## Calendar of Events

**Issue 5 / 6th April 2016**

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### REGULAR PROGRAM DATES:

**Learning Treasures – Term Two**
Monday 2nd May - Monday 20th June

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### Banking Details:

**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**

**REFERENCE: Your Name**
A word from the Principal

As a principal, I continually am looking through a well-being ‘lens’. How are staff, students and their families progressing academically, socially and emotionally, particularly at this late stage of the term. How kind are we being to others? How kind are we being to ourselves? Our school leadership team have staff, student and community well-being as an ongoing agenda item for weekly meetings. This is an absolute priority for us.

Donna Porteus, our Pastoral Worker and Well-Being Coordinator placed a reminder on one of our walls around our inability to serve when we are low on energy ourselves. The holiday break is certainly a good time to refresh for staff and students. For staff, finding the balance between having a good rest, enabling to serve fully once returned, and catching up on the jobs that need to be done is fraught with danger. Some find this harder than others!

We are called to reflect on the kindness that we show through our service to others. Are there any simple gestures of kindness that you could undertake this week? How have you experienced the kindness of others in the small things of life? Is there someone in our school, workplace, community, that is isolated or excluded? Be kind to them. Offer them the gift of your friendship. These are very small acts of service that can have a big impact.

After a very busy term, I wish you every blessing for the remainder of the week and the school holiday period. I am confident that we can continue to build on our very positive start to the school year.

Warm regards

Mr Gregg Sharman
PRINCIPAL
**News continued …**

**Hockey**
Hockey will commence the first week of Term Two. Please ensure your child is registered as per the letter that was sent home to those families. If you have any inquiries please see the office or Mrs Jo Cartledge.

**School Photos**
School photos are tomorrow, Thursday 7th April. Students are required to be in full summer uniform. Photo order envelopes must be returned, even if you are not ordering photos.

**Winter Uniform Change Over**
The change over period will be the first two weeks of Term Two. For those two weeks students are able to wear either full summer uniform or full winter uniform, not a combination of both. Please contact the school office should you need to purchase new uniform items.

**Skool Bag**
Our Skool Bag app is now available on Android and Windows! We have already had 125 families download the app on apple devices. We are asking parents/students to install our Skoolbag School App. To install it, just search for our school name St Peter Chanel Catholic School in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store. For Windows Phone, and Windows 8.1 or 10 users, search for Skoolbag in the Windows store, and install the app and find our school.

**Sacramental Program 2016**
Archbishop Porteous will be in Circular Head on Sunday 21st August to confirm children of the Parish. Could you let Mr McMahon or any staff member, know if you want your child/children to be involved in this year's Sacramental Program. The Sacraments are First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation. Full details of the Program will be available in Week 2 Term 2

**Marist Information Evening**
We are hosting this year's Marist Regional College Information Evening this afternoon from 4:30pm. All welcome.

**Anzac Day**
All students are invited to represent our school at the 2016 Anzac Day March.

The main service will commence at the Smithton Cenotaph at 10:30am. We will assemble in front of the Reject Shop at 10:00am, ready for the commencement of the march at 10:15am. It is required that full winter uniform be worn and that each student behaves appropriately.

All SRC members have received a letter today, personally inviting them to represent our School Community at the march.

Mr Sharman, Miss Pitt and Mrs Plapp will be supervising the students. Please see Miss Pitt if you have any questions.
Feast Day 2016

Fr. Peter Chanel was ordained in 1827 at the age of 24 and joined the Society of Mary (Marist Fathers) in 1831. In 1836 the vast mission field of the south-west Pacific was entrusted to the Society of Mary and Fr. Peter Chanel led a band of missionaries to Oceania. They landed on the island of Futuna with the missionaries immediately cut off from the outside world. There were many challenges and consequently the progress in bringing the Good News of Christ was slow.

Our school was named after this Patron Saint of Australia. Fr. Peter Chanel's selflessness and love slowly began to have an effect on the natives and they gave him the name 'the man with the good heart'.

As a School Community we celebrate our Feast Day on St Peter Chanel's Feast Day, April 28th. Details for this day are outlined below:

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Parents, grandparents, caregivers and extended members of our School Community are warmly invited to join with us as we celebrate this special day in our school year.
Congratulations
A few messages of congratulations:
- Mrs Danielle Hodgetts on her son, Kade’s baptism on Sunday
- Miss Ella Swinden for her wedding on the weekend. We will welcome her back to school as Mrs Plapp in Term Two
- Mr Nick Hart and his wife on their news that they are expecting their second child in June
- Mrs Denise Spinks and her husband celebrated their 30th Wedding anniversary this week

Condolences
Our sincere condolences to Ms Donna Porteus on the passing of her Mother earlier this week. Our thoughts and prayers are with Donna and her family at this time.

iPad Adaptors
Families that purchased iPads through the school are now able to come into the office to exchange the adaptors as per the adaptor recall. You will only be able to exchange your adaptor when you bring your original adaptor into school.

Statewide Principal Meeting
Last week, Mr Sharman attended the statewide Catholic Principals meeting on Thursday and Friday. Tomorrow, Mr Sharman will be at Campbell Town for another statewide meeting.

Later this year, the school will be installing high speed teleconference facilities to not only elevate staff absences from school, but also help maintain staff well being by reducing travel time and associated expectations.

Cross Country
Details around our school cross country, to be held next term, will be sent home to families tomorrow.
**What is NAPLAN?**
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

**Why do students do NAPLAN tests?**
NAPLAN is the measure through which governments, education authorities, schools, teachers and parents can determine whether or not young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy. The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. They also provide schools, states and territories with information about how education programs are working and what areas need to be prioritised for improvement.

NAPLAN tests are one aspect of a school’s assessment and reporting process; they do not replace the extensive ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student’s performance.

**What will be tested and how?**
NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. From 2016, NAPLAN content will be aligned with the Australian Curriculum.

For more information on this please see the NAP website: [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au). Questions are multiple-choice or require a short written response. The writing task requires students to write a text in response to a prompt.

To give you an idea of what the tests look like, sample questions and a sample writing task are available on the NAP website: [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au)

**Who will run the tests?**
NAPLAN tests are conducted at schools and administered by classroom teachers, school deputies or principals. Each state and territory is responsible for marking the tests in accordance with strict guidelines and processes.

**How can I help my child prepare for the tests?**
NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students have already been learning through the school curriculum. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance. If you have any questions about your child’s preparation for NAPLAN, you should make a time to speak with their teacher.

The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure your child that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

**What additional support can schools provide for students with special needs?**
All students are encouraged to participate in NAPLAN tests. Students with disability may qualify for adjustments that reflect the support normally provided in the classroom. Students who have a temporary injury may also be reasonably accommodated.

A formal exemption may be granted for a student with significant intellectual disability and/or significant coexisting conditions, or for a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background.

Your school principal and your state testing authority can give you more information on special provisions or the process required to gain a formal exemption.
How is NAPLAN performance measured?
NAPLAN is not a pass-or-fail type test. Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each test. Each test scale has 10 bands and all year levels are reported on the same scale. Six bands are reported for each year level for each test. One of these bands represents the national minimum standard for students at each year level. A result at the national minimum standard indicates that the student demonstrated the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level. The performance of individual students can be compared to the average performance of all students in Australia.

What happens if my child is absent from school on test days?
Where possible, schools will organise for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during the testing week. Individual students are not permitted to sit tests after Friday 13 May 2016.

Will I receive a report on my child’s performance?
A NAPLAN report will be issued by your school later in the year. The same report format is used for every student in Australia. The school will notify you when the reports are being sent to you. If you do not receive a report, you should contact the school. Individual student results are strictly confidential.

How are NAPLAN test results used?
- Schools use results to identify strengths and weaknesses in teaching programs and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review programs and support offered to schools.
- Students and parents may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to help them better identify students who require greater challenges or additional support.
- The community can see average school NAPLAN results on the My School website: www.myschool.edu.au

Where can I get more information?
For more information about NAPLAN:
- visit the NAP website www.nap.edu.au
- contact your child’s school
- contact your state or territory’s education authority (details available on the NAP website).

NAPLAN 2016 tests timetable

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- Language conventions test includes spelling, grammar and punctuation.
- Numeracy test includes number; space; algebra, function and pattern; measurement, chance and data.
- Calculators are NOT permitted in the numeracy test in Years 3 and 5. In Years 7 and 9, each student sits one numeracy test where calculator use is permitted and one where it is not.
Our next meeting for the year will be held on Wednesday 4\textsuperscript{TH} May at 6.30pm at the school. All new and old members are welcome.

**Football Tipping Competition**

Round 1 Winner – Father Phil

Round 2 Winner – Heather Grey

Reminder to all manual tippers to hand in Rounds 3, 4 and 5 by Friday 9.00am as this is the start of the school holidays. Many thanks.

If anyone has any questions please contact Natalie King 0417 968 110.
Human Well-Being
Human well-being is about enabling students, staff and communities to flourish, where “....all people, including those who live in poverty or who are marginalised ..... have their rights and dignity upheld” (The Archbishop’s Charter for Catholic Schools, p. 8). It is our priority to ensure that all members of our community are respected and valued. Our school will endeavour to stand in solidarity with those who are powerless and marginalised, at a local and global level.

Inclusivity
No child at St Peter Chanel Catholic School will be disadvantaged. Educational outcomes in key areas of enrolment, attendance, participation, literacy and numeracy are monitored closely. All students, regardless of socio-economic backgrounds, ethnicity and disability will be supported to achieve better educational performance.

Transition
We are committed to provide for student pathways to Marist Regional College and other secondary schools that are seamless, collaborative, supportive and responsive to individual needs to promote life long learning. We transition students between classes, through collaboration between teachers and partnership with home.

Pastoral Care
Through our Pastoral Care and Positive Behaviour Support, the safety, health and well-being of all community members is ensured. We recognise that staff are family-centred people and promote a healthy work-life balance.

Sustainability and Stewardship
We incorporate a respect for the environment through school practices. Our environment, where feasible, will reflect environmental “best practice”. Students will play an active role in caring for and respecting the environment. We aim to harness our natural resources such as heat and light energy, the land, as well as some of the cleanest air and water in the world to sustainably operate our school. Environmental, social and economic considerations are always made through our approach.

Workplace Health and Safety Practices
We ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, a safe and healthy working and learning environment for all students and personnel, including employees, volunteers, visitors and contractors is maintained.

Family Orientation, Partnerships and Relationships
At St Peter Chanel Catholic School, we will engage with parents, carers, families, other education and training providers, business and the broader community to support our students’ progress through schooling, and to provide them with rich learning, personal development and citizenship opportunities.
SAINT PETER CHANEL

In the first week of Term 2 the school will celebrate the Feast Day of St Peter Chanel. This is a significant event because he is the Patron Saint of our school.

A Patron Saint is a saint who is regarded as the heavenly advocate of a nation, place, craft, activity, class, clan, family or person. Catholics believe that a patron saint is able to intercede before God effectively for our needs.

Sr Carmel Jones RSJ, the first Principal of St Peter Chanel Catholic School, said that St Peter Chanel was chosen as patron saint in 1978 because as Patron Saint of Oceania he was the “closest saint to Australia.” The Marist Fathers from Burnie, who helped in the parish from time to time, were delighted that a saint of their religious order, The Society of Mary, was chosen to be the Patron Saint of the school.

What can we learn from our Patron Saint? Let’s look at three aspects of St Peter Chanel’s life: member of the Society of Mary, missionary, and martyr.

After his ordination to the priesthood in 1827 St Peter Chanel worked in a parish. In 1831 he joined the Society of Mary in the hope that he could fulfil his childhood dream of being a missionary. Later that year he was a member of the group that set sail for the South Pacific.

As a Marist St Peter Chanel attempted to imitate Mary the Mother of God in his spirituality and daily work. Father Colin, the founder of the Marists, said that Marists “must think as Mary, judge as Mary, feel and act as Mary in all things.” Their key understanding of Mary was that she lived the Gospel in a humble, modest and simple way. We need our patron, St Peter Chanel, to inspire us to live in “the spirit of Mary,” that is Mary’s way of judging reality, of making decisions and acting on them.

John Mula, the Director of Tasmanian Catholic Education, recently reflected on the Feast Of The Annunciation Of The Lord. He posed the question: Are we brave enough, trusting enough to answer “Yes” to God’s invitation to “bear Christ into the world”?

St Peter Chanel was a missionary. A missionary is a follower of Jesus who has experienced His love and forgiveness, and consequently wants to share the Gospel with people who have never been taught about Jesus before, and longs for them to put their trust in Jesus as the Saviour. He preached the Gospel to the inhabitants of the Polynesian island of Futuna. He had to suffer great hardships, disappointments, frustration, and almost complete failure as well as the opposition of the local chieftain. The work seemed hopeless: only a few had been baptized, and the chieftain continued to be suspicious and hostile. Are we able to trust God when we are experiencing difficulties in our life?

St Peter Chanel was a martyr. A martyr is somebody who died for their faith. When the chief’s son asked for baptism, the chief was so angry that he sent warriors to kill the missionary. Would we give our life for the faith that were baptised into? May St Peter Chanel inspire us to faithfully follow Jesus throughout our earthly lives.

- Mr Gerry McMahon - Prayer and Liturgy Co-Ordinator
Basketball Tasmania Holiday Camps

Basketball Tasmania conducts school holiday camps in each region every term. These camps are prepared by our professional coaching and administration staff so you know the camps will be organised, safe, and have camp content which matches up to Basketball Australia skills matrix for players.

Camps will lead by Basketball Tasmania staff and have guest appearances from SEABL Imports and also athletes from our High Performance and State Development Programs. All coaches attending camps will have a Current Working With Children Check.

In the upcoming April 2016 school holidays we have two different camps on offer:

**Shooting Camps – Boys and Girls – 9am to 3pm - $50 for 1 day.**

With so much of the modern game of basketball designed around principles of penetration and then kick out to open shooters the skill of shooting is more important than ever before. Our Basketball Tasmania expert coaches will take you through shooting technique, game shooting development, finishing skills and how to develop your own shot in your own time.

**Devonport Recreation Centre:**
- Monday 11 April – Under 12 and Under 14
- Tuesday 12 April – Under 16 and Under 18

**Elphin Sports Centre, Launceston:**
- Wednesday 13 April – Under 16 and Under 18
- Wednesday 20 April – Under 12 and Under 14

**Kingborough Sports Centre, Hobart:**
- Monday 11 April – Under 12 and Under 14
- Tuesday 12 April – Under 16 and Under 18

**Fun and Fundamentals Camps – Boys and Girls – 9am to 3pm - $80 for 2 days.**

Enjoy spending time with your friends, make new friends and learn new skills through playing fun games and activities. These camps are designed by our professional coaches to be fun, inclusive, safe and have high levels of involvement in games.

**Devonport Recreation Centre:**

**Elphin Sports Centre, Launceston:**

**Kingborough Sports Centre, Hobart** (conducted by KHBA – register through their website):

Scottsdale Stadium:
- Thursday 21 April and Friday 22 April –
  - Camp A: 2007-2010 born – 9am to 12noon each day $50pp.
  - Thursday 21 April and Friday 22 April –
  - Camp B: 2003-2006 born – 1pm to 4pm each day $50pp.

For further details or to register for these camps, please visit [www.basketballtasmania.com.au](http://www.basketballtasmania.com.au)
SMITHTON SAINTS HOCKEY CLUB

FAMILY FAIR

$2 P/P ENTRY

11.30am to 3.00pm

SUN 1ST MAY

@ HOCKEY COMPLEX

FACE PAINTING

THOMAS TRAIN

MINI GOLF

PONY RIDES

JUMPING CASTLE

BALLOON ART

SUGAR MANIA LOLLY STALL

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE

+ LOADS MORE