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# St. Peter's Lutheran Primary School, Dimboola

## LOVING FROM THE HEART

An old saying says: if people aren't on your heart, they're on your nerves. If we're honest, those close to us frequently get on our nerves. That may simply be because you haven't got them on your heart. The reason why it is difficult for us to enjoy some of the people in our key relationships is that we are reacting to each other from the **mind** rather than acting toward the other in love from the **heart**.

When your partner says, "I feel down in the dumps", listen to them; it is a legitimate feeling. When he says, "I don't know if this is the right thing to do. We ought to do it this other way." Listen to him. When a child acts really grumpily, listen to the non-verbals with your heart. Listening and loving from the heart hears the hurt behind the words.

All heart-love begins with understanding. How do you get understanding? How can you love from the heart? By asking questions and then listening.

And this, in turn, comes from God. **God is my witness that I tell the truth when I say that my deep feeling for you all comes from the heart of Jesus Christ himself. Philippians 1:8**

Paul says he has a supernatural supply of love; an inhuman kind of love which enables him to love others in a unique way. It is a supernatural kind of love because, like us, Paul knows he cannot find this love within himself. Human love dries up, it is fickle, and it wears out. The only kind of love that lasts - despite the heartache - is the love of Jesus. **God has poured out his love into our hearts by means of the Holy Spirit, who is God's gift to us. Romans 5:5.** God's love is not something you work up. It is something you receive. It is something poured into you by the Holy Spirit on a daily basis. God's love is something he does in you and through you. The secret of enjoying the people in my life lies in being filled with God's love every day.

This is not a sentimental, schmaltzy, "we've got no problems" kind of love. It is love on a cross. It is love that gives. It is love that prioritises from the view-point of the relationship. It is love that acts: it writes the thankyou note, gives the kind word, looks for ways to encourage, and spends time fulfilling the other person's agenda. It is love that seeks to understand. I pray you receive this love for your heart, and love others from your heart.

Peter Steike

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### Dimboola Lutheran Parish

Sunday 23rd November

\*9am Dimboola

\* 11am Katyil

7:30pm Men's Fellowship-Dimboola

All welcome.

This week we are praying for the unwell people within the school and congregation and hope for a quick recovery.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### NOVEMBER

Friday 21st Report Writing Day-NO SCHOOL  
Monday 24th Craft Electives 2-3pm  
After School-Cricket  
Wed 26th After School-Tennis **last session**

### DECEMBER

Monday 1st After School-Cricket  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> School Council Meeting  
Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Lunch Orders (**last week**)  
Monday 8th Volunteers Morning Tea  
After School-Cricket **last session**  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> State Orientation Day  
(Yr 6 to DMSC, Kinder kids here)  
Kinder visit 9am – 1:45pm  
Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Celebration Day  
Casual Day  
Volunteer / Farewell Morning tea  
Thursday 11th Casual Day  
End of Term 4  
Graduation 7:30pm

### OFFICIAL UNIFORMS FOR GRADUATION

Official Uniforms are to be worn for the Graduation on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Boys requirements are: grey shorts, blue button up shirt, grey socks and clean black shoes. Girls requirements are: summer dress, white socks, clean black shoes.

### CELEBRATION DAY

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December we will be having a Celebration Day in Horsham sponsored by St Vincent De Paul. An invitation is extended to all parents and younger siblings to attend, at no charge to families for the day. We will leave school travelling by bus at 9:15am and go to the Cinema, enjoy a Subway luncheon in the park and finish our day at Horsham Aquatic Centre. We will return to school by 3 pm.

Please note that we invite all families to travel on the bus with the students as we have plenty of room. The Subway luncheon will consist of plain meat, meat/cheese and meat/salad rolls. If you do not want Subway you need to bring your own lunch.

RSVP slip to be returned ASAP.

HATS ARE TO BE WORN TO HORSHAM PLEASE.

**MORNING TEA**

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December we will be having a morning tea to thank our volunteers and also to farewell Miss Lockwood and Mrs Bouts. It would be appreciated if families could please bring a plate of morning tea or send one along. If you helped with reading, PMP, sport, travel, clearing sales or just want to farewell our beloved teachers then this is for you!!

**CASUAL DAYS**

Students may wear casual clothes on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December to allow their uniforms to be washed and ready to be worn for Graduation on Thursday night.

*No thongs to be worn, covered footwear only.*

**FAREWELL**

Miss Lockwood is moving on to expand her career in a bigger place and Mrs Bouts is leaving after many years at St. Peter's. We will be having Mrs. Ruth Overall from Nhill Lutheran do some part time work in 2009. Mrs. Overall has been at Nhill for the past 7 years and has taught in Murray Bridge, Alice Springs and in Queensland. She brings with her much knowledge and experience and we look forward to having her on board.

**MAINTENANCE ROSTER**

This week it is **David Lutze's** group, which includes the Schultz, Krelle, Schembri and R.Smith families, who are rostered on for the weeks of the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November. Please contact David on 53894219 for further details. Please sign off on the maintenance sheet supplied in the shed.

**LUNCH ORDERS**

3<sup>rd</sup> December will be the last day for lunch orders.

All the flowers  
of all the tomorrows  
are in the seeds  
of today.

**Indian Proverb**

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**DIMBOOLA BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION**

Fun night now on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2008 (wear white shorts)

Roster for the night is:

4pm junior girls-Prep, yr 1 and 2 girls

4:40pm junior boys-Prep, Yr 1 and 2 boys

5:10pm senior girls-Yr 3,4,5 and 6 girls

5:50pm senior boys-Yr 3,4,5 and 6 boys

Note: You must advise Mandy or Lisa the night before if you cannot attend these games.

Note: **the games rostered on for the 21<sup>st</sup> on the draw will be played on the 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2008**

“O Come join in our Christmas Wonderland”

The Holy Trinity Lutheran School present the Christmas Tree Festival 2008 and is looking for the support of individuals, schools and businesses to get in touch with their creative side and display an impression of a Christmas and What it means to them.

*MORE DETAILS POSTED ON NOTICEBOARD*

**DIMBOOLA LADIES TWILIGHT TENNIS**

Monday nights from 7.00pm

Round Robin Competition

All Welcome – you just need to turn up

Enquires to Jenny Brand 5389 1773 or 0419 118 115

**PIANO LESSONS 2009**

Enrolments now being taken for private Piano Lessons for 2009.

Please contact Monica Revell on 53892191 for further information.

Limited places are available.

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I will / will not travel on the bus for the Celebrations.

I do / do not want subway

Names of people travelling on the bus.....

Name.....