



School Newsletter

For **Term 4 Week 6**

Starting **14 Nov. 2016**

Dates to Remember

November

- 16th - P&C Special Meeting 9:15pm
- 16th - 2/3P Assembly 2:30pm
- 30th - K/1H Assembly

December

- 8th - Reports Sent Home
- 9th - P&C Christmas Disco
- 13th - K-5 Fun day Y6 Darling Harbour
- 15th - Presentation Day Assembly 9:30am School Hall
- 15th - Volunteers Morning Tea
- 15th - Y6 Farewell
- 16th - Last Day of School Y6 Arch at 2:45pm

Check the school app and website for a complete calendar.

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School Improvements

Thanks to volunteer efforts from Lend Lease and Ernst and Young, the school has seen some improvements that have brightened up the outside areas. These improvements are much appreciated and we hope that they help to make the school a better place for all our students. We will be this week beginning to work on the library and this work will be completed for the beginning of next year. The good news does not end there. The school is pleased to announce that Assets Management Unit has agreed to a significant schedule of maintenance that will see the painting and improvements of four classrooms, including the partition of the current kindy room into two and the current 2/3P classroom to be opened into one large learning area. They will also be fixing a retaining wall next to the preschool and removing three trees from the courtyard and making the surface in that area safe for children to play on. Finally, there will be some painting of the Church Street end of the school.

More GA Days

As many of you know, the school has one General Assistant day per week. In recognition of the large size of the school site and in response to calls from the school to recognise this and provide additional GA time, the Department of Education has decided to provide the school with an additional GA day per week. This is one day above the established requirement for a school with the number of students St Peters PS currently has. The school hopes that this, combined with the investment the department is making in the school for maintenance this year will put to an end the conjecture that the school is destined for closure. This is manifestly incorrect and illogical when considering the pressure on school capacity in the inner west at this time. St Peters has a clearly great future as a public school.

Spell-a-thon

We hope that your children are busy gaining sponsors and learning their words for the spell-a-thon. All money for the spell-a-thon goes towards the year six gift to the school. This is a great opportunity to support a student led initiative and help them fund a gift for the school. To help you help your child learn the words for the spell-a-thon, year 6 have made a video to provide some strategies. Check it out via the school website, the school App, Facebook and Twitter. If you haven't got the words please contact us.

Semester Two Fee Statements

The semester two student activity statements are now due for payment. Thank you to all those who have already paid. If you haven't paid, we would remind you that these payments help to fund excellent programs such as Got Game and allow students to enjoy low prices for Reading Eggs and Mathletics. Please contact the school if you will have problems paying for this.



The Week Ahead in Learning for Term 4 Week 6

This Week in KMP

English	Mathematics	Other KLAs	Reminders
<p>This week's sight words are: by, why, who, off.</p> <p>This week will be a big week of handwriting. We will be trying for personal bests at forming our letters correctly so it is easier for everyone to read our magnificent writing.</p>	<p>Patterns - we will be classifying and sorting objects into different groups in different ways. We will continue and repeat patterns and also recognise when an error occurs in a pattern.</p>	<p>Got Game - Gymnastics continues.</p> <p>Positive Behaviour For Learning (PB4L) – our focus will be on behaviour in the corridors and in assembly and the playground.</p>	<p>Please return all of your library books so we can get the library ready for next year. There will be no borrowing this week or for the rest of term.</p> <p>Now is a great time to join your local library (if you haven't already) Libraries are magical places for children learning to read.</p> <p>If your child wears shoes with laces PLEASE teach them to tie them. This is a safety issue!</p>

This Week in K/1H

English	Mathematics	Other KLAs	Reminders
<p>Students will continue their work with persuasive texts, looking at advertisements and creating an advertisement for a school event. Kindergarten will learn the sightwords put/then/looking/after/now. Year One will learn/ revise the sightwords: start/read/two/out/long/never/inside/face/children/doing ocean/lake/river/creek and look at compound words such as 'footpath'. Students will learn how to write a complex sentence using linking words 'because' and 'while'.</p>	<p>In number and algebra Kindergarten will compare groups of objects to determine the difference while Year One will learn the strategy 'bridge to ten'. In measurement and geometry students will use positional language by describing location to a partner. In statistics and probability students will create picture graphs in a small group.</p>	<p>Got Game- gymnastics continues. Positive Behaviour For Learning (PB4L) – our focus will be on behaviour in the corridors and in assembly and the playground. Creative Arts- Drama- students will engage in role play related to a narrative.</p>	<p>Home reading may be changed any school day. Library books can be returned through the week.</p>

This Week in 2/3P

English	Mathematics	Other KLAs	Reminders
<p>Modelled reading of Matilda will continue. Students will complete a range of activities based on Matilda.</p> <p>Spelling this week will focus on the upcoming spell-a-thon. Students will complete tasks in class focused on the spelling words.</p> <p>Explanation writing will continue and our super sentence will be completed.</p>	<p>Mathematics groups will finish their work with subtraction and begin working on division. Throughout the week students will rotate between a variety of games, mathematics and activities based on division.</p>	<p>Got Game continues with gymnastics.</p> <p>PDHPE- We will continue with our unit on personal health choices.</p> <p>Creative Arts- Students will continue on different activities involving drama.</p>	<p>No borrowing from the library from this week until the end of the year. Can all students please bring back their library books for the library refurbishment.</p>

This Week in 4/5/6S

English	Mathematics	Other KLAs	Reminders
<p>Students will create a board game based around the story of Storm Boy. They will work in partners or small groups.</p> <p>In grammar student will look at the use of quotation mark.</p> <p>BTN will continue as well as reading of the Storm boy book and answering comprehension questions.</p>	<p>Year 5/6 will locate and record coordinates of points in all four quadrants of the cartesian plane.</p> <p>Year 4 will interpret legends and directions on maps. They will follow given directions using compass points.</p> <p>All students will play number games as well.</p>	<p>Got Game- Gymnastics continues</p>	<p>Please return all books that have been borrowed from the library.</p> <p>White Shirt for PSSA on Friday.</p>

This Week in Stage Groups

Kindergarten	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3
<p>Through play and our imaginations we will explore the possibilities of future toys with a view to designing our own. We will share our ideas in groups.</p>	<p>Stage One will investigate connections people have to places and reasons for this. They will investigate Australia's location in relation to the world.</p>	<p>Stage learning students are continuing their work on milestone 3 preparing a presentation in regard to sun safety improvements in the school.</p>	<p>Students will be presenting their discussions and moving to milestone 2 and the preparation of information reports on how to save electricity around the home</p>

This Week in Music

KMP	K/1H	2/3P	4/5/6S
<p>We will sing a new song "Where Do All The Lost Socks Go?" and continue to explore playing rhythms on or off the beat. We will also play a new music game that explores sounds that gradually get louder or softer.</p>		<p>We will continue learning to play on our "Ukes". We will be learning the name of each string A,E,C,G, and start learning to slowly "pick" a melody with our fingers. 4/5/6S will experiment with digital composition, sound editing and arranging and learn to create a backing for their RAP poems.</p>	

This Week in Mandarin

KMP	K/1H	2/3P	4/5/6S
<p>We are going to have a revision lesson of the topics we have learnt including colours and clothing. We will discuss what to wear under different weather conditions and there will be a pair work based on that.</p>		<p>We are going to have a revision lesson of the topics we have learnt in this semester. We will try to write one or two simple sentences in Chinese to describe what they are wearing.</p>	



School in Action TOURS

Marrickville High School

for parents of students in Years 4 & 5

Tuesday 15th November
Monday 21st November

Time: 9.30 am

Begins with a short presentation followed by
the tour which will
conclude promptly at 11.00am

RSVP essential by
11th November & 18th November

Contact lauren.hetreles@det.nsw.edu.au or
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