



### 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

"Appreciate what you have, where you are and who you are within this moment"

### PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

*Mr. Armando Gagliardi*

Dear Families

We have come to that time of the year as a faith community where we prepare for the coming of the Advent season and a well-deserved break over the Christmas period. It is the time where we prepare for the freshness that the New Year brings us.

As our school year draws to a close, our minds and hearts are filled to the brim. It has been a great year! Together we have learned much and shared experiences that will long remain with us in years to come. The strength of our community and wholehearted passion to make our school a wonderful place of faith and learning for our children primarily makes our school a truly special place.

As I continue to reflect on the year, I acknowledge Father Rowan Luza (Parish Priest) and Father Rene Manubag (Assistant Priest) for their continued support of the parish and school in so many different ways. Their on-going encouragement and willingness to trust decisions made in the best interest of all the children is appreciated.

I would like to thank the teaching staff for their dedication, professionalism and caring manner that makes a huge difference to our students. Their commitment is outstanding and our children are the beneficiaries. Thankyou for providing rich and engaging experiences, knowing that education is about joy, wonder and fostering curiosity. Their ability to kindle the joy of learning and their friendly smile or the compliment that means so much to your child are examples of their commitment. For all of this, we are truly grateful.

I thank Mrs Luisa Parissis, (*Deputy Principal*) for her support this year to our school. Her ability to lead and support the school community so that it continues to function effectively is an indicator of her professionalism and commitment. Luisa continues to work tirelessly, always putting the needs of students and community at the forefront of her mind. Her leadership qualities are exemplary and of the highest order.

## School Administration

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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)

I thank the Leadership Team at St. Peter Chanel School for their ongoing support in leading improvement in specific curriculum areas. Their professionalism and dedication is of the highest quality.

Angela Giordimaina

Adelina Elzeine and Adrian Schultz

Michelle Perceval

Carmel Bortolotto

Jackie Rushen

Education In Faith

Literacy

Mathematics

Student Services

Student Wellbeing Leader

I would also like to thank our School Administration Team, Mrs Ann Dressler, Mrs Cheryl McBride, Mrs Denise Shead, Mrs Louise Carayannopoulos and Mrs Claire Decelis who work with great spirit and efficiency in the school administration managing so many aspects of the school to ensure that it runs efficiently day to day.

I thank our Education Support Officers, Kerry Bellin, Sheryl Payne, Christine Grogan, Rowena Murraylee and Michelle Formosa for all the work they do. Their commitment in working with our children in the area of special needs and intervention is tremendous.

I thank Claire Decelis for her work in the library and Community Centre co-ordinating many educational and parent experiences for our community. Her work behind the scenes is greatly appreciated.

I also acknowledge and thank Jose Suyat and Andrew Rushen for their work as caretakers in the school. Their commitment and willingness to oversee many areas of the school is evident in so many ways.

I would like to acknowledge the contribution made by the Parent and Friends Committee, who have organised many fundraising activities this year to support the school. Their positive energy and commitment in making a difference is outstanding. The committee raised approximately \$12,000 that was used to purchase furniture and classroom equipment. Congratulations on an outstanding achievement!

I also thank the School Advisory Committee for their work in supporting aspects of school improvement and the vision of the school. Their willingness to make a difference to our school community is a credit to them all. They are an extremely committed group who communicate and collaborate in a most professional manner.

I thank our Year Six students. I wish them all the best as they move to their new schools. Their leadership skills this year have been appreciated across so many areas of the school. I particularly thank the student leaders who have served the school with pride.

I thank the parent community of St. Peter Chanel Catholic Primary School. Your support in so many ways is acknowledged, your trust in the school and your effort to assist your child's learning a credit to you all. I thank you for trusting the staff as we continue to grow your child to be the best person they can be and look forward to our continued association with great anticipation. I would like to farewell all families who are leaving St. Peter Chanel School and thank them for their contribution to our school.

And finally, I thank all the children at St. Peter Chanel School. The children are friendly, welcoming and support each other. They always have a smile on their face when they enter school and always represent the school with pride. They strive to do their best in all areas of school life, whether it is in the classroom or in other areas of the curriculum.

As the year comes to an end we give thanks to the Lord for the blessings of the year, grateful for God's saving presence in our lives in the good and the difficult times. I pray that each of you has a safe and blessed Christmas with your families and loved ones and look forward to seeing you all in 2019.

#### **STAFF EMPLOYMENT**

We welcome Maryanne Said to St. Peter Chanel School Community for 2019 and beyond. Maryanne has been employed as a School Administration Officer. We look forward to seeing Maryanne in the New Year.

#### **SCHOOL RESUMES FOR 2019**

School resumes for all students on Friday, 1 February 2019.



#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**

Angela Giordimaina  
Religious Education Leader

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

Sunday, December 9th marked the second week of Advent - The week of Peace.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe.

You sent your Son to be the Light of the world and to  
spread his light of love to all.

As we light the candles on our Advent wreath

May its growing brightness remind us of the approaching  
nearness of your Son

So that the day of His coming may find us prepared and  
filled with joy.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

#### **Social Justice Christmas Initiative**

On Wednesday, December 5th, the school had a casual dress day. All the staff and students were invited to wear casual dress and donate a gold coin. We had an overwhelming response in our call to make a difference to those less fortunate than ourselves. We raised a total of \$800. All proceeds will be shared between the St Vincent De Paul Society, the Make a Wish Foundation and the RSPCA.

Thank you to the Social Justice Leaders who lead this charity event with such passion and thank you to all those who made a donation. It is greatly appreciated.

Merry Christmas



### Love In A Box Christmas Appeal

Throughout the year the children have been developing an awareness of the Catholic Social Justice Teaching as part of their Education in Faith. As a culmination of their learning of these teachings, and of the Christmas message of spreading joy, peace and happiness, the Year 4 students participated in a Social Justice action called the *Love In A Box Appeal*.

This appeal allows women and children living in emergency housing, in our community, to experience the joy of Christmas through gifts that have been donated. The children in Year 4 have been supported by their Social Justice Leaders in organising gifts for the children in this housing, whilst the staff at our school have made donations to the women who live there.

I extend my sincere thanks to all the families and staff who have participated in this appeal, spreading joy, peace and love to others in our community.

### School Liturgies

On Friday, December 6th, the school celebrated the end of the school year reflecting and giving thanks to God for the amazing community we have here at St Peter Chanel. In a meaningful and moving tradition where lit candles, representing the light of Christ, were passed on from the current Year 6 students to the 2019 Year 6 students who will be the new leaders of our school. Together the school community- student, families and Parishioners- had the opportunity to farewell to the Year 6 students.

On Thursday, December 13th at 7pm, 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!

### Sacrament Dates for 2019

Dates for the 2019 sacraments have just been advised.

The dates are as follows:

- Confirmation -Saturday March 16
- First Eucharist - Saturday June 15
- First Reconciliation - Thursday September 5 and 12

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.

God bless

