

DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER 2021

15th - K-6 Fun Day (onsite)

16th - Last day of the school year for students.

17th - Last day for staff

JANUARY 2022

28th - Staff return to school

FEBRUARY 2022

1st - Years 1-6 students return to school

7th - Kindergarten students commence school

16th - Swimming Carnival

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Safe and happy holidays!



Fun Day 2021



Farewell Year 6

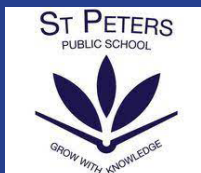
The time has come to farewell our Year 6 students who are at the end of their primary schooling and will be starting their high school journey next year. Our Year 6 students enjoyed their Year 6 Farewell on Monday evening. It was a wonderful event and a lovely end to what has been a year full of challenges due to COVID-19. Our Year 6 students have shown incredible resilience during this time. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours and hope that they enjoy their secondary school experience. Thank you to Ms McIntosh for her outstanding organisation of the Year 6 farewell. Thank you to our parent community, in particular Meri for her generosity in creating an incredible cake and decorations for the hall, and Kate and the P&C for their support of the Year 6 farewell.

As students are in cohorts, we will not be able to do our whole school arch this year. Although this may be disappointing, COVID-19 safety measures are in place for the protection and safety of all students. We trust that our students have enjoyed celebrating the end of the year via our Fun Day and Year 6 farewell.

Start of year arrangements for 2022

Students in Years 1-6 will commence school in 2022 on **Tuesday 1 February**. Incoming Kindergarten students received notification of their Best Start appointment date during the orientation period and will commence school on **Monday 7 February**.

Years 1-6 students will commence the year in their 2021 class and will line up with that class on the first day. Students will be moved into their new classes during the first school day of 2022. At this stage, there have been no changes to operational settings in schools which means current COVID-19 guidelines remain in place. We will update you with any changes that may occur before the start of the 2022 school year.



ST PETERS PUBLIC SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Staffing News

Ms Mary McSpadden is a permanent member of our teaching staff who will be returning to St Peters PS in 2022 after her secondment into a different role within the Department of Education. We welcome Ms McSpadden back to St Peters PS in 2022.

Band program 2022

Is your child in Years 3-6 in 2022? Do they love music? Consider signing them up for the 2022 band program. Student interest can be registered at <https://goo.gl/S4wwiu>. Thank you to Dr Greg Shapley who leads and coordinates the SPPS band.

Botany Bites

Botany Bites will commence on the first day of school for students in 2022, on Tuesday 1 February using the Flexischools app. Botany Bites will continue to run a 5 day a week service including on 16 February, the date of the 2022 swimming carnival where they will deliver lunches to the pool for Year 2-6 students and to school for K-2 students.

Reminder: Class formation 2022

Teachers are starting to form classes for the 2022 school year. Class formation is a complex task which involves many considerations. All classes have a mix of abilities and gender, friendship networks and individual student needs alongside a range of other factors that are considered. Please talk to your children over the holidays to help support their transition. Whilst friendships and family connections are always considered, it is not always possible to have a best friend or sibling in the same class. All care is taken to form classes that best meet the needs of all students, however, disappointments may occur. We expect to maintain 7 classes in 2022. If you have not completed an enrolment form yet for a younger sibling or have not let the school know if you child will be moving school, please do so as soon as practicable to assist in our planning for 2022.

P&C News

Our Festive Raffle ends at midnight TONIGHT!

– time is running out to buy your raffle tickets @ <https://rafflelink.com.au/festive2021>

- 1st prize: First Education tuition Voucher, to \$900 value.
- 2nd prize: Remote Control 'MarioKart' vehicles, valued at \$300.
- 3rd prize: \$180 Hunter Candles Voucher.
- 4th prize: \$150 World Of Wheelcraft Voucher.
- 5th prize: Nextra News Xmas creativity pack, valued at \$60.

Prizes drawn at 2pm on Thursday 16th December.

Presented by St Peters Public School P&C Association. Proceeds go to making our school a better place to learn & grow. Good luck and thank you for your support!





Celebrating 135 years
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St Peters Public School P&C President's Report 2021

Our P&C facilitates change, progress and community engagement where we see the need. An effective P&C can help to shape the school to cater to the needs of its community; it is your voice in the school and can help you to make a real difference for our students and their future.

We currently have just 29 members. In spite of our small size, we do a lot with a little. We are also fortunate to have the positive co-operation of our dedicated Principal, teachers and ancillary staff.

Following are some examples of our many P&C activities and initiatives during 2021:

- Held fundraisers (cross country BBQ, gift stall, raffles, trivia night, second-hand uniform sales, greeting card fundraiser, Xmas tree sale, and more) to fund school resources

- Won grants to fund equipment purchases and campus upgrades.

We're very grateful for the generosity of grant-makers and our wonderful sponsors and donors – some of whom give again and again without hesitation.

We were very pleased to be successful in the 2021 NSW Government 'Community Building Partnership' grant round of \$52,673 to fund a learning circle presentation space (CBP2021).

– Thank you to our State Member for Heffron Mr Ron Hoenig for your most kind support

We also won a Volunteers equipment grant and a National Tree Day tree stock grant.

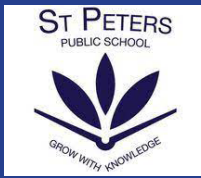
- Held a welcome BBQ for our new families
- Provided maintenance and funded resources for the school to support learning through the kitchen garden
- Held working bees to maintain the campus grounds
- Funded new smart boards, chromebooks, and art materials
- Funded Injury Insurance for all students
- Funded instruments, insurance and tutor public liability insurance for the school band
- Funded an annual student bursary to assist students of in-crisis and disadvantaged families
- Recruited and managed volunteers to ensure the continued provision of ethics classes
- Advocated on health, amenity and road safety issues for the school community
- Funded the annual 'Gold Merit Award' prize for Presentation Day
- Funded the Year 6 farewell
- Participated in the Inner West Sustainable Schools Network
- Operated a second-hand uniform exchange
- Provided parent representation for school staff selection panels

It has been very rewarding to have this opportunity to help drive positive change for our beautiful school. I wish to thank my fellow office bearers, members, of our wonderful volunteers and the school community for your support and commitment during 2021. While COVID19 once again ambushed many of our grand plans, we still managed to move forward and get plenty done.

The school anticipates a healthy enrolment for 2022. Hopefully, with this positive growth, we'll be welcoming lots of extra new P&C members next year so that we can achieve more of the good stuff. I look forward to seeing our P&C go from strength to strength in coming years.

Sincerely,

Kate Hafey,
President, St Peters Public School P&C Association



ST PETERS PUBLIC SCHOOL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Community Announcements - P&C

UNIFORMS

It's that time of year again, what to do with uniforms that no longer fit?

– whether you're sizing up or moving on, please consider donating to our P&C second-hand uniform pool.

P&C sells most second-hand uniform items for just \$5 each.

All donations welcome and any proceeds go back into supporting the school.

If you have items to donate, please

- contact stpeterspandc@gmail.com or 0421 33 7170 to arrange collection
- or leave at the School Office, please remember to mark your bag or box clearly (eg. "uniforms for P&C") to avoid confusion.

Festive Raffle

gotta be in it to win it!

GREAT PRIZES:

- **1st Prize:** Voucher for 1 term of free tuition at First Education, to up to \$900 value.
- **2nd Prize:** 2 x Remote Control 'MarioKart' vehicles, total value of \$300.
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Thank you to our generous donors!
First Education, Hunter Candles, World Of Wheelcraft, and Nextra News @ Marrickville Metro.

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BUY YOUR TICKETS ON-LINE TODAY!

WHEN: NOW – Ticket sales close on Thursday 16th November

WHERE: <https://rafflelink.com.au/festive2021>

PRICE: Single tickets \$5 each; or \$12 for 3, \$20 for 5, \$50 for 15

DRAW: Thursday 16th December, 2pm

INFO: sppspandc.org.au/rafflefestive2021

