

WE ARE INCLUSIVE
WE ARE DIVERSE
WE ARE RESPONSIBLE
WE ARE CARING



From our Principal

Ash Wednesday Gospel Reading [Matthew 6:1-6,16-18](#)

Jesus teaches that almsgiving, prayer, and fasting should be done in secret.

Family Connection

The season of Lent presents families with an opportunity to examine our family life and to re-commit ourselves to the Christian practices of almsgiving, prayer, and fasting. Each of us is invited to do these things as individuals, but we can also do one or more actions as a family. Ash Wednesday is a good time for families to pray together and to plan the family's Lenten practices.

Gather as a family and read today's Gospel, Matthew 6:1-6,16-18. Remind yourselves that Jesus expected that his disciples would give alms, pray, and fast and that he gave instructions that when we do those things, they should not be done for show. Determine one way that your family will give alms during Lent to share what you have with people in need. Decide upon one way that your family will pray together during Lent and choose one thing that your family will give up during Lent as a reminder of your love for God. Agree to encourage one another in whatever Lenten promises each has made individually. Pray together that God will bless your family's Lenten promises by praying together today's psalm, Psalm 51, and/or praying the Lord's Prayer. Ref: © Copyright Loyola Press. All Rights Reserved. Used with permission. <http://www.loyolapress.com>

Thank You

A big Thank You is extended to all the staff and volunteers at St Peter Chanel Catholic School for the amazing amount of hours that were put in to get the school ready for 2018. After an incredible building project, it is very rewarding for all involved to finally be settled into new classrooms and new working spaces. This appreciation is also extended to our students, families and the wider school community for being very patient and understanding during this process.

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Welcome

Welcome to all our new families and new staff members. As mentioned in an earlier letter we have three new staff members joining St Peter Chanel this year:

Miss Anne Kennedy: Grade 1 Teacher

Miss Ky Sutherland: Prep Teacher

Mr Brendan Rose: PE Teacher and ICT Co-ordinator

Warm regards,

Mrs Christina Gretton

ACTING PRINCIPAL

School Uniform

A reminder that girls are required to wear blue socks with their summer uniform. They are available at the school to purchase for \$15.00 for a pack of three.

Newsletters

Recently we did a facebook poll on how parents prefer to receive their newsletters and it showed that many families like to receive a hard copy in school bags. As well as providing this for families, we will still have the newsletter available online via skoolbag and our website. We will be trialling a more interactive newsletter in the coming months, however, hard copies will still be available for those families that prefer this method. Thank you all for your feedback.

Learning Treasures 2018

Learning Treasures will commence on Monday 19th February for Term One. Please see page five for further information.

Welcome BBQ & Parent Information Evening

As per the letter sent home last week, we will be holding our school Welcome BBQ on Wednesday 21st February from 5.00pm - 6.00pm. This will be followed by our Parent Information Sessions in classrooms. Please kindly RSVP for catering purposes to the office. We look forward to seeing you all there.

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The Parent Information Evening will consist of two half hour sessions in the classrooms:

Session 1: 6:00pm - 6:30pm

Session 2: 6:30pm - 7:00pm (repeat of session 1)

You only need to attend one of the sessions as the same information will be offered at each session. This will allow families with more than one child to attend sessions with different teachers. If you are unable to attend the Parent Information Sessions, a letter with the details from the sessions, will be sent home to all families.

Bookclub

Issue 1 Book Club orders are due Friday 23rd February.

Grade Six MJR Leadership Camp

Yesterday our Grade Six students went to Camp Clayton for their overnight MJR Leadership camp.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Danielle Hodgetts on her exciting news that she is expecting her third child. We wish Danielle, Jack, Jackson and Kade all the best for their next chapter.

Queensland Fruit Fly - Information for schools, parents and students

Fruit fly has recently been detected at sites in Tasmania. The Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment (DPIPWE) has formally declared Control Areas to restrict movement, transport and supply of host fruit.

Fruit fly can physically damage fruit and some vegetables, and significantly restrict trade of fresh fruit and vegetables into valuable markets in Australia and overseas.

If left unchecked, the presence of fruit fly in Tasmania could impact negatively on the state economy. Our focus is on public information and community education to spread awareness about fruit fly and to explain why the protocols and measures currently in place are necessary.

Fruit Disposal

All fruit is required to be double bagged. Place fruit inside a plastic bag, seal that bag then place inside another bag and seal, this can then be disposed of in general waste bins; fruit must not be composted or disposed of in green waste as fruit fly larvae can survive the composting process.

If disposed in large skip bins we ask that the lids be kept closed and it is arranged that they are emptied regularly.

Tasmanians and visitors are encouraged to be fruit fly aware and to be vigilant about these pests. For more information about fruit fly in Tasmania, visit <http://dpiwwe.tas.gov.au/fruitfly>

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Student Free Days for 2018

The mandated Student Free Days scheduled for 2018 are **Friday, 6th July** (end Term 2) and **Monday, 23rd July** (beginning Term 3). These dates are scheduled by the Tasmanian Catholic Education Office for staff professional development.

Local Hockey

The combined Under 14's and Saints Under 16's Hockey registration day will be on Tuesday, 27th February from 5.30pm - 6.30pm. Anyone wishing to play this season is asked to come along on the night to register and try out. If you are unable to come along but would like to play please contact Karlette Perry for U14's on 0429198034 or Nigel Kingston for U16's on 0429198034 prior to the registration day.

School Banking

School Banking day is Tuesday and will commence next week. For more information please see the office.

House of Assembly Outreach Program

Our Grade Six students will take the school bus to the Smithton High School on Tuesday, 20 February from 11am-12:45pm to participate in the House of Assembly Education Office School Outreach Programme. The students will be escorted by Mrs Jaffray Morf and Miss Pitt. Students are to wear their full summer uniform for this day please.

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ST PETER CHANEL LEARNING TREASURES

EXPLORE. PLAY. DISCOVER

BIRTH-FOUR YEARS

MONDAY 9:00AM-10:30AM

BEGINNING MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2018.

RE News

'Come back to the Lord with all your heart during Lent!'

What a wonderful way to invite us to celebrate Lent. This was a simple message from our spiritual leader, Pope Francis. I'm sure you can acknowledge that Pope Francis has a way of expressing God's will with genuine passion. His simplicity, compassion and absolute faith, encourages us, the everyday person, to want to be like him...like Jesus! Pope Francis hits the nail on the head when discussing Lent. He reminds us:

The Church offers us the Lenten practices of prayer, almsgiving, and fasting. Prayer allows us to eradicate "secret lies" and "self-deception," and we find "the consolation God offers,". Almsgiving frees us from greed; it helps us regard others as brothers and sisters. "How I would like almsgiving to become a genuine style of life for each of us!" he says. Fasting "weakens our tendency to violence" reviving "our desire to obey God," who alone can satisfy our hunger.

Within the next few days, students will be coming home with Caritas Project Compassion boxes. This opportunity allows us to help form solidarity with the poor, to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. Please help support life changing programs. Thank you to Mrs. Hodgetts and her class for leading our Ash Wednesday Mass and it was wonderful to have students' families share this special event in our Catholic community.

On Sunday 25th February, we will be having our first Youth Mass for the year and this will include a Commissioning Ceremony for SPC staff members.

Mass will be held at 5pm, please join us in a welcoming and lively community environment!

*Alter servers for Youth Mass, Sunday 25th February at 5pm are: Kohan Bishop, Ben Donovan and Mason Howard.

Peace, Love and Joy,
Mrs Andrea Jaffray Morf

Look at these wonderful images Grade 5/6 created, representing Lent.



PASTORAL CARE AND WELLBEING

TUNING INTO KIDS 2018

A parenting program that helps children learn to understand and regulate their emotions. Tuning into Kids is a 3 week program that aims to give you helpful ways of teaching your child the skills of emotional intelligence.

**Avoid a meltdown:
help kids express
BIG feelings.**



Where: SPC

When: 27th February

6th & 13th March

Time: 9am - 11am

Skills Gained:

- Awareness and regulation of your own emotions
- Awareness of your children's emotions
- Skills in assisting children to verbally label and manage their emotions
- Skills in assisting children in problem solving

Contact Donna Porteus for further Details.

Mobile: 0418 141 320

BREAKFAST CLUB

Welcome back to a new fresh start to the year. Breakfast club is held in the new hall kitchenette at the rear of the main building. If your child has missed breakfast or been on a long bus journey to school they are welcome to access this free program of toast and hot milo (in the winter).

If you, as a parent, carer or Grandparent are able to assist spreading toast between 8.15 and 9am once a fortnight, it would be greatly appreciated. Give me a call on 0418141320 for more details. Any donations of Vegemite, UHT milk, milo, jam or honey welcome.

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Calendar of Events - February/March

12	13 - Grade 6 MJR Leadership Camp - School Banking Starts	14 - Grade 6 MJR Leadership Camp 9.00am - Ash Wednesday Whole School Mass	15	16
19	20 - Grade 6 House of Assembly outreach program 11.00am at SHS	21 - Welcome BBQ 5-6pm - Parent Information Sessions 6-7pm	22	23 - Issue 1 Bookclub Due
26	27	28	1	2 - World Day of Prayer, Prayer Service Led by 5/6 12.20pm
5	6	7	8	9
12 - 8Hr Day Public Holiday	13	14	15	16 - Bullying No Way Day - St Patrick's Day Prayer Service led by Grade 4 12.20pm

Sunday 25th - Youth Mass 5.00pm

Term Dates 2018

Term One - 8th February - 13th April

Term Two - 30th April - 6th July

Term Three - 23rd July - 28th September

Term Four - 15th October - 20th December

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