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Dear Families of St Peter’s,

Our Christmas concert on Thursday night was absolutely lovely. The students performed well and enjoyed the celebrations. It was great to see so many families attend, we counted about 700 people in the audience, apart from the students. I extend my thanks to all the staff for organising the concert, especially, Mrs Woodfield and Mrs Anne Sennitt, and all of our students for presenting for us. Thank you.

We held the Yr 4 Sleep Over on Friday night too. The students had a great time although not a lot of sleeping was done! My thanks to Mr Joshua Galea, Mrs Elder and Miss Watson for assisting on the night.

We keep the following people in our prayers especially this week –

~ Our Yr 6s as they leave our community, we ask God to hold them in the palm of his hand.

Staff 2017

We have had some staffing additions since the last newsletter.

Mrs Ann Peoples will co-teach with Mrs Carissa Hobbs in Yr 6A, Ann will be with the class on Mon and Tues and Carissa Wed to Friday.

Mrs Marg McDougal will co-teach with Mrs Joanna Lomas in Yr 5A, Marg will teach every Thursday.

Mrs Amanda Hellyer will replace Mrs Chrissy Leadbetter as our Art Teacher while Chrissy is on long service leave for six months.

This week we say goodbye and thank you to Mrs Deb White who has been on staff for about 13 years. Deb came to St Peter’s as a new career teacher and during her time here her family grew. Deb is an excellent teacher and has supported many students and families during her time here, I thank her on your behalf for doing so much for our students. I know she will be missed as she moves to St Bernard’s.

On Tuesday staff received the news that I have been appointed as Acting Principal of St Rita’s School, Victoria Point for 2017. This has come about due to some staff changes within Brisbane Catholic Education and the appointment of the Principal at St Rita’s to Area Supervisor. An email was sent out to all families with this information as well.

Ms Bronwyn Buckley has been appointed as Acting Principal of St Peter’s for 2017. Bronwyn is currently Acting Principal of St Edward the Confessor School Daisy Hill. During her career Bronwyn has had significant teaching and leadership experience. She has been Assistant Principal – Administration at St Edward the Confessor School Daisy Hill and Mary MacKillop School Birkdale.

Bronwyn is very excited to be offered the opportunity to be Principal at St Peter’s in 2017. I am sure you will make Bronwyn feel very welcome.

Friday 2nd December

Last day of School for 2017 , students are dismissed at 12. pm.

Whole School Mass at 11 am everyone is welcome.

Christmas Eve rehearsal at 10am for the Childrens
Christmas Eve Mass at St Peters Church.

First day for 2017, Tuesday 24th January.

Have a safe and happy holiday , Merry Christmas.
**Principal’s Awards Assembly**

Today we held our Principal Awards assembly to recognise students who have worked consistently over the year. Teachers choose two awards per class from the list below. Specialist Teachers choose students from their subject areas who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in their specific areas. Congratulations to our recipients, this is the good news of St Peter’s.

1. Academic Excellence Award- to be eligible  
*Children consistently achieve and maintain outstanding academic results, achieving the highest level across learning areas.*

2. Application to Learning Award- to be eligible  
*Children display commitment, persistence and diligence to their studies striving to grow.*

3. School Spirit Award- to be eligible (from 2017 the School Spirit Award will be given out during our Social Justice Week and feast day).  
*Children actively live the Christian Values of our school, going above and beyond what is expected of them with humbleness, grace, integrity and hope. The student is unselfish, reliable and has a positive community minded attitude and support school values.*

**Yr 6 Awards**

Congratulations to our Yr 6 students who graduated last Tuesday night. You have been humble and generous in giving your time, sharing your many talents and striving to do your best in your learning.

You will be missed by all of us. Congratulations on giving your best as leaders, know that as you go we wish you well and hope for the very best for you always.

During the Graduation ceremony the following awards were announced. Congratulations to these students on their outstanding achievements:

- Overall Outstanding Academic Award – Daniel Townend 6A
- Overall Outstanding Academic Award – Nicholas Fraser 6B
- Overall Outstanding Academic Award – Grace Bampton 6C
- School Spirit Award – Bailey Day
- School Spirit Award – Mitchell Lees
- School Spirit Award – Ella Wilmot
- Academic Encouragement Award – Eliza Hooper
- Academic Encouragement Award – Anand Mc Cullum
- Academic Encouragement Award – Olivia Killer
- Nano Nagle – Living Faith Award – Talina Williamson
- Nano Nagle -Library Service Award – Rose Brimson
- Nano Nagle – Environmental Service Award – Daniel Townend
- St. Peter’s Citizenship Award – Nicholas Tranchida

*My move to St Rita’s has been a quick and sudden one, it is closer to home and I am excited. However, I will miss everyone here. Words never seem enough at times like this. - Thank you all for your support and friendship.*

*Best wishes for a lovely Christmas and a very happy new year.*
APRE NEWS- ADVENT

Last Sunday marked the beginning of the Church season of Advent in preparation for the coming of the Lord Jesus. Advent is the season of sensible hope and renewed sensitivity to the all-pervading presence of the risen Jesus as Emmanuel – God among us. We meet the God of Advent in the successes and the failures, the struggles and the decisions of daily human living. This is a special time in the world’s history, a time of unprecedented opportunity and of unparalleled dangers. Luke’s gospel this weekend is an invitation for us all to take note of what is happening around us and to respond.

Over this period of Advent, let’s be alert and remain open to God’s presence in the lead up to Christmas. While it can be easy to be swept away in the haste and commercialism of the season, let us always remain open to our God – whether that is in our everyday dealings with others; in the smile of the students here at school; in the Eucharist or even in a beautiful sunset. On the first Sunday of Advent we were asked to move into a world of grace, to lift up our heads, open our eyes and see the work of God around us.

Year 6 Graduation

Congratulations to our Year 6 students who on Tuesday night Graduated with Celebration of Mass followed by the Graduation Ceremony and 2016 Year 6 Awards.

Christmas Concert

It was standing room only last Thursday in the Simon Peter Centre. A big thank you and congratulations to all involved in the St Peter’s Christmas Concert. Thank you to our Specialist teachers who coordinated together to allow preparations for the evening. Our Music Teacher Mrs Katrina Woodfield and Drama Teacher, Mrs Anne Sennitt prepared the students beautifully for a successful night in the St Peter’s Community.

Building Update

The concrete floor has been poured and we are progressing with the Administration Building.
Final Mass

All parents and caregivers are invited to the church for a Mass of Thanksgiving for the end of the school Year at 11:00am on Friday Dec 2. Classes will have seating assigned and families will have seating in the Parish Centre. Hope to see everyone there as we celebrate as a Community in Faith.

A Prayer for Unity this Advent

In this Advent of expectation draw us together in unity,

That our praise and worship might echo in these walls and also through our lives.

In this Advent of expectation draw us together in mission,

That the hope within might be the song we sing, and the melody of our lives.

In this Advent of expectation draw us together in service,

That the path we follow might lead us from a stable to a glimpse of eternity.

Thankyou

My wish for each of us in the St Peter’s Community is a Holy Advent and Christmas and restful time with family over the summer holidays. I am looking forward to the New Year in 2017 with the characteristics of Nano Nagle - Hospitality, Compassion, Faith and Simplicity again lived out in our St Peter’s Community. Thank You for a great 40th Year of St Peter’s

Paul Rees
Assistant Principal Religious Education

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REMINDER - Piano Concert Tonight

Place : Simon Peter Centre
Time: 5pm First Concert.
Prep, Grades 1,2 and 3.
Santa arrives at 6.30pm
Time: 6.50pm Second Concert.
Grades 4,5 and 6.
Lots of items on sale this evening, proceeds to go to St Vincents .
Drinks from $1.00
BBQ sausages $2.00
Kebabs $3.00
Lucky Dips $1.00
Raffles $1.00 plus lots more.
Merry Christmas from Mrs Northey-Cherrett