## Calendar of Events

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### REGULAR PROGRAM DATES:

**Learning Treasures** – Term One
9.00am - 10.30am
Monday 29th February
Monday 7th March
Monday 21st March

**Term Two**
Monday 2nd May - Monday 20th June

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### 2016

**Term One** - Thursday 4th February - Friday 8th April
**Term Two** - Tuesday 26th April - Friday 1st July
**Term Three** - Monday 18th July - Friday 23rd September
**Term Four** - Monday 10th October - Thursday 15th December

### Banking Details:

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REFERENCE: Your Name
A word from the Principal…

Firstly, I would like to thank our staff for their attendance at Sunday’s Staff Commissioning Mass. The following pledge was recited by all staff:

*May your spirit, Lord, live among us as we serve you in our ministry. Let us seek through prayer a constant encounter with Christ, so that we create in our school community an atmosphere filled with the gospel spirit of freedom and love.*

*Let us foster the loving relationship between parents, students, staff and parish so that the goals of our school will be achieved and the mission of Jesus to bring good news to all people will be achieved.*

We need to be very clear on our purpose at St Peter Chanel Catholic School. This purpose is often underpinned by the work of the school’s founders, the Sisters of St Joseph. We have a responsibility to continue their work in the same spirit of compassion, service, courage and justice.

The story of Saint Peter Chanel gives a great example of taking the good news to others. We too have that opportunity to bring good news to others through our treatment of others, as modelled by Jesus.

Our Catholic culture and ethos is evident in our school through our outreach to others, sense of service, participation in liturgy and rituals, and other activities that help to define who we are. As Christians, we are challenged to live life to its capacity. This includes reaching our god-given potential, recognising the gifts we have been given as well as our identifying our areas for improvement. The season of Lent is obviously a good time for self-examination! Our Catholic culture and ethos is clearly defined further in this newsletter.

Very best wishes for the week ahead.

Mr Gregg Sharman
PRINCIPAL
Class Captains
Congratulations to the following students on their nomination as class captains:
Prep - Lewis Sheehan & Grayson Ollington
Grade One - Zahli Wescombe & Hugo Pedder
Grade Two - Brennan Wells & Alexander Grey
Grade 3/4 H - Ella Cobbing & Milana Thorp
Grade 3/4 JM - Krystal Orders & Jonah Evans
Grade 5 - Leahna McLaren & Jack Kay
Grade 6 School Leaders - Tamali Airey, Dahlia Bryan, Hugh Dwyer & Charli Kay
House captains - Gibson - Paige Garton
Hanlon - Amelia Turner & Savannah Wigg
Marian - Hannah Mandia

These students will be regularly meeting with Miss Pitt, our Student Leadership coordinator.

Requirement for Email Addresses
We will be asking families for email addresses. We have two purposes behind this request:
To update our email list and decrease our carbon footprint
All students have an online portfolio for parents and family members to access 24/7.

Newsletters are available via our school app, website and email. Should you still require a paper copy of the newsletter please contact the school office.

Although portfolios are digital, you have the capacity to print these in colour as well as recording on CD or DVD.

Goal Setting Sessions
Goal Setting Sessions will be held on Tuesday 1st March. Thank you to those that have returned their goal setting forms. This form is available to complete on the school app under ‘eForms’ should you have misplaced the one sent home.

A timetable will be sent home to families on Thursday.

Assembly
Tomorrow, we will have our first assembly for 2016. Grade One, 3/4JM and Grade Five will be presenting along with the presentation of badges to our class and school captains. All family, friends and parishioners are warmly invited to come along.

Grade Six GRIP Leadership Day
On 2nd March, Grade Six students along with Miss Meghan Edwards and Ms Donna Porteus will be travelling to Burnie by bus for the GRIP Leadership day. Students should be dressed in full sports uniform with leavers t-shirts. Students will be departing school at 7.45am sharp and returning to school at 3.30pm.
Loose Parts Play
This year we are excited to be introducing a ‘loose parts’ space to our school grounds. Loose parts are items and materials that children can use in their play. We are currently seeking donations of suitable unwanted items. Please see the flyer further in the newsletter for further information.

School Photos
A reminder to families that school photos will be on Thursday 7th April and students are required to be wearing their full summer uniform.

School Banking
School banking has started. Our Banking Day is TUESDAY.
Don’t forget to encourage your child to send in their bank book to get fantastic rewards and be in the draw to win a trip to the Australian Zoo to meet Robert and Bindi Irwin. You only need to bank 15 times before end of Term 3. If you have misplaced your child’s book, leave a message at the office and a book will be sent home with your child within the next week.
If you would like your child to join CBA Dollarmites school banking, go to any CBA branch with a copy of your child’s birth certificate. It is as easy as that!
Congratulations on teaching your child how to save.

Hockey News
If your child is interested in playing hockey this winter season, could you please place their name and grade on the sheets outside the office window. Please note that children from Kinder to Grade 3 play on Saturday mornings and Grades 4-6 play on Friday nights. Season commences in April. Any queries can be directed to Jo Cartledge at school.

Congratulations
Congratulations to the following families:

Chancie, Stuart and Piper on the arrival of Emasyn.
Kelly, Justin, Mia, Logan, Tamali & Nate on the arrival of Reef.
Sharni, Darryl, Lachlan and Sabella on the arrival of Adeline.

School Canteen
This Friday 26th February, will be the final canteen until further notice. New arrangements will be made very soon and we will keep families updated.
Aiming High Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have received Aiming High awards (formerly Principal awards). These will be presented at tomorrow’s assembly.

**Kinder** - Reef Poke - For always having beautiful manners

**Prep** - Esmay Ollington - For impeccable classroom conduct

**Grade One** - Samantha King - For always working hard to extend her learning and understanding

**Grade Two** - Georgia Poke - For her outstanding application to all learning areas

**Grade 3/4 JM** - Miah Blake - For her excellent application in all Literacy activities

**Grade 3/4 H** - Milana Thorp - For being consistent with completing all set tasks to a high standard

**Grade 5** - Georgia Gale - For her perseverance, attitude and non-stop effort to all learning tasks

**Grade 6** - Dahlia Bryan - For her confident and enthusiastic approach towards all tasks and for stepping out of her comfort zone

Kinder awards will be presented in class until they commence attending assemblies later in the year.
The annual Grade 6 MJR Leadership Camp was held on Monday 8th - Tuesday 9th February at Camp Clayton. This camp, essentially, encourages and supports our students to step out of their comfort zones and to truly put their leadership skills into action. I must report that I was vastly impressed with the manner in which all our Grade 6 students stepped out of their comfort zones and embraced all challenges with a positive attitude.

One of my favourite phrases is “challenges are just opportunities ready for you to explore”. There were a number of times throughout the camp when our students were given a number of complex challenges that required them to work as a team to achieve the desired result. These students took the opportunity and delivered the desired result time and time again!

Our sixes were required to organise themselves on a log in alphabetical order, climb through a spider web without re-using any part of the web, have every team member climb over a flat wall which was 1.5 metres high, participate in the giant swing (all students took the plunge) use 3 planks to take a mannequin on a stretcher from one end of an obstacle course to another, and fly across the flying fox (again all students took the plunge). We are all encouraged to step out of our comfort zones and embrace challenges with a positive attitude which will enable us to succeed in accepting new opportunities.

I look forward to working with our Grade 6 students on a fortnightly lesson titled “team work in action” where we will continue to provide our leaders with the best opportunities to succeed as the leaders of our School Community.

I would like to thank Miss Edwards, Mrs Hodgetts and Mr Smith for all their support and tireless efforts throughout the camp. Lastly, I would like to thank all our Grade 6 students. You all lived the Spirit of Jesus throughout the camp and the way you all stepped out of your comfort zones was just sensational!

Best wishes to our Grade 6 students on the busy year ahead. Remember: Attitudes are contagious, is yours worth catching?

Miss Nicki Pitt
Learning Treasures

Our Learning Treasures program (Birth – 4) has commenced for Term 1! This is a free program for young children and parents to attend and explore a range of play-based activities on offer. It is a great opportunity for families to become familiar with the school environment in a relaxed and friendly environment.

Upcoming Dates
9:00 – 10:30am

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We look forward to getting to know you over the coming weeks!

Ella Swinden
Jo Cartledge

Learning Treasures
Co-ordinators
Learning and Teaching News…

Loose Parts Play

‘Play is our brain’s favourite way of learning.’

Diane Ackerman

Children learn so much through play. It allows them to explore, discover, negotiate, take risks, create meaning and solve problems – all the important foundations for developing literacy, numeracy and social skills.

This year we are excited to be introducing a ‘loose parts’ space to our school grounds. Loose parts are items and materials that children can use in their play. They are items with no defined use that can be moved, adapted, controlled, changed and manipulated. Loose Parts Play provides a range of creative and decision-making opportunities: to build, to invent, to choose, to collaborate and consider. The possibilities are endless for how they can be used.

We are therefore beginning to build up items for our loose parts area. These items could range from pots and pans to tyres and wood. Basically anything that a child can play with! It would be wonderful if you could work alongside your child to donate any unwanted items from the list below.

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If you have any questions or would have items to donate, please contact Miss Ella Swinden - AP/EY.
Our 1st meeting for the year will be held on Wednesday at 6.30pm at the school. All new and old members are welcome.

**Meeting Dates for the Year:**

Term 1 – Wednesday 2nd March 2016 at 6.30 p.m.
Term 2 – Wednesday 4th May 2016 at 1.00p.m.
Term 3 – Wednesday 27th July 2016 at 6.30p.m.
Term 4 – Wednesday 19th October 2016 at 1.00p.m.

We value everyone who chooses to join the P&F and like to hear of anything that will enhance our children’s learning and experience at St Peter Chanel Catholic School. Please come along and see if there is something you may be able to contribute to your children’s school. There is always something. We don’t require you to “do” everything. It may be you sell raffle tickets down the street one day, you may know someone who could donate prizes for our raffles, you may be able to cook, good at taking minutes, help in the kitchen at our disco or quiz night, wrap prizes for the raffles, serve sausages at the athletics carnival or sell one of our chocolate boxes! There are a lot of things you can involve yourselves in but it doesn’t need to be everything! Just one or two things make life easy for everyone. Many hands make light work. We look forward to meeting you.

**Easter Raffle**

Parents and Friends will be having an Easter Raffle again this year. It is early this year! For those new to our school, this fundraiser has been very successful in the past – mostly due to the wonderful efforts made by our parent community. We ask that parents kindly donate an Easter Egg or Easter item that can be used as raffle prizes. Could these please be dropped off to our school office by Monday 7th March.

All families will be provided with a raffle book containing 20 tickets that can be purchased for $1.00 each. Please write on both sides i.e. Mr Smith on one side, next ticket on other side would be Mrs Jones. Each ticket is to have a name and a phone number. Any confusion please ask at the office or a P&F member. We would appreciate families selling tickets if able. Can you please return all sold or unsold books to the office by Monday 14th March. If you are able to sell more tickets, extra books will be available from the office. We will be drawing the raffle on Thursday 17th March in the afternoon. Many thanks for your help to make this successful and for supporting your children’s school.

**Football Tipping Competition**

Natalie King will be running the AFL Footy Tipping Competition again this year for the Parents and Friends. The season consists of 23 rounds. We don’t include the Finals. It is too difficult to get forms out to paper option tippers so it will finish at the end of Round 23. The cost will be $2.00 per round which will mean $46.00 for the complete season. There is a weekly prize of $20.00 per round at this stage. This weekly prize will be dependant on how many tippers we get. **More people mean a higher weekly prize!** The same applies to the end of season prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Students will be given a sheet with two options to be involved. Online option or Paper Option.

**Online Option** : Please login to [www.footytips.com.au/comps/spcschooltipsters](http://www.footytips.com.au/comps/spcschooltipsters), Password : winners. You will need to make yourself a profile and then you can load your tips. You can also download the footytips app to your phone or ipad. Please send your form with your name, alias, phone details, funds and class number (should you win Natalie needs to know where to give the winnings).

(Previous tippers, please check, you may still be able to use last years username and password)

**Paper Option** : Fill out the manual form, Label envelope Footy Tipping and hand to the office with your $2.00. Please have your tipping to the office by 9.00am every Friday morning. If there is a Thursday night game you need to have it in to the office by 9.00am on the Thursday morning. This is due to personal commitments by Natalie. We are hoping to get at least 30-40 participants. Our end of year top three should receive a substantial sum as well as the P&F raising some funds for our school and students. And most of all it is a fun thing to be involved!

*If anyone has any questions please contact Natalie King 0417 968 110.*
Social & Emotional Wellbeing

We are beginning to introduce the recognising & understanding of our emotions through a new session called “Together we can Be”, this replaces peer support. Last week we began our session with a clip from the movie “Inside Out” then chose a food that we don’t like & how it makes us feel if we are made to eat it. This encouraged the children to discuss their feelings verbally & as a group. At the beginning of next week we will be introducing an “Emotion Wall” in every classroom. Children will be able to choose 5 different emotions to place their name under for observation by Teachers, Aides & the Leadership Team. Our aim is to monitor the emotional wellbeing of all our students to enhance their learning capabilities.

BREAKFAST CLUB

A big thank you to those children who have helped me out for the first 3 weeks of this term. Your willingness to lend a helping hand is very much appreciated. I have now worked out a weekly roster & you will receive a note in the class basket the Thursday before the week you are rostered on. If you don’t receive a note it means you’re not yet rostered. Amazing that I have 40 students keen to assist so it may be 2 weeks before you are rostered. Thank you all for wanting to give.

URGENTLY in need of some vegemite. If you would like to help us out by donation please leave at the office. I also require parental assistance on a Friday if anybody can afford approximately an hour of their time, please let me know.

Thanks Donna xx


Catholic Culture and Ethos

As members of our Catholic community, we strive to provide opportunities for all to develop spiritually, building their personal relationship with God. Through links in our parish community, our identity continues to evolve. This relationship, coupled with the heritage of the school’s founding order, the Sisters of St Joseph, fosters our work in social outreach projects. In particular it guides our work with the disadvantaged, marginalised and one another. We acknowledge and value the role the indigenous people and their traditional relationship with the natural environment, recognising our current and future social responsibilities as stewards of this ancient land. The evangelising mission of the school is promoted through leadership. The Catholicity of the school, through its culture, faith traditions, policies, practices and curriculum, are strongly supported and celebrated. We are an inclusive community and hold a great respect for all humanity, regardless of culture, race or religion.

Catholic Identity

We aim to deepen our understanding of the authentic nature of our Catholic identity, its scope, its heritage and its significance, and how we can communicate and deepen that within the Circular Head Parish and wider community. We identify with our patron saint, Peter Chanel, whose Marist values of inclusion, hospitality and service are witnessed in many aspects of school life.

Formation

St Peter Chanel Catholic School is both an educating and faith-centred community. We give an authentic voice to the religious dimension of life as a community of faith. Our school’s culture, through the life witness of members and the curriculum, are means by which the school community invites its members into a conversation motivated and inspired by the good news of Jesus Christ.

Religious Education

Religious Education at St Peter Chanel Catholic School provides for the contemporary, personalised learning and spiritual needs of all students. The school will ensure high quality practice in teaching, learning and programs in Religious Education. The sacraments of initiation are supported in collaboration with the parish, professional learning and the spiritual formation of religious educators in the school as facilitated and challenges presented by the community are addressed with action and compassion.

Faith in Action

Developing a comprehensive program that provides opportunities for all to be involved in a variety of social justice activities, particularly those that are linked to parish and Archdiocesan initiatives. Our school culture is built on the heritage and values of our founding order, the Sisters of St Joseph. Mutual respect, generosity, love and compassion are expressed through our everyday actions. Through a vibrant relationship with our parish, we aim to support those disadvantaged and marginalised, connecting with others both in local and global contexts.
During Lent our prayers, fasting and almsgiving are opportunities to prepare for the Easter celebration.

But what is almsgiving?

Almsgiving is the donation of money or goods to the poor, and the performing of other acts of charity.

One opportunity for almsgiving is through donations to Church ministries like Caritas Australia.

Caritas Australia is the international aid and development organisation of the Catholic Church in Australia.

It:
- Delivers long-term development programs
- Helps people regardless of ethnicity, religion or political beliefs
- Works with the poorest of the poor
- Helps people help themselves

Project Compassion is Caritas Australia's annual fundraising and awareness-raising appeal, bringing thousands of Australians together in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. It runs through the six weeks of Lent each year, and is the lifeblood of Caritas Australia. Without the funds generated during Lent it could not do the vital work it does.

St Peter Chanel School aims to imbue its students with a caring, generous heart for others. Consequently we encourage each child to consider giving some of their own precious money as a donation to Project Compassion. We have sent home to each family a Project Compassion Donation Box which can be returned to school in the week before Easter.

In 2016, Caritas Australia celebrates 50 years since the first national appeal was held in Lent of 1965. That appeal raised the equivalent of $90,000 towards community 'self-help' projects in countries like Papua New Guinea, Vietnam and Malaysia. In Lent 2015, incredibly generous supporters raised a record-breaking $11.57 million for Project Compassion!

The St Peter Chanel School community looks forward to assisting Project Compassion this year to raise funds and awareness in support of the world's poor in Lent 2016.

Mr Gerry McMahon - Prayer and Liturgy Co-ordinator
Residents of Circular Head are being asked to help shape the next 25 years of four Council areas. Your views will help form the Sustainable Murchison Community Plan, which is an initiative of the Burnie, Circular Head, King Island, Waratah-Wynyard and West Coast Councils to provide a unified vision for Murchison over the next 25 years. There is an online survey, discussion board and polls for the project hosted at www.placespeak.com/murchison2040. Copies of the survey and a postcard with key questions are also available at Circular Head Council. There are also a number of pop up events and a community workshop to discuss the project with dates and locations available on the project website and advertised via The Advocate Newspaper. Circular Head Council looks forward to hearing your vision for the future.