Dates to Remember

August 2017
8th - Students sing for Ladies Guild
9&10th - Parent teacher interviews
14th - Kinder Visit
15th - Sea Turtle incursion
16th - Science Week @ DMSC
18th - Student Free Day
30th - WWSSA inter-school sport at Warracknabeal

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 - 15th December

Church Calendar
July 23rd - 9am Dimboola LR
July 30th - 11am Dimboola HC
Aug 13th - 8.45am Dimboola HC

Awards

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Bailey Barry - thinking critically about the sounds in difficult words to spell
Ethan King - Integrity. Being honest and wanting to do the right thing

P & F Meeting
The next P&F meeting will be held on the 1st of August at 3.30pm
All parents, carers, grandparents welcome.
Hello everyone, it has been another sensational week here at St Peters. Yes it is week 2 of term 3 and we are motoring along back into routine. On the afternoons and evenings of the 9th and 10th of August you are invited to book a time to sit down and speak with your child/children’s teacher. Parent teacher interviews are your opportunity to hear firsthand how your child is travelling both in and outside of the classroom. If the times available do not suit, please let us know and we will endeavour to find an alternative. A parent teacher interview booking note went home on Monday. I encourage you to book a time slot to come in and see your child’s teacher/teachers.

On Wednesday the 30th August one of our staff members will be travelling to Warracknabeal to look after the long-jump event for the Athletics carnival. We do need a parent helper also for this day and event. If you are available and interested please come and let Mrs Reimann know in the front office.

This term the senior class is involved in the ‘River Detectives’ program which Mrs Jeannie Clark is coordinating in some of the district schools. Mrs Clark came to St Peters and trained Mr Reimann and teachers from Nhill and Warracknabeal. We will be collecting river water samples regularly from near the Dimboola boat ramp and then testing them for Salinity, pH, turbidity (dirtiness), temperature and Phosphates. This data will then be recorded onto the River Detectives website. The students will be walking down to this location some days so that we can greater understand and see first-hand what environmental/ Human factors are impacting the Wimmera Rivers water quality. It is important that the students understand the importance of our local waterway and what we can do to maintain its health and longevity.

Don’t forget that our school concert is on the last day of school this term Thursday the 21st September in the Church hall. It is already looking to be another fabulous production. Please pop it into your calendar and don’t forget to bring the family and friends along. If you are able to help with any costumes this year please come and speak to Mrs Nicholson.

Friday August 18th is a student free day. All of St Peters staff will be travelling into Horsham for the annual LEVNT (Lutheran Education Victoria, New South Wales and Tasmania) conference. Staff will be involved in the next stage of the roll out of ‘Growing Deep’ which is a Leadership and formation framework. Staff will also be involved in some professional development and in the afternoon have the opportunity to share ideas with their peers.

The foundation of Lutheran education is the gospel of Jesus Christ (which) informs all learning and teaching, all human relationships, and all activities. Please remember that St Peters will be shut on this day.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Yours in Christ,

Tim Reimann
3 Habits of Happy People

Today I stumbled across a list someone had pulled together and put online, entitled “22 Habits of Happy People.” Inspired, I decided to write a few down on post-it notes and stick them up around my (already post-it laden) cubicle. Then I got to thinking about Scriptural wisdom to back up the catchy phrases. Here’s what I found for the first few.

By Debbie Holloway

1. Let go of grudges
This piece of wisdom is undoubtedly biblical. In fact, the ideas of forgiveness and leaving vengeance up to God can be found in many places throughout the Old and New testaments. Levitical Law states, “You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord” (Lev. 19:18).
Jesus also speaks of the necessity of forgiving each other and letting go of grudges – especially if we desire for God to dismiss our own sins.
“And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses” (Matt. 11:35).

2. Treat everyone with kindness
This is a beautiful, simple phrase that cuts to the heart of the golden rule. Jesus cautions, “So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you” (Matt. 7:12).
God, through commands to his early followers and through his revelation in Christ, clearly values acts and attitudes of kindness and compassion. Believers are consistently exhorted to give, respect, honor, and show humility toward those around us. Perhaps the best model for kindness would, of course, be God himself. Instead of allowing humanity to perish in sin, God pursued us throughout centuries, sent his Son to walk among us, and offers salvation and reconciliation to all freely.

3. Regard Your Problems as Challenges
According to Paul, “No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it” (1 Cor. 10:13).
Truthfully, life is full of problems. And not all problems can be solved. But I like the idea of regarding problems as challenges, because it’s a wonderful reminder that we have been given the power to do something. God didn’t make us fearful or incapable. He gave us a spirit of power and of sound mind (2 Tim. 1:7). If we looked at our problems more like challenges, perhaps we would be more hopeful about the future.
Scholastic Book Club

Last week the new Scholastic Book Club Catalogue was sent home, if you would like to place an order, please have it back to the front office by the Tuesday the 15th August.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Woolworths has begun their “Earn and Learn” program for 2017. Our school has registered for this program, so please remember to collect your stickers when shopping. St Peter’s benefits greatly from this program with the opportunity to buy new resources. The front office has 2 collection bins to place your stickers into.

Get your family and friends to collect them for us too, the more the merrier!!

Council Health and Well Being Survey

Horsham Rural City Council are currently conducting a survey to feed into the Health and Wellbeing Plan development. They would like feedback from our school community to assist in identifying community needs, as well as areas for action, in order to improve the health and wellbeing of people in our Shire. The survey can be conducted online via the following link: www.surveymonkey.com/r/healthyhappy
Next Friday the students will be having nachos. The P&F are looking for donations of the following ingredients:

- Nacho chips, Doritos, CC’s something along those lines
- Shredded Cheese
- Mince
- Salsa
- Avocado dip

Math Artworks

Some of our students have been studying area in maths. To help them understand area a little better they completed an activity where they used centimetre cubes to spell out letters in their names on graph paper.

The older children in the group then added up the squares and worked out the area of their name.
Fractions in the Sun

Around the School

Thanks to Rochelle and Leigh Walters for our 4 new girls. Hopefully we will have eggs again soon!!!

Christian Studies and Kick Ball in the sun.