Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

Years 3, 5 and 7 NAPLAN 2013 Test Results

In the last week of Term 3, principals were notified via the Queensland Studies Authority website of students’ results in the NAPLAN 2013 tests for aspects of literacy and numeracy. The individual student reports have now been delivered to our school and these have today been distributed to the Years 3, 5 and 7 students.

Once again our results are excellent. Well done to our students and congratulations to the teachers and school officers who continue to do a terrific job with learning and teaching at Sts Peter & Paul's School. The Years 3, 5 and 7 results for Sts Peter & Paul’s School are as follows:

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I would like to remind parents that testing – whether it be NAPLAN or classroom testing, is only one type of assessment in a continuing process of assessment and should not cause undue stress.

Learning is a continuous process which builds on previous learning. Testing is a way of finding out what needs further re-enforcement in the learning process.

Some students cope well with testing, others don’t. I have had very good students who have not presented very well in a test. It should never be treated as the only assessment of a student’s work.
These tests pinpoint areas of literacy and numeracy which need further development and schools use them, along with a variety of other methods of assessment, to inform further planning in the classroom.

Further information on the reading and understanding of your child’s report, reporting scales and frequently asked questions can be found on the NAPLAN Portal on the QSA website: www.qsa.qld.edu.au

Please ensure that your diaries are marked with the pupil free day for Term 4 which is scheduled for next **Monday, 21 October**. This is a Professional Development day for staff and we will be working with the new Religious Education Curriculum.

Today we celebrate the feast of St Teresa of Jesus which is also known as St Teresa of Avila, who was a great spiritual writer, who can teach us how to pray. Let us pray that we will learn to persevere in prayer. God of mystery, may we praise you when we are happy and turn to you in our sorrows. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Peace and Best Wishes

Sr Ann-Maree Nicholls, sgs

**PRINCIPAL**

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**APRE News – Mr Brendan Schostakowski**

**RECONCILIATION YEAR 7 BLUE**

This Friday 18 October Year 7 Blue will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Fr Tom, beginning at 9am in the Church.

**NEW RELIGION CURRICULUM**

On Friday 11 October Brisbane Catholic Education launched the New Religious Education Curriculum P-12. Since 2010 the Brisbane Catholic Education Office has worked closely with schools and colleges of the Archdiocese to reconceptualise the Religious Education curriculum to better respond to changing demographics and the introduction of the Australian Curriculum.

The Religion Curriculum will be organised around four overlapping age bands to align with the Australian curriculum. They are:

- Years P-2, typically students from 5 to 8 years of age
- Years 3-6, typically students from 8 to 12 years of age
- Years 7-10, typically students from 12 to 15 years of age
- Senior Secondary Years, typically students from 15 to 18 years of age

Content for the classroom teaching and learning of Religion will be organised around four strands with three sub-strands for each. In many cases the existing strands and sub-strands have been renamed and refocused to better reflect the changing needs of the contemporary Religion classroom. The new strands and sub-strands are:

- Sacred Texts (Old Testament; New Testament; Spiritual Writings and Wisdom)
- Beliefs (God, Jesus, Spirit; Human Existence; Religions of the World)
- Church (Liturgy and Sacraments; Communion and Community; Church History)
- Christian Life (Moral Formation; Mission and Service; Prayer and Spirituality)

Four Year 7 students from Sts Peter and Paul's School were invited to sing in the combined choir for the Blessing and Commissioning of the new Religious Education Curriculum last Friday 11 October. Grace Nakamura, Georgia Morris Jordana Brennan and Charlotte Jenkins attended a rehearsal at St Laurence's College under the excellent guidance of Mr Anthony Young and then performed with students from another 20 schools at the Mercure Hotel. The choir was outstanding and the girls enjoyed a valuable experience.

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Grace, Georgia, Jordana and Charlotte at rehearsal (L) and performing (R) for the Blessing and Commissioning of the new Religious Education Curriculum.
SCHOOL OFFICER DAY WEDNESDAY 16 OCTOBER

Wednesday 16 October is School Officer Day. Our school officers perform a variety of essential and diverse roles at Sts Peter and Paul’s. Their professional work in our classrooms, administration, library, and other areas where they work combine to both enhance students’ education experience and support the work of teachers.

School Officer Day is an opportunity to acknowledge the skills, professionalism and commitment of school officers, to celebrate and recognise their professional contributions and to say ‘thank you’ for their ongoing commitment.

ANTI-POVERTY WEEK 13-19 OCTOBER

Poverty and severe hardship affect more than a million Australians. Around the world, more than a billion people are desperately poor. In Anti-Poverty Week, WE can help fight poverty and hardship! The main aims of Anti-Poverty Week are to:

- Strengthen public understanding of the causes and consequences of poverty and hardship around the world and in Australia;
- Encourage research, discussion and action to address these problems, including action by individuals, communities, organisations and governments.

Australia is a very unique country; we are one of the most multicultural nations in the world, and unlike any other developed country, we are almost entirely surrounded by poor nations. Nelson Mandela once said, ‘Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world’. By teaching our students about the challenges in poor communities, we are helping to build momentum to overcome global poverty.

Voices that Challenge

God, who empowers through the spoken word
You placed your words on the tongues of your prophets.
We pray that our voices be voices that challenge political and religious systems
that diminish human life in our time;
That we not only speak the message of the Gospel
but that we have the courage to take action when Governments and decision makers fail in their responsibilities to their people.
We pray in confidence through your Son Jesus who spoke with power against political and religious systems of this time.

PARISH INVITATION TO YEAR LEVEL MASS – Prep

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.

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

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

APA News – Mr Damien Sullivan

Inter-School Sport – Years 5 and 6
Commencing this Friday children in Years 5 and 6 will be participating in school sport on Friday afternoons. This runs from Friday 18 October to Friday 22 November. The options available are Oz Tag, Water Polo, Soccer and Newcombe ball. All Year 5 and 6 students by now should know which activity they will be participating in and a permission note for travelling to sport venues has been sent home to be returned before Friday. We are also seeking assistance from parents with team support or refereeing. Please take the time to consider if you may be able to help.

Swimming – Years 1, 2 and 3
Swimming for Years 1, 2 and 3 has commenced for Term 4 and will continue each Monday and Thursday for six weeks. Lessons are held at the Churchie school pool and run for 45 minutes with the students divided into groups to suit their ability. Please ensure your child brings all of the necessary swimming gear along on swimming days including a swimming cap and shirt.

New Tuckshop Menu – Thank you
We would like to say a big thank you to Chris Watt and to those parents on the Health and Wellbeing Committee who have been working on our new healthier tuckshop menu. There are some wonderful new lunch options for our children which are now available through our online ordering system. The new colourful looking menu sheet looks fantastic too! Yesterday parents arranged a visit to classes to provide a little taste test of a couple of the new choices. Thanks so much to all involved.

Student Behaviour Support - Some information worth knowing about Bullying
There are some fairly common misconceptions about bullying and whether or not it is taking place at school and in society in general. Bullying is a subset of aggression – because of the imbalance of power. However, occurrences of aggression do not necessarily mean bullying is taking place. For instance an argument, a slap or a fight, as undesirable as they are, are not on their own, examples of bullying. There are some commonly agreed upon elements for behaviour to be considered bullying. Bullying is a form of behaviour where there is intent to hurt, it is repeated and it is difficult for the victim or target to defend themselves. Any forms of bullying or anti-social behaviour will not be tolerated at Sts Peter and Paul’s and parents will be kept informed. If you believe that your child is being bullied please do not hesitate to contact the school. It is very important that you talk through the situation with your child so that they feel supported both at home and at school.
Bee Champions

Congratulations to Ruby (3B), Frankie (6G), Thomas (3R) and Brigitte (5G) who were drawn out of the box as Bee Champions at last week’s 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

- Lily Rohner (7G)
- Isabella Masters (7B)
- Tabitha Brown (6G)
- Ellen Young (6B)
- Ella Martinelli (5G)
- Mia Rohner (5B)
- Remo Italia (4R)
- Ben Savage (4B)
- Olivia Flannery (3R)
- Arthur Cooper (3G)
- Kate Griffiths (3B)
- Akira Rowel (2R)
- Bridie Carpenter (2G)
- Isabella Page-Brew (2B)
- Aiden Coorey (1Y)
- Renee Siganto (1R)
- Gianni Kingstone (1G)
- Milla Chaffey (1B)
- Ysabella Lomaad (PR)
- Emilia Smith (PG)
- Charlie Kavney (PB)
- Michael Kiley (PB)

Library News

Mark your calendars for library events during Term 4:

- Library Working Bee - 17 October 9am - 12pm
- Book Fair - 28 October – 1 November 8:20am - 3:00pm
- Library Book Chat & Tea @ Riverbend - 21 November 9am

We are still in need of a few more volunteers to help us with the processing of a number of new resources received for students and staff. We have scheduled a library working bee next Thursday 17 October to process and cover these new resources. No previous experience is required. A flyer for the Library Working Bee is included in this newsletter. This is a great way to meet up with old friends and be introduced to new ones. Morning tea will be provided.

The Book Fair is coming in Week 4 of this term! Students are invited to purchase books during their regular class borrowing time as well as before school (8:20am) and lunchtime. It’s never too early to purchase books for the holidays and there will be a Library book donation box as well.

As we plan for the Book Fair, we are in need of volunteers to help throughout Book Fair Week. If you have time available, please return the flyer enclosed or call the library to sign up.

Students have been given a login and password to access the new school portal. This portal gives students access to OLIVER – OPAC library search engine. After logging into the school portal, click on the ‘O’ located in the upper right area of the page. Accessing OLIVER through these steps also gives students access to write book reviews for stories read. We look forward to student reviews being posted soon.

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

P&F News

Grill’d Fundraiser

Great news! We’ve been nominated to participate in the Grill’d Local Matters Donation Program at Grill’d Bulimba this month.

Every month, Grill’d donates $500 to local groups and asks their customers to decide who the money goes to. When customers buy a burger, they will receive a token to put into one of 3 jars representing different groups. Whoever has the most tokens at the end of the month receives $300. The other two groups receive $100 each.

To do your bit to help our cause, spread the word and head on down to Grill’d Bulimba located at 124 Oxford Street Bulimba.
Next P&F Meeting – Wednesday 16 October at 7.30pm
All welcome. Agenda items include: pick up line shade structures, oval seating and landscaping, tablets, events, final 2013 projects and grant applications. Please come along and participate!

School Disco – Friday 25 October
Watch out for the flyer for the School Disco. Details are:
Prep - Year 2  - 5pm till 6.30pm
Year 3 – Year 7 - 6.30pm till 8pm
$5 per child (includes sausage sizzle, popper, lolly + glo stick)

Please note is NOT a Halloween disco this year.
Thanks to all the parents who have volunteered to work on the night.

P&F Thank You Drinks – Wednesday 30 October at 7.30 pm
We are on the home straight for the end of school year, but before we tick that one off the P&F would like to thank all the people that have contributed to school life this year. Be it through working bees, volunteering help at events, organising fundraisers or helping in the classroom, these contributions to school life make the difference to every child at Sts Peter and Paul's.

To celebrate another year and say thank you to those who have given time in any way, drinks and nibbles will be held in the Good Samaritan Hall on Wednesday 30 October @ 7:30pm. Please RSVP to peterwillcox@bigpond.com by Friday 25 October if you are able to attend.

Tuckshop News
The changes to the tuckshop menu have been a huge success. On Friday last week the tuckshop sold 82 slinky apples and 72 pizza muffins, and the number of orders was more than 25% higher than a usual Friday. Yesterday the Health and Wellbeing Committee visited each classroom and allowed the children to taste some of the new menu items. The pizza muffins were very popular!!

We will conduct a survey towards the end of Term 4 to hear your views on the new menu. In the meantime, please consider allowing your children to try the new foods during the Term 4 trial period.

Health and Wellbeing Committee
The next meeting is Wednesday 23 October at 7.30pm in the Staffroom. All welcome.

Tuckshop News
The tuckshop breakup will be held at the Hotel Carindale, Carindale Shopping Centre at 11.30am on Tuesday 12 November. The cost is $13 per person payable to me prior to the day, please. Drinks are extra. RSVP by Thursday 7 November. All tuckshop helpers are welcome.

Attention: Sushi can now be ordered for Wednesdays and Fridays. If you want to order sushi for Fridays the order must be made by 9am on Wednesdays.

ROSTER: Wednesday, 16/10
Louise Gillies, Elisa Dooley
ROSTER: Friday, 18/10
Leonie Flynn, Sharon James, Meghan Leis
Help is needed this Friday please, if anyone can spare an hour or so.
ROSTER: Monday, 21/10
Pupil Free Day – no school

Many thanks everyone
Chris Watt
Tuckshop Convenor
Mobile: 0413590109

OSHC News
ACTIVITIES: This week we are cooking honey joys, chocolate slice and a yummy Mediterranean calzone. For craft we are creating 3D sculptures with maize noodles, painting plaster shapes and making foam art space pictures. We are having fun playing giant chess, mancala and uno and using our new wireless headphones.
PUPIL FREE DAY: We will be open on the Pupil Free Day on Monday 21 October from 7:00am-6:00pm. Please contact OSHC to book care on this day.
FUNDRAISING: All fundraising chocolates are now due back. Thank you to the many families who supported our Term 3 fundraising. We have been able to purchase 2 giant chess sets, 2 giant checkers sets, 8 sets of wireless headphones and some new books and games.
VACATION CARE: We welcome your feedback on our September/October Vacation Care program, please email bulimbaoshc@bne.centacare.net.au with any comments or suggestions.
OSHC CHAMPIONS: OSHC Champions are Claire Hughes, Eve Cranston, Fergus Gledstone and Aoife Keegan. Well done!

Claire Ravenswood
OSHC Coordinator
School Banking News

Great News! Sts Peter and Paul's School has WON the Term 3 “Stay Cool at School This Summer!” Competition. Sr Ann-Maree will receive our CommBank marquee at Assembly on Wednesday from Tina Eisenmenger our CommBank Regional Banking Representative. Winning a marquee for our school is a huge achievement by our wonderful student bankers and made possible by Jo Jones making our school such a proactive banking school. Thank you Jo. We appreciate all you have done.

Student bankers are still in the draw to win an iPad Mini or one of 10 Dollarmite Backpacks. Good Luck. This draw closes on Monday 21 October. If you're not currently banking, dust off your banking books as we have some great competitions and prizes coming for Term 4. Don't forget we have a Student Free Day next Monday so put your bank book in your school bag on Friday evening ready for Tuesday's banking.

Your banking co-ordinators, Deb Waldron, Anita Tichelaar, Louise Fraser and Eleanor Horton.

National Bandanna Day - Friday 18 October

National Bandanna Day will be held on Friday 18 October. By participating in this day we are raising money to help CANTEEN provide dedicated youth cancer centres and services, counselling resources and peer support programs that young people living with cancer so desperately need.

We would love to see all children wear a bandanna on this day to show their support for such an important cause. The children can wear their Bandanna in all sorts of ways. The website: www.canteen.org.au/BandannaDay lists the different ways the bandanna can be worn.

Unfortunately, this year we were unable to purchase bandannas to sell at school but you will be able to buy one at your local supermarket.

So let us all get behind this important fundraiser by wearing a bandanna on Friday 18 October.

Nicole Jones (Support teacher- Inclusive Education)
Emilia Michieletto (Year 6 Teacher)

GARAGE SALE - the annual Garage Sale on behalf of the St Francis Orphanage in Sri Lanka will be held on Saturday 23 November 2013 in the Church Hall in Main Avenue. Please see what items you would like to contribute to the sale. Details of timing and drop off of goods for sale etc. will follow later.

Brian Wellington 33995928.

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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Parents, we need volunteers to help with the Book Fair.

We need help setting up, restocking the display, assisting students with book selections and cashier duties.

Children are able to purchase books during their normal borrowing times as well as lunchtime.

Please fill out the tear off slip below if you can lend a hand at any of the allotted times. (You might like to help on the day that your child normally borrows?)

I am able to help with the **Book Fair 25 October – 1 November**

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(No prior experience necessary!)

Sts Peter and Paul’s School Library
Thursday 17 October
9:00 am
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.

I will be attending the Library Working Bee on Thursday 17 October.

Name: ________________________________
Phone #    ___________

Thanks! We couldn’t do it without you!
Sts Peter & Paul’s P&F Thankyou Drinks

A thank you from the P&F to all who have put their hand up and contributed to the school community during 2013. Your contribution to school life makes the difference to every child at Sts Peter and Paul’s.

If you have helped in any way through working bees, our support committees, volunteering help at one of the many fundraisers and activities during the year, organising events, helping in the classroom or on school excursions, there is one more night to squeeze in before the school year is out!

When: **October 30 2013**  
Where: **Good Samaritan Hall Balcony**  
Time: **7:30pm**

So we can cater for the correct numbers please RSVP to peterwillcox@bigpond.com before Friday 25th October.