Dear Parents,

At next week’s assembly MLA for Doncaster, Mary Wooldridge will present our year six students with their Captains Badges. One advantage of a small school is that a larger percentage of year six students can take on leadership positions. Again this year, with 23 year six students all will have Captain roles.

Last week I met with the year five and six students and explained our vision for student leadership and explained the roles. The year six students have written applications for positions. They have applied in order of preference for three positions stating why they believe they would be good in these positions. Today, Judy and I will talk with each student asking them to talk about their vision for the roles.

BRAIN FOOD

As you know, each morning at about 10 o’clock children have a quick snack of highly nutritional food we call Brain Food. For the middle and senior students they have this on their tables from 9:00am and then just eat it while they are working. For the juniors they stop work for a few minutes. Because it is not a break time the food needs to be eaten easily and not be messy so hands need to be washed or tables wiped. Therefore juicy fruits, and yoghurts are not suitable and are best kept till recess. Biscuits, muesli bars and similar items are not what we consider brain food. Examples of brain food are chopped vegetables, cheese, fruit (but not large fruits for juniors-it is a snack) and nuts. Because this is what everyone is eating it is a good opportunity for the children to develop a palate for this simple and wholesome food.

PARKING IN HAMILTON CRESCENT

There has been some congestion for cars trying to exit from Hamilton Crescent during drop off and pick up times. To allow cars, both our parents and the residents, to drive past those queuing to join the drop off zone outside school in Beverley Street, there needs to be space to get around the queuing cars. To facilitate this I ask that no one park on the eastern side of Hamilton Crescent between the Beverley Street corner and the first driveway. Close to the corner and near the fire hydrant would be illegal parking anyway but there is room for one legal parking before the driveway. A car parked there can block pathway for cars to exit from Hamilton Crescent so I ask that a courtesy to all we leave this clear. If you are coming through Hamilton Crescent, please remember to allow parked cars to re-enter and those parked along there, please be patient and allow traffic queuing around the corner for the 2min zone.

Have a good week!

Maria McIntyre

WEEKLY PRAYER

Father,

God our Father,
we pray that we may grow in such a way as to be welcoming to other people, and generous in every way to those people we don’t agree with.

Lead us to appreciate others in the same way that we would like to be appreciated. Never let us look down on others, or consider anyone to be less than ourselves.

Show us how to be open-minded and able to learn from each other so that, together, we may grow as the people you invite us to be.

Amen.
The next P&F Meeting is – Wednesday 16th Mar 9:10 am in the Staff Room.
Thank you to everyone who came along to the first P&F meeting. Our thanks to our executive volunteer committee – we look forward to your support through the year.

Email us with your ideas or feedback: pandf@sppdcsr.catholic.edu.au

Grade 6 students fundraise for their end of year functions through the sale of Icy Poles known as the ICE program, and supported by the P&F. Icy Poles are sold each day in term 1 and cost 50c. They are sold for the first 20 minutes of lunch; students should purchase and eat their Icy Pole prior to playing.

If you are an Aussie Farmers Direct Customer – please link your account to our school so we can earn a 2% commission on your purchases!

The Uniform Shop is open each Mon & Fri from 9-10. Please remember no EFTPOS or Credit Card facilities are available.

Bomber jackets for years 5 & 6 are in stock! Please have your Year 6 Bomber jacket to the Uniform shop by Fri 4th of March for printing of student names.

Also, if you can help out for an hour a week – please leave your details at the office – we’d love a hand.

Second Hand Uniform Shop next opening will be advised soon. Your unwanted uniform items gratefully received via the office.

We need YOU. The following activities do not currently have leaders, if you have a few hours to spare (these take about 5 to 10 hours to lead). Without leaders, we won’t be able to run them...

Father’s Day Activity Coordinator
Father’s Day Stall Coordinator

All coordinators are supported by the P&F Committee and have records from past coordinators to refer to. You could also coordinate with a friend to double the fun and halve the work!

Combined Parishes Raffle, we purchased a limited number of books and have sent home the first round, if you are unable to sell your book or do not wish to participate, please return it NOW so we can pass on to another family and maximise the success of this fundraiser!

Watch this Space:
Easter Raffle – Your Chocolate donations gratefully received via the office!
Coles Sports for Schools equipment to be delivered soon! We ordered a Soccer kit and more with our points last year
McCain’s Veggie patch promotion starts in April... Hold on to your frozen vegetable barcodes for us....

Did you know?
We have just agreed to purchase $1500 of Junior School take home readers and Big Books – we hope you enjoy them when they arrive!

Your fundraising dollars purchased the school SLR digital camera last year – how great are our photos now!

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PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Junior LandCare Sunflower growers...

Please finalise your measurements and photos tomorrow and submit them to the coordinator email so we can upload to Landcare before the closing date on Friday...

Everyone can log on to the Junior Landcare web site and look at the photo gallery; we have started to upload photos...

Also - remember our generous sponsors of our school competition, announced on Monday at assembly:

Tallest Sunflower $25 – sponsored by Morrison Bros Nursery
Largest Sunflower $25 – sponsored by Aumans Building & Garden Supplies
Most creative photo (whether your flower grew or not – you can enter this category, give it a go!) $25 – sponsored by Barringtons of Doncaster

Thank you Faye Marigold Orla (or the English translation from fairy speak: Fairy of the yellow flowers our Golden Queen)

CALLING ALL PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND CARERS

You are invited to a Morning Tea on Friday 4th March at 9:15 in the Art Rooms.

Come and meet new parents or catch up with those you haven’t seen for a while.
No RSVP necessary, and, please bring a plate to share if you can!

NEW LOYALTY PROGRAM PARTNER: ATHLETES FOOT

We have are registering for the Athlete’s Foot loyalty program... More details soon...

BBQ Updates...

Whilst we could not accept our first date in 2011 from Bunnings - 9th Jan, we do hope to get a new date in the 2nd half year ballot draw – stay tuned, this fundraiser often earns more than $1800 and is well worth the effort to run.
Plus, a big thank you to Brett Taig for cleaning and repairing our school BBQ’s – ready for our activities this year!

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CURRICULUM DAY CHILDCARE PROGRAM

Dear Parents,

A curriculum day program will be held on **TUESDAY 15TH MARCH 2011** at the Out of School Hours Program. Operating hours for that day will be from **8.00 am-6.00pm**.

A day of fun games, activities, cooking and a movie (DVD) popcorn afternoon has been organized. The cost of the day will be **$32.00** per child full day, **$16.00** per child half day forms and payment is required by **WEDNESDAY 9TH MARCH 2011** to enable me to finalise numbers.

Forms can be collected from the Out of School Hours Program or from the school office.

If you have any queries or questions about this day please do not hesitate to contact me on 9841-9554.

Thank-you
Giovanna Sammartino
OSHP Co-ordinator

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**Ss PETER & PAUL’S SCHOOL BASKETBALL**

Hi All and welcome to 2011. The next season of school basketball commences the week beginning 7 March at Bulleen Basketball Stadium and I would like to enter 3 teams.

Ages for the Season:

- **Open age Boys**  Grade 6  (grade 5 boys can also be used)  All games will be played on Monday.
- **Under 11 boys age group**  grades 4 & 5  All games will be played on Wednesday.
- **Under 9 boys age group**  grades 2 & 3  All games will be played on Tuesday.

Girls ages for entry are:

- **Open age Girls**  Grade 6  (grade 5 players can also be used)  All games are played on Monday.
- **Under 11 age group**  grades 4 & 5  All games are played on Thursday.
- **Under 9 age group**  Grades 2 & 3  All games are played on Thursday.

After a successful first season, another team will strengthen the school in this competition. If you are interested in playing, please complete the registration form below and return to the school. The cost of playing is a $40 registration fee (payable at first game) and then $4 per game:

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**SCHOOL BASKETBALL REGISTRATION**

Students Name: .....................................................................................        M/F            Year Level:…………..
DOB: ..........................         Parent Name:…………………………………………….  Mobile Contact: ..................................

Previous Basketball Experience:
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SCHOOL FEES POLICY

We are well aware that the vast majority of our parents pay their school fees in a timely manner and in some cases at considerable sacrifice.

With your support Ss Peter and Paul’s can firstly maintain its high educational standards without significantly increasing fee levels and secondly, continue its program of progressive development.

If you are experiencing difficulty in paying fees then we ask you to contact the Principal/Parish Priest to discuss the matter.

If families intend to take extended holidays then it is still expected that the full years fees are paid.

ACCOUNTS AND PROCEDURES

An account for the full year’s tuition will be sent out in February, together with a list of payment options. Fees are payable in advance and are due within fourteen (14) days of the date of the statement.

In the event that fees have not been paid by the due date:

An account rendered will be sent

If no response, you will be contacted/visited by a member of the Finance Committee to discuss the matter.

A repayment schedule to accommodate current needs may be negotiated in circumstances where financial hardship can be demonstrated.

By supporting the fees policy, you affirm our belief in your capacity to support Ss Peter and Paul’s as a school based on sound Catholic principles of justice and compassion.

Education Maintenance Allowance

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must: be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (1 February 2011) which is the first day for teaching staff) and Term 3 (18 July 2011). The EMA application must be submitted to the school by 28 February 2011 for the first instalment and 5 August 2011 for the second instalment.

DEPENDABILITY

Clear the bar — set standards in your life

The value you place on your commitments will determine your dependability. Recognize the seriousness of giving your word. Recognize what your words mean to others, and keep your word, even if circumstances make it difficult.

ASSEMBLY PERFORMANCE

ROOMS 12 & 14

3PM—MONDAY 28TH FEBRUARY, 2011

PERFORMING ARTS ROOM

OPEN DAY FLYERS

We would like to distribute open day flyers at the local kindergartens, if you are able to help please contact the school office.

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Attention Parents of Rooms 7 & 9

MISSING SHORTS
A pair of normal school shorts went missing at swimming on Monday. One of your children went to school on Monday wearing a pair of sports shorts but came home in a pair of normal shorts. Can you please check all your shorts for a pair marked “MARKS” with black pen on the inside of the short, and return to the school office as soon as possible.

Registrations are open NOW!!

FC Bulleen Lions is expanding its Girls Football Division and is looking for players to come and try out for our Girls teams. Football is the ultimate team sport, lots of fun and a great way to make friends in a healthy social environment.

Please register your interest by emailing your contact details to admin@fcbullenlions.com. The Club will contact you to arrange an information session and a tour of the facilities.

OR

If you are turning 11 or 12 this year, you can simply come along to the following training sessions:
6.00pm on Wednesday the 16th of February and/or
6.00pm on Friday the 18th of February at the Veneto Club, Map Ref: 32 D9.

FC BULLEEN LIONS
Veneto Club 191 Bulleen Road BULLEEN 3105

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Teacher Aide Position

Teacher Aide required to assist students on the LNSLN (Literacy, Numeracy and Special Needs) Program. Successful applicant will work under the guidance of the Director of Special Education and in conjunction with the class teacher.

Successful applicant must have the ability to work in a Team and have a strong affinity with children. The position is for 6 hours per week (ie. 2 hours over 3 mornings). Experience and relevant qualifications preferred.

Applications should be made in writing and forwarded via email, fax or post to The Principal, at the addresses below.

Principal: Mrs Helen Anderson
Email: principal@smgreensborough.catholic.edu.au
Phone: 94334000
Fax: 9432 2216
Address: 210 Grimshaw Street
GREENSBOROUGH, 3088

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Married couples, make 2011 the year that you prioritise your relationship. It underpins your family life. Please join us for a Marriage Encounter weekend this year. Our weekend helps you to remember why you married and gives you skills to maintain your love for each other.

Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around catholic values but you don’t need to be catholic to attend. The next weekends will be held on 8-10 April, 3-5 June and 19-21 August. For further information and bookings contact Peter & Erika Smith (03) 9899 0824 or Email vicbookings@wwme.org.au. Checkout the website for more information on www.wwme.org.au

TENNIS OPEN NIGHT

FREE TENNIS CLINIC RUN BY MARK HARTNETT
FROM 6-00PM to 8.00PM

- Tennis Fun & Activities
- Social Tennis
- Sausage Sizzle & Refreshments
- Special Membership Offers
- Great deals on Diadora merchandise
- Test your serve speed with our Radar Gun

For more information visit our website www.donvaletennisclub.org.au or call Margaret on 0423 697 193. Special thanks to our major sponsors Diadora Australia & Bendigo Community Bank, Doncaster East.

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MANNINGHAM CITY COUNCIL
LAWS UNIT

Parent Tips For Legal Parking Around Schools.

KNOWLEDGE
Be aware of all parking restrictions around your school. If unclear, speak to the Local Laws Unit.

COMMON SENSE
Be prepared to stop/park your vehicle further away from the school.

COMMUNICATION
When picking up your child, agree with your child on location that is both legal and safe.

ORGANISATION
Avoid peak time by dropping off your child 5-10 minutes earlier and/or 5-10 minutes later when picking up your child.

UNDERSTANDING
Loading/unloading passengers in a restricted parking are is unacceptable and deemed illegal.

ROLE MODEL
Set a good example for your school community and your own child by observing the parking restrictions.

Final tips for safely using school crossings

Obey the signals from the crossing supervisor

Wait behind the crossing supervisor as vehicles are driving past

Wait for 2 whistles before walking across the crossing

Walk between the white lines

Hold onto any balls when walking

Be friendly to the crossing supervisor

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