

Principal's Monthly Address:

Dear Parents & Carers,

Faith, Courage and Excellence



The new students of 2017 enjoying a pizza lunch to welcome them to the College!

Faith: Anglican School's Commencement Service

On Sunday, 19 February 2017 I had the honour of representing the St Peter's community at the Anglican Schools Commencement Service at St John's Church, Manuka hosted by Anglican Schools' Commission of the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn. Bishop Stuart Robinson captured the audience with a super blessing: Below is the reading I offered on behalf of our community:

The New Testament Reading is from the First Letter to the Corinthians Chapter 3 verses 10 to 17

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— the work of each builder will become visible, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. If what has been built on the foundation survives, the builder will receive a reward. If the work is burned, the builder will suffer loss; the builder will be saved, but only as through fire.

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

*Hear the Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.*



Faith: Year 12 Student - Bella Wall

Year 12 student **Bella Wall** recently won an all-expenses paid competition to take part in the Heywire Youth summit in Canberra. Heywire is an annual event which provides an opportunity for individuals to share their stories and highlight issues that matter the most to them. The Heywire competition involves at least thirty participants who work together in groups to develop ideas to make positive change in their communities. Enjoy Bella's highlights package:

I attended the summit as part of the first generation of Heywire trailblazers – a member of a small group of people who have already developed an idea to better their local regional community. Out of the 41 young people at the summit only 17 of us were trailblazers, separated amongst 8 different project groups. I met people from the most remote regions in Queensland, from town with a population of 10, to people from regional Western Australia and even people from the far south in Smithton Tasmania.

Everyone was under the age of 25 but I was the youngest of all the trailblazers – all of them having already finished and left school.

Together we furthered our projects, meeting the Governor General and networking with politicians and company officials until we finally presented our projects to the department of infrastructure and regional development for feedback and grant funding opportunities. That was probably the most nerve racking thing I have even attempted in my life but it was an incredible experience all the same.

Our project, titled Back2Bush, wanted to encourage youth tourism in the Eurobodalla and help bring young people back into our beautiful area. It was an incredible success; people from all over loved our project and offered so much encouragement and feedback. The entire week was overwhelming, filled with workshops and hard work but it was also the most eye-opening experience I have ever had. It really lets you connect with people who lead lives so different from your own, who help and support you on your own road to making a difference.



Courage: Year Seven Student - Joel Verdouw

Earlier this year, Year Seven student Joel Verdouw competed in a local scooter competition at South Durras placing third in the Under 14 competition. Joel backed this strong performance up by winning the Under 14 Broulee competition. Joel focused on the tricks he could do well and held off on recently learnt tricks as points were awarded for each trick, so Joel's plan to play it safe paid off. Any tricks where a foot touched the ground were not awarded points hence Joel not attempting recently learnt tricks. The image below showcases Joel landing the trick despite being totally airborne.



Courage: Year 12 Students

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Alastair Brown, Jon Stavrinakis and Michelle Thane whom have shown tremendous courage throughout their recent ordeal. For me personally, their actions have further reinforced the pride I feel by being associated with the College and our community. They have all proven themselves to be young adults - full of grit, character and integrity. I feel that roles have been reversed because it is now I, whom has to live up to their actions because of the way they have faced adversity and life's unexpected challenges. Not once, have any of these individuals displayed a glimpse of negativity despite their current plight and for this I believe they deserve our sincerest congratulations, ongoing unconditional support and respect. Thanks to all staff members who have supported them through this harrowing and life-changing experience. Below is a picture of our Year 12 students and Head of Senior School Mr David Toghill visiting Jon Stavrinakis in Wollongong Hospital.



Excellence:

I am extremely pleased to announce that past student **Rebecca Meagher** was recognised on Thursday evening at the Moruya Golf Club by being awarded the 2017 Singh Family Trust Educational Scholarship and a cheque for \$3000. Thanks to Luke Fuller for representing the College. The guest speaker on the night was the 2016 recipient Millie Nicholls.

On the other side of town, past students **Patrick McCallum, Yannick Halemαι and Cody McDonald** were also recognised at the 2017 Rotary Youth Foundation dinner held at the Batemans Bay Soldiers Club. All recipients gave excellent speeches as they accepted their Scholarships. Past student Katie Staker was the guest speaker and her presentation was superb.



Kayla Beattie – Australian Country Junior Basketball Cup 2017

In January, Kayla spent nine days playing in the NSW U14 Girls Country Basketball team in Albury/Wodonga at the Australian Country Junior Basketball Cup. Kayla was coached by some of NSW Basketball's top coaches and playing with the top U14 girls from Country NSW and against the best from Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand. The quality of the games and intensity was incredible. The coach of the Gold Medal Australian U17 Women's team attended, giving the players a fantastic motivational speech. Kayla was fortunate enough to be coached by one of NSW head coaches and got to meet her idol Lauren Jackson.

“It was both physically and mentally challenging. Learning new plays and techniques pushed me way out of my comfort zone which I found tough at first but was all part of the learning experience and one in which I will never forget. The games were nail-biting and physical but so much fun.”

Kayla gained so much from this experience, both as a player and a person. The new friendships formed with girls from all over the country, and especially from her team, will last forever.



And a bit of everything!!! Faith, Courage and Excellence

Rumer Williams:

Last, but certainly not least the College would like to congratulate Rumer Williams who recently displayed enormous faith and courage to start competing in the 2000m steeplechase despite having very limited experience. Rumer had started to lose some confidence in her racing over the 'flat' and despite only racing once over steeplechase (without the dreaded water jump) was determined to give it a go. Despite being concerned about falling over the hurdles Rumer has done remarkably well and qualified for the National Athletics Championships in March in her first attempt! Rumer's training is now improving after the boost in confidence. Rumer will join Year 9 student Byron Van Dyk at the Championships. We would like to take this opportunity to wish both competitors all the very best in their respective events and look forward to reporting back on their efforts on their return.



Condolences:

On behalf of the College family I would like to offer our sincerest and deepest condolences to the Stephen family after the tragic loss of past student Aaron Stephen who was fatally and tragically injured in a motor vehicle accident on Saturday, 18 February 2017. Please keep mother Jacquie, father Jason, younger brother Joshua and younger sister Chloe in your thoughts and prayers.

Mr Graeme Hincksman
Principal

Careers

Careers hit the year running with an overnight excursion for Year 12 to the University of Wollongong 'Discovery Day' on 9 and 10 February, 2017. Mrs Kemp-Jones, Mr Toghill, myself and Year 12 left school on Thursday morning and returned on the Friday evening. The first stop was a newly introduced challenge and team building exercise at Nowra Tree Climbing where students had a choice of three different levels. There were over 15 various types of flying foxes and rope walkways on each level designed to test students' confidence, strength and skill set. Everybody overcame their fear of heights and took on the challenge with Mr Toghill leading the way at the top.

It was hot and humid and the bus driver was more than relieved to have us all showered at the hotel after our day's exertions! With late night shopping in the centre of Wollongong, students were entertained with live music, street stalls and an array of busy eateries to pick dinner from. Mr Toghill took a selected few students to see Jon Stavrinakis who was in the nearby Wollongong Hospital. There was much cheer shared amongst the students and Year 12 were very glad to have had this impromptu opportunity on the day.

The next day we had breakfast on campus, before students attended lectures of their choice along with 6000 other students from around the State over the course of three days. There were a variety of lecture choices from neurology to sports coaching to creative writing. Lunch time in the uni-bar was as usual a mosh-pit of dance mania and fun. The behaviour of our students was impeccable throughout the excursion and they were a credit to themselves and the College.

Other highlights this year: The Singh Family \$3,000 scholarship second place was offered to Rebecca Meagher to assist with her University expenses. She undertook the scholarship interview from Nepal! Once again, the College gained exceptional results in 2016 and student entrance to a great range of interested study avenues. The College was exceedingly proud of all students who accomplished a great deal from their schooling and we wish them all the best in their future studies.

Many Year 12's applied through the Early Entrance scheme which saw offers being accepted before final exams. The University of Wollongong's UPP program assisted over a dozen of our Year 12 cohort to reach their potential and again in 2017 we have had a number of Year 12 students sign up for the extra tuition service. It is not too late to do so! I fully recommend that students from Year 9 to 12 engage in extra-curricular activities including: volunteer work, work experience and community involvement to ensure their applications are of the highest quality by the time they come to apply in Year 12 as Universities are continuing to assess a holistic range of student skills in interview.

Also in Careers, the Year 10 Transition Group have begun their preparation for senior vocational pathways. Success stories include, Max Newton who has just begun a Traineeship in Certificate II in Hospitality at The Red Rose Café. I would like to thank their ongoing commitment to the College. Also, Jake Steedman, a new enrolment this year who enjoys IT has also taken on a Certificate III in Information, Digital Media and Technologies with Learning Solutions. Both boys will continue their pathway for their senior studies this year. The individualised transition program is available for any

student in Year 10 looking for an alternative pathway to academic studies. St Peter's offers flexible pathways catering for the needs of many students.

Coming up before we can blink are the applications for University of Wollongong's 'Learning Labs' which are held in the July and January holidays. Please go to the UOW website to apply a term beforehand. Currently, Year 12 students are about to apply for the highly acclaimed ANU Tuckwell Scholarship where St Peter's students have made it through to final interview rounds in previous years.

If you are a parent needing advice for your Senior student on their choice of study or choice of future aspiration please don't hesitate to email c.hofman@stpetersbroulee.nsw.edu.au.

Regards
Ms Chloe Hofman



Year Six Young Leaders Day

Mr Staker and myself had the pleasure to take all Year Six on a Young Leaders Day on Friday, 17 February 2017. This workshop was held at the Tomakin Club.

Our aim is for Year Six to:

- Become outstanding communicators
- Take on new roles, lead initiatives and encourage others
- Become great role models
- Create a powerful positive identity and develop leadership skills

The day involved workshops on the following:

- Leadership styles
- Creating roles and responsibilities
- Create action plans for activities/initiatives
- A Code of Conduct as a leader
- Team Building Skills



The Leadership Activity Day to the Tomakin Club was a great opportunity for Year Six to consider ways that they would like to contribute to the College and the wider community. They have chosen the initiatives they want to be involved with and have created action plans to bring these to fruition. As of Week Six, around the Junior School there will be sign-up sheets for all the activities the children want to run. Most of these will occur at lunch time during the week. There is certainly plenty to choose from and we have spread the activities over the Semester and the whole year.

Initiatives included:

- Community/Environmental projects
- Sport and Fitness (House)
- Social Justice
- Activities such as craft and games
- Peer Support - playground and Kinder buddies
- School and P&F Initiatives/assistance

Our Young Leaders Co-curricular is a follow-up weekly session where mentors (Mrs Wicks, Mr Staker and myself as well as other teachers) discuss direction, focus and solve problems to achieve the students given initiative and stay motivated.

Some responses on the day that reflect the amazing growth mindset and positivity of the students:

Tom - I am looking forward to encouraging kids to be the best they can not only in sport but in class too.

Tara - I am looking forward to proving to myself that I have the confidence.

Jordan - I look forward to encourage and inspire others while giving it 100%.

We look forward to what this group has to offer our community. Well done Year Six!

Mrs McCallum
Year Six Teacher



2017 Inter House Swimming Carnival (Junior School)

The 2017 Junior School Inter House Swimming Carnival was a great success. There were some exceptional efforts from all participants throughout the day and the vibrant house colours and loud cheering made for an exciting atmosphere. Competition in the pool was extremely close across most age groups and it was fantastic to see many close finishes throughout the swimming program. All students can be very proud of their efforts in and out of the pool, as behaviour and attitudes were flawless. This carnival setting also provided a perfect opportunity for our new Junior House Leaders to showcase their leadership capabilities and drive their House towards success. The House spirit and enthusiasm from all participants went a long way to making the carnival a success. The carnival was filled with impressive individual performances, high levels of encouragement from our new crop of College sports leaders and fierce competition between the College Houses.

I would like to congratulate Hill House who were the overall 2017 Junior School Swimming Carnival Champions. It was great to see the majority of Junior School students participate in the wide variety of age swimming races, novelty events and house cheers competition which made the day the success that it was.

I would also like to wish the students who will represent St Peter's Anglican College the best of luck at the Junior SASSA Swimming Carnival at Ulladulla on **Wednesday, 8 March 2017**. The students who were selected were the **two fastest qualifying times in each event in each age group** (Please see attached list). These students will receive notification and permission notes via Parent Paperwork shortly.

Thank you to the parents who provided support and encouragement to the students on the day. Your presence is always welcome and encouraged. Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate the staff on another successful event. All the teacher duties assigned on the day are pivotal in ensuring the day is an overwhelmingly positive experience for our students. Thank you for your cooperation, participation and involvement.

Luke Adams
Head Teacher PDHPE/Sports Coordinator

2017 Age Champions:

Age	Boys	Girls
8	Jessie Dunn	Lilka Brown
9	Marley Camp	Ashlee Frost
10	Flynn Dunn	Tiffany Johnston
11	Adam Downey	Tayah Boyd
12	Kyle Young	Chloe DeWinter
13	Tomas O'Donnell	No Age Champion

House Results:

Hill	1 st
Browning	2 nd
Burton	3 rd
Roxburgh	4 th

