St. Peter's ... Educating the whole person to be a competent and faith-filled citizen who actively engages in their community.

Thursday, 21st March 2013

Dear Parents,

It was wonderful to see so many parents at our first school assembly on Monday. We were treated to a variety of acts performed by the students from Year Prep C, Five C and Three A. However perhaps one of the biggest highlights of the assembly was the standing ovation that parents, staff and students gave to Mr. Robert Hart when he was presented with a signed photo of Collingwood legend, Dane Swan. This presentation was to celebrate the wonderful contribution that Robert Hart has made over the years to St Peter the Apostle. Robert has been responsible for the general cleaning and maintenance of our school for the last 20 years and has decided to retire at the beginning of April. In his thank you speech Robert told the children how much he had enjoyed their company over the years and that he would really miss them. On behalf of the community I would like to express my gratitude to Robert for his hard work and dedication over the years and to wish him all the best in retirement. Hopefully if you see Robert between now and the end of the term, you will do the same by expressing your thanks for all that he has done.

As we approach the end of the term, we are beginning to notice a shift in the behavior of a number of the students across a range of year levels. I am not sure whether this is due to tiredness, as we reach the end of term, or that everyone has taken their eye off the ball due to the fact that the game (term) is nearly over! St Peter's is well known for high standards of behavior from the students and we expect this to be the case right up until the end of term. How parents can help, is to maintain a consistent approach at home by ensuring that children get plenty of sleep, eat well and experience a consistent approach to behavior management at home. With everyone working together, it makes it much easier to maintain a safe and orderly environment for students and staff.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the wonderful effort of two of our students and their families. Firstly Sienna from Prep C and Olivia from 6A for the money they raised for the school's Walkathon. Sienna raised a grand total of $355 and Olivia raised $121. Well done to the both of you and thank you for your efforts. Money raised from the walkathon will go towards a new synthetic netball court.

All the best for the coming week.

Warm Regards

Josephine Blackley

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 22 March
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Tuesday 26 March
Thursday 28 March
Monday 15 April
Thursday 18 April
Thursday 16 May
Saturday 10 August

2nd Hand Uniform 'Shoppe' opened from 8.15am - 9.30am
P&F Easter Raffle Due back
Easter Raffle Drawn
END OF TERM - SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1.00PM
Commencement of Term Two-Children to wear the winter uniform
Prep Information Night – 2014
Fr. Elio Capra will speak about the Sacrament of the Eucharist
at 7.00pm in the school theatre.
Confirmands at 11.00am and 2.00pm

MARCH RECOGNITION AWARDS

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CANTEEN
SPECIAL: BBQ Chicken Pizza $2.50 on Friday and all of next week
Thank you to the many volunteers who have come to help during term one. It is lovely to meet you all and it’s great for you to see what is offered in our canteen. Seeing is different to reading a menu. The children love having a family member at the school.
Anyone interested in helping out can see Trish or just pop in. Busiest times are 9.00 to 9.45am and meal breaks 11.00-11.30am and 1.45pm to 2.00pm. Fridays are all hands in.
PLEASE NOTE that the canteen roster will not be displayed in the weekly newsletter henceforth. Trish keeps a diary of all listed names. Look out for our new products …… Thank you and see you in Term Two.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL – MARCH 14TH
Congratulations to all our students who participated in the District Swimming Carnival and progressed through to the Division Swimming Carnival held last week. All students swam exceptionally well, with 8 of our students progressing through to the Regions.
Western Metropolitan Region Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to the following students who competed in the Western Metropolitan Region Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 19th March: Kaedyn Philemon, Tom Newland, Callum Cook, Devon Currao, Nicolas Lettieri, Christian Lettieri, Joshua Norling and Kyle Dumbleton. All boys swam to the best of their abilities with Callum Cook progressing into the Finals of the 11 year old boys breaststroke.
A huge thank you to the boy’s parents who ensured they arrived at the centre on time for their races. Without your support these events could not function successfully.

LITERACY - Helper Sessions
Thank you to everyone who attended our Literacy helper sessions over the last couple of weeks. We have had an overwhelming response this year with close to 40 helpers attending these sessions over the last 2 weeks! Thank you once again to the several parents whose children are no longer in the junior grades but are still offering their invaluable help.
How fortunate we are here at St Peter’s to have such a strong and committed parent community. We appreciate and value your commitment to support the school and your child’s learning and look forward to working with you in our classrooms.

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS – REMINDER
Just a reminder that the Easter Raffle will be drawn at time line up on Tuesday 26th March. Tickets are 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!

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS – MOTHER’S DAY DONATIONS
If anybody is able to offer donations for the Mother’s Day Door Prizes or Raffle, please contact the Parents & Friends via email: parents_friends@stpeterahc.catholic.edu.au or drop your donation into the office.
Thank you for your support.

COMMUNITY NEWS
Marriage Encounter Weekend
Married couples, we encourage you to prioritise your relationship. It underpins your family life. Please join us for a Marriage Encounter weekend. Our weekend helps you to remember why you married and gives you skills to maintain your love for each other.
Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around catholic values but you don’t need to be catholic to attend. There is no group sharing. Our next weekends in 2013 are on: 19-21 April, 14-16 June and 9-11 August in Melbourne.
Good News Lutheran College – Middle and Senior School Information Evening 27th March @7.00pm and 9th May @7.00pm all welcome. For any enquiries please contact the College on 8742 9000 or visit www.goodnews.vic.edu.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. 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.

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SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1.00PM ON THURSDAY, 28TH APRIL
– END OF TERM
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