Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children,

THE OLYMPIC SPIRIT

This week I include from the Parish Newsletter, Fr Tom’s thoughts on the Olympics for your reflection:

I am disappointed with our approach to the Olympic Games. Why the preoccupation with Gold Medals, even to the point of tears, frustration and recriminations over gaining a Silver. It is a betrayal of the Olympic Spirit.

I always find it deeply moving to see the small countries marching in the opening ceremony, perhaps countries with a population of a few hundred thousand, often with significant economic and social disadvantage. They might field half a dozen athletes, smiling and proud. This is where I see the true Olympic Spirit. Countries torn apart by strife and civil war who come to celebrate international peace and harmony. Countries where some suffer famine and starvation whose athletes witness to the possibility of health, strength and endurance. Here is the Olympic ideal.

Olympism aims to place sport at the service of the harmonious development of humankind, with a view to promoting a peaceful society concerned with the preservation of human dignity.

Yes, competition is fun; it is exciting. Wining is a crown. But the Olympics are about something greater. It is about the achievements of the human spirit. St Paul uses athletic images to speak of the Christian life and our striving for the eternal crown. The Games can be for us a symbol of a better world, God's Kingdom of justice and peace of which the Gospel speaks. It can be a yearning for and an expression of international cooperation and goodwill.

Someone told me that Australia actually supports some of the impoverished African teams with sportswear, equipment and training. That would be wonderful to see, but I couldn’t find any reference to it on the web. Can anyone enlighten and inspire us with such information?

We Catholics easily speak of human dignity and the respect for life from the first moment of conception until life’s natural end. The extraordinary health and human achievement we see in our Olympic athletes can remind us of the rights and potential of every human being. It can lead us to a new and more profound respect for the human spirit, and help us strive for the kind of society which makes space for every person. The glory of the Olympics might lead us to urge a new deal for the disabled and disadvantaged in our society. Can we set aside our triumphalistic materialism in the quest for the true Olympic ideal? (Rev Dr Tom Eich, Parish Priest)

2013 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. We currently have waiting lists on some grade levels for next year, so it is important that I am made aware of family transfers and movements for the 2013 school year.

Reflection

Tomorrow we celebrate the life of Australia’s first saint, Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop who worked to provide education for poor children. Let us pray for those who work to educate children. Compassionate, loving God, may we follow Mary MacKillop’s model of selfless love and service in this land. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Peace and Best Wishes

Sr Ann-Maree Nicholls, sgs

PRINCIPAL

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, 13th September. The children have been busy making their own crafts to sell, however they need some help and would welcome donations of empty jars (up to 500g) to fill with jams and relishes for sale on the day. Could you please leave the empty jars at the School Office. Alternatively, if you would like to donate any homemade jams and/or relishes, please label your donation with an ingredients list if possible, and drop the jars into the School Office before Thursday, 13th September. All money raised from the Market Day is donated to Catholic Missions. If you have any queries please contact Bronwyn Wolski on 0414 355 356 or email paulbron@optusnet.com.au. Thank you in advance for your help and on-going generosity.
Year 5 Class Mass

Year 5 will celebrate their class Mass this Friday 10 August at 9am in the Church. The theme for this Mass will focus on God’s great love, and God’s care, acceptance and kindness to all: “Let us be more like Jesus by showing our love for others by treating them kindly. Too often we 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 which have the potential to turn a life around. People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime. Take no one for granted and embrace all equally with joy!”

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

8 August – Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Mary MacKillop was born in Melbourne in 1842 and died in Sydney on 8 August 1909. She took the religious name Mary of the Cross. Responding to the isolation of colonial families, she pioneered a new form of religious life to provide education for their children. She and her sisters shared the life of the poor and the itinerant, offering special care to destitute women and children. She is remembered for her eagerness to discover God’s will in all things, for her charity in the face of calumny, and for her abiding trust in God’s providence.

Mary MacKillop’s Feast Day - A Solemnity

Australia’s first Saint, Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop has been honoured with her feastday being named as a solemnity. A solemnity means that the Mass of the day will include a first reading as well as the second reading. It will also include the Gospel, the Gloria and the recitation of the Creed.

This honour is a recognition that the story of and devotion to St Mary MacKillop has a prominent place in the Catholic community in Australia. Archbishop Philip Wilson, President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, said that “for all Australians, whether Catholic or not, Mary MacKillop is seen as a woman of heroic virtue, Catholic Bishops Conference, said that “for all Australians, whether Catholic or not, Mary MacKillop is seen as a woman of heroic virtue, and this goes a little further toward honouring her great example.”

Through the example of Saint Mary of the Cross, may we learn to recognise God’s will for us. May her life of service awaken in us a deep respect for the poor and a strong will for justice.

“There where you are you will find God.” Mary MacKillop 1871

Vocation – to what are we now called?

This week we celebrate National Vocations Awareness Week. The word ‘vocation’ is understood much more broadly today than in the recent past. Vocation today is understood to be a call to holiness (‘wholeness’) for ALL Christians, as a consequence of their Baptism. Married life, single life, religious life and ordained life are equally all vocations, and are all responses to this Baptismal call to bring Jesus’ life and love to our little part of the world in particular ways.

Every person is gifted by God with a range of talents and qualities: ‘There is a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit…’ (1 Cor. 12:4-7) Not all people are, or can be, involved in parish ministries. For Catholics/Christians, the kingdom/reign of God is promoted in people’s homes, their places of work and study, their neighbourhoods, and in streets, sports venues and shopping centres. It is in these places, in this ordinariness of life, that many people truly live their Christian vocation.

9 August – International Day of the World’s Indigenous People

Thursday, 9 August, is International Day of the World’s Indigenous People. It is a time to explore the history and culture of the millions all over the world who are Indigenous.

Each indigenous culture is distinct and unique. While many peoples may express similar worldviews and a common indigenous identity, their cultures are nonetheless based on different histories, environments, and creative spirits. Music, dance, ceremony, storytelling and art-making express the richness of the world’s indigenous cultures.

The 9th of August is an opportunity to acknowledge the significant place that indigenous cultures occupy in the world’s cultural landscape, and the important contribution they make to our rich cultural diversity.

Humankind has not woven the web of life.
We are but one thread within it.
Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves.
All things are bound together.
All things connect.
Chief Seattle

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

P&F News

School Trivia Night—Saturday 18th August

Last chance to book your table/self for Trivia night - it's going to be a great night so don't miss out!! Grab a form from the office or call Jill on 0431778513 or email jill@fitmums.net

Bridge to Brisbane

Only 4 weeks to go until Bridge to Brisbane so get your trainers! Training is on Wednesday for half an hour at Hawthorne Park at 3.15pm. If you can't make the training session don't worry - you can still log on as part of the school team - just use these ID numbers once you have logged onto http://www.bridgetobrisbane.com.au/:

Team Name: Sts Peter and Paul's school, Bulimba 10km

Team Name: Sts Peter and Paul's school, Bulimba 5km

New Students

Two new students started at the school last week - Kara and Nikita Bond. (4 Blue, 5 Green). A big welcome to you and your family.

Next P&F Meeting

The next P&F meeting is on Wednesday 22nd August at 7:30pm in the Staffroom. All are welcome. All agenda items should be submitted to Tim Goodsell at tim_goodsell@hotmail.com by Monday 20th August.

Child of the Week

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APA News...Mr Damien Sullivan

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Sports News

Senior Athletics Carnival - Congratulations to O’Brien House!

Thank you to all staff, students and parents for their superb efforts in making our Senior Sports Carnival such a successful event. Thank you especially to Adam at Villanova Park, Brett McKay and Mrs Clariss for setting up our activities for us all to enjoy – you are gems. Finally, in a tightly fought out team event O’Brien was overall winner.

Our 2012 Age Champions who medalled last week are:

8yrs Girls  Ella Monckton
9yrs Girls  Georgie Dobbs
10yrs Girls Tara McCarthy
11yrs Girls Anna Francis
12yrs Girls Miela Goodchild
13yrs Girls Grace Cooney

8yrs Boys  Matthew Goodsell
9yrs Boys  William Robinson
10yrs Boys  Jake Hrstich
11yrs Boys Max Brockhurst
12yrs Boys Edward Hoare
13yrs Boys Elijah Barnes

Many students progressed to the Lytton District Carnival being held over the next two days. Good luck and congratulations to:


Date claimers

Bridge to Brisbane – Sts Peter & Paul’s School Team Challenge - 2 September 2012 – contact jill@fitmums.net.

Mini Olympics: Prep - Year 2 Athletics Carnival, School Oval: Friday, 14th September.

Yours in Sport

Mrs Conaghan
DATES TO REMEMBER

15th August  
Public Holiday—Exhibition Holiday
18th Aug  
Trivia Night (adults only) 7pm
22nd Aug  
P&F Meeting. 7.30pm in staffroom
13th Sept  
Yr7 2012 Market Day
14th Sept  
Prep - Yr 2 Mini Olympics on School Oval
21st Sept  
Term 3 ends
8th Oct  
Term 4 commences
22nd Oct  
Pupil Free Day
7th Dec  
2012 School Year ends

School Banking News

Fantastic News! Our Term Two Commission for school banking is a whopping $672.88. This is an outstanding result and an increase on Term One commission of $522.24. Therefore, to date, our school bankers have earned $1,195.12 in funds for our school just by saving each week. Keep up the great work school bankers!

Thank you to all those parents who signed their child up for School Banking at the ‘Sign on Day’ on the 27th July 2012. We have 24 new children in our school banking program so don’t forget that Tuesday is our School Banking day.

The Commonwealth Bank is a major sponsor of the Woolshed Pavilion at this year’s Royal Brisbane Show and every day from 9.30am to 11.30am there will be an exciting kid’s show for the children to enjoy along with visits from the Dollarmite characters. If you are attending the EKKA this year, you may like to come along to say hello to your favourite Dollarmite character. The EKKA runs from Thursday 9/8/12 until Saturday 19/8/12.

If you are interested in the school banking program and want your child to join, please visit the office for a school banking ‘pack’ which contains the information needed to join.

Joanne Jones
School Banking Coordinator
Celebrate Book Week
2012

Open Book Night
23rd August: 6:30pm – 8:00pm
@ the Library

Book Night is a family night in which parents are invited to read stories with their children and complete activities for these stories.

RSVP: Our family will be coming to the library for Open Book Night on Thursday 23rd August from 6:30pm – 8:00pm.

The _________________ family  Mum __  Dad __  Number of children __

(class represented: ____, _____)  Total attending: _____
Last week the Year 3 children learnt about Concrete Poems. The visual image and the words convey the poet’s feelings of their chosen topic.

Candle, candle burning bright,
Like a star in the night.
Swishing, swaying all day long,
In every game and song.
Candle burning every day we would like to say,
Thank you, for this light today.
Candle, candle burning bright,
Like the moon in the night.
Written by: Hannah Williams Olivia Flannery and Jacqueline Kewley (3 Red)

Soaring, zooming through the sky,

Written by: Monique Cunningham, Ben Andrews and Isabella Hollewand (3 Green)

Ready to go straight through the atmosphere,
You can find them on Saturn and even on Mars,
With Spacemen in them ready to gasp,
And after that these mechanical machine,
Goes back to Earth and lands supreme.

Written by: Anastasia Jackson (3 Blue)

Written by: Daniel Pearce (3 Blue)