Dear Parents

My creative juices have stopped flowing, the adrenalin has died down and enthusiasm for writing this newsletter has waned after the highly charged atmosphere of the last few days. What a fantastic concert – what amazing children you have! I have never seen anything like it in my millions of years of teaching. Great credit must go to the children, and to the staff but particularly to Kim, Jo, Kate and Steve who performed wonders.

Dennis Sleigh, an ageing previous Principal, wrote of Kim “It is hard to believe that Kim is still there, still turning shy pupils into accomplished thespians, tuneful singers and dynamic dancers; still convincing staff that they are all talented in fields that they had never previously explored; still drawing in crowds that were the envy of our colleagues at other schools. Kim’s mark on the school has been immense, and I want her to know that when the final trumpet sounds, I fully expect to see her up there at the Pearly Gates, with the heavenly choirs of angels, presenting a Welcome Home concert that will warm the hearts of the fashionably atheistic as well as those of the struggling believers”. How true. Kim and her team have worked wonders, the likes of which we will probably never see again. I wonder if the Myschool website is going to include dramatic productions in the future.

A few of our Year Six students were at school today and made the following comments about the concert:

“It was really fun learning different types of things, like juggling scarves, spin sticks and spinning plates” (Amelia).
“I was in Kim’s first choreographed dance and it was a challenge because I had to be posh. My sixth, and final concert, was amazing” (Chiara).
“I was scared I was going to stuff up and it was nerve wracking, but everything was ok in the end.” (Emma).
“I can’t believe Mrs Ristic made me do it” (Mr Hodgson).
“The best part of the concert was being in the staff room and also being on the stage in the spotlight” (Bridget).

There were sixty children here at 9.30am this morning – thank you for that as the teachers are well and truly whacked also.

Jane Kusetic, one of our mums, sent this to me recently:
I just wanted to tell you something of interest, as a parent at our wonderful school I just wanted to let you know that at the end of this year which is when Amy is leaving to go to St Clare’s College, if you add all the years I have been involved with the school I have been a parent there for 28 years. Tim my eldest started in Kinder as did Phillip then David and now Amy (Tim is 21 this Saturday, Phillip is 18, David 15 and of course Amy is 12). That’s pretty amazing I think. It has been wonderful and I will miss our school.

Peter Rodda will be on long service leave next week and I will be in Perth at a Principals’ conference from Tuesday so have a lovely break with your children, enjoy the sun, enjoy Floriade and (hopefully) enjoy a Raiders march to the Grand Final.

Take care

Doug Hodgson
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
Awards Assembly – Friday 17 September 1pm
Special Lunch Orders due – Monday 20 September

AWARDS ASSEMBLY
There was no awards assembly last week due to concert preparations. The next awards assembly will be this Friday, 17 September at 1pm. Ribbons from the PSSA athletics carnival will also be presented at this assembly.

NOTICES

WALTER’S KITCHEN (📞 6285 2760) CANTEEN
Rostered volunteers:
Thursday 16th September
Annette Lawson, Anita Taglieri
Friday 17th September
Robyn Duncan, Jodie Barton, Louise Acret
Wednesday 22nd September
SPECIAL LUNCH
Lillian Gates, Diana Escueta-Shirley

UNIFORM SHOP (📞6285 4840)
The Uniform Shop is open on Thursdays from 9:00am to 10:00am. For all enquiries, please contact Kim Chapple on 6260 8491.

ENVIRONMENT CENTRE NEWS
This week we had a speaker from OzHarvest talk to Stage 3 about how they contribute to the theme of a sustainable city. OzHarvest collects food left over from restaurants, catering businesses and cafes and it is then donated to various charities in Canberra, thus reducing the landfill needs of the city and at the same time contributing to the welfare of our less fortunate citizens.

We have planted pak choi, bok choi, italian lettuce and french lettuce mix seed in punnets for summer harvesting. Now is the time to think about spring planting....potatoes, carrots. Don’t be too hasty in planting your tomato seedlings...the frost and cold soil temperatures will do nothing for their growth. Wait until next term and watch this space!!

If anyone can assist with holiday watering, please contact me asap as I will be travelling in Laos for the holidays.

Happy gardening.
Hans

The Southside Farmers Market
Fresh, seasonal produce from around 50 stallholders every week.
Fruit, vegetables, eggs, meat, bread, fish, dairy and much more.
Great village atmosphere, easy close parking (off Albermarle St).
Every Sunday morning from 8.00am until 11.30am at the Woden CIT (corner of Hindmarsh Drive and Ainsworth Street).
RE NEWS

Eucharist

Please keep the students who are celebrating the Sacrament of Eucharist this weekend in your prayers. Eucharist masses will be held at Holy Trinity on Sunday 19th at 8.30am and 11.00am. In preparation for this sacrament students will be taking part in a retreat day tomorrow at Holy Trinity. Students will need to be dropped at the church (Holy Trinity) at 9.15am in readiness for a 9.30am Mass. They will need to be picked up from the same location at 2.30pm.

Fitz’s Challenge Bike Ride

A number of staff and parents have indicated a willingness to ride their bikes to raise money for the Oncology Children’s Foundation by taking part in Fitz’s Challenge on Sunday 31st October. You can choose to ride 50km, 105km, 165km or 207km if you are really keen. If you are interested you can register at www.ocf-fitz.com and select Sts Peter and Paul as your team. There will be a number of very social riders taking part in the 50km option if you are scared of going it alone. If you would like to sponsor the team please visit www.everydayhero.com.au/stspp. We will have our first training session this Saturday (18th) at 2.00pm leaving from the school car park. If you need any more information please email Simon Kinch simon_kinch@thatsmyschool.org

SPEECH AND DRAMA NEWS

The Canberra Chorale Speaking Choir is performing this Saturday 18 September at Floriade at 4pm. Everyone is invited to come along and enjoy our selection of poetry.

Good luck to Georgia W and Winston S who will be competing at the Australian National Eisteddfod next week.

A reminder that there are no classes at the school next week (Week 10) but Speech and Drama recommences in Week 1, Term 4 and will culminate in our end of year concert on Wednesday 1st December.

DEBATING

Congratulations to the debating team from 5/6B consisting of Brooke R, Bella C and Georgia F who after a very late couple of nights won their debate today against St John Vianney’s, Waramanga. Brooke R was awarded best speaker. Well done.

OUR VICTORIOUS OZTAG TEAM

Here is a link to an article written following our oztag’s teams spectacular win in the Girls League Tag competition. http://www.sportingpulse.com/assoc_page.cgi?client=7-2019-0-0-0&slID=15577&&news_task=DETAIL&articleID=13172303&sectionID=15577

NETBALL NEWS

After two very close games last Saturday, the Year 6 Possums and Year 4 Hot Chilli Shooters have both made it to the GRAND FINAL this Saturday! The girls played so well after such a late and exciting concert night on Friday.

Both teams play at 10.30 at Deakin and would love your support. We wish all the players LOTS of LUCK, especially after such a tiring week.

GOOD LUCK
SUMMER NETBALL SEASON
I am looking for 2-3 junior players for the Summer Netball season. The season will start on Wednesday afternoon 13th October 2010 and run for eight weeks. This is a fun season for anyone who wants to try new things or just to see if they like Netball.

The games for juniors will start at 5.30pm to 6.30pm and are held at the Deakin courts. An umpire has been organised for the team.

The cost for the players already registered for 2010 is $60 ($50 to play and $10 to pay the umpire) and for unregistered players $90 ($80 to play and $10 to pay the umpire).

If you are interested please contact Suzan Matthews on 0437 266 154 by Thursday 23rd September 2010, as the initial registration must be completed by 24th September 2010. Payment is not due until the first game.

Learning To Live With Change And Loss – Seasons for Growth Program

Focusing on Stage One in Term 4

Change and loss are issues that affect all of us at some stage of our lives. At Sts Peter and Paul we recognize that when changes occur in families through death, separation, divorce or related circumstances, young people benefit from learning how to manage these changes effectively. We are therefore, again, offering a very successful education program called ‘Seasons for Growth’. This program, facilitated in small groups, focuses on issues such as self-esteem, managing feelings, problem solving, decision-making, effective communication and support networks. It will be offered to children who have had a significant change in their life.

If you think your son or daughter would benefit from Seasons for Growth we would encourage you to talk to him/her about participating in the program.

We are pleased to be able to offer this important program and we are confident that it will be a valuable learning experience for those who request to be involved. If you would like to enquire about involving your child, please return the tear off below to the front office by Tuesday 21 September. If you would like further information please contact Simon Kinch, coordinator.

I would like more information about Seasons for Growth for my child/ren

________________________________in class _______________________

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name of parent/guardian ______________________ contact phone number ______________________
THANKYOU

Wasn’t the concert fantastic?

A huge thank you to the many, many parents who sewed, glued, stitched, supported, supervised and helped in many other ways with this year’s concert.

The teachers

“Cooking for Blokes” and “Cooking Favourites”

Would you like to learn how to make spring rolls, Chicken cacciatore, lasagne, golden-syrup dumplings or tiramisu as well as other favourites? Or would you like your ‘bloke’ to get some basic cooking skills? If so, then Cooking with Lyonsy will be running 2 courses in Term 4, the new “Cooking Favourites” and the already successful “Cooking for Blokes”.

Peter and Mike will show you just how easy it is to prepare nice meals including soups, salads, pasta, casserole, main courses and desserts. In both courses, no knowledge is assumed, the courses are run in a fun and relaxed atmosphere, and will be held in the new kitchen complex at Sts. Peter and Paul Primary School Garran. The courses run for 8 weeks starting in Term 4.

For more information on these courses go to www.cookingwithlyonsy.com or for an enrolment form, send an email to cookingwithlyonsy@y7mail.com.

GET IN2 ACTION, GET IN2 CRICKET

MILO in2CRICKET Centres will soon be starting for 5-9 year olds. All abilities welcome. The aim of the centres is to provide maximum participation for girls and boys in a fun and safe environment. For a full list of weeknight and weekend options, visit www.in2cricket.com.au or contact Kyle Piper (Cricket ACT MILO in2CRICKET and Schools Cricket Officer) on 62280326.
POLICE APPEAL FOR VIGILANCE OVER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Dear Resident,

Unfortunately the approaching school holiday period means school grounds in your area will be empty from 24 September 2010, to 10 October 2010, making them easily accessible to would-be offenders.

ACT Policing will be increasing pro-active patrols around schools during the holidays, but we are also asking you, the community, to assist us in ensuring our schools remain secure.

Anyone who observes anti-social behaviour or suspicious activity around schools is urged to report this to police immediately on 131 444. This includes suspicious persons or vehicles seen at odd hours of the night, and any signs of potential criminal activity such as the sound of breaking glass, spray cans or electrical equipment being used at odd hours.

By working together with police you can help to ensure that our schools remain secure over the holidays, allowing our children to get the education they deserve.

DISNEY’S MULAN
Ickle Pickle Productions proudly brings the Disney classic to Canberra. Based on the legend about a young girl who goes to battle for her father. Disney’s Mulan is a magical journey to ancient China. The show is suitable for people of all ages.

THEATRE 3 – Ellery Crescent, Acton. Adults $20. Conc. $18

September: Tue 28th 7pm. Wed 29th 2pm. Thu 30th 11am.

October: Fri 1st 2pm. Sat 2nd 2 pm. Tue 5th 2pm. Wed 6th 11am. Thu 7th 2pm. Fri 8th 11am and 7pm. Sat 9th 2pm.

BOOKINGS 02 6257 1950 www.canberrarep.org.au