Dear Families,

Welcome back, I hope you all had a wonderful break and enjoyed some rest and relaxation over the Easter period. This week we begin the glorious season of Easter. The season is so important that it lasts, not for a few days, but for 50 days. The liturgical cloths are changed from the sombre purple of Lent to the white of Easter, symbolising light, joy, triumph and glory. We begin this new term, through the light of Christ seeing the amazing possibilities and opportunities to grow in our relationships with one another.

Please read the following information so you are aware of what is happening at our school.

**Family School Partnership Cluster**
Our staff attended our annual Family School Partnership Cluster Meeting this week focusing on effective ways to engage families in children's learning. We work alongside our colleagues from St Bernadette's, North Sunshine and St Paul's, West Sunshine to gather evidence and discuss successful strategies based on mutual trust and respect, and shared responsibility for the education of the children and young people in our schools. We value this work as Family School Partnerships remain a top priority at St Peter's.

**Royal Botanic Garden's Partnership**
This week our 3/4 children began their Term 2 partnership with the Royal Botanic Garden Victoria and Catholic Education Melbourne. We thank Ms Sandy Skehan for securing this opportunity for us. This partnership supports this term's Inquiry Unit's focus on Biodiversity. The 3/4s will be participating in a Community Arts Project which will be on display in the Botanic Gardens and will then be donated back to our school. This project will take its inspiration from the work of the writer and author Jeannie Baker and her current publication 'Circle'. We will update you on our progress throughout the term.

**Literacy Learning Walk**
This morning Ms Sandy guided families on a Literacy Walk through the Prep/1/2 classrooms. This was a great opportunity for families to see how reading is taught in the early years and also gave families the opportunity to learn more about the practice of reading. We thank everyone for their attendance today.

**Wild Action Incursion**
This morning the 1/2s attended their Wild Action incursion to support this term's Inquiry Unit’s focus on Biodiversity. Wild Action was created by zoologist Chris Humfrey to educate children about the amazing Biodiversity in Australia. Chris was particularly keen on creating an interactive 'hands-on' incursion which captivated and inspired children. This experience sparked great passion and enthusiasm in our students.

**ANZAC Day Celebrations**
On Monday 24/4/17 at 11.45am we will be holding a special ANZAC Day Ceremony to commemorate the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War. The National Trust of Victoria have donated a Gallipoli Oak seedling to St Peter's which we will be planting during this time. Families are welcome to attend. **Please note there will be no school on Tuesday 25/4/17 due to ANZAC Day.**

**Lady Northcote Camp**
On Wednesday 26/4/17 – Friday 28/4/17 our 5/6 students, Mr Murray, Ms Morris, Ms Jacinta, Ms Rogers and Ms Grace will be attending the Lady Northcote Camp at Bacchus Marsh, this camp will be full of great experiences that focus on team work, inclusion and building personal confidence. We wish our senior students well as the take part in these challenging but rewarding experiences. We also thank our wonderful staff for giving up their time away from their families to make this possible.

**Marian College Morning Tea with the Co-Principals**
Please note this meeting will be held on Tues 9/5/17, this meeting is for **YEAR 5 PARENTS ONLY, NOT STUDENTS.** If you are attending, please RSVP by the Tues 2/5/17.
Exciting Baby News
Congratulations to Ms Marisa and her husband Matt who welcomed baby Tayla Elise into the world on Tuesday this week. Both mother and baby are doing well and are enjoying their first week together as a family. Ms Marisa and Tayla are looking forward to visiting us soon.

Reminders
School Closure ANZAC DAY Tuesday 25/4/17
5/6 Lady Northcote Camp Wed 26/4/17 – Fri 28/4/17
Please note Karen is away on long service leave for the first two weeks of this term, please don’t hesitate to see me if you have any queries.

Enjoy your weekend,

Maree McIntosh
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Attention Mums and Grandmothers and Carers. Invitations will be sent home today for our Annual and very special Breakfast to celebrate Mother’s Day on Friday, 12th May, 2017 at 8.00 am
Please reply by sending the form attached to the invitation to school by Friday 5th May

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 24th:
2.50pm 5/6 DM ASSEMBLY

Tuesday 25th:
ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Wednesday 26th-Friday 28th:
YEAR 5/6 CAMP AT BACCHUS MARSH

MAY

Monday 1st:
WHOLE SCHOOL CLOSURE FOR SPELLING PD

Monday 8th:
2.50pm 3/4 G ASSEMBLY

Friday 12th:
MOTHERS DAY BREAKFAST

Monday 15th:
2.50pm 3/4 C ASSEMBLY

Tuesday 16th:
7.00-8.00pm FAMILY ENGAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

Wednesday 17th:
WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOS. STUDENTS TO WEAR WINTER UNIFORM.

Monday 22nd:
2.50pm 5/6 FM ASSEMBLY

Monday 29th:
2.50pm PREP ASSEMBLY

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT TEAM MEETING DATES

TERM 2:
Tuesday May 16th 7:00-8:00pm
Tuesday June 6th 2:15-3:15pm

TERM 3:
Tuesday August 8th 7:00-8:00pm
Tuesday August 29th 2:15-3:15pm

TERM 4:
Tuesday October 10th 7:00-8:00pm
Tuesday November 11th 2:15-3:15pm

ROAD WORK IN KILLEEN STREET

As you are aware the road work in Killeen Street has now moved closer to outside the school. From the beginning of Term 2 for the first 2 to 4 weeks there will be no access to St. Peter’s from Killeen Street. You will only be able to park in Fairbairn Road and walk to and from school with your children. Please ensure you respect the road signs at all times. THE COUNCIL WILL BE ISSUING TICKETS TO THOSE WHO DO NOT FOLLOW THE RULES.