Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

Queensland Catholic Schools’ and Colleges’ Music Festival
Sts Peter & Paul’s School will once again be participating in the Queensland Catholic Schools’ and Colleges’ Music Festival this Friday, 16th August. The Senior Choir will perform at 9:03am and the Year 3 Choir will perform at 10:48am in the Augustine Centre, Villanova College. Thank you to Mrs Carolyn Burchill, Mrs Deb Balmer and all the staff who have assisted in the preparation of the Choirs for the Festival. Best wishes to our students who will be performing. Thanks to Villanova College for their generosity in once again hosting this event.

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. We currently have waiting lists on many grade levels for next year, so it is important that I am made aware of family transfers and movements for the 2014 school year. For 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.

Reflection
On Thursday the Church celebrates the solemnity of the Assumption. We honour Mary, a sign of hope and holiness. In hope we pray that this broken world may one day be made whole. Glorious God, May we follow Mary’s example of holiness and live with hope in our hearts. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

At Sts Peter & Paul, two Masses will be celebrated for the Assumption of the Virgin Mary: Wednesday evening at 7:00pm and Thursday morning at 9:00am.

Enjoy the EKKA holiday. Once again this year the Thursday after the EKKA holiday is not a designated Ministerial holiday. Thursday is a school day.

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

APRE News – Mr Brendan Schostakowski

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY THURSDAY 15 AUGUST
The 15 August is a very important day on the Church’s liturgical calendar. We remember the story of Mary, the Mother of Jesus and how she was bodily assumed into heaven. From very early times, August 15 has been observed as the “birthday” of our Blessed Lady. On this Marian feast we celebrate Mary being permanently re-united with her son and sharing his glory.

A Prayer based on the Magnificat (Mary’s Song of Praise)
God, our Wisdom, Source of our Peace, a true disciple is the one who listens to your Word. Hear us as we pray: **Our souls proclaim the greatness of God!**
May the leaders of our Church show us by their word and example that God is to be praised in all we do ... **The Almighty has done great things for us!**
May we work to ensure that the gifts of Creation are more evenly distributed among the peoples of the earth ... **God’s mercy reaches from age to age!**
May we reflect your mercy through our work of reconciliation between black and white Australia, and in the welcome we give to refugees who come to our shores ... **The hungry God has filled with good things!**
May the bread of Christ, broken for a better world, bring together all those estranged or divided in the name of religion, so that together we may share in the Feast which God has prepared for the hungry ... **With Mary, we rejoice in God our Saviour!**
Empowering God, inspire us by the example of Mary’s openness to your Love. Amen.
APRE News – Mr Brendan Schostakowski (continued)

WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY MONDAY 19 AUGUST

In 2011-12 Caritas Australia delivered 56 emergency relief projects in 25 countries, reaching 2.9 million people at a local cost of $12.3 million. Every day humanitarian aid workers help millions of people around the world, regardless of who they are and where they are. World Humanitarian Day is a global celebration of people helping people, and a time to recognise those who face danger and adversity in order to help others.

PARISH INVITATION TO YEAR LEVEL MASS – YEAR 4

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 4 students have received a special invitation to celebrate 8am Mass this Sunday 18 August. We look forward to seeing the Year 4 children and their families at this Eucharistic celebration.

YOU ARE UNIQUE

When will we teach our children in school what they are? We should say to each of them: Do you know what you are? You are a marvel. You are unique. In all of the world there is no other child exactly like you. In the millions of years that have passed there has never been another child like you.

And look at your body - what a wonder it is! Your legs, your arms, your cunning fingers, the way you move! You may become a Shakespeare, a Michelangelo, a Beethoven. You have the capacity for anything. Yes, you are a marvel. And when you grow up, can you then harm another who is, like you a marvel?

From Joys and Sorrows by Pablo Casals [New York 1970]

Brendan

Assistant Principal’s Message...Mr Damien Sullivan

Sick Children

As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, we have over the past few weeks, had an unusually high number of students away with colds, the flu and tummy bugs. When children are presenting with symptoms of these sicknesses at school they are sent to the school office and a phone call is made to parents to make arrangements for the student to go home. With some nasty viruses and tummy bugs around it is very important that parents keep their children at home if they are sick. Even runny noses, mildly sore throats and upset stomachs at the moment can be symptoms of something that may be more serious and spread to other children. Thanks for your cooperation with this.

Correct School Uniform - Shoes

During Semester 1 students have been doing a great job wearing appropriate shoes to school that are following our School Uniform policy. Shoes worn with the normal school uniform are expected to be black. Those shoes that highlight any additional colours such as fluorescent green or red stripes are not following the uniform standards for the school. On days when the sports uniform is worn students should wear sports shoes that are predominantly white. We ask that as parents are ready to purchase new school shoes for their children that they ensure to keep this policy in mind. Should your child not be able to wear the correct uniform it would be appreciated if a note could be sent along with your child.

Wrist Bands/Jewellery

Parents and students should also remember that the only jewellery items that are permitted for school are watches, neck chains with a religious pendant and studs or sleepers for pierced ears. Rubber wrist bands are not acceptable.

Safe and Considerate Parking

To help with traffic flow around the school, it is particularly important that parents refrain from parking too close to intersections around the school. In most cases yellow lines clearly mark these as no stopping areas. Parking too close to corners makes it dangerous for our school families trying to cross the road and makes things difficult for drivers turning at the surrounding intersections. We also ask drivers to please be considerate of our neighbours. At no point should cars stop to load/ unload children or park in the driveways of our school neighbours. Local police check the parking around schools on a regular basis to help keep it safe.

Riding to School

To help keep everybody safe at school we have rules that bikes, scooters and skateboards must not be ridden in the school grounds or on the footpaths that surround the school. These areas before and after school are very busy places. Children should also be wearing a helmet. We ask that any parents of children who ride to school reinforce this message from home and that any parents who also ride respect these rules too.

Bee Champions

Congratulations to Lisa (2B), C’elle (7G), William (1R) and Frankie (6G) 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.

Have a great week,
Damien Sullivan

Queensland Catholic Colleges Music Festival

This Friday, the 16th of August, the Year 3 Choir and the Senior Choir will perform at the QCMF being held at Villanova College. The Senior Choir, consisting of students from Years 4, 5, 6 and 7, is scheduled to sing at 9.03am. We are singing “Tears from Clouds” by Harley Mead and “Coming Home” by Paul Jarman, both Australian composers. The Year 3 Choir is scheduled to sing at 10.48am and will be performing “My Dad Snores” by John Williamson and “Just One Person” from Snoopy, the Musical.

Both performances will take place in Villanova’s Augustine Centre and there is an admission price of $5.00 if you are interested in coming to hear us sing.

Carolyn Burchill (Music Specialist)
**Library News**

**Week/ Book Night – 28 August 6:00-8:00pm**
Mark your calendar for Family Book Night activities at the library on 28th August. This is a night for families to enjoy reading together and enjoying crafts highlighting the CBCA books. You will have received your invitation to this event today. Please remember to return the completed form before 23rd August to ensure your spot on the night. Remember to check out our website for the latest news concerning the Children’s Book Council Award Shortlisted books. We have been reading, reviewing and evaluating these books during this term and look forward to seeing if our top choice actually wins the coveted judges’ choice for CBCA Book of the Year award. **The Premier’s Reading** Challenge closes on 30th August so please have your child return their completed form to the library before this date.

This week we’re celebrating **Science Week** and this Thursday in particular is Science Poetry day. We have a great book in the library called ‘Science Verse’ by Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith. There are some wonderful poems in this book: Food Chain, Skeletal Study and Why Scientists Don’t Write Nursery Rhymes so look for it on our special library display. **The Great Book Swap - 4th September**

**Happy Reading,**
Mrs Bailentine, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Brooks, and Mrs McEniery
http://libraryb.bne.catholic.edu.au/

**P&F News**

**Movie Trivia Night – the winner is … Wall Street!**
Thank you to everyone for coming along to the Movie Trivia Night and making it such a great success. Everyone made a huge effort to dress their tables (and themselves) - you all looked amazing - making the judges’ job extremely hard! Congratulations to the winning team – Wall Street! Gerrard took some brilliant photos, which we will post on Facebook shortly. If you would like any photos sent to you, please let Jill know on jill@fitmums.net.

The P&F would like to extend a huge thank you to Jill Hrstich for putting so much of her time and heart into the event. Jill – you are a legend! Thanks to Barb and Gerrard Ryan (thanks so much Barb for sharing your birthday with us all!), Lana Killian, Lisa and Andrew (our fab MC) Oberthur, Terry Shaw and Pete Hrstich for all their wonderful help bringing the night together. Also thanks to Damien Sullivan, Ian (groundsmen) and Lorna Gavin and her children for helping us prepare the hall on Friday afternoon.

**Health and Wellbeing Committee – The importance of good hand washing at school**
With the high rates of illness at school lately, it is important to remember that washing hands is the most effective and easiest strategy for stopping the spread of infectious diseases like gastroenteritis, influenza and other infections. Cleaning hands with water is not enough. Effective hand washing includes the use of soap under running water for at least ten seconds or the use of antibacterial hand gel if hands are not visibly dirty.

Teachers are already educating the children on effective hand hygiene but you can also ensure your children know the key times for hand washing at school - after using the toilet; before and after handling food; and after playing outside.

The Health and Wellbeing Committee are working toward improving hand washing at school with improvements to the undercroft toilets, as well as more hand washing facilities and educational posters in toilets. Small bottles of clear, antibacterial gel in lunch boxes can also prompt children to clean their hands before and after meals.

We will advertise the date for the next meeting in a future newsletter.

**Next P&F Meeting – 21 August 2013:** agenda in next week’s newsletter.

**Sports News**

**Lytton District Athletics**
Congratulations to our Track and Field team on their wonderful results this year. Mrs Hammill - you are a gem to look after all these athletes as they performed over the two days. Thank you.


Thank you to the parents of these students for their support with transport and preparation enabling the following students to arrive at their semi-finals and finals on the second day: Tara McCarthy, Georgie Dobbs, Sidonie Garvin, Grace Nakamura, Tarlyn Gardiner, Georgie Fenton, Lachlan O'Donnelly and Cole Gardiner.

We look forward to celebrating our silver awardees on their successful inclusion in the 2013 Lytton Team to compete at the Met East Trials on the 5 and 6 September. Good Luck to Tara McCarthy in 11 yrs Girls Long Jump, 100m and 200m, Georgie Dobbs in 10 yrs Girls 800m and to Cole Gardiner in the 12 yrs Boys Shot Put – we are very proud of you all.

**Mini Olympics**
We are well underway with the planning of the Mini Olympics for the Prep - Year 2 students. If you are a budding parent supporter please make contact with your class teacher / coordinator to indicate you availability for the class roster. Mark your diaries for a sunny happy day of healthy activity on the 11 September on the School Oval from 9.00 – 1pm. The Year 7 leadership group are undertaking a training program over the next few weeks to be your support crew in all things Mini Olympics. Stay tuned!

Yours in Sport
Mrs Lyndall Conaghan
PE and Sports Coordinator
DATES TO REMEMBER
14 Aug  Ekka Public holiday
15 Aug  School Day
16 Aug  Catholic Colleges Festival. Villanova College
21 Aug  P&F Meeting 7.30pm in staffroom
28 Aug  Book Week/Book Night. 6.00-8pm in Library
11 Sept  Prep - Yr2 Mini-Olympics
20 Sept  Term 3 Ends

Tuckshop News

ROSTER: Wednesday, 14/8
Ekka Holiday

ROSTER: Friday, 16/8
Leonie Flynn, Jane Wilkinson, Amelia Francis, Meghan Leis

ROSTER: Monday 19/8
Ann-Marie Scafe

Please note: This Friday 16th August, all Grade Three classes and some students in Grades 4 - 7 will be involved in choir festival. BIG LUNCH ONLY will be available to these children.

Many thanks everyone,
Chris Watt,
Tuckshop Convenor. 0413590109

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.

YEAR 7 ‘REACH OUT FOR PEACE’ MINI-MARKET DAY
Our Year 7 students are once again preparing for their annual Mini-Market Day which will be held on Thursday 12 September. Whilst the children have been busy making their own crafts to sell, they need some help with jams and relishes to sell on the day. Donations of homemade jams and/or relishes would be most welcome. If you are able to help, please label all homemade jams and relishes with an ingredient list and drop them off to the School Office by Monday 9 September. All money raised from the Mini-Market Day will be donated to Catholic Missions. Thank you in advance for your help and on-going generosity. If you have any queries please contact Michelle Hammill: mhammill@bne.catholic.com.au

Parish Cake Stall – 24th and 25th August
Sts Peter and Paul’s School has a wonderful group of bakers who, together with Parish members, provide a range of delicious treats at the Parish’s popular Cake Stall. The next Parish Cake Stall will be held at the Saturday night and Sunday morning masses of the 24th and 25th of August. As usual the Stall will be full of delicious goodies including cakes, biscuits and brownies, cupcakes and slices.

We would really welcome any new bakers or anyone (big or small) wanting to channel their inner Masterchef! Baking for the stall is a wonderful way to help your parish without taking up too much of your valuable time. We only have 2 stalls left for the year and would appreciate your support. Your baked goods can be dropped off to the school office on Friday (the 23rd August) or to the stall itself before either of the masses. Please contact Maureen or Brooke if you would like to join our Parish Cake Stall Register to register your interest in baking and for any further information regarding baking, labeling and drop off.

All money raised is used by Sister Mary Randall to support families in need within our school and parish community.

Many thanks,
Brooke Power on 0408064560,brookepower5@bigpond.com
Maureen Coorey on 0434980442 cooreyfam@optusnet.com.au

The List Poem. This is the last poetry entry 3 Blue will have for this year. The students found these poems to be very amusing!

My Neighbour
She looks at me with big eyes.
She likes jumping.
She chases me.
She is very noisy.
She licks me – YUCK!!!
She barks at the postman…and everyone else.
She is my neighbour.
by Charlie Pruss-Planck

My Mother Tells Me To
My mother tells me to clean up the living room.
My mother tells me to be the best I can.
My mother tells me to make my bed.
My mother tells me to eat my dinner.
My mother tells me to go to bed.
My mother tells me to get a haircut.
My mother tells me not to be noisy.
By Lachlan Rogers

My Boring Homework
My boring homework is pointless.
My boring homework makes me tired.
My boring homework turns me into a smarty-pants.
My boring homework kills me, it makes me sick.
My boring homework gets me into mischief.
By Emilia Nardone
Dr Rob Webb, a meteorologist from the Bureau of Meteorology, came to our school and helped the Year Sixes in our studies of tracking weather. We are extremely grateful for Dr Webb giving his time and knowledge to us.

Chloe and Brooke
(6 Blue)

I found out that when you get an electric shock, it’s the same process that occurs with a lightning bolt. (Ruby – 3 Blue)

I found it interesting that a storm can last up to six days. (Lily – 3 Blue)

I found it interesting that the tilt of the Earth contributes to the weather and the season. (Andriana – 3 Blue)

I found it interesting that when a weather balloon is sent up into the sky, it can become as big as a house in size! (Sofia – 3 Blue)

We enjoyed it how Dr Webb gave us a photo of a season and we had to guess the season based on the weather characteristics. We hope he comes back to visit us again.

(Summer, Gracie, and Harry from 3 Red)

Dr Webb taught us about radars and how they are used to help predict the weather. (Ella – 3 Green)

I learnt that tornadoes are made up of lots of hot and cold air and I hope to be a scientist when I grow up. (Will – 3 Green)

Dr Rob Webb, a meteorologist from the Bureau of Meteorology, came to our school and helped the Year Sixes in our studies of Natural Disaster. We thoroughly enjoyed the presentation because of the details, information, photos and videos Dr Webb provided. This presentation also gave us insight into the process of tracking weather. We are extremely grateful for Dr Webb giving his time and knowledge to us.

Chloe and Brooke
(6 Blue)