Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

New Privacy Policy
Recently added to our school website is a Privacy Policy provided by Brisbane Catholic Education that outlines details on how personal information for students and families is collected and used by the school. One important area in particular we ask parents to be respectful of family privacy is in situations where parents are working in and around classes. While it may seem like a great opportunity to take a photo to keep a special memory of your child at school, parents must be conscious of other students in the class. Photos and names of other children should never be shared publicly eg through social media, without the right permissions from the families involved. We appreciate your cooperation in respecting the privacy of other families in the school.

Prep Enrolments for 2015
Prep enrolment details for 2015 are now required from our existing families. If you have a child due to commence Prep next year (born between 1st July, 2009 and 30th June, 2010) 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, baptismal certificate and immunization record is returned to the school office by this Friday 21st March, 2014. The demand for Prep enrolment in 2015 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.

Lent
This year the Archbishop’s Pastoral Letter for Lent is titled Preparing for Joy … A Lenten Examination of Conscience.

“The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and the lives of those who encounter Jesus”: with these words, Pope Francis begins his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, which I want to be the charter of the Archdiocese of Brisbane as we shape the future that Jesus wants. True joy belongs to the Risen Lord and therefore to Easter, which is why Lent is a preparation for joy. It’s preparation for a new encounter with the Risen Lord who wants to share his joy with us, but also a preparation for a new encounter with other human beings, especially those who have least. They too open the doorway to joy.

"Examination of conscience" is a phrase with a long pedigree. It speaks of a time – perhaps even daily – when we stand before the truth of our life beyond all denial and self-deception, acknowledging before the God of mercy that we have failed. As a period of preparation, Lent is a privileged time to examine our conscience. It’s a time to sift our heart in order to see more clearly what it is that holds us back from encountering Jesus and each other, what it is that blocks our way to joy.

As we begin the Lenten journey, I offer an examination of conscience in which the words of Pope Francis will lead us. I take the Holy Father’s words and then pose a few questions for you to ponder. The questions are addressed to you individually, but we make this examination of conscience together because all of us have sinned and all need forgiveness. We’re all in this together.

POPE FRANCIS
“Today and always, the poor are the privileged recipients of the Gospel. We have to state, without mincing words, that there is an inseparable bond between our faith and the poor”

- Do I really believe that the poor are the first to whom Jesus speaks the Good News?
- Do I ask who the poor really are in our society?
- Do I seek them out or do I avoid them?
- Am I willing to listen to them and learn from them?
- What might I learn from them?
- Do I accept the inseparable bond between my faith and the poor?
POPE FRANCIS
“A missionary heart…never closes itself off, never retreats into its own security, never opts for rigidity and defensiveness” (45)

- Do I have a missionary heart?
- Or do I give into individualism, preferring to retire into my own security, even the supposedly safe haven of a Church that looks inward rather than outward?
- Am I too rigid in my convictions and positions, unwilling to listen to others and see things from their point of view?
- Do I see the call to evangelize and the effort it involves as an optional extra in my life rather than part of my very identity as one baptized?

+ Mark Coleridge
Ash Wednesday 2014

Have a great week.
Damien Sullivan

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 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.

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.

Playground Champions
Congratulations to Byron (1B), Penny (2R), Will (2B) and Ruby (1B) 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.

All the best for the week ahead!
Damien Sullivan

First Holy Communion and Confirmation
Just a reminder that all enrolment forms and fees are now due back and must be returned to the Parish Office.

2014 International Competitions and Assessments for School (ICAS)
Each year children from Years 3 to 7 have the opportunity to voluntarily participate in the Australasian Schools Competitions conducted by the University of New South Wales. A registration form was sent home with all children in Years 3 to 7. This form must be returned by Friday, 21 March.

Sports News
Years 4 to 7 Swimming Carnival is being held on Thursday 20 March at Langland’s Pool, 5 Panitya St, Stones Corner (via Main Avenue). Children are to wear their coloured sports shirts with their swimmers underneath. No coloured zinc or streamers are allowed.
TIMETABLE:

8.45am  Children assemble in grades in the undercroft and leave by bus
9.20am  Bus shuttles to arrive at pool
9.25am  Events will be marshalled in the following order:
        13/12 years followed by 11’s 10’s and 9 years age groups (as of 31/12/2014)
        50m then followed by 25m distances
9.30am  Freestyle.
10.20am Breaststroke

Morning Tea Break in House areas after 2nd Event – no break in swimming races

11.10am  Backstroke
11.50am  Butterfly
1.00pm   Lunch Break  No canteen facilities are available for students.
         All food is to be packed for morning tea and lunch
1.10 pm  Open Invitational 100m Freestyle - 2 Races
         Junior (9yrs and 10yrs) and Senior (11,12 and 13yrs)
1.20pm   Junior (Year 4) House Colour Relays
1.40pm   Senior (Years 5, 6 and 7) House Colour relays
         Clean up
2.00pm   Buses depart

Students will be sitting in their House tents
Parents will have a spectator area on the grass / pool surrounds to sit in during the day.

Sports Awards Assembly (awardees for the rest of Term 1)
As we celebrate Lent, our assemblies are more focused towards the Easter message. All sports awards for the remainder of the term will be presented at the Term 1 Sports Assembly. Please join us on Friday, 21 March at 11.00am in the Good Samaritan Hall, where we will celebrate our Lytton District Trialists and results from the Senior Swimming Carnival.

Fit Club is back:
See the attached flyer for details of Fit Club 2014. I hope to see parents and students for a session this season. No Fit Club this Thursday due to the Senior Swimming Carnival.

Yours in Sport,
Mrs Lyndall Conaghan, PE and Sport

P & F News

P & F Meeting
This Wednesday, 19 March at 7.30pm in the staffroom. Come along and have your say.

Save the date for resiliency presentation – 29 April
On Tuesday 29 April at 7pm Professor Paula Barrett from the Pathways Centre will be speaking at the school on "Building resiliency in your child". Professor Barrett is an international expert in the prevention and treatment of anxiety and depression, and the promotion of resilience in children. More information will be provided closer to the date.

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/StsPPPF and like us!

Fete – Saturday 17 May 2014
We have a website! Go to http://stspeterandpaulsschoolfete2014.com and keep up with all the news. The Fete newsletter has also gone electronic. All newsletters can be found by clicking on the following link which takes you to the Fete Website http://stspeterandpaulsschoolfete2014.com/news/.

Tuckshop News

Please note: Iceblocks ordered online are to be collected at the tuckshop on presentation of the white lunch bag.

ROSTER:  Wednesday, 19/3
          Elisa Dooley, Louise Gillies, Maree Meier
          Friday, 21/3
          Leonie Flynn, Amelia Francis, Carmel McCormack
          Monday, 24/3
          Sandy Pruss, Ann-Maree Scafe

Many thanks everyone,
Chris Watt, Tuckshop Convenor
Mobile: 0413 590 109  Email: cawatt@bne.catholic.edu.au
**OSHC News**

WORLD’S GREATEST SHAVE: Our Greatest Shave last Friday was a huge success! Four of our Educators, James, Jason, Sam and Travis were brave and “shaved”! The children also looked wonderful with lots of funky hair colour. A big, big thank you to Ava & Roghan’s mum, Bec, who did all of the ‘shaving’ for us. We trust all children had a great afternoon and thank you to families for your support – we were able to raise over $800 for the Leukaemia Foundation!

ACTIVITIES: This week we are celebrating St Patrick’s Day and Harmony Day at OSHC! For St Patrick’s Day we will be baking biscuits, painting rainbows, decorating shamrocks and colouring leprechauns. For Harmony Day we are making rice paper rolls, cooking mini quiches, making an orange jelly slice and weaving orange loom band bracelets. In the garden we are watering our bean plants, picking fresh herbs to use in our cooking and eating lots of yummy passionfruit off our passionfruit vine. Inside we are playing Chess, giant Connect 4, Mancala and Lego. Our Term 1 Get Active program has started. This week Year 2 has tennis games on the oval and Prep has games on Wednesday. Both sessions will be run by a qualified AASC coach on the oval from 3:30pm-4:30pm.

VACATION CARE: Our Vacation Care program is available now. Please contact OSHC at bulimbaoshc@bne.centacare.net.au for more information.

SUGGESTIONS: We welcome feedback and suggestions from families, please email us at bulimbaoshc@bne.centacare.net.au.

Claire Ravenswood
OSHC Coordinator

**School Banking**

Thank you to our wonderful banking students, you have been doing an amazing job. Our banking has increased substantially this year. We currently have a team of three mums who process the banking on a Tuesday morning at school drop-off time and we would love to have more parents join us to help. Come and meet some new school parents while counting money over a cup of tea. If you are unable to commit to every Tuesday you could come on a casual basis when it suits you. Contact Deb on deb@partyandco.com.au or 0420 975 799 to find out more information.

**We Need You! Come and join the School Banking team**

Happy banking from your school banking co-ordinators Deb Waldron, Amanda Monckton, and Melody Phillips.

**Youth Music Ministry at Sts Peter & Paul’s Church**

We invite young singers and musicians to sing or play a musical instrument on the first Sunday of the month at the 6pm Mass. Practice for this monthly gathering will be on the first Wednesday of the month. Next practice is 2 April, straight after school at the Church as preparation for Mass on 6 April. Please contact Julieanne Dimitrios on 0411 133 235 or the Parish Office on 3399 2386.

**Zumba**

Due to interest shown by parents, we will add a Junior Zumba class specifically suited to younger children (4-6yrs) on Wednesdays in the Drama Room. This class would be in addition to the Monday Zumba Kids class for 7-11 year olds to be held in the Good Samaritan Hall.

Both classes will start at the beginning of Term 2 and run from 3.15pm until 4.15pm. See flyer attached for contact details.

**Casserole Bank at the Parish of Sts Peter & Paul**

All the casseroles which are cooked by parents and parishioners are distributed to the needy in this area by our local St. Vincent de Paul.

We are in need of ice cream containers (with lids) – 2 ltr size is ideal, however, we can also use the 4 ltr size too. Please drop them at the Parish office for collection.

Thanks in advance for your support.
Barb Daley – organiser of the Sts Peter & Paul’s Casserole Bank

**Iceblocks for sale**

50c each

*Tuesday and Thursday (except this Thursday due to Senior Swimming Carnival)*

*until the end of Term*

*All proceeds go to the Years 6 and 7 Canberra Trip*
Child of the Week

PB: Archie Griffin  PG: Oliver Burger  PR: Orla Sutton  PY: Otto Wilhelm
1B: Luca Ellero  1G: Matteo Cortese  1R: Charlie Leis
2B: Sienna Willmett  2G: Willem Cassady  2R: Harper Collins  2Y: Bridget Carlile
3B: Charlotte Morris  3G: Gabrielle Griffin  3R: Ella Kirwan
4B: Charles Robertson  4G: Holly Fitton  4R: Lucy Norman
5B: Roghan Percival  5G: Tiana Smith
6B: Rebecca Dutoit-Mann  6G: Grace Maxwell
7B: Chloe Anderson-Wills  7G: Bianca Deery

DATES TO REMEMBER

19 March  P & F Meeting
20 March  Years 4 to 7 Swimming Carnival
21 March  Swimming Sports Award Assembly
21 March  Harmony Day
26 March  Epilepsy Awareness Day
  4 April  Free Dress Day
  4 April  Term 1 Ends
  18 April  Good Friday
  20 April  Easter Sunday
  22 April  Term 2 Begins
  29 April  Resiliency Presentation
  30 April  Cross Country
  17 May  School Fete

Clairvaux Mackillop College Open Days
Friday, 14 March, 9:00am to 10:30am
Wednesday, 21 May, 6:30pm to 8:00pm
Friday, 13 June, 9:00am to 10:30am
Friday, 29 August, 9:00am to 10:30am

Riverside Rugby is "urgently" looking for players for our Under 10 age group (born 2004).

The team would suit a boy or girl who has never played before as they will be in the lowest playing division for that age group. If there is a player who is talented we do have a place in our higher division team also.

We are also seeking players born in 2007 for our Under 7 teams

Please contact Sue on 0423 294 177.

Easter Passion Play

The Iona Passion Play: 3 performances at 2 locations
Sunday April 6th at 7pm – St Eugene College Hall BURPENGARY
Good Friday April 18th & Sat April 19th at 7:30pm – Iona College BRISBANE (outdoors)
Tickets: Early Bird: $12-$15  At the Door: $15-$18
Children (under 15) $5  Children (5 & under) Free at Iona only
Group discounts available.
Bookings: 3333 1993 or online at www.passionplay.org.au
Sts Peter & Paul’s Got Talent

(An entertainment segment for the School Fete)

Audition sign on sheets for all year levels can be found outside the library. Names can continue to be added to these sheets until the end of this week. All auditions will be held in week 9.

- Preps – during music/drama lesson time
- Year 1 Wednesday 26th March 11.00am
- Year 2 Wednesday 26th & Thursday 27th March
- Year 3 Tuesday 25th March 11.00am
- Year 4 Wednesday 26th March 2.00pm
- Year 5 Wednesday 26th March 9.40am
- Year 6 Tuesday 25th March 2.00pm
- Year 7 Tuesday 25th March 9.00am

Up to six performances from each division will be invited to perform in the semi-finals in front of an audience where a group of teachers will vote for 3 finalists for each section. These finalists will be expected to perform at the school fete on Saturday 17 May.

Junior Division = Years Prep. 1 & 2
Middle Division = Years: 3, 4 & 5 and Senior division = Years 6 & 7

Any queries please email Mrs Burchill or Mrs Foster
cburchill@bne.catholic.edu.au or afoster@bne.catholic.edu.au
Become a Purple Day Hero

Wear a PURPLE ACCESSORY on Wednesday 26th March, to support all people facing the challenge of epilepsy. Wear a purple item (ribbons, bandanas, hair accessories, wristbands, etc.) and bring along a gold coin donation for the Epilepsy Foundation.

Cleo & Ella
Year 6
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 IN THE GOOD SAMARITAN HALL)

WHEN: BEFORE SCHOOL FROM 7.40 – 8.10am

WHAT TO WEAR: COMFORTABLE CLOTHES AND A HAT WITH RUNNERS
Remember to bring full school uniform to change into at 8.10am
Bring a second breakfast snack for before class

DATES:
1: Thursday 13 March
2: Tuesday 18 March
NO FIT CLUB Thursday 20 MARCH - Senior Swim Carnival
3: Tuesday 25 March
4: Thursday 27 March
5: Tuesday 1 April
6: Thursday 3 April
School Holidays – Stay fit – Try to do 30 mins activity a day

NO FIT CLUB Tuesday 22 April - First Day back Term 2
7: Thursday 24 April
WALK THE COURSE
Meet before school at 7.30am WITH PARENTS at Hawthorne Park, Hawthorne Rd side near carpark
FINAL GOAL - Sts Peter & Paul’s School Cross Country Carnival
Years 1 – 7 Wednesday, 30 April 2014
Hawthorne Park, Hawthorne Road Side
ALL WE NEED IS A BEAT

Grab your friends and move like no one's watching! Zumba® Kids is the dance-fitness party where we play it loud and rock with friends to our own rules.

FOR CLASS DETAILS
CONTACT YOUR LICENSED ZUMBA® INSTRUCTOR:
Kate Biskupovich
0435535380
katebiskupovich.zumba.com

Zumba® Kids after-school program coming to Bulimba in Term 2, 2014. Join me for rockin', high energy dance classes that are packed with specially choreographed, kid-friendly routines and all the music kids enjoy like hip-hop, reggaeton, cumbia and more. Kids will love these fun, cutting-edge classes that increase fitness, focus and self-confidence. Classes are limited so call or email now to secure a place today!