Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

School Funding

The Australian Government is currently reviewing funding for all schools and it is likely that the government will soon propose new funding arrangements that will be debated in the Federal Parliament later this year.

These new arrangements could have significant consequences for the funding received by our school. I believe it is vital that you are aware of the facts about school funding and are able to actively defend the right of our school to the funding it needs to continue to offer a quality education, while keeping our fees as low as possible.

There has already been a lot of misinformation about school funding in the media. In particular, claims have been made that Catholic and other non-government schools receive more funding than State schools. These claims are simply wrong. Students in Catholic schools on average receive only about 80% of the government funding provided to students in government schools.

I encourage you to view the video Catholic school funding in Australia prepared by the Queensland Catholic Education Commission.

Over the coming weeks, I will also provide you with more detailed information about funding in our school newsletter. I encourage you to take an active interest in this information and be ready to participate in this funding debate.

More information about Catholic school funding can be found at: www.fundinginfo.catholic.edu.au

Professional Renewal Leave

Commencing 10 September, I will be taking 4 weeks Professional Renewal Leave. During this time I will join a group of 30 educational leaders from Victoria and Queensland participating in an International Study in Educational Leadership.

This study experience takes in a focused look at school practices, and in the end, Finnish culture. The study tour will visit a number of schools and universities examining various aspects of education, and participating in seminars and discussions with administrators, principals and teachers. In Scotland, under the guidance of a team of exceptional academics and school principals, we will visit high performing schools and examine the journey in Scotland’s achievements in education particularly in Edinburgh and Glasgow. We will then travel into the north of England and London to experience new innovative pedagogy within their education system. I feel very blessed to have been offered this wonderful experience and look forward to sharing the fruits of my learnings when I return to school on 22 October.

During my absence I am grateful to Mr Brendan Schostakowski who has been appointed to the role of Acting Principal and to Ms Emilia Micheletto who will be Acting Assistant Principal Religious Education.

Long Service Leave

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.

Father’s Day

On Sunday we celebrate Father’s Day. Let us bring to our prayer the needs of all men who are called to nurture our families. Compassionate God, pour out your blessings upon all who make our families places of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Peace and Best Wishes

Sr Ann-Maree Nicholls, sgs
Principal

APRE News – Mr Brendan Schostakowski

Years 1-3 Class Liturgy

Years 1-3 will celebrate their class Liturgy this Thursday 30 August at 9am in the Church.

This term Year 2 has been learning about loving God and how he is present in our lives. We have all been gifted with God’s love and we should show that love to one another each day. The following prayer will be a focus during this liturgy.

The Hand Prayer:
Your Thumb is nearest you. So begin your prayers by praying for your loved ones closest to you.
The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach and heal. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.
The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the leaders of the country. These people shape our nation. They need God’s guidance.
The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger. It should remind us to pray for those who are in trouble or in pain.

And lastly comes our little finger – “The least shall be the greatest among you”. Your pinkie should remind you to say a prayer just for you. After you have prayed for the other four groups, say a little prayer – just for you!

Family members are very welcome to celebrate with the children and their teachers.

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The father was embarrassed by his earlier overreaction, but became angry again when he found the box was empty. He spoke to her in a harsh manner: “Don’t you know, young lady, when you give someone a present there’s supposed to be something inside the package?”

The little girl looked up at him with tears in her eyes and said: “Daddy, it’s not empty. I blew kisses into it until it was full.” The father was crushed. He fell to his knees and put his arms around his little girl, and he begged her to forgive him for his unnecessary anger.

An accident took the life of the child only a short time later and the father kept that gold box by his bed for all the years of his life. Whenever he was discouraged or faced difficult problems he would open the box and take out an imaginary kiss and remember the love of the child who put it there. (Source unknown)

In a very real sense, each of us has been given a golden box filled with unconditional love and kisses from our fathers, mothers, family, friends and God. There is no more precious possession anyone could hold.

Father’s Day is a day when we give thanks for fathers and all who care for children such as stepfathers, grandfathers, uncles, older brothers, and godfathers. Loving God, we pray this special blessing for all fathers … who make us smile when we are sad; who teach us about many things; who help us know good from bad.

May God bless and strengthen you, 
be your hope and your guide, 
and lead you gently all your days.

Wishing all our dads a very happy Father’s Day this Sunday.

May God bless you and your families throughout the coming week.

Brendan

**Assistant Principal’s Message...Mr Damien Sullivan**

**Prep, Year 1 & Year 2 Mini Olympics – 14 September**
The 2012 Prep to Year 2 Mini Olympics is planned for Friday 14 September. The Mini Olympics will be held on the school oval from 9:00am until about lunchtime. The children will rotate through a range of fun physical activities with their class groups and teachers. Each class will be looking for a few volunteers to assist with activities, setting up and pack-up in order to help the day run smoothly. If you are able to help out, please let your class coordinator or teacher know.

**Student protection**
Because schools like Sts Peter and Paul’s are located in busy suburban areas, students before and after school can regularly come into contact with members of the wider community. For this reason parents are asked to have regular discussions with their children about stranger danger, taking great care in public places and about talking to trusted adults about any incident that makes them feel less safe.

If you are ever concerned about your child’s safety after any contact with a member of the public please inform the school. Parents are also asked not to hesitate in phoning the police. The police communications number 3364 3555 can be called for an urgent slip to hand to their class teacher which lets teachers know that they have been through the office.

**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.

**Bee Champions**
Congratulations to Summer (2B), Jess (3B), Mia (1G) 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.

Damien Sullivan

**Child of the Week**

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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.

**Late arrival at school**
A reminder to parents 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 a late slip to hand to their class teacher which lets teachers know that they have been through the office.
The Year 5 classes have recently tried their hand at writing reflective prayers. Here are a couple of examples of their wonderful work:

**By Dylan Warren-Pugh**

Everyday God

I saw God today.

He was wearing a blue shaggy shirt with ripped pants.

For a second I thought it was my grandad, but I knew it was God because of the way he kept helping others in need while knowing he was in need as well.

I saw God on the weekend.

She was wearing a blue apron and silver slippers.

For a second I thought it was my mum, but I knew it was God because of the way she did so much hard work just to make me happy.

I saw God yesterday.

He was wearing a blue apron with a print of Homer Simpson on it. He was also wearing silver slippers that were made from the softest silk.

For a second I thought it was my Dad, but I knew it was God because of the joyful smile that he had on his face whilst he was making me and my brother’s breakfast.

By Dylan Warren-Pugh

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**Cyber Safety**

**Presentation for Parents**

- 30th August 6:30pm

Good Samaritan Hall

The Great Book Swap

- 5th September @ the Library

Premier’s Reading Challenge Forms due 5th September @ the Library

We thank all students and families that participated in Book Week activities last week. The attendance at our Family Book Night on Thursday was over 125. These families read CBCA stories and created items to enhance the comprehension of those stories. Our year three and four students had a wonderful time creating poetry with author and poet, Catherine Bates during her visit on Thursday. Our celebration of ‘Champions Read’ continues this week with National Literacy and Numeracy Week. Wednesday is titled, ‘Read for Australia’. We are encouraging all students and families to stop and read with others at 2pm. The book chosen this year for the 2pm read is Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley by Aaron Blabey. Friday we’ll celebrate champions and reading with a gold coin ‘dress up day.’ Students pay a gold coin to dress as a champion that reads. Champions may be a cooks, athletes, scientists, musicians, conservationist, etc. One thing all great champions have in common is that champions read! The gold coin collection will go to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

The Great Book Swap will be held 5th of September with proceeds benefiting the Indigenous Literacy Foundation as well. Students may bring a book and a gold coin to the library this week to enter the Book Swap. The books chosen for swapping should be in good condition and an enjoyable story that others might enjoy. Students are to download and complete a Book Plate (found on the link provided), and place the plate in the front cover of the book. [http://www.indigenousliteracyfoundation.org.au/GBS](http://www.indigenousliteracyfoundation.org.au/GBS). If students choose to swap more than one book, they may bring a gold coin for each book swap. Books and gold coins may be dropped off between 27th – 31st August. Children can bring in their books before school and at lunch time. This will enable students to receive token(s) for their visit to the ‘Book Swap’ on the 5th September, where they will pick a slightly-used book given by another student.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is coming to a close. Please be sure your child has their completed Reading Challenge form into the library by 5th September. Certificates will be handed out in October.

**Our students are using the Internet more often as digital technologies become an ever increasing part of our life. Students from Years 4-7 will be attending an Internet Safety Awareness program presented by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA). The ACMA will stay and offer a presentation for parents that evening at 6:30pm. This is a very important event and we encourage you to attend. Please see the flyer for details.**

**Happy Reading,**

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


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**P&F News**

**Bridge to Brisbane**

This Sunday is the Bridge to Brisbane run and it’s still not too late to register! 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/](http://www.bridgetobrisbane.com.au/):

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

Team Number: 73187

**Kids Halloween Disco**

Friday 26 October is the night for the school Halloween disco. In addition to dancing and disco lights there will be some fun games for all grades to enjoy so don’t forget to put it in the diary.

**Aussie Farmers Direct**

Aussie Farmers Direct is a food home delivery service. If you have an account with them you can now nominate the P&F to receive 2% from every order you make with Aussie Farmers Direct.

Here’s what to do…

2. Click on Community/Fundraising page
3. Click on Current & New Customers
4. Click on the blue box *Are you an existing customer?*
5. Click here to link your account
6. Complete the form by nominating Sts Peter and Paul’s Bulimba.

**Next P&F Meeting**

The next P&F meeting is on Wednesday 19th September 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 17th September.

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**Year 5**

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By Dylan Warren-Pugh

**Everyday God**

I saw God last month.

He was wearing an old white shirt, brown leather trousers and old weathered boots.

He was visiting his dear friend in hospital.

For a moment I thought he was my Dad, but I knew he was God because of his empathetic smile and subtle tears.

I saw God last week.

She was wearing an old pink tracksuit and beige fluffy Ugg boots.

She was sharing a hard time with me.

For a moment I thought she was my Mum, but I knew she was God because of her caring eyes and wise words.

I saw God yesterday.

He was wearing a new yellow hardhat, an orange safety jacket, old dirty trousers and stained white shoes.

For a moment I thought he was my Uncle, but I knew he was God because of the caring way he tried to help me find my parents and the way he assured me that I would see them again.

By Max Murie
**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- **23rd Aug** Book Week/Book Night
- **30th Aug** Cyber Safety Presentation for parents. 6.30pm in School Library
- **13th Sept** Year 7 2012 Market Day
- **14th Sept** Prep - Year 2 Mini Olympics on School Oval
- **19th Sept** P&F Meeting. 7.30pm in Staffroom
- **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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**Canossa Kindergarten ‘Rainbows and Lollipops’ Fete**

Canossa Kindergarten ‘Rainbows and Lollipops’ Fete will be held at the centre at 86 Milsom Street Coorparoo on Saturday 1st September from 10am - 2pm. All are welcome to attend.

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**Brisbane East Deanery Welcomes Sr Ursula O’Rourke**

Are you a reader at Mass or a Minister of Communion, involved in Music Ministry or Children’s Liturgy of the Word? Would you like a better understanding of your ministry? Sr Ursula will be in Brisbane East Deanery to help us understand more about Liturgical Principles and to reflect on our call to Ministry.

**THURSDAY 30 AUGUST @ 7:30pm** Liturgical principles and a special workshop for Readers - Sts Peter & Paul’s Parish Hall, 25 Main Ave Bulimba.

**FRIDAY 31 AUGUST @ 9:30am** Liturgical principles and a special workshop for Ministers of Communion and Children’s Liturgy - Regina Caeli Parish, Coorparoo Hts.

**SATURDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 1:30pm-3:00pm** Liturgical principles and a special workshop for Musicians - St Oliver Plunkett Parish, 21 Beaumaris St Cannon Hill.

No cost – funded by Brisbane East Deanery, RSVP Jeanne Schneider at Regina Caeli Parish 3398 3697 or e-mail: reginacaeli@bne.catholic.net.au by August 27.
Sports News

MINI-MARKET DAY - RELISH AND JAM MAKERS NEEDED

Calling all relish, lemon butter, jam, and preserved lemon makers!!

Thank you to everyone who has donated empty jars to the Year 7’s. They have appreciated your fantastic response. With so many jars to fill, the children now need relishes and jams to fill them. Students will then beautifully decorate the jars ready for sale at the Year 7 Mini Market Day on Thursday 13th September.

If you can help, please contact Bronwyn Wolski on 0414 355 356 or email paulbron@optusnet.com.au to receive jars to fill. Please return your filled jars to the school office by 12th September (with an ingredients list if possible). All money raised from the Market Day is donated to Catholic Missions. The Year 7 students thank you for your continued support.

YEAR 7 “REACH OUT FOR PEACE” MINI-MARKET DAY
Thursday 13 September

The Year 7 Saints Peter and Paul’s students invite parents and parishioners to reach out for peace and come to their Mini-market Day on Thursday 13 September. You will find delicious foods, greeting cards, novelty and craft items plus you’ll hear the soulful sounds of some extraordinary buskers. The Year 7 classrooms are now a hive of activity as students plan, prepare and create a treasure trove of market goodies.

The Mini-market day’s aim is to raise funds for the Catholic Mission and provide relief for people in need around the world. Students will be given the opportunity to visit and purchase from the mini-market during class-time with teacher supervision.

So come one, come all … and help this worthy cause.

The Mini-market will be held from 10am to 2pm in the Parish Hall.

Parishioners and families may also like to help by donating small homemade craft or non-perishable food items ready for sale on the day. These may be placed in the Peace Project boxes located at the school office.

Many thanks, the Year 7 teachers and students.

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MINI OLYMPICS 2012

On Friday 14th September, all children in Prep, Years 1 and 2 will participate in the Mini Olympics. The day is filled with a variety of fun events and will be held on the School Oval. The Mini Olympics will commence at 9.00am and conclude at approximately 12.50pm. Details of the day’s events will be included in next week’s newsletter.

Children are asked to apply sunscreen before arriving at school and will need to bring morning tea, lunch and drinks for the day. Tuckshop will be available for Years 1 and 2. Children are to wear their sports uniform, including their house coloured shirt.

Parent helpers are needed to assist with activities for the day. If you are able to assist please complete the tear-off section on the Information Letter sent recently, or notify your child’s classroom teacher.

A coffee van will be available in the driveway for your beverages however please do not park in the church driveway at any time as all students will need access to this facility during the day – Thank you for your support and understanding.

Mrs Conaghan

Internet Safety Presentation Helps Children Stay Safe Online

Mark Your Calendar:
Thursday 30th August 6:30pm
Good Samaritan Hall

Young people today are immersed in digital technologies. They use the internet and mobile phones to socialise, study, exchange ideas and play. While online activity has many benefits, there are also risks.

To help your children stay safe online, Sts Peter and Paul’s School is hosting a Parent Cybersafety Outreach - Internet Safety Awareness presentation. Designed for parents, this presentation is provided by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) as part of a national program of cybersafety initiatives.

The Cybersafety Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation is thorough and non-technical. It covers a range of issues including:

• The ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
• Potential risks for children online, such as cyberbullying, identity theft, inappropriate contact and exposure to inappropriate content
• Tips to help children stay safe online.

The presentation is conducted by an ACMA Cybersafety trainer and is free of charge.

I will attend the AMCA Cybersafety – Internet Safety Awareness presentation on Thursday 30th August at 6:30pm in the Good Samaritan Hall.

Parent Name _________________________ Number attending ___

(Please be aware that the information given this evening is intended for parents. Students in Years 4-7 will have received cyber safety information at their appropriate level during the day.)
A savings account helps you save money to buy the cool things you want. You'll also get a statement every six months that tells you how much you've saved and lets you know about special offers and competitions you can enter to win great prizes.

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.

**How to save more**

There are loads of ways you can find extra money to put in your new 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 fun, easy and a great way to save.

Before you know it you'll have saved heaps.

Joanne Jones
School Banking Co-ordinator

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**What's New in Japanese?**

This term, all the grade 5, 6 and 7 students have been asked to join my Japanese groups on "Edmodo". Apart from a small number of grade 7 students, everyone has done so! Accessing Edmodo, means that the students can practise their Japanese at home or anywhere they have the internet available! I have loaded general language information, games and listening practices onto the site. The children can also communicate with me regarding their Japanese learning. Please encourage your children to make use of this wonderful tool.

Helen Claes - Japanese Teacher.