Dear Parents,

Here at St. Peter’s we are constantly working on building our ties with the Parish Community. This year we are trying something new, as part of our Religious Education program.

Celebrating and praying together is one way in which we as Catholics build community. At a school level, grade level and class level there are always many opportunities throughout the year when we come together to celebrate Mass. This year each class will attend the 8.30am parish Mass with the wider community. Your child will be expected to meet his/her teacher and classmates in the Church at 8.25am ready to join in the celebration of Mass with the parish community. You are invited to come along and join in the Mass with your child on this day. Your child’s teacher will notify you of the specific date.

There will also be further opportunities for you to come along and join your child/children in prayer and celebration through the normal Level Masses, paraliturgies and class prayers, which the children will plan and prepare with the help of their teachers. You will be notified of the dates and times of these in due course by the classroom teacher.

This new initiative is timely, as the focus for our Inquiry across the school is Community Wellbeing and your children will be investigating different elements about how we build and maintain healthy community relationships. To fit in with this, our school scripture for term 1, is taken from St. Paul to the Colossians (13:17).

‘And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.’

This piece of scripture is central to the work we will be covering with the children this term and referred to on a multitude of levels, helping us to make the links between what we believe as Catholics and what we do in real life, that makes our faith visible and tangible. You will notice this scripture up in the classrooms and displayed around the school.

Kind Regards,

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