



Term Two 2017

Principal's Monthly Address:

Dear Parents & Carers,

- We continue to receive daily updates of our European jetsetters as they enjoy their **French sojourn**. All updates can be viewed on the College's Facebook page. I am feeling a teeny, weeny bit jealous, but like all of us are thrilled that Mrs Woolnough's vision and hard work has given our students this wonderful opportunity.
- Our **Outdoor Education Program** for 2017 is now complete and I would like to offer both staff and students my sincerest thanks for organising the diverse range of activities which proved to be extremely popular. I thoroughly enjoyed my visits to many of the camps and the students appeared to be having a great time. An enormous amount of work went into organising these activities and I'd like to publicly acknowledge all the hard work of both our teaching and non-teaching staff which ensured our children had such an enjoyable experience. A special newsletter edition will be forthcoming shortly.
- Thanks to the families who have already nominated themselves to attend one of the local **ANZAC Day Services** held throughout the Eurobodalla and our participants always present magnificently and behave accordingly.
- The College will be facilitating an **Opening Term Assembly/ANZAC Day Service on Wednesday, 26 April 2017**. It will be held from 9.00am onwards in the Languages' Centre. Everyone is most welcome to attend.
- The College's Cross Country Carnival is scheduled to be run and won at Oaks Ranch on **Friday, 28 April 2017** and all the information packages have been sent home. A general reminder including the food orders will be communicated in the last week of the school holidays.
- **College Psychologist Mr Danny Graham** will return to Uganda, Africa for the next six months for Mission work. A feature piece is included in the Newsletter.
- **Staffing News:** Mrs Sandra Megay will be on Long Service leave in Term Two and will be replaced by Mr Russell Fletcher.

On behalf of all the staff of St Peter's I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all their support throughout Term One. I would also like to wish everyone a safe Easter and look forward to seeing everyone again shortly.

With blessings and kindest regards,

Graeme Hincksman
Principal

Paris in SPRING!!!

Seven lucky students and one brave parent flew to France for our first ever College excursion on 2 April 2017. Our school is joining with Mme Winterflood, three students and a parent from Sapphire Coast Anglican College on this exciting adventure of a lifetime.

The excursion will take us to Paris, the Somme battlefields, Mont St Michel on the north west coast and the castles of the Loire Valley. In Paris some of our activities will include visiting incredible works of art in the Louvre and the Musee d'Orsee, climbing the Eiffel Tower, cruising the Seine River, shopping on the Champs Elysees, exploring the Catacombs under the city and having fun at Euro Disney!

We will be sending lots of photos and messages, so follow our adventure on the school Facebook site if you want to know what we are doing, and perhaps to start dreaming about your own adventure if you choose to join the next trip...

Merci!
Mme Woolnough



Faith:

Senior School Easter Chapel Service

Over the past twelve months we have been fortunate that Bishop Browning has been able to facilitate one chapel per term with the Senior School. This term Bishop Browning came to talk with us about Easter and its meaning for Christians. He approached his presentation from a different perspective and his presentation was tied to the thoughts of a prominent philosopher of the 17th Century, John Locke. Locke's contention was a reflection of Isaac Newton's Third Law of physics that 'for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction'. He put forward the human equivalent of this Third Law of physics stating that for every human action there is a reaction. Bishop Browning explained that it was through the ordeal and eventual crucifixion of Jesus that brought about a break in the cycle of violence. We have been called to react to his crucifixion by demonstrating love, forgiveness and compassion and it is during our celebrations of Easter that this message should not be forgotten.

In the final week we were also able to celebrate an Easter Liturgy together as a Senior School. Student participation was key for this event and a clear message about Easter and the importance it has in the Christian calendar was highlighted. Reverend Linda Chapman very kindly led the liturgy with our chaplain, Sascha Peard, organising students and readings for the event. The liturgy provided time and space for our students to reflect on their understanding of what Easter means and how they can promote the values of Faith, Courage and Excellence through their relationships with those around them.



Courage:

College Psychologist, Mr Danny Graham and the Junior School SRC

This year we have been raising money for a child named Cindrella, from Uganda.

She is 7 years old and wants to be a nurse. We have already raised two months worth of money out of the 12 months we will be sponsoring her. We would love to help her out with her project of becoming a nurse. At the moment we are sending a box full of clothes, thongs and stationery to her. We have been involved with fundraisers such as the Junior School disco and we have sold ice-blocks Wednesday and Friday lunches. Thank you for everyone's support.



Excellence:

Kate Berry

Last month the College's Year 5 Junior school teacher, Ms Kate Berry attended her graduation ceremony in Sydney. Kate was extremely proud of her achievements and thoroughly enjoyed sharing this momentous occasion with her family who provided enormous support throughout the degree. Kate is proving to be a wonderful role model for her three young children and hopes that they learn that they can achieve anything with determination when you are motivated by the willingness and the desire to make a difference.



Sascha Peard

I have a B.A. Hons (Psychology & Education) from Sydney University. I went on a year adventure to Japan which turned into 15! I worked for the Japanese Education Department as an ALT for 2 years and then started my own English teaching business. During my time in Japan, I did work closely with school counsellors and was involved in the volunteer community programmes for youth. Having a forced decision placed upon me, the three children and I moved back to Australia in July 2012 and down to the South Coast in September. Wanting to return to my interest in counselling, I found a course I felt I could juggle with the other responsibilities I held as a single mum. In December last year I completed the requirements for my Graduate Diploma in Counselling through ACAP (Australian College of Applied Psychology) and hold PACFA (Psychotherapy and Counselling Federation of Australia) membership.

I am sure this is only the beginning of further learning and formal study.



Lucy Evans

Lucy Evans recently competed at Equifest against riders from New Zealand over four days of competition. Lucy competed in the Young Rider Division of Show Jumping at the Show and also in some height classes jumping rounds up to 1.35 m - the courses were very big and technical – designed by a German International Course architect. On the Saturday Lucy won the Open 1.25m Event against a strong field of over 80 riders and will now turn her attention to competing at the Sydney Royal Easter Show in the Young Rider Division over the Easter Weekend.



Byron Van Dyk and Rumer Williams

<https://www.beagleweekly.com.au/single-post/2017/04/03/Our-Batemans-Bay-athletes---FOUR-in-the-top-FIVE-in-Australia-and-all-in-the-top-NINE>

In the Australian Athletics Championships recently held in Sydney St Peter's students **Rumer Williams** and **Byron Van Dyk** performed exceptionally well. **Rumer** came 5th in the 3km Steeple in a 9 sec personal best and earlier this year she was crowned the NSW Champion for this event. **Byron Van-Dyk** also ran 5th in the 800m final in a personal best and 6th in the 400m final. He was second at the NSW championships in these two events. Over the last few months he has done a personal best every time he raced the 800m.



Olympic Ambassador Lauren Wells

Lauren Wells has successfully qualified for the 2017 World Athletics Championships to be held in London, England later this year. My daughters Lucy and Alice joined cousins Lily, Zoe and Tom in congratulating Lauren after her super-impressive victory.



Year 12 Leadership Day

On Tuesday, 7 March 2017 saw the Year 12 Leadership Team share half a day with Mr Hinckman, Mr Toghill and Mr Freeman discussing thoughts on leadership. The training was held at the Mossy Point Café where Mr Hinckman was kind enough to shout the students' lunch and coffee between work and discussion about being a leader and the challenges that this entails. Our Year 12 group worked their way through an information and work booklet using this to provoke and promote discussion.

One of the more challenging tasks was not only to complete a leadership evaluation about themselves, but to also have a peer member complete the evaluation so as to provide feedback. This all led to the group brainstorming what their contribution to St Peter's as a Leadership Team was going to be and how they would implement these ideas. The staff were highly impressed with how the team approached the activities and their enthusiasm for what they would like their legacy to be was fantastic to witness.

Mr David Toghill
Head of Senior School



Sports Report

AICES Basketball

I would like to congratulate Aymee Wise and Tehlia Beattie who represented SASSA at the AICES Basketball Championships which were held at Hills Basketball Stadium, Castle Hill recently. The girls indicated that the competition was exceptionally tough, however they enjoyed the experience representing SASSA at this level.



SASSA Netball and Junior Boys SASSA Soccer

St Peter's nominated a full contingent of students to participate at the SASSA Netball and Junior Boys Soccer Carnival which was held at Albion Park on Tuesday, 21 March 2017. Whilst we weren't successful in winning any age divisions I was exceptionally proud of the sportsmanship and playing commitment by all involved. Both our Junior and Under 15's Girls Netball sides qualified for the respective age group finals but unfortunately were unsuccessful. I would like to congratulate Chloe De Winter & Josephine Eberle who were selected to represent SASSA at the CIS Netball carnival which is to be held in April.



The Junior Boys Soccer side (expertly coached by Mrs McCallum) were exceptionally competitive. I was impressed with the boys overall skill level which lead to the side winning a number of games throughout the day. I would like to congratulate Ryan Smith, Jed Lee, Issak Woodland, Henry Wilks and Tom O'Donnell who were selected to represent SASSA at the Junior Boys CIS Soccer Carnival at Glenwood in April.



I would personally like to thank the ongoing support of staff who give up their time to assist our school students to participate in sporting events like these. Thank you to Mrs Cat Johnston, Mrs Trina McCallum, Mrs Kryz Wise & Mrs Debby Fuller who coached and supported the sides throughout the day.

AICES Swimming

Good luck to the following students who are representing SASSA at the AICES Senior Swimming Carnival on Thursday, 30 March 2017 at Homebush: Scott Senior; Craig Senior; Danika Doberer; Natasha Doberer and Pippi Sparrius.



Mr Luke Adams
Head of PDHPE

Brumbies Rugby 7s Tournament

The Brumbies Rugby 7s tournament saw St Peter's register a Year 11 /12 squad for this year. With a variety of player skill, experience and ability it sure was to be an exciting day. Our first opponent was Moruya High School which saw them lift against a tough and willing St Peter's team. Our first hit out had Moruya getting ahead on the score board with a dramatic learning curve for the boys.

With a quick review and re adjustments in tactics, St Peter's came across Carroll College. Excellent team play across the field with some arm grabbing defence, finally had the lads playing as a team. With a slightly above margin score line from Carroll we were sure to put our best foot forward against our last opponent Batemans Bay.

A vastly different St Peter's team entered the field with their heads held high. Some brutal defence by the lads and some fancy footwork, it became clear that the errors made in previous games did not reoccur. An error in judgement from Batemans Bay from the kickoff, saw the ball sail to Logan "The Flash" Thomas who used his after burners to fly by the whole team down the sideline to score the best try of the tournament.

A terrific effort from the St Peter's Lads!
Mr Michael Nicoletti

