

St. Peter's Lutheran Primary School

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"Grow in Grace"

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WELCOME TO 2009

The beginning of a new school year for many is always exciting as students can see their friends again. (One student commented to me how life was becoming a little boring at home towards the end of the holidays). Many students are happy because they are in a New Year level.

As we know, our Preps Jasmine, Emily, Rachel, Grace and Kolby are commencing school for the first time. Shannen has transferred from Nhill Lutheran. I have heard about some of them being so excited that they could not sleep.

In my class we have been discussing important issues of how we want to treat each other so we can have an enjoyable year together. Students' goals included the need to be;

Respected, belong, friendly, listened to, humorous and safe.

At the commencement of school we are keen and enthusiastic to put these goals into practice. However after a while things do not go our way and we can say words or behave in hurtful ways which displease others. It is at this time we can look to Jesus for strength and wisdom to apologise when we hurt. Being able to forgive as Christ has forgiven us is important to rebuilding our relationships.

Mr. Leon Kroehn

DIMBOOLA LUTHERAN PARISH

Sunday 8th February
10am Parish Service (HC) Katyil
Parish AGM to follow
All welcome to attend.

Any child at SPLS is welcome to attend Sunday School at St Peter's Dimboola on Sundays during the school term. Children in 4-year-old kindergarten would also be most welcome. Questions? Contact Pastor Martin (5389 1360), Joy Wundersitz Jnr (5389 1568) or Val Albrecht (5389 4294).

This week we pray for Rachel, Jasmine, Emily, Grace, Kolby, Shannen and their families. We trust everybody will make them feel welcome.

OPENING DEVOTION

It was pleasing and encouraging having so many attending our opening devotion; we also want to thank Pastor Martin for leading the devotion.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 10 th	Information evening 7:30pm
Wednesday 11 th	NO PREPS
Thursday 12 th	Swimming 1:15-2:15 pm
Friday 13 th	Swimming 1:15-2:15 pm
Monday 16 th	Swimming 1:15-2:15 pm
Tuesday 17 th	Arts Council-Leaping Loonies
Wednesday 18 th	Swimming 2-3 pm
	NO PREPS
Thursday 19 th	Swimming 1:15-2:15 pm
Friday 20 th	P & F BBQ @ school
Monday 23 rd	ICT Learning Di Wilson 23 rd -25 th
	Swimming 1:15-2:15 pm
Tuesday 24 th	Swimming 1:15-2:15 pm
	Shrove Tuesday-Pancake Day
Wednesday 25 th	NO PREPS
Friday 27 th	Swimming. Carnival 11.30-3pm

MARCH

Sunday 1 st	Church AGM
Tuesday 3 rd	School Council 7:30pm
Wednesday 4 th	NO PREPS
Monday 9 th	Labour Day – public holiday
Wednesday 11 th	No Preps
Tuesday 17 th	School Photos
Wednesday 18 th	NO PREPS
Wednesday 25 th	NO PREPS
Sunday 29 th	School Church Service 9am
Monday 30 th	Parent teacher interviews
Tuesday 31 st	Parent teacher interviews

APRIL

Wednesday 1 st	NO PREPS
Thursday 2 nd	Arts Council-Puppets in Horsham
Friday 3 rd	Sports Day
	Term 1 ends
	Buses leave 2:30pm
Sunday 5 th	Daylight Savings Ends
Friday 10 th	Good Friday

WELCOME

We have welcomed 6 new students to St Peter's this year. Our preps for 2009 are Rachel Kerber, Kolby Barry, Grace Crawley, Emily Polack and Jasmine Smith as well as Shannen Wedding; she has joined us from Nhill Lutheran and is in Year 1. We wish them God's blessings for an enjoyable learning year.

SWIMMING

Our dates for swimming lessons have been finalised for 2009. If you have not done so already, can you please return your form as to whether you can assist us with the swimming program; all assistance will be gratefully received.

Prep students are welcome to attend the swimming session on Wednesday 18th February, they can come straight to the pool from home at the correct swimming time.

INFORMATION EVENING

There is to be a Parent Information evening to be held on Tuesday 10th February. Parents are welcome to bring their children along and they will be supervised while parents attend the evening. The Prep-2 session will run from 7pm-7:30pm and the Years 3-6 session will run from 7:40pm-8:10pm. This is a great opportunity to find out what is happening in your child's class this year.

PREPS

Parents of prep students please note that preps only attend school 4 days per week for their first term. Preps stay home on Wednesdays. This is a state-wide practice adopted by most schools.

Most prep students find the full week at school very exhausting to begin with, and the rest day in the middle of the week is beneficial in making the adjustment to school.

UNIFORM - SWIMMING

The swimming program will be our sport program for the month of February. We will advise via the newsletter when sports uniform is required. On swimming days, students are required to bring bathers, towel, sunscreen and a drink.

This Friday (tomorrow) all Yr 4-6 students are to wear their sport uniforms.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS BBQ

All families and friends of the school are invited to a BBQ tea on Friday 20th February, to be held at school. This is an opportunity for all parents, staff and friends of the school to get together and meet new families. You are asked to bring your meat, utensils, drinks and chairs. Salads and dessert will be provided.

OCCASIONAL BUS TRAVEL

Students who do not normally travel on a school bus and wish to travel occasionally on a school bus or students who wish to travel on a bus that is not their usual bus, are required to fill out an "Occasional Travel" form which needs to be signed by a parent and the principal. In an emergency, parents may phone the school and an Occasional Travel form will be filled out and signed by the Principal to grant permission to travel on a bus. Extra 'occasional travel forms' are available from the office.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Students are to be in full summer uniform for school photos on Tuesday 17th March. Polished shoes would be preferable. Any problems with the uniform please contact Suzi Wouters.

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POLICE CHECKS

If parents have not had a 'Working With Children Check' completed and sent back to the school, legally they are unable to participate in school activities engaging in contact with other students. Forms are available from the Post Office.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

These are still yet to be confirmed, details to follow in a later edition.

ABSENTEE FORMS

It is a legality that we are notified why students are absent from school and these details have to be recorded. Please ensure you return absentee forms when your child/children are unable to attend school. You will find some attached.

NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

Families can choose to receive their newsletter by email if they so wish. Please contact Taanya with your details if you wish to go ahead with this option otherwise you will receive it as usual.

WORKING BEE

A big thank you to David Lutze, Darren Smith, Danny Grieger, Dan Wouters, Lisa and Gary Miller, Simon King, John and Helen Polack who braved the heat and attended the working bee last Saturday. Your help is greatly appreciated in preparing the school and grounds for the commencement of Term I. Thankyou!

LUNCH ORDERS

These will be commencing next week, Wednesday 11th February (available each Wednesday). Price lists are being sent home today. Name and order is to be written on an envelope with the money enclosed. **Envelopes are to be taken to the office before school commences and placed in the 'notes' box.**

Correct change is preferable.

Canteen News

There are new regulations for canteens as set by the Government and Education Department . The Canteen no longer stocks any Confectionary & sugary soft drinks at all.

As you can see by our menu we are doing our best to supply the children with a suitable choice of food options; these have been categorized in three options.

G Green - this is the healthiest option. They have are low in fat and sugar content and have a high nutritional value.

A Amber - this is a healthy option but one to be treated in moderation. This option has nutritional value but may contain some fats and sugars.

R Red - this option is one to be treated with care. They are higher in Fats and or Sugar and have low nutritional value. That means they should not be consumed on a regular basis as they will inhibit your health they can cause diabetes, heart disease and weight problems. These are treats; something you would only have once or twice a month.

Please help us support our children's health, with helping them make good decisions on choices of foods.

Thank you, Mandy Pitt.

HATS

Students are reminded that they need to wear their hats at school. Students without the correct uniform hat are not permitted to play out in the sun. They are required to stay under the shaded areas during play time.

"No hat, no play"

Please contact Suzi Wouters if you require one.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We want to wish a belated happy birthday to Rachel Kerber for 27th January and a happy birthday to Matthew Wouters for 5th February.

FIRST AID

Are there any parents interested in doing a First Aid course? A First Aid course has to be completed for staff members at school and any other adults are more than welcome to join them and to also boost numbers. Please email or ring Taanya if you wish to participate.

KOORONG KIDS

Attached is an order form for Koorong Kids, this is a Christian based Book club. The school receives 10% commission from total orders which we can spend on something else for school. Please return any orders to the 'note' box in the office.

PUBLIC NOTICES

DIMBOOLA GUMNUT GUIDES

For girls in Prep and Grade 1, 4pm - 5pm

Thursdays from Feb 12th at the Dimboola Guide Hall, Lloyd Street, Dimboola.

Everyone welcome to come and try

Further information: Bronwyn Hastings 5389 1718

BASKETBALL

Sorry basketball was cancelled last week, but it was too hot. Last week's games have been moved to March 6th.

The draw remains the same for all other games. Ant questions please call Lisa Poly 53891 123 or Mandy Withers 53891 939. See you Friday.

DIMBOOLA NETBALL CLUB

Next Meeting is Thursday 5th Feb 8pm at the Football clubrooms

Coaches will be appointed, and any willing treasurers or presidents are more than welcome to attend...

Apologies to Raegan on 53892116 or 0409 959 737
See you there!

JUNIOR TENNIS RECOMMENCES

Saturday's from 9am

Any new players can still attend

All Welcome

Enquires Ryan Margetts 0408 079 966 or Jason Revell 0439 892 19

CANTEEN PRICE LIST 2009

<u>Hot food</u>		<u>Cold food</u>	
Chicken Wrap (lettuce, tomato & mayo in pita bread) G	\$3.00	Sandwiches (wholemeal only)	
Chicken Burger (lettuce and mayo) A	\$2.50	Chicken & Salad G	\$3.50
Chicken Burger (full salad) G	\$3.50	Chicken lettuce & mayo A	\$2.50
Lasagne A	\$3.00	Ham & Salad G	\$3.00
Fried Rice A	\$3.00	Ham & Cheese A	\$1.80
Steamed Dim Sim A	\$0.60	Ham & Tomato G	\$1.80
Bakery Pie R	\$3.50	Ham, Cheese & Tomato A	\$2.00
Bakery Pastie R	\$3.50	Egg & lettuce G	\$2.30
Bakery Sausage Roll R	\$3.00	<i>10c extra for toasting .</i>	
		<i>Extra filling 20c</i>	
Ham & Pineapple Pizza A	\$2.50	Rolls (wholemeal only)	
Hot Dog in a w/m roll A	\$2.00	Chicken & Salad G	\$3.80
Foccacias (chicken, sweet chilli & cheese) A	\$3.00	Chicken, lettuce & mayo A	\$2.80
Foccacias (ham & cheese) A	\$3.00	Ham & Salad G	\$3.00
Foccacias (tomato & cheese) A	\$3.00	Ham & Cheese A	\$1.80
Cup of noodles (chicken or beef) R	\$2.80	Cheese lettuce & mayo A	\$1.80
		Carrot & cheese A	\$1.80
<u>Recess Foods Terms 1&4</u>		<u>Salad Boxes</u>	
Chicken or Ham Subs A	\$1.30	Chicken G	\$3.40
Chicken breast royal A	\$1.50	Ham G	\$3.40
Steamed Dim Sims A	\$0.60	Just Salad G	\$3.00
<u>Recess Foods Terms 2&3</u>		<u>Salad Pita</u>	
Savoury muffins A	\$1.30	Chicken G	\$3.00
Chicken breast royals A	\$1.50	Ham G	\$3.00
Steamed Dim Sims A	\$0.60	Just Salad G	\$2.50
<u>Fresh Fruits (prices subject to change)</u>		<u>NEW ITEMS on Trial</u>	
Apples, Oranges & Bananas G	\$1.00	Pasta Salad tubs fresh home made A	\$3.00
<u>Salads includes</u>		Fruit Salad tubs fresh home made G	\$2.50
Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot, Cucumber & Cheese Mayo on request G		Home Made Sweet muffins Hi Fibre Low fat & sugar A	
<u>Drinks</u>		<u>Drinks</u>	
Pump Water G	\$2.00	Goulburn Valley & Classic Juices A	\$1.60
Mt Franklin G	\$1.20	Big Ms milk Choc/Straw/Coffee R	\$2.80
Diet Soft drinks 600 ml bottles/ 450 ml bottles A	\$2.80/\$2.50	Milk Breaka R Choc/Straw/Iced Coffee	\$1.50
Diet Soft drink cans A	\$2.00	Fruit Boxes R	\$1.30

IN THE FOLLOWING WEEKS WE WILL HAVE SOME TIPS TO SURVIVE STARTING SCHOOL

- The parents in your eldest child's class will probably become friends for life. You're bonded together now by common fears and worries. Go to as many of the morning coffees and socials events as you can to meet other first-timers. Then take the initiative and organise your own coffee mornings and play times. Soon you'll not only have new friends but also people you can call on to give the kids a lift to school if the car breaks down or to car pool with for parties. (Sadly, when you send off No. 2 there's less time for that and by No. 3 you'll barely know the parents in class.)
- Don't believe the playground gossip about the teacher. It's usually wrong and often contradictory. While one parent will whinge to you that the teacher's too tough, another will tell you how thrilled they are to have a teacher who can actually control the out-of-controls.

Keep receipts for the Education Tax Refund Media Statement - 22nd January 2009

With a new school year just around the corner, today I call on parents to make sure they keep their receipts to make the most of the Rudd Government's \$4.4 billion Education Tax Refund.

For millions of Australian families, preparing for the new school year can involve an extra financial strain – just after the Christmas holiday period – as they face hefty costs like laptops, internet connections and school textbooks.

The Education Tax Refund will provide some much-needed relief to help families meet these costs, with refunds of up to:

- \$375 per primary school student; and
- \$750 per secondary school student.

All families with school children who receive Family Tax Benefit Part A will be eligible for the Education Tax Refund, which will be paid to families from 1 July this year.

Provided parents keep their receipts, the Education Tax Refund will apply to some of the most common back-to-school items, including:

- laptops;
- home computers and associated costs;
- home internet connections;
- printers;
- education software;
- trade tools for use at school;
- school text books; and
- Stationery.

Parents are doing one of the most vital jobs in the country – bringing up the next generation of Australians – and the Rudd Government is proud to lend a helping hand.

We understand that the back-to-school period can be an expensive time and that every dollar counts, particularly as the global financial crisis continues to hit our economy.

The Education Tax Refund is a key part of the Rudd Government's Education Revolution to give Australian kids the best possible start in life and build the best educated and trained workforce in the world.

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

PUPIL _____

YEAR _____

DATE OF ABSENCE/S: _____

REASON: _____

Signed _____ (Parent/Guardian)

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Starting 2009

