Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

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Queensland College of Teachers (QCT) Excellence in Teaching Awards
Nominations are now open for the fifth 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 12 July and awards will be presented on World Teachers’ Day on 25 October.

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 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, 21 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
FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS

Next week, on Thursday 20 June, we celebrate our school feast day beginning with a whole school Mass at 9am. After morning tea students will be involved in a variety of activities that promote play and spirit. Our House Captains are currently planning these house based activities and we wish them success in their organisation and preparation.

Family members are welcome to join us on this day – a timetable of events will be published in next week’s newsletter.

PARISH INVITATION TO YEAR LEVEL MASS – YEAR 2

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 2 students have received a special invitation to celebrate 8am Mass this Sunday 16 June. We look forward to seeing the Year 2 children and their families at this Eucharistic celebration.

REFUGEE WEEK 16 – 22 JUNE

World Refugee Day is Australia’s peak annual activity to inform the public about refugees and celebrate the positive contributions made by refugees to Australian society. In 2013, Refugee Week will be celebrated from 16-22 June to coincide with World Refugee Day on 20 June.

Restoring Hope is the Refugee Week theme for 2012 to 2014. The theme reminds us that, while a refugee’s journey begins with danger, it also begins with hope. Refugees flee their homelands not only because they fear persecution, but also because they have hope: they hope to find freedom from persecution, and safety and security for themselves and their families; they hope to be given a chance to start a new life and recover from past trauma.

The theme also calls attention to the role of countries which, through offering protection to refugees and providing them an opportunity to rebuild their lives, restore hope for a future free from fear, persecution, violence and insecurity.

Loving God,

In your infinite compassion, we seek your divine protection for the refugee children who are often alone and afraid. Provide solace to those who have been witnesses to violence and destruction, who have lost parents, family, friends, home, and all they cherish due to war or persecution.

Show mercy to unaccompanied migrant children, too, Lord. Reunite them with their families and loved ones. Guide those children who are strangers in a foreign land to a place of peace and safety.

Comfort them in their sorrow, and bring help in their time of need. Amen.

Wishing you God’s blessings for the coming week.
Brendan Schostakowski

APRE News – Mr Brendan Schostakowski

Student Protection

Because schools like Sts Peter and Paul’s are located in busy suburban areas, students before and after school can regularly come into contact with members of the wider community. For this reason parents are asked to have regular discussions with their children about stranger danger, taking great care in public places and about talking to trusted adults about any incident that makes them feel less safe.

If you are ever concerned about your child’s safety after any contact with a member of the public please inform the school. Parents are also asked not to hesitate in phoning the police. The police communications number 3364 3555 can be called for an urgent response or parents can speak to an officer at Morningside Police Station on 3823 8666.

Safety Before School

With work continuing around our school in areas like the tuckshop it is more important than ever for school staff to know that students are in areas where they can be supervised. To ensure the safety of everyone, each morning before school there are teachers on duty in three key areas from 8.20am until the commencement of school.

Prep and Year 1: to meet in the adventure playground before school each morning.

All other classes: to meet in the undercroft.

Library: the library will be open every morning from 8.20am.

Please note that supervised duty is from 8:20 - 8:40am and we strongly discourage children from arriving at school before that time. All children who are at school before 8:20am, even those with parents, must sit quietly in the undercroft. Children at school before 8.00am should be attending Outside School Hours Care.

Uniforms

It is pleasing to see so many children continuing to wear the school uniform with pride. Should your child not be able to wear the correct uniform it would be appreciated if a note could be sent along with them.

Assistant Principal’s Message...Mr Damien Sullivan

Lost Property

It’s that time of the year again … one minute its hot the next its cold. That means jumpers are coming on and off as well and being left behind all over the school. To make sure your jumper comes back, please name all school clothing!

Please remember to check the school lost property on the table in the undercroft should you have any lost items.

Room for Growth

From time to time I like to share a quote that I feel as parents we need to remember (Happiness, E. Monkton, Harper Collins, 2007). From the “butterfly of freedom”:

“Why do you fly outside the box?”

“I fly outside the box because I can.”

“But we know the box. We are safe inside the box.”

“That, my friend, is why I leave it. For you may be safe….. But I AM FREE!”

The quote touches a chord with me because it speaks of risk-taking and exploring and experiencing all that life has to offer. Whilst nurturing and supporting our children it is important to also allow them to leave the safety of the “nest”; for the butterfly to emerge from the cocoon and experience all inherent joy and satisfaction. It is also vital to allow children to make mistakes and feel the discomfort that comes as a consequence. This is not to suggest the mistakes are welcome or to be celebrated but rather seen as opportunities for growth.

Remember, “children aren’t made of china” (Children Aren’t Made of China, McCaskell, 2002)

Playground Champions

Congratulations to Alice (1G), Ava (1R), Nicholas (3R) and Cameron (1G) who were drawn out of the box as Playground 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
Assistant Principal
Child of the Week

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The library is closed until next term due to the new shelving mentioned above. Even if the library building is closed, the library website will be available for student reading activities. Our webpage features numerous links to online reading resources. Storyline online is a website which reads a variety of books to the students while the International Children's stories link provides scanned books for students to read on their own. Our World Book online link provides a link to reading material – Early World of Learning. Log in with stssp and use the password: bullimba

Don’t forget:

**Gold Star Reading Program**

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

**Children’s Book Council Nominated books**

BILBY (Books I Love Best Yearly) votes need to be posted online by 14 June. Scroll down to the bottom of their site to find the desired category. The BILBY award will be announced on 17 June. http://qld.cbca.org.au/bilby.htm

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

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

P&F News

**Next P&F Meeting - Wednesday 19 June**

Now that we have the results from our major fundraiser for 2013, 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 19 June at 7.30pm in the Staff Room.

**Future P&F Events – save the dates**

- Dads State of Origin Night - Wednesday 17 July
- Trivia Night - Saturday 10 August

More information will follow in weeks to come.

**Health and Wellbeing Committee**

The first meeting of our new committee will be held on Monday 17 June at 7.00pm in the staffroom. Anyone wishing to assist with progressing the issues identified in the survey results (see last week’s newsletter) is welcome to come along.

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**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.
Tuckshop News

ROSTER: Wednesday, 12/6
Kim Trajer, Brooke Power

ROSTER: Friday, 14/6
Ilse Cooper, Kelli Rogers, Melissa Regano, Erica Willcox, Rebecca Pyke

ROSTER: Monday, 17/6
Ann-Maree Scafe

Many thanks,
Chris Watt,
Tuckshop Convenor. 0413590109

Support-A-Reader News

A reminder to all our wonderful tutors and children that this Thursday 13 June will be the last day for the program for Term 2. We will recommence lessons on Tuesday 16 July.

Enjoy your holiday and I will see you all again next term.

Mary Clarris SAR Coordinator

San Sisto College

Cordially invites All Past Students to join us on Sunday 11 August from 10am - 12pm for our Annual Reunion.
There will be morning tea, a gathering ritual, an address by the Principal and a tour of the College.
Please join us at San Sisto College, 97 Mayfield Road, Carina.
RSVP to the College by Monday 5 August (Ph: 39009800).