Dear Parents,

Hello once again from St. Peter’s school community. The Junior Tabloid Sports last Friday was a big success and thankfully the weather was kind to us throughout the morning. The children enjoyed the wide ranging activities and on behalf of all involved many thanks to the Grade 6 Sports Captains who assisted with the activities. A big THANK-YOU also to Mrs Leanne Stafford who organised the day ……a great job!

As you may be aware, over the next month the teachers will be heavily involved in assessing and testing the children’s development over the second semester. The staff work very hard to moderate the children’s progress by reviewing a wide variety of work samples, and what has been achieved according to the AusVELS standards. As parents you will of course see the final report (Friday, 6th December) but the effort that goes into the preparation of reports is enormous which takes a great deal of professionalism and hard work.

Our Grade 5 camp was a huge success where the children enjoyed the activities in the outdoor environment. Many thanks to our Grade 5 teachers Mrs Knowles, Miss Restall and Mrs Vesty also Mrs Blackley, Mrs Morrison, Miss Mulquiney, Mr Bull and Mr Azarnikow. The weather was very kind to us and the children were fantastic!

It has been reported that one or two parents are driving far too quickly in our “Car Park” especially in the mornings. There are 10 k.p.h signs displayed and driving faster that this maximum speed, will attract a fine by the police if observed. Please consider the safety of the children.

At school events, such as assemblies and Christmas concert (coming up soon) it has been the accepted practice to record these special moments on video. Whilst recording these events it is strongly recommended, that the recording focus upon your own child, and if possible not include images of other children near or surrounding your child. It is however unacceptable to post images on social media such as “Facebook… without parental permission which has occurred recently. In this way we will ensure the safety of our children whilst at school and on an excursion. This recommendation is listed on our new “Code of Conduct” for parents which all families will receive by the end of term.

Warm Regards

Michael McGrath
Principal

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

God hears and answers …… His ear is ever open to the cry of His children.

- E. M. Bounds
TERM DATES FOR 2014
Term 1 – Thursday 30 January – Thursday 4 April Term 3 - Monday 14 July – Friday 19 September
( Easter 18-21 April)
Term 2 – Tuesday 22 April – Friday 27 June Term 4 – Monday 6 October – Friday 19 December

REMINDERS
Friday 15 November Pupil Free Day (NO SCHOOL FOR THE CHILDREN)
Thursday 21st November Christmas Stall
Friday 22nd November Christmas Stall
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
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

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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.
STUDENT SAFETY
Parents, please do not ask your children to cross roads to meet you or wait around corners out of the line of vision of the teacher on duty at the back or front gates. We have had children put in a very dangerous situation a number of times this year when students wait out of sight of the teacher on duty. Traffic or breakdowns can happen leading to parents running late and this leaves the children in a potentially dangerous and very frightening situation. If we do not know they are there, we cannot protect them. If your child waits near the teacher, they will be safe and taken care of should something happen and you are not there on time to pick them up.

Pattie McCusker
Wellbeing Team

PARENTS & FRIENDS
CHRISTMAS STALL
The Parents & Friends will be having a Christmas Stall on Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd November. Gifts range in price from 50c - $15.00 – price list sent home with this week’s newsletter. If you are available to lend a hand on the day, please fill in your details on the tear off slip sent home earlier in the week and return to the classroom teacher as soon as possible. A Parents & Friends representative will be in contact with you prior to the day. WCC required.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)
The St. Peter Apostle Primary School Parents & Friends Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 5th December at 7pm in the Staff Room. All Parents, Carers and interested parties are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please refer to the detailed information enclosed with this week’s newsletter. Nominations are to be returned to school in a sealed envelope labelled “St. Peter Apostle Parents & Friends AGM” by Wednesday 4th December, 2013. Alternatively, if you have any ideas or suggestions that you would like us to consider for 2014, such as fundraisers or social events, please put them in writing and leave them at the office before the AGM.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OSHC)
The OSHC program will be operating on Tuesday 17th December for the full day. Cost $27.50 per child. If you require care, please register with the program ASAP.

CHILDREN NOT RETURNING TO ST. PETER’S NEXT YEAR
(OTHER THAN GRADE 6 CHILDREN)
To assist us with our planning for 2014, it is most important that you advise us if your child/children will not be returning to St. Peter’s next year by Friday, 22nd November.

SURNAME: ___________________________

NAME OF CHILDREN: ___________________________ Grade ______

______________________________ Grade ______

______________________________ Grade ______

NAME OF THE NEW SCHOOL ___________________________

REMINDER
FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER IS A PUPIL FREE DAY –
NO SCHOOL FOR THE CHILDREN
2nd HAND UNIFORM “SHOPPE”

The 2nd Hand Uniform Shoppe will be open on 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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