Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

I hope that all mothers enjoyed the love, companionship and gratitude of their families as they celebrated Mother’s Day on Sunday.

Gala Dinner

A big thank you to the many parents within our school community who are working very hard with preparations for our Gala Dinner on Friday 24 May. Could I ask that all raffle tickets be returned (sold or unsold) to the school office by this Friday. Thank you for your support and efforts with selling your book of raffle tickets. The students of Sts Peter & Paul’s will certainly benefit from funds raised at our Gala Dinner.

National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

As you are aware, NAPLAN tests for Years 3, 5 and 7 are taking place this week. NAPLAN tests are designed to assess the skills of Australian students in literacy and numeracy with the specific purposes being the collection of data from the population of Years 3, 5 and 7 students and the assessment of students against national minimum standards.

The schedule for the three days of NAPLAN testing is as follows:

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Please ensure that students arrive at school on time so that they are not late for the commencement of the NAPLAN tests. More information is available at www.naplan.edu.au

Due to NAPLAN our Assembly next Wednesday will be changed to 2.00pm.

Reminder - Spirit of Catholic Education Awards

Catholic Education Week 2013 will be held from Sunday 21 July - Saturday 27 July and will focus on the theme:

- Making a difference … inspired by Jesus
- Each year during Catholic Education Week, the Spirit of Catholic Education Awards are conferred on staff members, parents, clergy or volunteers who make an outstanding contribution to the life of Catholic school communities in one of the following areas:
  - initiating a program and/or activity in response to a need;
  - leading and facilitating for change and improvement;
  - demonstrating excellence in their work; and
  - engaging in exceptionally life-giving relationships with students, colleagues or other members of the school community or Catholic education agency.

The areas above will be considered in the context of teaching and learning, co-curricular activities, faith and spiritual life, social justice, ecological sustainability, pastoral care, leadership, parent, parish and community partnerships or service and support.

Nominations are now open for the 2013 Awards. Further details and the nomination form are available on the Catholic Education Week website. Due to technical difficulties with the website last week, the closing date for nominations has been extended to 5.00pm on Wednesday 15 May 2013.

CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION

Our thoughts and prayers are with the children who will receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist this weekend. There will be a practice for the children receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion tomorrow, Wednesday, 15th May at 3:15pm in the Church.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

We look forward this week to the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Spirit will draw unity out of our many diverse gifts. Let us pray that the followers of Jesus may be one in love. God of harmony and love, gather people of every race, culture, language and Christian tradition into one family of unity and peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Peace and Best Wishes

Sr Ann-Maree Nicholls, sgs
PRINCIPAL

APRE News – Mr Brendan Schostakowski

SACRAMENTS OF CONFIRMATION AND EUCHARIST

We offer our prayers and best wishes to the children who will be receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion this weekend 18-19 May. Over recent weeks they have been preparing for this important event in their faith journey. Thank you to the children and their families for the commitment they have made to the Program, and special thanks to Fr Tom, members of the Parish Sacramental Team and the Year 4 teachers for their guidance, support and encouragement.

There will be a practice tomorrow, Wednesday, afternoon at 3.15pm in the church for these children.
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
This Thursday 16 May Year 4 Blue will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Fr Tom.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 12 MAY—19 MAY
“What does God require of us?” (cf Micah 6:8-8)
The path of Christian discipleship involves walking the path of justice, mercy and humility. The metaphor of “walking” has been chosen to connect together the 8 days of prayer for the week of Christian unity because, as an active, intentional and ongoing act, the metaphor of walking communicates the dynamism which characterizes Christian discipleship. For more information go to http://www.ncca.org.au/departments/faith-unity/724-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2013

PENTECOST SUNDAY 19 MAY
Gospel: John 7:27-49  The Holy Spirit is promised.
This Sunday we celebrate the feast of Pentecost. The risen Christ appears to the disciples who are huddled behind locked doors. He offers the simple greeting: “Peace be with you,” the greeting we offer each other at every Eucharistic celebration. He sends them on a mission of peace in continuity with his own God-inspired mission. He breathes on them the gift of the Holy Spirit and tells them that God will forgive those whom they forgive, and will ‘retain’ or ‘seize hold of’ the transgressions of those whose sins or transgressions they ‘retain’. By Grace Dillon

NATIONAL FAMILIES WEEK 15-21 MAY
The aim of National Families Week 2013 is to celebrate the vital role that families play. This year’s theme is Families working together: Getting the balance right.
National Families Week is a time to celebrate with your immediate family, make contact with your extended family and friends and share in the enjoyment of family activities within the wider community. It is a time to celebrate the meaning of family and to make the most of family time.
During this week, let’s take the time to reflect on the critical role that families play in teaching, supporting and nurturing children as they grow.
Wishing you God’s blessings for the coming week.
Brendan Schostakowski

APRE News – Mr Brendan Schostakowski (continued)

Walk Safely to School Day - Friday 24 May
This year Sts Peter and Paul’s will again participate in National Walk Safely to School Day. On Friday 24 May thousands of school-aged kids around Australia will join this special day which aims to:
• Encourage kids to develop healthy habits by becoming more physically active from a young age;
• Help save our environment by creating less greenhouse gas from vehicle car emissions;
• Teach kids about road and pedestrian safety;
• Lessen hazardous traffic congestion around the school gates.
To take part in National Walk Safely to School Day we encourage parents to walk with their children to school, or for our older students perhaps to walk with friends to school. If distance is a problem, combine a walk with public transport or simply park the car a good distance away from the school and walk the rest of the way! As part of the Brisbane City Council Active School Travel program, Sts Peter and Paul’s made significant and very positive changes to its travel to school.

Year 4 Excursion Ngutana-Lui (By 4Blue Students)
On Thursday the 2nd of May the Year 4’s went on an excursion to Ngutana-Lui. The activities included dot painting, Torres Strait Islander talk, boomerang throwing, Aboriginal medicine, music and dance. At the Torres Strait Islander activity we learnt about fishing skills. We also saw a traditional head dress. The man who taught us this was called Uncle Wally. Uncle Wally showed us how to make a digs (which we pretended was a kangaroo) and we were supposed to hit it with our tennis ball.

By Isaac Drew

Bee Champions
Congratulations to Bridget (2Green), William (2Red), Annabel (3Blue) and Will (3Green) 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

Child of the Week

| 7G | - Harvey Canning | 4B | - Joshua Wee |
| 7B | - Kelsea Wright  | 3R | - Huon Wadsworth |
| 6G | - Billie Italia  | 3G | - Xavier Gardner |
| 6B | - Brooke Smith   | 3B | - Thomas Kiley  |
| 5G | - Georgia Gavin  | 2R | - Savannah Bowden |
| 5B | - Belle Golden   | 2G | - Matthew Collyns |
| 4R | - Elizabeth Brook| 2B | - Anna Ostwald |
| 4G | - Gian Wilcox    | 1Y | - Thomas Vedelago |
| 1R | - Austin Corrigan| 1G | - Connor Sutton |
| 1B | - Alistair Myhne | PR | - James Sherlock |
| PB | - Ashley Adraincem |
| PB | - Lucie O’Farrell |
Family Reading Month continues with more reading fun...

- Tuesday 21 May our prep students will be participating in a story time with Sam Derchle. He will be sharing tales of Ananse the Spider, Folktales from Africa.
- Wednesday 22 May we celebrate **Simultaneous Story Time** at 11am. Participants will read The Wrong Book by Nick Bland at 11am. Families can participate at home as well. Check the website [http://www.alta.org.au/nss/](http://www.alta.org.au/nss/) for an online version of this story as well as activities and discussion points.
- Our students are welcome to create a rap about reading: their favourite book, favourite movie made from a book, the reason they like reading or ??? Students may create the rap at school using the iPads or make it at home and deliver it to the library. The best rap will be presented to students at assembly for the close of family reading month.

**The Gold Star Reading Program** sponsored by the Brisbane Libraries has begun. Children may sign up at a Brisbane library. This year children will be rewarded for reading with monthly incentives of book plate stickers, a door hanger, library bag and bookmark light as well as a chance to win a monthly draw of $25 book voucher. If a child collects all eight gold stars, they will be eligible to enter the draw for a $250. Book voucher as well as receive a medallion, a certificate of achievement and be invited to an award ceremony. Stop by a Brisbane library and sign up on: [http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/facilities-recreation/libraries/book-clubs/GoldStarReadingClub/index.htm](http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/facilities-recreation/libraries/book-clubs/GoldStarReadingClub/index.htm)

The **BILBY** (Books I Love Best Yearly) nominations are out and students continue to read through these Queensland student suggested books. Once students have read the nominated books, they may go online to vote for one to be awarded the BILBY of the 2013. Check the website for more details: [http://qld.cbca.org.au/bilby.htm](http://qld.cbca.org.au/bilby.htm)

The Children’s Book Council has announced the **CBCA shortlisted books**, all in contention for ‘Book of the Year’. We challenge students to read all 6 of the books in each category and see if they can choose which one will be named ‘Book of the Year’. A link to another ‘Mrs B’s website (another Mrs B!), with the CBCA shortlisted titles and activities for each of these books is located on our library webpage: [http://libraryb.bne.catholic.edu.au/oliver/libraryHome.do](http://libraryb.bne.catholic.edu.au/oliver/libraryHome.do). Stop by our library and read one of these selected books, then click on the activities link. It is a great way to enhance comprehension of these stories.

**Happy Reading,**

Mrs Ballentine, Mrs Rimmer, Mrs Brooks, and Mrs McEnery


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**P&E News**

**P&E Meeting – Wednesday 15 May – all welcome**

The next P&E Meeting will be held tomorrow night, Wednesday 15 May, at 7.30pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome.

*Agenda items include:* pick up line shade structures and oval seating, health and wellbeing committee, 2013 projects and budget, dinner dance and much more. See the P&E page on the school website for the full agenda and last month’s draft minutes.

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**Simon Dean – Place Estate Agents “Guess the Number of Balloons” Competition**

Don’t forget to bring in your permission slips and entries to the “Win an IPAD Mini” Competition. Unlimited Entries - $1 per entry. Be in it to WIN !!!!! Simon Dean bought the car up to the School at last Wednesday’s assembly and the children were able to view the car and guess how many balloons were inside. The car will be available for viewing again this Wednesday so remember the more guesses, the more chances of winning!! There will be an entry form box placed at the office from tomorrow.

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As part of this Year’s Annual Dinner Dance Fundraiser, Simon Dean from Place Estate Agents is running a competition to guess the Number of Balloons. The winner will win themselves an Apple IPAD Mini !!

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**STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES TRAVEL REBATE**

**Semester 1, 2013**

Does your child have a **verified disability** that requires **transport assistance** to and from school? Has your school’s learning support teacher assessed your child’s **travel capability rating** as ‘semi-independent’ or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at [www.schooltransport.com.au](http://www.schooltransport.com.au) by 31 May 2013. Late applications cannot be accepted.

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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.

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Tuckshop News

ROSTER: Wednesday, 15/5
Louise Gillies, Elisa Dooley

ROSTER: Friday, 17/5
Leonie Flynn, Sharon James, Meghan Leis, Veronique Smith, Angela Owens

ROSTER: Monday, 20/5
Ann-Marie Scafe

Many thanks,
Chris Watt,
Tuckshop Convenor. 0413590109

OSHC NEWS

ACTIVITY WEEK: We have lots of special activities planned for next week (starting Mon 20 May) as we will be celebrating National Families Week and Under 8’s Week! Children are invited to bring in a photo of their family to add to our OSHC family tree. We will also be having our own special “Australia’s Biggest Afternoon Tea” from 4-5pm each afternoon (Mon- Thurs) to raise money for the Queensland Cancer Council.

GET ACTIVE: Our Get Active program for this term has started. This week Years 2 & 3 have gymnastics on Monday afternoon and Years 4-7 have soccer on Tuesday afternoon. Both sessions are run by ASC qualified coaches from 3:30-4:30pm at no extra cost for families.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS: We are taking orders for 2013-2014 Entertainment Books. Funds raised from sales will be used to purchase new toys and games for the children at OSHC.

OSHC CHAMPIONS: OSHC Champions are April Wilson, Roisin Crowley, Bridget Ricketts, Lily Rout and Mia Schulz. Well done! Claire Ravenswood, OSHC Coordinator

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS

We are very fortunate at Sts Peter and Paul’s School to have excellent specialist music teachers come to the school to teach instrumental music lessons. Piano, flute, saxophone, violin, guitar and drums are just a few of the instruments taught by qualified specialist teachers.

We also have a successful school band. Last year the Sts Peter & Paul’s school band won gold at the QCMF.

If you would like to make an enquiry regarding your child receiving tuition with any of these teachers or to join the school band, please contact:

Piano: Deborah Balmer 0419 393 206 debbalmer@hotmail.com
Violin: Germaine Ng 0402 082 339
Guitar: Ralph Premici 0417 617 569 caapele@hotmail.com
Woodwind/Brass/Percussion: Sandy Chou 0412 358 580 msschou@hotmail.com