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

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

**Years 3, 5 and 7 NAPLAN 2014 Test Results**
The individual student reports have now been delivered to our school and these were distributed to the Years 3, 5 and 7 students yesterday.

Once again our results are excellent. Well done to our students and congratulations to parents, teachers and school officers who continue to do a terrific job with learning and teaching at Sts Peter & Paul's School. The Years 3, 5 and 7 results for Sts Peter & Paul's School are as follows:

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I would like to remind parents that testing – whether it be NAPLAN or classroom testing, is only one type of assessment in a continuing process of assessment and should not cause undue stress.

Learning is a continuous process which builds on previous learning. Testing is a way of finding out what needs further re-enforcement in the learning process.

Some students cope well with testing, others don't. I have had very good students who have not presented very well in a test. It should never be treated as the only assessment of a student’s work.
NAPLAN tests can pinpoint areas of literacy and numeracy which need further development and schools use them, along with a variety of other methods of assessment, to inform further planning in the classroom.

Further information on how to read the report can be found on the NAP website: www.nap.edu.au/results-and-reports/student-reports.html.

As teachers and parents continue on with the rest of 2014, I urge you to keep NAPLAN student reports in context. Don't stop any activities your child enjoys; don't focus your child only on literacy and numeracy. Evidence shows that a well-rounded education, including the pursuit of other activities such as sport and art, contributes to the development of literacy and numeracy knowledge and skills. All activities are crucial to the school program and contribute to developing informed, happy children who are confident in their own abilities.

Seasonal Influenza
The Queensland Department of Health has requested the dissemination of influenza information to schools. They advised that Influenza notifications are currently increasing, and a third of all notifications this year have occurred in the last two weeks. Schools are prone to experiencing rapid transmission of flu. It is timely to remind families of what they can do to minimise the spread of the flu and its impact on school.

Therefore, ongoing attention to prevention and control measures is essential to minimise the spread of this infection. Attached to this week’s newsletter is a Communique regarding the flu which is also available at: www.health.qld.gov.au/flu.

Reminder – 2015 Enrolments
Thank you to the parents who have communicated to me in writing children who will be leaving Saints Peter and Paul’s School at the end of the school year.

For those students leaving at the end of Year 4 please include in your letter where your child will be attending Year 5 as this information is required to complete the Brisbane Catholic Education exiting census.

We currently have waiting lists on most grade levels for next year, so it is important that I am made aware of family transfers and movements for the 2015 school year. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Reflection
Never lose the hope that you too are facing a more secure future, that on your journey you will encounter an outstretched hand, and that you can experience fraternal solidarity and the warmth of friendship!

(From the Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2014)

Peace and Best Wishes
Sr Ann-Maree Nicholls, sgs
PRINCIPAL

Acting APRE News – Mrs Julie Thompson

This week, August 25 – 31 marks the 100th Year of Migrant and Refugee Week with the theme of TOWARDS A BETTER WORLD. A time when we are called upon to reflect on our global community and challenged to act on our beliefs. Throughout the Gospels we find references to guide us on this journey:

Love your neighbour as yourself (Matthew 22:39)
Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me (Matthew 25:40)
I was a stranger and you welcomed me (Matthew 25:35)

The following extract is from a letter by the Most Rev Gerard Hanna DD, Delegate for Migrants and Refugees, Bishops Commission for Pastoral Life.

Dear Sisters and Brothers,
Each individual is a part of humanity and, with the entire family of peoples, shares the hope of a better future. This consideration inspired the theme of the 100th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, 2014. Each and every one of us must rise above indifference and have the courage to open our hearts to migrants, refugees and asylum seekers; the courage to listen to their hopes, to empathise with their despair and to welcome them into our community. As members of one human family, it is our
duty to help those who arrive on our shores and to strive with all our resources to assist them no matter how inconvenient this may prove to be.

While it is true that issues of migration often reveal failures and shortcomings on the part of nations and the international community, they also point to the aspiration of humanity to enjoy a unity marked by respect for differences; by attitudes of acceptance and hospitality which enable an equitable sharing of the world’s goods, and by the protection of the dignity of each human being.

In the parable of the “Good Samaritan” (Lk 10:25-37), Jesus expounds on what it means to be Christlike in the way we treat each other. The Samaritan took the risk of becoming personally involved. He gave his own time. He dressed the man’s wounds with his own hands. He transported him on his own animal. He paid for his lodging and care with his own money. In summary, he did for that man what he would have wanted someone to do for him, if he lay wounded beside a road. A familiar teaching of Jesus comes to mind: “Do to others as you would have them do to you” (Mt 7:12).

For the Samaritan, love had real meaning. It meant risks taken, time given, personal resources used and service given. He might have given to charities. He might have sat on committees and planned relief efforts. All good – as we say. But he would not be remembered as “the Good Samaritan”. We call him by that name because he knew how to love in a practical and personal way. You don’t have to be dying by a roadside to qualify as someone’s neighbour. What we must do is open our eyes to those people whose wounds are less dramatic, but no less real.

The entire letter and other excellent thought provoking information may be found at www.acmro.catholic.org.au

Perhaps a way to start a discussion with family and friends would be to view the following: www.whatwouldyoudo.org.au

Prayer written by Most Rev Christopher Prowse DD STD
Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn.

Heavenly Father,
We recall that your son, Jesus was a refugee in his infancy. We remember that the Holy Family was forced to flee into Egypt.
Loving Father, you understand the pain and anguish of those who are forced to leave their homeland for all sorts of grave reason.
Help us, O Lord, to understand this experience more fully and to respond with gospel fervour to this enormous social issue of our times.
Grant us wisdom, prudence, and a real sense of loving kindness to understand the heartaches of those who find themselves as asylum seekers, migrants and refugees in our wonderful land of Australia.
Mary, Mother of all migrants and refugees, lead us to your Son Jesus, from whom all blessings flow.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

This FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, (please note the change of date) is the Year 7 Mass commencing at 9.00am. The theme of this Mass - Justice and peace will come into our world through our commitment to Jesus, the prince of peace – supports the message of world Refugee Week.

Other Date Claimers are:
Friday, September 5: Years 1 – 3 Liturgy
Thursday, September 11: Year 4 Class Mass
Thursday, September 18: Market Day

At last week’s assembly the Year 6 students presented the Ecumenical Coffee Brigade with a box of scarves that they have been working hard to make. These will be greatly appreciated in this cooler weather. Thank you Year 6 – well done!

Enjoy the week - stay safe and well.
God Bless
Julie Thompson (Acting APRE)

Acting APA News...Mr Brendan Schostakowski

EMOTIONAL LITERACY
Emotional Intelligence is widely recognised as important for human flourishing. The ability to identify and appropriately express one’s emotions, self-regulate negative emotions, self-soothe and empathise with others are valuable life skills.
While people will be gifted to different degrees with Emotional Intelligence, like all intelligences, we can only experience the maximum potential benefits if we train that intelligence and learn the necessary skills. This is what Emotional Literacy is all about – developing the skills that allow our natural Emotional Intelligence to flourish and enrich our lives. It’s a key skill in developing healthy relationships and experiencing life as a gift in all its wonder and challenges. Emotional Literacy brings the following benefits:

- **Promotes self-awareness and positive self-esteem** (‘I know, understand and accept myself and my needs’)
- **Fosters self-control** (‘I choose how I will respond to strong emotions’)
- **Develops resilience and optimism** – important character traits known to be influential for healthy, well adjusted individuals (‘I see the positive side in every situation, good and bad alike’)
- **Facilitates healthy communication** with others and the appropriate expression of desires and needs (‘I express myself clearly and respectfully’)
- **Promotes empathetic understanding** towards others which helps prevent bullying and other destructive behaviours (‘I understand how others are feeling’).

**PARKINSON’S QUEENSLAND ‘A WALK IN THE PARK’  SUNDAY 31 AUGUST 2014**

*A walk in the park*, Parkinson’s Queensland major fundraising event for this year, will take place at New Farm Park Brisbane on Sunday 31 August. The proceeds from this event will go to helping people who suffer from Parkinson’s Disease through information, counselling, education, advocacy and support services. The day's activities begin at 8am and conclude at 1pm. The Walk begins at 10am. For more information visit [www.parkinsonswalkqld.com.au](http://www.parkinsonswalkqld.com.au)

**INFLUENZA SEASON**

*Seasonal influenza season has started* with one third of all flu cases this year (as of 11 August 2014) reported in the last two weeks. Ongoing attention to prevention and control measures is essential to minimise the spread of this infection. Information regarding the flu is available at: [www.health.qld.gov.au/flu](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/flu)

**Tips from Queensland Health**

- stay home when you are sick;
- wash hands frequently with soap and water or use an alcohol based hand gel;
- wash your hands prior to touching your eyes, nose and mouth;
- cover your mouth and nose with disposable tissues when coughing or sneezing, which should be disposed of immediately;
- don’t share items such as glasses or cups, lipstick, toys or any-thing which could be contaminated with respiratory secretions;
- maintain at least one metre distance from people who have flu-like symptoms such as coughing or sneezing;
- consult your doctor if you have a cough and fever and follow their instructions, including taking medicine as prescribed.

A recent communique from Queensland Health is included in this newsletter.

*Have a good week.*

*Brendan*

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**Library News**

**Week 7 – National Literacy and Numeracy Week & Science Week**

29th August – **Read for Australia** 2:00pm

**Week 8 – 3rd September – Indigenous Literacy Day – The Great Book Swap**

And the winners of the **Children’s Book Council Awards** are:

- Early Childhood: The Swap by Jan Omerod
- Picture Book: The Rules of Summer by Shaun Tan
- Eve Pownall Information Book: Jeremy by Christopher Faille

Thank you to all families who participated in Book Week activities: The Reading Hour on Tuesday evening and the Open Book Night at the library on Thursday evening. There were many books to read and activities to complete. It's always great to see families reading together. Stop by the library to see photos of this event.

This week we celebrate **National Literacy and Numeracy Week**. Activities are available in the library including the CBCA Book Week activities and the new ‘Pocket Poems’ and ‘Drinking Water’ data tasks. We have already received a few Pocket Poems and would love to read more!

Friday is **Read for Australia Day**. This day invites students and families to stop and read at 2:00pm. The 2014 book chosen for this activity is **Sunday Chutney by Aaron Blabey**. Mem Fox has some wonderful tips for parents on the art of 'read alouds' and Trevor Cairney has a great blog with tips for reading comprehension. See if these tips can be used for this week’s reading activities.
Next week is the Indigenous Literacy Great Book Swap. To prepare for this event, students bring in slightly used books along with a gold coin for each swap. The library collects these books this week and on through to next Tuesday. Participating students will be put on the ‘Swap List’. Next Wednesday the ‘Swap List’ student’s will be called down to the library to choose their new ‘Swap’ book. The gold coin donations are given to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation which purchases books for outlying Indigenous communities. Contact the library if you have any questions.

Premier’s Reading Challenge form completion and return deadline is Friday. Please make sure your child returns their form to the library. Thank you for your help with this project. The certificates from the Premier will arrive in October.

A Pocket Poem

I am a young Chinese miner
I wonder if I’ll ever find gold
I hear diggers tearing up the ground
I see my uncle helping others to write
I want to go back to China
I am a young Chinese miner

I pretend I will find a big nugget of gold and go back home
I feel my Baba hugging me again
I touch my home’s front door
I worry that I’ll never go back home
I cry about my family not being here with me
I am a young Chinese miner

I understand that the other miners don’t like me
I say I will be able to go home
I dream that my family is coming through the tent’s flap
I try to mine and find gold
I hope my uncle will always be here with me
I am a young Chinese miner

By Millie Carlile 5 Green

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

Senior Leaders 'REACH OUT FOR PEACE' MINI-MARKET DAY
Our Year 6 and 7 students are once again preparing for their annual Mini-Market Day which will be held on Thursday 18 September. Whilst the children have been busy making their own crafts to sell, they need some help with jams and relishes to sell on the day. Donations of homemade jams, chutneys and/or relishes would be most welcome. If you are able to help, please label all homemade jams, chutneys and relishes with an ingredient list and drop them off to the School Office by Friday 12 September. All money raised from the Mini-Market Day will be donated to Catholic Missions.

Thank you in advance for your help and on-going generosity. If you have any queries please contact the Year 7 or 6 Teachers (Michelle Hammill, Sheree Shelton, Heather Mazlin, Erica Willcox or Emilia Michieletto).

Sports News

SAVE THE DATE – “Mini Olympics”
All Prep to Year 2 students will enjoy the Mini Athletics Carnival to be held at Sts Peter and Paul’s School Oval from 8.50am – 1.00pm on Friday 12 September.
Planning is under way and classes from this week onwards will be familiar with all 10 events that will be contested for House Points. I’ll keep you posted over the coming weeks with more exciting updates.

Yours in Sport
Mrs Lyndall Conaghan
PE and Sports Coordinator

OSH C News

FUNDRAISING: Our Term 3 fundraising is going very well! So far we have been able to purchase 4 new Maxi Pod cushions for our older children and a large wooden rocket ship set for our younger children. Families are invited to collect a box of Cadbury
chocolates from OSHC to sell. All money raised will go towards the purchase of new toys and games for the children; we welcome your suggestions.

ACTIVITIES: Cooking activities this week include pizza puff pinwheels, muesli slice, delicious tacos and yummy marble cake. For craft we are making mosaic shape pictures, painting fish, making recycled art, decorating Australian animals and making beautiful water colour hearts. In the quad and garden we are playing sky ball, number jump and cleaning up the garden. In the playground we are playing lava monsters, paper aeroplanes, pogo sticks and skipping. Are favourite games inside this week are loom bands, Uno, Trio, Snap and Go Fish. We are also relaxing on our new maxi pod cushions and playing with our new rocket ship.

GET ACTIVE: Our Term 3 Get Active has started. This term we have Yoga on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30pm-4:30pm in the undercroft and Oz Tag on Thursday afternoons on the oval. This week Prep Blue and Prep Red children will have a turn at Yoga and Year 5, 6 & 7 children will have a turn at Oz Tag. All Get Active sessions are run by a qualified coach with funding from the Australian Sports Commission.

POLICY REVIEW: This month we are reviewing our Sun Protection Policy and our Medical Conditions & Medications Policy. A copy of each policy is available at OSHC or by emailing bulimbaoshc@bne.centacare.net.au. We welcome feedback from families.

20th BIRTHDAY: This year we celebrate 20 years of Outside School Hours Care at Sts Peter & Paul's. Join us for National Children’s Week (18th October to 26th October) for a week of fun and games! We would love to hear from anyone who attended or worked at OSHC between 1994 and 2004. Please contact us by phone or email to learn more. We look forward to hearing from you!

OSHC CHAMPIONS: OSHC Champions this week are Sebastian Collins, Grace Fleming, Madison Bell and Roisin Crowley. Well done!

Claire Ravenswood
OSHC Coordinator

P & F News

Pull out those calendars and Save the Date for two upcoming events!

Saturday, 11 October – It’s back … TRIVIA NIGHT!
Start getting those teams together for the annual battle of the brains - this year we will be testing your knowledge of all things musically related! There'll be prizes for best team costumes and the best dressed table so gather your friends, dust off those air guitars and summon your inner rock legend for a night of trivia, music, fun and laughter. Stay tuned for more details and booking info over the coming weeks.

Friday, 7 November – KIDS DISCO!
Get the kids ready to get their boogie on as they dance the night away with their friends.

Parent Survey – how healthy is our school?
It is time for the annual survey conducted by the Health and Wellbeing Committee to determine its projects for the next 12 months. Please take 5 minutes to complete the survey “How healthy is our school”. The link is https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/K3Z9PWW.

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.

ROSTER: Wednesday, 27 August
Kylee Harnisch, Catherine Sutton
Friday, 29 August
Leanne Terris, Troy Edmondson, Cathy McCredie, Nicole Oxford, Anita Carpenter, Caite Brewer
Monday, 1 September
Sue Raptis, Anna Stephanos

Many thanks,
Chris Watt, Tuckshop Convenor
0413 590 109

Book Club

Thank you to all families who have purchased books and activities from Book Club this year. As a reminder, the school receives 20% of the value of all orders placed to use for new books for the Library and classrooms. The final set of Book Club brochures for Term 3 has been distributed this week. Please return all orders to the school office by Thursday 28 August.

Please note, the book entitled “Build, Discover Survive! Mastering Minecraft” on page 1 of the Star Catalogue is no longer available from Scholastic.

Justine Haddrill and Kylie Hayes, Bookclub Co-ordinators.
**Shoebox Appeal**
Final weeks for our ongoing Shoebox Appeal. See flier attached. We ask families to collect items for a shoebox for those children less fortunate than our own. Filled and wrapped shoeboxes can be taken to the school office throughout Term 3.

**School Banking**
Thank you to everyone who came and said ‘Hi’ at our account opening day last week, it was lovely to see such excited faces. Just one more banking day until this term’s School Banking Prize is drawn at assembly on Wednesday the 10th of September. Don’t forget all you need to do is make one deposit this term to be in the draw to win a great bag of school banking goodies. Also if you have ten tokens or more you are eligible to choose a banking reward. Click on this [link](#) for a list of rewards. We are happy to receive a hand written note with your Name, Banking Id, Class Name and what reward you want to claim with your tokens.

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

**Child of the Week**

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**BULIMBA STATE SCHOOL**

**SCHOOL OPENING DAY** 10am - 6pm

**A FAIR ON OXFORD**

**BULIMBA STATE SCHOOL**

**13TH SEPTEMBER 2014**

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[Image: A FAIR ON OXFORD](https://www.bulimbaschoolevents.com)
Write4fun

The 2014 Schools’ Writing Competition is NOW OPEN. Write4fun encourages students to read and write through these fun competitions that are easy to enter. Students from all over Australia are invited to enter their short story or poem. This year there is no theme. Entrants are encouraged to let their imaginations run wild and write on any topic in any style. All students from Prep to Year 7 are welcome to enter.

Enter online at www.write4fun.net.

Entry is free and all entries must be in by Sunday 31st August 2014.

There is a poster in the music room if you would like any more information.

Mrs Burchill
Enrichment Teacher

Notable Queenslanders
Last Friday the Year 3 classes were excited to welcome the coach and captain of the Brisbane Lions, Justin Leppitsch and Jed Adcock. They talked to us about playing for Brisbane and how important being a Queenslander is to them. We asked them lots of questions about their careers, personal interests and playing for the Lions. We were even lucky enough to be rewarded with a present each. Thanks Justin and Jed! Go the Lions!

3 Green
On **Thursday 18 September 2014**, the Year 7 and Year 6 classes are hosting a Sausage Sizzle as part of their Reach Out for Peace Mini-Market Day.

The Sausage Sizzle Meal Deal includes a Sausage in a Roll and a ‘Popper’ Juice or a bottle of Spring Water all for the fantastic price of $3.00.

You **MUST** pre-order your lunch on the slip below and return it along with your money, in a brown paper bag marked “Mini-Market Day Sausage Sizzle”, to your classroom no later than **Friday 12 September**. Please cut out your completed order form and tape it to the front of the brown paper bag. Year 7 and 6 student leaders will come around to the classrooms each day to collect orders.

Remember, all money raised goes towards the Catholic Missions.

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### Mini-Market Day Sausage Sizzle Meal Deal

Yes, I will be having a Sausage Sizzle Meal Deal on Thursday 18 September.

Name: ____________________________  Class:  _______   No. of Sausage Sizzles:  _____     $ _____ enclosed

I would like:  
- [ ] Tomato Sauce  
- [ ] BBQ Sauce  
- [ ] No Sauce

I would like:  
- [ ] Popper  
- [ ] Bottle of Spring Water
Lourdes Hill College will give your daughter the tools to step forward and thrive.

Open Day – Friday 10 October 2014
3:30pm – 7:00pm

Register your interest by calling the Enrolments Registrar on (07) 3399 0434.
86 Hawthorne Road, Hawthorne,
Queensland 4171
Tel: +61 7 3399 8888
Email: admin@lhc.qld.edu.au
Web: www.lhc.qld.edu.au
CRICOS Provider Code 00503K
Influenza season has started in Queensland

One third of all flu cases and hospital admissions this year have been reported in the last two weeks (as of 11 August 2014).

Adults aged 30 – 49 years have been most affected by flu so far this year. School staff are reminded of the importance of annual flu vaccination.

The number of flu cases across all ages, including school aged children, can be expected to continue to rise over the coming weeks.

Protect staff and children

Schools, especially boarding schools are prone to experiencing rapid transmission of flu. Now is the time to review infection control practices and promote key flu prevention and control messages.

Resources to assist with promoting awareness of flu prevention and control are available at www.health.qld.gov.au/flu

Key actions to help prevent and control flu outbreaks

- **It is not too late to vaccinate**

  Staff and children should be vaccinated for flu every year.

  Remind and encourage seasonal influenza vaccination for any person aged six months or older.

- **Staff, children and parents should always practice and promote good hand and respiratory hygiene.**

Ensure your school has available and accessible facilities to support good hand and respiratory hygiene.

The importance of frequent hand washing with soap and water followed by thorough hand drying using a single-use towel should be reinforced and promoted. Alcohol based hand gel/wipes can also be used. However, these products are not as effective when hands are visibly dirty or greasy.

Ensure coughs and sneezes are covered, preferably with a disposable tissue. Having tissues and rubbish bins readily available can help.

- **Keep classroom environments clean**

  Some organisms can remain viable for 24 hours after landing on hard surfaces. Increased environmental cleaning will help interrupt disease transmission.

  Strict attention should be paid to cleaning—decks, chairs, doorknobs, taps, computers and equipment.

  - **Staff, visitors and children should stay home if sick.**

    Staff and children with flu-like symptoms—fever, dry cough, muscle and joint pain, tiredness, extreme exhaustion, headache, sore throat and stuffy nose—should stay at home.

    Staff and children who present unwell with fever and other flu-like symptoms while at school should be sent home. Seek early medical advice if concerned.

    If you have any questions please contact your local public health unit www.health.qld.gov.au/cd/dgh/contacts.asp
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.

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