



## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

For **TERM 1 WEEK 6**

Starting **2 MARCH 2020**

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### March

- 2nd - Goannas Assembly - 2:20pm
- 3rd - Zone swimming carnival
- 6th - Merit Assembly 2:45pm
- 13th - Ride to School Day  
- Merit Assembly 2:45pm
- 16th - Wombats Assembly - 2:20pm
- 20th - Harmony Day  
- Merit Assembly 2:45pm
- 23rd - NAPLAN online - testing of school's technology window starts
- Year 5 and 6 - Premier's Sporting Challenge visit to Wilkins PS
- 25th - 7pm P&C meeting
- 27th - Merit Assembly 2:45pm
- 28th - Comedy for a Cause (parent only event)
- 30th - Bilbies Assembly - 2:20pm

#### April

- 3rd - Merit Assembly 2:45pm



Opera Australia - Barber of Seville

### Opera Australia excursion - The Barber of Seville

Students in Years 3-6 were very fortunate to have attended Opera Australia's launch at the OA headquarters of the NSW primary schools touring opera production of the Barber of Seville. Our students were thoroughly engaged in the production. They seemed to particularly enjoy the characters of Count Almaviva, Figaro and Rosina. Opera Australia staff commented on the St Peter's PS students' enthusiasm and excellent audience behaviour. Thank you to all staff and parent volunteers who made the excursion possible.

### Clean Up Australia Day for Schools

The school is looking very clean after the huge effort by all students on Friday's Clean Up the School Day. Each class had a different dedicated area of the school to manage in the clean up. Thank you students.

### Principal's Induction Conference

Evidence around the world shows that investing in leadership at all phases of a school leader's career will make a substantial difference to the quality of teaching and therefore the quality of student learning in our school. From the 19-21 February I had the pleasure of attending the Principal Induction Conference in Sydney delivered by the Department of Education School Leadership Institute. This conference provided engaging, relevant and significant professional learning. This included leading high quality teaching and learning across the school, enhancing student wellbeing strategies, and ensuring that in our school community every child is known, valued and cared for. I was reminded of the importance of modelling lifelong learning to my staff and students. Conferences of this nature enable me to focus on quality teaching and leadership practices that have the greatest impact on teacher learning and therefore the outcomes of our students.



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### PB FOR L FOCUS

Be safe and respectful learners in play areas.

School Clean Up



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## Church St Gate

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Between 9:30am and 2:30pm the Church St pedestrian gate will be closed. It is not locked, however, you will need to slide the very high bar across to gain entry. Please remember to slide the bar across on your way in and out of the school if entering after 9:30am or leaving after 2:30pm.

## Selective High School Test 2020

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The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 12 March 2020 from 9.00am to 1.30pm. for students currently in Year 6 who submitted an application form in 2019. Unless parents have made special arrangements with the High Performing Students Team to attend an individually allocated test centre candidates from this school have been sent to Tempe High School.

Go to <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7> to find:

- Test centre allocations by public school.
- A map of test centre addresses under the heading 'The test'
- The bulletin, Test information for parents and students. The bulletin contains very important information about the test and should be read carefully.

## Primary (3-6) Choir commencing on 9 March 2020

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Students in years 3-6 are invited to join the school choir commencing on 9 March. There is a minimum of one term commitment to ensure continuity in learning and the development of a balanced group. Choir will be held in the Music Room every Monday from 3pm-3:45pm. Students will need to bring a plastic sleeve for their choir music. A note will be sent home to 3-6 students during the week. Thank you to Ms Freinger for volunteering to teach the choir.

## COVID-19 (Corona Virus) Update

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Effective 1 March 2020 the Federal Government has issued a travel ban on foreigners coming to Australia from Iran. Only Australian citizens and permanent residents coming from Iran will be allowed entry to Australia and from 1 March they are required to self-isolate for a period of 14 days after departing Iran consistent with the restrictions for those entering from China. Additionally, Australians have been advised NOT to travel to Iran.

The updated advice from the NSW Government for parents and affected staff is:

- Any student or staff member who has been in, or transited through, mainland China (not just Hubei province) or has been in Iran is excluded from work, school or child care services for 14 days from the date they left mainland China or Iran (as the COVID-19 incubation period can be as long as two weeks).
- Any confirmed case of COVID-19 will be excluded until they are medically cleared to return.
- Close contacts of a confirmed case of COVID-19 will be excluded for 14 days since last contact with the confirmed case.
- Students and staff who have returned to Australia from mainland China or Iran more than 14 days ago and have shown no symptoms are able to return to school.

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### TERM 1 2020 - BOOKINGS OPEN

MONDAY LUNCHTIMES  
2 - 30 MARCH  
5 WEEKS | \$50



Our classes get kids moving, building their fitness, flexibility and co-ordination through age appropriate yoga. We also introduce them to important breathing exercises to encourage calmness and self regulation, building their ability to deal with stress and anxiety. These techniques are also extremely beneficial for children who battle with sleep!



# Cough etiquette

## Cover your cough



- When coughing or sneezing, use a tissue to cover your nose and mouth
- Dispose of the tissue afterwards
- If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow.

## Wash your hands



- After coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose, wash your hands with soap and water
- Use alcohol-based hand cleansers if you do not have access to soap and water

Remember hand washing is the single most effective way to reduce the spread of germs that cause respiratory disease.

Anyone with signs and symptoms of a respiratory infection, regardless of the cause, should be instructed to cover their nose/mouth when coughing or sneezing; use tissues to contain respiratory secretions; dispose of tissues in the nearest waste receptacle after use, and wash their hands afterwards.



ST PETERS PUBLIC SCHOOL

# COMEDY NIGHT

SAVE THE DATE

## 28.03.2020

Comedy for a Cause

