Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

The Leuven Project – Enhancing Catholic School Identity
Sts Peter and Paul’s School will take part in the Brisbane Catholic Education strengthening Catholic Identity initiative. Next week we will begin the process of Identifying and Enhancing Catholic Identity through a variety of surveys developed by the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium.

The background to this project is that historically, Catholic schools in Australia were created through the vision, dedication, hard work and commitment of the whole Catholic community. Today, Catholic schools in Australia often find themselves challenged to express their distinctiveness, identity and vision as schools in a society where the Christian faith is increasingly marginalised.

To assist schools in facing these present realities, Brisbane Catholic Education Office has entered into a partnership with other Dioceses and the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium. Through the Enhancing Catholic School Identity pilot strategy, Brisbane Catholic Education Office aims to explore and assist schools to better understand how their Catholic identity is expressed in work and practice.

The Leuven approach offers strong theological underpinnings. From this base, the strategy aims to assess the Catholic identity of schools through the use of surveys and questionnaires. The data which then emerges provides schools with the information needed to understand the current context of the school, and inform future enhancement of Identity.

Therefore, in next week’s newsletter you will be given further information about the project, a password to complete the online survey which will need to be completed before the end of term. All staff and students in Years 5, 6 and 7 will also complete the survey. I thank you in anticipation for your commitment to this project.

Queensland College of Teachers (QCT) Excellence in Teaching Awards
Nominations are now open for the annual QCT Excellence in Teaching Awards. Registered teachers from State, Catholic and Independent schools are eligible for nomination in four award categories. Nominating a teacher for an award is recognition of their achievements that enrich the school community. Further information including key dates and nomination forms can be found on the QCT website. Nominations close on 23 July and awards will be presented on World Teachers’ Day on 31 October.

Petition for Flashing School Lights on Riding Road
An online petition is available at http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-assembly/petitions/e-petition?PetNum=2268 to prioritise the installation of school flashing lights along Riding Road at Morningside State School, Saints Peter and Paul’s School and Bulimba State School. Our understanding and belief is that these signs will ensure an extra safety boost around school zones and remind motorists to slow down in order to better protect our children. A copy of this petition is also available for you to sign in the School Office. Please take the time to sign this petition which is sponsored by State Member for Bulimba Aaron Dillaway MP.

Term Two School Fees and Levies
Thank you to all those who have been so prompt in paying Term Two School Fees and Levies. Camp fees for Years 5, 6 and 7 were also due this term and are now overdue. It would be appreciated if these accounts could be settled before the holidays which commence on Friday, 27 June. All families experiencing difficulties are asked to make an appointment to see the Principal.

Let us pray that God will guide us. God of wisdom and love, by the power of the Holy Spirit teach us your way and guide us to follow it. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Peace and Best Wishes
Sr Ann-Maree Nicholls, sgs

PRINCIPAL
This Sunday 15 June we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Trinity. As we learn about God’s love, we draw closer to God and the mystery of the Trinity. God has lavished us with love in the Persons of the Son and the Spirit. When we allow our hearts and minds to be filled with an awareness of the divine life within us, we participate in the endless spiral of love that leads to eternal life.

The sign of the Cross is probably the most often used prayer of Christians and for many, the first prayer they learned as children - “In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.” Despite its simplicity, the sign of the Cross is an ancient prayer rich in meaning. References to it appear in writings dating back to Tertullian (d. 230 C.E.) and it is believed that it was in use during the earliest days of Christianity.

Initially, the sign of the Cross was made with the thumb, usually on the forehead but sometimes on the lips and chest. This small sign of the Cross was in common use by the end of the fourth century and is still used today, preceding the proclamation of the Gospel at the celebration of the Eucharist. In doing this, we acknowledge our belief in the Word of God, our commitment to spread God’s Word in our daily lives and our awareness of God’s presence in our hearts. In other words, we pray that we should understand it with our minds, speak it with our lips and believe it in our hearts. Likewise, the sign of the Cross made with the thumb occurs when receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Anointing of the Sick. It also is used for marking the forehead with ashes on Ash Wednesday. By the end of the middle Ages, the Western Church had adopted the practice of making the large sign of the Cross with an open hand and touching the left shoulder before the right. This is the form we continue to use today.

**Triune God,**
**Father, Son and Holy Spirit,**
**Your love for us is beyond our ability to comprehend.**
**May I grow in my desire to share your love with the people I meet today.**

**ROSIES FRIENDS ON THE STREET WINTER COLLECTION**

With winter approaching and the nights getting colder, spare a thought for those in our city who are most at risk. These are “Homeless” in our midst. Their bed could well be a park bench tonight. For them the nights will be particularly cold. The Sts Peter and Paul’s Student Care and Concern Group is asking for your help. They want to collect the following items to provide Rosies with some basic resources to help them fulfill their mission of working with the homeless:

- Tea bags, coffee, sugar, Milo, packets of cuppa soup, cordial, toothbrushes, toothpaste, second hand blankets and sleeping bags in good condition.

Over the next few weeks, till the end of this school term, please set aside some of these items and place them in the box/basket in your child’s classroom. These will be collected and forwarded to Rosies. Thank you for your generosity in helping those in need in our local community.

**God of all,**
**You have empowered us with the power of your love**
**We are able to feel your spirit within us.**
**Help us to see the needs of those within our own community**
**And to do what is within our power to walk with them.**
**We ask this through Christ our brother, our guide and our friend.**

Wishing you God’s blessings for the week ahead.

**Brendan**

**APA News...Mr Damien Sullivan**

**Year 4 Excursion Ngutana-Lui (By 4Blue Students)**

Last Thursday, the Year 4 students went on an excursion to Ngutana-Lui, which is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait education centre. Throughout the day there were six activities to try including boomerang throwing, song and dance, storytelling, Aboriginal medicine and bush walk and dot painting. My favourite activity was the boomerang throwing, as the instructor showed me how to throw it correctly. All of the tutors helped explain the different cultures and how they were different from each other.  Jackson McClure 4B

On Thursday 5th June, the Year 4 classes travelled to Ngutana-Lui at Inala. We did all kinds of fun activities relating to the Aboriginal and Torres Straight Islands culture. The activities included story telling where we heard the story of Tidalik the frog, bush medicine where we learnt about the soap bush and tea tree oil and we tried dot painting. The teachers explained how dance represented a story and we even tried boomerang throwing on the oval. It was a very interesting day which I enjoyed.  Grace Collins 4B
Being safe after school
This is a little reminder for all families that the school grounds are not a place for playing after school. Most afternoons after school there are groups of students and toddlers who are using the undercroft and the adventure playground for playing while waiting for parents. Using the grounds for playing without teacher supervision is not permitted and we ask that after school students promptly make their way home.

Pick-up line reminder
Our pick-up lines are located within the two minute parking zones on Alexandra Street and Collings Street therefore parents should not wait in those areas at the end of the school day for more than that time. When parents arrive and park early in these areas, the waiting line of cars begins to block traffic very quickly and unnecessarily. For these reasons we ask parents to please not pull up in the pick-up lines until after 3.00pm. Thanks very much to those parents who use the bottom pick up line. Cars are now only arriving from 3.00pm and we are not having as big a problem with the queue blocking traffic along Riding Road. However we still have quite a number of parents arriving too early at the top pick up line. If you park in this area before 3.00pm you may be asked to move on. We have also asked local police to keep an eye on parents parking in these areas too long. The busiest time for our pick-up lines is always between 3.00pm and 3.10pm when often drivers have a ten minute wait. To avoid the long wait and to help reduce the traffic congestion around the school, why not try coming to pick up the kids at 3.15pm. Alexandra Street and Collings Street are much quieter by then and there is always someone on duty with students until at least 3.20pm.

Naming Children’s Belongings
We ask that parents please check their children’s belongings to see that they are named and have this year’s class. In particular hats, jumpers, lunch boxes and drink bottles are turning up in the lost property with last year’s details which makes it more difficult for our helpers to get them back to their rightful owners. Thanks for your help with this.
Have a great week,

Damien Sullivan

Lost Property
We have the following lost property which is located in the Admin Block:
1. 2 x Mobile Phones;
2. A pair of ladies sunglasses;
3. A pair of prescription glasses;
4. A box of various jumpers, hats and shoes leftover from the fete; and
5. Containers left over from the cake stall donations to the fete.

Library News

Author Belinda Murrell will be visiting our school next week, 17 June
Belinda Murrell will speak with our Years 3-7 students about the writing process. Belinda is an author of three different book series, Lulu Bell Series (Yrs 1-4), Sun Sword Series (Yrs 3-6) and the Timeslip Tales (Yrs 3-6). Belinda’s books may be purchased in advance of her visit. Please see the Book Order form attached to this Newsletter. All orders must be returned to the library by 11 June in an envelope with the student's name and class on the outside of the sealed envelope and correct money enclosed. The books will be delivered on 17 June while Belinda is at the school. http://www.belindamurrell.com.au/
Call the library with any questions concerning orders.

Scholastic Warehouse is having their mid-year children’s book sale next week with items 50-90% off. They will be open 18 June from 8:00am – 5:30pm and 19 June from 8:00am – 7:00pm. This is a great way to get ready for holiday reading. The Scholastic Warehouse is located at Unit 2, 350 Lytton Road, Morningside.

Don’t forget to sign up for the reading challenge!
The Gold Star Reading Program sponsored by the Brisbane City Council Libraries is another fun way to continue reading for enjoyment. This program begins 7 June and runs until 31 August. The free program has prize incentives, a booklet, library bag and monthly draws for $25 book vouchers. If children complete the reading program, they are in the draw for a $250 book voucher! Check the website for more information and sign-up details.

Please note our library web address has changed slightly. If you have trouble accessing our website, please notify us.

Happy Reading,
Mrs Ballentine, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Brooks and Mrs McEnery

P & F News
Health and Wellbeing Committee: The next Health and Wellbeing Committee meeting will be on Wednesday the 18th of June at 2pm in the Staffroom. All welcome.
Dad’s State of Origin Night – Wednesday 18 June 2014
Come along to the Good Samaritan Hall from 7:00pm on Wednesday 18th June to watch the Maroons smash the Blues. We’ll fire up the BBQ for some hamburgers. BYO drinks. Please RSVP to terry.shaw@iinet.net.au. Look out for the flyer below.

Online Petition to get Flashing School Lights on Riding Road
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Next P&F Meeting – 25 June
Now that we have the results from the fete, we can decide what further projects should be funded this year. If you want to have a say about how the P&F funds are spent, please come along to the P&F meeting on 25 June at 7.30pm in the Staff Room.

Facebook
The P&F have a Facebook page where you can find out what we are up to on a regular basis. Just go to http://www.facebook.com/StsPPPF and like us!

Tuckshop News
Please Note: Sushi MUST be pre-ordered. Late orders after the 9am Monday and Wednesday cut off times cannot be filled.

ROSTER:  Wednesday, 11 June
Kelly Albion, Brooke Power
Friday, 13 June
Kylie Hay, Rebecca Pyke, Anita Carpenter, Allison Manuel, Katie Pesch, Rebecca Dean
Monday, 16 June
Ann-Maree Scafe

Many thanks everyone,
Chris Watt, Tuckshop Convenor
0413 590 109

Care and Concern
A little background…
The Care and Concern Group is one of the Sub–Committees within the Sts Peter and Paul’ s P & F. There are three main areas in which this group provides support:
• to school families in times of need, via the Care and Concern Meal Register (Contact: Amelia Robinson – alltherobinsons@gmail.com )
• for Sr. Mary Randle’s pastoral care work in the Parish, particularly with monies raised from the parish cake stalls held during the year and from other events, such as the Melbourne Cup function and the Parish Christmas Stall, these coming under the umbrella of the Care and Concern Parish Cake Stall/Morning Tea Register;
  (Contact: Maureen Coorey - corey.family@optusnet.com.au / Brooke Power – brookepower5@bigpond.com )
• in making the children in the school community aware of social justice issues (on a local, national and international level) through participating in a variety of activities, which are planned and initiated by students in the Year 6/7 Care and Concern Group.

Please contact the ladies above if you would like to be involved in a particular Register listed. For general enquires/suggestions contact Megan Mobsby (mlmobsby@bne.catholic.edu.au) on behalf of the Care and Concern Committee.

‘Rosies – Friends on the Street' Winter Collection
Rosies is a group of volunteers helping those less fortunate than us who live on the streets. Through using street vans, volunteers give food to the less fortunate in the community. These street vans operate five nights in a week in different places throughout Brisbane city and other parts of Queensland.
This year, we are asking the Sts Peter and Paul’s community, to donate the following items for those less fortunate:
• milo
• tins of coffee
• boxes of cup- a- soup sachets – No cans
• sugar
• cordial
• toothbrushes
• toothpaste
• second hand blankets and sleeping bags in good condition
These foods and other items will be collected on the 25th of June.
Every week 1500 people visit the Rosies street vans across Queensland. Most feel like they have no one left to rely on and others feel abandoned in the community. Your donations of these items above will make a big difference in the lives of these less fortunate people.

Written by Julia Martinelli (6 Green) on behalf of the Year6/7 Care and Concern Committee

KIRIBATI – Making A Connection with Mothers and Children.
Sr Mary Randle will be holding an information evening about the pacific island of Kiribati on Thursday, 19th June at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall. The aim is to learn about the Early Childhood Centre on the island and connect with the mothers and children who attend this centre and build up supportive friendships, possibly through letters by sharing ideas, photos and learning about each other. It is hoped this could offer a mutual benefit to the mothers and children of both Kiribati and the Parish of Sts Peter and Paul.

This is a very easy way to help make a difference to the lives of others. We hope you can make it to the information evening on Thursday 19th June at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall.

Care and Concern Committee

SIGN THE ONLINE PETITION – Sponsored by State Member for Bulimba Aaron Dillaway MP
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Child of the Week

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DATES TO REMEMBER

18 June        Dad’s State of Original Night
18 June        Health & Wellbeing Committee Meeting, 2pm
25 June        P & F Meeting, 7.30pm
26 June        Sts Peter & Paul’s Feast Day
27 June        Term 2 Ends
14 July        Term 3 Commences
On Friday 6 June, the Year 7 students enjoyed a joint class with the Year 6 students from Fuzoku Elementary School in Akita, Japan. This was made possible by Skype!

The Japanese students prepared questions to ask our students in English. The objective was to find out what kind of place our students may like to visit in Japan. The Saints Peter and Paul's students answered in English and Japanese. Once the preferred destination had been decided, our students then had the chance to make comment or ask questions about the place in both languages.

After that activity, our students had the opportunity to ask further general questions.

The Year 7s performed very well and enjoyed the session! Special thanks go to Mr Nakamura who kindly lent his support during the session and to Mrs Ballentine for helping in the set-up and accommodating us in the library.

Helen Clues (Japanese Teacher).

State of Origin Dad’s Night
Wednesday, 18 June

The Blues managed to beat the Maroons in Game 1 at Suncorp Stadium, so to keep the series alive, the Maroons need to square it up in Sydney. Can they do it?!?

The P&F invites all school dads to the Good Samaritan Hall on Wednesday, 18 June from 7pm to watch the game on the big screen.

We’ll put on the BBQ for some burgers so you can come along and cheer on your team.

BYO drinks.

Please RSVP to terry.shaw@iinet.net.au by Monday 16th June for catering purposes.
you’re invited

Caitlin’s Shave Charity Dinner

at

Gallery One Restaurant
WESTFIELD CARINDALE

to raise money for

THE KIDS’ CANCER PROJECT

WHEN 6:00pm, Tuesday 24th June 2014
TICKETS $70 per adult & $35 per child

Join us for a fun night dining on modern Italian cuisine.
Prizes will be raffled on the night.

Tickets can be purchased by phoning Gallery One
on (07) 3843 3566 or in person at the restaurant.
All tickets must be paid for prior to the evening.

RSVP Bernadette Di Vincenzo bernadette@gallerycafe.net.au OR Gina Yem gina.yem@bigpond.com

https://charityfundraiser.everydayhero.com/au/caitlinshave
PIRATES WEEK

AT THE QUEENSLAND MARITIME MUSEUM
SOUTH BANK, BRISBANE
QUEENSLAND SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 7-11 JULY

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN!
FOR CHILDREN 5 - 10 YEARS
10.00 am to 1.30 pm

Includes a special “pirates theme” lunch.
(Don’t ask us to explain)

The day commences with
“The QMM Pirates Pantomime with the Buccaneers Band”
Plus the following activities:

FOR THE YOUNGER ONES:
- Walk the plank
- Scrub and swab a deck
- Lie in a hammock
- Try the Ship’s blocks and tackle
- Build a toy boat
- Plus much more.

FOR THE OLDER ONES:
- Work the Big Guns
- Rowing a boat (on dry land)
- Throw a life line
- Knots, Flags, Sails & Cannons
- Pirate Food
- Finding the way.

And for all groups: Finding the Buried Treasure!

SPECIAL PRIZES FOR BEST PIRATE COSTUME ON THE DAY
PLUS A DAILY COLOUR POSTER COMPETITION

PRICE: $21.00 per child and $18.00 for each additional family child

PRICE (Excluding lunch): $18.00 per child and $15.00 for each additional family child.

PLEASE NOTE
- No special diet provided for. RTO food will apply.
- Adults are required to accompany 3 year olds. (These adults have free entry. Max 3 child/Adults)
- If required, other accompanying adults or children outside age group at $1.00. No meal provided but lunch is available. (Choice of 2 options at booking) Price: $7.00

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL - BEFORE 3PM Wednesday 2 July, 1011
Visit website: www.maritime.com.au or Phone: 6713844 or 53810 to 9.00 pm) or at the Museum Shop.
FULL TERMS AND CONDITIONS PROVIDED WITH BOOKINGS
Order books now for Belinda Murrell’s author talk!

On Tuesday 17 June, children’s author Belinda Murrell will be visiting the school to talk to students about writing, illustrating and storytelling! A fantastic opportunity to get to know the ins-and-outs of writing stories from an award-winning author: students will not want to miss this!

Belinda grew up in a vet hospital and the Lulu Bell series is based on some of the adventures she shared with her own animals. Belinda’s first children’s books are the fantasy adventure Sun Sword trilogy, and she has written several timeslip tales (think Playing Beattie Bow), the latest being the evocative The Sequin Star, set in an Australian circus in the 1930s.

Students may purchase books and have the author sign them on the day! Please return money and the below form to school by Wednesday 11 June to ensure you receive your order. Limited stock is available for purchase on the day (bookstore contact is Dave at Riverbend 3899 8555.)

I would like to purchase the following books:  
(Please place in sealed envelope with student’s name and class)

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☐ Cash attached in a sealed envelope

☐ School name: Sts Peter and Paul’s School

☐ Event date: 17th June

☐ Student name: ___________________________Class: _______

☐ Cash total: _______
HONOURING THE PAST

The church of Sts Peter and Paul is almost 90 years old. At a time when
new public buildings in our area were modest brick structures devoid
of ornamentation, the Catholic community built this magnificent
structure in brick. For a working-class suburb, it was a huge effort to pay
off the debt during the Depression and the War. But they did it because
they were committed to the parish and its future.

Today we are the beneficiaries of their generous foresight. For nine
decades, children have been baptised here, couples in love have pledged
fidelity in marriage, families have been baptised, so they farewell and commit
to God’s care those who have died. And today people are touched by God in
this holy place.

GIVING TO THE FUTURE

However the church is in a serious state of disrepair. The brickwork is
crumbling and needs repainting ($175,000). A new roof is needed to stop
water pouring down the walls ($130,000). Paint is peeling ($70,000). The
lighting and sound system are at the end of their life ($25,000). The copper
is brittle and fraying ($50,000). Staircases need refurbishment ($75,000).
The pews need recovering and restoring the original sanctuary ($40,000).
All together, these and other church restoration costs add up to $1.1 million.
This church needs to stand ready to continue its role in people’s lives in the
coming decades.

The project is not just about a building.
It is about the life and worship of the parish community.
What will we hand on to the next generation?

YOU CAN HELP

Thanks to the generous leadership of some people in the parish, we are
already half way to our fundraising target of $1 million dollars. To reach
our goal, we need 150 people who will contribute $1,000 a year for three
years. Or 150 people who will contribute $500 a year for five years.
Can we be as generous today as our founding families were 90 years ago?

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO EXPLORE HOW YOU CAN HELP,
PLEASE CONTACT HELEN, MICHELLE OR PETER.

Parish of Saints Peter and Paul
35 Main Avenue, Bulimba 4171
Phone 07 3899 2300
Email bulimba@bne.catholic.net.au