Dear Parents

Hello once again from St. Peter’s school community. I am happy to report our 2015 Prep orientation session last Friday, was very successful. The children were once again sensational and a very big congratulations to all involved especially to Mrs. Dubowik who organised the morning ..... a very impressive Prep class.

Whilst mentioning next year, St. Peter’s will be posting our newsletters and excursion notes online. To help us prepare for this initiative, we ask you to advise the office of your email address asap. If you have any enquiries regarding the above please contact the school office.

As you know last week, the traffic from the city was horrendous on two occasions, resulting in long delays to drivers living in the west. The circumstances surrounding the accidents were tragic however a number of children not enrolled with the Out of School Hours Care (O.S.H.C) were unfortunately left stranded as well. Children not enrolled in the program are not permitted to be supervised by our O.S.H.C staff. I have therefore enclosed an enrolment form for the families who will be affected by such an incident. Hopefully you may never have to use our O.S.H.C program but in case of emergencies like last week everyone can have peace of mind, especially the children. Please note the $60 enrolment fee will be waived on this occasion.

Just a few reminder for your diary ......

1. 27th November P&F end-of-year celebration at the “Phoenix Hotel
2. 3rd December Parent “Thank-you” BREKKIE 8.00am to 9.00am
3. 4th December Christmas Concert/Liturgy
4. 30th January 2015 Commencement of 2015 School Year for Prep – Grade 6

Kind Regards

Michael McGrath
Principal

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
Most of us give up too early. Failure is an absolute essential in life.

Bryce Courtenay
REMININDERS
Friday 21 November  2nd Hand Uniform ‘Shoppe’ open from 8.15am - 9.30am  
Prep Year Level Mass at 10.00am
Monday 24 November  Assembly at 2.00pm, entertainment by 1A, 2B & 3A
Tuesday 25 November  Community Mass at 8.30am Grade 5B
Thursday 27 November  P&F end-of-year celebration at the “Phoenix Hotel”
Friday 28 November  Year 4,5 & 6 Makers Faire
Tuesday 2 December  Community Mass at 8.30am Grade 5C
Wednesday 3 December  Parent “Thank-you” BREKKIE 8.00am to 9.00am
Thursday 4 December  Christmas Carol Family Night at 7.00pm
Tuesday 9 December  Parents Carol Family Night at 7.00pm
Wednesday 10 December  Prep & Friends AGM at 6.30pm in Discovery Centre
Thursday 11 December  Whole School Orientation  
Grade 6 Mass of Thanksgiving at 7.00pm
Friday 12 December  Grade 6 “Fun Day”/Grade 6 Final Dismissal at 3.15pm
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
Friday 30 January  School begins for Grades Prep - 6 
Prep children at school from 8.45 am to 12 noon

THIS WEEK’S WINNERS – ‘HAVING A GO’

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FEES 2015
Fee Payment Plan Consent Forms along with Fee Payment options for 2015 were sent home on Thursday, 23rd October. Parents are requested to please fill in the Consent forms and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

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TERM DATES FOR 2015
Term 1 – Friday 30 January – Friday 27 March  
(Easter 3-6 April)  
Term 2 – Monday 13 April – Friday 26 June  
Term 3 – Monday 13 July – Friday 18 September  
Term 4 – Monday 5 October – Friday 18 December

2015 NEWSLETTERS
In 2015 our Newsletters and notes will be on-line ONLY. This initiative is consistent with our endeavours to transform our administration into a paperless school. If you have any concerns regarding this initiative please contact the office and/or if you have not forwarded your preferred E-Mail address please do so asap.
PERFORMING ARTS NEWS
The Students and Staff are very busy rehearsing for our end of year presentation, 'Voices of Christmas'. Thank you to all the families who have returned their slip indicating that they will be attending this very special occasion. A gentle reminder that children will need to wear their costume to the school on the night of the performance. Footwear includes socks and runners. Year 6 Cast will change into their costume at school! Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle with them on the night with their name clearly marked on it. Thank you for your continued support.
Kind Regards
Connie Skinner

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)
As of January 1st in 2015 the present arrangements regarding EMA payments directly to parents will cease. Instead, the most needy schools will receive additional funding. Not all schools will be receiving funding in 2015. This change to how the money is distributed was required by the funding agreement with Commonwealth Government to make sure Victorian schools receive increased funding, that will benefit all students and in particular, those schools with concentrated disadvantage.

CANTEEN NEWS
The Canteen will remain open on Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th December. Monies owing to the canteen need to be paid asap.
Prices will change in 2015. A new price list will be emailed along with the first newsletter for the year.

2nd HAND UNIFORM “SHOPPE”
The 2nd Hand Uniform Shoppe will be open on Friday 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.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING
Steve Dupon will present a Parent Education Evening that will discuss the impact of video games on young people. He will present on the positive and negative impacts of video games on children. As well as the benefits that games can provide, there are also a number of concerns. While promoting healthy video game play, Steve also explores the risks of excessive video game use and their addictive nature, children with autism and their use of video games, the increasing convergence of video games and gambling and inappropriate content such as sexism and violence. Steve will give tips on how to use video games as a positive contributor to your child's development, how to avoid video game addiction, how to keep children safe on-line and tips to deal with inappropriate content.
It will be held at the Laverton Community Hub, 95-105 Railway Avenue, Laverton on Wednesday, December 3 from 6.45-8.30. RSVP by Thursday 27 November is essential. Call 99324000 or email lpetroff@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

CHILDREN NOT RETURNING TO ST. PETER’S NEXT YEAR (OTHER THAN GRADE 6 CHILDREN)
To assist us with our planning it is most important that you advise us if your child/children will not be returning to St. Peter’s next year as soon as possible.

SURNAME: ____________________________  Grade ______
NAME OF CHILDREN: ____________________________________________
                      ____________________________________________  Grade ______
                      ____________________________________________  Grade ______

School they will be attending ________________________________________


COMMUNITY NEWS

Tarneit Football Club are approaching their second year in the WRFL with a renewed enthusiasm and are on the lookout for Auskick and junior players.
If you are interested in playing or you have a child that is looking to play football in 2015 or wanting to enrol in Auskick, please contact Terrence Bradley on email enquiries@tarnettitiansfc.com.au or call 0466 930 350.
All Auskick enquires can be directed to Neil Prossertarneitauskick@hotmail.com or call 0428 100 232.
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