

The Chimp's Birthday Card.

Not long ago my wife asked me to pick up a belated birthday card for her brother. Scanning the rack, I ran across a card with a chimpanzee on the front holding a phone receiver in his hand.

This is what it said: "I better not hear...about how upset you are that I missed your birthday. I mean, how do you know I wasn't in a serious car accident and lying in some ditch out in the middle of nowhere?...Well, I may have forgotten your birthday, but I didn't exactly get any phone calls to see if I was okay. All I know is you better have a good excuse why I didn't hear from you on your birthday!"

The extent to which people avoid legitimate responsibility is almost laughable, but it is nothing new. When God confronted Adam for eating the forbidden fruit, he chose to blame his wife and God: "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me the tree, and I ate" (Gen 3:12)

When we have done something wrong, we can either accept legitimate blame for what we have done or shift the blame to others. The way that pleases God and results in spiritual growth is to accept personal responsibility for our actions. Irrationally blaming others is no laughing matter.— Dennis Fisher.

***His eye our secret thoughts behold,
His mercies all our lives enfold,
He knows our purposes untold,
You cannot hide from God!***

- Ackley

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Dimboola Lutheran Parish

Sunday 9th November

*9am Dimboola School Service * 11am Katylil
All welcome.

This week we pray for the Polack and Reilly families.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Do you have any unwanted school uniform items at home in the cupboard? The school would be pleased to take them off your hands. Contact Suzi Wouters 5389 1811 if you can help us out.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER

Friday 7th	Kinder @ St. Peter's 9:30-11:30am School Council dinner @ 6pm
Sunday 9th	School Church Service
Monday 10th	Craft Electives 2-3pm After School-Cricket
Tuesday 11th	Remembrance Day Yr 6 all day at DMSC
Wed 12th	"Spell It" Horsham After School-Tennis
Thursday 13th	Principal's meeting/ Police visit
Friday 14th	P-2 Sleepover
Monday 17th	Craft Electives 2-3pm After School-Cricket
Tuesday 18th	Yr 6 half day at DMSC 2-3.30pm
Wed 19th	After School-Tennis
Friday 21st	Report Writing Day-NO SCHOOL
Monday 24th	Craft Electives 2-3pm After School-Cricket
Wed 26th	After School-Tennis

DECEMBER

Monday 1st	After School-Cricket
Tuesday 2 nd	School Council Meeting
Monday 8th	After School-Cricket
Tuesday 9 th	State Orientation Day (Yr 6 to DMSC, Kinder kids here)
Thursday 11th	End of Term 4 Graduation 7:30pm

"SPELL IT"

Students from the 4-6 class will be attending the Spell-it at the Horsham Town Hall on Wednesday 12th November. They will be leaving school at 9:30am and to return at 12:30pm.

MS READATHON

Well done to Anna and Daniel Kerber who successfully completed the 2008 MS Readathon, collectively raising \$154 in sponsorship which has contributed to the national fundraising total of \$3.2 million.

YR 6 STUDENTS

Year 6 students will be spending the day at the Secondary School. Students will be dismissed from the High School, if they normally catch buses they will catch them from the High School. If they get picked up this needs to be done from the front of the High School and not the back.

KINDER VISITS

Kindergarten children will be visiting us (tomorrow) Friday 7th November from 9:30am-11:30am. The State Orientation Day is on Tuesday 9th December.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We want to wish a Happy Birthday to Liam Davis for Friday 7th November.

MAINTENANCE ROSTER

This week it is **John Polack's** group, which includes the D.Smith, N.Nuske, Crawley and Davis families, who are rostered on for the weeks of the 8th and 15th November. Please contact John on 53894214 for further details. Please sign off on the maintenance sheet supplied in the shed.

LITTLE FACTS

- All Elephants walk on tip-toe
- Reindeer like bananas
- Astronauts can't burp in space

SUNGLASSES

Sunglasses have proven to be very popular with many students now sporting a pair in the playground. If you missed out on the first round order but would still like some, another order will be placed in a couple of weeks. Please return your form and money to school, or contact Suzi Wouters on 5389 1811, or dswouters@bigpond.com to place your order.

OFFERING

Each week when you give your offering your money is sent to Australian Lutheran World Service. Following is some information on what this money is used for;

- Your **Gift of Grace** represents a **school start kit** for a child in Sudan. Many children are refugees returning home after war, and want to go to school but don't have any of the basics. This kit provides a uniform, school-bag, pencil, pen, mug and even an umbrella!
- Your **Gift of Grace** represents a **home gardening kit** of fruit tree seedlings and 4 days training for a family in Nepal. As seedlings grow and produce fruit, children grow too – with the healthy food, *and* when extra crop is sold to pay for essentials like school and health-care.
 - Your **Gift of Grace** represents **clean water** for a family in Cambodia. Dirty water can cause diarrhoea, which kills 4,000 children under 5 years of age every day. Your gift provides a family share of a deep well that a whole village can use. Children are wealthier, and everyone's happier!

FUNNIES

When a customer left his cell phone in my store, I scrolled through his saved numbers, stopped at "Mom" and pushed send. His mother answered, and I told her what happened.

"Don't worry," she said, "I'll take care of it."

A few minutes later, the cell phone rang. It was "Mom."
"Martin," she said, "you left your cell phone at the convenience store."

While we breathe, we hope, and where we are met with cynicism and doubt and those who tell us we can't, we will respond with that timeless creed that sums up the spirit of a people: Yes We Can.

Barack Obama

President of the United States of America

PUBLIC NOTICES

DIMBOOLA GUMNUTS, BROWNIES, GUIDES AND RANGERS.

28TH ANNUAL FETE

Saturday 15th November 2008 from 9am until 1pm at the Guide Hall, Lloyd Street, Dimboola. Devonshire morning tea, Cakes, Lollies, Craft, Lucky Dips, BBQ lunch, Competitions, 2nd hand stalls.

Car boot sale sites @ \$6 each.
Contact Lorraine 53891277

DIMBOOLA'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Mark these dates in your calendar: 30th October 2009 to 3rd November 2009. An action packed program of events is being prepared by the "150 years in Dimboola Committee".

Full details will be posted on the internet as they become available: www.dimboola.com.au
Secretary: Tony Schneider 5383 4520.

'BUSHWAHZEE DUO BUSH BAND'

P&F are proud to announce that we have secured funding to provide musical/dance entertainment at the 'Novemberfest Fete'

Thanks to the assistance of Joanne Thomas, Drought Response Co-ordinator, Hindmarsh Shire Council, we have generously been granted money by the West Wimmera Health Service, Drought Outreach Resource Centre and the Salvation Army. We are very grateful for their generosity.

The feature band, 'Bushwahzee Duo Bush Band', will provide entertainment to both young and old and will be a draw card for the wider community to come along and enjoy a family fun evening and interact with other families who are also facing economic hardships, in this time of drought. We are hoping that such an event will provide a boost to the community spirit.

This is a free community event and everyone is welcome to attend. We are advertising the event as far across the Hindmarsh Shire Council as we can to ensure that as many people as possible have the opportunity to attend.

We also have our own Grant Feidler, playing trumpet, in Horsham Band 'Key Change', who will also entertain us with their jazz and old classics.

We are set for a brilliant night of music and dance with live entertainment. Spread the word and invite your family and friends to come along and share in this great evening.

Melissa Marra
Secretary, P&F

PROFILE PROJECT - VOLUNTEERS

Our next series of profiles for the newsletter will be volunteers. Our school has many wonderful people who contribute to our school community on an un-paid basis, in many ways. You will read about some of them over the coming weeks.

Voluntary contribution can be small or large, and you do not necessarily have to be at school regularly to be able to contribute. If you would like to be a volunteer at St Peter's, please contact a staff member. We are always looking for people who are willing to share their talents to benefit our students.



Name: Lisa Miller.

What Voluntary Work do you do at St Peter's?

I organize the Book club orders and the Book Fair.
I help out with a variety of other things at the school.

How long have you been assisting us? Since 2002.

Why St Peter's? Do you have any special connection with us?

Both my sisters, my brother and myself attended St Peter's.
St Peter's has always had a wonderful caring feel about it. You are always made to feel welcome.

What do you love most about your work for St Peter's? What do you find most rewarding?

I really enjoy organizing the Book Fair. It is great to see the children look forward to it each year. It is very rewarding to see their faces and hear their comments as they walk into the Book Fair for the first time. It is a pleasure to do any voluntary work at the school.

What would you say to anyone who was thinking about volunteering at St Peter's?

Come and give it a go. It is a fantastic way of being involved with school on a more personal level. Everyone at St Peter's is always very grateful for your help.