Dear Parents,

**Kindergarten Orientation Visit**
Our new 2014 Kindergarten class came to visit during the week; what a delightful group of children we can expect in our school next year! They were a very settled group, despite the thunder and lightning that greeted us in the morning, and as the children arrived to start their first experience of big school, the sky turned blue and the sun came out to welcome them. They had a fun morning of story and dance, playtime and craft, and all got a treat from the canteen. Thank you to our teachers and helpers, and the pre-school assistants who came with some of the children. You all made it a happy and successful morning. Next week there will be three more transition opportunities from which families would have already picked one to attend. We are looking forward to having the children back.

**Moving In**
Over the last term and a half I have been a temporary resident in Port Macquarie, travelling home to Sawtell on most weekends. Next week I will be taking some days off for the long-awaited move. I also have an induction role to play in Sawtell for next year’s new principal, so I will spend a day next week on that as well.

**School Review and Development**
Every five years our schools are required to take part in the School Review and Development process (SRD). We have just completed that, and received the written report (we have already had a verbal report). From the recommendations we build a Strategic Five Year Plan. This has all been a bit rushed for me, but we have drafted a plan to present at the end of the week at a Validation gathering of schools in Yamba. When we come back, Mrs Koning, the staff and I will take a more considered look at our plan and make any further adjustments before preparing our final Annual School Plan for 2014.

**Suara Indonesian Performance**
Next Friday the whole school will participate in a hands on workshop presented by the Suara Indonesia Dance Group. The children will journey through Indonesia and will enjoy traditional and diverse dances from the islands of Sumatra, Bali and Java. Children will attend workshops in class groups culminating in a performance with the whole school at the end of the day. There is no cost involved to families for this performance.


Tony Watts - Principal

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**Caritas Australia – Typhoon Haiyan – Philippines**
As you would have seen on the news parts of the Philippines have been devastated by Typhoon Haiyan. As a school community, we would like to be involved in the Typhoon Haiyan Aid Response. The Year 6 student councillors (Mini Vinnies Group) are planning a fundraiser day for all St Peter’s students on Tuesday 26th November. On this day students may participate in a coin donation to be out of school uniform. During lunch 1 Years 3 and 4 have been asked to supply cakes, slices, biscuits etc for a cake stall. Year 6 students will provide some entertainment and numerous guessing competitions. If you could spare some coins so that your child can participate in these activities it would be appreciated. All money raised will be sent to Caritas Australia to help with the Typhoon Appeal. Any parents wishing to donate direct to this appeal can follow the link below to the Caritas donation site.

Year 5 Leadership Reflection Day
Yesterday year 5 students enjoyed a special day at MacKillop Hall in preparation for their role as leaders in 2014. Children reflected on the qualities of leadership – wisdom, service, welcoming, forgiveness, kindness, courage, class spirit, honesty, generosity, fairness and belief in yourself. Leadership that Jesus taught us.

Thank you to Leaders of School Evangelisation and Catechesis, Amanda Howle and Cathy Stevenson and teachers Jeff Arkinson and Genelle Hughes for running this day and to Tess Koning for sharing her leadership talents with the children.

A leader is someone who inspires others to achieve,
Instilling belief in those who do not believe.

Christmas Hampers
Please keep bringing in your Christmas hamper items. Class hampers are starting to fill but there is still room for more!!! If you are unsure of what gift to bring in for your class please contact the office. Please make sure all gifts are wrapped and clearly labelled. Thank you to those parents who have already offered to help with hamper packing and deliveries. If you would like to help please contact the school office.

A special thank you to Lou Redgrove and the Lions club who donate Christmas cakes for our Hampers every year!
The Spirit of Christmas... The Spirit of Giving to others.

Year 6 Creative TY Cups
This week Year 6 impressed the school with their creativi-TY. The students were asked to create a tea cup which symbolised a word ending in TY. Some wonderful creations depicting gravity, security, Party, dotTY, sportTY, minTY, beautTY, rustTY, smartTY, just to name a few, were on display for the whole school.

Thank you Year 6 we enjoyed this activi-TY!!

St Peter’s Dance Program
A note has been sent home to all families today with an update for our end of year dance performance!
The shows will be held in week 10 - Put these dates in your calendar!
11th December Matinee Dress Rehearsal Performance 1 pm - 12th December Night Performance 6.30 pm

Planning for 2014 Classes
We will soon begin the process of forming new class groups for 2014. If there is any information we should be aware of which may affect your child’s placement, please contact Principal, Tony Watts, in writing, within the next 2 weeks. This is not an opportunity to choose a teacher – but simply the sharing of information which will assist in making decisions. It is difficult to make changes when the classes are finalised and virtually impossible at the beginning of the school year.

If there are any families who may not be returning in 2014 could you please notify the school office.

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)
Congratulations to the following children who received excellent results in the recent Maths competition.
Credits
Jarrod Fehon, Lachlan Johns, Grace Madden, Alicia Robertson, Zac Lawrence, Darcy Pares, Imogen Smith, Daniel Ward, Sophie Evans, Jaden Nardi, Kimberley Palmer, Jaidyn Rossiter, Mitchell Scott, Jenna Baker, Mia Dawson, Isabella Ryan

Distinction
Luke Aguilar

Congratulations to all participants.

St Peter’s P & F Meeting - Tuesday 19th November – 7pm- This will be our final meeting for 2014
Agenda: Teacher’s Day Report – School uniforms – Events and fundraising dates for 2014 – Ironman Wash up
All are welcome and invited to attend!

Child minding is available. Please contact the school office if you require this service.

Get well wishes to Teacher, Ms Ashlie Style. We hope to see her back at school very soon!!!
Dates to Remember – Week 7 Term 4 2013

Monday 18th November
✓ Pre Order Bookpacks forms home
✓ Staff Meeting – Report Writing
✓ Dance Program

Tuesday 19th November
✓ P & F Meeting – 7pm
✓ Kinder 2014 – Transition Session
✓ Clothing Pool – 8.20-8.45am
✓ Dance Program
✓ Library – KG, KL

Wednesday 20th November
✓ Kinder 2014 – Transition Session
✓ Library: KS, Years 3 and 4
✓ Dance Program

Thursday 21st November
✓ Kinder 2014 – Transition Session
✓ Library: Years 1, 2, 5, 6
✓ Clothing Pool – 8.20-8.45am
✓ Band Practice
✓ School Banking
✓ Dance Program

Friday 22nd November
✓ Diocesan Sports Trials
✓ Suara Indonesia Dance Group Workshops
  8.50am - K,1, 10am – 3,4 11.45am- 5,6
✓ Class Awards Assembly – 8.45 am
✓ Year 3 – Open Classroom – 9am
✓ Kinder Mum’s Night Out – 6.30 pm - Zebu
✓ Stage Sport
✓ Dance Program

ST PETER’S SPORT

Intensive Swimming for Kinders
Intensive swimming for Kinder children will commence next Monday. The program will run for 2 weeks. A note has been sent home this week with children with some very important reminders... wear swimmers to school and bring a change of clothes plus goggles, towel and plastic bag for wet clothes.

Diocesan Sports Trials – Good luck to children participating in the summer sports trials next week at Coffs Harbour.

Sam Edmonds – Raffle Tickets – Next week is the final week to purchase raffle tickets in support of Sam Edmonds as he will be leaving on Friday for the National Titles. Raffle tickets are $2 each and are available from the office or just send in money with your child and we will send the tickets home for you!

Jeff Arkinstall – Sports Coordinator

School Book Packs 2014
School book packs for 2014 will be available for pre order and purchase from next week. Order Forms will be sent home to all families on Monday. This is an extremely convenient way for parents to purchase book packs and alleviates the last minute rush to buy and collect packs for 2014 in the last week of school. All pre ordered book packs will be sent home with children on Monday 2nd December.

St Peter’s Own Cook Book
At Our Table... Selling Now !!!

“At Our Table” – a celebration of food, family and twenty years of education at St Peter’s Primary School.
This wonderful collection of family recipes from our school community is now available to order for $20.00 each.
Lots of orders have been received already.... So keep them coming... wonderful Christmas present !!!

“Skoolbag”
Last week we mentioned Skoolbag, which provides another way of communicating with families. This App is available from the Apple App Store and the android version is also available for parents from the Google Play Store. Have a try !!!

You are invited to the annual
St Peter’s Ladies Christmas Shop-a-Thon
Saturday 30th November 2013 from 6.00pm
St Peter’s School Hall
$10.00 entry includes canapés and a glass of bubbly!
Please RSVP to petesfundraisers@hotmail.com or find us on Face Book

Canteen
Monday Judy Johnson
Tuesday Judy Howie, Lisa Hogan
Wednesday Rene Ryan
Thursday Lesley Clift, Kerry Cox, Megan Mackay
Friday Lyn Gallagher, Sue Blain, Justyna Hollis

Canteen Roster 2014 – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2014!
The canteen relies on your support in order for it to run smoothly. Many volunteers arrange to do their canteen day with a friend – this is a great way to catch up !! See Mrs Robins or the office to put your name down for 2014!
Kindergarten 2014

Kinder 2014 visited the school this week as part of their orientation for "Big School". Children enjoyed games and activities, meeting the Principal, meeting new friends and visiting the canteen as a special treat. We hope they enjoyed their morning!
St Peters Own Cookbook

At Our Table

There are some things that just aren’t forgotten about childhood: friends, school, and the comforting aroma of home cooking. That’s why the St Peter’s ‘At Our Table’ is a must for all families who want to share a few of their childhood memories… and make new ones! Delicious family dinners, modern Australian takes on classics and baked treats will inspire you to share ‘At Our Table’ with friends and family. ‘At Our Table’ – A Celebration of food, family and twenty years of education at St Peter’s Primary School Port Macquarie.

On Sale Now! $20 ea

Order Form

Name: _______________________________________

Phone number: _______________________________________

Email: _______________________________________

Quantity _____ @ $20 Total: $ __________________

Please place order form with payment into an envelope and deliver to the office.
St Agnes Parish Secondary Schools present,

Carols by Candlelight

Wednesday 18th December

St Joseph’s Regional College Amphitheatre

Entertainment by St Paul’s High School,
MacKillop Senior College & St Joseph’s
Regional College bands, choirs and soloists,
followed by Carols

Starts at 6:30pm

Glowsticks for sale
on the night

BBQ & Drinks available

Coffee, Tea & Supper for sale

Santa will visit!

GOLD COIN DONATION

FUNDS RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS THE SAPSS 2014 DARWIN BAND TOUR
PORT MACQUARIE TRIATHLON CLUB

proudly presents the:

2013 AUSSIE

CAMDEN HAVEN TRIATHLON FESTIVAL

30th NOV & 1st DEC 2013

JUNIOR PRESENTATION

at the LAURIE TON UNITED SERVICES CLUB

Saturday 30th November @4.00pm

Including a Major Prize Draw of

a new junior bike from Laurieton Cycles!

1KM OCEAN SWIM

High School age & up

Saturday 30th Nov - 12.00pm Start

JUNIOR TRIATHLONS

Various Distances for Ages 6 — 15

Saturday 30th Nov from 1.00pm

SENIOR TRIATHLON

600m swim, 28km cycle, 6.5km run

Sunday 1st Dec—7.00am Start

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