Dear Parents,

Hello once again from St. Peter’s school community. I am happy to report that our Mother’s Day Stall was once again a wonderful success. The children were so enthusiastic to shop for their secret, special gifts for their Mums..... Many smiling faces. The Morning Tea was also a terrific, special moment for our whole community indicated by the many tears of joy from teachers, mums and grandmas. Well done to all concerned and especially our hard working Parents & Friends.

Just a reminder that next week is our Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the School Board next Tuesday, 14th May at 6.00pm. As you know we are seeking two parent representatives to fill our vacancies for the new Board. Please consider your nomination for these vacancies.........it is most important we have parent representation on our Board!!

Just a reminder that we will be celebrating our special “Family” mass TOMORROW at 10.00am. It is a free dress day and all gold coins will be forwarded to CatholicCare.

Warm Regards

Michael McGrath
Principal

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
I tell you the truth. I am the gate for the sheep... I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 10:10

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REMINDERS
Friday 10 May  2nd Hand Uniform ‘Shoppe’ opened from 8.15am - 9.30am
Gold coin donation for CatholicCare, children to wear free dress
Thursday 16 May Fr. Elio Capra will speak about the Sacrament of the Eucharist
at 7.00pm in the school theatre.
Friday 17 May Fees for Term 2 are due
Saturday 18 May First communion mass @ 6.00pm
Friday 24 May 2nd Hand Uniform ‘Shoppe’ opened from 8.15am - 9.30am
Saturday 25 May First communion mass @ 6.00pm
Sunday 26 May First communion mass @ 10.30am
Sunday 2 June First communion mass @ 10.30am
Friday 7 June 2nd Hand Uniform ‘Shoppe’ opened from 8.15am - 9.30am
Sunday 9 June First communion mass @ 10.30am
Saturday 10 August Confirmations @ 11.00am and 2.00pm

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS
This week is CatholicCare Family Week. CatholicCare is an organisation which supports families in need
with pastoral care, counselling and family and community services, both in Australia and in a number of
places around the world. The theme for this year is “It takes a village to raise a child”. A whole school Mass
‘Celebrating Families’ will be held at 10.00am on Friday, 10th May. You are all invited to come along to
this celebration. We will also have a free dress day on Friday May 10th tomorrow and ask the children to
give a gold coin donation, in support of the great work CatholicCare undertakes in our community. If you
wish to know more about CatholicCare and the services it provides, please go to www.ccam.org.

The second in our series of Sacramental evenings with Fr. Elio Capra will be held on Thursday May 16th
at 7.00pm. You are all welcome to come along. The focus this time is on the Eucharist and will be of
particular interest to the parents of Year 3 children, who will be preparing to receive the sacrament of
Eucharist next year and 4 children, who will be receiving First Communion in the coming weeks. We can
promise you a very entertaining and informative evening and hope to see you there.
PERFORMING ARTS NEWS- Whole School Incursion
We are very excited to announce that Opera Australia’s Oz Opera will present Rossini’s The Barber of Seville on Friday 24th May in the hall.
As the touring arm of Australia’s national opera company, Oz Opera presents opera performances of the highest calibre to the widest possible audience. For over 20 years, the Oz Opera Schools Company has maintained a strong commitment to bringing opera into schools; and the Company has developed a reputation for one of the finest arts education programs in Australia. Music and drama can play an inspiring role in the education of children. Oz Opera introduces a love of the performing arts to children, developing and engaging them through its combination of music, singing, drama and design. Opera engages its audience visually, aurally, imaginatively and emotionally. We are looking forward to the performance!

WINTER INTERSCHOOL SPORT
Round 1 against Wyndham Park last Friday went off smashingly. We had wins in both the Netball sides, T-Ball A, Football and Soccer B. On behalf of the students I would like to thank Mr. Saunders for his support with our Soccer B team, Mrs. Venner for her support with the Netball Girls team, Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Ierardo and Mrs. Naaman for their support, timing and scoring for the Football team. A special thank you to Mrs. Naaman for the very enjoyable coffee.
Please note there will be no Interschool Sport this Friday. Round 2 for Friday 10th May has been rescheduled to Friday the 7th June.

CROSS COUNTRY
Congratulations to all our students who competed in the Cross Country on Monday. The weather conditions were perfect for the event. All our students competed well. Congratulations to the following competitors who have made it through to the Division cross Country. Joshua Norling, Ruby-Sofia Pena, Erika Rajic, Zach Vesty, Emmanuel Ayano, Dar Men Lawng Sang and Devon Currao.
A special thank you Mrs. Knowles and Mr. Hudson for their assistance on the day and to all the parents who were able to be there to support our students.

BREAKFAST CLUB - CAN YOU HELP?
Breakfast Club runs every Tuesday and Thursday morning providing breakfast for between 20 and 30 students each day and we often provide lunch for students who have no lunch. We are grateful to Paul’s Bakery near the Station in Hoppers Crossing for donating bread. A few years ago we asked for donations to help run Breakfast Club and these have now been exhausted. We would really appreciate donations of a few dollars, strawberry jam, vegemite or margarine so that we can continue such a valuable service.
Thankyou, Wellbeing Team

FRIENDSHIP CLUB
One of the activities that is offered at Friendship Club at lunchtimes on Tuesdays is Scrapbooking. Mrs Paula Farrugia very kindly offers her time and materials each week. She would appreciate the donation of used greeting cards that students could cut up and use for scrapbooking. Card donations would be gratefully accepted and could be sent to the Wellbeing Room. Thankyou.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN PROGRAM
Please remember to collect your stickers from Woolworths between Monday 8 April and Sunday 9 June 2013. 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.

PARISH NEWS
FAMILY FUN NIGHT – 18 MAY 2013

!!!KEEP THIS DATE FREE!!!!
All are invited to the Parish Family Fun Night on Saturday 18 May will go from approx. 7:00pm to 10:30pm. Music for all ages will be provided. Cost of tickets is: $40 for a family, $15 per adult, $10 Concession, $5 for children 12 to 18 years. BYO food, nibbles and soft drinks. NO ALCOHOL. We look forward to seeing you on the night to help make this event a successful one and hope that this will also be an opportunity for you to get to know parish and school families. Tickets will be on sale after masses this weekend or contact parish office. Thank you.
COMMUNITY NEWS

Seasons is a peer support program developed to help children and young people cope with the grief and feelings of loss resulting from separation, divorce or death. It provides the opportunity for children to share their story and support each other in a safe environment, facilitated by a trained counsellor. It is a 10 week program and will be offered at St James for primary school age children over terms 2 and 3. Sessions will be held from 3.30pm-4.15pm on the following Thursdays: 16/5, 23/5, 30/5, 6/6, 20/6, 27/6, 18/7, 25/7, 1/8 and 8/8. If you believe your child could benefit from participating in the Seasons peer support program, please contact Karen George, Counsellor with Catholic Care on 0417 274 249. She will be happy to tell you more about the program.

St. Patrick’s Cathedral Choral Scholarships – 2014

Scholarships are available for boys entering Year 5 in 2014. Applications close Friday, May 17 2013. Auditions at St. Patrick’s Cathedral on Saturday, May 25, 2013. Applications available online: www.stkevins.vic.edu.au

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: 14-16 June and 9-11 August in Melbourne. For further information and bookings contact Marianne and Marcel Van den Bronk on (03) 9733 0997 or email vicbookings@wwmre.org.au

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