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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. I hope the break from the normal school routine was safe, peaceful and relaxing. I also hope you spent some time together as a family over the two weeks. Incredibly we are now in Term 4 which unsurprisingly is another busy term.

We have a number of major school events planned including …1. Our “Art Show”, 2. Gr. 3 Sacrament of Reconciliation, 3. The P&F “Outdoor Movie Night”, 4. Science Incursions/Excursions and 5. “Christmas Concert/Liturgy. When you throw in end of year reports and orientation days, it is going to be busy.

With the above activities it is important and anticipated that parents and teachers work together. When there is a high level of co-operation and mutual respect, positive outcomes are almost guaranteed. A recent example of this high level of co-operation was evident at the Gr. 3 Reconciliation Workshop. It was fantastic to witness a strong attendance, engaged parents and a positive attitude to the evening. Hopefully the positive energy will translate to not only the above events but to all St. Peter’s initiatives. It was disappointing to find some parents “cherry-picking” school initiatives last term by opting out of a school commitment. Such behaviour is not in the best interests nor the spirit of our school.

Just a reminder about our “Outdoor/Movie Night” planned for Friday, 24th October. This family film night, will be a wonderful evening for the whole family and it would be fantastic if everyone gets behind this initiative. Don’t forget you have to order your family ticket on “Try Booking”. See Flyer enclosed for details.

Kind Regards

Michael McGrath
Principal

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
God has put into each of our lives a void that cannot be filled by the world. We may leave God or put him on hold, but He is always there, patiently waiting for us…..to turn back to him.
REMINDERS
Friday 10 October 2nd Hand Uniform ‘Shoppe’ opened from 8.15am - 9.30am
Tuesday 14 October Community Mass at 8.30am Grade 6A
Wednesday 15 October Art Show from 2.15pm – 6.00pm
Thursday 16 October Art Show from 3.00pm - 5.00pm and 6.00pm – 8.00pm
Tuesday 21 October Community Mass at 8.30am Grade 6B
First Reconciliation at 7.00pm Grade 3B
Wednesday 22 October Prep Orientation from 9.15am - 10.45am and 12.00noon - 1.30pm
Friday 24 October Outdoor Movie Night (Flyer attached)
2nd Hand Uniform ‘Shoppe’ open from 8.15am - 9.30am
Sunday 26 October P&F Bunnings BBQ (Flyer attached)
Monday 27 October Assembly at 2.00pm, entertainment by 1D, 2A, 6A & 6B
Tuesday 28 October Community Mass at 8.30am Grade 6C
First Reconciliation at 7.00pm Grade 3C
Thursday 30 October First Reconciliation at 7.00pm Grade 3A
Monday 3 November School Closure Day (NO SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN)
Friday 7 November 2nd Hand Uniform ‘Shoppe’ open from 8.15am - 9.30am
Friday 14 November Prep Orientation 9.15am – 10.45am
Tuesday 18 November Community Mass at 8.30am Grade 5A
Friday 21 November 2nd Hand Uniform ‘Shoppe’ open from 8.15am - 9.30am
Tuesday 25 November Community Mass at 8.30am Grade 5B
Tuesday 2 December Community Mass at 8.30am Grade 5C
Thursday 4 December Christmas Carol Family Night at 7.00pm
Wednesday 10 December Prep Students meet their new 2015 teacher
Thursday 11 December Whole School Orientation
Grade 6 Mass of Thanksgiving at 7.00pm
Friday 12 December Grade 6 “Fun Day”
Monday 15 December Whole School End of Year Mass at 10.00am
Final Dismissal of Grades Prep – 4 at 3.15pm
Tuesday 16 December Maths Testing Day Grades Prep – 4/Grade 5 Leadership Workshops
Final Dismissal for Grade 5 children
Thursday 29 January School begins for Grades 1 - 6
Friday 30 January Prep children attend school from 8.45am – 12 noon

SCHOOL UNIFORM TERM 4
Typically in term 4 there is a change over from winter uniform to summer uniform. We recognise that the cold weather may still be with us at the start of term 4 and therefore the children may continue to wear the winter uniform, including hats for the first two weeks of the term. However if the weather is warm, we expect parents to make a sensible decision and send their children to school in summer uniform. This transition time from winter uniform to summer uniform is for the first two weeks of the term and it is expected that all children will be in FULL SUMMER UNIFORM by October 20th.

CLASSROOM PLACEMENTS FOR 2015
In the next few weeks we will begin organising children into classes for next year. If you have any concerns or relevant information regarding the placement of your child for 2015, please put these in writing, addressed either to Mr McGrath or Mrs Wilson and hand them in to the school office by October 24th at the latest.
Please note: Requests do not carry over from one year to another. If you have had a concern in the past which has not been resolved you MUST put it in writing again for 2015.
Due consideration will be given to your concerns however decisions will made with the aim of placing your child into the best learning environment possible.
FEES PAID ONLINE
We have had a family pay their fees online into our School Bank Account however we do not have a name to put this amount towards. Could you please contact the school office urgently on 9749 1055. A reminder to parents that the bank charges us for tracing payments into our account without names, these charges will be passed on to the families.

**CDF & DOLLARMITE BANKING**

Banking will resume from Monday, 13th October.

**PARENTS & FRIENDS – BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

This year we have been successful in securing a date for the ever popular Bunnings BBQ. The date we have been given is Sunday 26th October. This is always a fantastic fundraiser, as we are able to access the wider community and not just our own here at St. Peters. Please consider offering some of your time to help out on this day. Any time you can offer between 7.00am - 7.00pm is greatly appreciated. The people who help on this day always seem to have a great time, so come along and join in the fun! (Flyer attached)

**CANTEEN**

The Canteen will be open during the second break from 1.45pm to 2.15pm. Volunteers are required and if you can help on any day during this time please contact Susan or Trish on 9749 1055.

Please note that although Icy poles will be sold in term 4 however Icy poles cannot be requested for in lunch orders.

Friday Special this week only: Mini Ham/Pineapple pizza $2.50.

**2nd HAND UNIFORM “SHOPPE”**

The 2nd Hand Uniform Shoppe will be open on Friday 10th, 24th October and 7th, 21st November from 8.15am till 9.30am.

Due to the change over to the “New Uniform” in 2015 for Prep, we are unable to accept sizes 4-6 and 8. 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.

**PERFORMING ARTS NEWS**

This term our focus for Performing Arts is ‘SINGING’.

We are busy preparing for our end of year Christmas Production- ‘Voices of Christmas’ to be presented on Thursday 4th December at 7pm at the school. This year we would like to make costumes for the main characters. Staff will design the costumes and we are looking for experienced sewers to volunteer to make the costumes! If you would like to offer your time and talents please complete the tear off slip below and return it to the Office by Tuesday 14th October. We will contact volunteers early in Term 4 to make arrangements!

Thank you for your anticipated support.

Connie Skinner

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**‘VOICES OF CHRISTMAS’ COSTUMES**

I _______________________________________ am an experienced sewer and would like to volunteer to sew costumes for the 2014 Christmas Production.

My eldest child at the school is ________________________________ in Year ________.

My contact number is ________________________________.

My email is ________________________________.
COMMUNITY NEWS
Mount St Joseph Girls College - MSJ Open Mornings - 9.30am – 10.30am (Thursday) 13th November 2014. MSJ Open Day 2014 Sunday 12th October, 11am – 2pm

Inviting all boys and girls aged 5-12 to come and join us in a footy fun day this September! The AFL Victoria School Holiday Programs introduce boys and girls to the basic skills of Australian Football. The program is a fun and inclusive approach to football and includes football skills and drills, mini games and a ‘Finals Footy Fever’ experience. For more information or to register please visit http://www.aflvicholidayprograms.com.au/

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