**Term 1**

**WEEK 7**
- CATHOLICS WEEK
  - 11th March: School Disco 6.30-8.00pm

**WEEK 8**
- 16th March: Stage 2 Excursion – Wombeyan Caves
- 18th March: Whole School Assembly

**WEEK 9**
- 21st March: Harmony Day
- 24th March: Easter Hat Parade
- 25th March: Good Friday

**WEEK 10**
- 28th March: Easter Monday
- 31st March: CPS Swimming Carnival
- 1st April: Cross Country

**WEEK 11**
- 6th April: KG Mothers Day Celebration
- 8th April: Last Day

**Term 2**

**WEEK 1**
- 27th April: All Students Return
- 28th April: Peter Lucas Cup
- 29th April: NR Cross Country in Crookwell

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**PROJECT COMPASSION**

Thank you to all those students and families who have and are still contributing to Project Compassion. Our school has raised over $200 so far. This appeal is one way our school supports social justice issues as part of Catholic social teaching.

As part of the Project Compassion fundraising appeal, the Mini Vinnies will be running an Easter raffle in Week 9. Tickets will be on sale outside the library during first and second break. Tickets are 50c each or three for $2. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 24th March and the prizes will be presented after the Easter Hat Parade.

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**RE NEWS**

**WEEK 7&8 Term 1**

10th March 2016

**HARMONY DAY**

Harmony Day is held on the 21st March every year. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it. The students will be participating in activities on Monday 21st March to celebrate Harmony Day.

**WAY OF THE CROSS**

We invite all parents and families to join us as we journey the Way of the Cross on Thursday 24th March at 10am in the school playground. The Year 3 students will lead the school through a dramatic presentation of the events of Holy Thursday and Good Friday. We remember Jesus’ love and sacrifice for us.

**MQA PARISH JUNIOR CHOIR**

The junior choir is in need of more singers and musicians. Practices are held twice a month on Friday afternoons during school term in the Sacristy of Ss Peter & Paul’s Cathedral at 4.15pm. Primary school children from Year 2 up are welcome. For more information please contact Barbara Hall ph. 48292197 or 0418413731 or contact the Parish office.
Dear parents and carers

Catholic Schools Week started with a lovely prayer celebration in the hall on Monday morning. In the afternoon the students enjoyed the lively performance of 'Ghana Beats My Drum.' Thank you to the many parents and friends who visited their children in the classrooms and enjoyed having lunch in the playground with them on Wednesday. The students are looking forward to the activities of Friday.

Congratulations to the children who have been representing our school at a variety of sporting events. You have been fine ambassadors of Ss Peter and Paul’s School.

Last week I attended the Principals Retreat at Bowral. Archbishop Christopher Prowse led the retreat. The sessions on Thursday and Friday focused on the ‘Year of Mercy’, prayer and Christian Meditation. One of the memorable highlights of the retreat again for me was the Mass on Thursday night. The Principals and consultants from the CE gathered in the prayer room in silence against the backdrop of trees. The only lights were the candles on the altar, while we prayed and sang together.

St Joseph’s Primary will be presenting Kaye Lowe at a parent information session on Tuesday at 7pm in their school hall, all Ss Peter & Paul’s parents are invited to attend. Kaye attend our school last year and was very informative.

Please continue to keep Mrs Trish Clark, Mrs Toni-Gaye Bush and their families in your prayers and thoughts.

“A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just." Pope Francis

Cherish your family each and every day

Maree

School Supervision
Our school provides teacher supervision for students from 8.30am onwards each morning. This early duty has been put in place due to the early arrival of buses. We ask parents to be very mindful of the time they drop their children off at school. If the children are here early it makes a long day for them. The afternoon duty begins at 3.20pm when school concludes and continues until the departure of the last bus and car from the car park in the afternoon. The school day begins at 9.20am with a morning assembly and all children need to be here for that gathered occasion.

School Counsellor
Mrs Kirsten Stafford, the school counsellor will be visiting our school each week on a Tuesday afternoon. If you wish your child to see the school counsellor please contact Maree Wilsmore.

Electronic Bully Box
At Ss Peter and Paul’s School we encourage all children to respect the rights of individuals and treat everyone with dignity. Children have the right to feel safe, supported and happy and to learn in a positive learning environment. Children are asked to report any bullying or suspected bullying as soon as possible to a teacher or use the Electronic Bully Box on the ‘Links’ page on the school website.

Kinder Enrolments for 2017
Please collect a Kindergarten application package from the school office and return it completed as soon as possible. If you know of any families that are interested in sending their child/ren to our school next year please encourage them to phone the school.

School Website
School - School leaders - Santa Sabina Camp Tallong
School - Curriculum - Peer Support Lesson 1
School - Management Plans - Refurbishment of Old Library and Music room
School Events - Catholic Schools Week
School Community Council - March SCC meeting report

This report is to inform the school community of some of the outcomes of the above meeting.

Welcome to Matthew Cockburn and Angela Tremble who were elected as parent representa-tives on the SCC.

Nicole Shiel and Leon Lincoln have offered to run the organising of soccer for the school this year.

We are waiting for numbers for netball so that teams can be organised.

Trivia night has now been cancelled and a walk-a-thon will be held in its place.

Prospective parent’s information night was held on 8th March 2016 for families wishing to hear more information about our school.

Flyers about the 2016 Kinder Readiness program are ready to be sent to preschools/day care centres. This program is directed at children wishing to start kindy next year. The program will start in term 2 and continue in term 3.

School is in the process of getting prices to purchase a new electric school bell.

The refurbishment of the old library is well under way and looking great!

ICAS
A friendly reminder about the ICAS testing. If you would like your child to sit the tests please complete the form that was sent out earlier in the term and return to the front office with the fee by Thursday 24 March.

Working Bee
Thank you to the staff and parents/grandparents that gave up their Saturday morning to assist us with the school working bee. We were able to clean the staff carpark and carline area, pull up the carpet and underlay in the old library (including a tip run), tidy the front gardens, cover library books, remove some old tables from classrooms and trim our hedges. We appreciate your contribution to the school.

School Facebook Page
For those that do not know, we have a school Facebook page. If you type Ss Peter and Paul’s Primary School Goulburn into the search bar at the top of the Facebook screen you can find our page. Please like and invite any other families from the school to like also. This is an added way of displaying to the community the great things we do here at our school. It is not replacing any other form of communication to parents.

School App
We now have 265 downloads of the app. Please keep your notifications turned on so that you receive the important messages we send out. I am restricted to 128 characters per message, so sometimes messages will need to be abbreviated to fit.

Take care
Grant
Archdiocesan Swimming Carnival
Our Northern Region swimming representatives did a fantastic job at the Archdiocesan Carnival in Queanbeyan last week. Parents reported that the children "swam out of their skin" and were great supporters not only of each other but all Northern Region representatives. We are very proud not only of their efforts but their excellent sportsmanship.

Results:
Brayden Crooks 3rd 100m F/S, 3rd 50m F/S
Sophie Pagett 3rd 50m Brst
Duke Shepherd 1st 50m F/S, 1st 50m Back, 1st 200m IM, 1st 50m Brst, 3rd 50m Fly
Junior Boys Relay (Duke Shepherd, Kane Crooks, Mack Shepherd & James Watson) 1st

Congratulations to Duke Shepherd and the Junior Boys Relay team that will now compete at the NSWCPs Swimming Championships in Sydney. We wish them an enjoyable and successful day.

Health Tip
Crunch & Sip at Ss Peter and Paul's Primary.
At Ss Peter and Paul’s we actively support healthy nutrition by having a daily Crunch and Sip break as part of our classroom routine. From Kinder to Year 6, each class has a designated time for students to eat a piece of fruit and/or vegetables and sip some water to help improve concentration and boost their daily intake of fruit and veggies.

You can support this health initiative by providing your child with easy to manage fruits and vegetables.

Some examples include:
- pre-cut apples or oranges.
- bananas
- a small container of grapes or watermelon cubes
- Carrot and celery sticks
- Cherry tomatoes
- pre-made fruit kebab
- berries in a container

Small fruit tubs may also be packed but please make sure they are in natural fruit juice.

Thank you for supporting this wonderful program!!

Ss Peter & Paul's Football Club
Information Day
12 to 2pm
Saturday 12th March
Cookbundoon Sports Ground

Season starts: 2nd April

For more information, please contact:
Nicole Shiel: nshiel@its.jnj.com or 0419 408 376
Leon Lincoln: lin5438@bigpond.net.au

Disco

When: Friday 11th March 2016
Time: 6.30-8.00pm
For: K-6
Where: School Hall
Theme: Sunshine Colours
Cost: $2
Hi everyone,

At this stage I will NOT be doing a Red Day this term due to working on the menu and leave. I promise to make this up next term with 2 Red Days.

I have some response to the newsletter request for helpers for Tummy Warmers. I am still looking to open Tues, Wed, Thurs. I currently have Wed & Thurs covered. If volunteers do not offer we will not be providing this service on Tuesday in winter.

If you are interested please feel free to give me a call to have a chat.

Best wishes
Dianne Bennett
Tuckshop Coordinator
0417 688 472

17th Mar Matilda Ratcliff, Matthew Tremble; 19th Mar James Seaman; 21st Mar Harry Pagett.

Many happy returns on your day!

Uniform Shop
Monday & Wednesday
9am to 9.30am.

Winter uniforms are now available to purchase

All enquiries to:
Danielle Haigh 0418 459 057

PLEASE REMEMBER TO
LABEL ALL CLOTHING
The P&F will meet twice a Term on the Wednesday night in weeks 2 & 6 in the library at 6.30pm.
All parents are welcome to come along & share ideas. It is a great opportunity to meet other parents.

School Banking is Monday.
Please remember to write your student ID & fill in the deposit slip correctly.

Term 1 reward is:
Flying Snake Tail
or
Wildlife Writer Set

Inquiries: Tim Gibson 0409 919 539
Teams in the U6—U12’s age divisions play in Goulburn on a Friday evening.

Kids Help Line
1800 551 800  www.kidshelp.com.au
24 hour telephone and online counselling for children and young people in Australia. This service is free, confidential and anonymous.
Other contact details for families if you need someone to talk to are:
Mental Health 1800 677 114
Lifeline 131 114

If you have school related news or information that you would like published in the fortnightly newsletter or wish the newsletter emailed to you please send a note into the school office clearly marked “Newsletter” tracey.kain@cg.catholic.edu.au or phone 0418 661 779 no later than Tuesday 12.30pm of each newsletter week.