Dear Parents,

Greetings from St. Peter’s school community. As you know last night was our first official Parent/Teacher Interview for this year. It is an important meeting as you will have the opportunity to inform your child’s teacher of your child’s specific educational needs...... a positive update. I therefore ask that if for some reason you were unable to have a chat with the teacher/s pleas do your utmost to catch up at the earliest convenient time.

We have experienced some CAR PARK problems over the past two weeks, including parents parking and turning illegally, blocking through traffic etc. The CAR PARK is much bigger than what may be found in other schools and yet we still have some parents unable to follow the rules. I have enclosed a copy of our CAR PARK rules for you to peruse. PLEASE stick to them.

Reminders : Please return your  a) “Signed off” Code of Conduct for parents and b) Standard Collection notice (these forms need to be returned to the class teacher as soon as possible) c) Pancake/Family Night return slip.

As a school community we always welcome parent helpers in all of our endeavors including excursions, sports events and class-room activities. There is an expectation and a responsibility however that whatever occurs at these events, remain confidential. If for example a child is warned or disciplined at any stage, it is not helpful for such news to be broadcasted in the public arena. Your co-operation in this matter would be appreciated.

Finally PLEASE consider the School Education Board Nomination Form enclosed with this newsletter.

Kind Regards

Michael McGrath
Principal

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
No one plans to fail....... they fail to plan!
REMINDERS
Mon 24th – Fri 28th
Tuesday 25th February
Wednesday 26 February
Friday 28 February
Mon 3rd – Fri 7th
Tuesday 4 March
Friday 7 March
Tuesday 11 March
Friday 14 March
Monday 17 March
Friday 28 March
WEEK B: Specialists Classes for Prep / Gr 2 / Gr 5
P&F Meeting in Staff Room @ 6.30pm
Grades Prep and One (No school on this day)
2nd Hand Uniform ‘Shoppe’ opened from 8.15am to 9.30am
WEEK A: Specialists Classes for Gr 1 / Gr 3 / Gr 4 / Gr 6
Pancake/Family Night
Fees due for Term 1
Annual General Meeting of School Board at 6.00pm
2nd Hand Uniform ‘Shoppe’ opened from 8.15am to 9.30am
Assembly at 2.00pm, Entertainment by 5A, 5B, 5C
2nd Hand Uniform ‘Shoppe’ opened from 8.15am to 9.30am

FEE STATEMENTS
Fees for Term 1 are payable by Friday, 7th March.

LAST WEEK’S WINNERS - ‘COOPERATION’

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EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE – 2014 - 1ST INSTALMENT
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.

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE AN ASTHMA ACTION PLAN?
An Asthma Action Plan has been sent home. If your child has recently been diagnosed with Asthma and you have not informed the school, please contact the office for a copy. Please ensure that all forms are returned signed by your doctor by 28th February 2014. If you wish to find out more information on Asthma contact The Victorian Asthma Foundation on 1800 645130 or www.asthma.or.au

CANTEEN POLICY DURING EXTREME WEATHER
At the beginning of the school year it is timely to remind parents of the school’s policy regarding the use of the canteen during extreme weather conditions.

Extreme Weather
Extreme Weather may occur on days where weather conditions are very hot (36 degrees or above), stormy, windy or wet. The Principal/Deputy Principal in consultation with other staff members, will decide when ‘Extreme Weather’ is called. During this time the students remain in their classroom and are supervised by their class teachers.

Canteen
Please note that on days of Extreme Weather Program the canteen will be open at 1st break but not at 2nd break. Therefore it is important to remember that when packing your child’s lunch for the day that you don’t solely rely on the canteen for your child’s afternoon snack. Please include a second break snack in your child’s lunchbox each day.
Finally just a reminder that there is a limit of $4.00, which can be spent at the canteen in any one day. Children are encouraged to spend no more than $2.00 at the first break and second break.

CANTEEN
Due to Health and Safety Regulations the canteen is not able to microwave home cooked meals.

TRANSPORT REQUIRED
Transport to and from school is required for a child from Grade 5 currently residing in the Tarneit area. If you are able to help please contact Kristy on 0407 325762 or 9748 4063 (after hours).
STUDENT ASSESSMENT
As part of our commitment to meeting the educational needs for your children, we are involved in ongoing assessment in many areas. This may be in the Literacy and Numeracy area or may be Oral Language and Articulation Screens. The information derived from these assessments is used to place students in focus groups and to help plan for their educational needs. In the event that these assessments reveal that a child needs to be referred for either an educational assessment or to external agencies, parents will be contacted and informed about the results of assessment and the referral process.

LITERACY HELPERS REQUIRED....PREP – 2 CLASSROOMS
A note went home last week to all parents of students in Grades Prep, 1 & 2. However, we would ask the support of others in our school community who may be interested. Are there any parents, grandparents or guardians, who would be willing and able to volunteer an hour of their time on a regular basis in the Junior classrooms? Your support would be greatly appreciated. If you have not already done so, you would need to attend one of the Literacy Helper sessions – detailed below, and you would need to organise a current Working With Children Check. If interested, please contact Rita Dubowik or fill in the form below. Please consider helping if possible – your assistance is invaluable in supporting the learning needs of the students in our school. Thank you in anticipation.
N.B. If you have filled in the parent helper form that was sent home with the Preps, 1s & 2s...you do NOT need to fill in this form. Thank you.

LITERACY HELPER SESSIONS 2013
☐ I am interested in helping in a Prep – 2 classroom.
☐ I have a current WWCC (not necessary at this stage)
☐ I have previously attended a Literacy Helper session. OR
☐ I am available to attend one of the Literacy Helper Information Sessions on Friday, 14th March (9.00 – 11 am) OR
   Wednesday, 19th March (1.00 – 3.00pm). Please circle one.
Name __________________________ Contact Phone No. ___________________
Eldest Child’s Name (if applicable) __________________ Grade ______

COMMUNITY NEWS
Mackillop College: Open Day on Tuesday 25 February 2014 from 2.00pm – 6.00pm. All welcome to attend and tour the College. Closing date for applications is 28 February 2014. For further information regarding the College please visit the College website: www.mackillop.vic.edu.au

Thomas Carr College are accepting enrolment to Year 7 for 2015. Closing date for applications is 28 February 2014. Applications forms must be completed and copies of documents are required along with a deposit to be submitted. Thomas Carr College are holding an Open Day on 12 February from 2.00pm to 6.00pm. Please visit the website for more information.

Mount Saint Joseph’s Girls College are accepting enrolments to Year 7 for 2015. Closing date for applications is 28 February 2014. Applications forms must be completed and copies of documents are required along with a deposit to be submitted. MSJ are holding an Information Night on 19 February at 7.00pm. Please visit the website for more information.

Applications open mid march and close end of May.

Marian College West Sunshine has limited vacancies for girls in Years 7-12 from 2015 onwards.
We will be holding an enrolment information evening at the College on THURSDAY 13TH FEBRUARY at 7:00pm.
(Please note: enrolments for Year 7 2015 close on 28th Feb 2014).
Tours of the College are available with the next open morning on Tuesday 4th March at 9:00am.
For enrolment details or to arrange for a tour of the College, please call 9363 1711.
For further information about the College visit www.mariansw.catholic.edu.au
2nd Hand Uniform "Shoppe"
The 2nd Hand Uniform Shoppe will be open on Friday 28th February, Friday 14th and 28th March from 8.15am till 9.30am. 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:

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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.

PARISH NEWS
MONSTER GARAGE SALE - The Knights of the Southern Cross are holding their Monster Garage Sale on Sat 15th March, 8am - 1pm. Come and grab a bargain - furniture, toys, electrical goods, brick a brack held in the school basketball area. Same day delivery can be arranged for a small fee.

ATTENTION ALL MEN - You are invited to join the Knights of the Southern Cross. The knights are involved in running the Monster Garage Sales and meet on the second Tues of the month. A great way to meet people and make friends! Contact Peter on 9734 7861. All men are also welcome to join the Carpenters Club. The Carpenters Club gather on Saturday mornings for a cooked breakfast at 7.20am in the Community Centre (building in the school car park). Another great way to meet new people and make friends. Don’t be shy to come on your own or bring a mate. Contact Peter for any enquiries 9734 7861.

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