Dear Parents,

Greetings from St. Peter’s school community. I wish to draw to your attention the importance of our whole school event next Thursday night “The Christmas Star”. The children and teachers have been working very hard on what can only be described as an amazing liturgical event in the life of St. Peter’s. I therefore strongly recommend you set aside the evening and support the children on this fantastic night…. It will be a stark reminder of the true meaning of Christmas.

I have enclosed a copy of next year’s class-room teachers for 2013. You may notice there are a number of changes where we farewell Mr. Stuart Collings, Ms Cynthia Parker and Mrs. Tina Spiteri (Maternity Leave). We thank and wish Stuart, Cynthia and Tina all the best in their future career paths. We especially wish Tina a very healthy and safe time in her role as a full time mum again. At the same time we welcome to St. Peter’s Mrs Fleur Horvath, Miss Amy Watkins, and Mr. Andrew Azarnikow. I am positive they will make a solid contribution to our school community and they will receive great support from you in their new appointment.

Kind Regards,

Michael McGrath
Principal

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
God is the sunshine that warms us, the rain that melts the frost and waters the young plants. The presence of God is a climate of strong and bracing love, always there.

- Joan Arnold

REMINDERS

Friday 23 November
2nd Hand Uniform ‘Shoppe’ opened from 8.15am to 9.30am

Friday 23 November
P&F Christmas Raffle Tickets due back

Friday 23 November
P&F 2nd Chance Christmas Stall

Monday 26 November
Assembly 2.00pm, Entertainment by 1C, 2C, 6A

Thursday 29 November
Whole School Christmas presentation at 7.00pm

Friday 30 November
Pauls Bakery Xmas Fundraiser due

Wednesday 5 December
Grade 5 Camp (5th – 7th December)

Tuesday 11 December
Grade 6 Thanksgiving Mass

Thursday 13 December
Grade 6 “Fun Day”

Friday 14 December
Grade 6 Final Day

Monday 17 December
End of Year School Mass

Tuesday 18 December
Maths Testing Prep – Grade 4/Grade 5 Leadership Sessions (Final Day)

Friday 1 February
Grades Prep – Six commence school at 8.45am
Preps will attend school from 8.45am to 12.00 noon

FEES FOR 2013
1 child family $1,635.00 ($545.00 per term)
2 children family $2,220.00 ($740.00 per term)
3 children family $2,790.00 ($930.00 per term)

TERM DATES FOR 2013
Term 1 Friday 1 February – Thursday 28 March (Easter 29 March – 1 April)
Term 2 Monday 15 April – Friday 28 June
Term 3 Monday 15 July – Friday 20 September
Term 4 Monday 7 October – Thursday 19 December

PAPERLESS NEWSLETTERS
Thank you to the families who have already taken up the invitation to receive our weekly newsletter via email. However, when you are subscribing to the newsletter can you please ensure you enter the name of your ELDEST CHILD & GRADE. This is to assist our teachers when they are distributing the newsletter to those children who still require a paper copy. We are hoping that more families will take up the invitation to receive their newsletter via email. If you require a copy of the “how to subscribe instructions” please contact the office.
LIBRARY NEWS
The last day to borrow library books for this year is Monday 26th November. This will also be the last week for the children using take home readers. All library books and readers will then need to be returned by Monday 3rd December to enable the library to account for all items and have them re-shelved ready for next year. At the moment there are approximately 7000 library books and readers on loan.
Your assistance in this matter would be appreciated.
Mrs Barb Brown – Librarian

CANTEEN

***FRIDAY SPECIAL – Spaghetti Bolognese with mineral water/flavoured drink $5.70***

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PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS – CHRISTMAS STALL REMINDER
Just a reminder that the 2ND Chance Christmas Stall will be on Friday 23 November. The children have the opportunity to purchase some wonderful gifts for family and friends.

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS – CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS
Just a reminder that the Christmas Raffle will be drawn at our Christmas Performance on Thursday 29th November. Tickets are still only 50c each! Please ensure you put your Name, contact phone number or child’s grade on each of the ticket stubs before you return them with the money. Tickets must be returned to the classroom teacher by Friday 23rd November to go into the draw.
Good Luck!

2ND HAND UNIFORM “SHOPPE”
The 2nd Hand Uniform Shoppe will be open on Friday 23 November from 8.15am till 9.30am. If you have any uniforms to sell, please send them along to the office. Uniforms must be clean and in good condition. Please attach an envelope to each item clearly marked thus:
When sold, you will be notified via a note to your child as to when the Monies can be collected. 20% commission is charged for this service. The “Shoppe” will also be open on 12 December.

COMMUNITY NEWS
Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre – The Mary MacKillop Museum, at 362 Albert St, East Melbourne, will be open to the public on Saturday 24th November from 10am-4pm, to enable visitors to view the special exhibition on “The L’Estrange Family – Friends of Mary MacKillop”. A guided Mary MacKillop walking tour around East Melbourne will be conducted from 11am and again from 2pm. The museum, chapel and gift shop will be open and light refreshments available.

Scholarships – Xavier College is offering a range of scholarships for students entering Years 7,9 and 11 in 2014. The closing date for applications is 8 February 2013. For registration and information please visit www.xavier.vic.edu.au/scholarships or contact The Registrar on (03) 9854 5307.

Shaun Brown’s Cricket Coaching – presents Werribee Cricket Camp Ages: 5-16 on 17, 18 January at Westbourne Grammer. For more information call 1800351415 or visit www.cricketcoaching.com.au

CHILDREN NOT RETURNING TO ST. PETER’S NEXT YEAR
(OTHER THAN GRADE 6 CHILDREN)
To assist us with our planning for 2013, it is most important that you advise us if your child/children will not be returning to St. Peter’s next year by Monday, 12 November.

SURNAME: _____________________________
NAME OF CHILDREN: ___________________________ Grade______
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NAME OF THE NEW SCHOOL ________________________________