Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

We rejoice with those who have shared in the new life of Easter by their baptism. We celebrate the renewal of our own baptism into the life of Christ. We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of new life at Easter which makes us glad through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you all have had a very Happy and blessed Easter together with an enjoyable and restful break.

This Term we look forward to participating in many events, including the celebration of the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation together with Archbishop Coleridge making a School Pastoral Visit, our School FETE, Year 5 Camping Program, Years 3, 5 and 7 National Assessment Program Literacy & Numeracy, the Cross Country events and our Sts Peter & Paul's School Feast Day to name just a few of the significant events in our calendar.

Sisters of the Good Samaritan Assembly
This week I will join around 140 Sisters of the Good Samaritan from various parts of Australia, Kiribati, the Philippines, Japan and Timor Leste. We will gather in Sydney for a special assembly to focus on our future life and mission as a religious congregation. Please remember us in prayer as we discern our future direction.

Prep Enrolment Interviews
Interviews with new families requesting Prep enrolment for 2015 will commence on 2 May. It has been a tradition at Sts Peter & Paul’s School to have a parent from the school community to take new families seeking enrolment for a walk around the school following their interview with a member of the Administration team. If you are willing to assist us with the enrolment process for new families could you please contact Jenny Williamson in the School Office. Your support and assistance will certainly be appreciated.

Spirit of Catholic Education Awards 2014
Catholic Education Week 2014 will be held from Sunday 27 July – Saturday 2 August and will focus on the theme: *Come, live life in all its fullness*. Nominations are now open for the Spirit of Catholic Education Awards, which are conducted annually in conjunction with Catholic Education Week.

Catholic school communities and other Catholic education agencies in Queensland are invited to nominate individuals in the community (staff member, parent, clergy or volunteer) who are making an outstanding contribution to the life of the community in one of the following areas:

- initiating a program and/or activity in response to a need
- leading and facilitating for change and improvement
- demonstrating excellence in their work
- engaging in exceptionally life-giving relationships with students, colleagues or other members of the school community or Catholic education agency
- advancing Reconciliation (for consideration for the Aunty Joan Hendriks Reconciliation Award).

The Aunty Joan Hendriks Reconciliation Award, initiated in 2012 as part of the Spirit of Catholic Education Awards, recognises an outstanding contribution to Reconciliation by a member of a Queensland Catholic education community. Indigenous and non-Indigenous members of Catholic education communities are encouraged to nominate for this award.

Further details together with a nomination form are available on the Queensland Catholic Education Commission website – Catholic Education Week. Nominations for all awards close on Friday 9 May 2014.

National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)
Please be advised that the Years 3, 5 and 7 tests will be administered on the following dates:
Tuesday 13 May – Language Conventions and Writing Tests
Wednesday 14 May – Reading Test
Thursday 15 May – Numeracy Tests

ANZAC Day
On Friday we commemorate ANZAC Day. This day marks the defeat of Australian and New Zealand soldiers in an ill-fated campaign during the Great War of 1914-1918. It has become a day of remembrance in which the young nations recognise the establishment of ideals of courage and self-sacrifice for the common good. Therefore, we remember all those who have served our nation during war, those who have died, and those who have returned. You are invited to join the school community on Monday 28 April at 9.30am in the Good Samaritan Hall for our ANZAC Day Liturgy. Archbishop Coleridge will be our special guest at this liturgy.

On ANZAC Day we remember those who have served our nation in time of war, those who have died and those who have returned. Let us ask God’s blessing. Lord God, source of all peace, may the Spirit of ANZAC give us courage to strive for peace in the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Peace and Best Wishes
Sr Ann-Maree Nicholls, sgs

PRINCIPAL

APRE News – Mr Brendan Schostakowski

EASTER LITURGY
Please note the change of time for our assembly this week.

Tomorrow, Wednesday 23 April, we will celebrate an Easter prayer assembly in the Church beginning at 2pm. Thank you to the Year 6 students and teachers for preparing this liturgy.

Child of the Week certificates will be presented at the end of this prayer assembly.

SACRAMENTS OF CONFIRMATION AND EUCHARIST
Children who have been preparing for their Confirmation and First Communion will receive these sacraments at one of the parish masses this weekend, 26 and 27 April. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they look forward to celebrating this significant event in their faith journey.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge will be confirming these children during his pastoral visit to the parish.

There will be a practice tomorrow, Wednesday, afternoon at 3.15pm in the church for these children.

ANZAC DAY MARCH
Children are welcome to represent the school at the Anzac Day march on Friday morning, 25 April. The march starts at the Bulimba Library and proceeds along Oxford St to Memorial Park. We will need to assemble at the Bulimba Library near the roundabout at the top of Oxford Street no later than 7.20am. Students are to wear their full school uniform, including hat. At Memorial Park we will lay a wreath, and when the service is finished the children can enjoy a little treat of Anzac biscuits.

ANZAC COMMEMORATION
On Monday 28 April we will commemorate Anzac Day with a celebration in the Good Samaritan Hall at 9.30am. Parents are very welcome to attend.

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.

ARCHBISHOP’S VISIT
Following his pastoral visit to the parish next weekend, Archbishop Mark will also visit the school on Monday 28 April. On this Monday there will be a special school assembly in the Good Samaritan Hall beginning at 9.30am and parents are very welcome to join us for this assembly. The Archbishop will also spend time in classrooms speaking with the children. We very much look forward to welcoming the Archbishop to our school community.

SECOND WEEK OF EASTER – John 20:19-29
As we focus on the gospel for this Sunday, 27 April, we notice a mood of fear and anxiety.

It was evening of the day Jesus rose from the dead, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the authorities.
It is the day of Resurrection, not that the disciples know this just yet. Their response to the barbarous treatment of Jesus has been to flee in fear of their own lives. They have seen the face and force of evil in the torture and murder of their beloved Jesus. The disciples are overcome by fear. They run. They hide. They lock doors, windows and maybe their hearts. Many believed in Jesus but now he is gone, their hearts are broken, their strength diminished, their faith fading, their hope expired. They have seen Jesus healing, forgiving, listening, teaching, challenging, consoling, and loving! They have seen and some have believed, but not all.

It is into this scene of despair, despondency and devastation that Jesus comes. Death has not had the last word. Everything now changes!

Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you'. After he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you."

The gift of the risen Jesus is PEACE. Peace, it seems changes everything. With peace in our hearts and souls, wondrous things can happen. Jesus’ greeting was more than a simple peace offering. It was a symbol of reconciliation and harmony for the disciples and an attempt to fortify them in their fear and confusion. It was a call to non-violence in the face of hatred, cruelty and murder.

Peace is not the only gift Jesus offers; he also restores their hope, their confidence, and their focus for mission. Clearly, he believes in them! ‘As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’

The story is not over, it needs a voice. With and through the Holy Spirit we too are commissioned, sent throughout the world to bring alive the story, to tell the story, to live the story, to be the story of good news for all.

From ‘Treasures of Hope: Second Sunday of Easter Year A’

God of peace, this day is made by your hands.
We rejoice that your Spirit heals and restores us.
In times of doubt and discouragement, increase our faith
so that believing in Jesus, we may have life in his name.
Amen! Alleluia!

May our Easter God bless you with Peace throughout this new term.
Brendan

APA News...Mr Damien Sullivan

Welcome back! I hope that you have had an enjoyable Easter and are ready for a busy and exciting Term 2.

Visitors Register
A reminder that parents who visit to assist at the school (eg. tuckshop, class reading, etc.) are required to drop into the office upon arriving at school to sign their name in the Visitors Register. We also ask that parents call back into the school office when they are leaving school to sign out and return their badge.

Parents who are collecting children from school before 3:00pm are also required to come to the office to sign out their child. Office staff will ring the classroom to arrange for children to come down to meet parents there. Likewise, when children arrive late for school, parents should walk their child to the office and sign them in.

Making Friends
One very critical part of a child’s development is their social growth. At school this is largely seen in the way that they interact with their peers. The building and maintaining of friendships is an issue that causes both joy and sadness for children. As adults we need to support our children as they learn these important skills. As with other areas of their development, a balance between “being there” and being “not there” is the ideal.

Below is a list of behaviours exhibited by those who successfully make friends … they …
1. are optimistic about their engagement with others and communicate this;
2. take responsibility for their behaviour and avoid making excuses;
3. refuse to blame others for the problems they have;
4. are honest;
5. listen to and are considerate of others’ points of view;
6. actively look for win-win opportunities so that both their needs and the needs of others are met;
7. work at gaining respect and affection;
8. are reliable and trustworthy;
9. treat others as important and worthwhile persons;
10. intentionally plan to do things that demonstrate that they care about others.

Each day, we send and receive hundreds of messages and signals in our communications (both verbal and non-verbal) that show our beliefs about ourselves and others.

- I demonstrate that I believe that I am a worthwhile person when I study for a test, improve the presentation of an assignment, train hard for sport or practise my music etc.
- I tell myself that I am not worthwhile when I give up easily, make lots of excuses, use negative self-talk, say “I can’t”, tell lies, blame others etc.
- I let others know they are worthwhile when I help them with their school work, listen to their ideas (or problems), encourage them or intentionally perform acts of kindness etc.
I send the signal that I believe others are not worthwhile when I put them down, refuse to help, ignore or dismiss their ideas, tell lies about them etc.

It is important that we are aware of the messages we send and receive and the effects these messages have on our ability to make friends. Parents can help their children by regularly promoting positive behaviour and challenging negative beliefs.

**Have a great week with your children – really enjoy them for who they are.**

*Damien Sullivan*

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**Sports News**

**Fit Club**

Thank you to our dedicated staff and house captains who have worked as a community to provide our students with a training program to prepare the enthusiastic runner for the 2014 running season. Our final get together will be held WITH PARENTS on **Thursday 24 April for a WALK of the COURSE.** Meet at 7.30am at Hawthorne Park, Hawthorne Road side near the AFL car park.

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**Years 1 – 7 School Cross Country Carnival - OUR FINAL FITNESS GOAL**

**Wednesday, 30 April 2014**

Hawthorne Park, Hawthorne Road Side

- Please return your permission note as soon as possible.
- We are looking for parent volunteers for either class support or track jobs. Please read your note and return the appropriate slip. Thank you for your support as we value our Sts Peter and Paul’s community and parent partnerships.
- A proposed timetable is listed below. Whilst we try to keep to time please be aware that these times are indicative for the proposed start of each event. Years 1 and 2 run in their year groups and Years 3 – 7 run in their girls and boys age groups. DOB is as at 31/12/2014.
- A map of the proposed course is posted on the Sports board in the undercroft for your perusal.

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**Conclusion /Pack up:**

- Year 7 and parent helpers to pack up the tents, equipment, load the cars and tidy Venue.
- Walk back to school with your class teacher and parent walking helpers.

**Carnival Results and Age Champions will be announced during a special Term 2 Sports Assembly on Wednesday 30 April in the Good Samaritan Hall at 2.00pm. Medallions, Age Champions and House Champions will be presented.**

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**Lytton District Soccer:**

Congratulations to the following students who will be representing our school at the coming Lytton District Football (Soccer) Trials: Rowan Gorey, Ella Ferguson, Yolanda Williams, Grace Hutcheson, Nina Taylor, Sidonie Garvin and Georgia Lytras.

Yours in Sport,

**Mrs Lyndall Conaghan, PE and Sport**

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**Library News**

Welcome back from the Library!

It is great to see all the beautiful faces rested and ready for another term. We have a number of new books out for circulation. Check the ‘New Books’ basket in the library for some great reads.

Mark your calendars: Tuesday, 29th April is scheduled for another Library Working Bee. We look forward to getting more books processed, cleaned and repaired. If there are parents, grandparents or friends available to help in the library on the 29th April from 9:00am – 12:00pm, please call us or email. Morning tea will be provided.

The shortlisted BILBY (Books I Love Best Yearly) books have been announced. This is a special award as these books are nominated by Queensland students as the best books read during the past year. Students have a few weeks to read the five books before voting for their favourite story to be awarded the 2014 BILBY.

The Children’s Book Council judges have announced the 2014 shortlisted books. These shortlisted books are new releases during the past year that judges feel are ‘must reads’ for children. We encourage students to read and evaluate these books and see if they can decide which will be named ‘Book of the Year’. Stop by the library for a list of the books or check the web link on our library webpage.
Save the date for resiliency presentation – 29 April
On Tuesday 29 April at 7pm Professor Paula Barrett from the Pathways Centre will be speaking at the school on "Building resiliency in your child". Professor Barrett is an international expert in the prevention and treatment of anxiety and depression, and the promotion of resilience in children. A form was sent home with your eldest child last term, kindly return your slip by Friday if you wish to attend.

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!

Fete – Saturday 17 May 2014
We have a website! Go to http://stspeterandpaulsschoolfete2014.com and keep up with all the news. The Fete newsletter has also gone electronic. All newsletters can be found by clicking on the following link which takes you to the Fete Website http://stspeterandpaulsschoolfete2014.com/news/.

Lucky Dip Stall
The lucky dip stall convenors are planning to send each child home with a white bag during the first week of Term 2. Families are kindly asked to donate lucky dip prizes and return the bag to the school office or in the lucky dip bins that will be placed close to each grade's classroom before the end of Week 3. The class returning the most bags will receive a class treat! Please look out for the bags, including full instructions, coming home with each student this week.

Tuckshop News
No Tuckshop tomorrow Wednesday, 23 April
Orders maybe cancelled by you. If not, this will be done by Flexischools.

ROSTER:  Monday, 28/4
Sandra Pruss

Please note there will be no morning tea available on Wednesday, 30 April due to Cross Country.

ANZAC DAY MARCH ... FRIDAY 25th APRIL
Sts Peter & Paul’s School will again be participating in the Anzac Day parade down Oxford Street next month.

The parade begins at the Bulimba Library and proceeds down Oxford Street to Memorial Park, where a short service is held.

Children who wish to help represent our School and participate in the March will need to be at the Bulimba Library by 7.20am. The children need to be in full school uniform including hat. The service usually finishes by 9.00am and the children will be given Anzac biscuits afterwards.

If anyone has any queries or would like to help make Anzac biscuits please email me at spac19@optusnet.com.au or phone 0422 229 482.

Child of the Week

PB: Daisy Gibbs  PG: Eleni Hatzifotis  PR: Mia Loadsman  PY: Charlie Schmiede
1B: Lani Hawker  1G: Alexander Piggott  1R: Hannah Cook
2B: Renee Siganto  2G: Claudia Panozzo  2R: Claire Hughes  2Y: Daniel Paradzik
3B: Grace Gillies  3G: Lachlan Jones  3R: Milena Willcox
4B: Mia Quinn  4G: Imogen Kahlert  4R: Tess Roxburgh
5B: Jessica Sherlock  5G: Tess Catchpole
6B: Ariana Kingstone  6G: Laura Damerow
7B: Arabella Gardner  7G: Caitlin Carr
DATES TO REMEMBER

25 April     Anzac Day
26 & 27 April First Holy Communion and Confirmation
28 April     Anzac Day Assembly
29 April     Resiliency Presentation
30 April     Cross Country
17 May       School Fete

Does your Child have the Resilience Edge?
Confident Kids + Teens is a highly successful resiliency group program for 5 -14 year olds to boost confidence, emotional resilience, social skills and brain power. Kids gain simple tools to reduce stress, anxiety, negative thinking or low self-esteem so they can build resilience to meet life’s challenges. Enrol your child in our new and updated 5 week group program run by experienced Psychologists. It’s still packed with all the same practical strategies to help your child thrive. But now the program is even more convenient and affordable for families. (Medicare & Private health fund rebates apply). Only available at Positive Families Paddington. Places are limited. Visit www.confidentkidsandteens.com.au for full details and Book Online to secure your child’s enrolment. Or email us at info@positivefamilies.com.au

gts Peter and Paul's Got Talent

Congratulations to all of the students who auditioned for the Talent Quest for this year’s Fete.
There was a lot of effort put in by all of the students and it would be magnificent to see all of you on stage at the Fete however, only 3 acts from each division will be able to perform on 17 May.
There are three levels of competition: Junior Division = Years: Prep, 1 & 2 Middle Division = Years: 3, 4 & 5 and Senior Division = Years 6 & 7
The first round of auditions were held last week and we had a very difficult time narrowing the number of wonderful acts down to just a few from each division. The list of semi-finalists has been posted on the library, hall and music room walls.
These students are asked to perform on Tuesday 29 April at 11.00am
The whole school will be invited to join us and the attending teachers will vote on the finalists for the fete.
Any queries please email Mrs Burchill or Mrs Foster cburchill@bne.catholic.edu.au or afoster@bne.catholic.edu.au
Clairvaux Mackillop College Open Days
Wednesday, 21 May, 6:30pm to 8:00pm
Friday, 13 June, 9:00am to 10:30am
Friday, 29 August, 9:00am to 10:30am

Zumba

Classes starting Term 2!
Zumba Kids – Monday 3:15 - 4:15pm Good Samaritan Hall
Zumba Kids Jr. – Wednesday 3:15 - 4:15pm Drama Room
Zumba Kids – Friday 3:30 - 4:30pm Bulimba Senior Citizens Hall

Please refer to the attached flyer for more details or contact
Kate Biskupovich on 0435535380 or
Email kbiskupovich@gmail.com

Volunteers needed! Would you enjoy a volunteer opportunity supporting mums with young children? Peach Tree Perinatal Wellness is a registered charity providing support for mums who are experiencing depression, anxiety or stress during the perinatal period. We hold peer support groups each week providing a safe, warm, and non-judgmental place for mums to come and connect with each other. We are looking for suitable people to facilitate groups in the local area. If you have had first-hand experience of pre- or post-natal depression, anxiety or stress (diagnosed or undiagnosed), you may be just the person we’re looking for. For further information please contact Sallyanne sal@peachtree.org.au (www.peachtree.org.au)

Save The Date ... 9 August 2014
Sr Belen of Canossa Kindergarten Coorparoo is turning 70.
Please keep the date free, for what promises to be a wonderful party!
SHOEBOX APPEAL

The Parish of Sts P&P would like to invite you to be a part of a social justice project for children in need. The Shoebox Appeal for Operation Christmas Child will enable the children and families in our parish to bring joy to the lives of children less fortunate.

Families who would like to contribute are asked to collect small items (eg. toys, clothes, hair accessories, pencils, toothpaste, soap etc) to fill a standard sized shoebox for children in need in South East Asia (Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia) and the Pacific (Samoa, PNG, Fiji, Vanuatu).

Once the shoebox is filled, it can be taken to our school office or parish office. The shoeboxes will then be delivered to the Brisbane Collection point. Arrangements will be made for them to be shipped to a child in need in time for Christmas 2014.

Shoeboxes can be taken to the school or parish office until the end of Term 3.

Steps involved:
1. Choose the age bracket of the child you are collecting for ie. 2-4 years, 5-9 years or 10-14 years BOY or GIRL
2. Collect the items eg. clothes, teddy, doll, craft kits, etc. (See over the page for further details)
3. Cover the shoebox with Christmas wrapping paper (optional) then fill with items AND attach the age label on the box
4. Include a note for the child (optional)
5. Deliver the filled shoebox to the school office/parish office.

This is an easy and wonderful way to encourage our children to think of others and discover the joy of giving.

For further information, please contact:
Lana Killian Tel: 0404 807 187
email: killians@optusnet.com.au
Sam de Lore Tel: 0433 797 233
email: sam@de-lore.com

Regards,
Shoebox Gift Group
Parish of Sts Peter and Paul

SUGGESTED ITEMS TO COLLECT:

- Something for School, eg. Pencils, colouring pencils, pencil case, rubbers, chalk, eraser, sharpener, exercise book etc
- Something to Play With, eg. Small toy, toy cars, tennis ball, skipping rope, finger puppets, yo-yo, knuckles etc
- Something Special or Something to Love, eg. Doll, craft kits, hair bands, scrunchies, clips, necklaces, bangles, etc
- Something to Wear, eg. T-shirt, skirt, shorts, thongs, sandals
- Something for Personal Hygiene, eg. soap, toothbrush, comb, hair brush, hair-clips, face washer

ITEMS NOT TO INCLUDE PLEASE:

- Items that leak or melt
- Food or lollies
- Used items
- No items that will scare a child
- Breakable items
- Dominoes or playing cards
LITTLE FEET, LOTS OF SOUL

Age is just a number, but attitude is everything. Let your 4 to 6-year-old let loose at the dance ‘n’ play party for lil’ feet. The only rule? They gotta come ready to rock out!

FOR CLASS DETAILS
CONTACT YOUR LICENSED ZUMBA® INSTRUCTOR:

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