Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

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 14 May – Language Conventions and Writing Tests
• Wednesday 15 May – Reading Test
• Thursday 16 May – Numeracy Test

NAPLAN is not a test of content. Instead, it tests skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time through the school curriculum. Excessive test preparation using previous tests is not useful.

NAPLAN tests identify whether all students have the literacy and numeracy skills that provide the critical foundation for their learning, and for their productive and rewarding participation in the community. Students are assessed using common national tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. NAPLAN tests broadly reflect aspects of literacy and numeracy common to the curriculum in each state or territory. The types of test formats and questions are chosen so that they are familiar to teachers and students across Australia.

ACARA provides example tests so that teachers and students can get a sense of the ‘look and feel’ of the tests and to understand what types of questions are asked. NAPLAN tests are not tests students can ‘prepare’ for and previous NAPLAN tests are not available on this website. Students should continue developing their literacy and numeracy skills through their school curriculum because the tests contain questions similar to those that are undertaken in regular classroom learning and assessment.

(www.nap.edu.au)

Prep Enrolment Interviews

Interviews with new families requesting Prep enrolment for 2014 will commence next Monday. 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

Catholic Education Week 2013 will be held from Sunday 21 July - Saturday 27 July and will focus on the theme:

Making a difference .... inspired by Jesus

Nominations are now open for the 2013 Awards. Further details and the nomination form are available on the Catholic Education Week website. The closing date for nominations is 5.00pm on Friday 10 May 2013.

ANZAC Day

On Thursday 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 Wednesday 24 April at 2.00pm in the Good Samaritan Hall for our ANZAC Day 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.

Peace and Best Wishes

Sr Ann-Maree Nicholls, sgs

PRINCIPAL
**Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist**

Please keep in your prayers those children who are preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion. During these weeks of preparation the children, with their families, reflect on four main themes: Naming & Promising and Laying on of Hands & Anointing (Confirmation); Gathering & Listening and Eating & Going Forth (Eucharist). The Sacraments will be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, 18 & 19 May.

**Anzac Day Prayer Assembly**

Tomorrow, Wednesday 24 April we will celebrate an Anzac Day Liturgy in the Good Samaritan Hall beginning at 2pm. Students from Year 7 Green will lead this celebration, helping us to reflect on the importance of Anzac Day for our lives. Parents and family members are very welcome to attend.

We are blessed and fortunate to wake up each morning and go about our lives in a peaceful country. Let us always be thankful for this and to those who made this possible through their courage, commitment and sacrifice. Let us also be determined to maintain this peace for those who come after us.

**Fourth Week of Easter**

This gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Easter focuses on the imperative to listen, believe and follow. This is what disciples do!

My sheep know my voice and I know them. They follow me and I give them eternal life so that they will never be lost.

The voice of the shepherd was a very familiar voice to sheep, a voice that meant not only authority and leadership but also protection and tenderness. The good shepherd image is one that speaks of strong leadership (in a world of false and dangerous ‘messiahs’), compassion and protection (in the midst of cruelty and persecution) and authenticity (instead of betrayal and false accusations).

**To follow Jesus is to follow the one who turns the world upside down, even the religious world. Christian discipleship is about living in this world the way that Christ lived in his – touching lepers, raising donkeys from ditches on Sabbath days, questioning the unquestionable.**

From In the Heart of the Temple Joan Chittister

In this fourth week of Easter may we start afresh from Christ, praying for the grace to be open to the provocation of the Spirit, prompting us to listen to the voice of the Shepherd, to believe and to follow!

May our Easter God bless and care for you this week.

*Brendan Schostakowski*

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**Assistant Principal’s Message...Mr Damien Sullivan**

**Year 5 Camp**

The Year 5 classes had a wonderful time at Tallebudgera during their three day visit last week. Students took part in some fantastic initiative and cooperative activities that we can’t offer in a school setting. Thanks to 5 Green who wrote this short recount about their experience.

**Last Wednesday, the Year 5’s went to Tallebudgera Recreation Centre for our camp. Arriving at the camp site, we were excited to see our accommodation and couldn’t wait to unpack. As soon as we were settled, we separated into our two groups and went to our activities. Group A went on the high ropes first feeling anxious and Group B freaked out when they saw the 8m rock climbing wall that they had to climb. Having tackled that and feeling both exhilarated and proud, other activities such as canoeing and circus skills were a breeze. We stayed active by playing court sports and used our brains to find clues during orienteering. Overall we’d give it an eight out of 10 and would recommend it for anyone else (who doesn’t mind a cold bed or a bit of dust)!

Thank you very much to Mrs Wilson and Mr Lancaster for all of your efforts in preparing such a great experience for the students. Thanks also to Sharon Burke and Mary Clarris for all your help in taking such efforts in preparing such a great experience for the students. Thanks also to 5 Green who wrote this short recount about their experience.

**Being safe after school**

This is a little reminder for all families that the school grounds are not a place for playing after school. Most afternoons after school there are groups of students and toddlers who are using the undercroft and the adventure playground for playing while waiting for parents. We also ask students and their and brothers and sisters to stay away from the oval playground outside of school hours. Using the grounds for playing without teacher supervision is not permitted and we ask that after school students promptly make their way home.

**Pick-up Line Reminder**

The busiest time for our pick-up lines is always between 3.00 and 3.10am when often drivers have a ten minute wait. To avoid the long wait and to help reduce the traffic congestion around the school, why not try coming to pick up the kids at 3.15pm. Alexandra Street and Collings Street are much quieter by then and there is always someone on duty with students until at least 3.20pm.

**Student Behaviour Support**

As a school community we promote three key behaviours with the students to help our children look after each other and to help everyone feel happy and safe coming to school. Our behaviours or “The 3 Bees” are:

- **Be Respectful**, Be Cooperative and Be Safe.

The 3 Bees are regularly discussed in class and referred to by teachers in helping support student behaviour. To recognise and help promote good student choices, our “Bee Champion” mini awards are handed out in the playground to children who are displaying positive behaviour. At Assembly in Terms 2, 3 and 4, four students who have recently received a Bee Champion award are drawn out of the box to receive a little reward.

Have a great week,

*Damiens Sullivan*

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**Child of the Week**

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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.
Thank you to all our library volunteers who completed processing numerous resources for our school this morning. We couldn’t do it without you!

Parent Library Information Evening Tonight! Tuesday, 23 April 7-8pm.

Parents are invited to learn about the library website and web links for 24/7 student use. We’ll also provide parents with information concerning our OLIVER circulation system, which provides a new feature this year – student book reviews in OPAC. This is a parent only night. We will have an evening for students later in the year.

Today is Copyright day. Celebrate with your child by watching the copyright link provided on our library website. It’s a great way to begin a discussion about this important subject.

Don’t forget to continue reading the nominated books. The BILBY (Books I Love Best Yearly) nominations have been posted. We encourage students to read all of the books and then vote for one book that should be named ‘BILBY 2013’. The Children’s Book Council has announced the 2013 shortlisted books. Once again, we encourage students to read these books and evaluate each to see if they can determine which one will be named ‘CBCA Book of the Year’.

More information on these reading challenges can be found on our library website and at the library.

Happy Reading,
Mrs Ballentine, Mrs Brooks, and Mrs McEniery
 tmballentine@bne.catholic.edu.au

Dinner Dance – Friday 24 May at the Gabba

We have a few tables left so if you are planning on coming to the dinner dance, now is the time to book. We have already sold about 240 tickets, so it promises to be a fantastic night.

If you would like to come to the dance, but don’t have a table, don’t worry! Contact Lorna Gavin at lorant@iinet.net.au and she will link you up with others in the same boat. It is a great way to get to know other parents.

Look out for the raffle tickets, which will come home this week with your oldest child. There are great prizes to be won - happy selling!

Sports Assistance

The P&F has established a Sports Assistance Fund that provides financial assistance (accommodation and travel costs only) to individual students who represent the school at state and national sporting championships. The fund will provide up to $250 for students attending state championships and $750 for national championships.

If you require any further information about this fund or wish to apply for funding, please contact the P&F Secretary (Leonie Flynn) on lkflynn@bigpond.net.au.

Boys Toilets

As flagged in the last few newsletters, the P&F was scheduled to make a final decision on the proposed retiling of the boys toilets at the April meeting.

After reviewing the results of the “smell” survey, and noting that the smell situation has been under control since the holidays, the following resolution was passed unanimously: The P&F will not fund the re-tilling of the boys toilets at this time because it will not have the effect of preventing the smell. The remaining $6,500 allocated to this issue will be used to fund flexible learning spaces. The School has agreed to implement further cleaning initiatives, and the P&F will continue to monitor the situation to ensure that the smell does not become problematic again in the future. A complete summary of the P&Fs discussion on this issue is contained in the draft minutes posted to the P&F page on the school

Met East Hockey Hockey Trials

Congratulations to Cleo Cranston who was selected in the Lytton District Hockey team and who will now compete at the Met East Championships. Sophia Wightman played in the possible/probable match and no doubt enjoyed the competitive experience. Best wishes to Nathan Spencer and Cale Oborne who will also play at the Met East Championships for Hockey selection.

Lytton Tennis Trials

Congratulations to Georgia Morris who will represent our school at the Lytton Tennis trials in a full day of Tennis fixtures. Best Wishes Georgia.

Inter-house Cross Country Carnival

Friday 26 April for Years 1-7 held at Hawthorne Park - please see the sports notice board for a map of the course.

The school community hopes to see you there for a day full of fun and fitness, followed by Interschool Sport for Years 4-7. Thank you to the parents and friends who have offered to help with set up or assisting on the track. Please see the office if you are able to help out.

9:30am Welcome
9:40am 12/13 year old girls born 2001/2000, followed by boys (3 laps of the course)
9:55am 11 year old girls born 2002, followed by boys (3 laps of the course)
10.10am 10 year old girls born 2003, followed by boys (2 laps of the course) with Ryan Seniors
10:25am 9 year old girls born 2004, followed by boys (2 laps of the course) with Concannon Seniors
10:40am 8 year old girls born 2005 (Not in Year 2), followed by boys (2 laps of the course) with SRC Seniors
10:55am Year 1 girls, followed by boys (1 lap of the course)

with Stanaway Seniors
11.10am Year 2 girls, followed by boys (1 lap of the course)
with O’Brien Seniors

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 age group

Carnival Results and Age Champions announced during special Sports Assembly Tuesday 30 April, in the Good Samaritan Hall at 1.50pm. Medallions, Age Champions and House Champions will be presented.

Walk the Course – Wednesday 24 April - please meet Mrs Conaghan with your parents for support. We will meet at the Tennis wall at Hawthorne Park from 3.30 – 4.00 for a casual walk of the course - space permitting.

Lytton District Cross Country

Stay tuned with news of our 2013 squad who will be invited to trial at the Lytton District Cross Country Carnival. Notes will be distributed at the conclusion of the School Cross Country to our 10-13 year old runners for their events on Wednesday 1 May being held at Villanova Park, Tingalpa.

Woolworths Earn and Learn Program – 1000 stickers and counting!

Thank you to the parents and families who have already contributed to the “Postal Box” outside the library and donated their Earn and Learn Sticker sheets. Just ask the Prep students how much they enjoy using their new sports and learning equipment. Last year’s program generated 78,000 stickers contributing to our science, library and early learning resources. Are you interested in helping us to earn more rewards in 2013?
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Many thanks,
Chris Watt,
Tuckshop Convenor. 0413590109

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26th April  Cross Country Yrs 1-7 at Hawthorne Park
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ANZAC DAY MARCH THURSDAY 25 APRIL

Sts Peter and Paul’s School will again be participating in the Anzac Day parade down Oxford Street this week.

The parade begins at the Bulimba library and proceeds down Oxford Street to Memorial Park, where a short service is held. Parents are welcome to walk along the side with their children.

Children who wish to participate will need to be at the Bulimba library by **7.20am** in **full school uniform**, including hat. The service usually finishes by 9am and the children will be given Anzac biscuits afterwards.

Due to construction work being done at Memorial Park the service will be held on the road/footpath from Woolworths to the Commonwealth Bank. If you intend to participate in the service, you are advised to bring a folding chair/towel to sit on.

If you have any queries or if you would like to help bake biscuits, please e-mail Sandra Pruss at spac19@optusnet.com.au or call 0422 229 482.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT LOCAL ANZAC DAY SERVICES

This is just a reminder about all of the services that are on in our local area. Please find all details for the services below for your information.

With regard to the Bulimba service, the parade and service will take place as per normal. Unfortunately, the consistent wet weather has delayed the Bulimba Memorial Park Field Restoration Project and the current fencing in the park will not be able to be taken down. However, to assist the Bulimba ANZAC Day Ceremony, Council has funded a road closure of Oxford Street from Duke Street to the pedestrian crossing on the corner of Stuart Street and Oxford Street. Following the march, residents wishing to attend this ceremony will be able to congregate under the figs on the road outside the park and on the footpath outside Woolworths to the Commonwealth Bank.

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