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

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations to all of our students who at the weekend were confirmed and were then admitted to the table of the Eucharist. Congratulations also to their families. The Parish and School community shares your joy and prays for God’s rich blessing upon each one of you.

Gala Dinner

A big thank you to the many parents within our school community who are working very hard with preparations for our Gala Dinner on Friday evening. An urgent request – could all outstanding raffle tickets (sold or unsold) be returned to the school office.

Thank you for your support and efforts with selling your book of raffle tickets. The students of Sts Peter & Paul’s will certainly benefit from funds raised at our Gala Dinner. Let us pray that God will make us more like his Son, Jesus Christ. God our Father, keep before us the love you have shown us in Jesus and help us to be like him in word and deed, for he is Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

Peace and Best Wishes

Sr Ann-Maree Nicholls, sgs
PRINCIPAL

APRE News – Mr Brendan Schostakowski

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM OF CONFIRMATION AND EUCHARIST

Congratulations to the children in our community who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion last weekend. The celebration of these Sacraments has been a very special event in the spiritual life of these children and their families.

A special THANK YOU to all those who helped to co-ordinate the Parish Programme, especially Fr Tom, Sr Mary Randle, members of the Sacramental Team, Teachers, and to the parents who journeyed with their children. Thank you also to Bishop Bill Morris who assisted Fr Tom in celebrating these ceremonies for the Parish community.

Let us take a moment to look at what each of these sacraments should mean in our own lives as adult members of a faith community:

In Confirmation, as in all sacraments, the primary host is God.
God’s gift of self is free and cannot be measured;
God’s gift of self is loving, nurturing and strengthening;
God’s gift of self comes to us in the divine/human activity of the sacrament within the Church;
God’s gift of self calls for a free response in faith and love.

In the Eucharist, the ongoing sacrament of growth and development, we are sustained. We come to the “Table of the Lord” so that we may – share in his sacrifice, have eternal life, strengthen the unity of God’s people, pray for a great outpouring of the Spirit.

In the Eucharist we are nourished and strengthened to take the Christ we know to all we meet, especially those who experience the despair of loneliness, the physical pangs of hunger, the emptiness of relationships, the lack of justice and economic hardship. Our challenge is to carry out Christ’s message to spread the good news.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

This Friday 24 May Year 5 Blue will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Fr Tom.

FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY

Gospel: John 16: 12-15 The Spirit takes my message and tells it to you.

This Sunday 26 May is the Feast of the Trinity. Perichoresis, a Greek term suggestive of dancing or of figures interweaving, is one of the earliest and probably one of the most striking images used to explain this Trinitarian life of God. The life that is in God is three and yet one in a totally harmonious dance of equals. The wonder is that we are invited to join the dance. Trinity Sunday is the day that we set aside to celebrate who God is in Godself and who God is in relation to the whole of creation.

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We celebrate the nearness of the Triune God who draws us as participants into the dance of life and love. The Spirit of truth guides us “into all the truth”. We continue to listen to the Spirit so that we might understand more fully the “things that are to come” and the relatedness we are called to live. The dance of Trinitarian love casts out hatred and enmity and wanton destruction. It calls us to live in harmony with one another and with the whole of the Earth community.

(from Ars Theoligica - An Intersection of Theology, Poetry, Art and Music)

Almighty and loving God, you who created ALL people in your image, lead us to seek your compassion as we listen to the stories of our past.

Touch the hearts of the broken, homeless and inflicted and heal their spirits.

In your mercy and compassion walk with us as we continue our journey of healing to create a future that is just and equitable.

Lord, you are our hope. Amen.

Wishing you God’s blessings for the coming week.

Brendan Schostakowski

Assistant Principal’s Message...Mr Damien Sullivan

Walk Safely to School Day - Friday 24 May

This year Sts Peter and Paul’s will again participate in National Walk Safely to School Day. On Friday 24 May thousands of school-aged kids around Australia will join this special day which aims to:

- Encourage kids to develop healthy habits by becoming more physically active from a young age.
- Help save our environment by creating less greenhouse gas from vehicle emissions.
- Teach kids about road and pedestrian safety.
- Lessen hazardous traffic congestion around the school gates.

To take part in National Walk Safely to School Day we encourage parents to walk their children to school, or for our older students perhaps to walk with friends to school. If distance is a problem, combine a walk with public transport or simply park the car a good distance away from the school and walk the rest of the way! As part of the Brisbane City Council Active School Travel program, Sts Peter and Paul’s made significant and very positive changes to its travel behaviour in 2008 and 2009. This year we would love to see many of those significant and very positive changes to its travel behaviour in recent weeks by not following this guideline.

Why should you participate?

Walking is one of the best forms of exercise – it’s free and can be done anywhere by almost anyone! Physical inactivity and a poor diet are major factors in the increasing prevalence of overweight and obesity among children – one in every five children is now overweight or obese in Australia. Physical inactivity and a poor diet are risk factors for a number of chronic diseases such as Type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and particular cancers. Research reveals that good habits if started young are more likely to last a lifetime.

Please join in National Walk Safely to School Day. Children who walk to school on Friday 24 May will receive a sticker and go in the draw for some other prizes.

Collings Street Pick Up Zone

Parents who use the top Pick Up line on Collings Street are reminded to please enter Collings Street via Grosvenor Street only. Drivers are not permitted to enter the queue of cars lining up to pick up children on Collings 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 pick up queue from the back of the line. A number of cars are beginning to frustrate school families in recent weeks by not following this guideline.

Bee Champions

Congratulations to Luke (3 Red), Georgia (7 Green), Eilish (3 Red) and Harry (3 Red) who were drawn out of the box as Bee Champions at our last 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

| 7G | Sophie Oxford  | 4B | Vincent Iquin |
| 7B | Georgia Morris | 3R | Tom Dean     |
| 6G | Frankie Scotney| 3G | Ellen Reid    |
| 6B | Allyssa Iquin  | 3B | Naomi Rodricks|
| 5G | Nina Taylor    | 2R | Daniel Terris|
| 5B | Tarlyn Gardiner| 2G | Bridget Oberthur|
| 4R | Miles Davis    | 2B | Lucinda Davidson|
| 4G | Tristan Wildermuth | 1Y | Hannah Pearse |
| 1R | Bridget Carlile | 1G | Max Nardone |
| 1B | Lily Gibbs     | PR | Jackson Mantis|
| 1G | Oscar Cullen   | PB | Molly Hrstich |

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES TRAVEL REBATE

Semester 1, 2013

Does your child have a verified disability that requires transport assistance to and from school?
Has your school’s learning support teacher assessed your child’s travel capability rating as ‘semi-independent’ or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at www.schooltransport.com.au by 31 May 2013. Late applications cannot be accepted.
Our Prep students were entertained and delighted by Sam Derchie, a descendant of the Ashanti people of Ghana today. This storyteller shares stories of Ananse, a folkloric spider character in the forests of Ashanti. Sam brings storytelling to life using music, instruments and dance.

As we continue Family Reading Month, we encourage you to become involved and read. This may be done through a number of special reading programs and activities:

**Wednesday is Simultaneous Reading Day with Story Time at 11:00 am. Participants will read The Wrong Book by Nick Bland.**

Check the website for online versions of the story, activities and discussion questions that may be used after viewing the story.


Half way through Family Reading Month, we encourage families to read for the ‘Premier’s Reading Challenge’. Select and read a book, fill out the student form, rate the book, and don’t forget to have parents sign the form. Check with your child’s teacher or stop by the library if you have not yet received this challenge form.

Prep to Year 4 students read and record 20 books and Year 5-7 students read and record 15 books. This challenge closes in the first part of September. The Premier’s Reading Challenge website has suggested reading lists, which include fiction and non-fiction. Check the website for more details: [http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/booklist.html](http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/booklist.html)

This week is also CyberSafety Awareness Week. Project 13 is an initiative of the Australian libraries, government, philanthropic and corporate partners to keep children safe online. There is a link with parent tips to help talk to your children regarding safe Internet use. Make sure to take time to review these important tips you’re your children.


**Happy Reading,**

Mrs Ballentine, Mrs Brooks, and Mrs McEniery


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**Parish Cake Stall – 1st & 2nd June**

Stts Peter and Paul’s School has a wonderful group of bakers who, together with Parish members, provide a range of delicious treats at the Parish’s popular Cake Stall. The next Parish Cake Stall will be held at the **Saturday night and Sunday morning masses on the weekend of 1 & 2 June.** As usual the Stall will be full of delicious goodies including cakes, muffins (sweet and savory), biscuits and brownies, patty cakes, and slices.

We would really welcome any new bakers or anyone (big or small) wanting to channel their inner Masterchef! Baking for the stall is a wonderful way to help your parish without taking up too much of your valuable time. We only have **3 stalls** left for the year and would appreciate your support. Your baked goods can be dropped off to the school office on Friday 31 May or to the stall itself before either of the masses. Please contact Maureen or Brooke if you would like to join our **Parish Cake Stall Register** to register your interest in baking and for any further information regarding baking, labelling and drop off.

All money raised is used by Sister Mary Randall to support families in need within our school and parish community.

Many thanks,

Maureen Coorey (Ph: 0434980442) or email: [cooreyfam@optusnet.com.au](mailto:cooreyfam@optusnet.com.au)

Brooke Power (Ph: 0408064560) or email: [brookepower5@bigpond.com](mailto:brookepower5@bigpond.com)

**SPORTS NEWS**

**Met East Football Trials**

Well done to our girls who all made Possible/Probable trials. Good luck to Remy Strutton and Grace Preston on their selection in the Lytton Team to play at the Met East Championships.

**State Hockey Trials**

Congratulations to our Gold Sport’s Awardee recipient Cale Oborne who will represent our school at the State Hockey Championships in June on the Gold Coast. Good luck Cale.

**Lytton District Cross Country**

A group of enthusiastic runners had a great day with Mrs Hammill at the Lytton District Cross Country. Congratulations to Georgie Dobbs on her selection to run at the Met East trials for Lytton District being held today at Capalaba State School. We wish Georgie all the best.

**Lyton District Cross Country**

Other notable results included top 30 finishers:


**Alexandra Hills Invitational Cross Country Team**

Congratulations to all our teams who competed at the Catholic School Cross Country Championships. Our teams participated in three age divisions consisting of 10 Boy and 10 Girl competitors running over 1km, 1.5 km and 2 km distances. Notable results included top 20 places:

- Emma Bible 1st, Grace Shearer 3rd, Jessica Walduck 13th, Emilia Lawrence 18th, Tom Robinson 17th, Beau Brown 19th, Ella Moncton 6th, Georgie Dobbs 13th, Mia Pafumi 18th, Sidonie Garvin 17th and Georgie Fenton 19th.

Thank you to our teachers, Mr Gibson and Mrs Clarris for assisting with our school team preparation on the day, and to our parent supporters and Mrs Nardone for their efforts as our officials. Thank you to our hosts St Anthony’s and Mr Merriman on a great carnival.

Well done to the Junior Girls team who placed 2nd overall in their division:

- Emma Bible, Grace Shearer, Jessica Walduck, Eve Cranston, Alexandra Xavier, Kate Griffiths, Madelyn Dobbs, Lydia McCarthy, Gabrielle Griffin and Emilia Lawrence.

**ALFQ Brisbane Lions Cup**

Trials were held on Friday 17 May from 11am - 12pm on the oval to select a combined Yr 6 & Yr 7 Girls group to join our Sts Peter & Paul’s School 12 Year old team who will represent the school this Thursday 23 May at the Redlands Carnival. Thank you to Coach Dan who will be joining us for training sessions over the next two weeks.

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“**Guess the Number of Balloons**” to Win a Mini

As part of this Year’s Annual Dinner Dance Fundraiser, Simon Dean from Place Estate Agents is running a competition to guess the Number of Balloons. The winner will win themselves an Apple IPAD Mini!!

The competition conditions require parental consent to participate in the draw. Please complete the details on the reverse of the entry form that was sent home to all families last week and hand in to the School Office.

Unlimited entries per child can be purchased, the cost of each entry $1.00.

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**Un-identifiable Fees Payment**

We have received a payment that we cannot process because of a lack of parent/student details. An amount was paid directly into our cheque account on Thursday 7 February. Please ring Bernie on 3399 1281 if you believe you have made this deposit. It is recommended that our BPay or Direct Debit facility be used as the safest option for paying School Fees.
DATES TO REMEMBER

24 May   Walk Safely to School Day
Yr 5 Blue Reconciliation
P&F Dinner Dance.
21 June   Term 2 ends.
8 July    Term 3 commences 8:40am.

Tuckshop News

ROSTER: Wednesday, 22/5
Sandy Pruss, Sam de Lore, Bridget Xavier

ROSTER: Friday, 24/5
Rebecca Pyke, Caite Brewer, Jenny Barends, Rebecca Dean, Suzi Paradzik

ROSTER: Monday, 27/5
Collette Murie

Many thanks,
Chris Watt,
Tuckshop Convenor. 0413590109

Book Club

A reminder to you all that Book Club orders close on Thursday 30 May. Please remember to make all cheques payable to Sts Peter & Paul’s School.

OSHC News

AUSTRALIA’S BIGGEST AFTERNOON TEA: This week we are taking part in ‘Australia’s Biggest Afternoon Tea’ by having a special afternoon tea each day at after school care. Families who wish to participate are invited to bring a $2 coin to donate to the Queensland Cancer Council. Money raised goes towards funding cancer research, prevention and support services.

NATIONAL FAMILIES WEEK: To celebrate National Families Week we are inviting families to join in ‘Australia’s Biggest Afternoon Tea’ with us at after school care this week. Children are also invited to bring in a photo of their family to add to our OSHC family tree.

UNDER 8’s WEEK: We are also celebrating Under 8’s Week this week and have some special activities planned for the younger children at OSHC. Activities include face painting, craft and games!

NATIONAL QUALITY FRAMEWORK: This week we will be distributing information to families on the National Quality Framework (NQF). To find out more about the NQF and how it affects you and your child visit the Australian Children’s Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) website: www.acecqa.gov.au/families.

OSHC CHAMPIONS: OSHC Champions are Rohan Brown and Nina Taylor. Well done!

Claire Ravenswood
OSHC Coordinator