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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.

Dear Parents,

Thursday, 20th March 2014

Greetings from St. Peter’s school community. As mentioned previously we have been consulting with Wyndham council in order to work through some of our traffic problems especially where excursion buses are involved. This issue has been discussed at School Board level and it was felt that we need to install a “Bus Zone” at the front of St. Peter’s school. The “Bus Zone” would allow buses to park legally and at the same time reduce the traffic congestion in Guinane Avenue during the peak times of before and after school. Your co-operation in this matter would be appreciated.

Once again I would remind you that we have our 2015 Prep Information Night on Tuesday, 25th March commencing at 7.00pm. As part of the Enrolment process you are required to make an appointment for an interview at some stage during that evening. If you are aware of any families that wish to enrol their child for next year PLEASE encourage them to attend. Unlike the past two (2) years there will be three (3) Prep grades only not four. All indications are that, enrolments will be highly sought after!

We have encountered a number of problems with children trashing the school toilets. The children have been spoken to about the problem, however it would be most appreciated if you could also talk to them about issues such as throwing paper and food items, wasting hand soap etc. in the toilet area. We do have hand sanitisers in each of the class-rooms, which are to be used for personal hygiene but we do need your support in reminding the children that wasteful use of the hand-soap and general trashing of the toilets is not acceptable.

Code of Conduct : We have enclosed a copy of the “Student Code of Conduct”, for your keeping. We have been working on this document for the past 12 months and I am happy to report that the final draft, truly reflects current practise. Whilst reading through the document I would draw your attention to the consequences/sanctions component. I would also like to remind parents that in the “Parents Code of Conduct” it is unacceptable to use social media in an inappropriate manner. If you have any concerns or issues regarding the above please contact me at the office.

Kind Regards

Michael McGrath
Principal

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
To keep a lamp burning we have to keep putting oil in it.
-Mother Teresa
Tables and Chairs
Recently we have been updating some of our class-room tables and chairs, resulting in an excess of our older tables and chairs. Mr Lettieri our (Maintenance Manager) will display the excess tables and chairs, on Friday, 21st March from 2.30pm, for your taking. As you will discover, they are in very good condition and could be put to good use, especially as outdoor furniture. Happy hunting!

REMINDERS
Tuesday 25 March
Friday 28 March
Friday 28 March
Thursday 3 April
Friday 4 April
Tuesday 22 April
Wednesday 23 April
Thursday 24 April
Saturday 17 May
Sunday 25 May
Saturday 7 June
Sunday 15 June

2015 PREP INFORMATION NIGHT AT 7PM IN THE DISCOVERY CENTRE
Easter Raffle tickets due back
2nd Hand Uniform ‘Shoppe’ opened from 8.15am to 9.30am
Easter Raffle drawn
End of Term 1 – School finishes at 1.00pm
Professional Development for Staff (No School for children)
Term 2 Commences at 8.45am
Walkathon
First Communion Mass at 6.00pm
First Communion Mass at 10.30am
First Communion Mass at 6.00pm
First Communion Mass at 10.30am

RECOGNITION AWARDS
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LAST WEEK’S WINNERS – ‘HAVING A GO’

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LITERACY HELPER SESSIONS
Thank you to everyone who has attended our recent Literacy Helper sessions. We have once again had an overwhelming response this year with close to 40 helpers attending these sessions over the last 2 weeks! Thank you also once again to the several parents and members of our community whose children are no longer in the junior grades but are still offering their invaluable help.
How fortunate we are here at St Peter’s to have such a strong and committed parent community. We appreciate and value your commitment to support the school and your child’s learning and look forward to working with you in our classrooms.

Rita Dubowik (Junior Learning Leader), on behalf of the staff and students of St Peter’s
LIBRARY NEWS
The Premier’s Reading Challenge will start later this term or early next term. I will have the consent forms in the library for the children interested in participating.
Preps to grade two read 30 books in total, 20 from the challenge list and 10 of their own choice.
Grades three to six read 15 books, 10 from the list and 5 of their own choice.
Some grades will be reading as a class, if this is what you child’s grade is doing, the parents only have to sign the consent form to participate and for their child’s name to be in the newspaper, the teacher will record all books read and hand it on to me.

NEW BABIES
As I have done in previous years, I will giving any family who has a new arrival a book to encourage reading, by reading to them yourself or perhaps an older brother or sister. So, please when your new baby arrives let me know and you will receive a book for them.

LOST PROPERTY
Please remember to label your child’s jumper, jacket or hat. Currently, there are over 20 un-named jumpers and some hats in Lost Property that are unclaimed from last year. If not claimed in the next week, they will be given away.
Lost Property is located in the hallway outside the Wellbeing Room. Currently there are also boy’s bathers, rash tops and goggles as well. A sleeping bag from last year’s Grade 5 Camp is still waiting for its owner.

2nd HAND UNIFORM “SHOPPE”
The 2nd Hand Uniform Shoppe will be open on 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.

COMMUNITY NEWS
Woodville Basketball Club invites boys and girls of the following age groups to play basketball in 2014!
From Under 8’s through to Under 20’s.
New season starting in April, sign up early and receive a special introductory fee of $120, a 40% saving.
INQUIRIES woodvillebc@iprimus.com.au

Hoppers Crossing Auskick : Auskick is a fun and engaging introduction to Australian Football for children from Prep to Year 6. Hoppers Crossing Auskick is located at Warringa Reserve, corner of Warringa Crescent and Powell Drive, Hoppers Crossing. Our clinics run on Saturday mornings from 9:00am-10:00am, beginning on Saturday, March 29th. The cost of the program is $65 for the season, which includes a backpack with a football! To register, please go to www.aflauskick.com.au. If you have any questions please call Matt on 0411 534 874. We look forward to seeing you at Hoppers Crossing Auskick.

AFL Victoria Point Cook Holiday Program : The AFL Victoria School Holiday Programs introduces boys and girls the basic skills of Australian Football. The program is fun and inclusive program and the Day includes: Football skills an drills, Inflatable fun, A mini AFL draft, games and loads of prizes to be won. For more information and to register please visit www.aflvicholidayprograms.com.au
COMMUNITY NEWS

The University High School: Open day on 30th April, running two Open Day sessions. Session 1: 2pm-30m and Session 2: 7pm – 8pm. Please only attend one session:

In 2014, the following selection procedures will be used to identify students for the 2015 Year 7 intake:

1. Test administered by EduTest on Saturday, 10th May at The University High School.
2. Interviews with shortlisted applicant and their parents/guardians.
3. Please apply online via the link on our school website. www.unihigh.vic.edu.au The closing date for applications is Friday, 2nd May 2014.