Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

Class Groupings for 2013

I would like to provide the following information for the parent community in order to assist you in understanding how important the task of class groupings for 2013 is and also the many aspects that the teachers and administration take into consideration when working on class groupings for the year ahead.

Teachers and administration spend an enormous amount of time on this task and in doing so they consider some of the following points:

- What are the best learning combinations (from what we know of students this year / last year / other years) for each class;
- The special learning needs of each student, for example, a student with a disability, a student with learning difficulties or a difficulty being experienced within a particular key learning area, a gifted student;
- A balance of fast / independent learners;
- A balance of slow / reliant learners;
- Cultural considerations;
- Boys and girls ratio;
- Friendships between students;
- Special family considerations, for example, keeping twins together or in separate classes.

The process takes many weeks. Parental input is always welcome and considered seriously by the teachers and administration. However, it should be obvious that friendships cannot always be catered for, especially if teachers/administration knows that such friendships hinder good classroom learning. Therefore, requests for particular placement need to have educational reasons and need to be forwarded to me in writing by Friday, 9 November. All requests will be considered in conjunction with the points outlined above. Class lists are always a difficult task, as together we endeavour to provide the best learning environment for your child/ren. You will be advised of your child’s class/teacher when you receive your child’s end of year Report which will be sent home on Thursday, 29 November.

World Teachers’ Day

This Friday, 26 October we celebrate World Teachers’ Day in Australia. Thank you to the teachers at Saints Peter and Paul’s for their professionalism and commitment to learning and teaching which ensures a quality Catholic Education for all students in their care.

As we celebrate World Teachers Day, we think of all those women and men who share their life and knowledge with others all over the world. God of wisdom, we pray that teachers continue to act in the interests of those they are guiding. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

This week, Archbishop Mark Coleridge will visit the Parish for the first time. He is coming to celebrate Evening Prayer as part of the Year of Grace. Our Parish will host this diocesan event and you are all invited to gather in the Church on Thursday evening at 7:00pm.

Peace and Best Wishes

Sr Ann-Maree Nicholls, sgs

PRINCIPAL

Child of the Week

7G - Peyton Jewell
7B - Annie Cull
6G - Imogene Pearce
6B - Grace Preston
5G - Georgia Owens
5B - Ewan Frazer
4R - Chloe Edmondson
4G - Grace Maxwell
4B - Ellie Barbagallo
3R - Simon Volland
3G - Lila Maxwell
3B - Anastasia Jackson
2R - Lily Raymond
2G - Rosie Collins
2B - Penelope Wilson
1R - Keira Sherlock
1G - Anna Barry
1B - Kenzie Gargan
Prep Y - Charlie Hansson
Prep R - Lucas Regano
Prep G - Tahne Gunnis
Prep B - Sophie Young

Bandanna Day October 26

Friday October 26 is National Bandanna Day. This worthy cause helps to support CanTeen, the support group for children and adolescents whose lives have been affected by cancer. We invite all the school community to join in the fun and wear a bandanna to school on this day.

Year 6 students will be selling bandannas from October 22 – 26. They will be located at the library entrance before school and at lunchtime. There are 300 items for sale at $4.00 each so be quick!

Bandannas may also be purchased from the following retail outlets: Woolworths, Woolworths Petrol, Newslink, Supercheap Auto, Ray’s Outdoors, BCF, Goldcross Cycles, Rebel Sport, GNC Live Well Stores and Wendy’s.
Reconciliation Year 7 Green
This Thursday 25 October Year 7 Green will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Fr Tom, beginning at 9am in the Church.

World Teachers’ Day – Teachers Inspire
Internationally World Teachers’ Day is celebrated on the first Friday in October. However as this is usually during Australian school holidays, Australia celebrates the day on the last Friday in October of each year – Friday October 26, in 2012.
World Teachers’ Day was created by UNESCO in 1994 to celebrate teachers worldwide. Its aim is to mobilise support for teachers and to ensure that the needs of future generations will continue to be met by teachers.
World Teachers’ Day 2012 is a chance for communities to recognise the efforts of teachers in an increasingly complex, multicultural and technological environment.

Children’s Mission Day - Wednesday 24 October
In Australia, Catholic Mission has designated Wednesday 24 October 2012 as Children’s Mission Day to promote mission, and to celebrate the wonderful fundraising efforts to support Catholic Mission’s work with children worldwide. When we allow God to act through us in love for others, bringing the fruits of the spirit into the world - reconciliation, forgiveness, justice, peace, harmony, joy, and love - we build God’s family and help everyone experience fullness of life. We can all act to reduce poverty around the world and improve the quality of life for all our brothers and sisters of God’s family. We can stand in solidarity with all who suffer exclusion, poverty and injustice and whose life is in some way diminished.
This Wednesday our Student Council Representatives will be attending the World Children’s Mission Day Mass at St Stephen’s Cathedral.

Day for Daniel - Friday 26 October
Now in its 8th year, Day for Daniel continues to grow on a National scale and is recognised as Australia’s largest participation event of its type. The Daniel Morcombe Foundation was established in 2005 by Denise and Bruce Morcombe following the tragic abduction and murder of their 13 year old son Daniel in December 2003. To promote the Foundation’s aims of making the world a safer place for our children, an annual awareness Day for Daniel is held, involving schools and local communities. In 2012 over 1,000,000 people are expected to participate Australia wide.

Prayer on World Teachers Day
We thank all teachers for their unique gifts and talents, and we pray for continued blessing on their work and lives: Loving God, today we honour the contribution of all who are involved in the task of education, especially teachers – who they are and the work they do. We give thanks for the many young lives they have touched and we ask for your gentle and loving Presence to be with them now and always. We make our prayer in the name of Jesus, who walks with us all our days. Amen.

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

Assistant Principal’s Message...Mr Damien Sullivan

Swimming Carnival– Years 1, 2 and 3
Swimming for Years 1, 2 and 3 began last week. This continues each Monday for Year 3 and Thursday for Years 1 and 2 for another five lessons. Our Junior Swimming Carnival for Years 1, 2 and 3 is scheduled for Wednesday 21 November. The weather is perfect at the moment for enjoying a swim!

Rookies2Reds Rugby Program
On Friday afternoons in November this year Queensland Rugby Union will be running an after-school rugby program suitable for any interested students from Prep to Year 5. The Rookies2Reds program consists of five sessions to give boys and girls an interactive introduction to the game of Rugby Union.
Week 1 - Evasion Skills, Week 2 - Passing & Kicking, Week 3 - Physical Skills, Week 4 - Game Understanding, Week 5 - Match Play

The program costs $80 per participant which includes a backpack with a rugby ball and lots of other goodies. Families can register until 9 November by going to www.rookies2reds.com.au.

Building self-esteem
The article below on Self Esteem has great some thoughts as we begin our last term of the 2012 school year. We want the children to be happy and to be able to take many fond memories away with them for the year.

Healthy self-esteem is feeling good about yourself, feeling that you are a worthwhile person.

Self-esteem builds a solid foundation to help children and parents cope with life.

What is self-esteem?
Self-esteem is about valuing and liking yourself. It is also about believing in what you can do. Children develop self-esteem when:
- they feel they have a place in the world where they belong
- they are a part of a family where they matter
- they are encouraged to do things and succeed.

Why is self-esteem important?
- Self-esteem helps people feel they can develop their own skills and contribute to their community.
- When people have low self-esteem they don’t feel confident about doing things for themselves, or using their talents and abilities in the best way.
- Low self-esteem is also linked to stress, coronary heart disease and anti-social behaviours.

What parents can do
- Tell your child that you love them as they are.
- Show your child that you love spending time with them doing the things they like to do.
- Show respect by talking in a way that you would like to be spoken to.
- Listen in a way that shows you take your child seriously.
- Encourage friendships. Make their friends welcome in your home and get to know them.
- Help your child to explore any hobbies that they are interested in.
- When you play games with your child make sure they have opportunities to win.
- Celebrate your child’s achievements and successes.
- Show your child that you have faith in them. Don’t solve all their problems. Help them learn problem solving skills so they can manage things for themselves.

Reminders
- Children are not born with self-esteem.
- Young children learn self-esteem through what they can do and what their parents think of them.
- “Put down” messages damage self-esteem.
- Giving time, hugs and smiles are very important to building self-esteem.
- Laugh with your children - not at them.
- Keep giving sincere messages that build self-esteem in your teenagers, even if they say they don’t believe you. These messages matter.
- Self-esteem is learned and can be changed.
- Take care of your own self-esteem.

Reference http://www.community.nsw.gov.au

As your kids grow they may forget what you said, but won’t forget how you made them feel – Kevin Heath

Bee Champions
Congratulations to Grace (2B), Jed (1G) and Isabella (1B) 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
Mark your calendars for library events during term four:

**Library Working Bee**
20th Nov 9:00am

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

The Book Fair was a great success. Students were able to find new reading material at great prices. We would like to thank Michelle Weir for organising the Book Fair and a big ‘thank you’ to all the other volunteers who helped students throughout the days. Find books to read and share. We had a number of parents donating a book to the library as well. Thank you so much for your generosity.

We had wonderful volunteers giving their time and talents both last week, with the Book Fair, and today helping with the library working bee. Parents and friends processed student’s books, teacher resources as well as iPads for school use. We have one more working bee scheduled for the end of term. We look forward to even more tasks being completed at the next ‘bee’. We sure couldn’t do it without you! Thanks again!

As students continue their learning through research and literacy, once again, we want to remind parents of the useful school subscription website of World Book Online (www.worldbookonline/login/stspp/password bulimba). This is a reliable source of information for students. The site features tutorials on research skills and even has student file systems for notes to be used at school and home.

Click on the website tutorial at the bottom of the page to learn about all the great student features. This website also has books in a variety of levels for student enjoyment and increasing literacy skills.

Click on the early world of learning/reading to find fairy tales at upper level reading as well as lower level beginners books.

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

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**Volunteer Thank You Drinks**
The P & F would like to invite all school and P & F volunteers to a “Thank You” drinks and nibbles night at the Good Samaritan Hall on Wednesday 7th November at 7:30pm. We appreciate your time and efforts and would love to see you there.

**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. I am 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

**Halloween on Oxford Street Community Celebration**
We are looking for volunteers to help out with a sausage sizzle with all proceeds going to the parish St Vincent de Paul group to help with those in need over Christmas.

**Online Tuckshop Ordering is Here!**
If you haven’t done so already, please go to www.flexischools.com.au and click “Register Now”. It only takes a few minutes to register, 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.

Just a reminder that the cutoff time for orders is 9am on the day, with the exception of sushi (Wednesday), which must be ordered by 9am on Monday of that week.

If you have any questions, please email terry.shaw@linet.net.au for more information.

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**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…
1. Log on to www.aussiefarmersdirect.com.au
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

Please see the attached flyer for more information.

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**P&F News**

**P&F AGM**
The P&F AGM will be held on Wednesday 21st November at 7:30pm in the Staff Room. At this meeting all elected officers will stand down and all positions are open to nominations.

**Positions to be filled on the 2013 P&F Committee are:**
- President
- Vice president
- Secretary
- Treasurer

If you wish to stand for one of these positions please download and complete a nomination form (http://www.stspp.qld.edu.au/our-community/parent-and-friends/) and drop it into the office (attention P&F Secretary). If you have any questions about any position please contact Tim Goodsell at tim.goodsell@hotmail.com. Please consider standing for an official position or coming regularly to meetings and assisting at events.

After the AGM a normal P&F meeting will be held, drinks and nibbles will be served at this event.

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**School Banking News**

**School Banking Sign on Day is Tomorrow!**
Don’t forget that the school banking sign on day is tomorrow. It only takes about 10 minutes to complete the form and your child is on their way to being a school banker. The details of the sign on day are: **WEDNESDAY 24th October 2012** 8.30am – 9.15am **ADMIN MEETING ROOM (enter via door closest to Adventure Playground)**

Staff will be available to help complete the application form required to open a Youthsaver account for your child so they can participate in the School Banking program. Please ensure you bring along photo identification such as a valid driver’s licence or passport for yourself. No identification is required for your child as the school will confirm their identity. Siblings are welcome to participate, however you will need to bring along their birth certificate. If you can’t make it to school on Wednesday morning, you can visit your nearest Commonwealth Bank Branch with identification for both you and your child. If you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer with access to NetBank you can apply for your child’s Youthsaver account online. Simply log into NetBank, click the “Offers and apply” tab, then select “Accounts” and “Youthsaver”.

**Rewards**
The School Banking program is designed to encourage individual savings behaviour and to help children achieve their saving goals. As part of the 2012 School Banking Rewards Program, students can redeem 10 silver Dollarmites tokens for a Dollarmites Reward.

As we are in the last term for 2012 and many of the rewards are no longer available, students can now choose from:
- Dollarmites moneybox - Pru, Addy, Cred or Pat - Spen is unavailable until January 2013;
- Booklight
- Pen Pod
- USB

If you don’t have a 2012 rewards card and you want to redeem 10 silver tokens for a reward, just put a note in your bank book with your child’s name, class and student number plus the reward you are wanting and I will take care of the rest for you.

**Joaane Jones  School Banking Coordinator**
DATES TO REMEMBER

- **26th Oct**: National Bandanna Day
- **26th Oct**: Halloween Disco Prep—Year 2: 5pm till 6.30pm
  - Year 3–Year 7: 6.30pm till 8pm
- **27th Oct**: Parish Dinner 7.00pm Good Samaritan Hall
- **7th Nov**: Volunteer Thank You Drinks 7.30pm Good Samaritan Hall
- **13th Nov**: Tuckshop Breakup 10.15am
- **15th Nov**: Orientation Day for new families
- **20th Nov**: Library Working Bee at 9.00am
- **21st Nov**: Junior Swimming Carnival
- **21st Nov**: P & F AGM
- **22nd Nov**: Library Book Chat & Tea at Riverbend 9.00am
- **7th Dec**: 2012 School Year ends

PARISH CAKE STALL—3rd and 4th November – The final Parish Cake Stall of the year will be held at the Saturday night and Sunday morning masses on the 3 and 4 November. As usual the Stall will be full of delicious goodies including cakes, muffins (sweet and savoury), biscuits and brownies, patty cakes, and slices.

If you are in a position to support the Cake Stall, your help would be greatly appreciated. Baked goodies can be dropped off either to the school office on Friday (2 November) 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.

PARISH DINNER Saturday 27th October—commencing at 7pm; Tickets $50 per person; A fabulous night for the adults of the Parish (16–100yrs) To be held in the School Good Samaritan Hall. TICKETS ON SALE from Parish Office. RSVP 24 Wednesday October. Please let us know which year level(s) you’re from as we are placing parents from the school together at tables.

GARAGE SALE - the annual Garage Sale on behalf of the St Francis Orphanage will be held on Saturday 1 December 2012 in the Church Hall in Main Avenue. Details of timing and drop off of goods for sale will follow later.
Support your School, Club or Community Group!

Simply SHOP with Aussie Farmers Direct and your local milko will donate part of your spend back to their fundraising effort – it’s easy!

Aussie Farmers Direct milkos deliver 100% Australian fresh milk and dairy, bread, fruit and vegies, meat and much more, FREE to your door!

Our huge range of fresh produce means you can rely on us to look after breakfast, lunch and dinner – enjoy the convenience of shopping from home while supporting your local community, your local milko and our Aussie farmers!

Ready to get started?

1. Jump online at AussieFarmers.com.au/Fundraisingoffer
2. Select ONE of the introductory offers – you’ll then receive a call from us to confirm your details.
3. Sit back and relax – your groceries will be delivered, by your local milko, to your door for FREE.

Aussie Farmers’ Favourite

Contents:
- Couples Fruit & Veg Box
- 1x Free Range Eggs Dozen (700g)
- 1x Whole Milk (2L)
- 1x Bacon (175g)
Delivered in an Esky

NOW ONLY $25

Bring on Brekkie

Contents:
- 1x Free Range Eggs Dozen (700g)
- 1x Spreadable Butter (500g)
- 2x Vanilla Yoghurt (190g)
- 1x Orange Juice (2L)
- 1x Whole Milk (2L)
- 1x Bacon (175g)
Delivered in an Esky

NOW ONLY $15

Fresh Food Goodies

Contents:
- Couples Fruit & Veg Box (set box)

NOW ONLY $13

Are you already a customer?
To link your account just go to AussieFarmers.com.au/Fundraising/linkyouracc.php

AussieFarmers.com.au/Fundraising