Dear Parents,

As we draw to the end of our school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who made this year a memorable one.

The year has presented us with many challenges as we strive to provide the best education possible for your children. I extend my gratitude and thanks to all staff for the part they have played in making 2014 a successful year. Thanks also to Fr. Pius who has been a great support to me. Let us pray that Fr. Pius in turn will receive our support and co-operation from the school community for the remainder of 2014 and beyond. I am sure St. Peter’s will continue to move forward and develop as a strong faith community.

Thank you most sincerely to those parents who have given their time in many different ways – by helping in the canteen, assisting the class teachers, supervising at excursions and other school functions. I hope the Thank-You breakfast we shared last week will go in some small way as a token of our appreciation.

I would also like to thank the committees of the Parish for their continued support. To the School Education Board, your efforts and support during the year has been greatly valued. Thank you also to the Parents and Friends Association for their hard work in raising money and improving the school’s facilities and technology hardware, and we look forward to next year’s projects. Thank you also to the Ladies Auxiliary for all you have done to assist the school, especially in running the Canteen and always being on hand to assist with catering at important functions. I leave you with a prayer from Elizabeth Jennings that invites us to ponder the Magi’s extraordinary visit to the child and his mother.

But she spoke, so he looked at her, she was shy and simple and young;  
She said, “Sir, it is a most beautiful fragrance of all flowering things together;”  
But Kasper knew the seal of the jar was unbroken,  
his did not know whether she knew the fragrance came from the bundle of myrrh she held in her arms.

Finally a special thank you to all the children, it is the love and respect of the children that makes teaching such a worthwhile profession.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all the Peace and Joy that Christmas brings and a happy and safe holiday with your families.

Kind Regards,

Michael McGrath  
Principal
REMINDERS
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 9.45 am
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
Tuesday 3 February  Swimming Program for Grades 3 to 6 (3rd Feb to 16th Feb)

THIS WEEK’S WINNERS – ‘SHOWING RESILIENCE’

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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

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ICT NEWS
Have a Cybersafe Christmas, This Christmas many of our families will find all sorts of exciting new pieces of technology under the Christmas tree on December 25. These powerful new tablets/iPads/laptops/etc are fun and exciting tools for entertainment, gaming, learning and communicating. However, as many of you know all too well with these new technologies comes new ways for children to bully one another or for children who are not properly monitored to stumble across websites, games or movies that are entirely inappropriate for developing minds.

With this in mind we would like to suggest that you "download" what is sometimes known as the "Two Feet and Two Eyes" app. Note: this is not actually an 'app' but a gentle reminder to parents that the very best form of protection against cyberbullying and inappropriate content is for parents/guardians to use their "Two Feet" to walk over to their child and their device and use their "Two Eyes" to see how they are being used. We would also suggest taking things one step further and ensure you are having regular conversations with your child about: what they are doing; sites they are visiting; who they are communicating with; and what are appropriate time limits and locations for technology use.
Have a fun and cybersafe Christmas.
Dear Parents and Friends,

Thank you so very much for your support and attendance at last Thursday night’s, ‘Voices of Christmas’ concert. I am so proud of each and every student who gave of their very best to sing, dance and perform the story of the first Christmas. It was a FANTASTIC effort and a performance that I will always remember. Please note that photos of the concert can be viewed on the school’s web page. As well as photos there is a short clip of the Finale as performed by the ‘Singing Is Fun’ Choir!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your constant support of the Performing Art’s Program through the years.

I wish you and your family a peace filled Christmas and all the very best for 2015.

Kind Regards
Connie Skinner

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

At our final P&F meeting last Tuesday night I am happy to report our new committee for 2015 was elected. The following parents have been so kind to guide the P&F next year and on behalf of the whole school community we sincerely thank each member:

President: Mrs Renee Debski
Vice President: Mrs Sarav Martin
Treasurer: Mrs Jessica McMasters
Secretary: Mrs Jacqueline Leorke

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 1\textsuperscript{st} 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.

Wishing all our families a Peaceful Christmas and A New Year filled with God’s Blessings

REMINDER

SCHOOL FINISHES AT 3.15PM ON MONDAY, 15\textsuperscript{TH} DECEMBER EXCEPT FOR THE GRADE FIVE STUDENTS WHO FINISH AT 3.15PM ON TUESDAY 16\textsuperscript{TH} DECEMBER 2014