Dear Parents,

Welcome to St. Peter’s school community. The first 2014 Prep Orientation last week went very smoothly which is a terrific compliment to the children and their parents. The teachers involved in the two workshops were delighted with sessions and are looking forward to the next orientation on Thursday, 14th November. Many thanks to the staff involved on the day for their great work.

The children in Grade 3C will receive the Sacrament of Penance for the first time this evening. On your behalf we wish them well and will keep them in our prayers, along with all the Grade Three children who have received their Reconciliation over the past weeks. Many thanks to the Grade Three teachers and Mrs Bonew (Religious Education Leader) for their wonderful work.

The Grade Five children have been at camp Kangaroobie (Princetown) since yesterday and will return tomorrow. I always look forward to the Grade 5 camp to witness first hand how much the children enjoy school life in an outdoor environment. The children really enjoy the activities so let us pray for good weather and a safe and enjoyable camp. Many thanks once again to our hard working staff who have organized the three days.

Warm Regards

Michael McGrath
Principal

P.S. Due to the short week there will be no newsletter next week.

TERM DATES FOR 2014
Term 1 – Thursday 30 January – Thursday 4 April (Easter 18-21 April)  Term 3 - Monday 14 July – Friday 19 September
Term 2 – Tuesday 22 April – Friday 27 June  Term 4 – Monday 6 October – Friday 19 December
REMINDERS
Thursday 31 October  First Reconciliation 7.00pm – Grade 3C
Friday 1 November  Whole School Mass for all Saints at 10.00am
2nd Hand Uniform ‘Shoppe’ opened from 8.15am to 9.30am
Monday 4 November PUPIL FREE DAY (NO SCHOOL FOR THE CHILDREN)
Tuesday 5 November PUPIL FREE DAY (NO SCHOOL FOR THE CHILDREN)
Friday 8 November Enrolment deposit of $150 per family due
Tabloid Sports for Preps, Grade 1 and Grade 2
Sunday 10 November Parents & Friends Family Portrait Fundraiser
Thursday 14 November Second Prep Orientation Session: 9.15am – 10.45am
2nd Hand Uniform ‘Shoppe’ opened from 8.15am to 10.45am
Free Dress with gold coin donation for East Timor
Friday 15 November Pupil Free Day (NO SCHOOL FOR THE CHILDREN)
Tuesday 3 December Christmas Carol Family Night at 7.00pm
Wednesday 11 December Final Prep Orientation (2.00pm – 3.00pm)
2nd Hand Uniform ‘Shoppe’ opened from 1.30pm to 3.30pm
Thursday 12 December Whole School Orientation
Grade 6 Mass of Thanksgiving at 7.00pm
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
Grade 5 Leadership workshop

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.

OCTOBER RECOGNITION AWARDS
AUSSIE OF THE MONTH – JACQUELINE R

| PA | Isabella K
|    | PD
| 1A | Rebecca G
| 2A | Manuel Q
| 3A | Christopher M
| 4A | Levi V
| 5A | Alysha B
| 6A | Jessica R
| PB | Renae M
|    | Josh H
| 1B | Jake A
| 2B | Charlee W
| 3B | Dmitry T
| 4B | Rung L
| 5B | Angel K
| 6B | Caitlen H
|    | Alexa P
| PC | Alexander B
|    | 1C
|    | Abigail M
|    | 2C
|    | Natnael A
|    | 3C
|    | Kosta P
|    | 4C
|    | Tate P
|    | 5C
|    | Ben T
|    | 6C
|    | Carissa Lee S

THIS WEEK’S WINNERS - ‘CO-OPERATION’

| PA | Madiya N
|    | PD
| 1A | Shazmeen K
| 2A | Joshua C
| 3A | Christopher T
| 4A | Caitlyn P
| 5A | Nicolas L
| 6A | Dar Men L
| PB | Euel E
|    | Maw H
| 1B | Aarohi T
| 2B | Michael S
| 3B | Akira U
| 4B | Kingsleigh P
| 5B | Kurt B
| 6B | Alan Z
|    | Nikita R
| PC | Danniella P
|    | 1C
|    | Flora K
|    | 2C
|    | Zoe C
|    | 3C
|    | Kayla L
|    | 4C
|    | John S
|    | 5C
|    | Madeline M
|    | 6C
|    | Shaun A
EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE – 2014
Application forms are now available from the office. To be eligible for EMA in 2014 your Health Care Card / Pension Card must be valid as at 28th January 2014. Application forms must be lodged at the school by 28th February, 2014.

CHANGE OF UNIFORM / UNDERWEAR / SOCKS
From time to time, it is necessary for some children to receive a change of clothing from the office. It is requested that these be laundered and returned to school, so that we can help the next child who needs a change of clothes. However, our supply has been depleted throughout this year. If your child has borrowed clothes from the school office, please return them as soon as possible. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

FUNDRAISING FOR EAST TIMOR
As you are aware two of our teachers, Miss Karen Clarke and Mr Peter Bull travelled to East Timor during the school holidays and worked with the Dominican nuns, at their orphanage and kindergarten in Bidau. The aim of this visit was to to build some links with the Dominican nuns, help them in their work and identify what St. Peter’s School Community could do to aid and support them in their work.

Following 25 years of foreign occupations, the people of East Timor have started to rebuild their country, both physically and figuratively. Life isn’t easy for the people of East Timor. Many of the things we take for granted are luxuries for a country where more than a third of the population live on less than $1.25 a day. Often, when problems seem vast, it can feel like there is no way out, however, in this case there is. Education is key; it’s a way out of poverty for the Timorese, a chance to build a new future and open doors that previously had been locked.

At St Peter’s we can do our bit to help one of our nearest neighbours by sponsoring students to undertake teacher training in Timor. By assisting someone to become a teacher, we can help make a lasting impact on Timor’s future.

To this end we will be having a free dress day on Thursday 14th November. The children may wear their choice of clothes on this day and are asked to contribute a gold coin to help educate a Timorese student to train as a teacher. It only takes $1000 to do this. We hope that all families will get behind this special fundraiser.

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS
A BIG congratulations to all our talented students on their wonderful performances during our Interpretive Dance Festival. Thank you to all the parents who came along to watch our performances. Highlights of the festival can be seen on the school website under “News and Events”.
We now look for to sharing our Christmas Musical with you on Tuesday 3rd December – 7pm on the Basketball Court! More information in the coming weeks!

PARENTS & FRIENDS
Family Portrait Fundraiser
Please support this fundraiser and book in for your $15 timber framed 10”x13” Family or Kids Portrait:
Saturday 10th November. Sessions available from 9am and take approx. 20mins. Please complete the tear off slip on the flyer sent home previously and return to the office with your money for an appointment.
BOOKINGS MUST BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL BY FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER.

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.

REMINDER
MONDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER & TUESDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER ARE PUPIL FREE DAYS - NO SCHOOL FOR THE CHILDREN
2nd HAND UNIFORM “SHOPPE”
The 2nd Hand Uniform Shoppe will be open on Friday 1 November (8.15am – 9.30am), Thursday 14 November (8.15am – 10.45am) and Wednesday 11 December (1.30pm – 3.30pm). 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:

JASON JOTTS 3A
JUMPER SIZE 8
$10.00
HOME PHONE NUMBER:

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.

The Ladies wish to say many, many Thanks for all the families who have used our “Shoppe” this year, and for the donated clothing.

We are in need to size 4’s and 6’s summer dresses, winter tunics, and Long and short sleeve polo shirts with official school emblem also windcheaters and Long grey Trousers, all in good condition. Leave them at the office and we will collect them.

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