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ASSEMBLY PRESENTATION
ROOM 7
FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY AT 2.45PM

A PRAYER FOR OUR TEACHERS
Dear God,
Thank you for the amazing teachers who have given their lives to serve our children. As they prepare for the New Year, fill them with strength to lead, grace to guide and hope to thrive in their classroom. Bless them beyond measure for their willingness. To pour into the next generation through education. Amen

"Let the Children Come to Me" Matthew 19:13-15
Dear Families,

A very big welcome back to all as we begin the 2018 school year. It has been lovely to be greeted by such happy faces this week as the children return to school to see their old friends, new teachers and new classmates. 2018 promises to be an exciting year with many plans well underway for curriculum development, community engagement and building maintenance.

We are very pleased to welcome into our community new families who are joining us for the first time: All our new Prep families and also Daniel (Rm 2), Jahdae (Rm 3), Yiyi & Yuyi (Rm 3), David (returning in Rm 3) and Kenneth (Rm 14). We hope you have long and happy association with our school and community.

The staff and students have quickly settled into classes and a new routine. By now class teachers will have informed you of the days that your child attends specialist classes. We welcome back Mrs Caitlin Burgess who has returned after a period of maternity leave.

Over the page is a list of staff for your easy reference.

This year I have introduced to the school the concept of a Scripture focus that will run across the school year. It is a chance for us to think deeply about a passage, that in some way resonates with the Vision of our school and learning focus for the year. Late last year when we had spent considerable time discussing our goals for 2018 we began thinking about a Scripture passage that would reflect who we are at SSPP and what we want to be. Ultimately the staff settled upon “Let the children come to me” Matthew 19:13-15

This resonated with us, as it is an invitation. Jesus welcomed all, with no airs and graces, but for who we are. He did not discriminate on gender, age, profession etc. That is how we want to be known for, and that is our vision for our community and for this to be the experience for all: that people feel that they are welcome and that figuratively our eyes, ears and doors are open to all. This is an opportunity for us to be the human face of Jesus.

As classes get established for the year, this is the focus that they will be attending to through their daily prayer time. Please talk with your child about how they welcome and include others.

As you will be well aware by now, school is now finishing each day at 3.30pm. Classroom doors will be opened each day at the first bell, which rings at 8.50am. Children have 10 minutes to go inside and settle ready to begin class promptly at 9am. Staff will continue to be on duty each morning from 8.45am.

Assembly will be held every second week (even weeks) and will begin at 2.45pm. On alternate weeks (odd weeks) from 2.45pm every second Friday, the children from P-6 will participate in House Team social emotional learning (SEL). Our house teams are Ryan (blue), Spillane (white) and Fitzpatrick (gold). This will form the basis of our ‘Buddy’ program and will be co-ordinated by Mrs Lake. More information will follow in the coming newsletters.

Information is included further on in this newsletter regarding ‘Meet and Greet’ interviews for students in Yr 1 - 6. Details are included on how to access the online booking service. We do ask that every teacher / parent have contact. If you are unable to make it on the night, please arrange another mutually convenient time with your child’s teacher.

This year we have provided some questions to help you prepare for your ‘meet & greet’ interviews. Please take some time to read over prior to your interview. These can be found on the booking instruction sheet.

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Like previous years, the interviews will begin at 1 pm and go through until 6 pm, however children are expected to stay at school until the bell rings at 3.30 pm.

If you have any difficulty with the booking system, or accessing a device to book from please contact the office.

The Curriculum Outline for each level will be sent home early next week.

**Student and Community Safety**

We have had an increased percentage of students who experience some form of food allergy. This has challenged us to review the practice of sharing food at the time of birthdays. Sharing food poses significant risk to known allergy sufferers, and also places others at risk who are not aware that they do in fact have an allergy. I would like to ask families to consider other ways to celebrate a child's birthday at school. For example, distributing a sticker to classmates or a small inexpensive item such as an eraser or a pencil. These options are just as fun, but minimise accidental exposure to classmates.

Please also speak with your children and any family members involved in dropping children to school about the following measures that we have in place to ensure the safety of everyone:

- Please do not leave your car if you have parked in the 2 min parking bays along Beverley Street. You must remain with your car at all times if you have parked in these bays.
- Please display your name on the car dash so that staff can assist in calling your child. This ensures that traffic flow is maintained and does not become banked up in Hamilton Cres
- If you need a new name made please email Angela (awallis@sppdcstr.catholic.edu.au) and she will create a new one for you
- Please only cross the road at the school crossing, regardless of the time of day
- Please think of our neighbours and allow them easy access in and out of their property

**Staff Commissioning Mass**

This Saturday our school staff will be attending the 6pm Saturday evening Mass for commissioning for the 2018 school year. This is an opportunity for the staff to publicly pledge our commitment and service to the Catholic faith and traditions, and to serve the parish and school community of Ss Peter and Paul’s through living out the Gospel teachings as we go about our work.

It would be most appreciated if families and students were present for this Staff blessing.

The SSPP Parish playgroup has moved from the parish hall to operate from within our school. Playgroup is for children 0-school age. It is a wonderful way for parents and children to socialise in a relaxed, play-based environment. Playgroup operates each Friday morning from 9.30-11.30am. If you are interested, or know of someone who might be, please speak with Neroli on 0407 200 220, or ask at the office.

Playgroup members do not need to be a part of our school community, everyone is welcome!

**Notices coming home**

At this time of the year there are a number of administrative tasks that we attend to. As some items require signatures, they will be coming home as paper copies. This will assist you in returning them promptly to school.

1. **ICT Responsible User Agreement**

   This will be sent home with all children P-6.
   Please read, discuss with your child, and once signed, return it to your child's class teacher. This will also be addressed at school.

2. **GAFE** (Google Apps For Education) information will be sent home to children from Yr 1 - 6 as a hard copy.
Child Safety Code of Conduct (CSCC)
Every staff member, parent and volunteer coming in to our school is required to have a WWCC (Working With Children Check). Apply online for a WWCC at [http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/)
We also ask that they read and sign the Child Safety Code of Conduct. One CSCC is adequate per household. Two signatures can be added to the same form. Please locate this document in your child’s bag when it comes home, read, sign and return to school. These will then be added to the register to ensure Child Safety compliance.

Please note, a photo permission form for each student will be sent electronically via CareMonkey.

A final word …
Events to watch out for … SAVE THE DATE!
On Friday 23rd February we will be holding a Welcome Back BBQ for all new and existing families… more details will follow.

Have a great week!
Anita Kelliher

Extra Curricular News
District Swimming
Welcome to 2018! We look forward to a fabulous year of sport with your children! For School Sport Victoria, Ss Peter and Paul’s is placed in the North Box Hill District, Whitehorse Division and Eastern Region for competitions. This generally involves students in Years 4, 5 and 6 to enter the age groups of 9/10, 11 and 12/13 years for competitions.

Please be sure to mention to your child’s teacher or ourselves the sports they play outside of school so we are aware of their participation and interest!

Athletics Program
All students will be participating in the IAAF Kids Athletics program on Fridays during Term One (Weeks 1 - 6). We welcome our coach Dennis Lazar from Athletics Australia for these sessions and are grateful for the Sporting Schools grant which has allowed our school to access this program.

District Swimming
The North Box Hill District Swimming Carnival will be held on Wednesday 21st February at Aquarena, Doncaster. This is the first School Sport event for 2018. This week, a letter has been sent home to all students in the middle and senior schools explaining the entry requirements for swimmers. Parents of swimmers who meet the criteria are kindly asked to return the ‘Record of Swimming Times’ sheet to the school office at their earliest convenience. Thank you in anticipation.

Many thanks,
Helen Kalac and Stephanie D’Astoli - Ss Peter & Paul’s Sport

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**Library News**

Welcome back to a new school year everyone!

*Bentornati ad un nuovo anno scolastico!*

This year our LOTE and Library subjects are working together in a new initiative which we are calling Language Immersion in the Library! This planning and implementation has arisen out of our schools participation in the **CEM Contemporary Language Learning program** which our school has participated in since last year.

Students will be exploring and learning Italian through a language and gesture based program within the Library setting. They will continue to have the opportunity to borrow and return books on a weekly basis in order to develop a love of books and reading, at the same time learning functional Italian language skills.

Already the children are buzzing with “Wow”!

More detailed information will follow in the coming newsletters ...

We look forward to continuing the exciting learning journey of each and every student.

Thank you! **Grazie!**

Anna Mazzone and Claudia Bortolin

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**SCHOOL CHOIR**

School Choir rehearsals commenced this week. Choir is free for students to attend and runs on Wednesdays from 11:30 - 12:10pm.

At choir, students will sing songs in a variety of styles, including African and Caribbean music, popular and liturgical music in preparation for school masses.

I was very impressed with the standard of singing and enthusiasm of students involved in choir, in Term 4 last year.

It was terrific to see students who have not attended choir come along. For the next 2 weeks, students from Grades 3-6 are welcome to come and ‘try’ choir. After this period, students are expected to make a commitment to choir and an enrolment form will be sent home to parents.

Fiona Markham

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**SCHOOL NURSE VISIT**

Cathy Pataki a visiting primary school nurse from the Department of Education and Training will be attending the school in February, 2018. The purpose of the visit is to provide children in their first year of primary school with the opportunity to have a health assessment; to link children, families and school communities to services available in the community; and to provide information and advice that promotes health and wellbeing.

The confidential questionnaire will provide important information about your child’s health so the nurse can make an effective assessment. If your child needs a brief further assessment, such as vision, hearing test the nurse will see him or her at school.

Parents are invited contact the visiting primary school nurse if there are any issues they wish to discuss. The contact number is 0412 161 472.

Can the questionnaires please be given to the teachers in the sealed envelope by the 20th of February.

Thank you!

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SCHOOL COUNSELLING SERVICE
This year Ss Peter and Paul’s has access to a visiting psychologist who will consult from our school, during school hours. Counselling through this service can be bulk billed or covered by the NDIS.

Our psychologist is a full registered psychologist with experience in working in Catholic Schools.

If you think your child would benefit from counselling or you would like to find out more, please speak with Anita Kelliher (Student Services Co-ordinator) or Joelle Lake (Student Wellbeing Leader) for more information.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS NEWS

It’s hard to believe the holidays are over. Thank you to all the children and educators for a fun program.

If you require different days or do not need care this year please email us to let us know asap sspposhp@gmail.com. We will presume all days are the same if we do not hear from you and you’ll be charged accordingly.

A new enrolment form will be sent home via email next week. It is essential that ALL areas of the form are completed. If not we will not be meeting regulations. I know it’s very repetitive but it must be done.

We hope you all had a great break.

Stacey and the OSHC Team

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund - CSEF
Do you have a Centrelink Health Care Card?
If so, you could be entitled to assistance with payments for your child’s school camps, sports and excursions.

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund – CSEF is a state government funded scheme to assist eligible families with payments for their child’s camps, sports, and excursion activities run by their school.

To be eligible, parents must hold a valid means-tested concession card, including one of the following:
1. Veterans Affairs Gold Card
2. Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC)
3. Pensioner Concession Card (PCC).

The payment for primary age children is $125 per child and is made directly to the school from the commencement of term three each year. The payments are tied to the student, and can only be allocated to applicable school activities.

If you believe your family to be eligible, please collect an application from the office, complete it and bring in a copy of your concession card to the office.

In addition, the Catholic System provides additional to the school, per eligible child. The funds for this additional funding are provided by Catholic Education Melbourne: all of the Catholic schools across the Archdiocese of Melbourne give up some of their respective federal funding entitlements so that this assistance may be paid. A budget in excess of $4.8M in 2017 have been set aside for this assistance to schools
SCHOOL NEWS

Ss Peter & Paul’s School Meet and Greet Conversations Term 1 2018

Dear Parents,
Meet and Greet conversations will be held on Monday 12th February between 1:00pm - 6:00pm.
You can book interviews at times that suit YOUR FAMILY BEST.
Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

BOOKINGS OPEN: MONDAY 5th February at 6:00pm
BOOKINGS CLOSE: FRIDAY 9th February at 3:30pm

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au
Enter THIS school event code.
Then follow the 3 simple steps.

When you click finish, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately.
You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

BOOKINGS OPEN Monday 5th February at 6:00PM so that all families may book at the same time.
For parents that can't have access to the Internet at home, at work, at a friend's house or on their phones, you may send a note to school with the approximate times you require, or phone the school on 9842 2056. Interviews are strictly 10min and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Parents can change their interview bookings any time prior to the closing date, by re-visitng the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using this event code. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 9842 2056

To make the most of your interviews, parents may wish to consider the following questions:
1. What are your child's strengths?
2. Where would you like to see your child develop further this year?
3. What are your child's interests?
4. Is there anything in your child's life outside school that could be impacting on their educational development?
5. Has your child seen a speech path, CT, paediatrician previously? Do they receive ongoing care?

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