Dear Parents

Greetings from St. Peter’s school community. The children in Gr. 4, 5 and 6 have been preparing for their “Maker’s Faire” tomorrow and are very enthusiastic to present their learnings. They have been engaged and excited throughout the whole process and are ready to strut their stuff. Many thanks to the children for their efforts and our teachers who have organised the day. If it’s possible for you to attend please make the effort to drop in and see what the children have created.

The P&F will be having a celebration gathering at the “Phoenix Hotel” in Point Cook tonight. We are hoping a number of the committee helpers may attend as we have a great deal to celebrate this year and what has been achieved including our fantastic Mother’s Day and Father’s Day events. It is for this reason PLEASE do your utmost to attend the Annual General Monday (A.G.M) on Tuesday, 9th December.

I have noticed a number of drivers making illegal right hand turns before and especially after school. The police or traffic officers will pay us a visit at some stage, not hesitating to book anyone breaking the road rules. I personally think we give our councils enough revenue without us adding to their coffers.

I have enclosed a copy of our 2015 Staff list for your perusal. You may have noticed that Mrs Leanne Stafford (Physical Ed. & Sport) and Mrs Pauline Knowles (Gr 5 Class-room Teacher) will not be joining us on staff for next year. Leanne and Pauline have given St. Peter’s fantastic service, their dedication and energy has captivated the children throughout their tenure. Leanne will be teaching on Bathurst Island in N.T. and Pauline slightly closer at Pt. Cook. We wish them all the best in their new positions and on your behalf thank them for all their hard work.

At the same time we farewell Mrs Glenice Bonew (Deputy and R.E.C) and Mrs Tracey Farrar (Wellbeing Leader) for their amazing efforts over many years Glenice (10 years) and Tracey (17 years). They are certainly an institution of St. Peter’s for their tireless efforts and warm and friendly manner. Both ladies have decided to kick back in 2015 and smell the roses, so on your behalf we wish them the very best of luck in their time away from teaching. To all four ladies you will be missed.
We take this opportunity to welcome Miss Zinta Walsh (Phys. Ed & Sport) for 2015. Zinta is known to the children where she has worked as a replacement teacher position and I am positive she will be fantastic in her new role. We also welcome back to St. Peter’s Mrs Kristen Slarko and Mrs Belinda Zangari to St Peter’s and hope you will support them in their Part Time roles. Best of Luck ladies.

Kind Regards

Michael McGrath
Principal

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
The man who opts for revenge should dig two graves.
- Chinese Proverb

REMININDERS
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 & Friends AGM at 6.30pm in Discovery Centre
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”/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

NOVEMBER RECOGNITION AWARDS

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THIS WEEK’S WINNERS – ‘BEING A GOOD FRIEND’

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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

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.

| 1 Child | 2,415.00 |
| 2 Children | 3,045.00 |
| 3 Children | 3,045.00 |

Term Payments
| 1 Child | 1,785.00 |
| 2,415.00 | 3,045.00 |
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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

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.

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. Cola mineral water is no longer available.
A Big Thank-you to all our helpers especially Claire, Naomi, Kerry and Gloria who have volunteered their assistance every week for the entire year. Wishing all families a Merry Christmas and a Safe New Year.

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
COMMUNITY NEWS

Get Active Sports – Basketball for Juniors at Mossfiel Primary School Gym, Langridge Street, Hoppers Crossing starting on Sunday, 8th February. Cost $90 for 6 weekly sessions. Register at rego@activesports.com.au or call 1300772106 or fax 1300 672823.

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@tarniettitansc.com.au or call 0466 930 350. All Auskick enquiries can be directed to Neil Prossertarnieitauskick@hotmail.com or call 0428 100 232. Tarneit FC is based at Wootton Rd Reserve Tarneit, corner of Hogan’s and Heaths Rd Tarneit.