August

18th - Speaker of the Term 1/2S
19th - RAW Art (Paint Shirt Required)
21st - Assembly led by K/1MP
24th - 28th - Book Week
24th - Book Parade
26th - RAW Art (Paint Shirt Required)
31st - WestConnex Meeting (hall)

September

1st - Speaker of the Term 5/6LW
4th - Fathers Day Stall - P&C
4th - Assembly led by 1/2S
7th - P&C Meeting at 6:30pm
9th - UNSW Middle Years Childhood Survey
12th - Bunnings BBQ at Alexandria
16th - Assembly led by 5/6LW
16th - P&C Chocolate Fundraiser
       Money to be returned to P&C
18th - Last day of Term 3

October

5th - Students Return to School for Term 4
9th - PSSA Recommences
16th - Pogo-athon - 3/4T

Reminders

- All absences need to be explained - preferably by written communication.
- All notes that contain money must come to the front Office.
- Follow our twitter account @SPPSnews at http://twitter.com and receive timely news updates.

In week 3, I led an overnight excursions to Canberra with 17 year 5 and 6 students from St Peters PS and 47 students from Tempe PS. The collegiality between the students and staff of the schools was amazing. At times one would even wonder that we were two separate schools at all. This was an often point of confusion at venues we visited as we were such unified group.

It was certainly my pleasure to say that the excursion was the best I have yet been on to the destination of Canberra. The students really enjoyed themselves while following the rules and values of public education. We had an outstanding coach driver from Macquarie Tours called Ray and a brand new double decker bus which was smooth, safe and comfortable.

Last Monday, I attended the Festival of Instrumental Music where our recorder group, led by Mrs Ward joined several hundred other recorders to give the performance of their lives. It was truly an amazing 2 hours or performance showcasing the varying talents of our public school students. Well done to our recorder group and Mrs Ward for a fantastic evening which I am sure they will remember for some time to come.

Evette and Drishya provide a recount of the performance and Steven and James will recount their Canberra experiences in this edition.

You may notice that we are experimenting with a different layout for the newsletter that provides you with some key dates that you need to remember. It may be tweaked over the coming weeks. Please feel free to pass on feedback to us.
Readers Theatre is 1/2S

For the first three weeks of this term, students in year 1/2S worked on readers theatre scripts. Readers theatre is the dramatic reading of a script. Students worked in groups to practise their scripts and think about props. Scripts are held by the students and lines are not memorised. They focus is on reading the script fluently and with an expressive voice. Students presented their scripts to our class. I recorded the performances on the iPads. Then students were able to watch themselves and complete self-assessments. Students made personal goals to improve their performance, then performed to K/1MP and 3/4T. It was heaps of fun!

Miss Sheridan

WestConnex Landfill Removal

We understand that today the contractor who is contracted to remove asbestos from the site of the Dial a Dump landfill began to remove the fill which contains asbestos to another site. There are deep feelings in the community about this and we understand your concerns for the safety of your children, however, we have been assured that everything within strict regulations to ensure the safe removal is being done. Given atmospheric conditions, it is not just the St Peters area which would be affected were these strict practices not to be followed. It is not in the interests of the school to post messages on social media referring solely to this school and the safety of its students on this issue.

Nude Food Day

We thank you for your support of Nude Food Day yesterday. A walk around at recess looking into lunch boxes revealed lots of unwrapped biscuits, fruit, vegetables and far fewer junk food items wrapped in litter and garbage producing material. Wouldn’t it be great if this was a practice that could happen every day?

Ms Thomson and 3/4T have been looking at the amount of rubbish our school produces and Nude Food day is just one part of this study. We will have more news on this in the next newsletter.
Festival of Instrumental Music

Last Monday 3rd August, 14 excited children went to the Opera House for the Festival of Instrumental Music. We had been practising for a long period of time and this was it; our time to shine. The music pieces were called, ‘The Swans of Lir’, ‘Rondo’ and ‘Dance of the Tumblers.’ We were all really excited for it and listening to other fantastic performances done by other amazing schools.

At the start of our journey, we had to go to the Opera House and wear our recorder shirts with 3 colourful owls on a tree branch in front of a bright moon. We took our seats in the special part of the Opera House beside and behind the main stage. In between performing our pieces with several hundred other schools recorder groups we listened to the amazing performances of the feature bands, string quartets, choirs and full orchestras - how amazing is that? At the end of the performance we felt amazing and couldn't stop smiling.

We couldn't have done all of this without Mrs Ward and we thank her for how she put all of her time and preparation into these music pieces by helping us play the best we could for the 3 final performances. She is one amazing person because she had to teach 14 students that before had no idea how to play these musical performances. Thank you Mrs Ward.

Drishya & Evette

Just Desserts

On Thursday last week 3/4T enjoyed a cooking lesson by Merna from Dessert Makers. The students had completed a sensory activity where they used their senses I taste, feel, hear, see, and smell different types of foods.

The students then made delicious apple crumbles with Merna and enjoyed tasting them on the day and sharing them with their families.

Ms Thomson
At 6:30am on a Wednesday morning 64 bustling Tempe and St Peter’s students waited to get on a bus to take them on the trip of a lifetime. Weeks before students had been told of this trip. 3 days, Wednesday to Friday in Canberra. The trip began with long straight drive to Canberra.

When we arrived, we went straight to the Federal Parliament House, which was interestingly fun and awesome. We went into the Senate and the House of Representatives. We learnt about how they work and who runs them. Later that day we visited The Australian War Memorial, which was just down the road from Parliament House. It was great to learn all the people who fought in all the wars and some who gave their lives. We witnessed one of us Nelson and a student from Tempe PS lay a wreath while emotional bagpipes sounded. Also there was a remembrance wall which showed everyone who ever fought and died for Australia. We retired to the motel after our long day.

The second day was always going to be even bigger than the last. We woke up at 6am and got ready for the oncoming day. Our first destination of the day was The Australian Museum of Democracy and also known as Old Parliament House. We visited many rooms inside and learnt a lot about Prime Ministers. We even participated in a roleplay where we pretended to be part of the House of Representatives. We then headed off for a road trip around the embassies. There were so many and the American one was massive! The Royal Australian Mint was our next stop. We saw many things including a massive robot. When we were finished we headed off to the highlight of the day. QUESTACON! Science experiments were everywhere, hands on activities filled rooms and many people enjoyed the Free Fall where you had a short moment of simulated zero-gravity! Everyone was buzzing after that and the gift shop only added to the excitement. Our Questacon experience over meant we headed back to Old Parliament House to learn about voting at the Australian Electoral Commission. The best part was that we got to take part in our own vote. Driving back we were to spend our last night in Canberra.

On Friday, we got up and took a drive up to Mt. Ainsley where we could see all of Canberra. It was breathtaking but also incredibly cold. It was then time for the National Gallery, which was our second last stop before it was time to go. We saw many brilliant pieces of artwork throughout the gallery including a Sidney Nolan exhibit on Ned Kelly. Now it was time for our final destination which was the AIS The Australian Institute of Sport. It was really great to visit the AIS and we’re sure that everybody enjoyed the 40mins of free play in Sportex, which was an area where we could play different sports.

Our trip had come to a close. On the bus ride home we had time to reflect on the amazing experience. This was a great and a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and we enjoyed every minute of it.

Steven and James
Thanks to those who came along to this week’s meeting, unfortunately we didn’t have enough to make quorum. As a result there will be no minutes distributed this month.

Having someone step into the secretary’s role for term 4 would be a fantastic help and I would urge anyone with leanings in that direction to consider taking this on for the last term. If you would like to find out what the role entails please contact me: andersenkingfamily@gmail.com and I send you further information.

Term 3 is a busy month for P&C and we need volunteers to help out. Remember all the money we raise goes back into the school to help our kids on their journey though school. If you can spare some time we would really appreciate any help we can get!

Please note the following dates for the rest of term 3:

**August 31st:** WestConnex meeting 7.30pm in school hall.

**September 4th:** Father’s Day stall - we need some volunteers to help with this day as well as some donations for the stall. If you would like to be involved or have items that would be suitable for the stall or raffle please get in touch with Mel Andersen: andersenkingfamily@gmail.com 0412434218.

**September 7th:** P&C Meeting 6.30pm in the staff room

**September 12th:** Bunnings BBQ @ Alexandria - We will need volunteers before hand as well as on the day. Please contact Natalia O’Brien (Kolenc) natalia-obrien@me.com if you have any queries. A roster will be up next week so please put your name down if you are able to help out.

**September 16th:** Chocolate Fundraiser money due back - please see Natalia if you need more boxes to sell or have money to return

In the interests of tightening up security for the school’s oval and thus the school itself, the school will be locking the St Peters Street gate.

As we understand that parents use the car park as a drop off and pick up point during school zone operating hours, we will be operating gate open times between the following hours on school days.

**Morning - 8:30am to 9:20am**

**Afternoon - 2:40pm to 3:30pm.**

During these times you will be able to access the car park to drop off and attend morning assembly. All parents will have to have left the car park by 9:20am to avoid their vehicle being locked in. Should you need to drop off your child during the school day, you will need to do this via the Church Street front entrance as there will be no access via St Peters Street. This will be the only point of entrance during the school day.

We trust that you understand that this is in the best interests of the school by maintaining a safe and secure site for your children.

Neil Lavitt