To the St Peter’s community, Courage, Honour, Integrity, Fear, Abandonment, Persecution, Victory. It all happens next week, between Palm Sunday and Holy Saturday. One man, determined to change the world, stands with honour and integrity as others humiliate and insult him. He chooses non-violence while others beat and torture him. With his last breath, he forgives instead of curses.

Walk with this man this week. On Thursday watch him kneel and wash feet. Think about how he has served you and where you can serve others in his name. On Friday watch him stand with dignity against the forces of violence and oppression. Think about his sacrifice and ask for his strength to stand peacefully but forcefully for all those who are crucified by rejection, poverty, or oppression in our schools, cities, and world. On Saturday listen to all the readings at Mass. They tell of God’s repeated attempts, since the beginning of time, to save us. Give your life anew to that God and ask how you can help save God’s world.

Don’t miss this week. All you need to know about your life unfolds in the life of Jesus who decided two thousand years ago to change the world.

At times we sit confused, wondering about Jesus and our faith in him, and it is all too easy to think, “If only I had been around two thousand years ago and known Jesus in the flesh. If only I had been one of his disciples and had seen him cure and preach. If only … then my faith in Jesus would be stronger and my relationship with him would be more real”. But the reality is we don’t know how we would have reacted, had we been around all those years ago. We might well have fled, we might well have sided with the authorities, we might well have shouted: “Crucify him! Crucify him!” The fact that we were not with Jesus during his earthly ministry does not prevent us from coming to know and follow him now.

As we make the journey with Jesus through this week, let us be sure to take time to deepen our appreciation of what he has done for us. Then, like the centurion, we will be able to proclaim that Jesus is truly the Son of God. It is never too late to meet him.

We Pray:

Humble Servant, you gathered with your friends for a meal and washed their feet. If I am paying attention to you and your friends, it looks like the service and the meal go together. Is that what you dream for your Church? for your followers? for me? Help me to realise what you have done for me.

God among us, there was a moment – after the insults and the mocking, after the beating and the pain, after the abandonment and the cross – when you knew it was finished. It was finished, and because you are God, everything became possible and I can live forever in the Kingdom. As my Lenten journey draws near to the end, I pray. Amen.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Kerry Miller
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

- End of Term 1 for Students - Wednesday 28th March 3.25pm
- Staff Professional Learning - Thursday 29th March
- Beginning of Term 2 - Monday 16th April
- Student Led Learning Conversation - Tuesday 17th April
- Mother’s Day Stall - Tuesday 8th May
- Mother’s Day celebration with students morning of Thursday 10th May
- St Peter’s Trivia Night - 7pm Friday 1st June

To all current St Peter’s families that have a child commencing Prep in 2019, please return your enrolment application or pick one up from the office if you haven’t already.
**EDUCATION IN FAITH**

**Holy Week Tableaux**

Students and teachers are excitedly preparing for our whole school tableaux of the Holy Week events leading up to Easter Sunday. The children are working together in their house colours to create a prayerful and reflective experience that captures the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus.

We invite parents to join us next Wednesday 28th March for school Mass at 9.15am in the Galilee Space and then to join the children as they journey through the Holy Week events displayed around the school.

Students are encouraged to wear their sports uniform and incorporate their house colour.

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**LEARNING & TEACHING**

**Junior School News**

This week in the Junior school, we have been learning to problem solve in different learning areas. We explored the provocation ‘I can solve a Maths problem’ and co-created a process to follow to help us be successful. After reading the question, highlighting key information, and identifying what the question was asking us to do, we were able to use and share different strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems.

**Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden in the Middle School**

This week during SAKG we made pizza. We went out to the garden and picked fresh vegetables like tomatoes, celery, parsley and basil. Silvana demonstrated how to make the pizza dough. First she added luke warm water to the flour and dry yeast. Next she kneaded the dough and we let it rise covered with a tea towel. While this was happening we prepared the vegetables for the pizza by chopping them up. After that we put out toppings on the pizzas and cooked them. The smell in the kitchen was yummy!

Finally Middle Red ate the pizza and it was delicious.

If parents would like to volunteer and help out with SAKG, please don’t hesitate to speak to the Middle Team teachers.

By Blake, Lauren and Kevin - Middle school students

**Middle School News**

The Middle space is developing a Maker Space filled with recycled objects that students can use to create projects through Inquiry. We hope to collect items like cardboard scraps, bottles, rope, buttons, pinecones, ribbon, old CDs, old game pieces and old books. If you have any of these things lying around the house we would love to reuse them in our learning space.

Thank you, from the Middle Team.

**What’s Happening in STEAM?**

In STEAM over the last few weeks, the senior students have worked in small teams to design, create and test a game for the juniors to reinforce their maths and literacy skills. On Wednesday 15th March, the STEAM space was filled with all the seniors and juniors having a great deal of fun. The many games were explained, rules read out and students interacted as they tested the final products. Technology was used to create game pieces with the 3D printer, woodwork skills created wooden dice, artistic skills were
evident in the designs on the game boards, illustrations and game pieces. Creativity, innovation, teamwork, cooperation, persistence, critical thinking and problem solving were all a part of the process but the final results were smiles all round. Students have been working hard to design, modify and create their wooden storage boxes. They have been very diligent in following important safety procedures laid down for the proper use of power tools and other tools used when working with wood. After building their box, students are required to prepare their “story”, describing their box-building journey.

Students Led Learning Conversations
All children in Prep, Junior, Middle and Senior are looking forward to sharing their learning goals, achievements and challenges with their parents at the Student Led Learning Conversations (SLLC) which will take place on Tuesday 17th April between 8:30am - 7 pm.

Students have a 15 minute appointment time to meet with their parents and contact teacher to share and discuss their personal learning. The students are documenting their learning in a variety of ways in excited anticipation of sharing the learning.

Children only need to attend school on Tuesday 17th April for their scheduled appointment time.

Please note- a change to booking arrangements this year is that all you need to do is choose a convenient time for the SLLC allowing increased choices at each time slot (eg at Senior and Middle there will be 5 choices for each time slot, Junior- 3 choices and Preps- 2 choices). Level teachers will be allocated for your SLLC at the close of bookings. This reflects our way of learning collaboratively at St Peter's- all teachers have a deep knowledge of all the students at the level through individual conferencing, focused teaching with different groups and using shared student assessment when planning learning programs together.

Bookings are now open and will close on Friday 13th April.

Click on the link below and use the code: x76se to book your Student Led Learning Conversation - https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code

Julie Percy - Director of Learning & Teaching juliep@stprepp.catholic.edu.au
SCHOOL COMMUNITY
Volunteers Required
We are seeking volunteers to share their knowledge and skills of woodwork with our students as part of our Maker Space. If you are interested in supporting the students in this area and have a current Working With Children Check, please contact me.

Measuring Parent Engagement Survey
St Peter’s School is taking part in a trial and we need you to be involved! The Measuring Parent Engagement trial will help us understand how families and schools can best work together to support learning outcomes for our children. We are looking for parents to take part in a quick online survey (around 10 mins) so that we can gauge the level of parent engagement in our school.

The survey will be open until 29th March 2018 please have your say! It's voluntary, confidential, quick and easy, comes in various formats (online, mobile devices) and can be completed at a time that’s convenient to you.

Please follow this link to share your responses.

Save the Date
Please note the following two community events in your calendars. Both events will be held at school. More information to follow.

- **St Peter’s Trivia Night**
  to be held from 7pm Friday 1st June

- **Mother’s Day celebration with students**
  morning of Thursday 10th May

Emma Canning - Director of School Community ecanning@stprepp.catholic.edu.au

STUDENT WELLBEING
Senior school camp
Our senior students have enjoyed a fantastic 3 days away at Waratah Beach camp. During this time they were involved in a number of different activities that promote teamwork, resilience, independence and risk taking to name a few. This is always a great time for the group to get to know each other better and make new connections.

A big thank you to all the students who made the camp enjoyable and rewarding and an extra special thank you to our staff who took the time out of their own family schedule to support our students.

Jackie Fleischmann - Director of Student Wellbeing jfleischmann@stprepp.catholic.edu.au
The Catholic Parish of Epping, Epping North

Palm Sunday - Year B
Sunday, 25 March 2018

Opening Prayer
Almighty ever-living God,
who as an example of humility for the human race to follow
caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may
heed his lesson of patient suffering
and so merit a share in his Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Communion Prayer
Nourished with these sacred gifts,
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,
that, just as through the death of your Son
you have brought us hope for what we believe,
so by his Resurrection
you may lead us to where you call.
Through Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING - Is 50:4-7
A reading from the prophet Isaiah
I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.
The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue.
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied
he provides me with speech.
Each morning he wakes me to hear,
to listen like a disciple.
The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance,
either did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24 R. v.2
(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?
1. All who see me deride me.
Their curl their lips, they toss their heads.
He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend. (R.)
2. Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count ever one of my Bones. (R.)
3. They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe O Lord, do not leave me
alone, my strength, make haste to help me (R.)
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob
give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons (R.)

SECOND READING - Phil 2:6-11
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.
His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not
cling to his equality with God
but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are,
and being as all men are, he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death, death on a cross.
But God raised him high and gave him the Name which is above all other names
so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and
in the underworld, should bend the knee at
the name of Jesus and that every tongue
should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord,
the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - Phil 2:8-9
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to
Death dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high and gave him
name above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Let us pray for the sick: Justin Borden, Maggie Sagaria, Mazened Francis, Grace LeTin,
Jo Bonici, Rebecca Englezakis, Jason Azzilla, Nicholas Ludersamy, Palmera Tanse, Cheryl D'sa,
Mark Paul Flavie, Rita Carusi, Dominic Pratii, Janey Hooring, Jay Lanka, Jennifer Harbour,
Shannon Farrugia, Patricia DeSilva, Sabrina Jansz, Carmel McKenzie, Janie Pinkston,
Fatim Elmenawi, Kathy Rockwell, Michael & Roni Donovan, Carmen Caruna, Patricia Osborne, Rosa
Maria Santos, Mario Paola, Laura Patullo, Patsy Heffernan, Dean Serrir, Jean Callaghan,
James Sheppard, Jean Wilkinson, Madison Parker, Mary Attard, Barbara L'Oiseau, Mary Attard.

We are committed to a safe and nurturing culture for all children in our Church

Recently Deceased:
Anniversary: Mabile Farrugia, Jarrod De Bono

Rite of Welcome for Baptism
Dear Sisters and Brothers,

This week we celebrate Passion Sunday; we have Palms in memory of Christ’s entry into Jerusalem to the cheers of the people. We then hear of Jesus, entering into His Passion and Death, followed by His Resurrection. We are now entering Holy Week: the week to relive the Life, Death and Resurrection of Christ and the birth of our Faith. This week we will have our Chrism Mass where our Archbishop celebrates the Blessing of Oils for all parishes in the Archdiocese to share and where the gift of Priesthood is celebrated. All Priests will renew their vows and willingness to serve the people of God.

On Thursday, we will celebrate the institution of the Eucharist and the call to service for all Priests, as we empty the Tabernacle and prepare for Good Friday. This is the start of the Triduum - our Easter celebration. On Good Friday the Priest lays prostrate at the altar to enter into this celebration of faith, in absolute trust in Christ and in celebrating Christ’s giving His life for us. This is the only day in the year where no Mass is celebrated, as the Eucharist we will share will be from our Holy Thursday Mass.

On Holy Saturday we celebrate the Eucharist, starting with the Sacred Fire, entering to “Christ our Light”. We will follow with the “Exsultet”, the Gloria and readings from the Hebrew Scriptures. We have the welcoming of those entering the faith and celebrating the Eucharist.

On Sunday, we continue our celebration of the Resurrection of Christ, the beginning of our Faith; the celebration of God’s love for us. I want to encourage you to join in on the celebrations and enter more fully into the gift of faith.

God bless you,
Fr. Anh

WELCOME LENT 2018
BY TUNING IN TO THE LENTEN SCRIPTURES at CURRAJEEN
4 SATURDAY REFLECTIONS – MARCH 24 - from 10 til 11.30am
811 BRIDGE INN RD, DOREEN (White tires at entry). Please register your interest with Sr Maureen rsc on 0400 797 100 or simply come. SEE YOU THERE!

Parishioner Thanks giving envelopes and statements will be available for collection in the church foyer this weekend. Thank You!!

Contributing to Thanksgiving
One Method of contributing is through the two collections at all weekend masses. The first collection is to collect Thanksgiving envelopes which are contributions made by our Parishioners to help maintain parish associated costs such as utility bills, pastoral and administrative costs, building maintenance costs, Archdiocese levies and government charges; just to mention a few.

The second collection is used to maintain our two priests with a living allowance to service all parishes, our two primary schools and hospital.

Holy Week and Sacred Pascal Tridium 2018

Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday) 24/25 March – usual Mass times and locations.

Sacred Pascal Tridium
Holy Thursday – 7.30pm at both churches.
Adoration followed after Mass at St Peter’s only [No 9.15am morning Mass]

Good Friday – 10am Stations of the Cross [at St Peter’s],
Celebration of the Passion of the Lord – 3pm at both churches

Easter Vigil Saturday – 7.30pm at both churches
Easter Sunday 9am and 10.30am at St Peter’s and
9.00am St Mary of the Cross Mackillop

Note-Reconciliation-Wed 21 March 7.30pm SMCM
And Thur 22 March 7.30pm St Peter’s

This weekend children from our local state schools, who are preparing for the Sacrament of FIRST EUCHARIST, with the Parish Based Sacrament Program will be presented at the 5.30pm SMCM Mass and 10.30am St Peter’s Mass. They will be introduced to the Parish Community and will ask for your prayers as they continue in their preparation for Confirmation in May. Please accept their Prayer Cards and include them in your prayers over the coming weeks. Sandy Starbuck – Sacrament Co-ordinator.

Volunteers Required
St Peter’s Primary School is currently seeking volunteers to support our Builder’s Club program. If you have an interest in wood work and are willing to share your expertise with the students at our school, please contact Emma Cuming ecuming@stprecps.catholic.edu.au for further information. Please note, a current Working With Children Check is required to be presented at the office by all volunteers in the school.

Catholic Womens League
The next meeting will be held on the 9th April at 10am in the Parish House meeting Room. All Ladies Welcome.
Church cleaning Saturday 31st March – Gill Bell, Mary Millington and Pauline Wardley
Charismatic Prayer Group meets every Friday at St Peter’s 7.30pm. All Welcome

If you would like an item/anniversary included in the weekly Newsheet it is important that you have it to the Parish Office by Wednesday morning.
Contact 9401 6300 or email epping@cang.org.au

Our Parish recognises the Aboriginal heritage of this country and acknowledges the Wurundjeri Willam Clan as the traditional owners of this place.