Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children,

Queensland Catholic Schools’ and Colleges’ Music Festival

Sts Peter & Paul’s School will once again be participating in the Queensland Catholic Schools’ and Colleges’ Music Festival this Friday, 17th August. The Year 3 Choir will perform at 9:14am and the Senior Choir will perform at 3:02pm in the Augustine Centre, Villanova College. The Band will perform at 9:28am in Goold Hall, Villanova College. Thank you to Mrs Carolyn Burchill, Mrs Deb Balmer, Ms Sandy Chou and all the staff who have assisted in the preparation of the Choirs and Band for the Festival. Best wishes to our students who will be performing.

Thanks to Villanova College for their generosity in once again hosting this event.

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 the Church celebrates the solemnity of the Assumption. We honour Mary, a sign of hope and holiness. In hope we pray that this broken world may one day be made whole. Glorious God, May we follow Mary’s example of holiness and live with hope in our hearts. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

At Sts Peter & Paul, two Masses will be celebrated for the Assumption of the Virgin Mary: this evening at 7:00pm and then in the morning at 9:00am.

Enjoy the EKKA holiday. This year the Thursday after the Ekka holiday is not a designated Ministerial holiday. Thursday is a school day.

Peace and Best Wishes

Sr Ann-Maree Nicholls, sgs

PRINCIPAL

APRE News – Mr Brendan Schostakowski

Feast of the Assumption – 15 August

The 15 August is a very important day on the Church’s liturgical calendar – we remember the story of Mary, the Mother of Jesus and how she was bodily assumed into heaven.

While the when and the how of Mary’s assumption is utterly a mystery, there is no doubt that the reason for her assumption is ultimately a matter of love, God’s gracious love in response to Mary’s faithfulness. In Mary we see an ordinary woman who becomes extraordinary by virtue of her faith in what God makes possible in her life. Mary not only listened to God’s word and heard it, but she allowed the Word to take flesh in her life. In and through her feminine humanity she proclaims the greatness of God’s love for all humanity and in this sense is a disciple of God’s love. This feast is an opportunity to celebrate the heavenly rewards of such a loving discipleship and to be inspired at how lowly humanity can be raised to such glorious heights simply because of love!

Glorious God, May we follow Mary’s example of holiness and live with hope in our hearts. Amen.

Homeless Person’s Week

The 2012 theme of Homelessness Australia campaign and Homeless Person’s Week is: HOMING IN on the real issues of homelessness. Homelessness is multi-faceted and affects different groups of people in diverse ways. The causes and consequences of homelessness vary between groups such as families, young people, women escaping domestic violence, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people with alcohol and other drug problems, people with mental health problems and so on. Homelessness Australia wants to make the facts about homeless people known, and to build the resolve of the Australian community to address homelessness.

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**The Ripple Effect**

One song can spark a moment,
One flower can wake the dream,
One tree can start a forest,
One bird can herald spring,
One smile begins a friendship,
One hand clasp lifts a soul,
One star can guide a ship at sea,
One word can frame the goal.

**School Trivia Night - this Saturday at 7pm**

We have 17 tables booked in for the School Trivia Night - fantastic! There are a few tables that have not decided on their chosen country so please let us know by Thursday at the latest either by SMS on 0431778513 or email jill@fitmums.net.

We are on the lookout for another couple of people to fill a table so please let us know if you are interested.

Just a few things to remember for the night - it is a BYO food and alcohol/drinks evening (no food or drinks will be sold on the night). Please no pointy heels. In addition to the Sts Peter & Paul’s inaugural trophy for the Trivia Champions there is a prize for the best dressed table. This means you can dress up your table and/or yourselves as much or as little as you wish - the hall will be open on Saturday afternoon from 4- 5 for you to do this and to bring your eskies, etc down beforehand.

**Bridge to Brisbane - training**

Due to the EKKA holiday there will be no training tomorrow. However, a few of us are going to do a morning jog meeting at Riverside/Love Street Park in Bulimba at 9am.

**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.

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

**Year 4 Camp**

The Year 4 classes had a wonderful time at Luther Heights, Coolum during their three day visit last week. They took part in raft building, orienteering, flying fox, initiative activities and an assortment of beach games. The behaviour and maturity displayed by the children was wonderful to see and I’m sure there were plenty of great stories for families upon their arrival home on Friday. Thank you to the Year 4 teachers; Ms Coen, Ms Raymond and Mr Lancaster for all of your efforts in preparing such a great experience for the students. Thanks also to Sharon Burke, Kylie Rogers, Carmel Rodney and Brendan Schostakowski for so kindly accompanying the class teachers in helping to care for the students.

**Collins Street Pick Up Zone**

Parents who use the top Pick Up or Drop Off line on Collins Street are reminded to please enter Collins Street via Grosvenor Street only. Drivers are not permitted to enter the queue of cars lining up to pick up or drop off children on Collins Street by turning from Victoria Street. This unnecessarily holds traffic up on Victoria Street and is unfair for those drivers who have done the right thing by joining the queue from the back of the line.

**Mobile Phones and I-Pods**

A reminder for parents that students who bring phones or I-Pods to school must hand them in at the office at the beginning of the day. This helps ensure that these expensive items are not lost or damaged at school. It also means there won’t be the temptation to use them during the school day.

**Late arrival at school**

A reminder for all families that school starts at 8.40am each day. Students will be marked late on the roll if they arrive after 8.45am. If a student arrives at school after this time, 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 slip to hand to their class teacher which lets teachers know that they have been through the office.

**Lost Property**

At present we have a large pile of school jumpers, hats and lunchboxes with no names marked on them. We urge parents to please ensure names are clearly marked on items brought to school and to discuss with their children the importance of being responsible for uniform items that they may take off or leave in the playground during the school day. Students and/or parents should check the lost property box in the undercroft if something has been misplaced. With huge numbers of school jumpers and hats in the lost property box it is taking volunteer parents and office staff hours each week to sort through and return lost items to students. Items still left in the lost property box for a significant time may be donated to St Vincent de Paul.

**Bee Champions**

Congratulations to Jack (1G), Josh (3B), Daniel (3B) and Remo (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.

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

**Book Week/ Book Night** - 23rd August 6.30pm-8pm
@ the Library

**The Reading Hour** - 25th August 6pm-7pm @ your home

**Cyber Safety Presentation for Parents** - 30th August 6pm Parish Hall

**The Great Book Swap** - 5th September @ the Library

We’d like to remind children who are entered in the Gold Star Reading Program with the Brisbane Libraries that they still have lots of prizes available for pick up. These prizes include -the library bag, door hanger, book plates and this month’s prize - a book light! The big prize for August will be the $250 book voucher for themselves and $250 for their school! It’s worth finishing this reading program!

Planning for ‘Champions Read’ Book Week 20 – 24 August is well underway. A flier for the family reading and activity night is included in the newsletter. Families are invited to stop by the library from 6:30 to 8:00pm on Thursday, 23rd August. Please RSVP so we may plan accordingly.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge will close the first week of September. Please make sure to sign your child’s form each time they complete a book. Bring the completed form to the library.

The ‘Reading Hour’ will be held on Saturday, 25th August from 6:00-7:00PM. We encourage all families to take time from busy schedules and read with their children. See more about this activity: [http://www.thereadinghour.org.au/](http://www.thereadinghour.org.au/)

The Great Book Swap will be held 5th of September with proceeds benefiting the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. Students will be able to bring a book and a gold coin to enter the Book Swap. The books need to be ones your child enjoyed and must be in good condition. Students need to download the Book Plate and complete this form for the book or books they choose to swap. If students choose to bring more than one book, they must bring a gold coin for each book they wish to swap. Books and gold coins may be dropped off from 27th – 31st August. This will enable students to receive a token for their visit to the Book Swap on the 5th of September, where they will be able to pick up a newly-used book given by another student. More information will be appearing in upcoming newsletters.

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

Students are invited to experience science in an array of exciting activities this week. One special CSIRO activity offered for families is ‘Extraordinary Science @ ESP’. This Thursday 3pm – 7pm CSIRO Education’s Eco Sciences Precinct (ESP), 41 Boggo Road, Dutton Park, is opening its doors for families to come and see science at work. There will be hands-on experiments for kids, live demonstrations, guided tours, real scientists to meet and more! Check the link for more information [http://www.csiro.au/Portals/Education/Programs/Double-Helix-Science-Club/Helix-events/DH-Events-QLDs/Extraordinary-Science-at-ESP.aspx](http://www.csiro.au/Portals/Education/Programs/Double-Helix-Science-Club/Helix-events/DH-Events-QLDs/Extraordinary-Science-at-ESP.aspx)

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**Celebrate Book Week 2012**

**Open Book Night**

**Thursday 23rd August: 6:30pm – 8:00pm @ the Library**

Book Night is a family night where 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: _____
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

Tuckshop News

ROSTER: WEDNESDAY, 15/8
EKKA Public Holiday

ROSTER: FRIDAY, 17/8
Jan-Marie Burnham, Sharon James, Amelia Francis, Leonie Flynn, Veronique Smith, Angela Owens

ROSTER: MONDAY 20/8
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Many thanks,
Chris Watt
Tuckshop Convenor
H: 39010853 M: 0413590109

Bookclub News

A reminder to you all that Bookclub orders will close on Friday 24th August. Please remember to make all cheques payable to Sts Peter & Paul’s School.

Rail Safety Week

As part of Rail Safety Week (13-19 August 2012), Queensland Rail is reminding school students to stay alert near railway tracks, and ensure they act safely on and around rail property.

Did you know?
• Trains can’t swerve and by the time the driver can see you it is already too late for the train to stop in time.
• Disobeying railway crossing signals or trespassing on railway property is not only dangerous, but is also illegal.

Keep yourself safe
• Only cross railway tracks at designated crossings where it is safe and legal to do so.
• At railway crossings, obey all signs and signals. Listen for a warning bell or train whistle, watch for flashing lights and always look both ways.
• When riding your bike, walk it across the tracks when crossing at a marked railway crossing.