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, 28th November 2013

Dear Parents,

Hello once again from St. Peter’s school community. The children are looking forward to the “Christmas Carols” Night next Tuesday, 3rd December starting at 7.00pm sharp. The evening is always a magical night and as we move into the season of Advent it is a fitting way to turn our attention to the true meaning of Christmas. Mrs. Connie Skinner has once again played a significant role in this year’s production however I must also thank our teachers and of course the children for their hard work as well, in getting the production on the road.

Many thanks to the families who have returned the Parents Code of Conduct forms. It is important that as a school community, we embrace the values that underpin the document which in turn will help to make St. Peter’s a safe and happy environment. If you have any concerns or issues on this matter please give me a call at the office.

Just a reminder that the Parents and Friends will be conducting the Annual General Meeting (A.G.M) next Thursday, 5th December. This meeting is very important, as we need to form a Committee to start proceedings for 2014. It will be very disappointing is we cannot fill the vacant committee positions including President and Secretary. Our big community events such as “Pancake Night”, “Mother’s Day” celebrations require organization and effort….it is up to you!

Warm Regards

Michael McGrath
Principal

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
May your footsteps set you upon a lifetime journey of love.
May you wake each day with His blessings and sleep each night in His keeping. And may you always walk in His tender care.
REMINDERS
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

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

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

NOVEMBER RECOGNITION AWARDS
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LAST WEEK'S WINNERS - ‘HAVING A GO’

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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.

LIBRARY
Grade six children will finish borrowing library books this Friday 22nd November.
Grades Prep to Five will finish borrowing library books on Thursday 27th November.
Readers will not be sent home from the 6th December, to enable me to process and return to the boxes.
Thanks again to parents in purchasing Book Fair and Book Club during the year.
Enjoy the break and have a safe and happy Christmas.
Thanks Barb Brown
CHRISTMAS FOOD AND TOY DRIVE
Every year before Christmas, we collect food and toys to help St Vincent De Paul make Christmas Hampers for the poor. We ask that if they are able, families donate some non-perishable food or one NEW toy so that St Vincent De Paul can give poor families food for Christmas and the children a gift as well. Gifts for adults are also welcome. Presents do not have to be wrapped as we will wrap and label what age the gift is appropriate for.

We will be collecting food and gifts for ten days only. Please send food and toys to your child’s classroom and the Class Captains will collect the goods so that St Vincent De Paul can pick them up. Your generosity is much appreciated.
Pattie McCusker - Student Wellbeing

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS
Our end of year Christmas Musical entitled, 'Children of the World' is to be held on Tuesday 3rd December. A gentle reminder that families are asked to be seated by 6.45pm so that the musical can begin promptly at 7.00pm. Whilst this is an exciting time of celebration, many people around the world are not preparing for Christmas with the same joy.

It has been over two weeks since Typhoon Haiyan hit the Philippines, leaving a death toll of at least 4,000 and the area in a state of devastation. Of the estimated 13 million people affected by Typhoon Haiyan, five million are children. One challenge the country will face as it tries to reopen schools is that many of them, often sturdier than the homes that had surrounded them, are now being used as refugee centres. One example is Rizal Central School which is now home to more than 1,300 people. Children sleep on tables in the same classroom they fled to survive the storm. Child malnutrition, which is already at high levels in the Philippines, is another major issue along with a shortage of medical supplies.

As a school community, we would like to help the children and their families of Tacloban by making a cash donation. A representative of the Filipino Community, Mr Al Noveloso will be joining us on the night. He will accept the donation after the performance on behalf of the community in Tacloban-Philippines.

Cash donations can be given to Staff holding buckets as you pass through the school gates.
Families not attending the musical can send a donation to school with their child on Monday or Tuesday. The generosity of the St. Peter's community is well known and greatly appreciated. On behalf of the Tacloban Community we thank you for your anticipated support and generosity.

PLEASE NOTE: If the weather becomes inclement the musical will take place in the gymnasium at Thomas Carr College- 35 Thomas Carr Drive Tarneit.
A note will be sent home on the day confirming the arrangements if required!

CANTEEN NEWS
Spoons and forks are NOT provided free of charge by the canteen. The cost of spoons and forks is now 20 cents each. Spoons and forks are provided by the canteen for Lunch Orders only. Please also be aware that home meals will NOT be microwaved at the canteen. This is a health and safety issue.

PARENTS & FRIENDS - 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.

COMMUNITY NEWS
McDonald's presents McDonald's Metro Cricket Camps, Ages 7-16 on January 16th, 17th at Pointcook.
Freecall 1800 35 14 15 or visit www.cricketcoaching.com.au for more information.
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.

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.

We wish you a Very Happy and Holy Christmas, from the “Shoppe” Ladies.