Dear Parents,

I am happy to report that the past twelve months at St. Peter’s has been most successful. Our current enrolment is 571 children, with a Prep intake of 96 which indicates the level of interest in our school. There is every indication our enrolment for 2014 will be 90+ which will maintain our current enrolment.

One of the main reasons we continue to attract a great deal of interest in enrolment at St. Peter’s is our consistently pleasing NAPLAN results. In many ways NAPLAN results are simply a snapshot in time of what is happening at the coalface. At the same time our results however over the past seven years indicate the children do achieve good results in the pressure cooker environment of NAPLAN. It also indicates that our teaching approach is very positive!

Over the past twelve months we have refurbished and relocated our before and after school facility. We have completely restored our Junior Adventure program and installed our recycled water taps throughout the school. Although our $50K solar panels have also been installed after a lengthy consultation process, we have not fully capitalised on the available data that may be obtained from this installation. Hopefully we may utilise the positive aspects of the solar panels, recycled water initiative and our paper recycling as a resource for our “Sustainability” Unit in Term Four.

We have a number of initiatives planned for our 40th School Anniversary celebrations. These include our “Celebration of Learning Day” (Friday 21st June) and our “Back to School Day” (Saturday 21st August). There are a number of other activities planned for these two days including a data show on the life of St. Peter and a dramatization of Peter’s life and mission.

Finally a big THANK-YOU to all of our hard working committees who help to make our school community such a positive environment. In particular I would like to thank our P&F committee who work so tirelessly for St. Peter’s. The Canteen Committee and Ladies Auxiliary who run such an efficient canteen and “Second Hand Uniform Shoppe”. Last but not least Fr. Pius and Fr. Raphael who in conjunction with the School Education Board display great care and leadership throughout the year. Many thanks also to our teachers and staff who always have the best interests of the children at heart and in particular Mrs. Jose Blackley (Deputy Principal) who has been a wonderful support in her new role.

May God Bless

Michael