Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

School Strategic Renewal Surveys
This week Years 4 and 6 parents/caregivers are being asked to complete a survey addressing the Mission and Religious Education Priority – Social Action and Justice in our school community of Sts Peter and Paul's. This survey forms part of the school renewal process that aims to identify areas of strength and specify aspects for future development. Please take the time to complete this survey and return it to the School Office by Monday, 3 November. Your participation in this survey is very much appreciated.

Class Groupings for 2015
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 2015 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, 7 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, 27 November.

World Teachers’ Day
This Friday, 31 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

APRE News – Mr Brendan Schostakowski

RECONCILIATION YEAR 6 GREEN
This Thursday, 30 October, 6 Green will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Fr Tom, beginning at 9am in the Church.

CARE AND CONCERN  Crayon Collection
The Student Care and Concern Group are organizing a donation of used and unused crayons, pencils and other stationery over the coming weeks of the term. This activity raises awareness within our school community that we can help provide for others in a very practical and straightforward way. The Care and Concern Group has placed boxes in classrooms to assist with this collection. These stationery items are being donated to the Good Samaritan Early Childhood Learning Centre in Kiribati, to Sudanese refugees who attend St Brendan’s Moorooka, and to the Cannon Hill Community Connections.

WORLD TEACHERS DAY FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER
World Teachers’ Day provides us with the opportunity of expressing our appreciation for the invaluable contributions that teachers make in the classroom and beyond.

Reflection for World Teachers Day –

RELEASING THE ANGEL
One day a man came upon Michelangelo as he was chipping away with his chisel at a huge shapeless block of marble. He was surrounded by dust and fragments of marble. It was not a pretty sight.

The man asked Michelangelo what he was doing, and he replied, ‘I’m releasing the angel imprisoned in this marble’.

A key aspect of education is to help free each person. To give each individual the care, skills and tools to try and achieve one’s potential. To truly own one’s gifts, qualities and talents. This can only be chiselled out by people with vision, love and the gift to educate, to bring out, to free.

- Mario Bugna SJ, Chaplain at Burke hall, Xavier Preparatory School in Melbourne.

DAY FOR DANIEL – FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER
The 10th Annual Day for Daniel will be held on Friday 31 October and endeavours to raise awareness of child safety, protection and harm prevention. It is about educating children through child safety and protection initiatives and helping empower our children to ‘Recognise, React and Report’ if they feel something is not right.

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS
The month of November begins with a double feast in remembrance of those who have died. On 1 November we celebrate All Saints Day. On this day the Church recognises the countless number of people who have loved and served God by living good and holy lives. The 2 November is All Souls’ Day when we remember and pray for the members of our families who have died.
Celebrating All Saints Day and All Souls Day helps us to appreciate the examples of people who have lived before us, not only those whom we have loved and whose stories are familiar to us but also those whose stories we may have never heard.

At this time each year, we focus on the great communion of saints –
On All Saints Day, the wonderful company of saints we know as part of the reality of our Catholic tradition;
On All Souls Day – those who have died –
Friends, colleagues, relatives ……
whom we have known ……
worked with, ……
laughed with, ……
wept with ……
walked with ……
Many of them are not famous. Their statues are not in churches but their pictures are in our homes and their stories alive in our families, and in us. We know of their goodness and their struggles. We now pray for them, and remember them with love, and celebrate in faith their journey to God, now within the great communion of saints.

Those whom we love and lose are no longer where they were before.
They are now wherever we are.
St John Chrysostom

Wishing you God’s blessings throughout the week.
Brendan

APA News…Mr Damien Sullivan

Years 1 to 3 Swimming Carnival
The Junior Swimming Carnival for 2014 is scheduled for the third last week of school on Wednesday 19 November. It will be held at the St Oliver Plunkett School pool at Cannon Hill. Students travel by bus each week to the Churchie school pool for their swimming sessions which will continue up until the last lesson on Thursday 20th November for Year 1 and 3, and Monday 24th November for Year 2.

Alexandra Street (Bottom) Drop Off Line
Recently we have had some hold ups for parents dropping off children before school particularly in Alexandra Street. To help keep this busy traffic area flowing smoothly in the morning it is important that all families know the correct procedures. For the Stop, Drop and Go Zone at the front of the school each morning we use a Drop Off point a few car lengths past the school driveway. To ensure the safety of families using the drop off line the following procedures should be followed:

- Enter the drop off line from Riding Road.
- Only the first three cars are to unload. Subsequent cars are asked to wait and move to the top of the line once the cars unloading have left.
- Do not unload in the driveway or the curve of the road between the Church and the School as it creates a safety hazard for other cars trying to proceed to the drop off zone.
- Please remain with your vehicle as your children unload.
- If parents need to speak with their child or help carry bags up to the stairs or driveway, they should pull up further along Alexandra Street near the bus shelter where afternoon pick-ups are done.

We appreciate your assistance in keeping the line of cars flowing in the morning.

Correct School Uniform – Shoes
Recently there are more students who are wearing shoes to school that are not following our School Uniform policy. Shoes worn with the normal school uniform are expected to be black leather shoes. Those shoes that highlight any additional colours such as fluorescent green or red stripes are not following the uniform standards for the school. On days when the sports uniform is worn students should wear sports shoes that are predominantly white. Should your child not be able to wear the correct uniform it would be appreciated if a note could be sent along with your child to be carried at school.

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.
Bee Champions

Congratulations to Annalise (4G), Rebecca (3B), Gabe (2B) and Charli (1R) 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

Sports News

Junior Swimming Demonstration Carnival

The Junior Swimming Carnival is coming up soon. I hope to see you there to support your “little one” for the Year 1, 2 and 3 Carnival on 19 November at St Oliver Plunkett School Pool, Cannon Hill. Swimming demonstrations will start with Year 3’s through to Year 1’s in their nominated strokes beginning from 9.15 am through to 12.30pm. Stay tuned for more details.

QLD State Invitational Swimming Relay Representative Opportunity – Nominations close 31 October

This year we are again able to submit teams to the upcoming QPSS Invitational Swimming Relay events being held at Chandler on the night of 21 November 2014. I am looking for nominated times to be submitted to the school office strictly by Friday 31 October for possible consideration in these Invitational events. Please ask at the school office for the appropriate paperwork for your submission.

Sts Peter & Paul’s may enter 2 prescribed Age Divisions for either the Freestyle 4 x 50m or Medley 4 x 50m Relays: Senior (DOB 2003 and 2002) and Junior (DOB 2004 and 2005) divisions. Successful students will be notified with further information and cash payment will be required to this event. Please contact me via the School Office if you require further information.

QLD All Schools Triathlon and Aquathlon

Best wishes to Lachlan McClure (Kids Division) and Jackson McClure (Junior Division) on their upcoming Triathlon QLD All Schools Aquathlon event in the Sunshine Coast where Lachlan is competing for possible Met East Selection for the 2015 season. We look forward to hearing your news when you return.

Yours in Sport
Mrs Lyndall Conaghan
PE and Sports Coordinator

Drama News

Yesterday, the shake & stir theatre company presented their show ‘TERRORTORIAL’ for the Year 6 and 7 students.
‘The transition from primary to secondary school is often one of the most challenging moments in a young person’s life. Everything familiar changes and teachers, friends and favourite lunchtime hangouts disappear in a flash.’

The performance demystified this life transition showing that there’s a lot to be gained by embracing change with bravery and enthusiasm.

The students and especially the teachers thoroughly enjoyed this hilarious and thought provoking show!!!

Alayna Foster
Drama Teacher

Library News

Term Four gets very busy as we near the end of the year. Please make sure to mark your calendars for library events during this Term:

CyberSmart Presentations
Library Book Chat & Tea @ Riverbend
Library Working Bee

3rd November 6:00pm for Parents
20th November 9:00am
25th November 9:00am

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


P & F News

DISCO!!!!
The excitement is building for one of the biggest social events of our children’s calendar: the Sts Peter and Paul’s School Disco! The event will be held on Friday November 7 in the Good Samaritan Hall. Entry is $5 per child and not only includes a DJ providing unlimited dancing opportunities, but a sausage sizzle, popper and lollies. This is always a fun night for all age groups so why not come along and join the fun! Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter for more details.

As you will appreciate, our primary concern on the night is to keep our beautiful children safe. As such, this event requires a significant amount of adult supervision to ensure its success. A very BIG thank you to the wonderful parents who have generously put their hand up to assist on the night. However we are still quite a way from having enough hands (particularly for the Years 3-7 session) to ensure the safe and smooth operation of the night. If you are able to give up an hour or so on the night to assist with making sure everyone stays safe and happy could you please send a quick email to Chrissy Quinn.
Health & Wellbeing Committee

The next Health & Wellbeing Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday 29 October at 7pm in the staffroom. The results of the student, parent and teacher survey will be discussed.

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!

![Crayon and Pencil Collection & Donation]

Just a reminder that all used/unused stationery (crayons, coloured and lead pencils, rubbers, sharpeners, textas etc.) needs to be brought to school and put in the decorated boxes outside the classrooms (one per year level) by Thursday the 13th of November (Week 6). This donated stationery will be packaged and sent to the following three places: Cannon Hill Community Connections Centre (operated by Centacare), St. Brendan’s primary school in Moorooka and The Good Samaritan Early Childhood Centre in Kiribati.

Please see the attached insert at the end of the school newsletter for more details.

Every donation of stationery will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your generosity!

Written by Arabella Gardner (7 Blue) on behalf of the Year 6/7 Care and Concern Committee.

Tuckshop News

Please click here for a copy of our current Tuckshop Menu.

We welcome the Prep Students to the wonders of Tuckshop next week! Register online at www.flexischools.com.au.

The Tuckshop Break-up is this Thursday, 30th October at The Red Galanga, 5 Wambool Street, Bulimba at 11.15 am. If you wish to attend but haven’t replied yet, please text me as I am ringing in the numbers tomorrow. All Tuckshop helpers welcome.

ROSTER: WEDNESDAY, 29/10
Kylee Harinsch, Juanita Barbagallo
FRIDAY, 31/10
Leanne Terris, Nicole Oxford, Troy Edmondson, Fiona Robertson, Lisa Duitoit Mann
MONDAY, 3/11
Sue Raptis, Anna Stephanos

Many thanks everyone,
Chris Watt, Tuckshop Convenor.
Tel: 0413 590 109

BANDANNA DAY OCTOBER 31

Friday, October 31 is National Bandanna Day. This worthy cause helps to support CanTeen, the support group for children and adolescents who are dealing with cancer. We invite all the school community to join in the fun and wear a bandanna to school on this day. How creative can you be? Bandannas can be worn on your head, around your wrist, as a necktie – what else can you think of?

We will be selling bandannas at school every morning from Monday October 27. Pop up to the area outside the library to purchase your bandanna. They will be $4.00 each. These are selling quickly so come early to pick your favourite style!

School Banking

Only 3 more days to go to enter the 'Search for Australia's Smart School Savers' Competition. Say in 50 words or less what you are saving for and how you plan to save your money to achieve it. Enter online competition commbank.com.au/smartschoolsavvers, there are some awesome prizes up for grabs.

- Six regional winners will receive an iPad for themselves and one for their school
• One talented national winner will be selected from this group to receive $1,000 to go towards their savings goal.
The search is open until 5pm on Friday 31 October 2014.

Our School Banking representative from CommBank, Tina Eisenmenger will be at assembly next week to let you know how much commission we earned for the school in Term 3.

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

OSHC

ACTIVITIES: This week at OSHC we have lots of Halloween activities planned! Cooking activities include frankfurt mummies, pumpkin scones and Halloween biscuits and cupcakes. For craft we are making Halloween spiders, colouring in Halloween pictures, making black cat trick or treat bags and decorating Halloween lanterns. Inside we are playing Trio, Uno, Rat-a-tat cat, hama beads and restaurants in home corner. Outside we are playing soccer, pop up tiggy and setting up obstacle courses.

EDUCATOR OF THE WEEK: Chris Carsley is our OSHC Educator of the week. Chris is studying Education and likes swimming and cycling.

EMERGENCIES: This week we will be having a lockdown practice with the children. We practise both lock down and evacuation emergency procedures with the children each quarter.

VACATION CARE: We welcome feedback on our “Circus Fun” Vacation Care program. Please email us or speak to an OSHC Educator.

OSHC CHAMPIONS: OSHC Champions this week are Lucca Zappala, Sophia Vasquez, Madison Bell and Grace Fleming. Well done!

Kind regards,
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 22 November 2014 in the Church Hall. We are seeking personal/household goods that can be easily sold (generally no electrical goods). There will be someone at the Church Hall on Friday 21 November between 8.30am and 3.30pm to receive goods, please call Brian Wellington 0412 657 707 or Jane Mylne 0419 642 775 for any alternative pick-up arrangements.

Melbourne Cup

GOOD SAMARITAN MELBOURNE CUP FUNDRAISER - As always, we are asking you and your friends for support.

Pre – Melbourne Cup Day Activities

1. Fancy Goods Stall: We would appreciate any contribution, fancy goods, jams, cakes etc. Please contact the Wynnum West Community at 14 Melissa Street. Ph 3396 1740 to contribute.

2. Our Fantastic Raffle: Great prizes!
   1st Prize A Delightful $500.00 to save!
   2nd Prize A Very Useful $300.00 to spend!
   3rd Prize A Handy $200.00 to enjoy!
   4th Prize Framed Painting “Poppies Aglow” by Sr Margaret Ann Kelly SGS
   There are still some tickets available. If you would like extra books please contact me. Phone 3399 2158 or 0408 653 033. Email mrandle@goodsams.org.au

3. Bookings and pre-payment: Tickets for the Melbourne Cup Luncheon $50.00 are available from Lourdes Hill or Parish Office. It would be wonderful to make tables of eight to make the day a bonanza. Cheques payable to Sisters of the Good Samaritan Foundation.

Melbourne Cup Day

Date: Tuesday 4 November
Venue: Sts Peter and Paul’s Parish Hall
Time: 10am
Sweeps: $2 and $5
Fancy Goods Stall, Lucky Door Prizes, Drawing the Raffle, wide screen viewing of the Melbourne Cup.

Thank you for your support. Let’s make it a great day.

Blessings in abundance

Notice from Queensland Health

Child of the Week

PB: Lauren Casey  PG: Connor Henshke  PR: Thomas Archbold  PY: Isaac Magarry
1B: Lola Clark    1G: Elijah Mai  1R: Chloe Gipp
2B: Isobel Gillies  2G: Ruby Pyke  2R: Nicholas Carter  2Y: Thomas Vedelago
3B: Chloe Crosby  3G: Larissa Cortese  3R: Annaliese Young
4B: Arthur Cooper  4G: Wil Strambio  4R: Jake Gavranic
5B: Max Jenner  5G: Elizabeth Brook
6B: Alyssa Lloyd  6G: Zoe van Zeeland
7B: Daniel McLennan  7G: Isabella Pesch

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ATTENTION – Another G-20 Meeting

Sts Peter & Paul’s P&F invites you to the 2014 Thankyou Drinks on the Balcony of the Good Samaritan Hall from **7pm Wednesday 19th November** to celebrate another fantastic year of fundraising, personal support in the classroom and other initiatives from our numerous sub committees within the school community.

The function will flow into the Annual General Meeting, which will start at 8:00pm, where the P&F executive and other positions for 2015 will be elected. If you want to hear more about the P&F and how you can help and be involved in the year ahead please come along to this or any other meeting. It’s a great way to support our children in the year ahead and beyond.

We look forward to seeing you there.

To help identify catering numbers please RSVP to peterwillcox@bigpond.com by Tuesday 18th November.
Dear Parents,

**Internet Safety Presentations Help Children Stay Safe Online**

Young people today are immersed in digital technologies. They use the internet and mobile phones to socialise, study, exchange ideas and play. While online activity has many benefits, there are also risks.

To help your children stay safe online, Sts Peter and Paul’s School is hosting a Cybersmart Outreach — Internet Safety Awareness presentation. Designed for parents, teachers and students, this presentation is provided by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (the ACMA) as part of a national program of cybersmart initiatives.

The Cybersmart Outreach — Internet Safety Awareness presentation is thorough and non-technical. It covers a range of issues including:

- the ways children use the internet and emerging technologies;
- potential risks for children online, such as cyberbullying, identity theft, inappropriate contact and exposure to inappropriate content; and
- tips to help children stay safe online.

The presentation is conducted by an ACMA Cybersmart trainer and is free of charge.

Sts Peter and Paul’s School is committed to helping students develop appropriate behaviours when using digital technologies, both at school and at home. Our program of internet safety initiatives includes:

- Class lessons / Acceptable Use of Computer and Internet Agreements;
- 1-1 Laptop Boot Camp / Digital Citizenship; and
- Online subscriptions for safe student research inquiries.

**The Cybersmart Outreach — Internet Safety Awareness presentation for students in Years 4 to 7 will be held at 2.00pm on Monday, 3rd November.**

**The Cybersmart Outreach — Internet Safety Awareness presentation for parents will be held on at 6:00pm on Monday, 3rd November in the Library.** This presentation is designed for parent awareness and is not appropriate for students.

To register your attendance, please contact Terry Ballentine as soon as possible. Enrolments will also be accepted on the night.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Terry Ballentine
Teacher Librarian
Email: tmballentine@bne.catholic.edu.au
Crayon and Pencil Collection & Donation

One focus of the school’s Care and Concern Committee has been to raise awareness within the school community of ways that we can provide help to others. A simple way our children can contribute is by donating their used and unused crayons, textas, pencils and other stationery. The donation of this stationery happens towards the end of the school year. The children are asked to put their donations in a box that will be placed in their classrooms by the Year 6/7 Care and Concern Student Group.

The Care and Concern Committee are donating the stationery to:

The Good Samaritan Early Childhood Learning Centre in Kiribati: Stationery packs will be sent to the centre. The teachers have requested thicker pencils, thicker crayons, craft scissors, paint brushes, paints etc. that would suit the 3-5 year age group. This donation of stationery to the centre links in with Sr. Mary’s Kiribati Twinning Project with families whose children attend the centre.

St. Brendan’s, Mooloolaba: Stationery packs will be donated to Sudanese refugees who attend this school to assist with their learning.

Cannon Hill Community Connections: Stationery packs will be donated to the Playgroup sessions held by this community centre. They will also be included in some packs in Christmas hampers that are distributed to disadvantaged families. Cannon Hill Community Connections provides counselling, family support, emergency relief, information, referral and practical assistance. Various groups are held at the centre each week including sewing, playgroup, English conversation and Welcome Circles.

As we approach the end of the school year please remind your child/children about this important collection.
Calling all Sts Peter & Paul’s 
Cool Cats and Disco Divas
Start practising your most awesome dance moves
and come along to the

School Disco

On Friday 7 November 2014
In the Good Samaritan Hall
Prep – Year 2: 5pm till 6.30pm
Year 3 – Year 7: 6.30pm till 8pm
$5 per child
(Includes sausage sizzle, popper and lollies)

Please hand money in an envelope to the school office with child/children’s name and class
clearly written on the front by
Wednesday 5 November 2014
Dear Parents and Staff,

Re: Chickenpox

The Metro South Public Health Unit has been notified of a number of suspected cases of chickenpox occurring in your school.

Chickenpox is a viral illness. Symptoms include a fever, runny nose, cough, fatigue and a characteristic rash. It is highly infectious and is spread from person to person through coughing, contact with nasal secretions and/or the fluid inside the blisters. A person with chickenpox is infectious from two days before the rash appears until at least five days after the rash appears. One chickenpox infection gives life long immunity. More information on the disease is contained in the attached Chickenpox Fact Sheet.

The National Immunisation Program recommends that children less than 14 years of age should receive at least 1 dose of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine and older people should receive two doses of varicella vaccine to ensure long lasting immunity into adulthood. Queensland Health provides one free dose of varicella vaccine for all children at age 18 months, or for students in Year 8. The vaccine is not provided free for children born before 1st May 2004 (until they reach Year 8) and is also not provided free for vaccination after being exposed to a person with chickenpox.

The chickenpox vaccine can be effective in preventing chickenpox infection in non-immune people following exposure. This is usually successful when given within 3 days, and up to 5 days after exposure, with earlier administration being more effective.

PUBLIC HEALTH RECOMMENDATIONS

Children with chickenpox must be excluded from school for at least five days from the onset of their illness and until all the blisters have dried up.

Parents may choose to vaccinate their (non-immune) child, however there is no guarantee that the vaccine will prevent the development of chickenpox following this recent exposure.

Varicella zoster immunoglobulin (VZIG) may be given to some contacts at high risk of complications because of other medical conditions (eg. non-immune pregnant women, or immune suppression). VZIG is not recommended for normal healthy children. However, pregnant women who are uncertain of their immunity to chickenpox should see their doctor as soon as possible if they have been in contact with cases of chickenpox.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Kari Jarvinen
Public Health Medical Officer
Brisbane Southside Public Health Unit
27/10/2014