Welcome to Term 3
Welcome to the third term in 2015 and the beginning of the second semester. We hope that your children had a good break and are refreshed for another exciting term of learning. Our teaching and learning team are raring to go and have readied a range of learning opportunities for their classes.
This is a short newsletter for the first week which will provide you with some important dates for the weeks ahead. We do hope that you remember to stay in touch should there be any issues, remembering that we constitute a partnership in the learning for your children. In future newsletters we will be also endeavouring to keep them shorter and to the point. Our year 6 students will also be taking a role to produce articles for the newsletter and the school website.

Staff Professional Learning Day
An important part of our staff development is the continual learning of new developments in the curriculum. As part of our continual partnership with our community of schools, over 60 teachers from St Peters PS, Tempe PS, Plunket Street PS, Marrickville PS and Marrickville West PS attended a PL day on Science and Technology at Tempe PS. Mr Lavitt presented on the importance of science as a partner to literacy and staff workshoped and completed activities with other staff. The benefits of this model of professional learning are immense.

Open Day – Monday 27 July
We will be holding an open day for all parents, grandparents and uncles and aunties to come into the school and see their relatives learning. We have a special assembly planned including the children’s author and educator Nadia Wheatley who is famous for the book ‘My Place’ which she wrote about the St Peters area of Sydney. The book features the school in many of its pages and offers a view on the tarmac over the Aboriginal country beneath. Nadia has agreed to be our resident writer in a school for the next 3 to 5 years. The agreement allows for Nadia to come into the school and work on specific projects with our students. At open day this relationship will be launched and she will provide a short presentation on how ‘My Place’ went from idea to book.
Although the day is one to celebrate our students learning, it will also be an opportunity for prospective families and their children to come into the school and see us in action. They are being invited to the assembly and afterwards a parent led tour of the school will commence, finishing in the library. Our existing student's parents are asked during this time to visit their children's classrooms. Our final part of open day will be an early lunch from 10.45am to 11.35pm, which weather permitting will see everyone gather in the school quadrangle. The P&C will be providing a complementary sausage sizzle for all students and families during this time.

We do hope that you will attend the open day and if you can't, ask your relatives if they can attend. Additionally, if you know families with children who may be close to school age, perhaps you could ask them to come along as well. We will provide more information shortly about open day.

**Athletics Carnival - Tuesday 28 July**

On Tuesday 28 July, all our students will be attending a joint St Peters PS – Tempe PS Athletics Carnival. As part of a continuing partnership with our community of schools, we will be endeavouring to provide a richer experience for our students by combining with Tempe PS. Ms Thomson is organising the carnival and will soon be getting a note out to all students. Our children will travel by bus to and from the carnival for which there will be a fee. I know many of our students are looking forward to this opportunity. Thanks to Miss Thomson for organising this event.

**Jellybeans – Friday’s - term 3**

In term's 1 and 2 we had the fantastic Got Game crew come in and provide physical education instruction for our children. In term 3 we will be replacing this on a Friday with Jellybeans which is a music and dance program. St Peters students have taken part in this program before and the staff and students were very happy with it. The components of this program will contribute towards the Creative Arts component of the course. Thank you to Mrs Ward for coordinating this program.

**1/2S Home Reading**

Miss Sheridan this term will be trialling a new approach to providing home readers. Instead of her students receiving books every Monday and Thursday, the readers will be managed directly out of the classrooms and sent home on a daily basis. She will also be directly integrating it into her classroom reading program. This will not affect K/1MP or year 3 students in 3/4T. They will continue to receive books on a Monday and Thursday. The results of this trial will be used to determine which approach we use across the school. Thank you to Miss Sheridan for implementing this trial. 1/2S parents will receive some more detailed information about how this works shortly.

**RAW Art – Various Wednesday’s**

RAW Art is a visual arts program designed to give students an opportunity to use a range of media to express their creative aspirations. Taught over a few Wednesday's starting in week 4, the program will culminate with an exhibition of the artwork created. This year we will be using room 7 for the exhibition. The school will be combining students to form 3 classes for the RAW Art as this is how it was envisaged to run when booked last year. Thanks to Mrs Ward for organising this event.

**Stage 3 Excursion – 29-31 July**

In late July Mr Lavitt will be taking 17 students from the 5/6 class to Canberra. We will be combining with 47 Tempe PS 5/6 students to enjoy the rich set of education activities for the excursion. The overnight excursion forms part of the learning program for Human Society and Its Environment (HSIE) work on governments. During this time the remainder of the school will operate as normally with 3 teachers. Miss Thomson will be relieving in the teaching principal role during this time.

**WestConnex Air Quality Monitoring Station**

During the holiday period, the WestConnex Delivery Authority have installed an Air Quality monitoring station in one of the corners of the school oval. Despite attempts to minimise damage to the oval, some has been endured, mostly due to the boggy ground conditions prevalent at the time of installation. The WDA will be returning to do some additional remediation work once the ground conditions have improved. The station itself is quite large and imposing. The school is receiving funds in a lease arrangement for the land that the station occupies. These funds will be put towards teaching and learning programs at the school.

**P and C Meeting**

The next P and C meeting will be held on Monday 20 July at 6.30pm in the school staffroom. The minutes of the previous meeting and the agenda for this meeting will be shortly mailed out to all parents.

**Working Bee 26 July**

Parents, Carers and Friends of St Peters Public School are invited to join in our working bee on Sunday 26th July. The plan is to improve the school environment and facilities for our students, and to help make the grounds more attractive for our Open Day on Monday 27th July. This date also coincides with National Tree Day. More detailed information about the day will be provided soon. If you are interested in participating, there will be a wish list of jobs that you can choose from -- or you can opt to be assigned a task on the day (perhaps weeding, transplanting, etc.). With a few helping hands we can hopefully we can get a fair bit done. Also, any donations of plants or equipment for the school grounds will be gratefully accepted.
Kids Krav: Not Just a Flashy Pyjama Party

Krav Maga is the world’s leading self defence system, and our age-appropriate Kids Krav program challenges and inspires kids. It’s also amazing fun!

Kids will learn to recognise, avoid and escape dangerous situations and develop body awareness, assertiveness, focus and respect.

Kids Krav classes (5-12 y.o) are 4pm Monday and Wednesday at St. Peters Church Hall.

Adults Krav Maga are 6.30pm Tuesday and Thursday at St. Peters Church Hall.

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