Dear Parents

Hello from St. Peter’s school community. By now, Mrs Jose Blackley will be well into her first full week as new Principal at Christ the King, Newcomb. I am positive she will be fantastic, however as a consequence we have been forced to make some changes for the remainder of 2014. Hopefully parents, teachers and the children will be across these changes sooner rather than later. The main alteration which will impact upon the children, will be the Gr. 3 and 4 SPORT’S day swap. Let us hope for a smooth transition!

Our Walker Learning Approach (W.L.A) last night was very successful, with over 60 families represented. The evening session was very informative and many thanks goes to Dr. Shona Bass our presenter and Mrs Rita Dubowik (Prep/1 Learning Leader) for organising the night. The children are really enjoying the hands on the investigations/activities which have been inspired by this approach.

Miss Restall and Miss Watkins have put their “Hands up” by introducing a Gr 2 to 6 choir for the children. At this very early, stage the children will be asked to attend two (2) rehearsals per week, to gauge the level of interest. If all goes well, the choir will then present at other school community functions. The main goals for the choir, is to have fun and learn some new songs...please encourage the children to participate.

I am happy to report that the P&F plans for Father’s Day Stall/Breakfast are well advanced. As soon as next week, information regarding booking on-line for the Father’s Day Breakfast will be made available. Moving to on-line today is consistent with our determination to move to a paperless school. A guest speaker from “Beyond Blue”, to talk about “Men’s Health”, has also been organised to speak for a short time at the breakfast (more details soon).
Finally a number of families have been invited to respond to our School Improvement Surveys (S.I.S) over the past week. These compulsory surveys, supply vital feedback which helps to monitor our school development. If you have received information regarding the surveys could you PLEASE respond to your individual survey a.s.a.p.
If you have any enquiries regarding the surveys please contact Mrs Karen Wilson (Deputy Principal) or myself.

Kind Regards
Michael McGrath
Principal

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
A stand can be made against the invasion of an army; no stand can be made against the invasion of an idea.
- Victor Hugo

REMINDEERS
Friday 1 August
2nd Hand Uniform ‘Shoppe’ opened from 8.15am - 9.30am
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
Friday 15 August
2nd Hand Uniform ‘Shoppe’ opened from 8.15am - 9.30am
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
Tuesday 29 August
2nd Hand Uniform ‘Shoppe’ opened from 8.15am - 9.30am
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

THIS WEEK’S WINNERS – ‘CO-OPERATION’

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SCHOOL FEES
- Fee Statements for Term 3 were sent home last week. 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).

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.

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

2nd HAND UNIFORM “SHOPPE”
The 2nd Hand Uniform Shoppe will be open on Friday August 1st, 15th and 29th from 8.15am till 9.30am.
Due to the change over to the “New Uniform” in 2015 for Preps, we are unable to accept sizes 4-6 and 8 anymore. There are still some small sizes in stock, to carry over if needed for the transition. We have plenty of the larger sizes in stock – to help you get through the change.
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.

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS
ENTERTAINMENT BOOK or ONLINE MEMBERSHIPS
Our school community has the opportunity to use the brand new Entertainment™ Digital Membership for FREE for 7 days, starting TODAY! Please see the enclosed flyer for further information.

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