15 July 2014

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

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

Welcome back to a very busy Term 3. I hope you have enjoyed the two weeks break.

Term 3 Teacher Appointments

This term we welcome back three staff from Maternity Leave. Mrs Ange Barton and Mrs Jo Sobral will take up a job share position teaching Year 3 Blue. We thank Miss Rebecca Nolan for the significant contribution she made to learning and teaching at Sts Peter & Paul’s School and wish her well in her new appointment at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School Coorparoo. Mrs Rochelle Rimmer will return part time to her role as Teacher Librarian working with Mrs Terry Ballentine in the Library.

Year 7 Canberra Trip

Next Monday, 84 Year 7 and Year 6 students will depart for Canberra to experience an educational tour of the National Capital. While on this tour students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the National Capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $60 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. We also thank our Parents and Friends Association who each year contribute $100 per student to assist families with the cost of this excursion.

There is much excitement amongst the Year 7 and Year 6 students as they look forward to many wonderful experiences which await them in Canberra and then Sydney, namely, the Australian Institute of Sport, Australian War Memorial, Australian Electoral Commission, Old Parliament House, Parliament House, National Portrait Gallery, National Museum of Australia, Questacon and Telstra Tower. A day in the snow will be enjoyed at Mt Selwyn Snowfields and then in Sydney we will visit Mary MacKillop Place Museum, Sydney Aquarium, Circular Quay, The Rocks and Taronga Zoo. I am very grateful to Brendan Schostakowski, Michelle Hammill, Sheree Shelton, Emilia Michieletto, Erica Willcox, Lyndall Conaghan, Fran Wallin, Ben Lancaster, Mary Clarris and Sharon Burke who will accompany the students on our Canberra and Sydney trip. I will be joining the students from Wednesday for this wonderful experience.

Prior to joining the students in Canberra I will be attending the Brisbane Catholic Education Leadership Conference. The special guest this year will be Professor Didier Pollefeyt from the Leuven University in Belgium whose work is central to our own Catholic School Identity Program. A big thank you to the parents who recently completed this survey, the results of which we will work closely with over the coming year. In next week’s newsletter we will publish the class with the highest number of parents completing the survey, they will receive a Pizza Party and from this class a special draw will take place with one family receiving a Family Movie Pass.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data

Schools across Australia are taking part in a new national data collection on school students with disability. The data collection is being introduced in stages over three years, and started in 2013. From 2015, this information will be collected in every school across Australia, every year. All Australian Governments have agreed to this.

The aim of this new data collection is to have better information about school students with
principals and education authorities to support students with disability to take part in school on the same basis as students without disability. Attached to this newsletter is an information sheet for parents, for your information.

Last week we acknowledged and rejoiced in Australia’s Aboriginal and Islander people. We recognise and affirm their culture and spiritual connection to the land. Let us remember these our brothers and sisters in prayer. God of all ages, unite all Australians in one family marked by mutual respect and love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Acting APRE News – Mrs Julie Thompson

Welcome to Term 3. I hope everyone had an enjoyable break and is relaxed and ready for an exciting new term.

Thank you, once again, to everyone for your generosity in supporting the recent ROSIE’S appeal. I am sure the donated items have been welcome over the recent cold snap and that we will keep those less fortunate than ourselves in our prayers during the winter months.

Date Claimers:

PARISH INVITATION TO YEAR LEVEL MASS – YEAR 2

Year 2 students have received a special invitation to celebrate Mass at 8am on Sunday July 20.
We look forward to seeing the Year 2 children and their families at this Eucharistic celebration.

Catholic Education Week will be celebrated across Queensland from 27 July – 2 August this year. This annual event is held to promote the special ethos of Catholic schools and to highlight the great things that take place in Catholic schools every day. The theme for this year’s celebrations is: Come, live life in all its fullness. Please join us for Mass at 9.00am on Thursday, July 24.

Enjoy the first week back.

God Bless,
Julie Thompson (Acting A.P.R.E.)

APA News...Mr Damien Sullivan

Welcome back! I hope that you have had an enjoyable school holiday break and are ready for a busy and exciting Term 3.

Sts Peter and Paul’s Feast Day

On Thursday 26 June our school celebrated the Feast Day of Saints Peter and Paul. It was a day of exciting activities and great celebration for the school community. Thank you to the parents who joined us on the day particularly to those mums and dads who jumped in to help out with the bbq, cake cutting and assist with activities. A special thank you to Lyndall Conaghan for organising all the fun for the day and to Year 6 and our musicians for the beautiful Feast Day Mass.

Visitors Register

A reminder that parents who visit to assist at the school (eg. tuckshop, class reading, etc.) are required to drop into the office upon arriving at school to sign their name in the Visitors Register. We also ask that parents call back into the school office when they are leaving school to sign out and return their badge.

Parents who are collecting children from school before 3:00pm are also required to come to the office to sign out their child. Office staff will ring the classroom to arrange for children to come down to meet parents there. Likewise, when children arrive late for school, parents should walk their child to the office and sign them in.

Being safe before school

A reminder for parents and students that for safety reasons the play equipment in the adventure playground is for the use of our school students only, and under teacher supervision. There are quite a number of children, including toddlers, who appear to be waiting with parents in this area before school and at the end of the school day. Unfortunately, despite the obvious appeal, the school playground is not the right place for toddlers to be playing. Without proper supervision the risk of an accident is always there. We ask that parents who bring toddlers along before school and towards the end of the day, or to after school activities please keep their younger children by their side, keep a close eye on them and remind their children to stay off the play equipment. The playground is for the teacher supervised use of our school students and for children attending Outside School Hours Care. Our school students receive regular reminders that the playground equipment is out of bounds after school. Thanks for your cooperation with this safety request.

Waste-Free Lunches Every Thursday

Did you know that orange and banana peel can take up to two years to break down? Aluminium cans 80-100 years
look for ones with multiple compartments, that way sandwiches don’t need to be wrapped. However, if you don’t own one of these, simply put sandwiches in a brown paper bag and recycle the bag. The paper bag can also be used to store banana peel, apple cores etc. and can be taken home to throw in the compost. Each Thursday we encourage students to plan for a waste-free lunch and do a small part to help with ecological sustainability.

**Playground Champions**

Congratulations to Jessica (4R), Fergus (2B), Alex (2B), and Isabella (3G) 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.

Have a great week.

*Damiens Sullivan*

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**Sports News**

**State Hockey Championships**

Congratulations to Georgie Dobbs who competed in the 12 Years Girls Hockey Team. A few hard games were played in the last weeks of term and your team spirit and skills were enjoyed by all.

**Sts Peter and Paul’s Feast Day**

A great day of fun and festivities was enjoyed by all students. Congratulations to the following houses for their team results and overall contributions:

- Prep – Year 3: Ryan
- Year 4 – Year 6: O’Keeffe
- School Sing Star: Concannon

**Overall Champions for 2014: Ryan**

Thank you to the 2014 Senior Leaders for their fantastic preparation and to all staff and parents for their support. Well done to you all for displaying such spirit and team skills in all areas of Learning for Life.

**Senior Athletics Carnival: Years 3 – 7, Wednesday 30 July 2014 at Villanova Park, Tingalpa:**

All students will compete in their age groups (2004 = 10 years).

- Track sprint trials will be held this Wednesday to seed the students into appropriate heats for the event day. **All Year 3 – 7 students will be required to wear/bring their running shoes with their uniform this Wednesday 16 July.**
- Programmed events: Sprints, 200m, 800m, Long Jump, Shot Put and House events.
- If you are able to assist with any of the many parent roles on the carnival day please consider indicating your assistance via the permission note. Your support is greatly appreciated.
- Students who are 2004 DOB or older may be eligible to qualify for events at the School Athletics Carnival for the Lytton District Carnival later this term. More details will be available on the permission note.
- Discus Trials for Lytton District will be held at School on Friday 1 August on the school oval. This is to enable a safe trial for eligible students with Discus experience. Further details will be available to the students via their class teacher this week.
- High Jump for Lytton District – If your child expresses interest in nominating their High Jump height to be considered for the Lytton District Carnival held later this term, could you please ratify their results on the appropriate permission form available to the students via their teacher or the school office. Heights ratified and measured at Little Athletics in the last 12 months are required to complete the nomination form. These will be due to the school office by Wednesday 30 July. No late submission of forms will be considered.

Yours in Sport

Mrs Lyndall Conaghan

PE and Sports Coordinator

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**Support-A-Reader**

The Support-a-Reader program is in need of some new tutors on both Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 2pm to 3pm. This is a wonderful program which helps so many children and without volunteers, this program will suffer. If you would like to volunteer for either of these days please email mclarris@bne.catholic.edu.au or phone the school office.

**Library News**

Welcome back to the Library!

We welcome back Mrs Rimmer to the library. Mrs Rimmer has been on maternity leave and will be at the library on Wednesdays and Thursdays. We also welcome back all the students and hope their families had wonderful holidays with plenty of time for reading!

Mark your calendars for Term 3 library events:

- **22nd July** – Library Working Bee
- **6th Aug** – Author Visit for Yrs 3-7
- **12th Aug** – Author Visit for Yrs 1-3
- **Week 6** – Book Week Celebration – Theme ‘Connect to Reading, Reading to Connect’
  - National Science Week
- **19th Aug** – National Reading Hour 6:00pm
- **21st Aug** – Book Week – Family Book Night 6:30pm – 7:30pm
There are a number of new resources which need to be processed before students borrow. We are looking for parents and friends who are available next Tuesday 9:00am – 12:00pm to help stamp, tape and cover these new items. Morning tea will be provided. Call the library to RSVP for catering purposes. We couldn’t do it without your help!

A number of students have returned their **Premier’s Reading Challenge** forms. We have two months left! Remember to read, rate, record and discuss 20 books to complete the challenge. Check the website for more information and book suggestions. [http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/booklist.html](http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/booklist.html)


The Children’s Book Council judges have announced the 2014 shortlisted books. These books are considered the six best children’s books published during the past year in their categories. Students are encouraged to stop by the library to read the six finalists in each category and see if they can chose the book which will be named ‘Book of the Year’ during Book Week. Check the library website for a link to activities for each of the books read. The library monitors will be available to read these books to students before school or during lunchtime.

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

**OSHC News**

NAIDOC WEEK: This week we are celebrating NAIDOC Week with special crafts and games. Join us for painting and clay in the craft area, stories and music at the centre and boomerang throwing and games in the playground.

ACTIVITIES: For cooking this week we are making chicken caesar salad, yummy pumpkin soup, chocolate cookies and carrot cake with cream cheese frosting. In the garden we are planting potatoes and sweet potatoes and setting up our new worm farm. We are also celebrating NAIDOC Week with special crafts and games.

VACATION CARE: This week we will be handing out the Nature Play Passports from Vacation Care to take home. Children are able to sign into the Nature Play website using their Passport Code so that they can log their completed missions from the school holidays. We encourage children and families to continue exploring the Nature Play website for new missions to complete. We also welcome your feedback on our Vacation Care program; let us know what your child/ren’s favourite activities were!

20th BIRTHDAY: This year we celebrate 20 years of Outside School Hours Care at Sts Peter & Paul’s! Stay tuned for more information about our birthday celebrations.

Claire Ravenswood
OSH Cordinator

**P & F News**

Next P&F Meeting – 16 July
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 16 July at 7.30pm in the Staff Room.

6 August - second Paula Barrett seminar on resilience
Please save the date for the second Paula Barrett seminar on resilience to be held on 6 August at 7pm in the Good Samaritan Hall.

Online Petition to get Flashing School Lights on Riding Road
The P&F and the School is supporting an application for the installation of school flashing lights along Riding Road at Morningside State School, Sts Peter and Paul’s and Bulimba State School. This is designed to provide an extra safety boost around school zones and remind motorists to slow down in order to better protect our kids. If you would like to sign the petition, go to [http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-assembly/petitions/e-petition?PetNum=2268](http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-assembly/petitions/e-petition?PetNum=2268)

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/StsPPP](http://www.facebook.com/StsPPP) and like us!

**Tuckshop News**

ROSTER:  Wednesday, 16/7
Elisa Dooley, Louise Gillies, Maree Meier
Friday, 18/7
Caite Brewer, Judy Lennon, Amelia Francis, Fiona Robertson, Carmel McCormack
Monday, 21/7
Louise Golden

Many thanks,
Chris Watt, Tuckshop Convenor
0413 590 109
Shoebox Appeal
Just a reminder of our ongoing Shoebox Appeal. We ask families to collect items for a shoebox for those children less fortunate than our own. Filled and wrapped shoeboxes can be taken to the school office throughout Term 3.

School Banking
Welcome back to school banking for Term 3. For those of you who have been waiting you can now order the Term 3 rewards including the Money Box or the Swimming Bag. You can still order the Handball, Scented Pencils, Shark or Penguin Key-ring, or the Whale Shark Pencil Case. If you have misplaced your order form, don't worry, just write us a note telling us which reward you would like, with your name, class, and student banking number and put it in with your 10 tokens.

Happy Banking from your school banking co-ordinators Deb Waldron, Amanda Monckton, Melody Phillips, Cath Palmer, and Sonia Horsburgh.

Child of the Week
PB: Sophie Saunders-Bowskill
PG: Allison Crowley
1B: Sienna Dale
1G: Lily Schulz
2B: Isobel Gillies
2G: Ally Xavier
3B: Imogen Joseph
3G: Lucinda Davidson
4B: Caitlyn Yem
4G: Emma Bible
5B: Julian Lytras
5G: Bella Brewer
6B: Nina Taylor
6G: Grace Hutcheson
7B: Nathan Spencer
7G: Adriana Silvey

DATES TO REMEMBER
16 July P & F Meeting, 7.30pm
22 July Library Working Bee
30 July Years 3 to 7 Athletics Carnival
6 August Prof. Paula Barrett (2nd Seminar), 7pm
13 August EKKA Public Holiday
21 August Book Week Family Night, 6.30pm
4 September Market Day
19 September Term 3 Ends
7 October Term 4 Begins
20 October Professional Development Day – No Students at School
14 November G20 Public Holiday

HOONOURING THE PAST
The church of St Peter and Paul is almost 90 years old. At a time when new public buildings in our area were modest timber structures (picture schools and army barracks), this 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 their lives to marriage, families have flourished as they grew and moved to God’s care those who have died. Still 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 windows need re-pointing ($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 ($45,000). The concrete is broken and needing ($80,000). Some tiles need replacement ($75,000). The plan involves removing and replacing the original sanctuary ($60,000). All together, the church and other church restoration costs add up to $1.6M.

This church needs to stand ready to continue its role in people’s lives in the coming decades.

The project is not just about building. It is about the life and worship of the parish community. What will we pass 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 one million dollars. To reach our goal, we need 1,310 people who will contribute $1000 a year for three years. Or 100 people who will contribute $10,000 a year for three years. Can we be as generous today as our founding families were 90 years ago?
Looking for Library Volunteers
Library Working Bee

Sts Peter and Paul’s
School Library
Tuesday 22 July
9:00am
Morning Tea provided

Come join us to process and
cover new library resources

It’s a great way for new parents to meet-and-greet
and other parents to catch up

No prior experience necessary!

I will be attending the Library Working Bee on Tuesday, 22 July

Name: _____________________________
Phone: _____________________________

Thanks! We couldn’t do it without you!
Registration still open for the following classes for Term 3

**Zumba® Kids:** Monday 3:15 – 4:15 (Good Samaritan Hall)
**Zumba® Kids Jr:** Wednesday 3:15 – 4:15 (Drama Room)

**Zumba® Kids:** Saturday 2-3pm Active Life Fitness, Norman Park
FIRST CLASS FREE
SATURDAY, 19th JULY

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kbiskupovich@gmail.com
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**St Rita’s College, Clayfield**
**CARNIVAL/OPEN DAY SUNDAY 27 JULY**
**10:00am – 3:00pm**

You are welcome to join the St Rita’s community at our annual Carnival and Open Day. This is a wonderful opportunity to see the College in action with tours from 10:00am – 11:30am. It is a great family day with fantastic food, atmosphere and live entertainment.
Nationally Consistent Collection of Data
School Students with Disability

Information for Parents/Carers

Schools across Australia are taking part in a new national data collection on school students with disability. The data collection is being introduced in stages over three years, and started in 2013. From 2015, this information will be collected in every school across Australia, every year.

All Australian governments have agreed to this.

WHAT IS THE BENEFIT FOR MY CHILD?

All Australian governments agree that every child in an Australian school should have a high quality education. It shouldn’t matter what the individual child’s circumstances are — every child should have the same opportunity to succeed at school.

The aim of this new data collection is to have better information about school students with disability in Australia.

Better information about school students with disability will help teachers, principals and education authorities to support students with disability to take part in school on the same basis as students without disability.

WHY IS THIS DATA BEING COLLECTED?

There is nothing new about schools collecting information about students with disability — in fact, schools have had to do this by law for some time. But the type of information currently collected varies between each state and territory.

With the new data collection, every school in Australia will use the same method to collect this information — that is, a government school in suburban Sydney will collect and report data in the same way as a Catholic school in country Victoria and an independent school in the Northern Territory.

The information provided through this new national data collection will enable all Australian governments to better target support and resources to benefit students with disability. It will help to put the right supports in place for students with disability so that they have the same opportunities for a high quality education as students without a disability.

WHAT ARE SCHOOLS REQUIRED TO DO?

Every school in Australia is likely to have a student with disability at some point. Schools need to be able to support students with disability by removing any obstacles for them to participate in their education.

By law, schools are required to make reasonable adjustments where needed to assist students with disability. These responsibilities are outlined in the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005. This means that schools need to talk to the student and/or their parent/carer about reasonable adjustments. These are things the schools do now and this won’t change.

The new data collection will record students who have been identified by a school team as meeting the definition of disability under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and provided with an adjustment.

WHAT IS AN ADJUSTMENT?

An adjustment is a measure or action taken to help a student with disability participate in education on the same basis as other students. Adjustments can be made across the whole school setting (like ramps into classrooms), in the classroom and at an individual student level (like extra tuition for a student with a learning difficulty).
WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE COLLECTED?

Your child’s school will collect and report information every year about:

- the level of adjustment provided
- the number of students who receive each level of adjustment
- where known, the student’s broad type of disability.

Some students who are not provided with an adjustment at the time of the collection will meet the definition of disability under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and will be eligible to be included in the data collection.

WHO WILL COLLECT MY CHILD’S INFORMATION?

Teachers and other school staff from your child’s school will collect the above information based on:

- consultation with parents/carers
- the school team’s observations and professional judgements
- any medical diagnosis
- other relevant information.

School principals are responsible for making sure that the information collected about each student is accurate.

HOW WILL MY CHILD’S PRIVACY BE PROTECTED?

Protecting the privacy and confidentiality of all children and their families is very important. With the new data collection, this will be done in the following ways:

- Personal or confidential information will not be given to anyone not authorised to see it.
- When the information is sent by your child’s school to the local or federal education authority for combination with information from other schools, it will be by school only – student names will not be recorded as part of the data collection.
- When the information is reported from 2016 onwards, it will be by school only – student names will not be recorded as part of the data collection.

WHEN AND WHERE WILL THE DATA BE AVAILABLE?

When all Australian schools are taking part in the new data collection, the information will be reported on the My School website from 2016 onwards. It will be by school only – no student names are recorded as part of the data collection.

CAN I DECIDE WHETHER MY CHILD’S INFORMATION IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION?

It’s your decision about whether you want your child’s information to be included in the national reporting or not.

Including every school child who is being provided with an adjustment because of disability in this new national data collection each year will help schools, education authorities and governments to better meet students’ needs.

Your school will tell you what you need to do if you don’t want to have your child’s information included in the national data collection.

Even if your child’s information is not included in the national data collection, your school is still required to provide support to your child with disability and any adjustments that may be needed to help him/her participate at school.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact your child’s school if you have further questions about the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability and how it may affect your child.

You are invited to

Sr Belen's
70th Birthday
High Tea

Saturday 9th August
2:00-5:00pm
Noble Tree Centre
St Thomas's Primary School
Stephen Street, Camp Hill

Bookings can be made online via
www.trybooking.com/EZVK
Cost is $25 per person (includes food, drinks & Gift for Sr Belen)
Book your tickets fast as places are limited.
San Sisto College

Women of Integrity Shaping the Future

The college cordially invites

All Past Students

to join us on

Sunday 3 August 2014
9.30 am – 12.30 pm

for

Our Annual Reunion

at which

the classes of 1964, 1974, 1984, 1994 and 2004
will be celebrating their 10th, 20th, 30th, 40th and 50th
year reunions

There will be morning tea, a gathering ritual, an address by the
Principal and a tour of the college

Please join us at

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or email scarina@bne.catholic.edu.au
Please advise any dietary requirements