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.

Last Thursday, we welcomed to our school the group of enthusiastic, excited and happy young learners who will commence Prep in 2014. The absolute delight and expectation which young children exhibit is infectious to all around them as they prepare to embark so willingly and eagerly on a new pathway to learning. The prospective Prep students certainly enjoyed a fun-filled morning in our Prep classrooms. Thank you to those who assisted and contributed to our Orientation morning.

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

Wednesday 20 November
- 9:30am - Parent Helper Morning Tea in Staffroom
- 7:30pm P & F Annual General Meeting

Thursday 21 November
- 9:00am – Annual Christmas Bookchat & Morning Tea at Riverbend Books and Teahouse

Wednesday 27 November
- Years 1 - 3 Swimming Carnival at St Oliver Plunkett School Pool, Cannon Hill
- NO ASSEMBLY

Thursday 28 November
- Years P – 7 Reports and 2014 class allocations go Home
- 6:30pm – End of Year Concert in Good Samaritan Hall

Friday 29 November
- Years 3/4 end of year excursion to SPLASH
- Years 5/6 end of year excursion to Chandler
- Last day of Tuckshop

Monday 2 December
- Years 1/2 end of year excursion to the Movies
- Year 7 end of year excursion to Wet `n Wild

Wednesday 4 December
- 6:00pm – Year 7 Graduation and Awards Evening in the Church followed by Supper in the Good Samaritan Hall

Friday 6 December
- 9:30am – End of Year Mass
- 11.20am – Final Assembly in Good Samaritan Hall
- 12.00pm – Students Dismissed

Friday 20 December
- Parish Christmas Carols at Sts Peter & Paul’s School Good Samaritan Hall:
  - 5:30pm – Sausage Sizzle
  - 6:00pm – Carols Commence
Tomorrow is Universal Children's Day. Just as Jesus welcomed children so we are called to welcome others. Let us pray that all children can live in friendship. O God, protect and bless all the children of the world. Help them, their families and friends to grow in wisdom and love. We ask this 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. Thank you for your generous response last week! Please continue sending in your donations which will include Christmas joy to struggling families in our local community.

Students are asked to continue bringing in to class 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. Thank you once again for your generosity.

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UNIVERSAL CHILDREN’S DAY

The United Nations' (UN) Universal Children's Day, celebrated on November 20, was established in 1954 to promote international togetherness and awareness among children worldwide. Universal Children's Day calls society to a greater response to the plight of many millions of children around the world who are denied the basic necessities of a happy childhood and the education to develop their capacities.

THE PRESENTATION OF MARY – THURSDAY 21 NOVEMBER

This feast day is connected to Mary's story - but it is not found in Scripture! Mary's parents, Joachim and Anne, had been childless until an angel visited them to tell them that they would have a daughter called, 'Mary'. Today's feast celebrates the day when Joachim and Anne took their daughter to the temple to consecrate (or 'promise') her to God.

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING – SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER

This Sunday the Church celebrates the feast of Jesus Christ the King. The kingdom of Christ is about bringing joy to the sorrowful and justice to the oppressed. Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom: God of hope and justice, may we respond to the needs of the poor and broken, and share in the reward of your kingdom.

THE RELIGION CURRICULUM – LEARNERS AND LEARNING IN THE CLASSROOM

Foundational to the work of teachers are the beliefs they have of the learners they serve. The Brisbane Catholic Education Learning and Teaching Framework (2012) explicitly articulates the beliefs and the responses that flow from these beliefs within schools in the Archdiocese:

- Every learner is created in the image and likeness of God and, inspired by the Spirit, responds with passion and creativity to life.
- Every learner seeks to find meaning in life and learning and, in the Catholic Christian Tradition, we find meaning in the person and teachings of Jesus to grow as pilgrim people.
- Every learner is a lifelong learner, with a desire to search for truth and do what is right; accountable for choices and responsible for actions.
- Every learner is in some respect, like all others, like some others, like no other and we respond creatively, flexibly and with a futures orientation to ensure dignity and justice for all.
- Every learner can achieve success in life and learning where diversity is valued and shared wisdom contributes to decision-making that enriches and enlivens our world.
- Every learner brings to the learning experience their own richly diverse life journey to contribute to a community in communion, empowered by the Spirit to be at the service of others.

All students are entitled to rigorous, relevant and engaging learning programs in religion, drawn from the Religion Curriculum P-12, that address their individual learning needs.

A FUTURE NOT OUR OWN

This is what we are about.
We plant seeds that one day will grow.
We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.
We lay foundations that will need further development.
We provide yeast that produces effects far beyond our capabilities.
We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realising that.
This enables us to do something, and do it very well.
It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way.

an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and to do the rest.
We may never see the end results,
but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.
We are workers, not master builders,
ministers, not messiahs.
We are prophets of a future not our own. Amen.
Archbishop Oscar Romero

Wishing you God's blessings for the coming week.
Brendan
Years 1 to 3 Swimming Carnival
The Junior Swimming Carnival for 2013 is scheduled for next week on Wednesday 27 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 further details of the carnival will be sent home by tomorrow.

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 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.

Alexandra Street (Bottom) Drop Off Line
Recently we have had some hold ups for parents dropping off children before school particularly in Alexandra Street. To help keep this busy traffic area flowing smoothly in the morning it is important that all families know the correct procedures.
 For the Stop, Drop and Go Zone at the front of the school each morning school we use a Drop Off point a few car lengths past the school driveway. To ensure the safety of families using the drop off line the following procedures should be followed:

- Enter the drop off line from Riding Road.
- Only the first three cars are to unload. Subsequent cars are asked to wait and move to the top of the line once the cars unloading have left.
- Do not unload in the driveway or the curve of the road between the Church and the School as it creates a safety hazard for other cars trying to proceed to the drop off zone.
- Please remain with your vehicle as your children unload.
- If parents need to speak with their child or help carry bags up to the stairs or driveway, they should pull up further along Alexandra Street near the bus shelter where afternoon pick-ups are done.

We appreciate your assistance in keeping the line of cars flowing in the morning.

Bee Champions
Congratulations to Sophie (2R), Kallum (3B), Max (7G) and Imogen (3G) 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

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Library News

Mark your calendars for library events during Term Four:

Library Book Chat & Tea @ Riverbend  - Thursday 21 November at 9am

The library is now closed for student borrowing. Please ensure that all books are returned to the library ASAP as we have begun our stocktake. If any parents have time available to help with stocktake, stop by the library. It isn’t hard work, just a bit tedious. Morning tea is provided 😊

We encourage students to continue reading at least 15 minutes each day. The Bulimba Public Library is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9am - 5pm. It is also open on Wednesday from 1pm - 8pm and Saturday from 9am - 2pm. The Bulimba Library branch is located at the round-about on Oxford Street. The Summer Reading Program sponsored by the State Library of Queensland and Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) will be held at Bulimba Public Library as well as other Queensland libraries, and officially begins on Monday 2 December. Get your library card today so you’ll be ready to join the summer program!

We culminate the library year with our annual Morning Tea and Book Chat at Riverbend this Thursday, 21 November from 9am. This is the perfect timing for holiday gift ideas and helps parents find great reads for young and old. The Book Chat includes a cup of coffee or tea and cake, as well as a talk on the latest book choices and reviews. The cost is $10.00 per person, paid directly to Riverbend on the day. Please call the library if you wish to attend.

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

P&F News

P&F Annual General Meeting - Wednesday 20 November

The P&F AGM will be held on Wednesday 20 November at 7.30pm in the staffroom. At this meeting all elected officers will stand down and all positions will be declared vacant, for nomination and election. Positions to be filled are: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

If you wish to stand for one of these positions, please download and complete the nomination form (available on the school website) and drop it into the School Office. To find out more information, please contact Terry Shaw, Wayne Shearer, Peter Willcox or Leonie Flynn.

The AGM will include reports from all office holders and sub-committees.

After the AGM, a normal P&F meeting will be held. Please come along and hear about what the P&F has been doing in 2013! Drinks and nibbles will also be served at the event.

School Business Directory

Emma Rees has kindly volunteered her time to update the school’s Business Directory which is a directory for all parents to access via the school’s website. The Business Directory includes contact details for a variety of businesses connected to the school in one way or another. If you wish your business to be included in this directory, or require any further information, please forward your business details to Emma Rees at emmajayrees@hotmail.com.

Sports News

Junior Swimming Carnival

Years 1 - 3 are all looking forward to our Junior Swimming Carnival next week on Wednesday 27 November. Please meet us at the St Oliver Plunkett pool after 9.15am for our first events.

As you can imagine your children have been enjoying developing their swimming strokes appropriate to their skills and needs. Your child will be placed in events, taking into consideration the swimming instructor’s assessment and class teacher feedback as to which events are appropriate.

Year 3 may swim in 3 events (Freestyle, Backstroke and Breaststroke - with a few invited to swim Butterfly). The Years 2 and 1 students may swim 2 events (with some invited to swim Breaststroke).

Some students may swim with a kickboard if recommended by their swimming instructor and in specific distances. Thank you to the Year 7 House Captains for their support of our swimmers for the day. Thank you to Lorrimers Swim School who will be in attendance as our starters.

All students will receive a Well Done Ribbon for their first swimming event. NO PLACES OR SCORES WILL BE RECORDED in the first four swimming sessions of the morning.

Our final session will be Relays where the various event results will be recorded for the House Championship Trophy (New Participation Trophy Donated by the P&F).
Students have progressed well through the swimming program provided by Lorrimer’s Swim School on either Monday or Thursdays this term. The students are all keen to show you their skills in the pool.

Please note: Lunch will only be available for order from the tuckshop. Due to this being the second last tuckshop day for the year Chris Watt would greatly appreciate online orders prior to the day for ease of ordering.

Thank you for your support of school sport and I trust your child has had a happy swimming season.

QLD State Invitational Relay Representatives
Good luck to our Invitational Relay Swimmers who will attend the QPSS School Relay event for 2013. Our Silver Award winners will meet at Chandler at 5.30pm for warm ups and then swim either a freestyle and/or medley Junior or Senior Relay. Thank you to all families for their support of our swimmers and to our officials on the night, Mr Brennan and Mr Davidson.

Lyton District Cricket for 2014
Congratulations and good luck to Jasmin Johnston and Daniel McLennan who will be trialling for the Lyton District Girls and Boys Cricket teams for possible selection in 2014. Good luck to you both.

Yours in Sport
Mrs Lyndall Conaghan
PE and Sports Coordinator

Garage Sale

FINAL NOTICE FOR DONATIONS
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. Your donated items for sale can be dropped at the Church Hall on Friday 22 November. Alternative arrangements can be made with Brian Wellington (Ph: 3399 5928 or 0412 657 707).

Tuckshop News
Thank you to all the Prep parents and students for a very successful tuckshop experience last Wednesday. Tuckshop is available to Prep students again tomorrow, Wednesday 20 November.

ROSTER: Wednesday, 20/11 (PREP DAY)
Elisa Dooley, Louise Gillies, Leonie Flynn, Catherine Sutton, Lana Killian, Ilse Cooper, Veronique Smith, Angela Owens

ROSTER: Friday, 22/11
Jenny Barends, Caite Brewer, Rebecca Dean, Suzi Paradzik

ROSTER: Monday, 18/11
Sue Raptis

Many thanks everyone,
Chris Watt
Tuckshop Convenor
Mobile: 0413 590 109

OSHC News
VACATION CARE: Our December Vacation Care program will be emailed to families this week. We are celebrating the holidays with “Winter Wonderland” activities the first week and then enjoying “Christmas Downunder” during the second week.

ROCK CLIMBING: As a special treat we will have a mobile rock climbing tower at After School Care on Wednesday 27 November from 3:30pm - 4:30pm. Children in Years 3-7 will be able to have a turn at rock climbing if they wish. Please contact us with any questions.

TEN PIN BOWLING: We will be going Ten Pin Bowling on the last day of school! OSHC will open from 12:00pm on Friday 6 December and there is no additional cost for the bowling excursion. Permission notes will be distributed to families next week. Please contact OSHC with any questions.

OPEN AFTERNOONS: We have two Open Afternoons planned for families who would like to find out more about OSHC in 2014. Families are invited to visit the centre anytime between 4:00pm and 5:00pm on Tuesday 26 November or Thursday 28 November. These afternoons will provide families with an opportunity to visit the centre and learn about our OSHC program.

GET ACTIVE: This week our Years 4-7 children will be enjoying Ten Pin Bowling on Wednesday afternoon and our Years 2 - 3 children will be bowling on Thursday afternoon.

ACTIVITIES: This week we are baking delicious peach galettes, cooking chicken enchiladas, making healthy spring rolls and cooking creamy carbonara. For craft we are making beautiful bead bracelets, using rubbing plates and painting storm safety pictures. We are having fun using our new wireless headphones, playing mancala and building with lego.

OSHC CHAMPIONS: OSHC Champions this week are April Wilson, Charlotte Brook, Luca Ellero, Hannah Williams and Stella Rayner. Well done!

Claire Ravenswood
OSHC Coordinator
The Iona Passion Play - AUDITIONS
Easter 2014 – back in Brisbane
Experience Easter as part of the cast or crew of The Iona Passion Play. All are welcome – you can involve the whole family! Numerous speaking, non-speaking and support roles available.

Sunday December 1 @ 2pm and Sunday January 19 @ 1pm
If interested please contact Veronica on 3333 1993 or info@ipp.org.au

Parish Cake Stall
Calling all keen bakers!! The next Parish Cake Stall is scheduled for the weekend of Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 November. All proceeds go to Sister Mary Randall who uses the money to support those in need in our local community. Baking for this lovely little stall is a great way to contribute to your local parish and school community without taking up too much of your time. Please ensure that your baked goodies are packaged and labelled with the name of the item and a full list of ingredients. All items can be dropped off to Sts Peter and Paul's School Office before 2.45pm on Friday 22 November or to the stall at the church prior to the Saturday night and Sunday morning masses.
Please contact Maureen Coorey (cooreyfam@optusnet.com.au) or Brooke Power (brookepower5@bigpond.com) if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support!

DATES TO REMEMBER
20 Nov Prep students able to have Tuckshop today
Parent Helper Morning Tea in Staffroom 9.30am-11am
P&F Annual General Meeting, 7.30pm in Staffroom
21 Nov Riverbend Bookchat and morning tea, 9am at Riverbend, Bulimba
27 Nov Junior Swimming Carnival at St Oliver Plunkett Pool
28 Nov End-of-Year School Concert 6.30pm in Good Samaritan Hall
3 Dec Crazy Hair Day
4 Dec Year 7 Graduation, 6pm in the Church
6 Dec 2013 School Year ends 12 noon
20 Dec Friday 6pm Parish Christmas Carols
29 Jan 2014 2014 School Year commences 8.40am

End of Year Concert
2013
All students in Years 1-7
To attend/participate Thursday
28 November 2013
6.30pm
Good Samaritan Hall
To:
Sts Peter and Paul’s School Community
33 Alexandra St
Bulimba QLD 4171
ps. Please save the date!