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

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

Entering into the final weeks of school can be quite a challenging time. It is easy for students to become complacent as we near the end of yet another busy year. There is still much to accomplish and throughout these final weeks standards and expectations will not alter. Students will be encouraged to maintain their positive attitude towards work and play, so that the year will end on a successful, satisfying note. Students should be very proud of their achievements and there have been many. While many of these are congratulated in the public arena, sporting and cultural events, we should never lose sight of the achievements which have occurred daily within the classroom. Improved reading and spelling, commitment to homework, maintaining a clean environment, deeper understanding of mathematical concepts, savouring artistic endeavours, building affirmative and confident relationships with peers and teachers are but some areas in which students have excelled.

Significant school events are scheduled for the remainder of the school year. Please note the following dates in your diaries:

**Wednesday 19 November**
- Years 1 - 3 Swimming Carnival Demonstration at St Oliver Plunkett School Pool, Cannon Hill
- **NO ASSEMBLY**
- Book Club Orders Due
- **7:00pm P & F Thank You Drinks and Annual General Meeting** on the Balcony of the Good Samaritan Hall

**Thursday 20 November**
- 9:00am – Annual Christmas Bookchat & Morning Tea at Riverbend Books and Teahouse

**Tuesday 25 November**
- 9:00am Library Working Bee

**Wednesday 26 November**
- 9:30am – Support-a-Reader and Parent Helper Morning Tea in Staffroom

**Thursday 27 November**
- Years P – 7 Reports and 2015 class allocations go Home
- 6:30pm – End of Year Concert in Good Samaritan Hall

**Friday 28 November**
- Years 3/4 end of year excursion to SPLASH, Chermside
- Year 5 end of year excursion to Queensland Museum and Sciencentre
- **Last day of Tuckshop**

**Monday 1 December**
- Senior Leaders end of year excursion to Wet ‘n Wild

**Wednesday 3 December**
- 6:00pm – Senior Leaders Graduation and Awards Evening in the Church followed by Supper in the Good Samaritan Hall

**Friday 5 December**
- 9.30am – End of Year Mass
- 11.20am – Final Assembly in the Good Samaritan Hall
- 12.00pm – Students Dismissed
Friday 19 December
- Parish Christmas Carols at Sts Peter & Paul’s School Good Samaritan Hall:
  - 5:30pm – Sausage Sizzle
  - 6:00pm – Carols Commence

2015 Direct Debit Forms
Direct Debit Forms were sent home last week and are due back to Mrs Bernie Shelton (Finance Secretary) in the School Office by Friday, 28 November.

Let us pray that we will do with loving hearts what God asks of us. Ever living God, strengthen our faith, hope and love that we may come to share the life you promise. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

APRE News – Mr Brendan Schostakowski

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL
Each year Sts Peter and Paul’s School supports our parish’s St Vincent de Paul Conference with their Christmas Hamper Appeal. Students are asked to bring items of non-perishable foods which will be collected in classrooms over the next two weeks and presented to a representative of the St Vincent de Paul Society at our end of year school Mass.

The following chart lists the specific items we are requesting of each year level.

Please send in your donations which will bring some Christmas cheer to struggling families in our local community. Thank you once again for your generosity.

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RELIGION CURRICULUM
Teaching Scripture in the Classroom
The study of scripture in a classroom context takes the reader into the world of Jewish and Christian believers. The Catholic approach to interpreting scripture is summed up in the Catechism of the Catholic Church: In Sacred Scripture, God speaks to the person in a human way. To interpret Scripture correctly, the reader must be attentive to what the human authors truly wanted to affirm and to what God wanted to reveal to us by their words (n.109)

In order to discover the sacred author’s intention, the reader must take into account the conditions of their time and culture, the literary genres in use at that time, and the modes of feeling, speaking and narrating then current. The Bible is firmly grounded in history; in the history of the Jewish people, the historical events surrounding Jesus of Nazareth and the history of the early Christian communities.... the Catholic Church’s understanding of scripture accepts the Bible as the inspired Word of God and as the work of human authors who were conditioned by their time, place, culture and worldview.

For the teacher, engaging students in a critical study of scriptural texts involves research into historical issues raised in the text; identification of the text type and textual features; exploration of the setting, characters, structure, plot and attention to the context and function of the text, within the specific book in which it is located, as well as the Bible as a whole. It is vital therefore that students engage with scripture in a wide range of settings, both within the classroom teaching of religion and in the religious life of the school.

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF MARY FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER
By tradition, Mary’s parents presented her to God in the Temple when she was little. With the presentation of Mary in the temple, we look towards the Season of Advent. Mary is the one who says “Yes” to the will of God.
**Gracious God, grant that we, like Mary, might hear your word and respond in love.**

Wishing you God’s blessings throughout the week.

*Brendan*

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

**Years 1 to 3 Swimming Carnival**

The Junior Swimming Carnival for 2014 is scheduled for tomorrow **Wednesday 19 November** at St Oliver Plunkett School pool at Cannon Hill. Mrs Conaghan is looking after the arrangements making sure that all our Year 1, 2 and 3 students have the opportunity to show off some of the wonderful swimming skills that they have been learning in their weekly swimming lessons. Parents are very welcome and the day will go ahead even with some rain around in the morning.

**Pick-up line reminder – After school safety issue**

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. A problem that is continuing to occur happens 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. Riding Road can also become blocked by 3.00pm. This has the potential to hold up many parents on their way to collect children after school and can make things difficult for crossing supervisors. For these reasons we **ask parents to please not park in the pick-up lines until after 3.00pm**, and because this is a student safety issue we ask for your cooperation. If you park in this area before 3.00pm you may be asked to move on. We will also ask local police to keep an eye on parents parking in these areas too long.

**Riding Road Crossing**

Our crossing supervisors have asked for our help with a safety issue. For those families who use our bottom pick-up line (Alexandra Street) you will have seen on days when things are busy, the traffic queue can run all the way down to Riding Road. The safety concern is that some cars stuck in the queue are pulling up on the crossing itself. When this happens our crossing supervisors do not have a clear view of students who are waiting to cross or it may hold up students being safely walked across the road. Please **make sure you do not get stuck in a position where you are stopping on top of the Riding Road crossing**. Thank you.

**A request for use of the tuckshop**

From time to time some of our students come to the tuckshop asking to buy food for some of their friends. Most commonly it is for buying more than one or two iceblocks – sometimes seven, eight or more to share with classmates. We ask that parents please only give their children an appropriate amount of tuckshop money to spend on themselves.

**Bee Champions**

Congratulations to Will (2B), Sienna (2B), Danielle (3B) and Ella (4R) 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.

*Brendan Conaghan*

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**Sports News**

**QLD State Invitational Swimming Relay Representatives**

Best wishes to the following students who are competing at the 2014 QLD Primary Relay championships on Friday 21 November at Chandler Aquatic Centre from 5.30pm.

Good luck to our Juniors swimmers: Ella Monckton, Jessica French, Emma Bible, Tiana Smith, Molly O'Farrell, Jake Gavranic, Jessica Walduck and Jedda Hawker; and our Senior swimmers: Madalena Lopes Lottering, Caitlin McNamara, Tabitha Brown, Jorjia Rogers, Amelia Harmey, Georgie Fenton, Will Spencer and Grace Dillon.

**Junior Swimming Demonstration Carnival**

Are you ready for tomorrow’s big swimming demonstration? Tomorrow our Years 1, 2 and 3 students will bus their way to St Oliver Plunkett School Cannon Hill. Remember our events will be staggered to cater for our growing numbers of students and to ensure comfort and space for our spectators. Don’t forget to pack your child a second snack for morning tea. **Tuck shop will only be available for Lunch on this day.**

Thank you to the Senior Leaders for their support of this event and to Lorrimer’s Swim School for their expert tuition and support of our swimmers placing them into their recommended events indicating individual swimming skills and strengths.

*Please see proposed timetable below. The times listed are an estimated start time for each year group demonstration only.*

Yours in Sport

Mrs Lyndall Conaghan

PE and Sports Coordinator

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**Library News**

The library is now closed for student borrowing this year. Please check that your children have returned all items to the library. We will be emailing 'Lost Library Loan' notices out to parents at the end of the week.
The library will have one more Working Bee to help clean, repair and shelve our resources. If you and your friends have time on Tuesday 25th November, stop by the library from 9am-12pm to lend a hand. Morning tea will be provided.

We encourage all families to continue reading at least 10 minutes each day with their children. We have a number of reading activities listed below to help you catch and keep ‘the reading bug’.

- Our End of Year Library Book Chat at Riverbend is being held on Thursday 20 November at 9am and is a great way to view the latest books for summer reading. We still have seating available if you wish to attend. Please call the library by Wednesday 19 November. The $10 fee will cover coffee/tea and cake is payable at the door. We’ll see you this Thursday!
- The Scholastic Warehouse will have its final book sale and clearance of the year on 26th & 27th November from 8:00am – 5.30pm and 8.00am – 7:00pm respectively. Books will be available from $1. Scholastic Warehouse is located at unit 2, 350 Lytton Rd, Morningside.
- The World Book Online subscription is available throughout the summer months. This site has reading books (in the Early World of Learning Section) as well as videos, games and activities for all ages through the kids and students sections of the website. Ask your child if they know their login and password.
- The International Children’s Digital online library is another site that is full of great reads for all ages and languages. http://www.childrenslibrary.org/icdl/SimpleSearchCategory?ilang=English
- Starfall is another excellent website for learning phonics and early reading. http://www.starfall.com/
- There is even a website teaching students how to research well through interactive mazes and games. Check out Kentucky’s Virtual Library http://www.kyvl.org/kids/homebase.html

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

P & F News

End of Year Drinks & AGM
Please come and join us for a drink tomorrow Wednesday 19 November as a thank you to all parents for their wonderful contribution throughout 2014. See flyer attached.

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!

School Banking
The last day of School Banking this year is 2 December, the last week of school. The good news is you don't have to use your tokens up before the end of this year’s banking. Last year we couldn't hold over tokens as CommBank moved to a new online school banking system, but this year we can. Sorry for the misinformation last week. Any rewards requested on the last week of term, will arrive after school closes and will be waiting for you when school starts in 2015.

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

Book Club
Please return all orders to the school office by tomorrow, Wednesday 19 November so that the orders can be ordered and distributed before school finishes. If you would like to buy presents for your children, please just write a note on the order and we can keep the books at the office for your collection.

Kylie Hayes and Justine Haddril,
Bookclub Co-ordinators

Tuckshop News
Please click here for a copy of our current Tuckshop Menu.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the Junior Swimming Carnival tomorrow, Wednesday 19 November, so that the orders can be ordered and distributed before school finishes. If you would like to buy presents for your children, please just write a note on the order and we can keep the books at the office for your collection.

ROSTER: Wednesday, 19 November
Jodie Isles, Fiona Robertson, Elisa Dooley, Elisa Dal’bo
Friday, 21 November
Carmel McCormack, Fiona Robertson, Amelia Francis, Kylie Hay, Lisa Dutoit-Mann
Monday, 24 November
Sarah Jewell, Berenice Raynes-Greenou, Katie Pesch

Many thanks,
Chris Watt, Tuckshop Convenor
Tel: 0413 590 109
St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal

The Year 6/7 Care and Concern Committee has been responsible for numerous projects throughout the year. The final activity for 2014 in which we are involved, is the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal. We are supporting the St. Vincent de Paul group in the Parish by asking for donations of non-perishable food and other items which will be included in Christmas Hampers. These hampers will then be given to other families in our local area that are less fortunate than us. It would be fantastic if each student could bring in a donation of the food/item that is listed for their year level under Mr Schostakowski’s newsletter piece. All these donations will be hugely appreciated. Please place these food/items in the box in your classroom with ‘St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal’ marked on it. All donations are due by Friday the 28th of November. This is the end of the second last week of school before the holidays. Be sure to get all your donations in by then!!

Written by Julia Martinelli (6 Green) on behalf of the Year 6/7 Care and Concern Committee

Garage Sale

The annual Garage Sale on behalf of the St Francis Orphanage in Sri Lanka will be held on Saturday 22 November 2014 in the Church Hall. We are seeking personal/household goods that can be easily sold (generally no electrical goods). There will be someone at the Church Hall on Friday 21 November between 8.30am and 3.30pm to receive goods. Please call Brian Wellington 0412 657 707 or Janet Mylne 0419 642 775 for any alternative pick-up arrangements. DO NOT FORGET THIS FRIDAY IS THE DROP OFF DAY FOR YOUR GOODS.

Children’s Nativity Play – Community Carols by Candlelight

If your child would like to be in the nativity play for the Community Carols by Candlelight on 19 December, please join us in the Parish Hall for a rehearsal on Wednesday 26th November at 3.15pm. This will be the only rehearsal before the final rehearsal in the afternoon on the day of the Carols.

We need Kings, Shepherds, Angels and of course, Mary & Joseph. For more information please contact Julieanne on 0411 133 235 or julieanne@vt.net.au or we’ll just see you next Wednesday.

OSHC

OPEN AFTERNOONS: This week we have 3 Open Afternoons planned for families who would like to learn more about OSHC. Families are invited to visit OSHC on either Tuesday 18th November, Wednesday 19th November or Thursday 20th November from 4pm-5pm to look through the centre, meet our Educators and learn more about OSHC at Sts Peter & Paul’s. We look forward to meeting you!

VACATION CARE: Our December and January Vacation Care programs are available now. In December we will be joining Santa on his Christmas Journey Around the World! December highlights include a Bollywood Christmas day, a candle making workshop and excursions to Settlement Cove Lagoon at Redcliffe, the Clem Jones Aquatic Centre at Carina and IceWorld at Boondall. In January we have a great program of Under the Sea activities planned! Highlights include a visit from Oceanlife, a trip to Underwater World and a jumping castle day! We will be closed for two weeks over the Christmas / New Year period. Our last day of care before Christmas will be Wednesday 24th December. We will reopen on Thursday 8th January. From Thursday 8th January we will welcome our 2015 Preps to Vacation Care. For more information including the Vacation Care Booking Form please email bulimbaoshc@bne.centacare.net.au.

ACTIVITIES: Cooking activities this week include banana pancakes, rice noodle stir fry, chocolate crackles and potato wedges, using potatoes from our garden! For craft we are making floaty octopus cups, constructing paddle pop towers, making splatter paintings and using corn starch noodles to create our own sculptures. Inside we are playing chess, mancala, marble run and rat-a-tat cat. In the garden we are looking after the worm farms and getting ready to pick the cherry tomatoes. Outside we are playing soccer, 44 home, handball and skipping.

GET ACTIVE: Our Get Active program for term 4 has started. This week Year 4 will have AFL on the oval on Wednesday afternoon and Prep Blue and Prep Red will have bowling in the undercroft on Thursday afternoon. Both activities are run from 3:30pm-4:30pm by a qualified AASC coach.

FRIDAY 5th DECEMBER: We will be providing a half day of care from 12pm on Friday 5th December, the last day of the school year. We are organising, at no additional cost to families, a special ten pin bowling excursion for any children who attend on this afternoon. Please contact OSHC if you wish to book your child/ren in for this day.

Kind regards,
Claire Ravenswood
OSHC Coordinator

HOMESTAY FAMILIES NEEDED

Saints Peter and Paul’s Catholic School in conjunction with Global Student Institute are welcoming 3 University students who are studying to be Primary School Teachers in Japan. The student-teachers will observe classes and teach some Japanese crafts and culture during their stay.
Please see the details below…

If you are interested in hosting a student please contact Nathan Evans on:

**Mob:** 0414 702 402  
**Email:** nathan@thegsi.com.au

**Students:** Aged 19 to 22  
**No. of Nights:** 4  
**Arrive:** Sunday March 1\textsuperscript{st}  
**Depart:** Thursday March 5\textsuperscript{th}  
**Homestay Payment:** $160  

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JUNIOR SWIMMING DEMONSTRATION CARNIVAL TIMETABLE
** Approximate times indicated only **

DATE: Wednesday 19 November 2014
VENUE: St Oliver Plunkett Primary School, Cannon Hill
Entry via Stanton Street

8.45am Sharp Year 1 Buses depart School

9.20am – 10.20am Year 1 Demonstration Schedule
Year 1 Freestyle (kickboard assisted for some students)
Year 1 Backstroke (kickboard assisted for some students)
Year 1 Breaststroke – Nominated swimmers only
Year 1 House Relays – Across the shallow end of the pool
Year 1 Speedboat (Kickboard) Relays until all interested students have raced

** NO morning tea Tuckshop orders are available for Years 1, 2 or 3 today **
** There will be 2 snack breaks at suitable times throughout the day for our students **

10.15am – 11.45am Year 2 Demonstration Schedule
Year 2 Freestyle
Year 2 Backstroke
Year 2 Breaststroke – Nominated swimmers only
Year 2 House Relays – Across the shallow end of the pool
Year 2 Horse Race (Noodle) Relays until all interested students have raced

11.40am – 12.40pm Year 3 Demonstration Schedule
Year 3 Freestyle
Year 3 Backstroke
Year 3 Breaststroke – Nominated swimmers only
Year 3 Butterfly – Nominated swimmers only
Year 3 House Relays – Across the shallow end of the pool
Year 3 Waterpolo Race (Push & Float with Ball) Relays until all interested students have raced

Time permitting Year 7 House Captains 4 x 25m relay (time permitting)

12.40pm Last shuttle Bus Departs to return to school

1.00pm Lunch at school – Tuckshop may be ordered for all students
End of Year Concert 2014

Rehearsals are well underway for this year’s end of year concert;

“Sound Advice”

The concert will take place on Thursday 27 November in the Sts Peter and Paul’s Good Samaritan Hall, commencing at 6.30pm. All students from Years 1-7 are participating in the concert and are expected to attend. We do not expect parents to go to any great expense for a costume for the end of year concert, but we have a few suggestions for colours etc to fit with each year levels’ theme.

Year 1: Pyjamas! (Cool and comfortable) joggers and socks probably safer than slippers. Girls’ hair – high ponytail.

Year 2: Yellow and White. Simple as that. Any combos any patterns (spots, stripes, shorts, skirts, t-shirts, dresses) but try to stick to yellow and white. Joggers and socks.

Girls hair – plaits.

Year 3: Black base then add in a bit of animal print. Black joggers (black dancing shoes are fine) and socks. Girls’ hair – high ponytail teased.

Year 4: School Bottoms, plain white t-shirt, bright/sparkly tie (class coordinators will forward further information). Girls’ hair – high “pigtails”.

Year 5: 80’s aerobics chic! Inspirational t-shirts/flouro brights/leg warmers/ headbands/crazy hair.

Year 6 & 7: Drama blacks. Students own ideas.
We look forward to meeting you at this annual event. We especially welcome new parents to the school.

- Thursday 20 November
- Riverbend Books and Teahouse (Cnr Cambridge & Oxford Sts, Bulimba)
- 8:30 am for a 9:00am start
- $10.00 for morning tea (cake, coffee and tea paid on the day)
- RSVP: Wednesday 19 November (Replies are essential for catering and table arrangements)

The staff at Riverbend Books will entertain and inform us about good books, new and old, for adults and children.

Enjoy the company and the morning tea.

A 10% discount is available on the day.

Please return the reply slip to the school office.

I will attend the Annual Christmas Bookchat and Morning Tea on Thursday 20 November

$10 Payment is to be made to Riverbend Teahouse on the morning of the Bookchat

Parent Name:_____________________________(please print) Child’s Class:_________________

Contact number:__________________________

RSVP by Wednesday 19 November
ATTENTION – Another G-20 Meeting

Sts Peter & Paul’s P&F invites you to the 2014 Thankyou Drinks on the Balcony of the Good Samaritan Hall from **7pm Wednesday 19th November** to celebrate another fantastic year of fundraising, personal support in the classroom and other initiatives from our numerous sub committees within the school community.

The function will flow into the Annual General Meeting, which will start at 8:00pm, where the P&F executive and other positions for 2015 will be elected. If you want to hear more about the P&F and how you can help and be involved in the year ahead please come along to this or any other meeting. It’s a great way to support our children in the year ahead and beyond.

We look forward to seeing you there.

*To help identify catering numbers please RSVP to peterwillcox@bigpond.com by Tuesday 18th November.*
CHILDREN’S BOOKS from $1.00

END OF YEAR SCHOLASTIC WAREHOUSE CLEARANCE

THOUSANDS OF PICTURE BOOKS, CHAPTER BOOKS, NONFICTION & ACTIVITY ITEMS.

WHERE:
Unit 2, 350 Lytton Rd, MORNINGSIDE

WHEN:
Wednesday 26 November: 8am-5.30pm
Thursday 27 November: 8am-7pm