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

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

Final Reminder - Prep Enrolments - 2016
Prep enrolment details for 2016 are now required from our existing families. If you have a child due to commence Prep next year (born between 1st July, 2010 and 31st July, 2011) and already have children attending Saints Peter and Paul’s School please ensure that the enrolment form together with a copy of your child’s birth certificate and baptismal certificate is returned to the school office by this Friday 20th March, 2015. The demand for Prep enrolment in 2016 is once again extremely high; therefore it is essential that we have our current families accounted for. If you do not have an enrolment package please download one from the school website or collect one from the school office.

Leadership Forum
Yesterday I attended the Brisbane Catholic Education Leadership Forum where we launched Molum Sabe, our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Strategy for 2015 – 2016. It was most appropriate for the launch to occur in the week in which we also celebrate Harmony Day. ‘Molum’ is the Aboriginal word for child and ‘Sabe’ is Torres Strait Islander Creole for knowledge. The focus of this document is to bridge the gap in learning achievement and exceed learning expectations for each Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander learner in the Brisbane Catholic Education community of schools.

For many years scholarly research has been endeavouring to develop a pedagogical solution to the cultural interface between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and their teachers through a productive use of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledge in schools. This aim is central to the deep learning context of Molum Sabe’s theory of action: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students fully engage and thrive as learners when their spirituality, histories and cultures are honoured and valued.

We believe that a symbiotic partnership between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples can be practically achieved by incorporating authentic Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledge of pedagogy in the curriculum. This combination will increase intellectual rigour and mainstream academic success for their learners.

The embedding of a deep Indigenous methodology in the Delivering Excellent Learning and Teaching Strategy would reveal a harmony of more similarities than differences between the two knowledge systems.

The focus at the Leadership Forum was engaging with Dr Lyn Sharratt from the University of Toronto who worked with principals and senior leaders in our schools as part of the Delivering Excellent Learning and Teaching strategy.

Today we celebrate the feast day of St Patrick. Patrick was a bishop who taught the Irish people to love Christ. Ever since, the Irish have spread the Gospel throughout the world. Let us pray that we too may be missionaries. Eternal God, as you sent St Patrick to teach the Gospel to the people of Ireland, so may we bring peace and joy to others. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

APRE News – Mr Brendan Schostakowski

LENT PRAYER ASSEMBLY
Year 4 Red will lead our Lenten assembly this Wednesday, 18 March, with the theme of ‘Love’. You are welcome to join us at 9.00am in the Church for this special prayer celebration.
PROJECT COMPASSION  Sharing food for life

At each Lenten assembly members of the Year 6 Care and Concern Committee share the stories of people from different parts of the world whose lives have been transformed with help from Caritas Australia.

Mother of three, Sarita, could barely grow enough food for her family on her tiny farm plot in Nepal. In 2007, she joined a program, run by Caritas Nepal, that gave a community group the training and support they needed to start a fish-raising business. Thanks to their hard work, Sarita and the group now have a thriving enterprise and a life-long source of food and income. Your donation to Project Compassion helps people in rural Nepal create a life-long source of food and income to benefit entire communities. Please continue to give generously.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Last week the children from our parish celebrated their Sacrament of Penance for the first time. We congratulate them and their families for their commitment to the program and we wish them well as they continue on their faith journey. Special thanks to Fr Tom, Sr Mary, the Year 3 Teachers and the Sacramental Team for preparing the liturgy for these celebrations.

HAPPY ST PATRICK’S DAY

Today 17 March we honour Saint Patrick on his feast day and remember and are inspired by the evangelist that he was.

An Irish Prayer

May God give you...
For every storm, a rainbow,
For every tear, a smile,
For every care, a promise,
And a blessing in each trial.
For every problem life sends,
A faithful friend to share,
For every sigh, a sweet song,
And an answer for each prayer.

FEAST OF ST JOSEPH - 19 MARCH

St. Joseph was born in Bethlehem and worked as a carpenter, an occupation he later passed on to Jesus. St. Joseph is often symbolized by carpenters’ tools and the lily, and is usually represented in art holding the baby Jesus. He is the patron of the Church, the dying, a holy death (because it is believed he died in the company of Jesus and Mary), happy family life, married people, carpenters and workers.

The Church celebrates the feast of St. Joseph, husband of Mary, on 19 March.

HARMONY DAY - 21 MARCH

Harmony Day (21 March) celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. In 2015 we celebrate 15 amazing years of Harmony Day.

The purpose of the day is to provide Australians with an opportunity to think about our nation’s success as a multicultural society and to recommit to continuing tolerance, goodwill and understanding among all groups in our society.

Australia is a nation built by people from many cultures. Living in harmony is not only relevant and important to all Australians, it is what we all want.

“If there is righteousness in the heart, there will be beauty in the character.
If there is beauty in the character, there will be harmony in the home.
If there is harmony in the home, there will be order in the nation.
If there is order in the nation, there will be peace in the world.”

Chinese Proverb
As parents and teachers we have a wonderful opportunity to build a peaceful and productive future for our children by setting an example of how to live in harmony. Through our leadership roles, we can create an environment for children that exemplifies traditional Australian values: justice, equality, fairness and friendship.

**GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – 22 March**

**John 12:20-30**  
Grain must die

Most of us like to be ‘in control’ of what happens in our lives. But Jesus says ‘the grain must die’! We must step down to ensure that God is at the centre of our universe. Only then can we become effective human beings who ‘bear much fruit’.

When we follow Jesus, the desire to shine is replaced by the desire to serve. Aware of the falsity of wealth, the Christian opts for a life of simplicity. The compulsion to follow the latest trends is replaced by the freedom that comes from the truth shown to us by Jesus.

‘Come to me all you who are heavily burdened.’ – it is the role of Jesus, and of us his followers, to lessen human burdens.

*During this Season of Lent we pray:*

That we may learn the truth and be set free from falsity.

That ways be found in developing countries for people’s energy and creativity to be released so they can enjoy a fuller life.

That with God at the centre-point of our lives, we will see more clearly and become effective servants of those in need.

May God bless us this week and help us to create an environment of love and harmony in our homes and in our school.

Brendan

**APA News...Mr Damien Sullivan**

**Adventure Playground**

A reminder for parents and students that for safety reasons the play equipment in the adventure playground is out of bounds after school. There are quite a number of children who appear to be waiting for parents in this area after 3:00pm and without proper supervision the risk of an accident is always there. We also ask that parents who bring toddlers along before and towards the end of the day or to after school activities please keep a close eye on their children. The playground is for the teacher supervised use of our school students and for children attending Outside School Hours Care.

**Pick up Line Safety**

As you would be aware, for those students who are collected by parents at the pick-up area either in Alexandra Street or Collings Street, only the front two cars may be loading children at any time. This way the teachers or parents assisting at the front of the line of cars can keep an eye on students hopping in cars to make sure they are safe and help out with bags where they can. Occasionally some of our students walk down the line of cars to either hop into their car earlier or to pass bags through the car window. We ask for drivers to help with ensuring that neither of these practices are allowed to happen.

**Pick-up line reminder**

A reminder for parents that our pick-up lines are located within the two minute parking zones on Alexandra Street and Collings Street therefore parents should not wait in those areas at the end of the school day for more than that time. One problem that is occurring recently is when parents begin queuing up for the pick-up line before 3.00pm the line begins to block traffic that is attempting to travel along these streets to find a parking spot or neighbours returning to their homes. For these reasons we ask parents to please not park in the pick-up lines until after 3.00pm.

Parents should also consider delaying the collection of their children from our pick-up areas in the afternoon. Our students are supervised in these areas until 3.20pm each afternoon and collecting children is a much easier and quicker process at 3.10pm-3.15pm.

**Public Transport Arrangements**

Many children travel to and from school by means of public transport (eg: buses). If your child is travelling this way we ask that you complete a form available at the office which details these arrangements. Some children may need to be dismissed from class a few minutes early each afternoon to ensure they catch their bus. Children who leave school early are required to sign out at the office before leaving the school grounds. If your child needs to leave school before 3.00pm on a regular basis to catch public transport, the school office requires these details in writing along with your written permission allowing your child to leave early. We would also appreciate you detailing any alternate arrangements or contact details should your child miss their bus for any reason.

**Sick Days**

If your child will be away from school a phone call at the start of the school day would be greatly appreciated. This information can then be passed onto the class teacher. If you know the day before that your child will be away because of an appointment, etc, a written note for the class teacher will be very helpful.

All the best for the week ahead!

Damien Sullivan
2015 Senior Swimming Carnival – Wednesday 11 March

Last Wednesday, all classes in Years 3-6 participated in the Senior Swimming Carnival, held at Langlands Park Pool. It was pleasing to see all students participate so well, with great enthusiasm and support for each other. The day also incorporated the swimming Age Championships and we congratulate the following students on their achievement:

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New School Swimming Records

Congratulations to the following students who set new pool records at the carnival last week:

Tiana Smith - 11yrs Girls 50m Freestyle New time - 33.83
- 11yrs Girls 50m Backstroke New time - 39.29
- 11yrs Girls 50m Butterfly New time - 40.25
Ella Monckton - 11yrs Girls 50m Breastroke New time - 45.80

State Swimming Championships

Tiana Smith has received a Gold Sport Award, as she has been selected to swim at the State Championships (in the Met East team). Tiana will swim 50m Backstroke and in some relays.

Zone 2 Swimming Carnival – Thursday 19 March

On Thursday, the school will be represented at the Zone 2 Swimming Carnival for Catholic Schools at Chandler. Selected students will compete in individual events and in relays and we wish these students well.

FIT CLUB

See the flyer attached for dates and times in preparation for the School Cross Country Carnival.

Years 1 – 6 School Cross Country Carnival - OUR FINAL FITNESS GOAL

Friday, 27 March 2015
Hawthorne Park, Hawthorne Road Side

- Permission notes will be sent home this week.
- We are looking for parent volunteers for either class support or track jobs. Please read your note and return the appropriate slip. Thank you for your support as we value our Sts Peter and Paul’s community and parent partnerships.
- A proposed timetable is listed below. Whilst we try to keep to time please be aware that these times are indicative for the proposed start of each event. Years 1 and 2 run in their year groups and Years 3 – 6 run in their girls and boys age groups. DOB is as at 31/12/2015.
- A map of the proposed course will be posted on the Sports board in the undercroft for your perusal shortly.

9:30am Welcome
9:40am 13/12 year old girls born 2002/2003, followed by boys (3 laps of the course)
9:55am 11 year old girls born 2004, followed by boys (3 laps of the course)
10:10am 10 year old girls born 2005, followed by boys (2 laps of the course) with Ryan Seniors
10:25am 9 year old girls born 2006, followed by boys (2 laps of the course) with Concannon Seniors
10:40am 8 year old girls born 2007 (Not in Year 2), followed by boys (2 laps of the course) with SRC Seniors
10:55am Year 2 girls, followed by boys (1 lap of the course) with O’Keeffe Seniors
11:10am Year 1 girls, followed by boys (1 lap of the course) with O’Brien Seniors
Conclusion /Pack up:
Year 6 and parent helpers to pack up the tents, equipment, load the cars and tidy Venue.
Walk back to school with your class teacher and parent walking helpers.

Yours in sport
Peter Gibson

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**Library Bites**

This week you may see, read or hear about ‘Harmony Day’. It’s a day to celebrate Australia’s cultural diversity and recognise that everyone has the right to feel included and respected.

**Harmony day is celebrated on the 21st of March.** It is also the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

What colour represents the day?

**Orange is the colour used to represent Harmony Day.** Traditionally the colour orange relates to social communication. Australians are encouraged to wear something orange on March 21 to show their support for cultural diversity and an inclusive nation.

Click on the link to see and hear kids talk about Harmony Day:


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**Writing competition**

The 2015 School Writing Competition is NOW OPEN!

Calling all Australian school students... prep to grade 12...

Write a poem or short story for your chance to win $1,000 cash ($500 for you & $500 for your school) As well as lots of AWESOME prizes!

All it takes is a burst of inspiration, a dash of creativity and a little bit of effort for great poems and stories to appear! We can’t wait to read yours!

**Entry is FREE! Entries close Sunday March 29, 2015.**

For more information head to [http://www.write4fun.net/](http://www.write4fun.net/). Entry forms are also available at the Library.

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**Library Working Bee**

We are holding our first working bee for the year this Term. We are looking for volunteers to organise, process and cover a large number of new resources.

When: Thursday 19 March @ 8:45am in the Library.

We will supply morning tea and no experience is required.

Please let us know if you can help out by dropping in to the library, send us a note or email.

Happy reading,
Mrs Wilson, Mrs Rimmer, Mrs McEniery and Mrs Brooks
	tmwilson@bne.catholic.edu.au  rimmer@bne.catholic.edu.au

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**P & F News**

**Care and Concern Group – A little background…**

The Care and Concern Group is one of the Sub – Committees within the Sts Peter & Paul’s P & F. There are three main areas in which this group provides support:

- to school families in times of need, via the Care and Concern Meal Register (Contact: Amelia Robinson – alltherobinsons@gmail.com)
- for Sr Mary Randle’s pastoral care work in the Parish, particularly with monies raised from the parish cake stalls held during the year; and
- from other events, such as the Melbourne Cup function and the Parish Christmas Stall, these coming under the umbrella of the Care and Concern Parish Cake Stall/Morning Tea Register (Contact: Brooke Power – brookepower5@bigpond.com or Lea Reid – reid_lb@hotmail.com).

This helps make the children in the school community aware of social justice issues (on a local, national and international level) through participating in a variety of activities, which are planned and initiated by students in the Year 6 Care and Concern Group. (Co-ordinator: Megan Mobsby).

Please contact the ladies above if you would like to be involved in a particular Register listed. For general enquires/suggestions contact Ana Croger (anacroger@gmail.com) on behalf of the Care and Concern Committee.

**Dancing in the Moonlight**

Save the date for “Dancing in the Moonlight” on 22nd May. More details will be available in the coming weeks.

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**P & F Meeting**

Have you ever wondered what goes on at a P & F Meeting? Curious about agenda items? The meetings run for approximately 2 hours and cover a wide variety of topics. The next P & F meeting will be held this Wednesday, 18th March from 7:30pm in the staffroom (above Year 1 classrooms). Everyone is welcome and you don’t need to RSVP!
Tuckshop
The current menu is available on the school website at www.stspp.qld.edu.au.

ROSTER:  Wednesday, 18 March
  Elisa Dooley, Louise Gillies, Maree Meier, Ellie Horton
Friday, 20 March
  Bec Pyke, Sam Emanuel, Amanda Monckton, Amelia Francis, Judy Lennon, Toni Schulz, Carmel McCormack
Monday, 23 March
  Melody Phillips, Renee Flett

Many thanks everyone for your terrific support,
Chris Watt, Tuckshop Convenor
Tel:  0413 590 109

OSHC
THIS WEEK: We have great activities planned for everyone attending OSHC this week! In the kitchen we are cooking more delicious suggestions from children which include Banana Bread, Burritos, Marble cupcakes, and Spaghetti & Meatballs. A couple of our craft activities are centred on St Patricks Day & Harmony Day later in the week. Craft activities include making beaded bracelets, paper leprechauns, Aboriginal paintings, paper mosaics and paper people chains. Inside we are playing restaurants, trio, mobilo, drawing & train set. This week in the Lunar Calendar is all about composting, mulching & preparation of the garden beds for more seedlings as we head toward a new moon & solar eclipse. Outside we are hosting a paper plane challenge, skipping and playing handball, badminton, stilts and hopscotch. We have oval games on Tuesday and Thursday for Years 2-6, which include touch football and red rover, and handball in the undercroft area. We have cops & robbers, lava monsters, soccer, red rover and sandpit activities planned for the playground.

VACATION CARE: Join us these school holidays for an Egg-citing program of Egg-themed games, craft, activities and excursions! Highlights include excursions to Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary, the Queensland Museum and Capalaba Regional Park. We will also be able to watch our very own chicks hatching during the holidays with Heritage Hatchlings delivering incubated eggs for us to look after! Booking Forms for Vacation Care are available from OSHC. For more information please email bulimbaoshc@bne.centacare.net.au.

OSHC CHAMPIONS: OSHC Champions this week are April Wilson, George Ferguson, Oscar Zappala & Fergus Gledstone.

Child of the Week

PB: Harrison Chandler  PG: Jesse Gunn  PR: Abigail Simpson  PY: Alice Raymond
1B: Cate Piggott  1G: Daniele Keane  1R: Joshua Gobo  1Y: Lyla Redfern
2B: Lily Schulz  2G: Lucy Irvine  2R: Claudia Munn
3B: Elle Larsen  3G: Lily Gibbs  3R: Spencer Griffin  3Y: Rebecca Cairns
4B: Danielle Cairns  4G: Thomas Robinson  4R: George Ferguson
5B: Tess Roxburgh  5G: Jessica Leis
6B: Will Spencer  6G: Elouise Spencer

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FIT CLUB IS BACK

WHO: STUDENTS AND PARENTS of STS PETER & PAUL’S SCHOOL

WHERE: MEET ON THE SCHOOL OVAL UNDER THE BIG TREE NEXT TO THE WATER FOUNTAIN

(WET WEATHER – GOOD SAMARITAN HALL)

WHEN: BEFORE SCHOOL FROM 7.30am – 8.10am

DRESS: COMFORTABLE CLOTHES AND A HAT WITH RUNNERS

Remember to apply sunscreen before arriving and to bring your full school uniform to change into at 8.10am

Bring a second breakfast snack for before class

DATES:
1. Thursday 19 March
2. Tuesday 24 March

WALK THE COURSE – Thursday 26 March

For those keen runners who are interested in checking out the course before the day of the carnival, there will be an opportunity on Thursday 26 March from 7.30am – 8.00am sharp WITH PARENTS (weather permitting). Meet at the “tennis wall” on the back oval at Hawthorne Park (Park Road/ Hawthorne Road side) for a walk of the 2015 Cross Country Course. Once we are finished you must go to school with a parent/carer.

Parents – you must stay with your child during this session to accompany them around the course.

FINAL GOAL -
Sts Peter & Paul’s School Cross Country Carnival
Years 1 – 6
Friday, 27 March 2015
Hawthorne Park, Hawthorne Road Side
CANNON HILL DISTRICT
AND VIETNAM SERVICES RSL SUB BRANCH

Anzac Day Service
Conmemorating 100 years since the landing at Gallipoli
- Sat 25th April 2015 -

Timings:

Dawn Memorial Service:
March assembly at 4am at Tony Currie's Tyre Service, Wynnum Rd, Morningside (opposite Morningside Train Station).
Parade Marches off at 4.15am
To the Cenotaph - Federation Corner, Wynnum Rd, (Cnr Ison St) at -
Service commences at 4.30am.

Baliimba Memorial Service:
March assembly at 7.15am at Baliimba Library, Oxford St, Baliimba.
Parade marches off at 7.30am to Baliimba Memorial Park
Service commences at the completion of the march in the Memorial Park - estimated time for the completion of the service is 9am.

School Holiday Program

Occupational Therapy Groups

Daily from 7th to 17th April
9.00am to 1.00pm

Fiddly Fingers
This group will help your child improve their fine motor skills. Learn how to improve hand-eye coordination, dexterity and precision. Improve handwriting, drawing, and ability to manipulate small objects.

Eye Can Spy
A visual perceptual group that improves your child's ability to coordinate their eye movements. This group improves visual tracking, ability to locate moving objects, keep focused in class, and perceive the world around us.

Sensory Motor
This group provides our sensual children with the opportunity to learn how to integrate their sensory information more efficiently. Combining sensory processing with motor activities gives your child the chance to regulate their sensory input more accurately.

Social Skills
This social group helps improve your child's ability to play and socialise age appropriately. Focussing on aspects of socialisation such as turn taking, conversation, learning rules and initiating play.

All groups get provided with home activities to continue progress and learning after the groups have finished.

Register Your Interest Today

Psychological Services
102 Florence Street, Wynnum
Phone: 3161 1835
Brave Stars Workshop

For anxiety and confidence building

This after-school group program (maximum 8 children), will increase children’s ability to become emotionally aware, challenge their unhelpful thoughts, and develop strategies to overcome their fear and anxiety with confidence.

The group will commence on Monday 23rd March and conclude on Thursday 2nd April.

Please phone (07) 3309 7011 to register your place.
There are a maximum of 8 places being offered.