Dates to Remember

June 2017
1st-7th Bike Ed
5th - Warracknabeal Cross Country
8th - Bunnings Visitor
9th - Report Writing Day (Student Free)
12th - Queens Birthday Public Holiday
15th - Dental Van Visit
20th - Lightening Premiership
21st - Dental Van Visit
22nd - HTLS play
30th - Last Day Term 2

July 2017
21st - Wind in the Willows, Horsham Town Hall
28th - Plant A Tree Day

Term Dates 2017
Term 1 30th Jan - 31st March
Term 2 18th April - 30th June
Term 3 17th July - 22nd September
Term 4 9th October - 22nd December

Awards

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Zach Jorgensen - Working hard in maths
Nitika Krahe - Being Nitika!!!

PRINCIPAL’S AWARD

Zach Jorgensen - For outstanding focus and persistence during literacy

Church Calendar

June 4th - 11am Dimboola LR
June 11th - 9am Dimboola LR
June 18th - 11am Dimboola HC

P & F Meeting
The next P & F Meeting will be:
Tuesday 6th June @ 3.30pm in the Multipurpose Room
Hello everyone, well it is the end of week 7 and it has been a very busy but extremely productive week here at St Peters. Now that we are in June and the weather is getting chilly please remind your children that their Bomber jackets and long pants can be worn to school in the mornings and if they are immune to the cold like several of our boys, shorts can still be worn.

Mr Darryl Hirth has been a loyal and committed staff member at St Peter’s for over 5 years. He has recently made the decision to retire at the end of this current term. Darryl’s kindness to all staff and students is boundless energy and fantastic work ethic have contributed to St Peter’s excellent reputation. We thank Darryl for all he has done over the years and pray that he enjoys his retirement and the new stage of his life. He will be missed!!

Thank you to the wonderful ladies who came in on Tuesday and trimmed and tidied around the Petschel wagon ready for our photos on Wednesday. Our full school photo always looks wonderful with the beautiful native shrubs framing this iconic piece of farming history. A big thanks also to parents and caregivers for sending children to school so neatly and tidily dressed, they all looked sensational.

Last Thursday we had the Dental van from Nhill visiting. All students at school on the day were given a check-up. Parents will be notified if there is any treatment needed for their children’s teeth. The dental van returning later in June for these follow up procedures.

We have begun our Bike Education program this week, students have been learning all about safe riding and have had several practice sessions so far. We are keeping the bikes safely locked up in the Art room each night. Junior students are actively involved in this program but will not be involved in the on road rides. Bike Ed is delivered in schools and community settings. The program helps children develop the skills they need to ride safely and independently on roads and paths. The program involves a mix of practical activities conducted off-road (in the school grounds) and on-road (on local roads) together with classroom activities. Students will still need to wear their runners next week for these activities.

Next Friday the 9th is a student free day, staff will be working on reports at school for the day. The following Monday the 12th is the Queen’s Birthday public holiday. So as Jacob worked out and excitedly told me, “it’s a 4 day Weekend Mr Reimann!!!!” Please remember that we are back to school as normal on Tuesday the 13th.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Your’s in Christ,

Tim Reimann
Apart from religious influence, the family is the most important unit of society. It would be good if every home were Christian, but we know that it is not so. The family and the home can never exert their proper influence while ignoring the biblical standard. The Bible calls for discipline and a recognition of authority. If children do not learn this at home, they will go out into society without the proper attitude toward authority and law. There is always the exceptional child, but the average tells us that the child is largely what the home has made him. The only way to provide the right home for your children is to put the Lord above them, and fully instruct them in the ways of the Lord. You are responsible before God for the home you provide for them.

Prayer for the day
Father, keep me from any word or deed that might hinder a child from loving You.
Wimmera District Junior Championship

Congratulations to Harry Vercoe for his performance at the Wimmera District Junior Championship (golf) at Stawell last weekend. Harry came 3rd in the B grade event competing mainly against 15 and 16 year olds. Well done Harry!!!

Volunteers Needed

The school is looking for volunteers to help paint backdrops for our school concert. You don’t have to be an artist, just willing to pick up a brush and splash some colour around.

If this sounds like you and you have some time free please contact the school office on 53891626.

We are looking to start after the Queens Birthday long weekend.
Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic Book Orders are due back **Friday 16th June**

There are spare copies in the front office if you need another catalogue.

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NOTICES

**Hand, Foot and Mouth Virus**

Hand, foot and mouth virus has been making it’s way around the local area. Please be aware of signs and symptoms. We do not have any cases at St Peter’s currently. Attached to the newsletter will be an information sheet about the virus and the exclusion time, should your child contract it.
Vincent Van Gogh

Our Students have been studying the art works of Vincent Van Gogh. Specifically his ‘Sunflower’ series.

Sunflowers are the subject of two series of still life paintings by the Dutch painter Vincent van Gogh. The earlier series, executed in Paris in 1887, depicts the flowers lying on the ground, while the second set, executed a year later in Arles, shows bouquets of sunflowers in a vase.
St Peter’s Lutheran School P&F
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 18th April, 2017 at 3.30pm

Present – Zoe Krahe, Jo Barry, Lyn Taylor, Pam Jorgensen, Kate Ward, Rhianna Paech & Priscilla Reimann
Apologies - Leanne Combrink, Tim Reimann & Anne Rogers

Welcome – Jo opened meeting at 3.36 pm

Any items added to the agenda
Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting
It was moved by Rhianna Paech and Zoe Krahe that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as a true and correct record.  Carried

Business arising from the minutes
Mothers’ Day Raffle
Gazebo for sports Carnival. Jo has made some enquires, waiting to hear back from them. More information of prices etc at next meeting
60 Years of St Peters Lutheran School – celebrating ideas? Possibly a Fun afternoon filled with activities at the school followed by a nice evening meal

Correspondence Inwards
Nil

Correspondence Outwards
Nil

Reports
Principal – N/A
Treasurer – Report tabled
BB acc. $6,570.59
LLL acc. $ 6,262.17
Reports moved by Rhianna and Jo

General Business
Open Day – 17th May Thank you to Zoe, Lyn and Kate for providing morning tea. It was discussed about the possibility of purchasing a microwave for senior or all students to heat their lunches. It was unsure if this was an OH&S problem or how the staff would regulate this. To be discussed with Tim.
Fathers’ Day Raffle – looking at possible gift vouchers from Dimboola Mensland & Hardware store
Wood Raffle – 1 trailer load only at $1 a ticket.
Open to the public, a Christmas tree display. One weekend only in December
Hot food Friday will be commencing as of next Friday. P & F will be selling Hot Dogs at $2 each.

Discussions for next meeting
Gazebo Prices etc
More information on the Christmas tree display.
Bulb money raised

Meeting closed at 4.45pm  Next meeting 6th June, 2017
**St Peters Lutheran School Parents & Friends Meeting 2/5/17**

*Finance Report 1/4/17 - 30/4/17*

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Hand, foot and mouth disease fact sheet

Hand, foot and mouth disease is a common viral infection which is easily passed from person to person. It usually causes a mild illness but rarely causes serious illness. It is not related to the foot and mouth disease that affects animals. Good hygiene helps prevent infection.

What is hand, foot and mouth disease?
Hand, foot and mouth disease is generally a mild illness caused by a number of enteroviruses, including coxsackieviruses. It is usually not a serious illness, and occurs and is not related to the foot and mouth disease that affects cattle. It mainly occurs in children under 10 years of age but can also occur in older children and adults.

What are the symptoms?
Hand, foot and mouth disease starts with blisters that begin as small red dots which later become ulcers.

- Blisters appear inside the cheeks, gums, and on the sides of the tongue, as well as on the palms of the hands and soles of the feet. In infants, blisters can sometimes be seen in the nappy area. Blisters usually last for seven 7 to 10 days.
- Children can sometimes have a low fever, irritability, sore throat, tiredness, feel off colour and may be off their food for a day or two.
- Very rarely, enteroviruses can cause other illnesses that affect the heart, brain, lining of the brain (meningitis), lungs, or eyes.

How is it spread?
Hand, foot and mouth disease is usually spread by person-to-person contact. The virus is spread from the faeces of an infected person to the mouth of the next person by contaminated hands. It is also spread by secretions from the mouth or respiratory system, and by direct contact with the fluid from blisters.

It usually takes between three and five days after contact with an infected person before blisters appear. The viruses can remain in faeces for several weeks.

Who is at risk?
The viruses that cause hand, foot and mouth disease are common and particularly affect children.

Many adults, including pregnant women, are often exposed to them without symptoms. There is no clear evidence of risk to unborn babies from hand, foot and mouth disease. However, infected mothers can pass the infection onto newborn babies who rarely can have severe disease.

Outbreaks may occur in child-care settings.

How can it be prevented?
Good hygiene is the best protection:

- Wash hands with soap and water after going to the toilet, before eating, after wiping noses, and after changing nappies or soiled clothing.
- Avoid sharing cups, eating utensils, items of personal hygiene (for example: towels, washers and toothbrushes), and clothing (especially shoes and socks).
- Thoroughly wash any soiled clothing and any surfaces or toys that may have been contaminated.
- Teach children about cough and sneeze etiquette:
  - Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue. Coughing into an elbow is better than coughing into your hands.
• Dispose of used tissues in the bin straight away
• Wash your hands afterwards with soap and water

How is it diagnosed?
Your doctor can diagnose hand, foot and mouth disease based on the symptoms. Laboratory tests are not usually necessary.

How is it treated?
Usually no treatment is needed. Paracetamol will relieve fever and discomfort. Do not give children aspirin.
Allow blisters to dry out naturally. The blisters should not be deliberately burst because the fluid within them is infectious.

What are the signs of a serious infection?
Signs that an infant or older child might have a more serious form of hand, foot and mouth disease include any of the following:
• persistent fever (38°C or above for 72 hours or more)
• abnormal movements / jerking movements
• rapid breathing
• excessive tiredness, drowsiness
• excessive irritability
• difficulty walking.

If any of these signs are present then the child should be seen by a doctor urgently even if they have been checked earlier in the illness.

How long should children stay away from childcare and school?
Children with hand, foot and mouth disease should be excluded from school or childcare facilities until their blisters have dried-up, and any rash (if present) has gone and any fever has settled.

What is the public health response?
Hand, foot and mouth disease is not notifiable under the Public Health Act. However, to help prevent spread parents should report the illness to the director of the childcare centre or the school principal.