St. Peter Apostle Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

As you will be aware Holy Week began last Sunday, beginning with Palm Sunday. Holy Week commemorates the Passion of Jesus Christ and is considered to be the most important week in the Christian calendar throughout the world. Holy Week is not simply an historic event that we revisit each year, but rather a time to reflect upon the power of the Risen Lord in our daily lives. Today we had the opportunity to watch and take part in the Stations of the Cross. A number of the children from a number of year levels re-enacted the Stations of the Cross at our para-liturgy this morning. It was a very moving and prayerful time and I wish to thank Mrs. Boneew for preparing the children. Congratulations also goes to the children in the way they presented themselves.

As promised, Mr. McGrath will be returning in term 2 and is really looking forward to being back with the children, teachers and parents! Upon his return I will continue to work in the Deputy Principal role and hope there will still be opportunities to meet as many parents as possible. My biggest challenge will be to remember all of your names!! Anyway I would like to thank you for your support and welcome during my first term at St Peter’s and to congratulate you on your wonderful children who welcome me everyday with big smiles and cheery hellos!

So on behalf of the school community I pray that all families enjoy a safe, happy and fulfilling holiday break. Hopefully as a family you will get a chance to participate in some of the Holy Week/Easter Liturgies (see enclosed timetable).

May the Risen Lord bless each member of your family this Easter!

Warm Regards

Josephine Blackley

REMINDERS
Thursday 28 March
Commencement of Term Two

Monday 15 April
Prep Information Night – 2014 at 7.00pm in the Discovery Centre

Thursday 18 April
Fr. Elio Capra will speak about the Sacrament of the Eucharist at 7.00pm in the school theatre.

Thursday 16 May
Confirmations at 11.00am and 2.00pm

Saturday 10 August

SCHOOL UNIFORM TERM 2
Typically in term 2 there is a change over from summer uniform to winter uniform. We recognise that warm weather may still be with us at the start of term 2 and therefore the children may continue to wear summer uniform, including hats for the first two weeks of the term. However if the weather is cool, we expect parents to make a sensible decision and send their children to school in winter uniform. This transition time from summer uniform to winter uniform is for the first two weeks of the term and it is expected that all children will be in FULL WINTER UNIFORM by April 29th.
WALKATHON
Could all walkathon notes and money be returned to the class teacher as soon as possible. Thank you to all the families who have returned their forms and money.

PARENTS & FRIENDS – EASTER RAFFLE WINNERS
Our Easter Raffle prizes were drawn on Tuesday at line up. It was wonderful to see the children so excited when they collected their prize. Thank you to all the wonderful people and companies who donated these prizes to the school. The lucky winners are:

1st Prize: Giselle F 5B
2nd Prize: Oliver P 2C
3rd Prize: Daniel Y PA
4th Prize: Michael L 6A

Congratulations to our Raffle Winners! Thank you also to all the Families who supported the Bulbs Fundraiser.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN PROGRAM
We are very excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program once again. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 8 April and Sunday 9 June 2013. We will redeem these for awesome Science resources to assist our children and staff in their learning and teaching experiences.

For every $10 spent at Woolworths you will receive a Woolworths Earn & Learn Point. Pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it’s completed, just bring it back to the school and hand it in to your child’s classroom teacher. Alternatively completed sheets can be dropped into the Collection Box in the church hall. We are grateful for your ongoing support and look forward to another successful program. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Skinner. Thank you!

COMMUNITY NEWS
The University High School is holding its Open Day on May 1st 2013. They are running two Open Day sessions.

Session 1: 2pm-3pm and Session 2: 7pm - 8pm. Please attend only one session. There is no need to book for either session 1 or 2. For more information please visit university.hs@edumail.vic.gov.au or call 9347 2022.

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.

Wishing all our families the peace and joy of our Risen Lord at Easter.