Dear Parents,
Greetings from St. Peter’s school community. By all accounts our Prep 1 & 2 swimming program at Laverton was successful and the children enjoyed the activities. Many thanks to Mrs. Leanne Stafford for organizing the program, our teachers and parent helpers who made the program such a success. Hopefully the children will remember their “Water-Safety” activities over the summer.

The Prep 2014 “Information Night” was also a big success where we had nearly 80 families represented. During the night Mrs. Blackley and I introduced our “Codes of Conduct” for both parents and children. Hopefully all families will have a copy of the policy which is an important part of our “School Community Relations” policy. As part of the policy we ask parents to commit to what has been presented, which has been approved and worked through by our School Board. The policy I daresay does make a lot of common sense and it is seen as a means of providing a safe and happy environment for parents, teachers and children.

Congratulations to the children in Grade 3A and Miss Tara Allison for the wonderful celebration of the Sacrament of Penance last Tuesday night. The children were very well prepared for the reception of this wonderful sacrament for their first time. Many thanks also to the Grade 3A parents, teachers in attendance and Mrs. Glenice Bonew (R.E. Coordinator). We now look forward to Grades 3B and 3C with their reception of this sacrament.

A number of parents and teachers have noticed that some children of late have been bringing food to school that contains nuts. In particular “Nutella” seems to be appearing lately, which of course may cause a severe allergic/life threatening reaction for some children, at our school. On behalf of these children could we PLEASE not bring nut products to St. Peters.

Warm Regards

Michael McGrath
Principal

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Happiness comes from spiritual wealth, not material wealth.
Happiness comes from giving, not getting.
If we try hard to bring happiness to others, we cannot stop it from coming to us also.
To get joy, we must give it, and to keep joy, we must scatter it.
- John Templeton
REMINDEERS
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 Prep, 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 19 November Pupil Free Day (No School for the children)
Wednesday 11 December First Prep Orientation (2.00pm – 3.00pm)
Thursday 12 December Whole School Orientation
Friday 13 December Grade 6 Mass of Thanksgiving at 7.00pm
Monday 16 December Grade 6 “Fun Day”

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to the Cornea Family who won the $1000 petrol voucher which was drawn by Fr. Pius on Friday, 11th October.

SCHOOL FEES
Our School Fee Policy states – “All parents of children currently at school will be required to make a payment of $150- per family in November. This enrolment deposit will be deducted from your following year’s school fees”.
The enrolment deposit for each family is due by Friday, 8 November 2013.

FEES 2014

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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
Last week the Junior Students enjoyed performing their interpretive dances for the school community.
Congratulations to all the wonderful performers on a great concert! A friendly reminder that on Friday 25th October it will be our Senior Students’ turn to perform 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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| 3B                |                      | 9:15am|                                          |
| 3C                |                      | 9:30am|                                          |
| 4A                | Father Sky, Mother Earth | 10.00am | Grade 2 students and their teachers |
| 4B                |                      | 10.15am|                                          |
| 4C                |                      | 10.30am|                                          |
|                   | 1st Break            |       |                                          |
| 5A                | Solid Rock           | 12.00 noon | Grade 6 students and their teachers |
| 5B                |                      | 12.15pm|                                          |
| 5C                |                      | 12.30pm|                                          |
| 6A                | Lanterns             | 1.00pm| Grade 5 students and their teachers     |
| 6B                |                      | 1.15pm|                                          |
| 6D                |                      | 1.30pm|                                          |
|                   | 2nd Break            |       |                                          |
| 6C                | I’ll Fix You         | 2.15pm|                                          |

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE
Enrolments for before and after school care close on Friday, 18th October.

PARENTS & FRIENDS
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 sent home last week 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.