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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

Greetings from St. Peter’s school community. The season of winter is certainly among us, it has been very cold however the children have been fortunate to play outside in between the fog and the showers. On the international scene however we have witnessed many sad stories from around the world. Our prayers are with all the innocent families involved in the tragedies of last week. Let us pray therefore for peace where senseless violence remains.

Please keep the Gr. 6 children in your prayers as they prepare for their reception of the sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, 9th August. The children will be involved in final rehearsals for their celebration over the next few weeks, as they prepare for this next chapter of their faith journey. The children will meet Bishop Long (main celebrant) on Thursday, 7th August as part of their preparation. Finally congratulations to everyone involved in the Confirmation workshop, it was a great family event.

As mentioned previously sadly we say farewell to Mrs. Jose Blackley (Deputy Principal) tomorrow as she will be taking up the position of Principal of Christ the King Newcomb. Jose has been a wonderful leader at St. Peter’s over the past eighteen months and on behalf of everyone, we thank her most sincerely for her time at St. Peter’s. We also wish her all the best in her new position and into the future. Our current Director of Learning, Mrs. Karen Wilson has been appointed as the new Deputy Principal of St. Peter’s till the end of 2014. We also wish Karen all the best in this new position and I know you will support her in this important role.

Kind Regards
Michael McGrath
Principal

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The power of accurate observation is commonly called cynicism by those who have not got it.
- George Bernard Shaw
**REMINDERS**

Wednesday 30 July  
Parent Information Session : Grades Prep – 2  
- "Investigations" : 7.00pm to 8.30pm

Friday 1 August  
EMA applications close

Monday 4 August  
Assembly at 2.00pm, Entertainment by PB, PC, 6C

Saturday 9 August  
Yr 6 Confirmation, Masses at 11.00am or 2.00pm

Tuesday 19 August  
Book Week Dress Up Parade 9.15am – 10.00am

Tuesday 19 August  
Fees for Term 3 due

Wednesday 20 August  
Yr 5 Camp from Wednesday 20 August to Friday 22 August

Tuesday 29 August  
Community mass for Gr 2 at 8.30am, parents welcome

Wednesday 3 September &  
Thursday 4 September  
Father’s Day Stall (More details soon)

Friday 5 September  
Father’s Day Breakfast (More details soon)

Monday 8 September  
Assembly at 2.00pm, Entertainment by PA, PD, 1B, 1C

Tuesday 9 September  
Yr 3 Penance Workshop at 7.00pm

Friday 12 September  
Staff Professional Development Day, NO SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

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**THIS WEEK’S WINNERS – ‘MAKING GOOD CHOICES’**

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**SCHOOL FEES**

- Fee Statements for Term 3 have been sent home today. Fees are due and payable by Tuesday, 19th August.
- As an incentive to all families, the School Education Board (S.E.B) have recommended the following regarding school fees. All families who are up to date with their SCHOOL FEES by Week Four (4)/Term Three (3) will be entitled to win a $1000 petrol voucher. The lucky winner is to be drawn from a hat by Fr. Pius in Week Five (5)/Term Three (3).

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**EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA) – 2ND INSTALMENT**

Parents with continuing eligibility, who were paid the first instalment of 2014 through the school, are not required to complete a new application for the second instalment.

To be eligible for EMA 2nd instalment, your card must be current as at 14 July 2014. If you have a new card or there are any changes to your card please ensure the office has an updated copy. Applications for the 2nd instalment of EMA close on 1ST AUGUST 2014. Please note **LATE APPLICATIONS CANNOT BE PROCESSED.**

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**P - 2 PARENTS….. "INVESTIGATIONS: EFFECTIVE LEARNING AND TEACHING IN THE EARLY YEARS"**

Thank you to those who have responded to this invitation which was given out at the end of last term. If you haven’t yet had the opportunity to reply could you please forward your reply at your earliest convenience. Details and reply form are available on our website. (A hand written reply will also suffice). Thank you in anticipation of your response, particularly if you are able to attend. We look forward to the evening with Dr Shona Bass.
LIBRARY NEWS
The Premiers Reading Challenge forms need to be returned by the end of August. If you need a form or have any questions (especially about the child’s name appearing on the Challenge website) please come and see me.
The Book Fair will be commencing on Wednesday 13th August to Thursday 21st August from 8.15 until approximately 4.00 each day. There will be books, posters, pencils, pens, erasers and assorted other items on sale, please come along and make a purchase, every little bit will count.
There will be no Book Club this term.
Thanks Barb Brown

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS
On Friday we were entertained by a talented dancer named Robin! Robin danced her way through the alphabet performing many styles of dance. The students thoroughly enjoyed the ‘Alpha Beat’ performance. Below are some of the children’s highlights!

Nathan PC
I liked the Dung Beetle Dance when Robin rolled the big ‘poo’ ball over us.

Angel PC
I liked the sleeping dance. Robin did a dance inside a big sleeping bag. It looked like a cocoon.

Aiden PC
I liked Robin’s ballet dance. She used her arms and her legs. She looked beautiful in her tutu.

Page 3C
Robin did all kinds of dances. I enjoyed every single one. I remember some of the dances... J for jumps, F for Formations, C for Choreography, L for levels, T for Tap, D for Drama and P for Pirouette.

Zac 3C
Robin showed us some really, really cool tricks! She can do great handstands. She was very flexible in many ways.

Amelia D 3C
Today a dancer named Robin came to our school. She did tap and ballet. Robin picked some people to dance with her. My favourite part was the dance she did in the sleeping bag!

Renny 5B
I liked Robin’s sleeping bag dance because she moved around a lot. They were contemporary moves and they were very creative.

Adelle 5C
I liked how Robin used the alphabet to show us many different dances. My favourite was the Dung beetle Dance.

Jasmine 5C
I like how Robin used feelings during the dance. She paid attention to her audience and involved them in some of the dances.
To see highlights of the performance please access our School website!

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS
ENTERTAINMENT BOOK or ONLINE MEMBERSHIPS
Did you see our flyer with all the details for our next fundraising venture....Entertainment Book or Online Membership. Remember 20% of each membership goes towards the school!
Book orders can be collected from the School Office, when you choose “PICK UP”.

FATHER’S DAY DONATIONS
If anybody is able to offer donations for Father’s Day, please contact the Parents & Friends via email: parents_friends@stpeterahc.catholic.edu.au or drop your donation into the office. Thank you for your support.
COMMUNITY NEWS

Mount St Joseph Girls College

MSJ Open Mornings - 9.30am – 10.30am (Thursday)
31st July, 28th August, 11th September, 13th November 2014

MSJ Open Day 2014
Sunday 12th October, 11am – 2pm