St. Peter’s … Educating the whole person to be a competent and faith-filled citizen who actively engages in their community.

Thursday, 16th October 2014

Dear Parents

Hello once again from St. Peter’s school community. I am happy to report the children have settled very well into school routine and are working very hard. Families who attended the “Art Show” yesterday were very impressed by the range and quality of the children’s art. For those parents who haven’t seen the “Art Show”…TONIGHT is the last opportunity to be impressed by our young Van Gough’s.

Last Tuesday night at the School Education Board meeting we farewelled Mr Leigh Skinner, who has been an active member for the past ten (10) years. In that time Leigh has made a wonderful contribution to the Board and to the running of our school. His business acumen, down to earth approach, ability to get the job done and friendliness will be sorely missed. At the same time we welcome Deacon Charles English to the school board, as our new Parish Priest’s appointment.

PLEASE make an effort to “log on” for our Family/Outdoor Movie Night next Friday 24th October. It will be a great night’s entertainment for the whole family.

It has come to our attention that there has been a case of a skin/Staph infection in the school. As this is a contagious skin infection we ask that you monitor your child to ensure that he/she has no symptoms.

Uniform Update
With any new initiative we sometimes encounter minor glitches that we did not perceive. Such is the case with our amazing new school uniforms. It is for this reason we would like to draw your attention to the following:

1. Zip Jacket/School Jumper – The navy blue zip jacket is to be worn with the sport’s uniform. It may also be worn with the regular new uniform, however it must be worn over the woollen school jumper.
2. Socks – Families have the option of buying the navy stripe socks from Rushford’s OR plain navy socks for the regular uniform. You are also able to buy the white striped sports socks from Rushford’s or plain white socks for the Sports uniform.
3. School Bags – School bags for the new school uniform will be available for sale in November.
4. Old Uniforms – In order to maintain the integrity of our new uniform it is crucial that children do NOT wear a combination of the old uniform with the new uniform.
Many thanks to the parents who have communicated some of the above concerns that we have attempted to address.

Kind Regards

Michael McGrath
Principal

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**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Political Language....
“is designed to make lies sound truthful and murder respectable and to give the appearance of solidity to pure wind”

- George Orwell

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**REMINDERS**

- **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
  - 2nd Hand Uniform ‘Shoppe’ open from 8.15am - 9.30am
- **Sunday 26 October**
  - P&F Bunnings BBQ – **volunteers needed**
- **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 at 3.15pm
- **Thursday 29 January**
  - School begins for Grades 1 - 6
- **Friday 30 January**
  - Prep children attend school from 8.45am – 12 noon

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**THIS WEEK’S WINNERS – ‘DISPLAYING GOOD MANNERS’**

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**SCHOOL FEES**

Our School Fee Policy states – “All parents of children currently at school will be required to make a payment of $150- per family in November. This enrolment deposit will be deducted from your following year’s school fees”. The enrolment deposit for each family is due by **Tuesday, 11th November 2014**.
FEES 2015
1 Child $1,785.00 Term Payments $ 595.00
2 Children $2,415.00 $ 805.00
3 Children $3,045.00 $1,015.00

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 be made with the aim of placing your child into the best learning environment possible.

SECONDARY SCHOOL - Thomas Carr College Expo
Learn more about the wonderful educational opportunities available for your child at Thomas Carr College. Please visit the Discovery Centre on Thursday 16th October from 4.00pm to 8.00pm as the Principal and Senior Staff will be available to answer any questions you may have.

PARENTS & FRIENDS – BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE
This year we have been successful in securing a date for the ever popular Bunnings BBQ on 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. We URGENTLY require volunteers to help out on this day. Any time you can offer between 7.00am - 7.00pm is greatly appreciated. Please return the tear off slip sent home last week.

2nd HAND UNIFORM “SHOPPE”
The 2nd Hand Uniform Shoppe will be open on Friday 24th October and 7th, 21st November 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. 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

‘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

St. Peter’s Parish: Our parish faith community is made up of over 32 different cultures. We praise God for the wonderful way these cultures gather to pray and worship as one body of Christ, witnessing His love. In thanksgiving for this great blessing, we have, since 2004, celebrated our Multicultural Mass with a different nation selected as the host nation each year. This year our host nation is Burma.

On behalf of Fr Raphael, Deacon Charles and the parish community, I have great pleasure to invite you and your families to attend the 2014 Multicultural Mass on Sunday, 26th October at 10.30 am. Please join us for refreshments thereafter to sample the cuisine of the different cultures. There will also be some entertainment performed by the host nation and our talented parishioners!

Looking forward to seeing you on that day.