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

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

TOWARDS THE FEDERAL ELECTION 2013
Understanding the Facts on Funding for Catholic Schools

For over 180 years, Catholic schools have educated children in Australia. Today, Catholic schools enrol 735,000 students in 1,706 schools across the country.

Both major parties have committed to increases in school funding over the next four years. It is important to understand the facts about funding for Catholic schools.

One-in-five Australian students currently attend a Catholic school.

Catholic schools have a strong social justice mission to form well-rounded individuals who make a positive contribution to their local communities. A strong Catholic education system contributes to a strong Australian community.

All governments provide important funding for Catholic schools along with families who contribute to the costs of Catholic education through fees and fundraising.

According to the Australian Government’s My School website, Catholic students receive, on average, 20 per cent less government funding than students in government schools.

Even when parent fees are taken into consideration, Catholic schools operate with an average of 10 per cent less recurrent funding than government schools.

Even with fewer resources per student, the Australian Catholic school system is amongst the best in the world, compared to Shanghai, Finland and Singapore on international tests, for student performance across all socio-economic backgrounds.

Catholic schools save the taxpayer $2.2 billion each year which helps take the pressure off government schools.

Ahead of the Federal election on 7 September, Catholic Education is seeking a statement from both major parties on their education policies. The following six questions have been asked:

1. How will your policy support parents to choose the education they want for their children and ensure religious freedom for Catholic schools is preserved?
2. How will your policy affect the ability of Catholic education systems and schools to distribute funding according to locally-identified needs?
3. How will your policy deliver additional government funding to support student needs and ensure funding keeps pace with the real cost of educating a child?
4. How will your policy support the needs of students with particular disadvantage, students with disability and other special needs to receive funding to meet their needs, regardless of the school they attend?
5. What government funding for the capital needs of Catholic schools do you have planned? Does this funding recognise Catholic education’s support of disadvantaged communities and willingness to establish in new growth areas?
6. How will your policy deliver funding certainty for schools?

Responses from the major parties should be provided in next week’s newsletter. Catholic education will continue to work with all parties in the Parliament to ensure that Catholic schools have the resources to support the needs of all students.
Meanjin Writers’ Camp
The Brisbane Meanjin Local Council of the Australian Literacy Educators Association (ALEA) conducts an annual camp to encourage and develop talented young writers. Students in Years 5, 6, 7 and 8 are invited to apply to attend and have the opportunity to work with well-known, established authors. In a break with tradition, this year’s camp will be held over two days in the Queensland State Library at Southbank with no overnight stay. Further information is available on the ALEA website. Closing date for applications is Friday 30 August.

Reminder - 2014 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 for Prep, Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 for next year, so it is important that I am made aware of family transfers and movements for the 2014 school year. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Reflection
On Sunday we will celebrate Father’s Day. We remember our fathers with love for the gentle way they care for us. Let us pray for our fathers and for the generations of fathers before them. You care for us, O God, as a father cares for his children. Bless, protect and strengthen all the fathers of the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

APRE News – Mr Brendan Schostakowski

YEÆ YEAR 7 MASS THURSDAY 29 AUGUST

Year 7 will celebrate their class Mass this Thursday 29 August at 9am in the Church. As the Year 7 students prepare for the Peace Market Day later this term they have chosen the theme ‘Justice and Peace’ for their Mass: in the Old Testament, the prophet Micah (6: 8) reminds us that “This is what Yahweh (The Lord) asks of you: only this, to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God.” Acting justly, or doing justice is given a high priority. But it can readily deteriorate into just doing. Doing justice needs to be accompanied by compassion for others and be sustained by a relationship with God that is characterised by humility.

We pray for those who have suffered because of injustice, that they may be treated with kindness and compassion; We pray for ourselves, that we will never ignore the needs of other people and will strive to live in justice and peace; We pray that we will always be people of spirit who welcome others into our lives and share our gifts with those in need.

FATHER’S DAY SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

On Father’s Day we honour the wisdom and experience with which fathers guide their children... We honour their hearts which feel such protective love for their families... We honour our fathers’ hands which work to provide sustenance and security for their families...

Special Blessing for Fathers
God of Abraham, Moses and Aaron, of Zachary, father of John the Baptist, of Joseph, foster-father of Jesus, listen to our prayer:
Bless all who ‘father’ and protect new life in any way, these ‘fathers’ who teach and guide, who encourage and lead.
Invite them to the table of your eternal feast, these ‘fathers’ who work hard to provide for the life that has been entrusted to them.
Embrace them warmly in the intimacy of your love, these ‘fathers’ who lift up with strength those who are helpless and dependent.
Bless them today with all good things: with health, with laughter, with joy and with love, with pride in their ‘children’ and with the support of many friends.
May all ‘fathers’ who have protected and guided the life of others be themselves held securely one day in your strong embrace, there, for all eternity, to rejoice with their families and friends.

EXAULT THE HUMBLE

In this Sunday’s Gospel for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Luke 14:1, 7-14), Jesus says, “When you give a party, do not invite your friends and rich neighbours, because they will repay you by inviting you in return. No, when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled and the blind, for they cannot pay you back. Your reward then will be made in heaven.”

Humility.
Our culture glorifies the fit, the fast, the strong, the rich, the powerful. Yet in the Kingdom of Heaven, those who are humble are the ones God rewards.

Lord God, you draw close to those who live humbly in your service to others. Teach us humility. Amen.
Wishing all our dads a very happy Father’s Day this Sunday. May God bless you and your families throughout the coming week.

Brendan

APA News – Mr Damien Sullivan

Student Protection

Because schools like Sts Peter and Paul’s are located in busy suburban areas, students before and after school can regularly come into contact with members of the wider community. For this reason parents are asked to have regular discussions with their children about stranger danger, taking great care in public places and about talking to trusted adults about any incident that makes them feel less safe.

If you are ever concerned about your child’s safety after any contact with a member of the public please inform the school. Parents are also asked not to hesitate in phoning the police.

A Before School Request

Parents and students are asked to please not enter school buildings before school. This includes internal hallways where port racks are located outside classrooms. These areas should be clear until the teacher brings their class inside.

Safe and Considerate Parking

To help with traffic flow around the school, it is particularly important that parents refrain from parking too close to intersections around the school. In most cases yellow lines clearly mark these as no stopping areas. Parking too close to corners makes it dangerous for our school families trying to cross the road and makes things difficult for drivers turning at the surrounding intersections. We also ask drivers to please be considerate of our neighbours. At no point should cars stop to load/ unload children or park in the driveways of our school neighbours. Local police check the parking around schools on a regular basis to help keep it safe.

Riding to School

To help keep everybody safe at school we have rules that bikes, scooters and skateboards must not be ridden in the school grounds or on the footpaths that surround the school. These areas before and after school are very busy places. Children should also be wearing a helmet. We ask that any parents of children who ride to school reinforce this message from home and that any parents who also ride respect these rules too.

Mobile Phones and I-Pods

A reminder to parents of students who bring phones or I-Pods to school, that they must hand them in at the office at the beginning of the day. This helps ensure that these expensive items are not lost or damaged at school. It also means there won’t be the temptation to use them during the school day.

Bee Champions

Congratulations to Phoebe (3B), Isabella (1B), Nicholas (3R) and Gracie (5G) who were drawn out of the box as Bee Champions at our last assembly. They have been helping our school to be a happy and safe place for students.

Have a great week,

Damien Sullivan

Child of the Week

7G - Claudia Nordberg
7B - Thomas James
6G - Cale Oborne
6B - Georgia Owens
5G - Daniella Brito-Fernandez
5B - Rowan Gorey
4R - Jasper Gifford
4G - Millie Carlile
4B - Isaac Drew
3R - Ryan Hutchesson
3G - Amelie Coop
3B - Jedda Hawker
2R - Leo Taylor
2G - Joe Sorby
2B - Maya Strutton
1Y - Zac Gribble
1R - Isobel Gillies
1G - Adalyn Pohl
1B - Austin Dowd
PR - April Wilson
PG - Jack Liddelow
PB - Michael Kiley
2013 Book Week celebrations are in full swing. This year’s theme, *Read Across the Universe* challenges students to read widely and prolifically across all genres and categories of books. Wednesday 28th August is Family Open Book Night in the library. There will be a number of CBCA books to read. After each story is read, families complete activities to enhance the comprehension of these stories. This year we have a limited number of the CBCA featured titles on sale so families may re-read these books for further reading enjoyment. As we do **not** have EFPOS available and have limited assistance, correct change for the books will be required. This is not a fundraiser, just another opportunity for more fun family reading. The books and prices are listed below. Open Book Night begins at 6pm and finishes at 8pm.

**Books for purchase during Open Book Night – 28 August (exact cash please)**

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The **Premier’s Readers Challenge** is coming to an end. Please remember to bring your completed form to the library by August 30.

The **Great Book Swap** will be held **Wednesday 4 September** with proceeds benefiting the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. Students may bring a book and a gold coin to the library this week to enter the Book Swap. The books chosen for swapping should be in good condition and an enjoyable story that others might like to read. When students drop off their book they will fill out a Book Plate and place the plate in the front cover of the book. If students choose to swap more than one book, they may bring a gold coin for each book swap. Books and gold coins may be dropped off until the morning of the Book Swap. Children can bring in their books before school and at lunchtime. This will enable students to receive a token(s) for their visit to the ‘Book Swap’ on 4 September, where they will pick a slightly-used book given by another student.

**Happy Reading,**

*Mrs Ballentine, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Brooks, and Mrs McEniery*


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**P&F News**

**School Disco – Friday 25 October – volunteer parents needed**

The P&F will host a school disco on Friday 25 October, provided that we get enough parent volunteers to run the event. We need 12 volunteers for each hour of the event, or the disco cannot proceed. Please register to volunteer with Jill Hrstich on jill@fitmums.net.

**Health and Wellbeing Committee**

The Tuckshop working group had a very successful meeting on 26 August. Thanks to Chris Watt for being so willing to work with the Committee to make our tuckshop menu more nutritious. Stay tuned for updates about our new menu and tasting roadshows in Term 4.

The next meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Committee is on Wednesday 4 September at 2pm in the staff room. All welcome.

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**Health and wellbeing tip – the importance of breakfast**

- A good night’s sleep, followed by a healthy breakfast, helps your child to stay active and concentrate at school.
- Be a role model and let your child see you eat a healthy breakfast.

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**Bookclub**

A reminder to you all that Bookclub orders will close this Thursday 29 August. Please remember to make all cheques payable to Sts Peter & Paul’s School.

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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.
Tuckshop News

ROSTER: Wednesday, 28/8
Sandy Pruss, Sam de Lore, Brigid Xavier

ROSTER: Friday, 31/8
Leanne Terris, Chris Preston, Fiona Jenkins, Troy Edmondson, Louise Golden

ROSTER: Monday 2/9
Sue Raptis, Anna Stephanos

Many thanks everyone,
Chris Watt,
Tuckshop Convenor. 0413590109

School Banking News

School Banking Sign on Day
Do you want your child to develop stronger money skills and to encourage them to save more regularly? Then come along to the School Banking ‘Sign on Day’ this Thursday. A Commonwealth Bank representative will be available at school on:

Thursday 29 August 2013
8.20am – 9.15am
ADMIN OFFICE MEETING ROOM
(enter via door closest to Prep/Grade 1 Playground)

Staff will be available to help parents open an account for their child, so they can participate in the School Banking program and are happy to answer any questions.

Parents/Guardians will need to bring along photo identification such as a valid driver’s licence or passport for themselves. No identification is required for children enrolled at our School as the school will confirm their identity. Siblings are welcome to participate too. All you will need to bring along is their birth certificate for ID.

If you can’t make it to school on this day you can visit your nearest Commonwealth Bank Branch with identification for both parent and child.

School Banking Day – TUESDAY

Fundraiser for our school: We receive $5 for every child who joins the School Banking program and 5% of every deposit made at school (up to a maximum of $10 commission per individual deposit).

In Term Two 2013 we raised $659.16 for our school through School Banking.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Joanne Jones
School Banking Coordinator

OSHC NEWS

ACTIVITIES: For cooking this week we are making yummy Greek halva, nutritious Greek vegetable rosini, Moussaka and Koulourakia cookies. We will be using vegetables and herbs from the garden in our cooking this week.

Craft activities include pop stick art, painting Father’s day cards, foam craft and beading. We are playing Giant Chess, Checkers, Connect Four and Dominos.

GET ACTIVE: Our Get Active program for this term has started. This week Year 4-7 will be joining Taryn for Yoga on Tuesday ASC 3.30pm-4.30pm and Grade 1 and Prep will be joining Paulo for Orienteering on Thursday ASC 3.30pm-4.30pm at no extra cost for families.

OSHC CHAMPIONS: Lucinda Wilkinson, Lily Schulz, Madison Bell, Liam Terry and April Wilson.

FUNDRAISING: We are selling Cadbury chocolates for fundraising this term. So far we have raised enough money to buy 1 large chess set and are saving to buy another. If you are able to help out with our fundraising by taking a box to sell please see OSHC.

Cathy Brown
Assistant Coordinator
Sts Peter & Paul’s Outside School Hours Care

A big thank you to all of those wonderful bakers who baked delicious treats for the Parish Cake Stall over the weekend! Sister Mary was thrilled with the result! We have only one stall left for the year so if you are keen to contribute to the next stall and you aren’t already on our Parish Cake Register please contact Maureen Coorey (cooreyfam@optusnet.com.au) or Brooke Power (brookepower5@bigpond.com). Thanks!
Sports News

MINI OLYMPICS 2013

On Wednesday 11 September, all children in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 will participate in the “Mini Olympics”. The day is filled with a variety of fun events and will be held on the School Oval.

The Mini Olympics will commence at 9.00am and conclude at approximately 12:45pm. Children are asked to apply sunscreen before arriving at school and will need to bring morning tea, lunch and drinks for the day. Tuckshop will be available for Years 1 and 2.

Children are to wear their sports uniform, including their house coloured shirt. Many Parent Helpers are needed to assist with activities for the day. If you are able to assist please complete the tear-off section on the Information Letter being sent home this week, or notify your child’s classroom teacher.

Note: Parent Helpers MUST stay at their allocated activity for their session.

Thank you for your support of our Mini Olympics and we look forward to seeing the results of the Inter-house challenge for 2013.

Mrs Conaghan
Convenor

LOURDES HILL COLLEGE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

College Open Day Friday 11th October
3.30pm-7.00pm

Applications for Year 7, 2017 (current Year 3 students) are open.

If your daughter is currently in Year 3 and you wish to submit an enrolment for her, please contact the College on 3399 8888 to request an Enrolment Pack or alternatively download from our website: www.lhc.qld.edu.au

For all enrolment enquiries, please contact
Mrs Maria Krause, Enrolments Registrar on 3399 0434
86 Hawthorne Road, Hawthorne, QLD 4171

“What Makes Love” by Marie Gatt, year 9 St Rita’s College student

The organisers of “Give Love and Get Art” exhibition for Caritas Australia and their major sponsor PW Dancewear warmly invite you to this year’s art exhibition showcasing 140 artworks for sale in a variety of mediums: sculptures, mixed media, oils, acrylics, airbrushed acrylics, watercolours and pencil. The exhibition will be in the beautiful new facilities at St Rita’s College, 41 Enderley Rd Clayfield on Sunday 15th September between 9am – 3pm, with the auction of 16 donated art works being held at 2pm. Entry is $10 p/p which includes light refreshments, entertainment and art demonstrations. Raffle prizes are also up for grabs with the major prize being a $1000 Virgin Airlines voucher. Please visit their website to pre-bid on the 16 fabulous auction pieces, as well as details relating to the exhibition www.giveloveandgetart.com
Year 7 Sts Peter and Paul's students invite parents and parishioners to REACH OUT FOR PEACE and come to their Mini-Market Day on Thursday 12 September. You will find delicious foods, greeting cards, spider pops, fancy pencils, beaded bracelets, pet rocks, bag tags and many other craft items that would make delightful gifts.

The Market Day will be held from 9am – 1pm in the Parish Hall. Busking will be held in the Good Samaritan Hall between 11-12.30pm.

Many thanks, from the Year 7 Teachers and Students

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On Thursday 12 September 2013, the Year 7 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 **Thursday 5 September**. Please cut out your completed order form and tape it to the front of the brown paper bag. **Please place all money in a sealed envelope inside the brown paper bag.** Year 7 student leaders will come around to the classrooms each day to collect orders. Remember, all money raised goes towards the Catholic Missions.

**Mini-Market Day Sausage Sizzle Meal Deal**

Yes, I will be having a Sausage Sizzle Meal Deal on Thursday 12 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