Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

Gala Dinner

What a fantastic evening the Sts Peter & Paul’s Gala Dinner was! It was a wonderful community event which was enjoyed by all who attended. There are many people to thank and these people are acknowledged in the P & F News this week. However, a big thank you must be expressed to Lorna Gavin and Lucy Clark who were our Conveners and to Adam Cairns for organising and co-ordinating the raffle. Thank you to the members of the Gala Dinner Committee who worked closely with Lorna and Lucy, making a significant contribution to the successful evening that it was. Thank you to the school community who assisted in many ways to the success of the night.

The photos that were taken at the Gala Dinner will be available to everyone on Thursday afternoon from 2pm - 3.45pm in the School Office meeting room. Bring along a USB stick if you would like a copy.

This week we begin the annual celebration of National Reconciliation Week. The theme chosen for this week’s celebrations is Let’s Talk Recognition. The focus is on better recognising each other, and the contributions, cultures and histories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Peace and Best Wishes

Sr Ann-Maree Nicholls, sgs
PRINCIPAL

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
This Thursday 30 May Year 5 Green will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Fr Tom.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK
27 MAY – 3 JUNE
National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is celebrated across Australia each year between 27 May and 3 June. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey—the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision. The week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation effort.

The theme is Let’s Talk Recognition—with a focus on how Australians can better recognise each other, and recognise the contributions, cultures and histories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. National Reconciliation Week is the perfect opportunity to recognise all Australians, and the unique place of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples within this country.

FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF MARY
FRIDAY 31 MAY
Long ago, Mary, young, single, pregnant, sets out to the hill country to visit her cousin, Elizabeth, who after many years of patient waiting, is also expecting her first child. In this visitation, Elizabeth warmly embraces Mary and proclaims her “the Mother of my Saviour” (Luke 1:43). In her prophetic greeting to Mary, Elizabeth reminds us that God’s promises to us are being fulfilled. God is with us in times of joy and sorrow. Each of us is the beloved of God. Like Mary, we are called to be God-Bearers today. Like Mary and Elizabeth, we are called to speak words of encouragement in our “visitations” with all those we meet. Like Mary and Elizabeth, God’s promises are being fulfilled in our work for justice, peace and equality.

(from Ways To Pray Calendar, Brisbane Catholic Education)

FEAST OF THE BODY OF BLOOD OF CHRIST
(CORPUS CHRISTI) - SUNDAY 2 JUNE

This Sunday 2 June we celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. The important question to focus on for this feast is not what happens to the bread and wine, but what happens to us who receive the Body and Blood of Christ through Eucharist? How does the celebration of Eucharist transform us? This feast invites us to not only be filled with the gift of Jesus, but to become more like him. In what ways, through our participation in the Sacrament of Eucharist, do we find ourselves becoming more forgiving, more loving, more respectful of all people, more justice orientated...to radiate the presence of Jesus to others?

Wishing you God’s blessings for the coming week.
Brendan Schostakowski
Assistant Principal's Message...Mr Damien Sullivan

Walk Safely to School Day
Last Friday students from Sts Peter and Paul's, along with thousands of school-aged kids around Australia, took part in National Walk Safely to School Day. A great big thank you to all families who made arrangements for their boys and girls to walk to school. We had a great result with 295 students taking part – just over half of our school population. Well done! It would be great to see families continue to look for opportunities to actively travel to school.

Lost Property
With Brisbane’s winter days often warming up considerably by lunchtime it is understandable that students will sometimes want to take their jumpers off during play. At present, however, we have a pile of school jumpers with no names marked on them. We urge parents to please ensure names are clearly marked on jumpers and hats and to discuss with their children the importance of being responsible for uniform items that they may take off during the school day. Students and/or parents should check the lost property box in the undercroft if something has been misplaced. With large numbers of school jumpers and hats in the lost property box it can take volunteer parents and office staff hours to sort through and return lost items to students.

Keep us up-to-date
Don’t forget if you change any of your contact details:
address, work/home/mobile phone numbers, emergency contacts or email addresses, YOU NEED TO LET THE SCHOOL OFFICE KNOW immediately. We love to be kept up-to-date too!

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. Using the grounds for playing without teacher supervision is not permitted and we ask that after school, students promptly make their way home.

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. All the best for the week ahead.

Damien Sullivan

Child of the Week

| 7G | Anna Francis |
| 7B | Maddy Maguire |
| 6G | Rhys Agnihotri |
| 6B | Georgia Owens |
| 5G | Karla Bond |
| 5B | Jorjia Rogers |
| 4R | Jackson Gill |
| 4G | Claire Brind |
| 4B | Tom Kirk |
| 3R | Harry Brennan |
| 3G | Annalise Buningh |
| 3B | Emilie Young |
| 2R | Anna McAuley |
| 2G | Lucy Power |
| 2B | Josephine Savage |
| 1Y | Carter Trentini |
| 1R | Thomas Loadsman |
| 1G | Lily Burger |
| 1B | Tiaan Stapleton |
| PR | Grace Kendrick |
| PG | Lily-Rose Lerner |
| PB | Phoebe Richards |

P&F News

Thanks for making the Gala Dinner such a success! Thanks to all who came along to the Gala Dinner on Friday night and helped make it such a wonderful evening. We will announce the amount raised in a couple of weeks once the accounts have been finalised.

A massive thank you to everyone who assisted in organising this huge event. In particular, thanks to our wonderful dinner dance convenors Lorna Gavin and Lucy Clark who did an outstanding job.

Particular thanks also to the following people who all played a huge role in making the night a success: Ken Gargan (our fantastic MC), Joanne Jones (Gala Dinner finances), Adam Cairns (raffle and photo), Jill Hrstich, Dan Green, Brigid Xavier, Bronwyn Raymond, Jenni Wright, Dee French, Sarah Roxburgh, Terry Shaw, Simone Wightman, Bree Walduck, Danielle Conn, Carrie Scotney, Kaylene O’Farrell, Paula Dillon, Megan Deldot, Cass Thornton, Simon Dean and Jason Chaffey.

We would also like to thank our major sponsor, Simon Dean of Place Real Estate for his support of this event. Thanks also to sponsors Toowong Orthodontics, Downtown Toyota, Green Finance Group, Good Price Pharmacy Warehouse, Jason Chaffey at Place Real Estate and Cr Shayne Sutton.

Photos: The photos that were taken on Friday night will be available to everyone on Thursday afternoon from 2 - 3.45pm in the School Office meeting room. Bring a USB stick if you want a copy.

Winners: Congratulations to the following prize winners:
Raffle First Prize: Gen and Dan Piggott
Raffle Second Prize: Gayle Johnson
Raffle Third Prize: Killian Family
Simon Dean – Place Estate Agents “Guess the Number of Balloons” Competition: 15 children correctly guessed that there were 48 balloons in the Place Mini. Those 15 names were put in a hat and Amy Cooper of 6 Blue was the winner of the Ipad mini. Pizza party for selling the most raffle tickets: 2 Red.

Future P&F Events – save the dates
• Dads State of Origin Night – Wednesday 17 July
• Trivia Night – 10 August 2013
More information will follow in weeks to come.

Health and Wellbeing Committee: Thanks to all parents, students and teachers who responded to our survey – the response was amazing. We are collating the results and will publish a summary very soon, along with the details of the first meeting of our new committee where we will discuss implementing the changes that were overwhelmingly requested. Watch this space for updates.

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.
**Library News**

As we end Family Reading Month, we hope reading continues to be enjoyed by all. Here are additional activities to participate in to help create the joy of reading:

- **‘Premier’s Reading Challenge’**
  Select and read a book; fill out the student form; rate the book, and don’t forget to have parents sign the form. Check with your child's teacher or stop by the library if you have not yet received this challenge form. Prep to Year 4 students read and record 20 books and Year 5-7 students read and record 15 books. This challenge closes the first part of September. The Premier’s Reading Challenge website has suggested reading lists, which include fiction and non-fiction. Check the website for more details. [http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/booklist.html](http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/booklist.html)

- **BILBY (Books I Love Best Yearly)** votes need to be posted online in the next couple weeks. Students have the opportunity to read nominated BILBY books. These books were nominated by fellow Queensland students as ‘must reads’. Now it’s time for all Queensland students to decide which nominations should receive the 2013 BILBY award for the specified categories. Students may visit the Children’s Book Council to cast their vote. Scroll down to the bottom of the site to find the desired category. The BILBY award will be announced on 17 June. [http://qld.cbca.org.au/bilby.htm](http://qld.cbca.org.au/bilby.htm)

**Sports News**

- **AFLQ Brisbane Lions Cup**
  Our Year 6 & 7 Girls team was AWESOME last week at our annual AFL Cup challenge. Our team played brilliantly with great results of 96-0, 57 - 6 and then were narrowly beaten in the penultimate game by the overall winners (who will go through to the Brisbane Finals) at St Edwards the Confessor. Thank you to our AFLQ coach Dan for his excellent tactics and team set up, allowing the team to learn and develop new skills in football. Well done to: Sidonie Garvin, Bianca Deery, Billie Italia, Caitlin Carr, Remy Strutton, Maddy Maguire, Ellie Spencer, Anna Francis, Grace Preston, Cody Kemp, Anthea Lampe, Hannah Trimble, Alex Brewer, Piper Fox, Celle Louie.

- **Met East Cross Country**
  Congratulations to our 2013 Silver Awardees who ran at the Met East Cross Country trials last week. Well done to Sidonie Garvin and Georgie Dobbs who placed 9th and 20th overall respectively. We are very proud of you.

- **Lynton District Softball**
  Good luck to our Softball representatives Charlotte Downs and Nathan Spencer who will trial for the Lynton District team next week. Good luck Bronze Awardees.

- **Lynton District Rugby Union**
  School Trials for representation at the Lynton District trials for 12 year old Boys Rugby Union will be held this week when our coach Keiran from QRU can confirm his attendance. Stay tuned for further details via your class teacher.

**Parish Cake Stall – 1st & 2nd June**

- **Sts Peter and Paul's School** has a wonderful group of bakers who, together with Parish members, provide a range of delicious treats at the Parish’s popular Cake Stall. The next Parish Cake Stall will be held at the **Saturday night and Sunday morning masses on the weekend of 1 & 2 June, THIS WEEKEND!** As usual the Stall will be full of delicious goodies including cakes, muffins (sweet and savory), biscuits and brownies, patty cakes, and slices. We would really welcome any new bakers or anyone (big or small) wanting to channel their inner Masterchef! Baking for the stall is a wonderful way to help your parish without taking up too much of your valuable time. We only have 3 stalls left for the year and would appreciate your support. Your baked goods can be dropped off to the school office on Friday 31 May or to the stall itself before either of the masses. Please contact Maureen or Brooke if you would like to join our **Parish Cake Stall Register** to register your interest in baking and for any further information regarding baking, labelling and drop off.

  All money raised is used by Sister Mary Randall to support families in need within our school and parish community.

  Many thanks,

  Maureen Coorey (Ph: 0434980442) or email: cooreyfam@optusnet.com.au

  Brooke Power (Ph: 0408064560) or email: brookepower5@bigpond.com

**School Banking**

Congratulations to Alice Hovey from 1 Blue who won the Backpack Competition drawn at assembly. She now is the owner of a backpack full of CBA banking goodies.

- **Find-a-word Competition**
  We have a new competition starting this week called the School Banking ‘Find-a-Word’ competition. If you bank in the next 3 weeks, you will be given a ‘Find-a-word’ paper in your bank book to complete. If you complete this and hand it into the office or with your school bank book, you could win one of 30 cool prizes. There are 20 book lights and 10 pencil cylinders to win. Don’t forget to put your name and class on the paper and this competition will run from today Tuesday 28th May until Tuesday 11th June. Good luck!

- **Dollarmites’ Treasure Competition!**
  Don’t forget about the Dollarmites’ Treasure Competition running at the moment. All students need to do is make three or more deposits through school banking during Term 2 and they’re automatically entered into the competition. First prize is a $5,000 family adventure holiday to anywhere in Australia, with $500 spending money. Plus, the winning student’s school will also receive $5,000 to spend as they wish. What’s more, there are 25 Runners-up Kids’ Adventure Packs, worth over $700 each, to be won. Each adventure pack includes a Wii U, night vision goggles, a waterproof camera, walkie talkies and a Razor eSpark electric scooter. To find out more, visit [commbank.com.au/adventureisland](http://commbank.com.au/adventureisland).

  If you want to open a youth saver account for your child and join the exiting competitions this term, please visit the school office for a school banking information pack.

  Joanne Jones, School Banking Coordinator
DATES TO REMEMBER

- 30 May: Yr 5 Green Reconciliation
- 10 June: Public Holiday
- 20 June: Sts Peter & Paul’s Feast Day
- 21 June: Term 2 ends.
- 8 July: Term 3 commences 8.40am
- 17 July: Dada State of Origin Night
- 23 July: Senior Athletics Carnival. Yrs 3-7. Villanova Park

Tuckshop News

ROSTER: Wednesday, 29/5
Sonya Strutton

ROSTER: Friday, 31/5
Louise Golden, Leanne Terris, Elisa Sullivan, Chris Preston, Fiona Jenkins, Troy Edmondson

ROSTER: Monday, 3/6
Sue Raptis, Anna Stephanos

Many thanks,
Chris Watt,
Tuckshop Convenor. 0413590109

Book Club

A reminder to you all that Book Club orders close this Thursday 30 May. Please remember to make all cheques payable to Sts Peter & Paul’s School.

OSHC NEWS

THIS WEEK: We are cooking delicious quesadillas using ingredients from garden, caramel popcorn, marble cheesecake slice and yummy rice paper rolls. Craft activities include giant mandala pictures, styrofoam butterflies and flowers and beading. We are also playing some of our new games including giant dominoes and celebrity heads. In the garden we are watering our yummy passionfruit.

AUSTRALIA’S BIGGEST AFTERNOON TEA: Thank you to all families who have supported our “Biggest Afternoon Tea”, National Families Week and Under 8’s Week celebrations. We raised $350 for the Queensland Cancer Council. Money raised goes towards funding cancer research, prevention and support services.

GET ACTIVE: Get Active activities for this term include gymnastics and soccer. This week Years 4-7 have gymnastics in the undercroft and Prep - Year 1 children have soccer on the oval. Both sessions are run by an AASC qualified coach from 3:30pm-4:30pm at no extra cost for families.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS: We are taking orders for 2013-2014 Entertainment Books. Funds raised from the sale of these books will be used to purchase new toys and games for the children at OSHC.

OSHC CHAMPIONS: OSHC Champions are Renee Siganto, Ava Percival, Nina Taylor and Anton Uscinski. Well done!

Claire Ravenswood, OSHC Coordinator