



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

For **TERM 4 WEEK 2**

Starting **19 OCT 2020**

DATES TO REMEMBER

October

- 19th - Book fair in library (students only)
- 21st - Book Parade - Students will be able to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Students will not have a traditional parade, but limit to own classroom.
- 29th - Kindergarten orientation session 1 (POSTPONED TO NOVEMBER)
- 30th - Musica Viva incursion
- 30th - World Teachers' Day

November

- 4th - P&C meeting 6pm (Zoom)
- 5th - Kindergarten orientation session 1
- 5th - Marrickville Network - Public Speaking final



Stage 3 camp



Welcome back! - Dates this year and for 2021

We hope everyone has had a wonderful break and is back ready for a Term 4 full of learning. Term 4 is a 10 week term, with the last day of the school year for students being **Wednesday 16 December**. Looking ahead, it has just been announced that the 2021 school year will commence with two staff development days. Years 1-6 will commence school on **Friday 29 January 2021**. Kindergarten 2021 students will commence on **Thursday 4 February 2021**. Kindergarten 2021 students will have their individual Best Start Assessment between 29 January and 3 February, being advised of their individual session during their orientation.

Last Chance - Tell Them From Me Parent Survey

Please have your say - the survey closes at the end of the week. The Tell Them From Me survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. Please click on the following [link](http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/bwfjs) to access the parent survey or go to -

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/bwfjs>

Stage 3 Day Camp

Our 18 Stage 3 students attended Day Camp on Thursday 15 October at the Nepean Adventure Centre in Douglas Park. Our students participated in the Dangling Duo, bushwalking, canoeing and the Gorge Swing. The students had a wonderful time and took full advantage of all of the activities offered at camp. Check out the school's Facebook page to see more photos of the students participating in their camp activities. You may just see Dr Cooper's skills on the Dangling Duo!

Book Week this week

This week we are celebrating Book Week at St Peter's PS, as it was postponed from earlier in the year. Each day this week, a teacher from St Peter's will be sharing their favourite books with the students. This morning, Ms McIntosh shared her favourite books - Matilda and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl.

On Wednesday, there will be a Book Week mufti day - all students can come dressed as their favourite book character and bring a special favourite book to school to read.

All week, students have the opportunity to attend the school book fair which has been set up in the library. Students will bring home a "wish list". If you wish to purchase a book for your child from the Book Fair, please follow the instructions printed on the back of the wish list or contact the school for assistance. Many local bookstores have rewards programs for schools - you may consider asking your local bookstore if they allocate credit points to schools next time you purchase a book.



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Wash your hands with soap



Stage 1 Ethics to recommence tomorrow

The new volunteers have now completed their training, as such, commencing tomorrow Stage 1 students enrolled in Ethics will recommence their ethics program. Thank you to all volunteers in the Ethics and Scripture programs.

Revised Kindergarten Orientation dates

Kindergarten (2021) orientation dates have been slightly revised due to COVID-19 restrictions. All orientation sessions will now occur in November 2020. Each family will be contacted by mail and email with the updated session details. We look forward to welcoming our new students into Kindergarten.

Playground upgrade update

The playground upgrade is now at about 65-70% completion, which is on schedule. So far, all concrete pathways are complete and the sandstone work is complete. All the timber play equipment should be completed by end of this week (weather permitting). The next step is to install the modular play equipment. The works should be complete by early November.

Student Health

In accordance with advice from NSW Health, parents and carers are reminded NOT to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms. Schools will make arrangements for students who present as unwell or have flu like symptoms to be sent home. NSW Health have requested that schools encourage anyone who is unwell or has even mild flu-like symptoms, to arrange to be tested through their local medical practitioner or one of the COVID-19 clinics. Students and staff with flu like symptoms will need to provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result before being permitted to return to school.

Road and parking safety

Council parking officers will be on patrol around St Peters PS before school on 28 October to support safe drop-off and pick up procedures around school. The officers will be available to talk to parents about any questions regarding road safety around schools.

School Travel for 2021



2021 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2021 opened from Monday 12 October 2020.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now [apply](#) online. A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [re-apply or update their details](#).

*Applications must be completed by the student's parent or legal guardian if the student is aged under 16 years. Students 16 years and over must complete the application form themselves.

Where there is a change of distance eligibility based on a student's grade, the system will automatically update a student's entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If a student needs to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before **31 December 2020** to ensure that current student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card remains valid. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2020, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2021.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the commencement of the new school year from their nominated operator, this may be distributed via the school or sent direct to their address. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/Parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

New Concession Entitlement Cards

Transport for NSW will be replacing the below cards with Transport Concession Entitlement Cards (TCEC) from October 2020:

- Senior Secondary Student Concession Card (16 years and over) – also used by Mature Secondary Students (18 years and over), Distance Education Students and Home School Students
- Proof of Age card (when a student under 16 years of age looks older)
- Boarder Rail Pass.

All previous cards will be valid until they expire. Students who require a Transport Concession Entitlement Card should speak with their school administration staff.

Enquiries regarding school student travel can be submitted to Transport for NSW at: <https://transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback>

Selective High School - Year 7, 2022

Selective high schools cater for academically gifted students with high potential. The application process for Year 7 entry into selective high school in 2022 is now open. The placement application booklet was emailed to all Year 5 families on 16 October 2020.

You must apply online at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>. **Applications close on 16 November 2020.**

The Selective High School placement test will occur on 11 March 2021.

In addition to the online application, please return to St Peters PS the Intention to Apply for Year 7 placement EOI (below) by Friday 23 October.



Intention to apply for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Selective high schools cater for academically gifted students with high potential who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic standard. Selective high schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, and by using specialised teaching methods.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 11 March 2021.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2022, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available in late September 2020 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

The application website opens at that link on 13 October 2020 and closes on 16 November 2020. You must apply before the closing date.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Team for assistance after 13 October 2020.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

The tear-off slip below is not an application and the school cannot apply on your behalf.

Yours sincerely

Rebecca Salter

Principal

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by 23 October 2020.

THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO A SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL.

This is a notice to your primary school only that you intend to apply.

TO APPLY YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER AND THEN APPLY THROUGH THE HIGH PERFORMING STUDENTS WEBSITE:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes>

----- Cut here and return the note below to the school -----

Intention to apply for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2022

Student's name: _____ Class: _____

I intend to apply for selective high school entry in Year 7 in 2022 through the High Performing Students website between 13 October 2020 and 16 November 2020.

Signature of parent/carer: _____

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<http://ms-artteacher.blogspot.com>

Draw, Paint & Create

GARDENS OF THE MIND ART SCHOOL

ONLINE ART CLASS COURSES

5-WEEK COURSE

FEE:

\$125

2 COURSES AVAILABLE

THURSDAY 4-5.15PM

OR

SATURDAY 9.15AM-10.30AM

COURSE DETAILS AND BOOKINGS

<https://www.gotm.com.au/book-art-classes-online>

M:0425282975 E:gotmcreative@gmail.com

The NSW \$100 Creative Kids Voucher can be used to pay this fee.



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CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at St Peters Public School is held on:

Intermediate: Wednesdays from 11:10am to 11:50am, starting on 14 October 2020

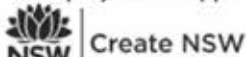
Beginner/Rookie: Wednesdays from 11:10am to 11:50am, starting on 14 October 2020

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

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Nutrition Snippet

WAR ON WASTE.

Did you know that the average household throws out 1 in 5 bags of groceries they buy?



Want to know how you can reduce your food waste?

Check out our [blog](http://healthylunchbox.com.au) at healthylunchbox.com.au for more tips that will save you money, time and our planet!

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Sunsmart Snippet

Slop on sunscreen



Apply SPF 30 or higher sunscreen generously, re-apply every two hours.

Apply 20 minutes before going outside.

Adults use about a teaspoon for the face, neck and ears; a teaspoon for each arm and leg; and a teaspoon each for the front and back of the body.

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