ST. PETER APOSTLE
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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, 24th October 2013

Dear Parents,

Hello once again from St. Peter’s school community. Our Preps, 1 and 2 Literacy Testing is currently in full swing, where the children will be tested over the next month on an individual basis by their class-room teacher. The information gathered as a result of the mandated testing schedule, is used to inform teachers what will be each child’s next phase of their learning. On behalf of all involved, all the best of luck for the testing over the next month.

By all accounts there were a few “Car Park” incidents last week including parking in illegal car places, entering the school via the exit gate and bipping of car horns. Once again I appeal to every parent as well as those driving who were involved last week’s incidents, PLEASE obey the “Car Park Rules”, be patient and respectful. The alternative to this, lowers the tone of our school and is further examples to the children of poor role modelling.

It has been noticed by our staff also that a number of children are not wearing the school uniform correctly. This includes wearing of runners, nearly every day, nail polish and incorrect hair bands. Could you please support the school, by ensuring your child wears the school uniform neatly and with pride.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM - SUMMER**

**Boys**
- Grey Shorts or College Grey Trousers
- Pale Blue Polo Shirt
- St. Peter’s Maroon Windcheater
- Grey Socks (no ankle socks)
- Black School Shoes
- St. Peter’s Maroon Sun Hat

**Girls**
- Blue/White Check Dress
  (with self-matching collar)
- St. Peter’s Maroon Windcheater
- Blue Socks (no ankle socks)
- Black School Shoes
- St. Peter’s Maroon Sun Hat

**SPORTS UNIFORM - The Sports Uniform is to be worn only on designated days.**

**Boys**
- Maroon Track Pants or Maroon Sports Shorts
- Pale Blue Polo Shirt
- St. Peter’s Maroon Windcheater
- White Sports Socks
- Runners

**Girls**
- Maroon Track Pants or Maroon Sports Shorts
- Pale Blue Polo Shirt
- St. Peter’s Maroon Windcheater
- White Sports Socks
- Runners

Warm Regards

Michael McGrath
Principal

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

*God guides us ... He leads us step by step... Only afterwards, as we look back over the way we have come and reconsider certain unimportant moments,...do we experience the feeling.... That God mysteriously guided us.*

- Paul Tournier
REMINDERS
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 Grade 5 Camp (30 October – 1 November)
Thursday 31 October First Reconciliation 7.00pm – Grade 3C
Friday 1 November Whole School Mass for all Saints at 10.00am
Monday 4 November Pupil Free Day (No School for the children)
Friday 8 November Enrolment deposit of $150 per family due
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)
Tuesday 17 December Whole School Orientation
Friday 13 December Grade 6 “Fun Day”
Monday 16 December Whole School End of Year Mass at 10.00am, Final Dismissal at 3.30pm
Tuesday 17 December Maths Testing by appointment
Thursday 20 December Grade 5 Leadership workshop

CLASSROOM PLACEMENTS FOR 2014
In the next few weeks we will begin organising children into classes for next year. Please ensure that you have made your child's primary school for 2014. 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 concerns 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 be made with the aim of placing your child into the best learning environment possible.

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

| 1 Child   | $1,710.00 | Term Payments | $570.00 | Monthly Payments | $190.00 | Fortnightly Payments | $95.00 |
| 2 Children | $2,325.00 |              | $775.00 |                 | $259.00 |                     | $130.00 |
| 3 Children | $2,925.00 |              | $975.00 |                 | $325.00 |                     | $162.50 |

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

WEEK 2 WINNERS - ‘MAKING GOOD CHOICES’

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THIS WEEK’S WINNERS - ‘BEING ORGANISED’

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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 our talented performers! A friendly reminder that tomorrow 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 NOTE THE CHANGE TO THE TIMETABLE below. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.
Thank you for your anticipated understanding.
We look forward to sharing our Dances with you!

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PARENTS & FRIENDS
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 previously 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.