Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

Sts Peter and Paul’s Problem Solving Team has been invited to compete at the International Conference at Iowa State University in 2015.

The Future Problem Solving National Finals were held in Melbourne over the weekend. Sixteen Junior teams from all around Australia (and Hong Kong), had 2 hours to write a 12 page paper on the topic of "Land Transportation" in response to a previously unseen future scene.

The Year 6 team of Ellie Barbagallo, Ella Haddrill, Sophie Nakamura, Tara McCarthy and reserve Charlotte Brook were able to generate an outstanding booklet and were awarded 2nd place in the competition. The top 2 champion teams were invited to attend the International Finals which are to be held next year in Iowa. To reach this level the students have demonstrated excellence in; thinking creatively about issues, working collaboratively in teams and developing research skills that can be applied to all learning.

Sts Peter and Paul's Students have been competing in the Future Problem Solving Program for nine years as part of the enrichment program and have competed at the National Finals six times. This wonderful team of Year 6 students have just taken Sts Peter and Paul's School to the International stage.

A big thank you to Mrs Carolyn Burchill for coaching the students and supporting them with their future problem solving.

Class Groupings for 2015

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 2015 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, 7 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, 27 November.

Prayer for Families
Holy family of Nazareth, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love and the model of family life. Grant that our own families may remain united in deep mutual love and be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches.

Guard the members of our family from all physical and spiritual danger and keep us faithful to the Lord. Grant healing to all families who experience rejection and division. Keep us attentive to their needs. May our families be living witnesses of the love and presence of Jesus in the world.

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 7 GREEN
This Thursday 23 October Year 7 Green will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Fr Tom, beginning at 9am in the Church.

CARE AND CONCERN  Crayon Collection
The Student Care and Concern Group is organizing a donation of used and unused crayons, pencils and other stationery over the coming weeks of the term. This activity raises awareness within our school community that we can help provide for others in a very practical and straightforward way. The Care and Concern Group will assist with this initiative by decorating boxes to be placed in classrooms, talking at the school assembly and visiting classrooms to collect donations. Special thanks to these students for their enthusiasm, energy and commitment to this very worthwhile task.

RELIGION CURRICULUM
It is now a year since the launch of the new Religion Curriculum P-12 in October 2013 and teachers have been planning and developing units of work using this curriculum.

Learners and Learning in the Religious Education Classroom
In a Primary School setting the Religious Education Curriculum is now organised across the following groupings:
• Years P-2, typically students from 4 to 8 years of age
• Years 3-6, typically students from 8 to 12 years of age

Prep to Year 2
In the early years of schooling, students have a natural curiosity about their world, and their desire to make sense of it provides a platform to construct and review their learning through interactions with others, experimentation, scaffolding, explicit teaching and practice and play in the classroom and beyond. This helps them make sense of a world that is outside their immediate experience, as they connect new knowledge with what they already know or believe. This also provides an opportunity to challenge what they know or believe.

The Religion Curriculum P-12 enables students in Prep to Year 2 to learn about Jesus’ life as a Jew, his family and friends and his teachings and actions. They learn about God’s loving relationship with people and all of creation, and
the many ways in which communities of believers nurture their loving relationship with God, others and with all of creation.

**Year 3 to Year 6**

During these years of schooling, students begin to understand and appreciate different points of view as they move from an identity centred on the family to a wider world of relationships. They draw on their growing experience of family, school and the wider community to develop their understanding of the world and their relationships with others, past and present. Students increasingly look for and value learning they perceive as relevant, consistent with personal goals and leading to important outcomes.

The *Religion Curriculum P-12* enables students in Year 3 to Year 6 to develop their understanding of community and its significance for sharing and developing faith. They learn about the experiences of different communities, past and present and the many ways in which faith is lived out and celebrated in their lives. Students learn about the particular communities for whom the human authors of sacred texts shaped their writings. They learn about the relational nature of God as Trinity and the significance of Jesus’ law of love.

**PRAYER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATORS**

_O Lord, nurture in me_
_the song of a lover, the vision of a poet, the questions of a child,_
_the boldness of a prophet, the courage of a disciple._

_O God of gifts, be with me in my longing_
_Come, stay with me in my teaching_
_Come, go with me in my needing_
_Come, struggle with me in my searching_
_And come, rejoice with me in my witness to your kingdom_
_Amen._

Wishing you God’s blessings throughout the week.

*Brendan*

**APA News...Mr Damien Sullivan**

**Supervision**

A friendly reminder for parents and students that children arriving before 8.20am must sit quietly _in the Undercroft_ – this includes any children waiting with parents. After this time Prep children and Year One gather in the morning before school in the Adventure Playground. Other students will use the Undercroft and Good Samaritan Hall. The library is also open every morning before school. Supervision of these areas begins each day at 8.20am and we strongly discourage students from arriving at school before this time.

**Riding to School**

At Sts Peter and Paul’s we are lucky to have quite a number of students who sometimes or regularly ride to school on bikes, scooters and skateboards. To help keep everybody safe at school we have a rule stating 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. At school this week we will give all students a reminder of these rules. We ask that any parents with children who ride to school reinforce this message from home and that any parents who also ride respect these rules too.

**Healthy Food**

Health experts regularly remind us of the importance of having a good breakfast and a nutritional lunch to help give children the best opportunities to learn while at school. Please ensure that your child has a healthy lunch and breakfast packed each day. Particularly in the younger grades, our students are encouraged to eat fruit and yoghurt first before eating other foods packed in their lunchboxes.

**A request for parents regarding entering classrooms**

Parents and students are asked to please not enter school buildings before school, during the lunch breaks or when the teacher is not present in their classroom. This includes internal hallways where port racks are located outside classrooms. These areas should be clear until the teacher brings their class inside. If parents wish to speak to a teacher or retrieve something from a classroom, before and after school are the appropriate times. At other times parents should call by the school office.

**Bee Champions**

Congratulations to Sarah (3R), Harry (3R), Alison (2B) and Luka (4G) 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.

Have a great week.

*Damien Sullivan*
Sports News

State Track and Field Results
We welcome back Tara McCarthy after a busy week at the State Athletics track. She was a proud finalist in the 2014 Met East Track Team competing in the 4 x 100m event and placed 6th in the State Final. In her individual 12 Years Girls 100m event Tara ran another PB culminating in a great carnival. Well done Tara, Sts Peter & Paul’s is very proud of you and your humble success and achievements this year.

Junior Swimming Demonstration Carnival
The Junior Swimming Carnival is coming up soon. I hope to see you there to support your “little one” for the Year 1, 2 and 3 Carnival on the 19 November being held at St. Oliver Plunkett School Pool, Cannon Hill. Swimming demonstrations will start with Year 3’s through to Year 1’s in their nominated strokes beginning at 9.15 am through to 12.30pm.

Assessments taken over the next few weeks will assist in the placement of your child in their swimming display events. Children in Year 3 may swim in 3 events (Freestyle, Backstroke and Breaststroke – with a few invited to swim the butterfly demonstrations), the Year 2 and Year 1 students may swim 2 events (with some swimming Breaststroke and Butterfly.) Novelty events will conclude each session. We all love a little fun in the pool to celebrate house spirit!

I trust your child is progressing well through the professional swimming program provided by Sts Peter & Paul’s partners Lorrimer’s Swim School on either Monday or Thursdays this term. The students are all keen to show you their skills in a safe environment of life skills in the pool. Stay tuned for more details.

QLD State Invitational Swimming Relay Representative Opportunity – Nominations strictly close 31 October:
This year we are again able to submit teams to the upcoming QPSS Invitational Swimming Relay events being held at Chandler on the night of 21 November 2014. I am looking for nominated times to be submitted to the school office strictly by Friday 31 October for possible consideration in these Invitational events. Please ask at the school office for the appropriate paperwork.

Sts Peter & Paul’s may enter 2 prescribed Age Divisions for either the Freestyle 4 x 50m or Medley 4 x 50m Relays: Senior (DOB 2003 and 2002) and Junior (DOB 2004 and 2005) divisions. Successful students will be notified with further information and a cash payment will be required to this event. Please contact me via the School Office if you require further information.

Yours in Sport
Mrs Lyndall Conaghan
PE and Sports Coordinator

Library News

Term four gets very busy as we near the end of the year. Please make sure to mark your calendars for library events during this Term:

**CyberSmart Presentations**
3rd November 6:00pm for Parents

**Library Book Chat & Tea @ Riverbend**
20th November 9:00am

**Library Working Bee**
25th November 9:00am

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


Crayon and Pencil Collection & Donation

The students in the Year 6/7 Care and Concern Committee have been very busy preparing for the launch of this project this week. They will speak on assembly to the school community about this tomorrow.

We would appreciate any donations of used and unused crayons, textas, pencils and other stationery.

At the conclusion of this project (Thursday, 13 November) these donations will be packaged and sent to three different places, ‘The Good Samaritan Early Childhood Centre in Kiribati’, ‘St. Brendan’s Primary School, Moorooka’ and ‘Cannon Hill Community Connections Centre’.

Please see the attached insert at the end of the school newsletter for further details.

Thank you for your generosity,
Megan Mobsby
Co-ordinator – Year 6/7 Student Care and Concern Committee
Thank you to all families who purchased from the Scholastic Bookclub last term. Your orders raised over $500 for the school which was used to purchase new books and activities for the library and classrooms. You should have received the latest bookclub brochures last week. With just over 10 weeks until Xmas, this is a good opportunity to get some presents for friends or family members and help the school at the same time. Please return your bookclub orders to school by Thursday 23 October.

P & F News

P & F Meeting
Please note the change of date for this month’s P & F meeting. The P & F Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 22 October at 7.30pm in the staffroom. We hope to see you there to have your say!

DISCO!!!!
The biggest social event of our children’s year is almost here: the Sts Peter and Paul’s School Disco! The event will be held on Friday November 7 in the Good Samaritan Hall. Entry is $5 per child and not only includes a DJ providing unlimited dancing opportunities, but a sausage sizzle, poppers and lollies. This is always a fun night for all age groups so why not come along and join the fun!

As you will appreciate, our primary concern on the night is to keep our beautiful children safe. As such, this event requires a significant amount of adult supervision to ensure its success. We are therefore putting the call out now for all parents/carers who are willing to give up an hour or so of their time on the night to assist with making sure everyone stays safe and happy. Without a strong band of parent volunteers, unfortunately this event will not be able to go ahead. If you are able to help out could you please send a quick email to Chrissy Quinn at cquinn@y7mail.com or leave your name at the school office.

Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter with more details.

Health & Wellbeing Committee
The next Health & Wellbeing Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday 29 October at 7pm in the staffroom. The results of the student, parent and teacher survey will be discussed.

Facebook
The P&F have a Facebook page where you can find out what we are up to on a regular basis. Just go to http://www.facebook.com/StsPPPF and like us!

Tuckshop News
Please click here for a copy of our current Tuckshop Menu.

The Tuckshop Break-up is on Thursday, 30th October at Red Galanga, 5 Wambool Street, Bulimba at 11.15am. BYO. $8 per person payable to me before the day, please. RSVP by NEXT MONDAY, 27 October. All tuckshop helpers most welcome!

ROSTER:  
Wednesday, 22 October
Catherine Sutton, Kylee Harnisch
Friday, 24 October
Jenny Barends, Caite Brewer, Allison Manuel, Amelia Robinson, Lisa Dutoit-Mann
Monday, 27 October
Sandy Pruss, Sarah Jewell

Many thanks everyone for your terrific support,
Chris Watt, Tuckshop Convenor
Tel: 0413 590 109

Friday, October 31 is National Bandanna Day. This worthy cause helps to support CanTeen, the support group for children and adolescents who are dealing with cancer. We invite all the school community to join in the fun and wear a bandanna to school on this day. How creative can you be? Bandannas can be worn on your head, around your wrist, as a necktie – what else can you think of? We will be selling bandannas at school every morning from Monday, October 27. Pop up to the area outside the library to purchase your bandanna. They will be $4.00 each.
School Banking

'Search for Australia's Smart School Savers' Competition
If you are saving for a goal with your school banking account, why not tell Commbank about it. The online competition called ‘Search for Australia's Smart School Savers' on the Commbank blog commbank.com.au/smartschoolsavers. Say in 50 words or less what you are saving for and how you plan to save your money to achieve it. There are some awesome prizes up for grabs.

- Six regional winners will receive an iPad for themselves and one for their school
- One talented national winner will be selected from this group to receive $1,000 to go towards their savings goal

The search is open until 5pm on Friday 31 October 2014.

Tip of the Week
Keeping your tokens at home in the same place each week will help make sure you don't lose your tokens from your banking book. Sometimes the plastic does rip with wear especially if there are quite a number of tokens being stored in the banking book. Much safer to keep tokens at home.

Happy Banking from your school banking co-ordinators Deb Waldron, Amanda Monckton, Melody Phillips, Cath Palmer and Sonia Horsburgh.

Melbourne Cup
GOOD SAMARITAN MELBOURNE CUP FUNDRAISER - As always, we are asking you and your friends for support.

Pre – Melbourne Cup Day Activities

1. Fancy Goods Stall: We would appreciate any contribution, fancy goods, jams, cakes etc. Please contact the Wynnnum West Community at 14 Melissa Street. Ph 3396 1740 to contribute.

2. Our Fantastic Raffle: Great prizes!
   - 1st Prize  A Delightful $500.00 to save!
   - 2nd Prize  A Very Useful $300.00 to spend!
   - 3rd Prize  A Handy $200.00 to enjoy!
   - 4th Prize  Framed Painting “Poppies Aglow” by Sr Margaret Ann Kelly SGS
   There are still some tickets available. If you would like extra books please contact me. Phone 3399 2158 or 0408 653 033.
   Email - mrandle@goodsams.org.au

3. Bookings and pre-payment: Tickets for the Melbourne Cup Luncheon $50.00 are available from Lourdes Hill or Parish Office. It would be wonderful to make tables of eight to make the day a bonanza. Cheques payable to Sisters of the Good Samaritan Foundation.

Melbourne Cup Day
Date:       Tuesday 4 November
Venue:     Sts Peter and Paul’s Parish Hall
Time:      10am
Sweeps:    $2 and $5
Fancy Goods Stall, Lucky Door Prizes, Drawing the Raffle, wide screen viewing of the Melbourne Cup.

Thank you for your support. Let’s make it a great day.
Blessings in abundance

Child of the Week

PB: Amelie Hopkins   PG: Olivia Carbone   PR: Aidan Caulfield   PY: Claudia Wallace
1B: Sienna Knight    1G: Lily McDonald    1R: Grace Kendrick
2B: Gabe Thomson     2G: Kiya Clarke      2R: Harper Collins    2Y: Eamon Dooley
3B: Odin Wadsworth   3G: Kael Hourn      3R: Jarlath Whittaker
4B: Harry Moore      4G: Archie Xavier    4R: Monique Francis
5B: Ella Monckton    5G: Jane Fonoti      6B: Ruby Moore        6G: Georgia Gavine
7B: Sidonie Garvin   7G: Cale Oborne
DATES TO REMEMBER

22 October  P & F Meeting – 7.30pm
23 October  Bookclub Orders Due
27 October  Shake & Stir Drama Performance (Years 6 & 7)
29 October  Health & Wellbeing Committee Meeting – 7.00pm
 3 November  Cybersmart Presentation – 6.00pm
 6 November  Orientation Day
 7 November  School Disco
10 November  Year 4 1:1 Laptop Program Night – 7pm
14 November  G20 Public Holiday
19 November  Junior Swimming Demonstration Carnival (Years 1-3)
20 November  Riverbend Book Chat
25 November  Library Working Bee – 9am
27 November  School Concert
 3 December  Graduation (Years 6 & 7)
 5 December  Term 4 Ends – 12pm

Crayon and Pencil Collection & Donation

One focus of the school’s Care and Concern Committee has been to raise awareness within the school community of ways that we can provide help to others. A simple way our children can contribute is by donating their used and unused crayons, textas, pencils and other stationery. The donation of this stationery happens towards the end of the school year. The children are asked to put their donations in a box that will be placed in their classrooms by the Year 6/7 Care and Concern Student Group.

The Care and Concern Committee are donating the stationery to:

The Good Samaritan Early Childhood Learning Centre in Kiribati: Stationery packs will be sent to the centre. The teachers have requested thicker pencils, thicker crayons, craft scissors, paint brushes, paints etc. that would suit the 3-5 year age group. This donation of stationery to the centre links in with Sr. Mary’s Kiribati Twinning Project with families whose children attend the centre.

St. Brendan’s, Moorooka: Stationery packs will be donated to Sudanese refugees who attend this school to assist with their learning.

Cannon Hill Community Connections: Stationery packs will be donated to the Playgroup sessions held by this community centre. They will also be included in some packs in Christmas hampers that are distributed to disadvantaged families. Cannon Hill Community Connections provides counselling, family support, emergency relief, information, referral and practical assistance. Various groups are held at the centre each week including sewing, playgroup, English conversation and Welcome Circles.

As we approach the end of the school year please remind your child/children about this important collection.
Dear Parents,

Internet Safety Presentations Help Children Stay Safe Online

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 Cybersmart Outreach — Internet Safety Awareness presentation. Designed for parents, teachers and students, this presentation is provided by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (the ACMA) as part of a national program of cybersmart initiatives.

The Cybersmart 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; and
- tips to help children stay safe online.

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

Sts Peter and Paul’s School is committed to helping students develop appropriate behaviours when using digital technologies, both at school and at home. Our program of internet safety initiatives includes:

- Class lessons / Acceptable Use of Computer and Internet Agreements;
- 1-1 Laptop Boot Camp / Digital Citizenship; and
- Online subscriptions for safe student research inquires.

The Cybersmart Outreach — Internet Safety Awareness presentation for students in Years 4 to 7 will be held at 2.00pm on Monday, 3rd November.

The Cybersmart Outreach — Internet Safety Awareness presentation for parents will be held on at 6:00pm on Monday, 3rd November in the Library. This presentation is designed for parent awareness and is not appropriate for students.

To register your attendance, please contact Terry Ballentine as soon as possible. Enrolments will also be accepted on the night.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Terry Ballentine
Teacher Librarian
Email: tmballentine@bne.catholic.edu.au
Calling all Sts Peter & Paul’s Cool Cats and Disco Divas
Start practising your most awesome dance moves and come along to the

School Disco

On Friday 7 November 2014
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 lollies)

Please hand money in an envelope to the school office with child/children’s name and class clearly written on the front by Wednesday 5 November 2014
Aussie Hoops is coming to St Peter and St Paul’s Catholic School. Aussie Hoops is all about participation and fun. Aussie Hoops has a national coaching curriculum and a sequentially developed program consisting of warm-up games, skill activities and modified games, all delivered by accredited coaches. Aussie Hoops caters for Prep to grade 5 students. There will be a 7 week program starting on Saturday 18th October 9.30-10.30am in the school hall for only $90.

Each participant receives a ball, a bag and a reversible singlet.

Parents can register and pay online by clicking one of the following links.

Boys only Program - https://reg.sportingpulse.com/v6/regoform.cgi?formID=42545&programID=797


Spaces are limited, register now!

Any questions please ring Peter Pollock, Junior Participation Manager for Basketball Queensland on 0412 080 677.

Dancesport Lessons

“Dancesport lessons, offering Ballroom and Latin-American dance classes and practice sessions are being conducted after school in terms 4, for pupils in Years 4-7, at St Oliver Plunkett School, Cannon Hill. These lessons will teach Ballroom and Latin-American dancing to those who just wish to learn, and these lessons will also equip students with suitable routines in the event that they may wish to compete in the new ‘Recreational’ division of official Dancesport Queensland events.

Lessons will be conducted by Mr Michael Maguire, a teacher at the school, who is also a highly ranked Australian Dancesport competitor, with both national and international experience. As numbers necessitate, other highly experienced dancers/teachers will be in assistance during lessons.

Lessons will be conducted on each Thursday afternoon during terms four, from 3:15-4:00pm on the main quadrangle area at the school. Cost is only $4 pp/lesson.

This programme is fully supported by Dancesport Queensland, the peak body of Dancesport in this state and has started, and been running successfully since earlier in the year.

Further info- 0407633842”
KIDS CLASSES
8-12 years

Why is exercise important for my child?

- Builds skills and confidence
- Creates great habits
- Improved psychological well-being
- Improved health
- Better life quality

CLASS TIMES
Tues: 4:15PM - 5:00PM
Thurs: 4:15PM - 5:00PM
Sat: 3:30PM - 4:15PM
(Bookings Essential)

For more information visit our website. Kids membership & casual visit prices available on website.

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