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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, 27th February 2014

Dear Parents,

Hello once again from St. Peter’s school community. Last Tuesday night at the Parents & Friends meeting a number of issues were discussed including Pancake/Family Night and Easter Raffle. These events take a great deal of organization and I think it would be fantastic if everyone in the community did their best to support the committee. I therefore ask that you take the time to fill out forms punctually and volunteer your assistance where possible. At present we have two flyers that need your attention….. they are the a) Pancake/Family Night and b) Time and Talents information sheet. Your co-operation in these matters would be appreciated.

I would like to remind you that the staff supervise the children from 8.35am to 3.30pm. It is a very unsafe practice to drop children off at school early, in some cases before 8.00am. The Before School Care facility, provides care and supervision for our children from 7.00am if required. Please don’t put your children’s safety at risk.

Kind Regards

Michael McGrath
Principal

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
The love of life is necessary to the vigorous prosecution of any undertaking.
- Dr. Samuel Johnson

LAST WEEK’S WINNERS – ‘SHOWING KINDNESS’

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REMINDERS
Friday 28 February  
2nd Hand Uniform ‘Shoppe’ opened from 8.15am to 9.30am
Mon 3rd – Fri 7th  
WEEK A: Specialists Classes for Gr 1 / Gr 3 / Gr 4 / Gr 6
Tuesday 4 March
Pancake/Family Night
Friday 7 March
Fees due for Term 1
Tuesday 11 March  
Annual General Meeting of School Board at 6.00pm
Friday 14 March  
2nd Hand Uniform ‘Shoppe’ opened from 8.15am to 9.30am
Monday 17 March  
Assembly at 2.00pm, Entertainment by 5A, 5B, 5C
Tuesday 25 March  
2015 Prep Information Night at 7pm in the Discovery Centre
Friday 28 March
2nd Hand Uniform ‘Shoppe’ opened from 8.15am to 9.30am
Friday 4 April
End of Term 1 – School finishes at 1.00pm
Tuesday 22 April
Professional Development for Staff (No School for children)
Wednesday 23 April
Term 2 Commences at 8.45am
Thursday 24 April
Walkathon

SCHOOL CALENDAR – IMPORTANT DATES
Please visit the website regularly to view upcoming school events.

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 TOMORROW, Friday 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

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 325 762 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 2014

☐ 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: Applications to Mackillop College to Year 7 2015 are now open. 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: Applications to Thomas Carr College to Year 7 2015 are now open. In accordance with Catholic Education Office guidelines, applications will close on Friday, February 28, 2014. For further enquiries please contact The Registrar on 8734 2409.

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.

Marian College West Sunshine has limited vacancies for girls in Years 7-12 from 2015 onwards. (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

Government High Schools: Hoppers Crossing Secondary, The Grange, Werribee Secondary applications open mid March and close end of May.
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:

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.

JASON JOTT'S 3A
JUMPER SIZE 8
$10.00
HOME PHONE NUMBER:

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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