Principal’s Message – Sr Ann-Maree Nicholls, sgs

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

Late last week in Russia world leaders gathered for the G-20 Summit with the issue of military intervention in Syria being high on the agenda. Australia takes on a significant role in the UN Security Council this month as this issue gains momentum.

On Sunday in Rome, Pope Francis held a day of fasting and prayer for peace. In observing Pope Francis’ request of all Catholics to pray for peace in Syria, Archbishop Coleridge has called for a week of prayer for peace in Syria, the Middle East and throughout the world. This will be a focus throughout the Archdiocese and I ask you to remember this initiative in your own prayer this week. The text of Archbishop Coleridge’s message is reprinted below.

**PRAYER AND FASTING FOR SYRIA**

The Holy Father has asked the universal Church to join him in a time of prayer and fasting, imploring God for the gift of peace in Syria. He has proposed as the Day of Prayer and Fasting Saturday, 7 September, which in this country however has a number of complications. I would ask that special prayers of intercession for peace in Syria be made at all Masses on Sunday (8 September) and that in the Archdiocese of Brisbane we make the week of 8-15 September a time of special prayer for Syria, with a day of fasting on Friday, 13 September. Let us beseech God with one heart and voice to do what human beings cannot do.

(Executive Director’s eNews, 9 September 2013)

**School Projects**

There is much activity happening on the oval at present. A fantastic new fence is being installed. This will certainly make this playing space a much safer environment for our children. A new double sided LED Sign will be installed to replace the old signage on the corner of Riding Road and Alexandra Street. This will be a great addition to the school, enabling us to easily communicate significant events and activities happening both at school and in the parish.

The P & F were successful in gaining a Gambling Community Benefit Fund grant in the sum of $31,818. These funds will go towards the construction of seating/grandstand on the oval bank together with landscaping. Shade structures will also be installed on the Pick Up lines in Alexandra & Collings Streets. These structures will certainly be appreciated by our students as they wait to be picked up on a hot afternoon. A big thank you is extended to Paul Sheppard who has been the co-ordinator of this P & F project.

We anticipate that all of the abovementioned projects will be completed for the commencement of Term 4.

**Urgent Reminder - 2014 Enrolments**

Thank you to the parents who have communicated to me in writing children who will be leaving Saints Peter and Paul’s School at the end of the school year. There are a number of outstanding letters which we need to receive from the families of those students leaving at the end of Year 4. Please include in your letter where your child will be attending Year 5 as this information is required to complete the Brisbane Catholic Education exiting census.

We currently have waiting lists for Prep, Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 for next year, so it is important that I am made aware of family transfers and movements for the 2014 school year. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.
Term Three School Fees and Levies
Thank you to all those who have been so prompt in paying Term Three School Fees and Levies. It would be appreciated if these accounts could be settled before the holidays which commence on Friday, 20 September. All families experiencing difficulties are asked to make an appointment to see the Principal.

Reflection – Hope for Creation
Hope for Creation is a shared Christian campaign and commitment to caring for creation, standing with the poor and responding to climate change. It hopes to facilitate a transforming witness of Christians acting in faith, hope and love for God’s creation and our global neighbours. September is Hope for Creation month and it suggests that we join in prayer for each week of the month. During the second week of September we focus on Flora and Fauna:

Creator God, you are the origin of all life. We give thanks for all living creatures, the great flora and fauna family on Earth. We celebrate with birds, animals, reptiles and all our close kin. We admire their beauty, listen to their sounds, watch their movements and wonder with them as they praise you their Creator. We give thanks for the nourishment and healing that they provide and for the comfort and companionship of pets. May we live gratefully within the harmony and limits that your wisdom has implanted in all life forms. Amen.

Peace and Best Wishes
Sr Ann-Maree Nicholls, sgs
PRINCIPAL

APRE News – Mr Brendan Schostakowski

YEAR 4 MASS THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER
Year 4 will celebrate their class Mass this Thursday 12 September at 9am in the Church. The theme for this Mass will focus on being honest and respecting other people – ‘Be kind and tender-hearted to one another, and forgive one another, as God has forgiven you through Christ’ (Ephesians 4:32).

Family members are very welcome to celebrate this Eucharist with the students and their teachers.

YEAR 7 PEACE MARKET DAY THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER
A fundamental part of our Christian vocation is action for justice. It is the practical ways Catholic social teaching is implemented, how we care for the environment and learn through serving others. At Sts Peter and Paul’s we engage in activities through the year that highlight this social action and justice. On Thursday 12 September our Year 7 students will be conducting their annual mini-market day with money raised from the day donated to Catholic Missions, the Good Samaritan Foundation and the St Vincent de Paul Society. Thank you to the students, teachers and parents for their work in preparing for this day. This Project is a good example of our community acting for justice!

PARISH INVITATION TO YEAR LEVEL MASS – YEAR 1
This year, with the aim of fostering the link between parish and school, the parish is formally inviting the families of Sts Peter and Paul’s School in year level groups to Mass for a special blessing. The Mass will be followed by morning tea.

Year 1 students have received a special invitation to celebrate 8am Mass this Sunday 15 September. We look forward to seeing the Year 1 children and their families at this Eucharistic celebration.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN SYRIA
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R U OK? DAY FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER
R U OK? Day is a national day of action which aims to prevent suicide by encouraging Australians to connect with someone they care about and help stop little problems turning into big ones. Founder Gavin Larkin wanted to create a world without suicide after experiencing the suicide death of his father, Barry Larkin.

The Vision: A world where all people are connected and are protected from suicide.

The Mission: To encourage and empower all people to regularly and meaningfully ask ‘Are you ok?’ to support those struggling with life.

We endeavour to do this by:
1. Proving value and build capacity, so that all people value and know how to have regular, meaningful conversations;
2. Promoting action, so that all people commit to having regular, meaningful conversations;
3. Inspiring behavioural change, so that all people have regular, meaningful conversations.

How often do I consider the needs of others and ask them, ‘Are you ok?’
GOD’S MERCY

In this Sunday’s Gospel for the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Luke 15:1-32), Jesus tells us how the angels rejoice over one returned sinner. The generous attitude of Jesus to ‘tax collectors and sinners’ scandalised those who saw themselves as the guardians of Israel’s true traditions. Luke gives us three parables with which Jesus responded directly to this criticism – he was, he said, giving expression to the merciful ways of his Father. The best known of the three, of course, is the story of the son who, after foolishly squandering his inheritance, is received back by his rejoicing father. God’s mercy is indeed vast. Though we may stray from His love, God will always welcome us back.

Wishing you God’s blessings for the coming week.

Brendan

APA News – Mr Damien Sullivan

Numeracy – You can learn in everyday situations!

As a parent we sometimes feel that the maths children do at school is different from how we were taught, or maybe that maths was not really one of our best subjects. But don’t worry. You can still help your child in lots of ways. Children develop numeracy skills when they use mathematical ideas in their everyday situations. At Sts Peter and Paul’s School we love to share our love of learning. There are numeracy opportunities everywhere.

Here is an example for students of the early years that you might like to share with your child. Give it a go – it is wonderful for families to share the love of numeracy and to work it out together!

Travelling

- Play games in the car such as: Let’s count all the blue cars we see on the way out to…
- When your child asks: How long will it take to get there? You can respond with: It will take about the same time as it takes to get to…school, watch Playschool, etc
- Stopping at the service station, ask: How many ice-creams will we need to buy? Do we have enough money to pay for them? How much does the petrol cost here?

Outdoors

- When going for a walk point out house numbers and ask your child: What number do you think the next house will be? Will it be an odd or an even number?
- When deciding what to wear, talk about the weather. Ask: Is it likely to rain today?

At Home

- When playing computer games ask: How did you know which way to go?
- When talking about TV programs ask: What time is it? What time does the program start? Do we have enough time to read this book before it begins?
- When preparing a meal involve your child in deciding how much food to prepare for the whole family. You can ask: Are there enough for us to have one each?

Alexandra Street (Bottom) Drop Off Line

Recently we have had some hold-ups for parents dropping off children before school particularly in Alexandra Street.

To help keep this busy traffic area flowing smoothly in the morning it is important that all families know the correct procedures.

- Enter the drop off line from Riding Road.
- Only the first three cars are to unload. Subsequent cars are asked to wait and move to the top of the line once the cars unloading have left.
- Do not unload in the driveway or the curve of the road between the Church and the School as it creates a safety hazard for other cars trying to proceed to the drop off zone.
- Please remain with your vehicle as your children unload.
- If parents need to speak with their child or help carry bags up to the stairs or driveway, they should pull up further along Alexandra Street towards the bus shelter where afternoon pick-ups are done.

A big thank you to the parents who assist on our pick-up and drop off areas before and after school. These parents are volunteers who give up their own time to help traffic continue to flow and to ensure that our children are safe. They are following procedures set down by the school and P & F and so we ask that parents follow any directions that these volunteers give. If you do not agree with what you are being asked by our parent volunteers, please do not challenge them – you are more than welcome to take up the issue with a member the school admin team.

Bee Champions

Congratulations to George (2R), Tara (4G), Hannah (1G) and Jake (3B) who were drawn out of the box as Bee Champions at our last assembly. They have been helping our school to be a happy and safe place for students.

All the best for the week ahead.

Damien Sullivan
Thank you to all those students who participated in the Great Book Swap, benefiting the Indigenous Literacy Fund. We had 200 books swapped and raised $281 for the Indigenous Literacy Fund to purchase books for Aboriginal children in their own languages. I have already heard from a number of students that their swap books have been read and enjoyed.

This week is the last week of regular library borrowing for Term Three. If students wish to have a book over the holidays, they may stop by the library before school or during lunchtime to borrow.

Scholastic is having their Warehouse Clearance Sale open to the public on Wednesday 11 September from 8am - 5pm and Thursday 12 September from 8am - 7pm. Scholastic is located at Unit 2, 350 Lytton Road, Morningside. If you mention our school at the cashier we’ll receive a free book. Stop by to find some new reading material up to 50% off regular price for your children to read during the holidays.

A number of upper year classes enjoyed author visits through Brisbane’s Writers – online Literature Festival. Famous Children’s authors shared their stories and creative writing ideas with students through online web conferencing.

One of the best ways to promote a book is through peer review. Our students now have the ability to share their likes and dislikes of library books read with other students through OLIVER, our online catalogue system. Students have received their school portal login and password. This gives students access to the library website and the ‘add review’ button. The upper primary students have been shown the process to upload book reviews and recommendations. I look forward to adding more student reviews to our system in the next few weeks. Look for the ‘review stars’ to read reviews of prospective books.

Australia’s Largest Free ‘Children’s Lit Fest’ is held in Ipswich each year with a variety of activities. On Tuesday 10 September Jackie French talks gardening and chooks at Ipswich Central Library in conjunction with Friends of Ipswich Library, from 5:30pm. Bookings through the library (Ph: 3810 6815). Books will be available for sale. On Friday and Saturday 13 & 14 September, THAT Production Company presents Pat Flynn’s ‘The Tuckshop Kid’ at Studio 188 from 7:30pm. See www.facebook.com/THATProductionCompany;studio188.com.au for more information. Exhibitions at the Ipswich Art Gallery including Shaun Tan’s ‘The Lost Thing’ will be open until 21 October and ‘The Very Hungry Caterpillar: A Quilt Project’ and accompanying children’s exhibition at the Ipswich Community Gallery is open until 4 October.

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

P&F News

School Disco – Friday 25 October – volunteer parents needed
The P&F will host a school disco on Friday 25 October, provided that we get enough parent volunteers to run the event. We need 12 volunteers for each hour, or the disco cannot proceed. Please register to volunteer with Jill Hrstich on jill@fitmums.net. Thanks to those who have already volunteered – we still need a number of helpers for the second shift of the disco.

Next P&F Meeting – Wednesday 18 September at 7.30pm
All welcome. Agenda items to follow next week.

Tuckshop Menu Revamp!
Together with Chris Watt in the Tuckshop, the Health and Wellbeing Committee is excited to announce a trial of a new tuckshop menu during the first 4 weeks of Term 4. More details will follow soon, but changes will include:

- A redesigned menu using the traffic light system to clearly show the nutritional value of our menu items.
- Several new green and amber items, including sushi on Wednesdays AND Fridays, homemade mini muffin pizzas, jacket potatoes with fillings and boiled eggs.
- A reduction in the size of cupcakes and muffins (to drop them from red to amber).
- The removal of a number of red items (including noodles and big pies).
- Improved quality for our chicken burger patties, ham and hot dog weiners.
- Some prices will change. In particular, some of our amber and red items will subsidise the price of our more nutritious food. More information will follow about this in Term 4.

Please contact Katherine Cullerton if you can assist with some tuckshop menu tasting roadshows in Weeks 1 and 2 of Term 4.

Health and wellbeing tip – give more of your presence, rather than giving presents.
**Bookclub News**

Thank you to all families who purchased books and activities through Bookclub this term. The school received a credit from Scholastic of 20% of all purchases made, and through your efforts we raised $514.50. This has allowed Mrs Ballentine and the Library staff to purchase many new books for the children. We appreciate your support through your Bookclub purchases.

Kylie Hayes and Justine Haddrill, Bookclub Co-ordinators

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**Support-A-Reader News**

Just a reminder that this is the final week for SAR for this term. Therefore the last session will be Thursday 12 September. The program will recommence in Week 2 of Term 4 on Tuesday 15 October.

Thank you all again for your continued support of the program and I hope you all enjoy the break.

Regards

Mary Clarris
SAR Co-ordinator

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**School Banking News**

I would like to welcome and thank the new School Banking Coordinators - Deb Waldron, Anita Tichelaar, Louise Fraser and Eleanor Horton. These four lovely ladies have taken over the role of facilitating the program for the school and are volunteering their time each week. School Banking is a great fundraiser for our school with commission earned for each deposit.

I would also like to welcome the 7 new children who signed up to the School Banking Program at the recent Sign-on Day. Don’t forget our school banking day is TUESDAY and remember to complete your deposit slip each week to collect your token.

Our school is currently coming first to win a CommBank Marquee! Fantastic news! Our school is currently sitting in first place to win the CommBank Marquee! We currently have the highest percentage of active students making at least one school banking deposit in Term 3 (Brisbane South category). However 2nd place is very close behind (only 3.18%) so we are calling all school bankers who haven’t banked in Term 3, to dust off their yellow bank books and deposit next week. The CommBank Marquee will come in handy at next year’s School Fete. Also, every student who makes at least one deposit in Term 3 will be in the running to win a cool iPad mini or a Dollarmite Backpack! Next Tuesday is the last banking day for this competition and the winner will be announced in Term 4.

I would like to thank Eimear Sorby and Karen Collyns for helping me with the School Banking Program over the past 12 months. I could not have been the School Banking Coordinator without their invaluable help and assistance.

Finally, I would also like to thank the school for their dedication and assistance in making the School Banking Program a priority. We have grown to be one of the largest percentage of school bankers in Brisbane and we could not have done this without the support of the school!

Joanne Jones
School Banking Coordinator (outgoing)

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**Tuckshop News**

Please note: Mini Olympics, this Wednesday, 11/9 for Preps, 1 and 2.
Tuckshop is available as normal for Grades 1 and 2

**ROSTER: Wednesday, 11/9**
Brooke Power, Kim Trajer

**ROSTER: Friday, 13/9**
Melissa Regano, Allison Manuel, Ilse Cooper, Amelia Francis, Rebecca Pyke

**ROSTER: Monday 16/9**
Ann-Maree Scafe

Many thanks everyone,
Chris Watt,
Tuckshop Convenor. 0413590109
OSHC News

VACATION CARE: Our program for the coming school holiday period is out now! Get ready to blast off as we celebrate World Space Week with a program full of space adventures! On Tuesday 24th Sept we are going to the Planetarium to see “Perfect Little Planet”, an animated show about a lovable family of aliens who travel through the solar system on holidays. Other highlights include a movie making workshop with the “Animate” crew, a CSIRO Science show and Space workshop and a “Space Venture” jumping castle day! For more information including the booking form please email bulimbaoshc@bne.centacare.net.au.

ACTIVITIES: For cooking this week we are making yummy caramel swirl cheesecake, delicious carbonara pasta bake, strawberries and cream sponge cake and Malaysian coconut soup. Craft activities include velvet art, paper dolls, chalk pictures and stencil designs. We are playing lots of board games including shiver, mousetrap and word search as well as uno and celebrity head.

OSHC CHAMPIONS: Liam Terry, Mia Schulz, Fergus Gledstone, Zac Gribble and Joshua McLaughlin.

FUNDRAISING: We are selling Cadbury chocolates for fundraising this term. So far we have raised enough money to buy 1 large chess set and are saving to buy another. If you are able to help out with our fundraising by taking a box to sell please see OSHC.

MY TIME, OUR PLACE: My Time, Our Place is the national learning framework for School Age Care. At after school care this week we will be talking to families about the principles, practices and outcomes in this framework and how we document the activities children participate in at OSHC. Stop in and say hello to learn more!

Claire Ravenswood
OSHC Coordinator

Un-identifiable Fees Payment

We have received a payment that we cannot process because of a lack of parent/student details. An amount was paid directly into our cheque account on Thursday 7 February. Please ring Bernie on 3399 1281 if you believe you have made this deposit. It is recommended that our BPay or Direct Debit facility be used as the safest option for paying School Fees.

Motor Neurone Disease Association’s Annual Fundraiser Market Day, 21 September, from 9am-2pm at Wynnum West State School, 2036 Wynnum Rd (opposite Wynnum Plaza). Featuring marvellous makers, up-cyclers, designers and crafters as well as treasure traders of vintage, retro, old wares and collectables. 50 wonderful indoor stalls plus Drink Tea for MND Tea Shop, yummy morning tea, pop-up cafe, sausage sizzle, cupcakes, vintage ice cream van, roving magician and kids craft corner. School holiday family fun. All funds raised go towards supporting those living with Motor Neurone Disease. This MNDAQ event is gold coin entry. www.facebook.com/thebigbazaar.

Barry McCart Aquatic Centre – Churchie will be holding a two day Swim Clinic during the holidays on Tuesday 1 October and Wednesday 2 October for swimmers from 7 to 13 years who are able to swim all four strokes well, dive properly and swim 200m freestyle easily. This Clinic will focus on stroke development, training skills, nutrition, core stability and overall fitness. Swimmers will be filmed while swimming and their stroke critiqued, to enable all swimmers to understand the strengths and weaknesses of their strokes and how to improve. This is a great time to get some personalised work on your strokes before the busy season ahead.

Closing Date: Friday 27th September

Any enquiries please contact Vicki on Vicki.Lorrimer@churchie.com.au

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Year 7 Sts Peter and Paul’s students invite parents and parishioners to REACH OUT FOR PEACE and come to their Mini-Market Day on Thursday 12 September. You will find delicious foods, greeting cards, spider pops, fancy pencils, beaded bracelets, pet rocks, bag tags and many other craft items that would make delightful gifts.

The Market Day will be held from 9am – 1pm in the Parish Hall. Busking will be held in the Good Samaritan Hall between 11am-12.30pm.

Many thanks, from the Year 7 Teachers and Students

**Mini-Market Day Raffle**

A Raffle is being conducted as part of the Mini-Market Day festivities. Included in this newsletter is a list of prizes generously donated by families from the school. Raffle tickets can be purchased on Market Day. Year 7 students will also be selling raffle tickets before school every day this week and during the Mini Olympics on Wednesday 11 September. Thank you for support and generosity.
PRIZES INCLUDE:

- **Kung Fu Panda Children’s Activity Pack**
  Donated by the Spencer Family

- **Shiraz Cab Chocolate Pack**
  Donated by the Louie Family, Spencer Family and Sr Ann-Maree

- **Moët Pack**
  Donated by the Gray Family and Morisaki Family

- **Children's Craft Pack**
  Donated by the Conaghan Family

- **Sushi Pack**
  Donated by the Gifford Family

- **Kids Activity Box**
  Donated by the Oxford Family

- **Oroton Celebration**
  Donated by the Gray Family and the Morris Family

- **White Wine Basket**
  Donated by the Louie Family

- **Smiggle Gift Pack**
  Donated by the Strutton Family and anonymous Family Donation. Thank you!

- **Guylian Chocolate and Coffee Basket**
  Donated by the Allen Family, Blaby Family and Adraincem Family

- **Faraway Hill Red Wine Pack**
  Donated by the Conaghan Family

- **Stationary Gift Set**
  Donated by the Gray Family and the Conaghan Family

- **Mor and Frangipani Beauty Gift Set**
  Donated by the Conaghan Family

- **Crabtree and Evelyn and Natio Gift Set**
  Donated by the Allen Family and Pearce Family

- **Scrap Booking Kit**
  Donated by the Louie Family

- **Chocolate Indulgence Basket**
  Donated by the Dean Family

- **Lavazza Coffee Set**
  Donated by the Egan Family

- **Grab it and Go Kit**
  Donated by the Conaghan Family

- **Coffee Time Pack**
  Donated by the Brown Family and Gray Family

Raffle closes on **Thursday 12 September** and will be drawn at Sts Peter and Paul’s school assembly on **Wednesday 18 September**. All money raised will be donated to the Catholic Missions.

Thank you for supporting the 2013 Sts Peter and Paul’s Mini-Market Day!