



### Our Mission

- To lead pupils more fully into the mystery of Christ and the Living Tradition of the Church.
- Our School motto is "Love One Another"
- To foster and develop Christian Values.
- To work together to enable children to see themselves as worthwhile members of a wider Catholic Faith Community

### Our Vision

- Develop a personal relationship with God
- A rich learning environment
- A community which encourages participation, inclusion, belonging, desire to learn
- Good practice
- Justice, affirmation, support, respect and a love of learning

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## BULLETIN

### WISDOM UPFRONT

"If you cannot do great things, do small things in a great way"

### PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

*Mr. Armando Gagliardi*

#### **ADVENT**

As we approach the end of the school and church liturgical year, we note that Advent is almost upon us. It is a time of irony in many ways. Schools are extremely busy with the many activities and arrangements that the end of the year entails. For all of us, life seems busier and busier. Yet Advent calls us to make time for quiet reflection and prayer, to open our heart and mind and spirit to the knowledge that God loves us and invites us to share the love with others. It is a time to reflect on how well we have responded to that invitation as individuals and as a community, and to renew our commitment to God's love in the world.

Let us all reflect on the significance of Advent and how we can support one another as we come closer to the conclusion of 2018.

#### **SCHOOL FEES AND LEVIES**

School fees and levies for 2019 have been finalised and all families will receive a letter outlining financial expectations for next year shortly. There is currently over **\$35,000** in fees still outstanding. Statements have been sent home and all amounts are now OVERDUE. Parents who have yet to finalise accounts will be contacted to further discuss the matter.

Thank you to all parents who have finalised their fee and levy payment for 2018. Your support with this matter is appreciated.

#### **LOST PROPERTY**

As we rapidly approach the end of the year it is important that you check the Lost Property area (*located in library area*) for any missing items of clothing. At the end of the school year all contents of the box will be washed and stored if they are not labelled.

### School Administration

Email address:  
officeadmin@  
spcdeerpark.catholic.edu.  
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### Website

A reminder that our website is accessible for all parents. A variety of information is available.

[www.spcdeerpark.catholic.edu.au](http://www.spcdeerpark.catholic.edu.au)

### GRADUATION MASS

Our Graduation Mass will be held on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm at St. Peter Chanel School Church. All families are invited to attend this special Mass. It is a wonderful opportunity to recognise the talents of our Year 6 students and reflect on their journey at St. Peter Chanel School. We will also ask God's blessing on each one of them as they begin another important stage of their life journey.

### END OF 2018 SCHOOL YEAR

A reminder to all parents that the end of the 2018 school year will conclude on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> December at 1.00pm. Students are able to wear casual clothes on this day. The After School Program will be in operation as per normal on this day. Year 6 students will finish on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> December to coincide with their Graduation ceremony.

Please note that students are finishing slightly earlier, as Occupational, Health and Safety guidelines do not allow students to be on school site whilst the transitioning and moving into our new administration takes place.

Staff will conclude the year the following week and be involved in supporting the transition to the new administration which is due to be completed by the end of the year.

### SCHOOL RESUMES

School resumes for all students on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2019.

### STAFFING 2019

The students were introduced to their classroom teachers for 2019 today and had an opportunity to interact with them and ask questions as required. The students enjoyed this opportunity and are excited leading into next year.

As we almost bid 2018 farewell, we also await 2019 with much anticipation. The new year will see the following framework at St. Peter Chanel School:

#### Positions of Leadership

Deputy Principal:	Luisa Parissis
Religious Education:	Angela Giordimaina
Mathematics:	Michelle Perceval
Literacy:	
Year Prep – 2	Adelina Elzeine
Year 3 – 6	Adrian Schultz
Student Wellbeing:	Jackie Rushen
Student Services:	Carmel Bortolotto

### **Specialist Staff 2019 – (Extra Curricular)**

Visual Arts:	Melinda Evans
Performing Arts:	Joanne Scalise
Physical Education:	Jonathon Shein
Language - <i>Japanese</i> :	Vy Nguyen
Science:	Louise Griffith
Outdoor Education:	Carole Ahrens
Digital Technologies:	Gracie Polidano
Social & Emotional Learning:	Jackie Rushen
Technology Administrator:	Maurie Sullivan
New Arrival Families	Suzanne Goessler
School Counsellor:	Peter Folidis

**Resources & Communication:** Claire Decelis

**Education Support Officers**  
Kerry Bellin  
Michelle Formosa  
Christine Grogan  
Rowena Murraylee  
Sheryl Payne

### **Classroom Teaching Staff**

Year Prep:	Mariana Stanistic, Madonna Stow, Melissa Vona & Michelle Perceval
Year One:	Amanda Davey, Janelle Eskandar, Stephanie Mammoliti
Year Two:	Jenna Broadhurst, Rebecca Keenan, Bianca Zammit
Year Three:	Katie Ash & Chantell Cassar, Jessica Kotevski, Fran Thorn
Year Four:	Rachel Goldie, Simon Lafranchi, Nadia Tartaglia
Year Five:	Karyn Callaway, Sheri Whillas, Michelle Young & Adrian Schultz
Year Six:	Carole Ahrens, Angela Giordimaina & Mary Attard, Luisa Rubino

### **Administration**

Business Manager:	Denise Shead
School Operations:	Louise Carayannopoulos
Administration & Reception:	Cheryl Mc Bride & TBC
School Accountant:	John Coppini

### **Groundsman & Maintenance:**

Andrew Rushen  
Jose Suyat

We have been fortunate to obtain the services of Madonna Stow and Bianca Zammit in a full time capacity as classroom teachers. We hope that Madonna and Bianca have a long and wonderful association with our school.

We also welcome the return of Chantell Cassar and Mary Attard on a part time basis. Chantell returns after the birth of her first child, whilst Mary returns after leave.

With new staff arriving, it also means staff departures. We farewell Ann Dressler who has been associated with our school for 15 years. Ann has been the school's Business Manager overseeing the many aspects involved in her role. Ann's professionalism, expertise and management in this area has truly been outstanding. Her commitment to the role, trust and loyalty of leadership has been exemplary and of the highest order.

We farewell Rachel McMurtrie after 8 years at the school, who is leaving to explore other opportunities. Rachel has worked both in Junior and Senior School and we thank her for her contribution to the school. We also acknowledge Rachel's role in leading the Outdoor Education & Environment area, to include Nature Play, Sustainability and Camps.

We also farewell Alyssa Celestino after 8 years at the school. Alyssa has worked in many areas of the school as a classroom teacher always trying to improve student learning and outcomes. Alyssa has also supported students in her Literacy Intervention role using specific programs and practises to accelerate student learning.

We farewell Alicia Sullivan who has been in a part time classroom teaching role in Year 3 this year. Alicia always presents with a smile, putting the children first in everything she does. Alicia will have a short break from teaching next year.

Finally, we congratulate Tamara Manski and her husband Dan on the upcoming birth of their third child. We wish them all the best of happiness. Tamara will be on maternity leave for a period of time and we look forward to her returning in the future.

We wish the above staff the very best of health and success in the future and thank them all for their contributions. May the Holy Spirit guide them all as they continue in the next phase of their journey.

Yours sincerely,

*Armando Gagliardi*  
*Principal*



## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**

Angela Giordimaina  
Religious Education Leader

### **Advent: Preparing for the Coming of Jesus**

Sunday, December 1st marked the first week of Advent - The week of Hope.

Advent marks the beginning of a season where we wait and prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

God we ask You to guide us as people of hope this Advent. We pray for our sisters and brothers around the world who are hungry, lonely and in need. May they come to know that they are not alone at this time and that they continue to be people of Hope in their communities. May we all continue to share the message of hope this season.

Amen

### **Social Justice Christmas Initiative**

On Wednesday, December 5th, the school will be having a casual dress day. All children are invited to donate a gold coin to support St Vincent De Paul, The Make A Wish Foundation and the RSPCA

I would like to thank the SPC Social Justice Leaders of 2019 for their dedication and support in promoting Social Justice in our school community and for working towards making a world that is more Just for those less fortunate.

### **School Liturgies**

On Friday, December 6th, the school will celebrate the end of the school year giving thanks to God for the amazing community we have here at St Peter Chanel. Mass will begin at 9:30am and all families are invited to join us as we reflect on the blessings of the year. At this mass, our school community will also bid farewell to the Year 6 students and they hand over their leadership roles to the Year 6 students of 2019.

On Thursday, December 13th at 7.00pm, the Year 6 children will be celebrating their Graduation Mass. This will be a celebration of their journey here at St Peter Chanel School as well as an insight into what they hope for in the future. We wish our Year 6 students all the very best as they embark on the next stage of their educational journey and remembering that their dreams are the world they are going to make!

### **Reminders**

Children in Year 4, please remember your *Love in a Box* donation.

Thanks to all families for donations made so far!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing support in the faith development of your children. I wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas and look forward to continuing this journey of faith with you all in 2019.

## **PARENTS AND FRIENDS**

Thank you to all families for your contribution to our fundraising efforts this year.

A total of \$12,000 has been raised which will be used on student resources to include interactive whiteboards, devices and enhancement of learning environments.

**Thank you**