



School Newsletter

For **Term 3 Week 4**

Starting **8 August 2016**

Dates to Remember

August

- 9th - Scripture and Ethics begin
- 10th - Assembly 2/3P
- 11th - Nadia Wheatley visiting school
- 17th - SS Zone Athletics Carnival
- 22nd - Festival of Instrumental Music Concert
- 22nd - Book Week Begins
- 24th - Assembly K/1H
- 25th - RAW Art begins
- 31st - 2nd September (Stage 3 Camp)

September

- 2nd - 1:2:1 Numeracy program for Year 1 begins
- 4th - Nadia Wheatley visiting school
- 7th - Assembly KMP
- 8th - RAW Art begins

Every Wednesday is Waste Free Wednesday



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Open Day Feedback



All the staff and many in the P&C prayed to the heavens on Tuesday morning as we looked to hold our annual open day. Starting with an assembly, many parents and prospective parents turned up to watch a feast of performances given by year 2 to 6. It was great for the first time to see the 3-6 choir perform and also to see how good the recorder group performed. We had a tour of the school complete with stickers for prospective students and parents while many existing relatives went into classrooms to see their children learn. We all ended up in the courtyard with a fantastic sausage sizzle put on by the P&C. There are so many people to thank for making the open day work so well. You know who you are. Thank you so much!

WestConnex Noticeboard

The school has established a noticeboard on the verandah outside the office to display WestConnex related notices. As well as emailing and sending home materials, this noticeboard will display information. The minutes of the meeting with the consortium building the project are on the board as well as information about the two project taking place at this time. We have been assured that access to Silver Street's gate will not be affected. Should you have problems gaining access, please contact the school office on 9519 6307.

Our Canteen Needs You! Please Help!

Our canteen at St Peters Public school is run by a great team of volunteers however over the last couple of months a few of our volunteers have returned to work/studies so we seeking more volunteers to keep the canteen running on a Friday. We're looking for dads, mums, grandparents, and caregivers to volunteer for a shift once or twice a term on a Friday and give your kids a thrill at seeing you behind the counter! If you can commit a couple of hours at lunch time to serve lunch and snacks we would love to hear from you.

To volunteer or for more information please contact Maria Demirel by phone 0411013048; by email Maria.demirel@iag.com.au or come and see us at canteen Friday mornings

Cake Boxes from Election Day

The Election Day Cake Stall was a huge success and the P & C would like to thank all the families who made a contribution on the day!. We will be completing a stocktake of the cake containers distributed to all families for the cake stall in the coming weeks so if you haven't returned your plastic cake container as yet, can you please return it to the Canteen on Friday or alternatively leave it at the school office

Parent Payments to the school

The school will transition to the new NSW public schools' finance system and a new bank account on 17 October 2016. To ensure a smooth transition, there will be changes to the way we accept parent or carer payments. Direct deposits, Cash and Cheque Payments, plus Parent Online Payments: As of 23 September 2016, we will no longer accept the above forms of payments into our current school bank account. Any payments made after this date cannot be properly allocated to a student's account in a timely manner. Please ensure you have made any outstanding direct deposits before Friday 23 September 2016. We will be accepting payments again on 18 October. We will also not be able to sell uniforms during this period. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.



The Week Ahead in Learning for Term 3 Week 4

This Week in KMP

English	Mathematics	Other KLAS	Reminders
<p>The sight words we will introduce this week will be: house, did, yes, no. We have started including a comprehension component of our literacy groups and this week we will continue with this activity. The children are asked a specific question about the shared text. The questions may be "here" (the answer is directly given in one part of the text) or "hidden" (the answer is found by linking parts of the text together or by combining the information in the text together with what you know).</p>	<p>In mathematics we will be learning about multiplication. We will revise the concept of equal groups and we will use the language "groups of" and "multiply".</p>	<p>This week is our last day working on our circle stories with Nadia Wheatley.</p> <p>This week we resume stage groups and begin our Geography unit called People Live in Places.</p>	<p>Wednesday is Waste free please remember to only pack reusable packaging.</p> <p>Home readers can be changed everyday. It is important to try and listen to your child read every day.</p> <p>Please remember to keep learning the term 3 sight words. If you have lost them please let us know and we will give you a copy.</p> <p>Friday is library day. Borrowing for the library is a great way to share new stories and build a love of reading.</p>

This Week in K1H

English	Mathematics	Other KLAS	Reminders
<p>This week Kindergarten will learn/ revise the sight words pet/was/animal/you/are and revise all letter sounds. Year 1 will learn the sight words: she/run/over/of/mum/look/is/go/down/dad and one/two/three/four. In phonics Year 1 will look at voiced 'th' as in 'that' Students will continue learning about questions, exclamations and statements. In grammar students will learn about collective nouns as in 'a swarm of bees/ a school of fish'.</p>	<p>Kindergarten and Year 1 will continue to learn about place value. Students will continue to learn about making groups in multiplication and division. In measurement and geometry students will learn about volume and capacity using informal units. In statistics and probability, in data, students continue making a simple graph about recent athletics carnival results. Students will create word problems by working backwards from an answer to create a question.</p>	<p>Creative and Performing Arts- students will continue with their drama unit 'playgrounds' and create a playground in visual arts.</p> <p>PDHPE- Got Game continues with a dance focus. Students will continue work related to growth and development and continue with Peer Support led by stage 2 and 3.</p>	<p>Waste Free Wednesday continues in week 4. K1H are doing very well, keep up the fantastic effort!!</p> <p>Library will be on Wednesday.</p> <p>Home Reading may be changed any school day. It is great to see students improving their reading!</p>

This Week in 2/3P

English	Mathematics	Other KLAS	Reminders
<p>Procedural writing will conclude this week.</p> <p>Guided reading will continue with a focus on the premiers reading challenge.</p> <p>Year 2 phonics will look at the vowel pair 'au and aw', Grammar will focus on the past tense verb 'saw'.</p> <p>Year 3 phonics focus will be base words and endings (ed and ing). Grammar will focus on abbreviations such as 'he would' to 'he'd'.</p>	<p>Daily multiplication challenge will continue with students trying to beat their personal best results.</p> <p>Position and maps will continue. Students are going to focus on positional language and reading a compass.</p>	<p>Our last workshop with Nadia Wheatley will be this Thursday with the completion of our last circle story.</p>	<p>Library Monday, please bring your library bag to be able to borrow.</p> <p>Waste free Wednesday. Let's all try to leave any packaging for our food at home.</p>

This Week in 4/5/6S

English	Mathematics	Other KLAS	Reminders
<p>Students will publish the procedures they wrote last week and we will begin to examine information reports.</p> <p>In grammar year 4 will add interesting adjectives to sentences and year 5/6 will create sentences that use direct and indirect speech.</p>	<p>Year 4 will focus on equivalent fractions and decimals. Year 5/6 will multiply and divide decimals by whole numbers. We will relate it to shopping and will work out the best buy for certain items. All students will play card games that involve making the biggest number possible through different operations and then in reverse students will make the smallest number.</p>	<p>We will complete our last circle story with Nadia Wheatley.</p> <p>We will also have a lesson related to positive behaviour for Learning.</p> <p>Reminder: Year 5/6 camp permission notes and deposit is due on Friday.</p>	<p>Monday is Got Game and Peer Support. Students need an eye mask or scarf for peer support</p> <p>Students are asked to bring in some scanned/printed photos of their family for their circle stories. If you don't have access to a printer, Miss Sheridan will photocopy them.</p> <p>Wednesday is Waste Free Wednesday.</p> <p>Library will be on Tuesday as normal.</p>

This Week in Music

KMP	K/1H	2/3P	4/5/6S
This week we will use a variety of music symbols we have learnt about, to make art works to decorate the music room and outside corridor. We will also be rehearsing songs that explore movement.	We will use a variety of music symbols we have learnt about to make art works to decorate the music room and outside corridor. We will also be adding movement and actions to our songs "1234" and "Old Man Jazz". This helps us to learn about and feel the beat.	This week we will be incorporating a new note "E" and adding "the EBGB's" to our recorder repertoire. We will be rehearsing a new song "Doodlin'" with an emphasis on rhythmic coordination and accurate pitch.	Our next few rehearsals will see us becoming more confident playing from memory. Students are encouraged to practice with youtube backing tracks at home, with a special focus on memorising "YORK MARCH".

This Week in Mandarin

KMP	K/1H	2/3P	4/5/6S
KMP & K/1H will learn to say orange, purple and pink colour in Chinese. They are going to do some categorizing activities in class and colour-in exercises to further facilitate their learning of the colours.		2/3P & 4/5/6/S will learn to say orange, purple and pink colour in Chinese. They are also going to learn to form a sentence in Chinese to tell their favourite colour. They will have a challenging in-class task which requires their knowledge of the Chinese numbers.	

This Week in Stage Groups

Kindergarten	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3
<p>This week we start our Geography Unit called People Live in Places.</p> <p>We will identify what a home is and what it encompasses (i.e. its surroundings, its contents etc.). We will discuss the question "Where do I live?"</p>	Stage 1 will commence their study in science of 'Waterworks', which includes a study of rainwater, water catchment, collection and distribution as well as other uses of water	Stage 2 students will begin PBL. We're all excited for students to be starting an authentic project related to the real world and the curriculum.	Over this semester, stage 3 will be exploring the issue of sustainability and electricity. We'll be finding out what we know and building some field knowledge in the area of electricity this week.

