 29 Feb	Year 4 Mass at 9.15am
Week Six	Tuesday 5 Mar	St Peter's Open Day #1 from 9.15am
	Wednesday 6 Mar	Year 6 ISS at St Peter's
	Wednesday 6 Mar	Prep Testing Day
	Thursday 7 Mar	St Peter's Open Day #2 from 9.15am
	Thursday 7 Mar	Divisional Swimming Event at Oak Park
	Friday 8 Mar	Year 5KH Parliament Excursion

Term One Calendar

Week	Date	Event
Week Seven	Monday 11 Mar	Labour Day Public Holiday
	Tuesday 12 Mar	St Peter's Open Day #3 from 9.15am
	Wednesday 13 Mar	Naplan begins
	Wednesday 13 Mar	Year 6 Reflection Day
	Thursday 14 Mar	Year 2 Mass at 9.15am
	Friday 15 Mar	Year 6 ISS at OLN
Week Eight	Monday 18 Mar	Year 5AH Parliament Excursion
	Monday 18 Mar	School Photo Day
	Thursday 21 Mar	Year 1 Mass at 9.15am
	Thursday 21 Mar	Harmony Day
	Friday 22 Mar	Year 5ME Parliament Excursion
	Friday 15 Mar	Year 6 ISS at St Peter's
	Friday 15 Mar	St Patrick's Altar Servers Excursion
Week Nine	Monday 25 Mar	P-6 Modern Australia Infusion incursion
	Tuesday 26 Mar	P-6 Multicultural Dance Incursion
	Tuesday 26 Mar	Prep 2025 Enrolments Due
	Wednesday 27 Mar	Whole School Assembly at 9am
	Thursday 28 Mar	Last Day of Term 1

Team Profile

TAYLOR DICELLO

Meet our new Grade 4 teacher!



Hello St. Peter's Community!

My name is Taylor Dicello and I am thrilled to be a part of this wonderful school. I am a classroom teacher and will be working in Year 4 this year! I have previously worked in Year 2 and Year 3, so I am looking forward to the new experiences that a new year level will bring.

The central belief of my teaching philosophy is that all students have the right to equally access and receive an education.

In addition to this, I believe all students should be valued and recognised in a learning environment where uniqueness and diversity is embraced.

I aspire to be a teacher that provides an accommodating, safe and positive classroom, where students are supported and encouraged to achieve their learning goals.

I aim to be a role model that empowers and challenges students in their learning. Furthermore, I aim to equip young learners with the tools to become active, informed, and faith filled citizens, to make a positive impact in the wider community.

Outside of school, you will find me at the footy (Go Bombers!)

I love travelling and exploring new places as well as being by the beach, as listening and feeling the glorious sea water is something that brings me great joy. I love spending quality time with my partner, family and friends. I also enjoy going to the gym and will go every morning before work, which helps clear my mind and set myself up for success for the day ahead. I also have a shoe obsession and will never say no to buying new shoes, especially sneakers!

I am privileged to have been given the opportunity to be a teacher at St. Peter's and I look forward to learning more about the students here and supporting their growth.



A message from your new Principal... **LISTEN, LEARN and CONNECT!**

My first priority as Principal of St Peter's, will be to **listen, learn and connect**.

Relationships are at the heart of what I do. I wish to build strong, trusting and respectful relationships with each member of the St Peter's community. Taking the time to listen and learn about each person's story, family and our community will help shape the way in which we work and learn together. I believe an important aspect of leadership is listening, staying curious and open to learning. Outlined in this document is information on my approach to 'listen, learn and connect' with students, families, staff and Parish members of St Peter's faith learning community.

I am very excited about the opportunities we have to work in partnership as a community to continue to nurture and foster a safe, welcoming and positive learning environment for the children in our care. I pride myself on my commitment and capacity to remain deeply connected to the students and their daily learning experiences in the classroom whilst leading all aspects of the school with the support and collaboration of staff. I believe that family engagement in the life of the school has a profound impact on the culture of the school and the education of our students. I look forward to developing authentic and meaningful connections with you all!

Students

Classroom visits:

By the end of term one, I will facilitate a one hour "Listen, Learn and Connect" session in every classroom from Prep to Six (beginning with the senior students) Please see the timetable attached to this flyer with information on what date I will be visiting your child/ren's classroom.

On this day, the students in that class will be invited to bring in ONE special object to share in a 'show and tell' fashion with me. The special object could be a photo, keepsake item, award, or toy etc; The purpose of bringing in an object is to help me learn more about each child, their personal interests and simply what brings them joy. Special objects are symbols which can showcase a part of who we are and what we hold most important in our lives. I aim to ensure that every child at St Peter's feels seen, heard and valued by myself and all staff members at the school.

I will also provide the students with time to listen and learn about me. I too will share special objects that represent who I am and what I hold most important. This will help our students get to know their new Principal. Building a strong rapport and connection with each and every child at St Peter's is a priority for me.

Student Leaders:

I will dedicate time to meet with the Student Leadership Team (School Captains, Sport Captains and Mini Vinnies) to listen and learn about their role of responsibility in the school, to seek feedback on what they believe to be the strengths and opportunities for St Peter's and how we can continue to build their capacity for leadership as the voice of our student body.

One-on-one meetings with staff leaders:

I will engage one-on-one with each member of our staff leadership team to listen and learn about each student's personal learning profile. I believe in a holistic approach to learning therefore, understanding a student's academic, wellbeing and spiritual strengths, opportunities and learning supports/adjustments will enable me to learn about each child's personal learning journey so that I may celebrate the achievements of our students and continue to nurture and support the growth and development of all.

Present and approachable:

I will be at the front or back gate of the school each morning with a big smile ready to greet families before the commencement of each school day.

For two afternoons a week (Tuesdays & Thursdays) in term one, I will be coming out onto the yard 30 mins before pick up time so that I can engage in conversations with parents/carers to listen to your stories, learn about the school and connect with you all. If you see me, please come and say "Hello" as I very much look forward to meeting each and every one of you to learn about your child/ren, your family and the wonderful school community of St Peter's.

One-on-one meetings or phone calls:

For parents/carers who wish to meet one-on-one, please contact me via the school office (03 9337 4111) or email (principal@speiloreast.catholic.edu.au) so that we may schedule a suitable time to meet. My door is always open to meet with parents/carers to listen and respond to feedback, ideas, and concerns.

School Advisory Council and Parent/Guardian Community Spirit Leaders:

Families

Staff

One-on-one meetings with staff:

During term one, I will meet with every staff member in the school to learn about their story, interests, passions, professional journey, role description, career goals and more. I will seek feedback about what each person believes to be the strengths and opportunities for St Peter's and how we can continue to nurture and maintain a high performing and safe, positive learning environment for the students of our school.

Leadership team:

Through Leadership Team meetings, I will work closely with the leadership team to listen and learn about their individual leadership roles and the systems and processes in place to support the team in the leadership and management of the school. Our team will engage in a range of team building exercises and professional learning opportunities to learn about our individual leadership styles and how we can maximise the strengths of each individual to develop a united team with a strong sense of shared vision and responsibility. I will seek to understand the school's 2024 Annual Action Plan for school improvement and how I can support each of the leaders to achieve the actions set out.

Culture, systems and processes:

I will immerse myself in the life of the school by joining classrooms, planning sessions, meetings, professional learning etc; to listen and learn about the school's current teaching and learning approach as well as culture, systems and processes for all aspects of the organisation. I am extremely grateful to the staff for their openness to share and support me in my learning.

Faith Leadership:

St Peter's school is an integral part of the Parish, striving to be a living faith community that celebrates, serves and prays together. I will take the time to meet with Fr Anil and our school faith leadership team to learn about and promote the ways in which St Peter's provides opportunities for ongoing spiritual formation for those in our community.

Mass and Parish events:

I will attend Mass and Parish events to continue to nurture a Eucharistic community that serves and worships together. I wish to foster relationships with St Peter's Parishioners to ensure a strong link between the Parish and our school.

Parish

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE FOR YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM 'LISTEN, LEARN AND CONNECT SESSION WITH JEMMA:

On this day, the students in that class are invited to bring in ONE special object to share in a 'show and tell' fashion with Jemma, our new Principal. The special object could be a photo, keepsake item, award, or toy etc;

The purpose of bringing in an object is to help Jemma learn more about each child, their personal interests and simply what brings them joy. Special objects are symbols which can showcase a part of who we are and what we hold most important in our lives.

Year Level	Classes and dates			
Year 6	6ES Tue 13th Feb	6IK Thurs 15th Feb	6JG Mon 19th Feb	
Year 5	5KH Mon 12th Feb	5AH Tues 20th Feb	5ME Tue 13th Feb	
Year 4	4DM Tues 20th Feb	4RE Wed 21st Feb	4TD Tues 20th Feb	
Year 3	3AC Wed 21st Feb	3JM Tues 27th Feb	3DR Wed 21st Feb	3IF Wed 21st Feb
Year 2	2SC Tues 27th Feb	2KT Tues 27th Feb	2SF Wed 28th Feb	2MT Tues 27th Feb
Year 1	1SS Wed 28th Feb	1SW Thurs 29th Feb	1TK Wed 28th Feb	
Prep	POC Thurs 29th Feb	PZT Thurs 29th Feb	PFM Thurs 29th Feb	



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CLASS DETAILS - ST PETER'S SCHOOL

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	DATES	COST
Mondays	10.50 - 11.40am	Library	5 Feb - 25 Mar	\$138 per child/per term

"Alex loves chess club and gets very upset if he misses a session. His chess has definitely improved and his teacher, Anita feels that it helps with his math in class in terms of concepts and thinking. Keep up the great work!"

Katrina Lambert: Hampton Primary School



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- **Year 7 2026 Enrolment Timeline**



YEAR 7 2026
Information Evening
Wednesday 6 March at 7pm



Our vision

We are a school where every learner can become who God calls them to be.

Our mission

To do this we take the time to know our students, their needs and aspirations. Every student achieves success through a personal pathway. We engage students by differentiating learning and offering a wide range of cultural and faith-based programs and immersions. We equip young people to become peacebuilders

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