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

Thursday, 29th August 2013

Dear Parents,

Today’s newsletter recognizes and celebrates a number of community events, in particular Book Week, Father’s Day and the 40th Anniversary celebration on Saturday August 31st. These significant events not only bring us together as a community but also help us to appreciate what our school offers to those who chose to part of our school community.

Our annual celebration of Book Week continues to be a highly successful way of promoting the importance of reading. Last week’s Book Fair was well attended and it was encouraging to see the children keen to purchase a new book. The Book Snuggle days were also well attended by parents and the children certainly enjoyed the opportunity to show off their P.J.s! This week we are looking forward to our Book Week incursion, Tony Bones, on Friday August 30th. In this one-hour session, Tony Bones will explore the Shortlisted Book, Other Brother by Simon French. I would like to thank the teachers, children and parents who helped to make the Book Week a wonderful event, with special thanks to Mrs. Rita Dubowik who organized the Book Week activities and Mrs. Barbara Brown who ran the “Book Fair”.

Another fabulous community event was the Father’s day breakfast on Tuesday morning. It must have been the lure of bacon and eggs, as this year saw a huge number of fathers and grandparents keen to try out our gourmet breakfast and to mingle with other dads. In total there were 189 adults and 219 children who attended the breakfast. It was a mammoth operation to feed everyone but it was certainly worth the effort. I would like to thank the Parents and Friends, teacher representatives on the P&F committee and teacher volunteers for their efforts to make this day special for fathers and grandfathers of St Peter’s school community.

This Saturday presents another opportunity for families to celebrate St Peter’s 40th Anniversary as a school. Celebrations begin at 1 pm with Mass, followed by afternoon tea and tours of the school. We would love to see our families attend this important celebration.
Finally, I would like to draw your attention to the attached Flyer – *School Improvement Survey*. We are seeking your assistance to complete the online survey between September 2nd and September 13th. This year we have decided to increase of number the parents/families to complete the survey. In the past 60 parents/families were required to complete the survey. This year Catholic Education Office Melbourne has offered to pay for more parents to take part in the survey. Consequently we have decided to increase our numbers to 300 parents/families. The selection process for these 300 parents/families will be purely random. If your family is selected you will receive a parent survey letter that will provide you with instructions on how to access and complete the survey. I would encourage you to complete this survey as your insights provide us with valuable information.

Warm Regards

Michael McGrath
Principal

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

The Lord must wait for you to come to Him so he can show you his love and compassion. For the Lord is a faithful God. Blessed are those who wait for his help.

- Isaiah 30:18

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**REMINDERS**

Friday 30 August  
Tony Bones/Book Week Incursion

2nd Hand Uniform ‘Shoppe’ opened from 8.15am - 9.30am

Saturday 31 August  
2nd Hand Uniform ‘Shoppe’ opened from 8.15am - 9.30am

Friday 6 September  
40th Anniversary Celebrations with Mass at 1.00pm

Friday 13 September  
Assembly 2.00pm, Entertainment by PA, 1B, 3B and 4C

Friday 13 September  
John Burland Concert from 9.30am-10.45am and 11.50am-1.15pm

**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. Fr. Pius/Fr. Raphael will draw the winning family on Friday, 11th October.

**THIS WEEK’S WINNERS FOR ‘SHOWING INITIATIVE’**

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Please keep Jayden of 3C in your prayers.

Jayden’s grandfather, Charles, passed away on Friday 23 August, 2013.
LIBRARY NEWS
On behalf of St Peter Apostle School I would like to thank parents, grandparents and children for their continued support again this year with the Book Fair over the last couple of weeks. With your help our school will be able to purchase new books and resources for the school library. I would also like to thank Mrs. Jan Falkai and Mrs Julie Cistemas for their help during the Fair.
I hope the children enjoy their books, posters or novelty item they received.
Mrs. Barbara Brown
Library Co-ordinator

READING CHALLENGE
Children to return the completed Reading Challenge forms to the library by Thursday, 5th September latest.

PARENTS & FRIENDS - Father’s Day Raffle Winners
Our fabulous Father’s Day Raffle prizes were drawn at our Father’s Day Breakfast on Tuesday. It was wonderful to see the children so excited when they collected their prize for the special man in their life. Thank you to all the wonderful people and companies who donated these prizes to the school. The lucky winners are:

1st Prize $200 Supercheap Auto Gift Card  Gemma D.  5B
2nd Prize 3 piece Bistro Setting  Abigail P.  6A
3rd Prize Food & Wine Hamper  Liam G.  6B
4th Prize $25 Bakers Delight Voucher  Nicholas L.  5A

Congratulations to our Father’s Day Raffle Winners!

Father’s Day Breakfast Door Prize Winners
Congratulations to the following lucky door prize winners.
Ava-May B.  1C  Prakrati R.  3C  Daniel Y.  Prep A  Maddison E.  4B

Father’s Day Stall, Raffle & Breakfast Thank You
We would like to thank the committee, parents and teachers who helped with our Father’s Day activities. Yet again, our children were able to buy a special gift at the stall. Some of you were lucky enough to win a fantastic prize and 189 dads & grandfathers and 219 children joined us for breakfast to celebrate Father’s Day. Another wonderful celebration for the entire school community!

WISHING ALL OUR DADS
‘A VERY HAPPY FATHER’S DAY’
2nd HAND UNIFORM “SHOPPE”
The 2nd Hand Uniform Shoppe will be open on Friday 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.

JASON JOTT’S 3A
JUMPER SIZE 8
$10.00
HOME PHONE NUMBER:

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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