Dear Parents

Last Wednesday, Judy and I interviewed applicants for the position as Room 3 teacher. We are very happy to announce the appointment of Mrs Joelle Lake. Joelle has been teaching at St Richard’s in Kilsyth. She is passionate about teaching junior classes and is very happy to be returning to Ss Peter and Paul’s. Joelle is a former student who was at school here in the 1980s.

Classes are busy practising their songs for our carols night next Tuesday evening. Please refer to last week’s newsletter for all the details about times and clothing. I know that this time of year starts to get busy for families and some may have a clash of dates. If you are not able to attend the carols can you please let class teachers know via a note in your child’s diary. It has an impact on where children will stand for the performance.

Helpers’ morning tea Thursday December 12th 10.45 – 11.30.

This is hosted by the school staff as a thank you in recognition for all the ways parents and others assist us in delivering quality education to your children. The range of assistance given by parents, grandparents, the families of staff and volunteers from the parish is extraordinary. It includes direct assistance in the classroom; on excursions including the swimming program and sporting events; supporting educational programs by assisting in the library and with book covering and the preparation of literacy activities; sharing of talents by direct instruction or sharing of skills and knowledge in art lessons and cooking sessions or in the vegetable garden; social events for parents and families such as the welcome barbeque and the fathers’ night; provision of services which may or may not have a fundraising component such as the uniform shop, student banking, book club; assistance with special lunch days; the School Advisory Board; the P&F committee and the fundraising activities which provide resources and equipment that expands and enhances the children’s learning environment and I am sure I have missed many more. If you think about the school without all these it would be a very different experience for your children and a different work environment for the staff. All who have helped in these are heartily invited to join us in the morning tea. Please watch for a personal invitation the children will bring home on Thursday but if it goes astray or we overlook sending you an individual invitation please accept this as an invitation. Without the assistance given so generously the education we are able to deliver would be less stimulating and varied.

Thank you.

Have a good week.

Maria McIntyre

WEEKLY PRAYER

Because you are with me, Lord,
I can wait in patience and in hope
for the new life you bring.
Room 4 and 5 Excursion

On Friday the 22nd November Rooms 4 and 5 visited the Royal Botanic Gardens. The children enjoyed exploring the gardens. The children attended an Educational Program that provided an introduction to the wondrous world of plants. The children also made a pot pourri in the Herb Garden and potted a small plant that they were able to take home. The Educational Guides provided the children with a wealth of information about the plants and animals that live in the Gardens. The children had great fun and really enjoyed their day. Many thanks also to the parent helpers that assisted on the day.

Mini Ball

This year, Ss Peter & Paul’s entered a Prep/Year 1 Mini Ball team.

Mini Ball is an introduction to the game of basketball. Whilst the rules of the game are the same, the referee is a little more lenient than usual! Also, the coach is on the court with the players, encouraging them and coaching them along the way.

Our boys showed great determination to provide the opposition with competitive competition. Luke managed to sink a basket every week and this saved us from what could have been a season of nil-nil scorelines! Most importantly, the boys had such a lot of fun learning the rules and running around on the court together!

A big thank you to Jamie Watson for coaching the boys throughout the season, and to Luke (Year 5) who confidently and competently filled in for Jamie one week.

Top row: Elvin, Oliver, Jamie Watson (coach), Luke. Bottom row: Ryan, William, Nathan

From the Library

Dear Parents,

As you all know we are fast approaching the end of the year. To this end this week marks the final week of borrowing from the library. Please look around for any stray books and ensure they are returned to school in the next weeks.

Thank you

Kate

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE NEWS

A couple of reminders:

Basketball for Thursdays has been cancelled and is scheduled to start Term 1 next year.

Holiday Program is out, please collect from the school office or us. Friday 13/12/13 is our Christmas Party, please watch out for further details.

Have a great week.

Stacey & the OSHC Team

Reminder

There are lots of unclaimed Plates and Platters at the school reception. Please call in and pick up ASAP.

ASSEMBLY PRESENTATION
MONDAY 2ND DECEMBER, 2013
ROOM 3


Absent: Elyn and Eve-lyn
**PARENTS AND FRIENDS**

**P&F MEETING**

The final P&F Meeting is an informal dinner scheduled for Weds 4th Dec – venue and time will be announced next week – hope to see you there for a debrief on the years activities.

**Scholastic Book Club**

Issue #8 has closed and will arrive shortly. Thanks so much for your support of this activity over the year. Every classroom teacher has added $100 of resources to their room from the credits raised and MORE!

In addition to this, we are pleased to announce that Book Club has donated 2 book pack prizes for every classroom for the Christmas Raffle, that’s 18 prizes in total. Every student will be entered into their classroom draw with a chance of winning one of these summer reading packs!

**TOY CATALOGUE FUNDRAISERS**

Spare copies of catalogues from Educational Experience, Parent Direct and Chalk are available at the office.

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

Tickets out soon – prizes include A Tupperware hamper, Food Hampers, Kitchenware hampers and more!

Don’t forget – Christmas shopping you do at Rebel Sport can earn us money for equipment through your season pass. We’ve added basketballs and practice nets with your kind support of this program.

**Veggie Smugglers**

Now available! These would make perfect Christmas presents!

The Veggie Smugglers cookbooks (only $30 each) are full of healthy meals that the whole family will love.

- Delicious and easy recipes
- Solve fussy eating and food rejection
- Stop cooking multiple meals
- Practical sections for quick meals, preparing ahead and freezing


For more information speak to Kim Bedford (Lucy – Rm 3) – kimpbedford@gmail.com or 0402 041 585. See flyer attached

**School Calendar 2014**

Colouring competition theme is - Family. Students may interpret this theme as they wish. Entries are due THIS Friday 29th Nov on a plain sheet of A4 paper at the office, coloured entries are preferred in any medium – entries must include a name and class number. A Junior school collage of 4 to 6 entries will be selected along with a senior and middle school winner. Students will choose their favourites in the week of the 2nd of Dec to allow enough time for collation before year end. Helpers to collate on Wednesday 11th Dec – 4 people take about 3 hours to complete the task. Leave your name at the office if you can help.

**ICY POLES ARE BACK!**

Along with the warm weather are stocks of Icy Poles. Icy Poles remain 50c each. Students must buy and eat their Icy Pole before heading to the play ground.

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