Principal's Message – Sr Ann-Maree Nicholls, sgs

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

Orientation

Next Thursday, 15 November at 9:00am our Orientation morning will be held for our 2013 Prep students together with the many new families who will join our community with children enrolled in Years 1 – 7. Thank you again to the parents who will assist us with welcoming these new families to the community of Sts Peter & Paul’s.

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 this 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.

On this day Australians watch a horse race. We celebrate an exciting and colourful part of our culture and heritage and gather our prayer for the safety of the horses and their riders. God of all creation, teach us to respect your world and never cease to strive for your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Peace and Best Wishes

Sr Ann-Maree Nicholls, sgs

PRINCIPAL

APRE News – Mr Brendan Schostakowski

Reconciliation Year 6 Blue

This Thursday 8 November Year 6 Blue will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Fr Tom, beginning at 9am in the Church.

The most important commandment. 4 November - 31st Sunday of the Year - Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

In the Gospel reading for the 31st Sunday of the Church’s Year (Mark 12:28-34), Jesus is having a conversation with one of the scribes about the commandments. The most important commandment is to love God and love your neighbour. In its original context the word neighbour referred to just the Jewish people. In this reading Jesus challenged the people by explaining that his mission is to everyone. His command is to love ALL people not just your own kind.

Love is expressed in the hospitality of Eucharist. Last Sunday’s Gospel reminds us of the Greatest Commandment. When we live this commandment it can reveal the depths of God’s love in the ‘now’; in the everyday-ness of our lives. For Catholics, we can live this commandment when we meet at Eucharist - when we are in true communion with those present. Love can have many meanings, in Eucharist love is expressed in authentic community and true hospitality!

Year of Grace - Contemplating the face of Jesus

Contemplating the face of Jesus is integral to the Year of Grace. By looking into the eyes of Jesus we are reminded of his humanity and love for us.

Prayer Idea: Take time to pray with an icon. The word icon simply means image. Icons are soul windows, entrances into the presence of the Holy.

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Icons serve as invitations to keep eyes open while one prays. It is prayer to just look attentively at an icon and let God speak. The profound beauty of an icon is gentle. It does not force its way. It asks for time spent before it in stillness…gazing. More importantly it invites the one praying to be gazed upon by it. One is invited to enter into the icon and come closer to the Holy One portrayed. Icons are a reminder of God’s unconditional love.

The armistice (cease-fire) which ended the First World War was signed at 11am on the 11th November 1918. In the previous four years nearly 10 million combatants all over the world, both men and women, had died. At 11am on Remembrance Day people around the world observe a minute’s silence in commemoration of those who have died in war. This year, at Sts Peter and Paul’s School, there will be a special Remembrance Day Liturgy on Monday 12 November at 11am in the Good Samaritan Hall.

Assistant Principal's Message...Mr Damien Sullivan

Years 1 to 3 Swimming Carnival
The Junior Swimming Carnival for 2012 is scheduled for the third last week of school on Wednesday 21 November. It will be held at the St Oliver Plunkett School pool at Cannon Hill. Swimming commenced a fortnight ago for children in Years 1, 2 and 3. Students travel by bus each week to the Churchie school pool for their swimming sessions which will continue up until the last lesson in the week of Monday 26th and Thursday 29th November. Please note there will no swimming this week for Years 1 and 2 as the pool is unavailable on Thursday 8th November.

Alexandra Street (Bottom) Drop Off Line
Recently we have had some hold-ups for parents dropping off children before school particularly in Alexandra Street. To help keep this busy traffic area flowing smoothly in the morning it is important that all families know the correct procedures.

For the Stop, Drop and Go Zone at the front of the school each morning we use a Drop Off point a few car lengths past the school driveway. To ensure the safety of families using the drop off line the following procedures should be followed:

- Enter the drop off line from Riding Road.
- Only the first three cars are to unload. Subsequent cars are asked to wait and move to the top of the line once the cars unloading have left.
- Do not unload in the driveway or the curve of the road between the Church and the School as it creates a safety hazard for other students.
- Please remain with your vehicle as your children unload.

If parents need to speak with their child or help carry bags up to the stairs or driveway, they should pull up further along the stairs or driveway, they should pull up further along

Many Remembrance Day ceremonies include laying of wreaths, the playing of The Last Post and the recitation of a verse from Laurence Binyon’s poem, “For the fallen”.

They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember them.
Lest we forget.

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

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Correct School Uniform - Shoes
Recently there are more students who are wearing shoes to school that are not following our School Uniform policy. Shoes worn with the normal school uniform are expected to be black leather shoes. Those shoes that highlight any additional colours such as fluorescent green or red stripes are not following the uniform standards for the school. On days when the sports uniform is worn students should wear sports shoes that are predominantly white. Should your child not be able to wear the correct uniform it would be appreciated if a note could be sent along with your child to be carried at school.

Riding to School
To help keep everybody safe at school we have rules that bikes, scooters and skateboards must not be ridden in the school grounds or on the footpaths that surround the school. These areas before and after school are very busy places. Children should also be wearing a helmet. We ask that any parents of children who ride to school reinforce this message from home and that any parents who also ride respect these rules too.

Bee Champions
Congratulations to Vincent (3B), Remo (3G), Lilyrna (1R) and Kaitlyn (1G) 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

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School Banking News

Congratulations to all our school bankers as you helped raise a whopping $658.29 for the school in Term 3. This is the highest earning Term 3 commission out of over 80 schools in the Brisbane area.

A total of $9,265.80 was saved by our bankers in this period and 39 children opened new youth saver accounts. Keep up the great work as the money raised helps the school with buying equipment for our children.

Did you know there is only 5 more weeks of school banking left for 2012? As mentioned by Tina at last week’s assembly, we have a lucky draw happening until the end of the term where 3 lucky bankers win a prize each week. You have to be banking to win, so make sure you bring your bank books to school every Tuesday for the next 5 weeks. Last week, we had 3 lucky winners and they were Sophie Nakamura (4R), Claudia Panozzo (Prep Blue) and Cameron French (Prep Yellow). Congratulations to those lucky winners.

Joanne Jones
School Banking Coordinator
P&F News

Halloween on Oxford Street Community Celebration - Thank you

A massive thank you to all those who manned the BBQ for the Oxford Street Halloween Community Event last week especially Paul Sheppard, Terry Shaw, Jeremy de Lore, Matt Lawrence, Adam Cairns and Jevena Phelan. Your tremendous efforts raised a fantastic total of $1146 for St Vincent de Paul. Also special thanks goes to Rebecca Lawrence who organised the event and to Bulimba State School for generously supplying the sausages.

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.

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 7 69, or you can contact them via their website. Just a reminder that the cut-off 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@iinet.net.au for more information.

P&F AGM

The P&F Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st November at 7:30pm in the Staffroom. 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.

Library News

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

Our Year 6/7 Book Club meets this Thursday for their last meeting to discuss the latest books, A Wrinkle in Time and Wonder. We have had a wonderful time and have read books from a variety of genres. We hope these avid readers continue their thirst for ‘a great story’!

Term Four is such a busy time and the end of term approaches so quickly. We need volunteers to help us clean, shelve and manage ‘end of year’ tasks which will commence 20th November during the final Library Working Bee. Morning tea will be provided. The Riverbend Book Chat, 22nd November, is a perfect event in which to find great reads for Christmas presents and relaxing summer activity. The Book Chat includes a tea and cake for $10.00, paid to Riverbend on the day. Your invitations to the Library Working Bee and the Riverbend Book Chat can be found at the bottom of this page.

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

Library Working Bee
(No prior experience necessary!)

Sts Peter and Paul’s School Library
Thursday 20th November
At 9 am.

Morning Tea provided

Come join us to: Clean, Shelve, Process, Repair and Stocktake Resources

It’s a great way for parents to catch up!

I will be attending the Library Working Bee at 9.00am on Thursday 20th November.

Name: ____________________________

Phone # ____________________________

Thanks! We couldn't do it without you!

Sts Peter & Paul’s Annual Christmas Bookchat and Morning Tea

We look forward to meeting you at this annual event.

We especially welcome new parents to the school.

Thursday 22nd November at Riverbend Books and Teahouse

- (Cnr. Cambridge and Oxford Sts, Bulimba)
- 8:30 am for a 9:00am start
- $10.00 for morning tea (cake, coffee and tea paid on the day)
- RSVP Thursday 15th November (replies are essential for catering and table arrangements.)

The staff at Riverbend Books will entertain and inform us about good books, new and old, for adults and children.

Enjoy the company and the morning tea.

Shop with a 10% discount on the morning.

Please return the reply slip to the school office. Payment is made at Riverbend Teahouse on the day of the Bookchat.
DATES TO REMEMBER

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 Annual General Meeting
22nd Nov Library Book Chat & Tea at Riverbend 9.00am
29th Nov End of Year Concert 6.30pm Good Samaritan Hall
7th Dec 2012 School Year ends
19th Dec Parish Christmas Carols. 6pm

GARAGE SALE - The annual Garage Sale on behalf of the St Francis Orphanage in Sri Lanka will be held in the Church Hall Saturday 1 December. We are seeking personal/household goods that can be easily sold (no electrical goods or large items of furniture - thank you). Goods can be left at the Hall on the Friday before the Sale, alternatively, phone Brian Wellington 3399 5928 or Janet Mylne 3399 3342 for pick up arrangements.

END OF YEAR SCHOOL CONCERT
THURSDAY 29TH NOVEMBER AT 6.30PM
STS PETER & PAUL’S GOOD SAMARITAN HALL