Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

Queensland Catholic Schools' and Colleges' Music Festival

The Queensland Catholic Schools and Colleges Music Festival was held last Friday and over the weekend. The 2 Choirs representing Sts Peter and Paul’s School performed extremely well and both choirs received GOLD awards for their efforts.

The Senior Choir which is made up of Years 4 – 7 students got off to an early start on Friday morning. The students looked beautiful and their behaviour and focused performance was very impressive. The choir was awarded Gold, with the following comments:

It is exciting to see such a large choir with so many wonderful voices.
I always enjoy the gorgeous tone of Sts Peter and Paul's.
A very nice blend of voices with a sweet tone. Harmony was well executed with very good intonation.
A beautiful opening to the song "Coming Home". Such impressive focus.
The sensitive and gentle mood in the first section was nicely captured. The crescendo into the chorus was wonderful. Your dynamic contrast really brought the piece to life.
Congratulations on a wonderful performance today. You were very well rehearsed and gave a fluent and musical performance.
Thoroughly enjoyable. Bravo!

The Junior Choir which was all of the Year 3 students also achieved Gold with a beautiful performance. The comments we received were again glowing:

What a fantastic large choir with so many wonderful singers.
It speaks volumes for a wonderful philosophy of music making at your school.
A very fluent performance today with some lovely moments throughout your performance.
Very well prepared with secure intonation, good diction and nice vowel sounds.
Excellent attention to detail - even down to what you are wearing. Shoes and socks all matching – Bravo!
Well prepared and rendered. You have great potential - keep it up.
A special thank you is extended to our Music Specialist Teacher, Mrs Carolyn Burchill, who has spent months preparing the students and who was Conductor of our Choirs competing at the Festival. Your dedication, commitment and professionalism are very much appreciated.

A big thank you is also extended to Mrs Deb Balmer, our accompanist, whose professionalism and skill is unmatched. Thanks to Mrs Alayna Foster, who helps rehearse all choirs at the school with great enthusiasm. Thanks also to the staff for their on-going support and help with supervision of the students on the day. It was also great to see so many families come to the Festival to support the Choirs. Finally, congratulations to our students for their exemplary behaviour, focused performances and outstanding results. Well done. The Choirs will perform at Assembly on Wednesday, 28 August.

**Congratulations** to Jo (Year 1 Yellow Teacher) and her husband Leonel on the early arrival of Tobin Jorge Sobral who was born on Thursday 15 August. He is 2.46kg and 48cm long and is doing very well.

**Meaunin Writers’ Camp**
The Brisbane Meanjin Local Council of the Australian Literacy Educators Association (ALEA) conducts an annual camp to encourage and develop talented young writers. Students in Years 5, 6, 7 and 8 are invited to apply to attend and have the opportunity to work with well-known, established authors. In a break with tradition, this year's camp will be held over two days in the Queensland State Library at Southbank with no overnight stay. Further information is available on the ALEA website. Closing date for applications is Friday 30 August.

**Reminder - 2014 Enrolments**
Thank you to the parents who have communicated to me in writing children who will be leaving Saints Peter and Paul’s School at the end of the school year.

**For those students leaving at the end of Year 4 please include in your letter where your child will be attending Year 5 as this information is required to complete the Brisbane Catholic Education exiting census.**

We currently have waiting lists on many grade levels for next year, so it is important that I am made aware of family transfers and movements for the 2014 school year. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

**Reflection**
Today we celebrate the work of St Bernard of Clairvaux whose leadership and learning was admired by all. Let us pray for greater knowledge of God. God of all wisdom, may we, like St Bernard, fill our lives with love for our brother, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Peace and Best Wishes

Sr Ann-Maree Nicholls, sgs

**PRINCIPAL**

**APRE News – Mr Brendan Schostakowski**

**YEAR 5 CLASS MASS**

**THURSDAY 22 AUGUST**

Year 5 will celebrate their class Mass this Thursday 22 August at 9am in the Church. The theme for this Mass celebrates the feast of the Queenship of Mary when we celebrate Mary becoming queen of heaven and earth. We are reminded not to underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring; all of these ‘acts of kindness’ have the potential to turn a life around. We are challenged to take no one for granted and embrace all equally with joy!

**YEAR 6 CLASS MASS**

**FRIDAY 23 AUGUST**

Year 6 will celebrate their class Mass this Friday 23 August at 9am in the Church. The theme for this Mass celebrates God’s great love, and His acceptance and tolerance for all. Let us be more like Jesus by being accepting and welcoming. When we show kindness and love towards others, we show that we truly love our God. Just as Jesus welcomed those who were strangers, we too offer a hand of friendship to those who are lonely and are separated from their loved ones. We pray for people, young and old, who have no home, that they may be protected and find a safe place to live.

Family members are very welcome to celebrate the Eucharist this Thursday and Friday with the students and their teachers.

**Class Liturgies for Term 3**

Other class Masses and Liturgies for term 3 are scheduled for the following dates:

- **Thursday 29 August** (Week 8) - Year 7 Class Mass
- **Thursday 5 September** (Week 9) - Yrs 1-3 Class Liturgy
- **Thursday 12 September** (Week 10) - Year 4 Class Mass

All liturgies are celebrated in the Church beginning at 9am.

**MIGRANT & REFUGEE WEEK 19-25 AUGUST**

Australia has provided many opportunities for “people who have come across the sea” (National Anthem). From all countries people have come to Australia seeking to fulfil their hopes and strengthen their faith...

The Catholic Church proclaims Gospel values which promote pastoral care. It is the duty of the Catholic community to shift the level of the discussion on migrants and refugees away from debate about perceived economic liabilities and national security to points which focus on the ethical dimension. ...The respect due to migrants and refugees carries a heavy responsibility to walk alongside migrants and refugees providing effective means of hope and faith.

... hope is a major force of motivation driving refugees to endure and continue their journey. They look to us as people who can help fulfil their legitimate hopes. They have faith that Australia will offer a safe place and provide their family and children a decent opportunity to live a dignified life. In this Year of Faith, we pray that the hope and faith which migrants place in us will inspire our commitment to reach out and to create communities united in the communion of one faith and one hope.

Most Rev Gerard Hanna DD, Delegate for Migrants and Refugees, Bishops Commission for Pastoral Care
Prayer for Migrant and Refugee Week
Blessed are you who work for justice, who welcome the outcast, befriend the refugee, and act to uphold human rights, May your kingdom come.
Blessed are you who work for justice, who seek to bring hope and liberation to the oppressed and protection for the vulnerable, May your kingdom come.
Blessed are you who work for justice, who act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with God, May your kingdom come.

ACROSTIC PSALMS written by Year 3 students

| Always listening to God and doing what’s right | Sacrifice everything for your almighty God. | Your way is my way, help me to follow you. |
| Ask people to listen to God’s word | Should we believe in Jesus? Yes! | Yes is an answer. |
| All people can do what is right | Speak to me almighty God I am waiting for your wisdom. | You are my way Jesus, help me follow you. |

Ruby, Brandon and Kallum
Charlie, Tom and Rocco
Lucy, Emily & Jake

Wishing you God’s blessings for the coming week.
Brendan

Child of the Week

7G - Vinuki Rowel
7B - Grace Preston
6G - Ewan Frazer
6B - Chloe Anderson-Wills
5G - Ella Ferguson
5B - Alex Crosby
4R - Bella Brewer
4G - Julia Silvey
4B - Alex Fisher
3R - Mia Quinn
3G - Lachlan Rheinberger
3B - Lily Hovey
2R - Grace Gillies
2G - Xavier Kingstone
2B - Sarah Catchpole
1Y - Renee Siganto
1R - Paul Murray
1G - Milla Chaffey
1B - Alice Hovey
PR - Camilla Crealy
PG - Annabelle McDonald
PB - Lucinda Sorensen

Library News

Just a reminder that next Wednesday 28th August is our Book Night in the library. Hopefully you received an invitation with last week’s newsletter. Please remember to return the tear off slip at the bottom to the library by this Friday to ensure a spot on the night. The evening begins at 6pm and finishes at 8pm.
The Premier’s Readers Challenge is coming to an end. Please remember to bring your completed form to the library by August 30.
Happy reading.
From Mrs Ballentine, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Brooks and Mrs McEniery

P&F News

Next P&F Meeting – 21 August 2013 – all welcome
The next P&F meeting is on Wednesday 21 August at 7.30pm in the Staffroom.
Agenda items include: pick up line shade structure and oval seating, oval landscaping, oval playground, store room for new hall furniture, new tablets, new website and school calendar, remaining events for 2013 (including school disco), school business directory and remaining 2013 projects. Everyone is welcome - hope to see you there!

Dates to Remember

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Tuckshop News

ROSTER: Wednesday, 21/8
Louise Gillies, Elisa Dooley

ROSTER: Friday, 23/8
Jenny Barends, Caite Brewer, Rebecca Dean, Louise Golden, Suzi Paradzik

ROSTER: Monday 26/8
Angela Owens

Many thanks everyone,
Chris Watt,
Tuckshop Convenor. 0413590109

Un-identifiable Fees Payment
We have received a payment that we cannot process because of a lack of parent/student details. An amount was paid directly into our cheque account on Thursday 7 February. Please ring Bernie on 3399 1281 if you believe you have made this deposit. It is recommended that our BPay or Direct Debit facility be used as the safest option for paying School Fees.

YEAR 7 'REACH OUT FOR PEACE' MINI-MARKET DAY
Our Year 7 students are once again preparing for their annual Mini-Market Day which will be held on Thursday 12 September. Whilst the children have been busy making their own crafts to sell, they need some help with jams and relishes to sell on the day. Donations of homemade jams and/or relishes would be most welcome. If you are able to help, please label all homemade jams and relishes with an ingredient list and drop them off to the School Office by Monday 9 September. All money raised from the Mini-Market Day will be donated to Catholic Missions. Thank you in advance for your help and on-going generosity. If you have any queries please contact Michelle Hammill: mhammill@bne.catholic.com.au

Total Football Academy will be running a soccer program in Term 4 for Prep to Year 4 students. Registration forms will be distributed during a free demonstration. During the 6 week program games will be played inside an inflatable soccer field, which captures the imagination of children, giving them a great soccer experience. Training will take place inside a skills square focusing on different skills each week, such as dribbling, turning and shooting. Start date: Thursday 24 October, for Prep to Year 4 from 3.20 - 4.20pm. Sign up online at www.totalfootballacademy.com.au or call Andrew Robinson on 0413 888 643.

Bookclub
A reminder to you all that Bookclub orders will close on Thursday 29 August. Please remember to make all cheques payable to Sts Peter & Paul's School.

Parish Cake Stall – THIS WEEKEND!
Sts Peter & Paul’s School has a wonderful group of bakers who, together with Parish members, provide a range of delicious treats at the Parish's popular Cake Stall. The next Parish Cake Stall will be held this weekend at the Saturday night and Sunday morning masses of 24 & 25 August. As usual the Stall will be full of delicious goodies including cakes, biscuits, brownies, cupcakes and slices.
Baking for the stall is a wonderful way to help your parish without taking up too much of your valuable time. Baked goods can be dropped off to the school office this Friday 23 August or to the stall itself before either of the masses. All money raised is used by Sister Mary Randall to support families in need within our school and parish community.
Please contact Maureen or Brooke if you would like to join our Parish Cake Stall Register to register your interest in baking and for any further information regarding baking, labeling and drop off.
Many thanks,
Brooke Power on 0408064560, brookepower5@bigpond.com
Maureen Coorey on 0434980442, cooreyfam@optusnet.com.au

School Banking News

Colour in ‘Pat the Dog’ Competition
The Colour in ‘Pat the Dog’ competition closes today and we have received some wonderful entries. Thank you to all the students who took the time to enter this competition. The prizes will be handed out later this week. Next week we have a new competition starting so make sure you bring your bank book to school!

Tips for the school bankers on how to save more
There are loads of ways you can find extra money to put in your savings account, so you can see your savings add up fast.

Top savings tips:
• Ask Mum and Dad if you can help out more around the house for extra pocket money. Or, see if there are any special one-off jobs they’d be happy to pay you to do.
• Get a money box, such as a Platy money box, and put all your spare coins into it. Then, every month, get Mum and Dad to help you put that money in your savings account. You’ll soon see it add up.
• Remember, you can have small things now, or save up for bigger and better things later.
• If you take pocket money to school for snacks, why not just spend half of it? You can put the rest away for something else you’d really like.
• Before you buy anything, be sure to look around in a few shops to find the best price.
It's easy to open your first savings account. Just ask Mum or Dad to collect a form from the school office or visit your nearest Commonwealth Bank branch.

Joanne Jones
School Banking Coordinator

OSHC NEWS

ACTIVITIES: For cooking this week we are making yummy Greek baklava, nutritious Greek lemon and feta meatballs, beetroot tzatziki and galaktoboukeko. We will be using vegetables and herbs from the garden in our cooking this week. Craft activities include scratch art sea life shapes, painting with fabric paint, pom pom craft and creating a farm collage. We are playing Hyper Dash, Uno, Twister and Jenga.

GET ACTIVE: Our Get Active program for this term has started. This week Years 4-7 will be joining Taryn for Yoga on Tuesday from 3.30-4.30pm and Year 1 and Prep will be joining Paulo for Orienteering on Thursday from 3.30-4.30pm at no extra cost to families.

OSHC CHAMPIONS: Lucca Zappala, Ava Percival, Iris Nakamura and Lucy Irvine.

Cathy Brown
Assistant Coordinator

COME AND TRY
WATER POLO
** FREE **
1, 8 & 15 September
3 – 4:30pm, at Clem Jones Pool, Zahel Road, Carina
Website: www.warrriorswaterpolo.com.au
Contact Lou: 0400 003 666 warriorswp@gmail.com
On Thursday 12 September 2013, the Year 7 classes are hosting a Sausage Sizzle as part of their “Reach Out for Peace” Mini-Market Day. The Sausage Sizzle Meal Deal includes a Sausage in a Roll and a ‘Popper’ juice or a bottle of Spring Water all for the fantastic price of $3.00.

You **MUST** pre-order your lunch on the slip below and return it along with your money, in a brown paper bag marked “Mini-Market Day Sausage Sizzle”, to your classroom no later than **Thursday 5 September**. Please cut out your completed order form and tape it to the front of the brown paper bag. Year 7 student leaders will come around to the classrooms each day to collect orders.

Remember, all money raised goes towards the Catholic Missions.