Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

Welcome back to a very busy fourth and final term of the school year. I hope you have enjoyed the two weeks break and found time to be together as family away from the routine of school life.

School Uniforms and Belongings

As we begin a new school Term I ask that you check your child’s uniform and other belongings. Regarding the school uniform, there is a very clear expectation that all students wear the correct uniform. This applies to Prep students as much as it does to Year Seven students. It applies in term four as much as it does in Term 1. Please make time to check your child’s uniform before they arrive at school.


THANK YOU to all those parents who ensure their child is neat and tidy in the correct uniform everyday. It is a constant investment of energy by parents, but it is appreciated. It helps to teach children about pride in themselves and their school.

Be Organised

As we begin our final term of the year it is important to make some time at home to discuss how your child can get organized not only at school, but also at home. Being a member of a learning community means that to fully participate and co-operate there are several organisational expectations all members need to follow, e.g. making sure notes from home and tuckshop orders are handed in on time, having materials ready for the start of class lessons, making sure homework is completed by the set date, and going to the toilet and getting a drink before the start of each learning session just to name a few.

As we move towards the end of the year and the school calendar becomes quite busy, there will be many opportunities for students to show how well they are organising themselves. Please support the school staff by raising the awareness of this important life skill with your child.

Social Justice Statement

(from Executive Director’s Message Brisbane Catholic Education, 8 October 2012)

During the holidays the Australian Catholic Bishops’ Social Justice Statement for 2012–13 was launched, celebrating the role of families in our society and urging all Australians to consider the pressures and challenges that families face today.

The Statement’s title is The Gift of Family in Difficult Times: The social and economic challenges facing families today. In it, the Bishops remind us that families, the basis of our community of faith and the very foundation of society, can be beacons for a more compassionate and just society.

But Australian families are under increasing pressure. Many families find themselves at the margins. The Bishops express particular concern for vulnerable Indigenous families, refugees, those on welfare support or struggling on minimum wages, the homeless, and those with special needs. As Christians we are called to be supportive of families, especially those who are most vulnerable. Our society cannot ignore the fundamental needs of families or fail to respond adequately to those families in crisis.

In this Year of Grace, we have the opportunity to celebrate the great gift of families. The Bishops propose three challenges for the benefit of all families, especially those who are struggling.

They urge us to rediscover the importance of the Sabbath – the time of rest, peace and prayer that resists the forces that pull families apart and deny them time together. They call us to show a special concern for the poor, attending to the needs of families in crisis and welcoming the marginalised and lonely. And they call us to share the love of God, participating in and sharing the gift of Eucharist. Remembering that ‘the love of Christ urges us on’ (2 Co 5:14), we are inspired to respond to the needs of all families.

The statement can be found at [http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/)

Wishing you God’s blessings for the coming week.

Brendan

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Acting Principal's Message - Mr Brendan Schostakowski

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Child of the Week
The Month of October is about Mary, the Mother of Jesus and praying the Rosary.

“Say the Rosary every day... Pray, pray a lot and offer sacrifices for sinners... I'm Our Lady of the Rosary. Only I will be able to help you. ...In the end My Immaculate Heart will triumph.”

Our Lady at Fatima

The word Rosary means “Crown of Roses”. Our Lady has revealed to several people that each time they say a Hail Mary they are giving her a beautiful rose and that each complete Rosary makes her a crown of roses. The rose is the queen of flowers, and so the Rosary is the rose of all devotions and it is therefore the most important one. The Holy Rosary is considered a perfect prayer because within it lies the awesome story of our salvation. With the Rosary we meditate the mysteries of joy, of sorrow and the glory of Jesus and Mary. It's a simple prayer, humble so much like Mary. It's a prayer we can all say together with Her, the Mother of God. With the Hail Mary we invite Her to pray for us. Our Lady always grants our request. She joins Her prayer to ours. Therefore it becomes ever more useful, because what Mary asks She always receives. Jesus can never say no to whatever His Mother asks for.

The rosaries that Catholics recite areColor the expression of their belief in these two truths (Luke 1:48). They know that if Mary speaks to her divine Son on their behalf, there can be no doubt about their receiving an answer to their prayers.

When we pray the Rosary, we say certain prayers, like the Our Father and Hail Mary, Glory Be and Hail Holy Queen.

The Rosary tells the story of Jesus, in four parts.

The Rosary begins with the Joyful Mysteries, which are happy stories.

The Joyful Mysteries remind us to be glad.

The Luminous Mysteries remind us to follow Jesus, the light of the world (The Holy Father John Paul II with the Apostolic Letter ROSARIUM VIRGINIS MARIAE) of 10/16/2002 has added 5 new mysteries of the Rosary: The Mysteries of the Light. (Luminous Mysteries)

The Sorrowful Mysteries tell us what happened to Jesus when people decided to put him to death on a Cross. These stories of Jesus tell us not to give up -- even when things are very bad. God will help us through; God will make us strong enough to go on.

The Glorious Mysteries tell us what happened after Jesus died. The Rosary has a Cross on it to remind you of Jesus who loved you so much that he died on the Cross for you.

Prayer is an important ritual and Praying the Rosary continues to remain a powerful ritual for many Catholics and non-Catholics. In the Rosary, we basically say, “Jesus and Mary, I love you” over again and again. As we do, we grow in our love of God. Saying, “I love you” never grows old. When we truly love, it just grows deeper. The medical and scientific communities have recently proclaimed what Catholics have known for centuries – reciting the Rosary is good for you. (Catholic World News, 12/21/01, “Saying The Rosary Is Good for You.”)

Smile and Be Happy

Emilia

News Flash

National eConference “Vatican II An Event of Grace”

Wed 10 October, 10 am -St Peter and Paul’s Parish Hall.

Speakers – Bishop Michael Putney, Sr Maryanne Confoy RSC, Jill Gowdie and Paul Power.

Everyone welcome!
Welcome back! We hope all families had a wonderful, restful holiday and found plenty of time to read great books.

Mark your calendars for library events during term four:

**Book Fair** 15th -19th Oct. - 8:20am – 3:00pm

**Library Working Bees** 23rd October & 20th Nov. 9:00am

**Library Book Chat & Tea @ Riverbend** 22nd November 9:00am

The Book Fair is coming next week! Students are invited to purchase books during their regular borrowing time as well as before school (8:20am) and lunchtime. It’s never too early to purchase books for the holidays and there will be a Library book donation box as well.

We are in need of volunteers to help with the Book Fair. If you have time available next week, please return the flier enclosed or call the library to sign up.

The library has received a number of new resources for students and staff which need to be processed, therefore we have scheduled two library working bees this term; one for new resources and one for repair and cleaning of older books and resources. No previous experience is required. A flier for the first Library Working Bee is included in this newsletter. This is a great way to meet up with old friends and be introduced to new ones. Morning tea will be provided.

**Technology News**

What is a QR code? Watch the youtube video to get an explanation: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B3lrcOhmp9g](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B3lrcOhmp9g)

If you get a chance, stop by the library to see Year 5’s QR codes and goldfield portraits. This display will remain in the library during the Book Fair.

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

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**P&F News**

**New Students**
Welcome back everyone and we hope you have had a great time over the break. We especially welcome the following new students and their families to the school:

- Louis and Sophia Emanuel (PREP Green and 3 RED)
- Bronte and Charlotte Downs (3 BLUE and 5 GREEN)
- Elouise and Nathan Spencer (3 GREEN and 5 BLUE)
- Chloe Edmondson (4 RED)

**Kids Halloween Disco - Friday 26 October**
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. We are looking for a few more people to help out on this event. If you think you can assist any time between 5 till 8.30pm please contact Jill on 0431778513 or email jill@fitmums.net

**Next P&F Meeting**
The next P&F meeting is on Wednesday 17th October at 7:30pm in the Staff Room – All are welcome. All agenda items should be submitted to Tim Goodsell at tim.goodsell@hotmail.com by Monday 15th October.

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**Library News**

Welcome back to School Sport. Remember to check your schedule for swimming days and Interschool sports equipment that you may need for school and remember “prior preparation prevents pressured performance”

**Met East Aquathon/Triathlon nominations:**

Nominations are now open until Monday 29 October for athletes aged 2001 – 1999 to compete in the selection event for Met East Aquathon/Triathlon at Lake Kawana, Sunshine Coast on 11 November 2012. Information packages have been offered to interested students last term and entries close late October. Athletes who intend nominating for either event must complete the Metropolitan East nomination form as well as the official website for Triathlon Old Entry Forms. An information package is available at the School Office.

**Total Football Academy** visited Prep—Year 4 classes this week. Thank you to Adem and The team for visiting us this week for Football clinics for Prep – Year 4. We have so many new tricks to show you!

Total Football Academy will be running an after School Soccer Program in Term 4 at Sts Peter and Paul’s School. 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 students, giving them a great soccer experience. Training will take place inside a skills square which captures the imagination of students, 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: Wednesday 17th of October for Prep - Year 4 from 3.15pm - 4.15pm.

Sign up online at [www.totalfootballacademy.com.au](http://www.totalfootballacademy.com.au) or call Andy Robinson on 0413 888 643.

Yours in Sport  
Mrs Conaghan
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ON-LINE ORDERING HAS COMMENCED. See flyer in today’s newsletter for all details.

ROSTER: WEDNESDAY, 10/10
Charmaine McDonald, Brooke Power

ROSTER: FRIDAY, 12/10
Melissa Regano, Jane Wilkinson, Erica Wilcox, Kelli Rogers

ROSTER: MONDAY 15/10
Ann-Marie Scafe
Many Thanks,
Chris Watt
Tuckshop Convenor Home: 39010853 (M) 0413590109

OSHC NEWS

PUPIL FREE DAY: We are now taking bookings for the Pupil Free Day on Monday 22nd October. Bookings are due by 6pm next Monday, 15th October.

ACTIVITIES: This week we are celebrating Oktoberfest! We will be cooking black forest cake, baking pretzels and making yummy bratkartoffeln (potatoes with bacon). For craft we are using lots of boxes to make our own castles and colouring in some German pictures. In the garden we are busy weeding and watering. Our cherry tomatoes will be ready to pick soon.

WELCOME: We have recently welcomed three new staff members. Stacey Bernardin started with us in August, Sam Holloway started with us in September and James Heath has started with us in October. We welcome Stacey, Sam & James to OSHC at Sts Peter & Paul’s!

VACATION CARE: We welcome all feedback on our Sept/Oct Vacation Care program. Please email us at bulimbaoshc@bne.centacare.net.au.

OSHC CHAMPIONS: Rowan Gorey is our first OSHC Champion for this term. Well done Rowan!

Claire Ravenswood OSHC Coordinator

St Peter Chanel will celebrate 40 years of Catholic education in The Gap on Sunday 21st October with Mass commencing at 9.30am.

This Year Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School Darra (formerly known as Darra Jindalee Catholic School) celebrates 75 years of education. A Celebration Mass will be held on Sunday 28th October at 11am. Refreshments will follow Mass in the hall.
All past students from St Columban’s Albion or Caboolture campus are invited to:

**Annual StC Reunion**

The Irish Club

125 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane

Friday 26 October, 6pm to 9pm

$25 per head

Includes beer, wine, soft drink, hot and cold platters.

RSVP events@stc.qld.edu.au or fax 5495 3211

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**LOURDES HILL COLLEGE**

OPEN DAY

FRIDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2012, 3.30-7.00PM

* Have a campus tour, * View the plans of our new building, *Meet the Principal, *Enter our ‘Passport’ competition.


Applications now open for Year 7 2016 & 2017

Year 7, 2016 enrolments (current Year 3 students) will close on 8th February 2013.

Limited vacancies exist for Year 8 in 2015

For all enquiries or to request an application pack, please contact Mrs Maria Krause on 3399 0434

86 Hawthorne Road, Hawthorne, QLD 4171

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**Rookies2Reds at ST PETER AND PAUL’S SCHOOL!**

33 Alexandra Street, Balgowlah, Cld 4171

The 5 week coaching program for 5-10 year olds begins on Friday 2nd November 2012

SESSION DATES | SESSION TIMES
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Start Date: Friday 2/11/2012 | 5-10 Years: 3.15pm-4.15pm
End Date: Friday 9/11/2012

REGISTRATION CUT OFF | Friday 4/11/2012

**ROCKIES REDS AMBASSADOR**

Quade Cooper said:

“Over 3,100 junior rugby players have already participated in Rookies2Reds throughout Queensland, learning new skills, making new friends and receiving the exciting Rookies2Reds participant pack. Start your journey from rookie to red today!”

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**FOR JUST $80 PERAMILY YOU’LL RECEIVE EXPERT COACHING AND ALL THIS GREAT GEAR!**

TO FIND YOUR NEAREST CENTRE AND REGISTER VISIT

**OUR TACKLE STORE**

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**Online Tuckshop Ordering is Here!**

Our school has now introduced a great new online ordering system for the tuckshop called FlexiSchools. This system allows parents or students to place orders from home, work or school at any time before the 9am cut-off in the morning. The payment is also done online, so you no longer need to send cash or a paper order to school. As well as being convenient for parents, the online orders are much faster and easier for the canteen to process - so it makes everyone’s life a little easier. FlexiSchools is well established and tested, operating in hundreds of schools across Australia.

Getting online is easy and only takes a second to register. Simply go to [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au) and click “Register Now”. You will be sent an email with further instructions on how to complete the registration. Once registered, you can start placing orders immediately. If you have any questions, FlexiSchools provide a great help desk on 1300 361 769, or you can contact them via their website.

There are a variety of payment options supported, including Visa, Mastercard (credit and debit), Bank Transfer and Payclick. The system operates via a pre-paid account, so you don’t need to scrounge for coins in the morning and can easily budget for your canteen spending throughout the term.

There is also an iphone / ipad application available, which makes ordering on the run a breeze. Just go to the app store and search for Flexischools.

The system is now available, and you can register today and start to place orders now.

If you have any questions, please email terry.shaw@iinet.net.au for more information.
Looking for Library volunteers to join our

**Term 4 Library Working Bee**

(No prior experience necessary!)

Sts. Peter and Paul’s School Library

**Tuesday, 23rd October**

9:00 AM – 12:00

Morning Tea provided

Come join us to

Process and cover new library resources

It’s a great way to catch up with friends

I will be attending the Library Working Bee on the 23rd October.

Name: ________________________________

Phone # __________

Thanks! We couldn’t do it without you!
Volunteers Needed

BOOK FAIR

Parents, we need volunteers to help with the book fair next week. We need help restocking the display, assisting students' book selections, and cashier duties.

Children are able to purchase books during their normal borrowing times as well as lunchtime.

Please fill out the tear off slip below if you can lend a hand at any of the allotted times. (You might like to help on the day that your child normally borrows?)

I am able to help with the Book Fair 15th - 19th October

Days available:  Monday (Preview)  Tuesday  Wednesday  Thursday  Friday

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Calling all pupils at Sts Peter & Paul’s School .......
Get on your scariest costume and come along to the
Halloween Disco

On Friday 26 October
In the Good Samaritan Hall
Prep - Year 2: 5pm till 6.30pm
Year 3 - Year 7: 6.30pm till 8pm
$5 per child
(includes sausage sizzle, popper and lolly)

Please hand money in envelope to school office with
children’s name and year clearly written on the front no later than
Tuesday 23 October