Dear Parents,

This week’s newsletter is very short as I am holding non-essential news items until next week. We are reminded of the cycle of life today as joyous news of a birth yesterday is followed by the news of a sudden death in our community. Yesterday morning Caitlin and Glenn Burgess welcomed Jasmine into the world at 2.14am weighing 2.4 kg. Both Caitlin and Jasmine are doing well and they are due home on Saturday.

This morning we had the tragic news that Mario Di Marzio, husband of Larra and father of Lia (Room 2) and Andrew (Room 5) died suddenly last night. Mario is well known to many students in the junior school through family friendships and activities with the children. He was Aus Kick coach and Joeys leader and as Judy and I have spoken to the classes this morning, the children have spoken about Mario with love and fond memories.

The death of a classmate’s parent can raise questions for children. Many will be curious and we are answering questions as they are asked at school. Sometimes the death can cause children to worry about the mortality of their own parents and to have concerns for their friend and their family. Be open to answer questions when your children ask. To assist you we have attached some website information for parents to support children at the time of a death.

Helping Your Child Deal with Death

The following websites may be of use to you when your children are asking questions about death and dying.

http://kidshealth.org/parent/emotions/feelings/death.html

Key points are:
Don’t dodge the issue.
Use the word ‘death’.
Wait for your child to ask.
Deal with your own emotions, but don’t try to hide them completely.

Maria McIntyre

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Weekly Prayer

God of hope, we come to you in shock and grief and confusion of heart. Help us to find peace in the knowledge of your loving mercy to all your children, and give us light to guide us out of our darkness into the assurance of your love, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Vision Portraits
Ss Peter & Paul’s School
Sunday 17 November 2013

Sessions times are available from 9am and take approximately 20 minutes. Opportunity to purchase High Resolution Digital files in your session, so don't forget to bring your cash, cheque or credit card. Hurry, bookings close Friday November 8th.

For session time assistance contact your Primary School Volunteer Melanie Smith on 0400 755 554

YOUR $15 GOES DIRECTLY TO US FOR FUNDRAISING!

ASSEMBLY PRESENTATION
MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER, 2013
ROOM 9

TUPPERWARE FUNDRAISER
This Fundraiser has been extended until this Thursday 7th November. Delivery date will now be Thursday 21st November 2013.

FOR SALE
WHITEFRIARS UNIFORM
1 blazer (s13).......$120
1 spray jacket (s14).....$50
1 pair grey shorts (s12).....$15
2 long sleeve shirts (s12)...
...$10 each
2 short sleeve shirts
(with crest s12)
...$10 each

Contact Grace
0418 506 538

A DESPERATE LIBRARY PLEA
For volunteers to cover hard backed books with plastic. We have lots that should be on the shelf, but they’re not!!

Serpell Primary School is celebrating its 35th anniversary and our Parents’ Association is holding its major annual fundraiser as the Fun Fair which is taking place on Sunday 17th November 2013 from 11 am to 4 pm.

The 10th Family Festival at Finns will be held Sunday 10th November
The Festival is for families within the Manningham Community and beyond.
A great entertainment program that includes the Opus 21 Big Band, Camel and Pony Rides plus the Animal Farm are some of the attractions for children Other activities for children include Thomas Trackless Train, Jumping Castle, Chair O Plane There are Craft, Community Information, and Food Stalls. Heavy Haulers and Tennis Australia Hot Shots, will challenge and entertain participants.

Achieving Together in Faith