Dear Parents

Greetings from St. Peter’s school community. Our athletics carnival last week was very successful and it was fantastic to see the children enjoying the outdoor track at Victoria University. The weather was very kind to us as well, and on behalf of everyone at St. Peter’s, many thanks to our parent helpers, amazing staff and in particular Mrs Stafford for organising this event.

The Walker Learning Approach (W.L.A) meeting last Wednesday was also a most successful event. Over sixty (60) families signed up for the evening to listen and engage with Dr Shona Bass, who was our facilitator for the evening. For those parents who missed Shona on this occasion, I am sure there will be an opportunity to hear about this new exciting approach to our teaching in the near future. Many thanks to Mrs Dubowik for organising the evening.

I have enclosed a flyer regarding our annual “Father’s Day Breakfast”. As mentioned previously, for this year’s breakfast we are introducing “Try Booking” which is an on-line site for booking purposes. It is therefore imperative you book on-line, in order to reserve your entry to the breakfast. Sadly in the past, the school has encountered problems with parents claiming they had made a booking for an event, such as the “Father’s Day” breakfast and that the booking had somehow been overlooked. “Try booking” will eradicate this occurring from now on ….so if you wish to attend school events, “Try Booking”. For parents wishing to attend the “Father’s Day” breakfast and do not have internet access.....PLEASE contact the office asap and we will make sure you don’t miss out.

The council have begun marking/signing our new “Bus Zone” at the front of the school in Guinane Ave. Please do not park in this area during the times that are indicated.

Finally, we have enclosed a flyer from “ACARA” regarding an exchange of information from St. Peter’s to the Australian authority involved......PLEASE read carefully.

Kind Regards

Michael McGrath
Principal

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

............. the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.....If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

- Galatians 5:22,23 & 25
REMININDERS

Friday 8 August  
Level mass for Gr 1 at 10.00am, parents welcome
Saturday 9 August  
Yr 6 Confirmation, Masses at 11.00am and 2.00pm
Tuesday 12 August  
Community Mass at 8.30am for 2A
Friday 15 August  
2nd Hand Uniform ‘Shoppe’ opened from 8.15am - 9.30am
Whole School Mass Assumption/Yr 6 Thanksgiving mass at 10.00am
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 26 August  
Community Mass at 8.30am for Prep B
Friday 29 August  
Level mass for Gr 3 at 10.00am, parents welcome
Friday 29 August  
2nd Hand Uniform ‘Shoppe’ opened from 8.15am - 9.30am
Tuesday 2 September  
Community Mass at 8.30am for Prep C
Wednesday 3 September & 4 September  
Father’s Day Stall (More details soon)
Thursday 4 September  
Father’s Day Breakfast (More details soon)
Friday 5 September  
Assembly at 2.00pm, Entertainment by PA, PD, 1B, 1C
Tuesday 9 September  
Community Mass at 8.30am for Prep D
Yr 3 Penance Workshop at 7.00pm
Friday 12 September  
Staff Professional Development Day, NO SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN
Monday 15 September  
Yr 7 Information Night – 2016 for current Gr. 4 & 5 children at 6.30pm in the Discovery Centre (More details to follow)

AUGUST RECOGNITION AWARDS
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THIS WEEK’S WINNERS – ‘SHOWING KINDNESS’

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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).
INVESTIGATIONS: Effective Learning and Teaching in the Early Years
P – Z Parent Information Evening
Thank you to the over 60 parents as well as over 20 staff who attended the very informative presentation facilitated by Dr Shona Bass last Wednesday.
Shona focused on most parents’ primary wish for our children to be ‘healthy, happy and successful’. Whilst being successful has many different interpretations, all would agree it does require many skills to be developed. These skills include thinking, persistence, resilience, problem solving, decision-making and communication skills to name a few. Investigative learning is a way of addressing these skills, through real life, hands on and concrete experiences where many learning and teaching opportunities are realised.
On the night, two facts sheets were available – “Walker Learning Approach: Parent Perspective - Understanding Personalised Learning Grades Prep – Year 7” and “Promoting Effective Communication and Language Development at Home”. These are now available at the office and also on the school’s website.
Further information can also be sourced on the Walker Learning website...
http://walkerlearning.com.au/info/ and also the Early Life Foundation website...
Finally, our Prep students are involved in Investigations every morning (not Tuesdays) till 10.15am. Please feel free to come and observe and engage in Investigations.
If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to speak to the Prep, Grade 1 or Grade 2 teachers or myself.
Thank you once again for your continued support and engagement in the educating of our lifelong learners.
Rita Dubowik (Prep and 1 Learning Leader)

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
FATHER’S DAY DONATIONS
Thank you to all the families that have kindly donated prizes for our Father’s Day celebrations. We are looking forward to celebrating with you on Friday 2nd September at our Father’s Day Breakfast.
COMMUNITY NEWS

Mount St Joseph Girls College

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

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