16th April 2013

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

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you all had a very Happy and blessed Easter together with an enjoyable and restful break.

This Term we look forward to participating in many events, including the P & F Dinner Dance, Year 5 Camping Program, Years 3, 5 and 7 National Assessment Program Literacy & Numeracy, the celebration of the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation, Cross Country events and our Sts Peter & Paul's School Feast Day to name just a few of the significant events on our calendar.

Year 5 Camp
This Wednesday our Year 5 students will depart for a three day camp at Tallebudgera. A big thank you to the staff, namely, Trish Wilson, Ben Lancaster, Sharon Burke, Mary Clarris, Damien Sullivan and Brendan Schostakowski who will accompany the students on camp. We wish the students a safe, enjoyable and eventful time away.

Prep Enrolment Interviews
Interviews with new families requesting Prep enrolment for 2014 will commence this month. It has been a tradition at Sts Peter & Paul's School to have a parent from the school community to take new families seeking enrolment for a walk around the school following their interview with a member of the Administration team. If you are willing to assist us with the enrolment process for new families could you please contact Jenny Williamson in the School Office. Your support and assistance will certainly be appreciated.

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. The closing date for nominations is 5.00pm on Friday 10 May 2013.

National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)
Please be advised that the Years 3, 5 and 7 tests will be administered on the following dates:
  Tuesday 14 May – Language Conventions and Writing Tests
  Wednesday 15 May – Reading Test
  Thursday 16 May – Numeracy Test

Congratulations to Mrs Sheree Shelton (Year 7 Teacher) and her husband Paul on the safe arrival of Jack Henry Shelton who was born on 15 April.

As we celebrate the joy of Easter, let us pray. Almighty God, as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ may we share with each other the joy and peace he has won for us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Peace and Best Wishes

Sr Ann-Maree Nicholls, sgs
PRINCIPAL

APRE News – Mr Brendan Schostakowski

EASTER LITURGY
Tomorrow, Wednesday 17 April, we will celebrate an Easter prayer assembly in the Church beginning at 9am. Thank you to the Year 6 students and teachers for preparing this liturgy.

Child of the Week certificates will be presented at the end of this prayer assembly.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR CONFIRMATION AND EUCHARIST 2013
Children in Year 4 will be preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Communion during this Easter season leading up to Pentecost. At last weekend’s Masses the children presented their name cards during a Rite of Enrolment. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers over the coming weeks.

The sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion will be celebrated by the parish community at the Sunday Masses on Pentecost Sunday, 18 - 19 May.

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PARISH INVITATION TO YEAR LEVEL MASS – YEAR 7
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. Once a month, the families in a particular year level will be invited to attend a nominated Sunday morning 8am Mass. The Mass will be followed by morning tea.

Year 7 students have received a special invitation to celebrate 8am Mass this Sunday 21 April. We look forward to seeing the Year 7 children and their families at this Eucharistic celebration.

ANZAC DAY PRAYER ASSEMBLY
On Wednesday 24 April we will celebrate an Anzac Day Liturgy in the Good Samaritan Hall beginning at 2pm. Students from Year 7 Green will lead this celebration, helping us to reflect on the importance of Anzac Day for our lives. Parents and family members are very welcome to attend.

THIRD WEEK OF EASTER – JOHN 21:15-19: CONTEMPLATING RECONCILIATION
In this scene from the Gospel for the third Sunday of Easter, Jesus asks Simon Peter three times, ‘Do you love me?’ Each time, Peter responds with a resounding ‘Yes Lord you know I do’. Jesus does know what’s in Peter’s heart. This story is about forgiveness. Peter, who denied Jesus three times, is forgiven and given a new mission.

This is the essence of who Jesus is – the forgiveness of God extended to us, always, everywhere, for everything, again and again, no matter what we do or don’t do. From And Morning Came: Scriptures of the Resurrection Megan McKenna p149

Jesus invites Peter once again, ‘Follow me’. Jesus has offered reconciliation which means ‘to walk together again’. Peter has accepted. Jesus did not admonish or criticise, he held out his hand of peace, friendship and reconciliation. Peter who was once lost, is given the strength and grace to ‘Feed My sheep’.

In this third week of Easter may we start afresh from Christ, praying for the grace of forgiveness and reconciliation, the grace to be open to the provocation of the Spirit, prompting us to forgive, to believe and to follow! Come Holy Spirit!

May our Easter God bless and care for you this week.

Brendan Schostakowski

Assistant Principal’s Message...Mr Damien Sullivan

Welcome back! I hope that you have had an enjoyable Easter and are ready for a busy and exciting Term 2.

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. A badge will be issued to be worn during your visit. 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.

Making Friends
One very critical part of a child’s development is their social growth. At school this is largely seen in the way that they interact with their peers. The building and maintaining of friendships is an issue that causes both joy and sadness for children. As adults we need to support our children as they learn these important skills.

As with other areas of their development, a balance between “being there” and “stepping back” is required to support our children as they learn these important skills. As adults we need to support our children as they learn these important skills.

Below is a list of behaviour exhibited by those who successfully make friends … they:
1. are optimistic about their engagement with others and communicate this;
2. take responsibility for their behaviour and avoid making excuses;
3. refuse to blame others for the problems they have;
4. are honest;
5. listen to and are considerate of others’ points of view;
6. actively look for win-win opportunities so that both their needs and the needs of others are met;
7. work at gaining respect and affection;
8. are reliable and trustworthy;
9. treat others as important and worthwhile persons;
10. intentionally plan to do things that demonstrate that they care about others.

Each day, we send and receive hundreds of messages and signals in our communications (both verbal and non-verbal) that show our beliefs about ourselves and others.

- I demonstrate that I believe that I am a worthwhile person when I study for a test, improve the presentation of an assignment, train hard for sport or practise my music etc.
- I tell myself that I am not worthwhile when I give up easily, make lots of excuses, use negative self-talk, say “I can’t”, tell lies, blame others etc.
- I let others know they are worthwhile when I help them with their school work, listen to their ideas (or problems), encourage them or intentionally perform acts of kindness etc.
- I send the signal that I believe others are not worthwhile when I put them down, refuse to help, ignore or dismiss their ideas, tell lies about them etc.

It is important that we are aware of the messages we send and receive and the effects these messages have on our ability to make friends. Parents can help their children by regularly promoting positive behaviour and challenging negative beliefs.

Have a great week with your children – really enjoy them for who they are.

Damien Sullivan

Library News

Welcome back!

It is great to see all the beautiful faces rested and ready for another term. We have a number of new resources for circulation and even more will be ready next week! Check the ‘New Books’ basket in the library for some great reads.

This term begins with numerous reading challenges:
The BILBY (Books I Love Best Yearly) nominations have been posted. We encourage students to read all of the books and then vote for one book that should be named ‘BILBY 2013’. The Children’s Book Council has announced the 2013 shortlisted books. Once again, we encourage students to read these books and evaluate each to see if they can determine which one will be named ‘CBCA Book of the Year’.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge will begin this week. Students are challenged to read a specific number of books and record each with a rating.

More information on these reading challenges can be found on our library website and at the library.

Mark your calendars:
‘Library Working Bee’ next Tuesday, 23rd April and look forward to processing more resources. If there are parents, grandparents or friends available to help in the library on Tuesday, from 9am - 12pm, please call or email. Morning tea will be provided.

Parent Library Information Evening Tuesday, 23rd April 7-8pm. Parents are invited to come and learn about the library website and its web links as well as our OLIVER circulation system and the 24/7 capabilities these items provide for our students. This is a parent only night. We will have an evening for students later in the year.

Happy Reading,
Megan Ballentine, Mrs Brooks, and Mrs McNerney
mballentine@bne.catholic.edu.au
Overall House Winners: 1

Girls Champions: Ryan
Boys Champions: O'Brien
Relay Champions: Concannon

House Championship point scores:

Well done to all swimmers who contributed to the 2013 Swimming carnival. The venue What a great day. Thanks to all our dedicated staff and enthusiastic parents who contributed to a wonderful school event. The venue and staff from Langlands and Lorimers Swim School provided expert support and ensured a happy, safe environment for swimmers. Many thanks to the House Captains on their outstanding leadership, and the Year 7 students for their positive support of our swimming carnival.

Best done to all swimmers who contributed to the 2013 Swimming House Championship point scores:

Relay Champions: Concannon
Girls Champions: Ryan
Overall House Winners: 1st O'Brien on 1084 Points followed by Ryan, Concannon and then Stanaway. Congratulations to all swimmers who contributed to O'Brien's success

Age Championships for 2013:
9 Years Boys: Beau Brown Girls: Tiana Smith
10 years Boys: Will Spencer Girls: Mia Pafumi
11 years Boys: Daniel McLennan Girls: Jorjia Rogers
12 years Boys: Rhys Agnihotri Girls: Jordana Brennan
13 Years Boys: Patrick Gifford Girls: Ellie Spencer
New school records were set by: Ella Monckton, Claire Brind, Lily Gribble, Ellie Spencer, Beau Brown, Jorjia Rogers, Jordana Brennan, Claire Ryan, Anna Francis and Tiana Smith.

Lyton District Hockey Trials
Good luck and congratulations to our Lyton District Hockey Trialists Cleo Cranston, Sophia Wightman, Nathan Spencer and Cale O'borne.

Sport News

School Trials for Lyton Football (Soccer)
Any students wishing to be considered for Lyton District Soccer trials for U12 years olds please see Mrs Conaghan at 12.30pm on Tuesday 23 April in the GSH for a briefing and trials on the oval.

Table Tennis
Any student who is currently a competitive player and interested in Competition table tennis please see Mrs Conaghan by this Friday 19 April for details regarding the QLD Schools Table Tennis Championships.

Inter-House Cross Country Carnival
Friday 26 April for Years 1 – 7 held at Hawthorne Park. Please see the sports notice board or ask for updates in PE class regarding the plans for the day.

Walk the Course - Wednesday 24 April. Please meet Mrs Conaghan with your parents for support. We will meet at the Tennis Wall at Hawthorne Park from 3.30 - 4pm for a causal walk of the course - space permitting.

Fit Club - Our session was enjoyed this morning by many enthusiastic runners preparing for their mini goals this year. Only 2 sessions left before the Cross Country Carnival - Thursday 18 and Tuesday 23 April. Meet Mrs Conaghan at the GSH from 7.45am and we will try to go to the oval most sessions, weather permitting (if inclement we will train in the GSH - we will run rain hail or shine!). Remember to wear a spare shirt and bring your school shirt, clean shoes/socks to change in to when we finish.

Woolworths Earn and Learn Program – counting started this week!
Thank you to the parents and families who have already contributed to the “Postal Box” outside the library and donating their “Earn and Learn Sticker sheets”. Just ask the Prep students how much they enjoy using their new sports and learning equipment. Last year’s program generated 78,000 stickers contributing to our science, library and early learning resources – are you interested in helping us in 2013 to earn more rewards?
DATES TO REMEMBER

17th April  P&F Meeting 7.30pm in staffroom
23rd April  Library Working Bee 9am - 12pm
            Library Parent Information Evening, 7pm - 8pm
26th April  Cross Country Yrs 1-7 at Hawthorne Park
24th May   P&F Dinner Dance

OSHC NEWS
WELCOME: We welcome Dominic Nantes and Brooke Cusack to our team at OSHC. We look forward to having Brooke and Dominic with us at Before and After School Care!

ACTIVITIES: This week we are cooking spaghetti bolognaise, baking apple and berry crumble and making savoury muffins using ingredients from the garden. Craft activities include wooden bead bracelets, box collage and tracing. We are also starting our ANZAC Day activities this week.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS: We are taking orders for 2013-2014 Entertainment Books. These books contain hundreds of discount vouchers for Brisbane restaurants, cafes, attractions and more! Funds raised from the sale of these books will be used to purchase new toys and games for the children at OSHC.

VACATION CARE: We welcome your feedback on our Vacation Care Program. Please email any comments or suggestions to bulimbaoshc@bne.centacare.net.au.

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OSHC Coordinator

ANZAC DAY MARCH - THURSDAY 25TH APRIL
Sts Peter and Paul’s School will again be participating in the Anzac Day parade down Oxford Street next week. The parade begins at the Bulimba library and proceeds down Oxford Street to Memorial Park, where a short service is held. Parents are welcome to walk along the side with their children. Children who wish to participate will need to be at the Bulimba library by 7.20 am in full school uniform, including hat. The service usually finishes by 9.00 am and the children will be given Anzac biscuits afterwards.

Due to the timing of the holidays, I appreciate that this is only short notice. If you have any queries or if you would like to help bake biscuits, please e-mail me at spac19@optusnet.com.au or ring Sandra Pruss on 0422 229 482.

Support-A-Reader
A reminder to all our wonderful tutors that the Support-A-Reader Program for Term 2 will commence on Tuesday 23 April. We look forward to seeing you all.

ROSTER: Wednesday, 17/4
Louise Gillies, Elisa Dooley

ROSTER: Friday, 19/4
Leonie Flynn, Sharon James, Amelia Francis, Megan Leis, Veronique Smith, Angela Owens

ROSTER: Monday, 22/4
Collette Murie

Many thanks,
Chris Watt,
Tuckshop Convenor. 0413590109

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VIOLENT LESSONS AT STS PETER & PAUL’S SCHOOL

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Congratulations to all the school bankers! You have earned a total of $594.77 in commission for the school in Term 1 by saving and banking each week. A total of $9,185.45 was deposited into bank accounts by the students with 30 new accounts opened. Let’s keep up the great work for Term 2 and reach that milestone of 150 bankers each week. If your child hasn’t banked in a while, maybe it’s time to dust it off the school bank book and pop it in their school bag with their deposit slip completed.

Backpack Competition
Great News - we have a new competition starting this week. Your child could win a fantastic backpack (photo below) filled with heaps of cool prizes including a hat, yoyo, mouse pad, pen, art smock and pencils. Each time your child makes a deposit, they will receive an entry every time they bank. The more times they bank, the more entries they receive. This competition will run from Tuesday 16th April to Tuesday 14th May. Good luck!

Our school could win $5000!
More great news! The Dollarmites have found treasure on Savings Adventure Island and they want to share it with our school. All students need to do is make three or more deposits through school banking during Term 2 and they’re automatically entered into the competition. Each student that enters, gives our school a greater chance of winning, so make sure you get them saving!

If you want to open a youth saver account for your child and join the exiting competitions this term, please visit the administration office for a school banking information pack.

Joanne Jones
School Banking Coordinator

On Saturday April 20, St Joseph’s Nudgee College will hold its main Open Day for 2013. There will be two session times on the day. Session 1 is 9am for a 9.30am start while Session 2 is 11am for an 11.30am start. Each session will run for around 1.5 hours and will include the same information. Morning tea will be provided. Families interested in attending should complete the RSVP form on www.nudgee.com