St Peter’s Lutheran School
Newsletter - Thursday 17th August, 2017

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Dates to Remember

August 2017
18th - Student Free Day
21st - River Detectives excursion to the river Years 3-6
30th - WWSSA inter-school sport at Warracknabeal

September 2017
5th - Nature Park Excursion Little Dessert National Park
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 20th - 11am Dimboola HC
August 27th - 9am Dimboola LR

Awards

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Amity Vercoe - persevering through difficulty in tasks, and adding a creative touch in art.

PRINCIPALS’ AWARDS

Harry Vercoe- For outstanding manners and setting a good example to the junior students. Very well done
Jasper Ward- For helping to keep our school grounds tidy, without being asked.

P&F Meeting
The next P&F Meeting will be held on Tuesday September 5th @ 3.30pm
In the multipurpose room. All are welcome.
Hi everyone, what a great week we have had here at St Peters. On Monday we walked down to the Kinder and sang to the children as well as read books in small groups and played together. It was wonderful to watch these genuine interactions between the younger boys and girls and our students. There is so much interaction, encouragement and praise from the older students.

On Tuesday as a part of National science week the students had an incursion at school. Brendan Slade who was the presenter recently completed a Scientific Internship that involved monitoring, researching and protecting endangered sea turtles at Gnaraloo Station on the Ningaloo Coast in Western Australia as part of their independent conservation program. The presentation covered sea turtles, marine conservation, everyday actions to preserve our beaches for present and future generations, an overview of the program conducted by Gnaraloo and opportunities for people to become involved.

The children from the Kinder came along to this ‘Science week’ presentation and even though there was no real hands on experiences the boys and girls asked some wonderful questions and seemed very engaged in the talk. Thank you to the kinder staff and parents who came along for this interesting incursion.

On Wednesday, also as a part of National Science Week, we were invited up to DMSC to participate in some science week activities. Our students thoroughly enjoyed these hands on experiences where they were able to build a ‘catapult and balancing robot’. Students tried out their catapults by slinging starburst lollies as far as they could across the DMSC science lab floor! Thank you to Mrs. Vercoe, DMSC staff and students for inviting us to experience these science week activities and for making us feel so welcome in your fabulous school.

On Wednesday next week the Tidy Towns judges will be visiting our school. We have entered St Peters in the category of ‘Active Schools’ Students will be taking the judges for a tour of our grounds and will explain what we have been doing and what further plans we have for our Sensory/Ecumenical garden. If you have some spare time on Monday or Tuesday to do some last minute tidying and trimming it would be very much appreciated.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Yours in Christ,

Tim Reimann
We have a cat at home called “Doggie”. I know, it sounds weird, but when we chose her out of the litter, they’d already called her Doggie. The owner said that of all the kittens in the litter, she behaved more like a dog than a cat, so they called her Doggie. And it turned out to be true. She’s learned to obey commands in a way that generally cats don’t do. She’s an affectionate animal, much more like a dog, than a cat.

But people still find it kind of weird, incongruous if you will, that we have a cat called “Doggie”, so when they raise their eyebrows – I tell them: It’s okay. She has no idea who she really is.

I wonder whether there aren’t a lot of people on this earth who don’t really know their true identity, who they really are. Because we kind of take on the identity the world tells us we should have.

We listen to other people, we compare ourselves to the advertising industry’s glossy images of beauty and success and then, after swallowing those lies hook, line and sinker, without even thinking about it, without even being aware that we’re doing it, we kind of decide that that’s who we must be.

If the perfume ad on TV says that this is what a beautiful woman should look like, then through simple comparison, many women come to the conclusion that they’re not beautiful. If the guys at work are all competing for the next promotion, the next pay rise, and you as a man with a healthy male ego miss out, then you conclude that you simply aren’t successful.

The world over, people are coming to the conclusion that they don’t measure up. That they don’t have any worth. That their lives don’t matter. That their opinion doesn’t count, because it must be stupid.

The tragedy of all that, is that what the world tells us about who we are, falls so far short of the truth. So far short, that to put it bluntly, what most of us believe about ourselves is a lie. And that lie is what’s ruining many a life today.

So just in case you have something of that identity crisis going on in your heart today, I want to share the truth with you. The powerful, God-breathed truth about your identity – who you really are.

You are a child of the living God, created in His image. Loved by Him more than any father on this earth has ever loved a child. That’s the truth. That’s who you are.

And that’s God’s Word. Fresh ... for you ... today.

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. (Genesis 1:27)
Date for Dads Diary: -
a fun night at the Dimboola library for Dad and the kids

Father’s Day Hampers

Father’s Day raffle tickets have now been sent home. Please try your best to sell as many tickets as you can, there are some wonderful prizes to be won.

Tickets are $2 or 3 tickets for $5, the raffle will be drawn on Friday September 1st at 9.30am. Winners will be contacted by phone. Good luck and happy selling.
Hindmarsh, West Wimmera, Yarriambiack and Horsham Rural City municipalities all work together in their emergency management and planning. We’d like your point of view, to ensure we’re working on the things that worry you. Your family’s knowledge and experience are important – we would greatly appreciate you and your parents taking the time to share with us via the following survey:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CommEmMgt-Schools

If you would prefer to receive a paper form to complete, please contact Dianna Blake on (03) 5382 9760, or email dianna.blake@hrcc.vic.gov.au.

Survey closes September 25, 2017
**DFNC JUNIOR Football & Netball**

**Vote Count & Presentation Night**

**FRIDAY 1st September 2017, 6.30pm @ the clubrooms!**

**BBQ TEA supplied - Could all families PLEASE bring a salad to share.**

**ALL players, members, families & friends welcome!**

*Any questions please contact your child’s coach!*
Around The School

Visit to Kinder

Science At DMSC
Next year St Peter’s will be celebrating 60 years since it’s opening. We are after some volunteers to join the committee that will be organising an event for reaching this fantastic milestone.

If you think you have the time and some ideas, please cut off the bottom section and return the form to the school, or contact Kate Ward on 0409528958.

Name: ____________________________________________

Yes I would like to help organise the 60th Celebration of St Peter’s Lutheran School.