Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

Year 7 Canberra Trip

Yesterday morning our Year 7 students accompanied by their class teachers Mrs Sheree Shelton and Mr Brendan Schostakowski together with Sr Ann-Marie, Mr Mike Mulkerin, Mrs Mary Clarris, Mrs Lyndall Conaghan and Ms Emilia Michieletto embarked on their 5 day trip to Canberra and Sydney. The Year 7’s were full of enthusiasm as they look forward to the amazing experiences which await them in Canberra and Sydney. In Canberra the students will visit the Australian Institute of Sport, Australian War Memorial, Telstra Tower, Australian Electoral Commission, Old Parliament House, Parliament House, National Capital Exhibition Centre, National Museum of Australia and Questacon. A day in the snow will be enjoyed at Mt Selwyn Snowfields and then in Sydney visits will continue to the Powerhouse Museum, Sydney Aquarium, Circular Quay, The Rocks and Taronga Zoo. We wish the whole group a safe journey and look forward to many great stories and photos upon their return.

Allergies

We have a significant number of students in the school with allergies severe enough to need an Epipen (an emergency treatment for anaphylactic reactions). These allergies encompass a variety of products including eggs, wheat, lactose and most commonly - nuts (peanuts, tree nuts and sesame seeds). We ask you to be mindful of this when sending food to school especially those special occasion foods that are shared e.g. birthday cakes. Many thanks for your understanding.

We encourage the students to eat only the food that has been provided for them by their parents and ask that they do not share food or drink with other children.

Children Arriving Late to School

It is very important that all children arrive in time to commence the school day by 8.40am. When children arrive after this time they miss the opportunity to be well prepared for the day’s learning and unfortunately impact upon the learning of other children. Teachers understand that on occasions there may be a hold up in getting to school, but this should really be an exception. If a student arrives at school after 8.45am they MUST go to the office and sign in (Prep to Year 3 students must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver). The office staff will then give the student a late slip to hand to their class teacher which lets teachers know that they have been through the office.

Healthy Food

Health experts regularly remind us of the importance of having a good breakfast and a nutritional lunch to help give children the best opportunities to learn while at school. Please ensure that your child has a healthy lunch and morning tea packed each day. Particularly in the younger grades, our students are encouraged to eat fruit and yoghurt first before eating other foods packed in their lunchboxes.

Excelling is...

Caring more than others think is wise,
Risking more than others think is safe,
Dreaming more than others think is practical and
Expecting more than others think is possible.

The importance of hand washing

Your children are receiving regular reminders at school about some simple steps they can take to help protect themselves from the flu and other sicknesses. At present there are a high number of cases of both the seasonal flu and gastro in the wider community. Parents can help by reinforcing the important messages of the importance of frequently washing hands with soap and water, particularly before touching your face or food and after going to the toilet, and of covering your mouth and nose with disposable tissues when coughing or sneezing, which should then be disposed of immediately. Other ways Queensland Health advise families to protect themselves include:

- to stay home when you are sick;
- don’t share items such as glasses or cups, lipstick, toys or anything which could be contaminated with respiratory secretions;
- maintain at least one metre distance from people who have flu-like symptoms such as coughing or sneezing;
- consult your doctor if you have a cough and fever and follow their instructions, including taking medicine as prescribed;

It is very important that you talk with your child about these preventative measures and regularly remind them about hygienic practices.

A before school request

Parents and students are asked to please not enter school buildings before school. This includes internal hallways where port racks are located outside classrooms. These areas should be clear until the teacher brings their class inside.

Lost Property

In the Winter months with school jumpers being worn the lost property bundle tends to grow. School hats and jumpers are regularly being left behind, particularly on the oval. Please ensure that your child’s uniform is clearly named and check the table in the undercroft should you have any lost items. Thanks to the parents and classes who regularly help with finding the owners of our lost property.

Bee Champions

Congratulations to Jed (1G), Ella (3G), Harry (1G) and Bella (1G) 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
Catholic Education Week

Catholic Education Week will be celebrated across Queensland from 22-28 July this year. Catholic Education Week is held each year to promote the special ethos of Catholic schools and to highlight the great things that take place in Catholic schools every day.

The theme for 2012 is: Celebrating Community – Family Parish School.

This year’s theme calls us to celebrate the communities in which we live and grow. We are invited to acknowledge and celebrate the value of “community” and affirm its presence as a central aspect of the life and strength of the Catholic Christian Tradition.

“Community” is at the heart of the Catholic tradition. For two thousand years people have come together in community to share the story of Jesus, to nurture and strengthen each other, and to commit themselves to continuing his mission.

We will be celebrating Catholic Education Week with a whole school Mass on Thursday 26 July at 9am in the Church. Families are very welcome to join us for this Eucharistic celebration.

Catholic Education Week 2012 official Ambassador — General Peter Cosgrove AC MC

The Catholic education community in Queensland is delighted that General Peter Cosgrove AC MC will be the official Ambassador for Catholic Education Week in Queensland in 2012. General Cosgrove is the Chancellor of the Australian Catholic University and his strong Catholic faith, outstanding career, and in particular his peace-keeping work in East Timor and community rebuilding in Innisfail following Cyclone Larry, make him an ideal ambassador for this year’s celebrations.

“While community and solidarity aren’t unique to Australia, they are something that we should continue to celebrate. People of faith in Australia should rejoice in these attitudes wherever they find them, and acknowledge that these values are not just ‘Australian’, they’re also Christian.” General Peter Cosgrove AC MC

Wishing you God’s blessings for the coming week.

Brendan

Mark your calendars for a number of great library events during term three:

Library Working Bee - 19th July 9am - 12pm
Book Week/Book Night - 23rd August 6pm - 8pm
Cyber Safety Presentation for Parents - 30th August 6.30pm
The Great Book Swap - 5th September

Please see the attached flyer regarding Thursday’s Library Working Bee. We would love to have your help on this day. Please let us know if you are able to come as morning tea will be provided.

More information concerning these events will be announced as they draw near.

There is a great activity to share with your family. The Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators has an exhibition, Journey of a Book: Celebrating books from idea to publication at the Brisbane Square Library, Level 2 from 11th July until the end of August during normal Library opening times. The exhibition consists of original manuscripts, objects that have inspired the text and/or illustrations, editor’s notes, preliminary sketches and finished artwork including framed illustrations and published books from about 20 Southeast Queensland’s children’s authors and illustrators. This is a worthwhile event for the whole family.

Students begin borrowing from the library this week. We will be introducing the nominated Children’s Book Council Books to the students this term. We invite students to read these stories and decide which book should receive the CBCA Book of the Year Award, which will be awarded in August. Once students have read a CBCA book, they might like to visit ‘Mrs B’s’ website for activities which enhance the comprehension of the story. (The website is not Mrs Ballentine’s, but another Mrs B.)


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

Support-a-Reader News

A reminder to all our wonderful tutors that Support-a-Reader will recommence for Term 3 next Tuesday, 24th July. The children are eagerly awaiting your return.

Mary Clarris, SAR Co-ordinator
SPORTS NEWS

Senior Athletics Carnival
The Senior Athletics Carnival will be held on TUESDAY 31st JULY.
The Year 3 – 7 classes are busy practising their athletics skills in preparation for the carnival.
The venue will be Villanova Park, Manly Road Tingalpa which allows for Sprints, 800m, Shot Put, Long Jump, Relays and Games - all culminating in the 2012 Athletics House Champion. Good Luck to all our competitors and House Point participants.
Parents are encouraged to meet us there and assist with any jobs. Please indicate this on your permission slip if you are able to be part of our big team for a great day out and I will get back to you via email with further details.

Lytton District Athletics Representation
The Lytton District Athletics Carnival will be held at Villanova Park on 7th & 8th August 2012. Times and distances are set as qualifiers for successful athletes to join our team. The Senior Athletics Carnival will act as our school trials for ages 10 - 13 (2002 – 1999) to represent Sts Peter & Paul’s at the Lytton District Athletics Carnival. Trials for Discus events will be held during school time. If you are interested in nominating for the High Jump events you must provide a height jumped this previous season with a coach’s signature for submission. More information is available from me via email – lconaghan@bne.catholic.edu.au.

OSHC NEWS

ACTIVITIES: This week we are cooking delicious freckle biscuits, making yummy stirfry, cooking savoury twists and baking sticky date puddings. For craft we are making stained glass snowflakes, making 3D flowers and butterflies, painting and stencilling and making jester puppets. Our new wooden medieval castle is very popular and our new puppets are lots of fun. We have also been very busy in the garden watering our seedlings. We are looking forward to being able to pick cherry tomatoes, beans, snow peas and bok choy in a few weeks time.

GET ACTIVE: Our Get Active activities for this term will be Gymnastics and Ultimate Frisbee. Details of the coaches are currently being finalised and our term 3 program will be in week 4.

VACATION CARE: We welcome feedback from children and families on our June-July Vacation Care program, “In Days of Olde”. Please email any comments or suggestions to bulimbaoshc@bne.centacare.net.au. We also welcome any suggestions for the next school holidays.

Claire Ravenswood
OSHC Coordinator

Looking for Library volunteers to join our Term 3 Library Working Bee
(No prior experience necessary!)

Sts Peter and Paul’s School Library
Thursday 19th July
9:00am – 12:00pm
Morning Tea provided
Come join us to process and cover new library resources and repair old resources.
It’s a great way catch up with friends!

I will be attending the Library Working Bee on Thursday 19th July.

Name: ________________________________ Phone # __________________________

Thanks! We couldn’t do it without you!
**DATES TO REMEMBER**

16-20 July  
Yr7 Canberra/Sydney Trip

18th July  
P&F Meeting 7.30pm in staffroom

19th July  
Library Working Bee

31st July  
Senior Athletics Carnival

15th August  
Public Holiday—Exhibition Holiday

18th Aug  
Trivia Night (adults only) 7pm

13th Sept  
Yr7 2012 Market Day

21st Sept  
Term 3 ends

8th Oct  
Term 4 commences

22nd Oct  
Pupil Free Day

7th Dec  
2012 School Year ends

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**Tuckshop News**

**ROSTER: WEDNESDAY, 18/7**
Elisa Dooley, Helen Savage, Karina Salas

**ROSTER: FRIDAY, 20/7**
Amelia Francis, Sharon James, Jenny Barends, Leonie Flynn, Maria Camargo

**ROSTER: MONDAY 23/7**
Colette Murie

Thank you everyone,
Chris Watt
Tuckshop Convenor H: 39010853 M: 0413590109

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**Parish Cake Stall – 21st & 22nd July**

The Sts Peter and Paul's School Care and Concern Group (through its Morning Tea Register) 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 at the Saturday night and Sunday morning masses on the 21st and 22nd July. As usual the Stall will be full of delicious goodies.

We would really welcome any new bakers or anyone (big or small) wanting to channel their inner masterchef! Your baked goods can be dropped off to the School Office on Friday, 20th July or to the stall before either of the masses. Please contact Ann Goodsell on 0409 988 326 or email anngoodsell@yahoo.com.au for how to package and label your items, or if you would like more information.

All money raised is used by the Parish to support families within our school and parish community.