

St. Peter's Lutheran Primary School

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“Grow in Grace”

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Talking Openly with Kids

Raising children can be a difficult task, but it can also be the most rewarding and joyful experience of our lives. Talking with your children in an honest way sets a pattern for them to be honest. Learning more about yourself also helps you understand what your children need to know. It helps you to understand how you need to approach them. But how do you know you are communicating correctly with your child?

There are scores of books about parent/child communication, but none of them will necessarily prepare you for communicating with your child about the myriad of complex issues they will face in the different stages of their primary school years. Here is some common sense advice I have read:

- Respect your child's feelings.
- Make special time to talk.
- Seek to understand their questions.
- Use “I” language, instead of “you”. Children tend to hear “you” words as accusation or blame.
- Always be honest.
- Be patient.
- If you don't know something, admit it.
- If you make a mistake, admit it.

Often our worst fears about parenting is that feeling that we are constantly making mistakes. However, making mistakes is inevitable. Turning those mistakes into powerful learning opportunities is the sign of a caring parent.

God's love and forgiveness in Jesus gives parents and children the power to love and forgive each other through these challenging phases of life. Just keep remembering that Jesus wraps his loving arms around you both every day to help you through those tough times.

Paul Weinert

DIMBOOLA LUTHERAN PARISH

Sunday 15th February

9am Dimboola 11am Katyil

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 all people affected by the bushfires.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FEBRUARY

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
Tuesday 24 th	Swimming 1:15-2:15 pm Swimming 1:15-2:15 pm Shrove Tuesday-Pancake Day NO PREPS
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 Saving Ends
Friday 10 th	Good Friday

BUSHFIRE APPEAL

The students have unanimously decided they would like all proceeds from their weekly chapel offering during Term 1 to be donated to the Victorian Bushfire appeal. Chapel Offerings are entirely freewill.

SCHOOL MAINTENANCE

Our school relies heavily on voluntary assistance to keep our grounds a pleasant and enjoyable environment for our children and staff. Please check the attached roster and note when your family is asked to assist in this way.

Rostered for next week is Gary Miller's Group, which includes the Scharnke, Schultz, Krelle and Barry families.

SWIMMING

Our swimming program has commenced today. Thank you to all the parent assistance we have received already, and a big thank also goes to Kylie Ferguson and Naomi Kuhnell, our qualified instructors for the course of the program. Any parent assistance is always gratefully accepted, it is not too late to help out if you are interested.

Students will be swimming again tomorrow (Friday) so please ensure they bring to school their bathers, towel, sunscreen and a drink. **If estimated temperature is below 22 degrees swimming will be cancelled.**

INFORMATION EVENING

A good turn out of parents attended the information evening on Tuesday night. Mr Kroehn, Mrs Overall and Miss Fraser talked with parents about curriculum, appropriate communication between staff, students and parents and how parents can help support their child's classroom experience at home. If you didn't make it but would like more information, please contact your child's class teacher.

LEAPING LOONIES

Next Tuesday 17th February at 2 pm students will be attending the Arts Council Performance "Leaping Loonies" at the VRI Hall. The Leaping Loonies are 3 acrobats who perform a variety of "knockabout" acrobatic routines in the traditional style of vaudeville, music hall and variety. Parents are invited and encouraged to accompany us.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS BBQ

All families and friends of the school have received an invitation to the P & F BBQ tea on Friday 20th February, to be held at school at 5:30 pm. This is an opportunity for all parents, staff and friends of the school to get together and meet new families. Please bring meat, utensils, drinks and chairs. Salads and dessert provided. A jumping castle will be available for the children.

PANCAKE DAY

Pancake day is traditionally held on Shrove Tuesday, the last day before Lent begins. Lent is traditionally a time of abstinence during the 40 days of reflection before Easter. Making Pancakes on this day is a European tradition to use up all the fat, eggs and dairy items before Lent begins. Pancakes will be available at school on Tuesday 24th February. A gold coin donation will apply, with all proceeds donated to the bushfire appeal.

CLASSROOM ASSISTANCE

We currently have a number of dedicated volunteers who assist us in the classroom with one-one reading. We would love to increase the level of this opportunity for students, so if you are able to help, even for half an hour, your assistance would be appreciated. Congregation and community members are very welcome – you do not have to be a parent or have an association with the school, just have an interest in reading and children. Please contact us.

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.

5389 1811

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 students. The school has some forms if you need one.

HEAD LICE

There have been reported cases of headlice already this year. Checks will continue at school, could parents please ensure they also check their children regularly, and that long hair is tied back.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES – CONFIRMED!!

This term's activities will be cricket on Mondays and a multi-skill activity on Tuesdays. We actively encourage all students to participate in at least one of these activities – the health benefits are enormous! Participating students also receive a fresh, healthy snack prior to commencement. Contact the school for permission forms.

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 5389 1811 if you require one.

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. Please email or ring Taanya for more details.

STAFF ICT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Mr Kroehn and Mrs Overall will be participating in professional development on 23-25th February, in Hamilton. ICT stands for Information Communication and Technology, and the course demonstrates teaching methods for literacy that are entirely computer based. The PD will make maximum use of the school's smart whiteboards.

SCHOOL DIRECTORY – UPDATES

Please note the following changes for the 2009 School Family List:
Email address for Natasha Nuske – should read N/A
Contact Details for Sharon Wedding should read:
35 Hindmarsh Street, Dimboola
Phone: 5389 2028
Email address for Andrew & Kaylene Schultz should be andylene@bordnet.com.au

EMA

The Education Maintenance Allowance is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children. EMA applications must be submitted to school by 27th February 2009.

PUBLIC NOTICES

DIMBOOLA GUMNUT GUIDES

For girls in Prep and Grade 1, 4pm - 5pm
Thursdays from the Dimboola Guide Hall,
Lloyd Street, Dimboola.

Everyone welcome to come and try
Further information: Bronwyn Hastings 5389 1718

JUNIOR TENNIS RECOMMENCES

Saturday's from 9am

Any new players may still attend

All Welcome

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

Dimboola Netball Club

Important Dates:

17th Feb - Register your interest to play netball in 2009 by meeting Leanne Smith in the Stadium Foyer between 5 & 6pm. Information regarding fees etc will be provided at this time. Please call Leanne Smith prior to 5pm if you are unable to register on this night 0409 965 011

19th Feb - Light Training session 13 & Under - 4pm, 15 & Under 4:30pm, 17 & Under 5:15pm

26th Feb - Registration & BBQ night. Payment of fees and uniform hire will occur on this night along with a free BBQ for families and players at 6:30pm

SCHOOL SURVIVAL TIPS

Continuing on from last week, here's some more tips for surviving a new school year.

- If your child comes home with some horror story about another child, don't hit the phone to berate the other parent. Yes, it's a primal urge, but you have to resist it. For a start, the story might just have been embellished by your little darling. Secondly, it's no longer your job to sort out play-time spats – its school's turn now.
- Even if you work, get into the classroom to do parent helping or volunteer to go on excursions as often as you can. Yes, the kids love it, the school needs you and all that. But it's also a great way to see the teacher and other kids in action and the only way to see for yourself how well your child is settling in.

*Quoted from The Herald Sun
Monday February 2, 2009*

GRADE ONE – CREATIVE WRITING!!

Once upon a time there was a duck and a kitten. There was a fizzy water and ice water and a hammer and the glue rescued the kitten and the duck.

Shannen Wedding

One sunny day the swan went for a swim. "I might go for a walk and then I might go home".

Chloe Barry

One sunny day Milldred Mouse decided to go for a walk. When he got down the rode ... and then a giant stomped on Milldred. Then when the giant had gone Milldred slid all the way home and pumped himself up with a bike pump. The end.

Isabella Watson

Count Docku's Adventure

One interesting night Count Docku went outside and he saw a shadow and he was really scared. Then the shadow came closer and closer. It was Darth Maul and then he faught Darth Maul and count Docku won. Then he went to explore. He found a piece of gold on the ground. Then he gave the gold to Obi Won Kenobi. And wicket came and snatched the gold off Obi Won Kenobi. Then wicket ran away and Count Docku ran after wicket and there was a hole and Count Docku fell in a hole. Then wicket gave R2D2 the gold and R2D2 gave the gold to C3PO and C3PO threw the gold in the sea. Then Obi Won Kenobi helped to get Count Docku out of the hole. Yoda caught the gold in the water and Yoda gave the gold to Count Docku. The end.

Daniel Polack

One night there was a kitten. It was frightened so the Mum cat helped the kitten "there the kitten there". The kitten was fine.

William Lutze

Once upon a time I went in my pool with three girls.

Noah Krelle

Once night inside there was a Mum cat and she had a kitten and the kitten was mine.

Matthew Wouters

The Wickets Adventure

Long time ago far far away are galaxies. The wicket yosed (*used*) his spear to wack some clones down. Obi Won and Qugon Jim vs Darth Male. Obi Won won. The wicket came, he wacked a clone. Count Doke gave some gold to Obi Won. Then wicket run to R too d too. C3PO came to Yoda, fell in a hole. There was a city, wicket went to the city, there was treasure. There was a big battle then the wicket got in jail. Then the wicket threw the gold into the sea, then they got it. The end.

Corey Smith