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

Thursday, 15th August 2013

Dear Parents,

Greetings from St. Peter’s school community. The Grade Six Confirmations went extremely well on the weekend. The children were well versed in their reflections and involvement in the sacrament which is to be commended. Congratulations to everyone involved in the program for this year, including the Grade Six teachers, Mrs. Bone (R.E.C), Miss Costello (Choir Leader), St. Peter’s staff, parents and of course the children....Well done!

Last Tuesday night at the School Board meeting the most up to date draft of our “School Community Relations” policy was presented. This policy has been the main focus for the Board in 2013. It outlines the need for mutual respect and the inherent Gospel values we should abide by in our relationships. Very soon the policy will be forwarded to you for your perusal and agreement. No doubt you are familiar with policies similar to our policy which form the basis of participation and membership of a club.

Accompanying this week’s newsletter is the Grade 2 and 4 level newsletter. The aim of these newsletters will be to inform parents and students as to what is happening at each grade level throughout the school. Before the end of Term other Grade levels will highlight their current learning activities. Your feedback on this new initiative would be most welcome.

Warm Regards

Michael McGrath
Principal

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Far away in the sunshine are my highest aspirations. I may not reach them but I can look up and see their beauty, believe in them and try to follow them.

- Louisa Mary Alcott

40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

We are celebrating our 40th Anniversary on Saturday, 31st August at 1.00pm. Families are invited to attend the Mass and Afternoon Tea and to assist with catering, you are requested to return the tear off section of the flyer (sent home earlier) advising us of the number of persons attending.
REMINDERS
Friday 16 August  2nd Hand Uniform ‘Shoppe’ opened from 8.15am - 9.30am
Father’s Day Raffle Tickets due
Tuesday 20 August  P&F Meeting 6:30pm Staff Room (Admin Building)
Tuesday 27 August  Father’s Day Breakfast / Father’s Day Raffle Drawn
Wednesday 28 August  Fr. Elio Capra will speak on the Sacrament of Confirmation
                      at 7.00pm in St. Peter's School theatre
                      Father’s Day Stall
Thursday 29 August  Father’s Day Stall
Friday 30 August  Tony Bones/Book Week Incursion
Saturday 31 August  40th Anniversary Celebration
Friday 6 September  Pupil Free Day (No School for children on this day)
Friday 13 September  2nd Hand Uniform ‘Shoppe’ opened from 8.15am - 9.30am

SCHOOL FEES
School fees for Term 3 are now overdue and payable at the earliest.
As mentioned in our newsletter dated 25th July in order to win the $1000 petrol voucher your
School Fees need to be fully paid by the end of Term. Fr. Pius/Fr. Raphael will draw the winning
family on Friday, 11th October.

AUGUST RECOGNITION AWARDS
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LIBRARY NEWS
The Book Fair will commence on Wednesday 14th August and finish on Friday 23rd August.
Books can be purchased from 8.15am to 4.00pm approximately. There will be novels,
non-fiction books, posters, picture books, erasers, sharpeners, pens and pencils and many more
items available. A free bookmark will be given with each purchase. Most books will be priced
under $10.00.
As we are having the Book Fair there will be no Book Club this term. Please feel free to come
along to the Book Fair and see what interesting items we have on sale.
READING CHALLENGE
Just a reminder that all consent forms will have to be returned to me as soon as possible, if you still require one please come and see me.

BOOK WEEK 2013 - Aug 17th – Aug 23rd
Theme: Read across the universe
★ Book Snuggle/PJ Day...The children will be involved in a variety of activities as they rotate through classes to explore the 2013 CBCA (Children's Book Council of Australia) shortlisted books.
★ Please come and join your child/children's classes in the afternoon, throughout Book Week, where we will be sharing and reading our favourite books. Your child’s teacher will advise the exact time that Book Snuggle will take place...

Tuesday, 20th August - Grades 1, 2, 3 & 4
Thursday, 22nd August - Grades Prep, 5 & 6

Please feel free to also wear your PJ’s (optional)...
★ Book Fair –Wednesday, 14th Aug – Friday, 23rd August
★ As part of our Book Week celebrations, the children will be attending performances by TONY BONES ENTERTAINMENT, on Friday, 30th August. These will be held in our school hall.

Grades 4, 5 & 6: 9am – 9.55am Performance will be based on Other Brother by Simon French.
Preps and Grades 1, 2 & 3: 10am – 10.55am Performance will be based on Herman and Rosie by Gus Gordon.

Please come along and join us...there will be no additional charges.

SACRAMENTAL EVENING – CONFIRMATION
Sacraments are an invitation to discover life’s meaning, they offer us a new moment of grace and an appreciation of presence of our loving God and the presence of the Holy Spirit within us. The second in our series of Sacramental evenings with Fr. Elio Capra will be held on Wednesday, August 28th at 7.00pm, in St. Peter’s School theatre. The specific focus of this presentation will be on Confirmation. Fr. Elio Capra, who has taught units in Sacramental Theology at Australian Catholic University (ACU), has a wonderfully down to earth, real life approach to the teaching of the sacraments for adults. His presentations on Baptism and the Eucharist, earlier in the year were informative and entertaining and those who attended went away feeling enlivened and encouraged in their faith.
This is an open invitation for all parishioners or other interested parties to come along and join us as Fr. Elio shares his wonderful insights and wisdom around the Sacrament of Confirmation.

PARENTS & FRIENDS – Father’s Day News
The Father’s Day Raffle tickets are to be returned by TOMORROW Friday 16th August. 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. Good Luck!

Father’s Day Breakfast
Just a reminder that the Father’s Day Breakfast will be on TUESDAY 27TH AUGUST and the special men in your child’s/children’s life are invited to join us. Please complete the details on the invitation and return to the classroom teacher by TOMORROW Friday 16th August. Entry to the Breakfast is by TICKET only and these will be sent home with your eldest child on Monday 19th August.

Father’s Day Stall
Our Father’s Day Stall will be held on Wednesday 28th & Thursday 29th August, enclosed in today’s newsletter is the Father’s Day Stall Price list. We are still in need of helpers for Father’s Day, if you are available to help on either day, please fill in the tear-off slip and return to the classroom teacher ASAP. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. WCC required.
2nd HAND UNIFORM “SHOPPE”
The 2nd Hand Uniform Shoppe will be open on Friday 16th and 30th August and 13th September from 8.15am till 9.30am. If you have any uniforms to sell, please send them along to the office. Uniforms must be clean and in good condition. Please attach an envelope to each item clearly marked thus:
When sold, you will be notified via a note to your child as to when the Monies can be collected. 20% commission is charged for this service.

COMMUNITY NEWS
Bellbridge Cricket Club - are currently seeking players for their U11 and U13 along with participants for MILO IN2 CRICKET. We will be holding our registration days on Friday September 13, 2013 6-8pm and September 14 2012 10-12pm At Mossfiel Reserve Clubrooms, Heaths Rd, Hoppers Crossing.
For more information please contact Mark Croswell 0433 273 779.

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