Dear Parents,

Hello once again from St. Peter’s school community. I am sure you will agree our “Christmas Carols” night, last Tuesday, was once again a very special evening. It was an amazing school community event and I have no doubt the huge crowd in attendance were very impressed with the children’s prayerfulness, singing and overall performance. On your behalf, I wish to thank everyone who made this mammoth event such a success including our hard working Parents & Friends, Michael Lapina (Sound), our teaching staff, parents, the children (of course) and not forgetting Mrs. Connie Skinner who was the driving force behind the performance.

Whilst mentioning the Parents & Friends, I would like to express my sincere thanks for their great work throughout the year. Hopefully we will have a big turnout for tonight’s Annual General Meeting (A.G.M). We need people to step up tonight, to fill the vacancies on the Committee ….please consider!

I have enclosed a copy of the class-room teacher list for next year. As you can see there are some changes to our staff for 2014, as we acknowledge the great contribution of Mr. Brian Hudson has made to St. Peter’s and wishing him all the best for the future. At the same time, we also wish Mrs. Ria Wandersmith all the best, as she embraces the new role as a retiree. Ria has taken on board numerous roles including R.E.C., School Leader and classroom teacher. All the best Ria and Brian.

May I also take this opportunity to welcome Miss Belinda Ward and Miss Louise Johnston to St. Peter’s. I trust and hope you will make the two ladies feel welcome and supported by you. The complete staff list for next year including Specialist’s roles and part-time staff will be published in next week’s newsletter which will be the last one for the year.

P.S. A truly wonderful amount of $1722.30 was raised from donations at the school gate for those affected by the typhoon in the Philippines……..a sensational result.

Warm Regards

Michael McGrath
Principal

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
When the solution is simple, God is answering
- Albert Einstein
REMINDDERS
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 ‘Fun Day’
Friday 13 December Grade 6 Mass of Thanksgiving at 7.00pm
Monday 16 December Whole School End of Year Mass at 10.00am
Final Dismissal at 3.15pm
Tuesday 17 December Maths Testing by appointment
Grade 5 Leadership workshop (Final Dismissal at 3.15pm)
Thursday 30 January School begins for Year One to Six students
Friday 31 January Prep children attend school from 8.45am to 12.00 noon
Monday 3 February Swimming Program for Grades 3 to 6 (3Feb to 14 Feb)

FEES 2014

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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
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

LAST WEEK’S WINNERS - ‘BEING A GOOD FRIEND’

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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
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
Thank you to all our generous parents and friends who attended the school Christmas Musical on Tuesday night. Thank you for organising your child’s costume and supporting their Performing Arts program. The children did a superb job performing for us. I am so proud of each and every one of them! The spirit of Christmas is truly alive in Hoppers Crossing! Once again your generosity enabled us to give Mr Al Noveloso a wonderful donation totalling $1,722.30 towards medical supplies for the people of the Tacloban community in the Philippines. May God give you and your family a joy filled Christmas and all the very best for 2014.
Kind Regards
Mrs Skinner

PARENTS & FRIENDS - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)
The St. Peter Apostle Primary School Parents & Friends Annual General Meeting will be held TONIGHT at 7pm in the Staff Room. All Parents, Carers and interested parties are welcome and encouraged to attend.

PARENTS & FRIENDS – CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNERS
Our fabulous Christmas Raffle prizes were drawn on Tuesday night at our Christmas concert. It was wonderful to see the children so excited when their names were called out! Thank you to all the wonderful people and companies who donated these prizes to the school.
The lucky winners are:
1st Prize Michael L. 6A  2nd Prize Raoul D. 6C
3rd Prize Esha M. 1B  4th Prize Flora K. 1C
5th Prize Amy C. 4B  6th Prize Gandy C. PD
Congratulations to our Christmas Raffle Winners!

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 as soon as possible.

SURNAME: __________________________________________

NAME OF CHILDREN: ______________________________________ Grade _____

_________________________________________ Grade _____

_________________________________________ Grade _____

NAME OF SCHOOL: ____________________________________________
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.

COMMUNITY NEWS