Dear Parents,

As we draw to the end of our school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who made this year a memorable one.

The year has presented us with many challenges as we strive to provide the best education possible for your children. I extend my gratitude and thanks to all staff for the part they have played in making 2012 a successful year. Thanks also to Fr. Pius who has been a great support to me. Let us pray that Fr. Pius in turn will receive our support and co-operation from the school community for the remainder of 2012 and beyond. I am sure St. Peter’s will continue to move forward and develop as a strong faith community.

Thank you most sincerely to those parents who have given their time in many different ways – by helping in the canteen, assisting the class teachers, supervising at excursions and other school functions.

I would also like to thank the committees of the Parish for their continued support. To the School Education Board, your efforts and support during the year has been greatly valued. Thank you also to the Parents and Friends Association for their hard work in raising money and improving the school’s facilities and technology hardware, and we look forward to next year’s projects. Thank you also to the Ladies Auxiliary for all you have done to assist the school, especially in running the Canteen and always being on hand to assist with catering at important functions. I leave you with a prayer from Elizabeth Jennings that invites us to ponder the Magi’s extraordinary visit to the child and his mother.

But she spoke, so he looked at her, she was shy and simple and young;
She said, “Sir, it is a most beautiful fragrance of all flowering things together;”
But Kasper knew the seal of the jar was unbroken,
he did not know whether she knew the fragrance came from the bundle of myrrh she held in her arms.

Finally a special thank you to all the children, it is the love and respect of the children that makes teaching such a worthwhile profession.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all the Peace and Joy that Christmas brings and a happy and safe holiday with your families.

Kind Regards,

Michael McGrath
Principal

REMININDERS

2012
Friday 14 December Grade 6 Final Day
Monday 17 December End of Year School Mass, 3.15pm Dismissal
Tuesday 18 December Maths Testing Prep – Grade 4/Grade 5 Leadership Sessions (Final Day)

2013
Friday 1 February Grades Prep – Six commence school at 8.45am
Preps will attend school from 8.45am to 12.00 noon
Monday 4 February Swimming commences – Grade Three to Grade Six
Wednesday 6 February Grades Prep and One (No school on this day)
Wednesday 13 February Grades Prep and One (No school on this day)
Wednesday 20 February Grades Prep and One (No school on this day)
Wednesday 27 February Grades Prep and One (No school on this day)
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

CANTEEN
Canteen are running low on stocks. We now only have the following:
Pies/Pastie/Sausage Rolls, Hot Dogs, Pizza (Chicken BBQ, Meat Lover, Old Style H+P, Margarita)
Kicken Chicken, Fried Rice, Cheesy Mac, Spaghetti Bolognaise and All Fresh Food.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE – 2013
Application forms are now available from the office. To be eligible for EMA in 2013 your Health Care Card / Pension Card must be valid as at 29 January 2013. Application forms must be lodged at the school by 28th February, 2013.

RELIGIOUS NEWS
Parents, as we come to the end of the year we reflect on the time that has passed. We remember the good and bad times, the achievements and knowledge gained, the many people who have touched our lives. As a school community we will gather on Monday 17th December @ 9.45am to celebrate mass and to give thanks to God for the year we have shared together. I invite you to come and share this mass with us and give thanks for the many blessings we have all received.

PARENTS & FRIENDS
The Parents & Friends would like to thank the wonderful volunteers who helped throughout 2012 at our many events. Thank you also to the many people and companies who supported us with donations for our raffles and stalls. Finally, thank you to the teachers, parents and school community for supporting the Parents and Friends. We hope you all have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, we are looking forward to helping the school celebrate its 40th birthday in 2013 with some special events.

Cricket Australia – On January 3-8 from 9.30am to 11.00am a “Cricket Clinic” is being held at Dunnings Oval, Point Cook for all boys and girls from 5 to 10 has been organized. There is a cost of $55 involved and the contact details are (Rohan Obst 0416 166053) or visit www.in2cricket.com.au

Wishing all our families a Peaceful Christmas and
A New Year full of God’s Blessing

REMINDER
SCHOOL FINISHES AT 3.15PM ON MONDAY, 17TH DECEMBER
EXCEPT FOR THE GRADE FIVE STUDENTS WHO FINISH AT 3.15PM
ON TUESDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2012
## Masses

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