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

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

Class Groupings for 2014

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 2014 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, 8 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, 28 November.

Parent Forum

The Brisbane Archdiocesan Parents & Friends in conjunction with the Federation Secretariat have organised an opportunity for parents to have input into the Review of Senior Assessment, OP and Tertiary Entrance. A Parent Forum will be held on Thursday 31 October at Brigidine College Indooroopilly from 5.30pm – 7.30pm. This is a very important review which should be of great interest to parents who wish to have a say on what will occur at the end of their child’s secondary schooling. RSVP by Friday 25 October to mailto:info@pandf.org.au

World Teachers’ Day

This Friday, 25 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.

Peace and Best Wishes

Sr Ann-Maree Nicholls, sgs

PRINCIPAL
This Thursday 24 October Year 7 Green will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Fr Tom, beginning at 9am in the Church.

**GRANDPARENTS DAY SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER 2013**

Grandparents Day is an opportunity for everyone to make their grandparent’s day by thanking them for their love, guidance and support. It also recognizes the vital contribution grandparents make to family life and to our society.

**For Grandparents**

*Jesus, look with love upon our grandparents.*
*Grandparents who give joy beyond their understanding.*
*Grandparents who are there when the rest of the world seems unfair.*
*Grandparents who give advice based on years of wisdom and understanding.*
*Grandparents who love us when things don’t seem to be going right.*
*Grandparents who are great fun, letting us do things which our parents would not.*
*Grandparents are special.*

*Jesus, bless our grandparents with Peace and happiness.*

**CHILDREN’S MISSION DAY – 23 OCTOBER**

Early this year a new Pope was elected to be the leader of our Church. Whenever a new Pope is elected he takes a new name. After hearing another Cardinal say to him, “When you are Pope, don’t forget the poor,” he decided to choose the name Francis after St Francis of Assisi. Pope Francis has urged us all to be a Church that cares for the poor… a Church where each member lives the Gospel, as best they can like Jesus, in their daily lives.

In Australia, Catholic Mission has designated Wednesday 23 October 2013 as Children's Mission Day to promote mission, and to celebrate the wonderful fundraising efforts to support Catholic Mission's work with children worldwide. We can all act to reduce poverty around the world and improve the quality of life for all. We can stand in solidarity with all who suffer exclusion, poverty and injustice and whose life is in some way diminished.

This Wednesday the members of our Student Representative Council will be attending the World Children’s Mission Day Mass at St Stephen’s Cathedral.

**DAY FOR DANIEL**

Now in its 9th 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. This annual awareness Day for Daniel is held to promote the Foundation’s aims of making the world a safer place for our children.

**WORLD TEACHERS’ DAY**

On Friday 25 October we celebrate World Teachers’ Day. This day is a time for us to reflect on and acknowledge the professionalism, dedication and commitment of all teachers. On World Teachers’ Day we recognise and give thanks for the work of teachers in an increasingly complex, multicultural and technological environment.

**Teachers and Teaching**

*An understanding heart is everything in a teacher, and cannot be esteemed highly enough.*
*One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our human feeling.*
*The curriculum is so much necessary raw material, but warmth is the vital element for the growing plant and for the soul of the child.*

Carl Jung

Wishing you God’s blessings for the coming week.

Brendan Schostakowski

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**APA News – Mr Damien Sullivan**

**Swimming – Years 1, 2 and 3**

Swimming for Years 1, 2 and 3 is into its second week. This continues each Thursday for 3 Red, 3 Blue, 1 Green and 1 Yellow and each Monday for our other Years 1, 2 and 3 classes for another four lessons. Our Junior Swimming Carnival for Years 1, 2 and 3 is scheduled for Wednesday 27 November. The weather is perfect at the moment for enjoying a swim!

**Building self-esteem**

The article below on *Self Esteem* has some great thoughts as we move along through our last term of the 2013 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.


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 Molly (3B), Ruby (3B), Ewan (1G) and Olivia (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

Child of the Week
7G - Mecniarda Adraincem
7B - Shannen McGregor
6G - Georgia Lytras
6B - Adriana Silvey
5G - Zoe Van Zeeland
5B - Cleo Cranston
4R - Roghan Percival
4G - Simon Vollert
4B - Blaire Kemp
3R - Marlee Quigley
3G - Dylan Conn
3B - Georgia Shepherd
2R - George Ferguson
2G - Georgia Piggott
2B - Lydia McCarthy
1Y - Carter Trentini
1R - Cameron McDonald
1G - Sam Gavranic
1B - Noela Konyen
PR - Shane Collins
PG - Lani Hawker
PB - Ruby Strutton
And the winner is...

Each year students are able to enter a number of writing contests which are posted on the library competition and activity board. This year we are very pleased to announce that one of our students has been awarded 1st Prize in the Ipswich Poetry Feast. Grace Nakamura, from Year 7, received this wonderful news while attending an award dinner. She described her exciting evening:

“I didn’t know that the contest was Australia wide and some people from overseas entered as well! They called the 11-13 years winners onto the stage and then they gave out the awards. I was getting more and more excited as all the Highly Commended awards were given out. Third place lived in Perth, so she couldn’t come…second place, and it dawned on me. Then the man read out, ‘so the winner of this year’s 11-13 years Poetry Feast is …. from Sts Peter and Paul’s School Bulimba, Grace Nakamura!’

I really wanted to scream then, but I just grinned hugely. I received a $120 cheque, a certificate signed by the Honorable Matt Foley, a CD of the works of Henry Lawson’s Australian pieces and a Babies of Walloon medal with my name engraved on the back. The winners all went outside to get photographed and I’m going to be in the Ipswich Times!”

Author and poet, Josh Donellan, was the judge for this category. He summed up Grace’s poem beautifully: “This poem knocked me to the floor. The author has told a beautiful, melancholy story of loneliness and longing in just a handful of words. Vaguely reminiscent of PH Harvey’s lyricism, there is a whole world contained within these few verses.”

Her poem and the other winners along with the judge’s comments may be viewed on the Ipswich website. Congratulations Grace on this wonderful accomplishment.


Library News

Mark your calendars for library events during term four:

- **National Children’s Week** - 19 October – 25 October
- **Book Fair** - 28 October – 1 November 8:20am - 3:00pm
- **Library Book Chat & Tea @ Riverbend** - 21 November 9am

A huge ‘Thank You’ goes out to our parents who helped with the library working bee last week. These parents put in a combined 15 working hours in one morning and were able to process and cover 100 books! We couldn’t have done it without you! Thanks again.

The Book Fair runs from 28 October to 1 November. Students will preview the Book Fair this Friday and purchase books during their regularly scheduled library time next week. Students will also be able to purchase books during lunchtime recess and, **if they are with a parent, before school** from 8:20am - 8:40am each morning. Books may be purchased with cash. Students may purchase books with a card if their parent is present. It’s never too early to purchase books for the holidays! There will be a **Library Book Donation Box** for those wishing to purchase a resource for the library as well.

As we plan for the Book Fair, we are in need of volunteers to help throughout Book Fair Week. If you have any time available between 8:40am - 3:00pm, please return the flier enclosed or call the library to sign up.

National Children’s Week is celebrated at the State Library with ‘Children’s Voices,’ a collection of children's drawings, linocuts and paintings expressing their understanding of human rights. This collection is free to view and will be displayed each day from 10am – 5pm until Thursday 19 December. More information may be found at their website http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/whats-on/calevents/general/children/childrens

Stop by our book display area which features timely books. October’s subjects are: Catholic Mission Month (with an emphasis on Mongolia), Children’s Week and Grandparent’s Day.

We culminate the library year with an annual Morning Tea and Book Chat at Riverbend on Thursday 21 November at 9am. This event helps parents find great reads for young and old; perfect timing for holiday gift ideas. The Book Chat includes a cup of tea/coffee and cake as well as a talk on the latest book choices and reviews. The cost is $10.00 for the event paid directly to Riverbend on that day. A flier with more information will be attached closer to this event.

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

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.
P&F News

Hocus Pocus in the Park – Thursday 31 October

Helpers needed for the BBQ stall to raise money for St Vincent de Paul

The P&F has again offered to run the BBQ at the Hocus Pocus in the Park Halloween Community event, with proceeds going to St Vincent de Paul.

We need lots of volunteers to assist. Please contact Paul Sheppard on paulbron@optusnet.com.au if you can help.

Thursday 31 October 3.30pm - 5.30pm, Bulimba Memorial Park.

Health and Wellbeing Committee Meeting this Wednesday night

The next meeting is this Wednesday 23 October at 7.30pm in the staffroom. The focus of this meeting will be building resilience. All welcome.

School Disco – Friday 25 October

Looking forward to seeing you at the disco! Last day to buy tickets is Wednesday – pay at the school office. Thanks to all the parents who have volunteered to work on the night. Times are:

Prep - Year 2: 5.00pm - 6.30pm
Year 3 - Year 7: 6.30pm – 8.00pm

Please note this is NOT a Halloween disco this year.

P&F Thank You Drinks – Wednesday 30 October at 7.30pm

We are on the home straight for the end of school year, but before we tick that one off the P&F would like to thank all the people who have contributed to school life this year. Be it through working bees, volunteering help at events, organising fundraisers or helping in the classroom, these contributions to school life make the difference to every child at Sts Peter and Paul’s.

To celebrate another year and say thank you to those that have given time in any way, drinks and nibbles will be held in the Good Samaritan Hall on Wednesday 30 October @ 7.30pm. Please RSVP to peterwillcox@bigpond.com by Friday 25 October if you are able to attend.

P&F Annual General Meeting - Wednesday 20 November

The P&F AGM will be held on Wednesday 20 November at 7.30pm in the staffroom.

At this meeting all elected officers will stand down and all positions will be declared vacant, for nomination and election. Positions to be filled are: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

If you wish to stand for one of these positions, please download and complete the nomination form (available on the school website) and drop it into the School Office. To find out more information, please contact Terry Shaw, Wayne Shearer, Peter Willcox or Leonie Flynn.

The AGM will include reports from all office holders and sub-committees.

After the AGM, a normal P&F meeting will be held. Drinks and nibbles will also be served.

Grill’D Fundraiser

Great news! We’ve been nominated to participate in the Grill’D Local Matters donation program at Grill’D, Bulimba this month. Every month, Grill’D donates $500 to local groups and asks their customers to decide who the money goes to. When customers buy a burger, they will receive a token to put into one of 3 jars representing different groups. Whoever has the most tokens at the end of the month receives $300. The other two groups receive $100 each.

To do your bit to help our cause, spread the word and head on down to Grill’D, Bulimba located at 124 Oxford Street Bulimba.

9 weeks until Christmas. Need ideas?

Get a headstart on the Christmas shopping with some great books and activities from Bookclub. Remember, the school receives 20% of all purchases for new books for the library. Bookclub orders close this Thursday, 24 October. Please remember to make all cheques payable to Sts Peter & Paul’s School.

Justine Haddrill and Kylie Hayes, Bookclub Co-ordinators
**Tuckshop News**

The tuckshop breakup will be held at the Hotel Carindale, Carindale Shopping Centre at 11.30am on Tuesday 12 November. The cost is $13 per person payable to me prior to the day, please. Drinks are extra. RSVP by Thursday 7 November. All tuckshop helpers are welcome.

Attention: Sushi can now be ordered for Wednesdays AND Fridays. If you want to order sushi for Fridays the order must be made by 9am on Wednesdays.

ROSTER: Wednesday, 23/10
Sandy Pruss
ROSTER: Friday, 25/10
Rebecca Dean, Caite Brewer, Louise Golden, Amelia Francis, Rebecca Pyke, Jenny Barends
ROSTER: Monday, 28/10
Ann-Maree Scafe

Many thanks everyone,
Chris Watt
Tuckshop Convenor
Mobile: 0413590109

**OSHC News**

CHILDREN’S WEEK: Join us this week as we celebrate Children’s Week by joining in Australia’s Biggest Play Date on Wednesday afternoon! “A child’s right to play” (Article 31, UN Rights of the Child) is the focus of the week.

ACTIVITIES: This week we are making delicious watermelon smoothies, cooking beef tacos, baking apple eccles cakes and cooking yummy spaghetti matriciana. For craft we are creating 3D sculptures with maize noodles and creating cubby houses with the big cardboard boxes. We are having fun playing giant chess, mancala and uno and using our new wireless headphones.

GET ACTIVE: Our Get Active program for this term will start next week. Activities this term include ten pin bowling and scooter games.

FUNDRAISING: All fundraising chocolates are now due back. Thank you to the many families who supported our Term 3 fundraising. We have been able to purchase 2 giant chess sets, 2 giant checkers sets, 8 sets of wireless headphones and some new books and games.

VACATION CARE: We welcome your feedback on our September/October Vacation Care program, please email bulimbaoshc@bne.centacare.net.au with any comments or suggestions.

OSHC CHAMPIONS: OSHC Champions are Annaliese Young, Indyha Crow, Madison Bell and Oscar Zappala. Well done!

Claire Ravenswood
OSHC Coordinator

**GARAGE SALE** - the annual Garage Sale on behalf of the St Francis Orphanage in Sri Lanka will be held on Saturday 23 November 2013 in the Church Hall in Main Avenue. Please see what items you would like to contribute to the sale. Details of timing and drop off of goods for sale etc. will follow later.

Brian Wellington 33995928

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BOOK FAIR

Parents, we need volunteers to help with the Book Fair.

We need help setting up, restocking the display, assisting students with book selections and cashier duties.

Children are able to purchase books during their normal borrowing times as well as lunchtime.

Please fill out the tear off slip below if you can lend a hand at any of the allotted times. (You might like to help on the day that your child normally borrows?)

I am able to help with the **Book Fair 25 October - 1 November**

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