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"Grow in Grace"

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# St. Peter's Lutheran Primary School, Dimboola

## ADVENT – EXPECT - PREPARE

Schools are great places of expectation and preparation. We prepare for the commencement of the school year; we prepare curriculum outlines, term plans and units of work; we prepare for school events such as sports day, musical nights, school camps and presentation evenings. At this time of the year we prepare final reports, end of year activities and classroom clean-ups.

In the Church Year we are in the season of Advent – the season of expectation and preparation for the celebration of the birth of God's Son, Jesus Christ. Advent is a season of expectation, of anticipation and preparation. The word Advent means 'coming or arrival' and the focus of this season is on the birth of Jesus in his first coming, and the anticipation of his return at his second Advent.

As you work through the final school activities of 2008 and anticipate a well-earned holiday time, I pray that you will make time also to focus on the season of Advent and this very special time that leads to Christmas. In the busyness of everyday life, may you find time to reflect on the true meaning of this season and in your reflection find hope, peace and joy.

*God Bless,  
Elizabeth A. Kloeden*

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### Dimboola Lutheran Parish

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December

\*9am Dimboola \* 11am Katyil

All welcome.

This week we are praying for both the Smith and the Wouter families.

### MORNING TEA

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December we will be having a morning tea from 11-11:30am 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, craft electives, clearing sales or just want to farewell our beloved teachers then this is for you!!



### GRADUATION

Can parents all please bring in a plate of supper for after the service, thank you.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### DECEMBER

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Pirate Day  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 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  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Casual Day  
Allambi- students singing 1:45pm  
End of Term 4  
Graduation 7:30pm

### JANUARY

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> Working Bee 9am

### FEBRUARY

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Term 1 commences  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> P & F BBQ  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Swimming Carnival

### PIRATE DAY

Tomorrow is 'Pirate Day'.

### CELEBRATION DAY

Next Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December is St Peter's Celebration Day. Through an application for drought relief funding, St Vincent de Paul have generously offered to pay for a day of activities in Horsham including a movie, lunch in the Botanical Gardens, entry and games at the Aquatic Centre.

The wider Wimmera and beyond has suffered from drought for at least 12 years, and with the recent global economic downturn, the farming community is especially feeling the pressure. Many of the families within our school community are farmers or have a connection to the farming industry. This day has been funded and organized especially to give an opportunity to leave the farm for a day, have some social interaction with your friends and family and provide some much needed stress relief.

If you are not from a farm or have no farming connection, we still encourage your family to come along and provide much needed support to those in our farming community.

Your whole family is welcome, the day is free of charge. It is all about supporting each other through difficult times. Please return your form to school ASAP to secure your family's participation in this great day out.

A big thank you to St Vincent de Paul for giving our school this great opportunity.

HATS ARE TO BE WORN TO HORSHAM PLEASE.

*You are permitted to bring a small amount of money to buy something at the movies. 1 can of soft drink will be provided. Please bring your own water bottles, fruit for afternoon tea will also be provided.*

The aquatic centre will be having organised activities with some free time towards the end.

We will be leaving school at 9:15am with the movie commencing at 10am. We will be returning to Dimboola by 3pm.

### **CASUAL DAYS**

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

*No thongs to be worn covered footwear only.*

### **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.

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### **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 to 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.

**GOODBYE!**

### **LOST PROPERTY**

The lost property box is overflowing. After the holidays these items are to be put in the secondhand box, so if you feel you are missing an item, please come in to claim it and please put a name inside it.

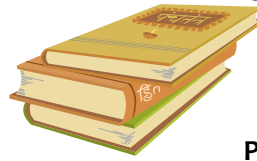
### **P & F BBQ**

Each year the P & F hold a BBQ to welcome new families to school, this gives them a chance to meet other people from within the school. This is on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February. Venue to be confirmed, this will be published in the newsletter.

### **OVERDUE BOOKS**

There are several students with overdue books at present. Overdue notices have been sent home. It would be appreciated if this matter is dealt with ASAP to help keep our library running smoothly.

*N.B. Borrowing from the Library has ceased and will recommence next year to enable stock take.*



### **PARENTING FOR RESILIENCY**

Mr. Kroehn is interested in showing a DVD entitled 'Parenting for Resiliency' Resiliency helps your child:

- Bounce back from adversity
- Persist when faced with challenges
- Overcome disappointment
- Achieve more at school
- Handle rejection
- Be happier and more cheerful

Please tick the response form as to when you are interested in viewing this prior to school commencing;

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> or Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January. These group sessions will start at 9am and run until no later than 11am

### **PUBLIC NOTICES**

#### **DISCO**

This is to be the last disco for 2008.

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

++++ **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE** +++++

Prep-3 7-8:30pm

4-6 8:30-10pm

\$4 entry.

Glow sticks available, Christmas theme.

### **Summer Reading Club 2009**

Get in the Game- READ

Fun and games with the Summer Reading Club, for ages 5 to 16+ will begin from the 1<sup>st</sup> of December - 15<sup>th</sup> February 2009.

Register at the Dimboola Library and be in the running to collect give-a ways and prizes.

Thanks Deb Margetts.

A family is a place where minds come in contact with one another. If these minds love one another the home will be as beautiful as a flower garden. But if these minds get out of harmony with one another it is like a storm that plays havoc with the garden.

**DIMBOOLA TOWN COMMITTEE**  
**VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR 2008**

It is time to begin thinking about recognising an outstanding volunteer in our town. Dimboola residents make our lives better in many different ways and almost everything is run by volunteers. Thousands of man hours go into management, fundraising, and manning all types of services and events. Please put your thinking caps on, sharpen your pencils, and nominate a person, a group, or an event that has made our lives better in some way in 2008.

This award is quite separate from the award given by the Hindmarsh Shire and is sponsored by the Dimboola Town Committee.

It is our award for someone in our town or district.

Categories include:

- Senior Volunteer
- Junior Volunteer
- Group
- Event of the year

The person you nominate may be your Basketball Coach, Cub Leader, SRC Representative or maybe even your mum or dad!

Nominations listing volunteering efforts should be forwarded by Friday January 9<sup>th</sup> 2009 to:

Dimboola Town Committee  
P.O. Box 211  
Dimboola 3414

**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 at 9:15am travelling by bus 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.

**HATS ARE TO BE WORN PLEASE.**

**THIS RESPONSE FORM IS INTENDED FOR PEOPLE OTHER THAN STUDENTS**

I will / will not travel on the bus for the Celebrations. (any extra other than the students)

I do / do not want subway

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

Name.....

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Another time when school commences

Name .....