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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Hello once again to all within St. Peter’s school community. This week is an important week for all Catholic schools as we celebrate Catholic Education Week.

Locally we are celebrating Catholic Education Week in a number of different ways. Firstly St Peter’s staff attended a beginning of the year school mass at St Paul’s in Sunshine West on Tuesday afternoon with all of the Catholic Schools in the Western Zone. Bishop Vincent Long celebrated the liturgy and spoke about the need for everyone to remain strong and constant with their faith. Bishop Long also reminded staff of the important role that they play in fulfilling the mission of the Catholic Church.

Another important way that we will recognize Catholic Education Week is through our attendance at the St Patrick’s Day mass at St Patrick’s cathedral on March 14th. Glenice Bone, Religious Education Leader, and myself will attend this mass with ten of our school leaders. The St Patrick’s day mass is a significant event as Archbishop Denis Hart will celebrate the mass and all schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne will be in attendance; in total this represents 328 Catholic schools, with approximately 3,500 students and staff. As the Catholic Church continues to face a number challenges, it is important to recognize the role that our Catholic schools play in providing a place a welcome, where those that come have the opportunity to experience a sense of church both through formal and informally.

It has been noted that some children are arriving at school very early, sometimes before 8.00am which is a big concern. The children are supervised each day from 8.35am to 3.15pm by the staff. It is a very unsafe practice to leave children unsupervised in the school yard. We have a before and after school program to cater for such situations. Whilst mentioning the OSHC program the new facility looks fantastic and it is well worth your while to check it out.

Warm Regards

Josephine Blackley
Acting Principal

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Project Compassion challenges us to face the struggle within all of us between graciousness and meanness, between a vision of what human community can become and a denial of responsibility for one another.

- Fr. Frank Anderson

REMINDEERS

Friday 15 March
- School Photo Day (Children to wear the summer uniform)
Friday 15 March
- Parent Helper Information Sessions for Literacy 9.00am -10.45am
Friday 15 March
- P&F Mother’s Day Stall Workshop from 9am (Performing Arts Room)
Monday 18 March
- School Assembly @ 2pm Entertainment provided by 3A, 5C, PC
Wednesday 20 March
- Parent Helper Information Session for Literacy 1.30pm - 3.15pm
Friday 22 March
- 2nd Hand Uniform ‘Shoppe’ opened from 8.15am - 9.30am
Friday 22 March
- P&F Easter Raffle Due back
Tuesday 26 March
- Easter Raffle Drawn
Thursday 28 March
- End of Term - School finishes at 1.00pm
Monday 15 April
- Commencement of Term Two - Children to wear the winter uniform
Thursday 18 April
- Prep Information Night – 2014

FEES

Fees for Term 1 are now overdue and payable as soon as possible.

CANTEEN

Please read your pricelist – Hot dogs are for sale on Wed/Thurs/Fridays only.

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SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS will be taken on Friday, 15th March. Children are required to wear full summer uniform. Parents have already been requested to send the envelopes to school with correct money before Friday, 15th March. No change will be given at the office therefore it is vital that parents hand in envelopes that have correct money enclosed. Each child needs his/her own envelope if ordering.

WAKAKIRRI
Does anyone have a business that would like to sponsor the Wakakirri team? Sponsorship of $100 or more will ensure your name is on the back of the t-shirt. Please contact the office for further details.

LITERACY PARENT HELPER SESSION – FRIDAY, 15TH MARCH – 9.00AM
Just a reminder that our first parent helper session will be tomorrow morning. There will be a repeat session next Wednesday, 20th March (1.30 – 3.15). Both sessions will be held in the Parish theatrette. Morning or afternoon tea will be provided. If you haven’t indicated that you will be attending but are interested in doing so please feel free to come along. I look forward to meeting and working with you. Thanking you in anticipation...Rita Dubowik (Literacy Leader)

PARENTS & FRIENDS – EASTER RAFFLE
Raffle Tickets for the Easter Raffle have been sent home with your child/ren today. There are some fabulous prizes for everyone. Tickets are still only 50c each! Please ensure you put your Name, contact phone number or child’s grade on the ticket stubs before you return them with the money. Tickets must be returned to the classroom teacher by Friday 22nd March to go into the draw.
Good Luck!

1st Prize Bike Platter with 1kg Egg
3rd Prize Wall Hanger with Chocolate Easter Bunnies

2nd Prize Large Bird Cage filled with Easter Goodies
4th Prize Small Bird Cage filled with Easter Goodies

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS - MOTHER’S DAY STALL WORKING BEE
We will be holding a working bee (wrapping and sorting of gifts) for the Mother’s Day Stall on Friday 15th March. We would like to have as many people as possible who can lend a hand, any time you can offer is appreciated. Our Working Bee will be held in the Performing Arts Room.

COMMUNITY NEWS
Indoor Sports – Indoor Sports Victoria Centres offer “After School Junior Competitions” in a wide range of sports suitable for boys and girls of all ages. For more information call 5996 5411 or email www.cranbourne@indoorsport.com.au

Hoppers Crossing Auskick - Nab AFL Auskick is a program with a focus on fun, while learning the skills of Australian Football for girls and boys from Prep to Year 6. Clinics are on Saturday mornings at Warringa Reserve, Hoppers Crossing. Registrations for 2013 are now open at www.aflauskick.com.au. Please type ‘3029’ into the postcode search function on the website and follow the links to register with Hoppers Crossing. Program cost is $65 for the year. ‘Meet the Coaches Day’ is on Saturday, 16th March from 9:00am-12:00pm. Come along during the morning and meet your child’s coach and find out more about Auskick in 2013.
The first Auskick clinic for 2013 will be on Saturday, 23rd March from 9:00am-10:00am. Please contact Matthew Smith on 0411 534 874 if you would like more information.

Clonard College – is holding an Open Day on Friday, 22nd March. There will be information sessions followed by tours at 1.00pm and 4.30pm. For more information please call 5278 2155 or email office@clonard.catholic.edu.au.
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