



## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

For **TERM 1 WEEK 8**

Starting **16 MAR 2020**

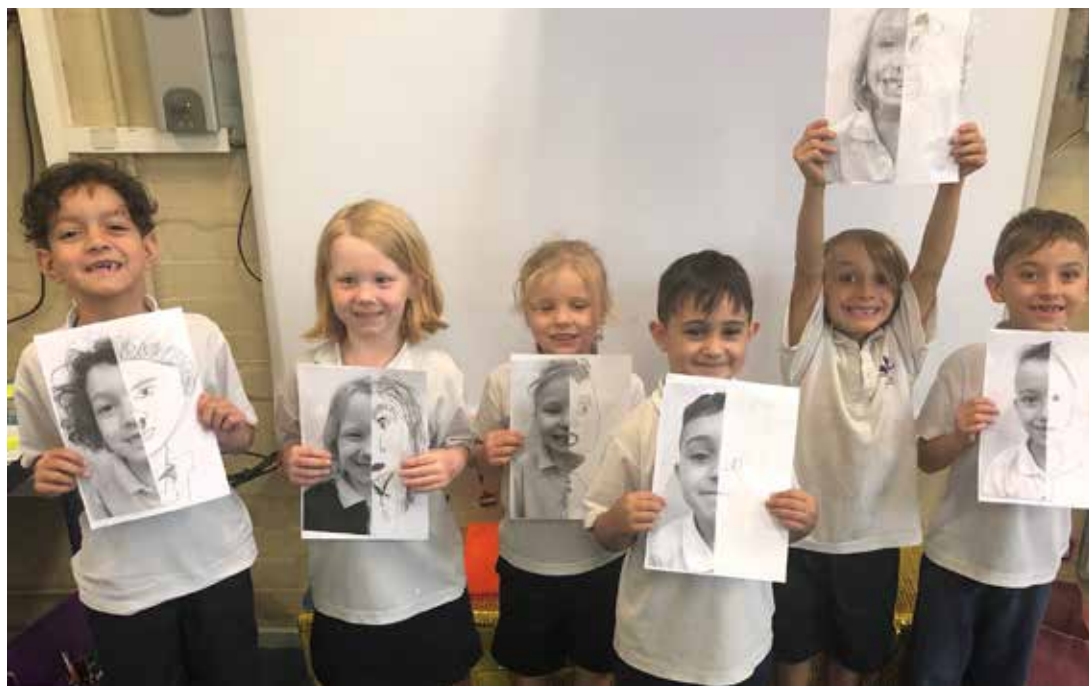
### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### March

- 16th - Parent/Teacher interview portal opens at 9am
- 16th - ASSEMBLY CANCELLED
- 18th - Cyber Safety talk Year 3-6
- 20th - Harmony Day
  - Merit Assembly 2:45pm
- 23rd - NAPLAN online practice window starts - Year 3 and 5 practice test.
  - 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
- 6th - Parent/Teacher interviews commence



### BOOKINGS OPEN Monday 16 March 9am

On Monday 16 March parent bookings for parent teacher interviews will be open via the Sentral portal. Bookings will stay open until 3 April, 5pm. Parent interviews commence in Week 11, Monday 6 April.



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### Harmony Day - Friday 20 March

Harmony Day is a day to celebrate cultural diversity. It's about inclusivity, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. Students are encouraged to wear orange or national dress on Friday. Harmony Day activities will occur in the classroom during the week.

### Entry into Year 7 2021 forms - due Friday 20 March

On Wednesday 11 March NSW Government High School enrolment forms were sent home with Year 6 students. Your child's local high school has been pre-filled by St Peters PS. Please feel free to contact St Peters PS should you need any assistance with the form. Forms must be returned to the school office by 20 March 2020.

### Premier's Reading Challenge

Every year St Peters students take part in the Premier's Reading Challenge. The challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. The Premier's Reading Challenge is now open and will carry on until August. Students in years K - 2 are able to have books in the challenge read to them and thus all of their classroom teachers will be reading books from the challenge in class. The titles of these books will be added directly to each individual student's challenge record. A total of 30 books need to be read for K-2. Students in years 3 to 6 have to read their own books and add them via the challenge website (log on is using the student portal username and password). Students can borrow at least one PRC book every week from the library and then during the 2 week autumn holiday period they will be allowed to borrow 3 books to help them complete the challenge. Booklists for the challenge are found at the PRC website: <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html>. Students who successfully complete the challenge will receive a certificate at the Presentation Day Assembly held at the end of the year.

### Moving safely through the school



[www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au](http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au)



# Term 1 Activity Statements

Term 1 activity statements were emailed to parents for students in K-4 on Friday. Year 5 and 6 activity statements are anticipated to be emailed to parents on Monday 15 March. The fee schedule also includes a request for a \$20 voluntary contribution. Please contact the principal or school administrative manager should you require fee assistance.

## Hand washing at school

Students are being reminded to wash their hands with soap at regular intervals throughout the day. The school has an abundance of soap and paper towels.

## Attendance - importance of arriving on time

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

## Thank you letter from Fire Commissioner

Towards the end of 2019 the 2019 Bilbies and their teacher Ms Davies sent some letters of support to the firefighters protecting NSW from the bushfires. The response from the Commissioner is below.



Postal address

NSW Rural Fire Service  
Locked Bag 17  
GRANVILLE NSW 2142

Street address

NSW Rural Fire Service  
4 Murray Road Avenue  
SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK NSW 2127

[www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au)

T (02) 8741 5555  
F (02) 8741 5550  
E [rfs@rfs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:rfs@rfs.nsw.gov.au)

# 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.



## HARMONY DAY at SPPS

Friday MARCH 20

## EVERYONE BELONGS

*Harmony Day celebrates Australia's cultural diversity.*

*It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.*

The official colour of Harmony Day is orange. We encourage students to wear orange or clothing that represents their identity and/or culture.

Students will be participating in activities throughout the day based around the messages of inclusiveness and respect.

EVERYONE BELONGS  
www.harmony.gov.au

**Writing Instruments Recycling Programme**

**Accepted waste**  
Pens, felt tips, highlighters, markers

Mechanical pencils, correction tape and fluid pots, fountain pens, ink cartridges

**Waste not accepted**

Please note, glue sticks are not accepted

Glue sticks Rubbers Rulers Pencils Sharp objects

For more information please visit [terraCycle.com.au](http://terraCycle.com.au)

**HELP OUR SCHOOL WIN A COMMUNITY GARDEN!**

Recycle your Oral Care waste For a Better Tomorrow

### Our school is competing in the Colgate Community Garden Challenge!

The schools that collect the most oral care waste and online votes can win a recycled community garden set!

Vote for us online and track our school's ranking at:

[www.terraCycle.com/colgategardenvoting-au](http://www.terraCycle.com/colgategardenvoting-au)

For full terms and conditions, visit [www.terraCycle.com/colgategarden-au](http://www.terraCycle.com/colgategarden-au). If you have any further questions, call TerraCycle on 1800 983 324

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We collect any brand of used:



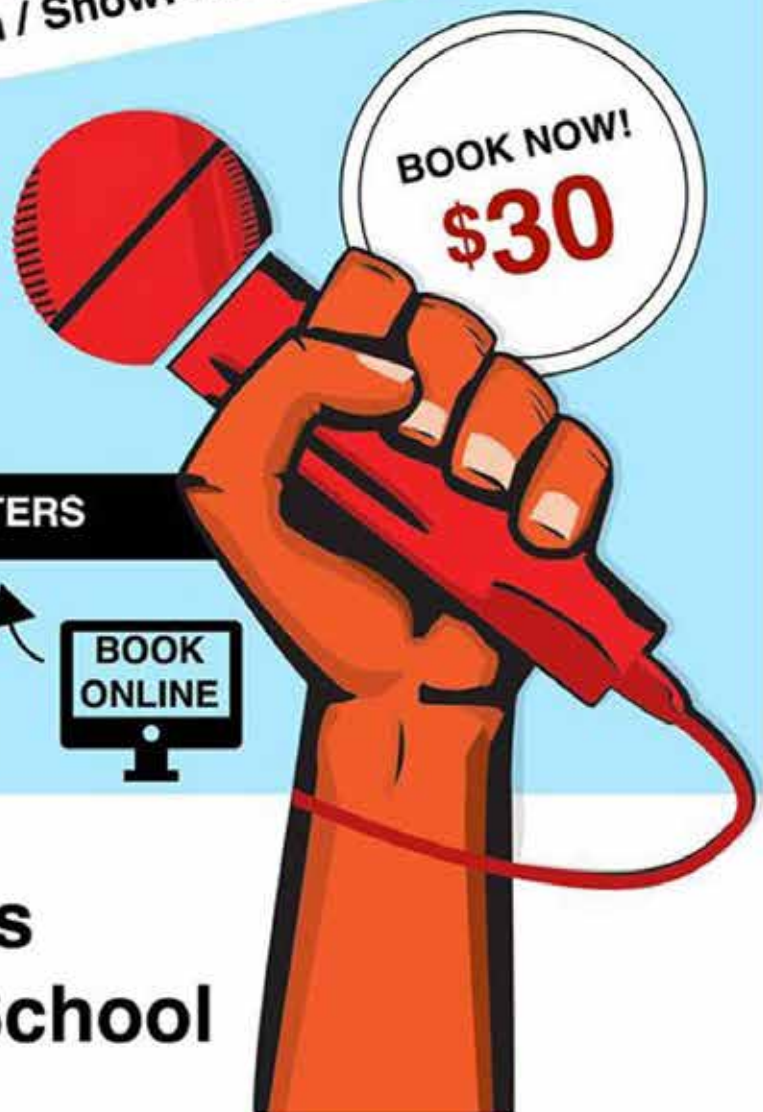


# Comedy for a Cause

**SATURDAY 28th MARCH 2020**

**Doors: 6pm / Show: 7.30pm / 18+**

Featuring comedians from  
**Sydney & Melbourne  
International  
Comedy Festivals**



[comedyforacause.net/STPETERS](http://comedyforacause.net/STPETERS)



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