St Peter’s Lutheran School -
Newsletter - Friday 4th August , 2017

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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

September 2017
5th - Nature Park Excursion
21st - School Concert
22nd - Student Free 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 - 15th December

Church Calendar
Aug 6th - 11am Dimboola LR
Aug 13th - 9am Dimboola HC
Aug 20th - 11am Dimboola HC

Awards

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Olivia Reimann - your use of expression and ability to make your character come alive in concert practice.
Dante Milner - ‘Nike’ award. ‘Just do it’, and Dante has been doing it.

PRINCIPALS’ AWARDS

Declan Paech - outstanding persistence when learning new and more difficult maths challenges. Very well done.
April Rhode - Applying full effort and focus during maths activities.

P&F Meeting
The next P&F Meeting will be held on
Tuesday September 5th @ 3.30pm
In the multipurpose room. All are welcome.
Hello everyone, our third week of term 3 has seen a great variety of weather. From sunny and 16 degrees earlier in the week down to 10 degrees on Thursday. This seems to also be adding to the longevity of the flu and stomach bugs that have hit several of our students. Believe me I know how hard it is to organise someone or somewhere for our children to stay when they are unwell. I do however encourage you to keep your children home when unwell.

New enrolments for 2018 are being taken and it is encouraging to see that we already have several filled in and returned ready to go. Please come in and see Mrs Reimann in the front office if you require further information or documents. Pre-enrolling at this time is a way to ensure that your child/children and their needs can be considered prior to the New Year. Teaching staff are able to organise class groups, order resources and plan ahead more efficiently when we know student numbers well in advance. Thank you to those parents that have made the time to return these documents already.

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. Four of our students are participating on the day in various events. 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.

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. Please remember that St Peters will be shut on this day.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Yours in Christ,

Tim Reimann
God’s Goal for Good Parenting

*Ephesians 6:4* - “Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.”

Consider the following dialogue:

Dad: “You’re letting our daughter do anything she wants.”
Mum: “You’re too strict with her.”
Dad: “She needs more discipline and structure.”
Mum: “She needs more love and encouragement.”
Dad: “She’s becoming irresponsible and out of control.”
Mum: “She’s becoming insecure and afraid.”

And you thought kid had conflicts! This conversation illustrates a primary problem that results when parents can’t agree on how to parent. Rather than doing what they need to do for their kids — put her together — divided parents pull their kids apart.

Of course, no parents agree on everything. But in the best situations, they agree on the most important things and disagree only on styles, preferences, and smaller matters. This is what God intended, but often parents get in the way of God’s design. When parents are far apart in their values and perceptions of their children, the kid loses out. She has no one to contain and integrate her internal divisions. Her unifying environment is split up, so her inner conflicts remain stuck, and can get worse.

If one parent is loving but has poor boundaries, and the other has good boundaries but is not very loving, their kids will likely be undeveloped in her ability to love and to set limits. She will have difficulty being open and vulnerable, taking responsibility, and staying attached in conflict. She will struggle to work through problems. Clearly, the stakes of split parenting are high.

If you and your spouse have significant disagreements about your kids, you can begin to resolve your conflicts — and go a long way toward maturing your child — by doing the following:

1. **Agree that your children comes first.**
   Talk about your conflicting viewpoints, and agree to work on your differences by doing what’s in the best interest of your child. Protect your child, and find a way to agree on love and limits.

2. **Defer to each other’s strengths.**
   Most parents each have an area of strength. Agree that, for your child’s sake, you will defer to the strengths of the other. For example, if you have difficulty providing clear structure for your child, you might ask your spouse for help and guidance. Or, if you can’t listen and understand at the emotional levels your child needs, get your spouse involved in the conversation.

3. **Don’t triangulate your teen.**
   Sometimes parents will forget their role and involve their children in their conflicts with each other. This is called triangulation, and leads to all kinds of problems, such as one parent indulging the children with privileges, freedom, and gifts as a way of stealing the kid’s love from the other parent. The other parent reacts by using too much strictness and discipline in order to prove the spouse’s indulgent approach wrong. If you and your spouse are triangulating, stop. Agree to work out your differences. Consult a third party — such as a friend, pastor, or counsellor — if the triangulation continues.

God designed parenting to be executed by a mum and a dad who love each other, support each other’s parenting, make up for each other’s limitations, and correct each other’s mistakes. It is a very good system when it works as planned. So work together to become united rather than divided parents. After all, you are your child’s most important guide for how life is supposed to be lived. Kids do best when their parents stand together. Give your child what he or she needs.

This devotional is drawn from *Boundaries with Teens*, by Dr. John Townsend.
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!!

Parent Direct Toy Fundraiser

Earlier this week we sent home a toy catalogue. By ordering from Parent Direct the school benefits by being able to buy educational resources for the school.
Hot Food Friday Donations

P&F are in search of donations for hot food Friday.
- Penne pasta
- Grated cheese
- Mince
- Pasta Sauce
If you can help out with any of these ingredients please drop them into the front office.

Fathers Day Donations

The P&F will be running a raffle for Fathers Day and they are looking for donations to fill a hamper.
If would like to contribute to please bring your donations to the front office.
Mr Reimann’s Math Class

Fractions

Mr Reimann’s math class have been focusing on fractions. They have been learning how a whole can be broken into parts. The students used plasticine to make their own

Mrs Nicholson’s Math Class

Mrs Nicholson’s 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 our the area of their name.