ST. PETER APOSTLE
Primary School
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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, 10th October 2013

Dear Parents,

Hello once again from St. Peter's school community and welcome to our fourth and final term for the year. I hope you enjoyed the holiday break and were able to be together as a family at some stage. Term four is generally a very busy term, however let us pray the Holy Spirit will guide us safely and successfully along our journey.

There are a number of important school events scheduled including Gr. Prep, 1 and 2 Literacy Testing over the next month. Our young ones have also been involved in swimming lessons at Laverton this week. They will also participate in Water-Safety sessions with the Royal Life Saving (next week) which will help prepare the children for water activities over summer. Many thanks to Mrs. Leanne Stafford for organising these water-safety initiatives.

Miss Karen Clarke and Mr Peter Bull spent the two week break in East Timor. They taught English at the Dominican Sisters' Kindergarten at Comoro during the first week and then assisted Sr. Eloise (Mother Superior) at the Dominican Sisters' Orphanage at Bidau, for the second week. By all accounts it was an amazing positive experience which may be the beginning of our ongoing relationship between our two schools/countries. On behalf of the St. Peter's school community I would like to congratulate and thank Karen and Peter for their efforts. I am quite certain we will hear more from our two adventurers over the term.

Finally THANK-YOU to the Parents and Friends for the new external sound system .... It is FANTASTIC.

May God Bless you, your families and our school of St. Peter's this term.

Warm Regards

Michael McGrath
Principal

P.S. First Prep Orientation will be on Thursday, 24th October (note the change of date).
REMINDERS
Tuesday 15 October  First Reconciliation 7.00pm – Grade 3A
Thursday 17 October  First Reconciliation 7.00pm - Grade 3B
Friday 18 October  Parents & Friends Workshop: Perf. Arts Theatre (9am onwards)
Thursday 24 October  First Prep Orientation Session (9.15am-10.45am
and 12 noon – 1.30pm)
Monday 28 October  Elio Capra Penance meeting for parents at 7.00pm
Wednesday 30 October  Assembly at 2.00pm, Entertainment by PB, 2C, 3C
Thursday 31 October  Grade 5 Camp (30 October – 1 November)
Friday 1 November  First Reconciliation 7.00pm – Grade 3C
Monday 4 November  Whole School Mass for all Saints at 10.00am
Friday 8 November  Pupil Free Day (No School for the children)
Sunday 10 November  Tabloid Sports for Preps, Grade 1 and Grade 2
Thursday 14 November  Parents & Friends Family Portrait Fundraiser
Friday 15 November  Second Prep Orientation Session (9.15am – 10.45am)
Tuesday 3 December  Pupil Free Day (No School for the children)
Wednesday 11 December  Christmas Carol Family Night at 7.00pm
Thursday 12 December  Final Prep Orientation (2.00pm – 3.00pm)
Friday 13 December  Whole School Orientation
Monday 16 December  Grade 6 Mass of Thanksgiving at 7.00pm

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If you wish to change your preferred method of payment please contact the office.

SCHOOL UNIFORM TERM 4
Typically in term 4 there is a change over from winter uniform to summer uniform. We recognise that the cold weather may still be with us at the start of term 4 and therefore the children may continue to wear the winter uniform, including hats for the first two weeks of the term. However if the weather is warm, we expect parents to make a sensible decision and send their children to school in summer uniform. This transition time from winter uniform to summer uniform is for the first two weeks of the term and it is expected that all children will be in FULL SUMMER UNIFORM by October 21st.

CLASSROOM PLACEMENTS FOR 2014
In the next few weeks we will begin organising children into classes for next year. If you have any concerns or relevant information regarding the placement of your child for 2014, please put these in writing, addressed either to Mr. McGrath or Mrs. Blackley and hand them in to the school office by October 25th at the latest.

Please note: Requests do not carry over from one year to another. If you have had a concern in the past which has not been resolved you MUST put it in writing again for 2014.

Due consideration will be given to your concerns however decisions will made with the aim of placing your child into the best learning environment possible.
SACRAMENTAL EVENING-PENANCE
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 Thursday, October 24th at 7.00pm in St. Peter’s School theatre. The specific focus of this presentation will be on Penance. 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 The Sacraments of Initiation, 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 Penance.

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS
A friendly reminder that on Friday 18th October our Junior Students will be performing in our Interpretive Dance Festival. Dances will be held in the school Performing Arts Theatre. Please see the timetable below for details. We look forward to sharing our Dances with you!

Kind Regards,
Connie Skinner

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PARENTS & FRIENDS
Father’s Day Breakfast – EJ Whitten Foundation: Supporting Prostate Cancer Awareness
Thank you again to all the wonderful gentlemen who attended the Father’s Day Breakfast and donated to the EJ Whitten Foundation: Supporting Prostate Cancer Awareness. We are happily forwarding on $178.95 – Thank you again!

Workshop
The Parents & Friends are holding a workshop on Friday 18th October after morning drop off (9am onwards) in the Performing Arts Theatre. We would really like to have as many people as possible help us with our preparations for our Christmas Stall later in the term. Whatever time you can offer is appreciated and toddlers are welcome. (Note: Working with Children’s Check is required)

Family Portrait Fundraiser
$15 Family or Kids Portrait Fundraising Day: Sunday 10th November. Sessions available from 9am and take approx. 20mins. You will receive a timber framed 10"x13" Family or Kids Portrait. Please complete the tear off slip on the flyer and return to the office with your money for an appointment.

Raffle Donations
The P&F will be selling tickets for their upcoming Christmas Raffle. If anybody has contact with a business who would like to donate a prize for the 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.
VOYAGE OF FAITH—AN INITIATIVE OF ST PETERS, ST ANDREWS AND ST JAMES
The Parishes of St Peters, St Andrews and St James are inviting all Young Adults aged 18-35 to an evening of sharing in our faith. After kicking off the gathering with a barbecue, we'll listen to talks on the life and faith journeys of young asylum seekers in our community before some praise and worship and ending with Eucharist. This fantastic opportunity to meet more Catholic young adults in the community will be held at St Andrew's Sports Centre on Sat 12 Oct at 5:00pm-10:00pm. See you there! For more information, please contact the Parish Office on 9749 4300.

SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS
Mount St Joseph Girls College Open Day – Sunday 13th October 2013
All parents are invited to our Open Day on Sunday 13th October from 10am to 1pm. During the day you will have the opportunity to see our school in action, speak with staff and students and learn about how our College specializes in girls' education. If you are unable to attend at this time please contact the school to make arrangements for an alternative tour time.
There are currently limited vacancies at some year levels. Applications for Year 7 2014 have closed but a waiting list is available.
Enrolment application forms can be obtained from the website www.msj.vic.edu.au or by contacting the school on 8398 2000 or emailing the College Registrar at registrar@msj.vic.edu.au

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