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

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

Welcome to the 2014 academic school year. We especially welcome to Sts Peter & Paul’s new families, new students and new staff – they will all provide fresh energy, enthusiasm and talent to our community. For our Year One children, this marks their entrance into the world of formal education, while for our new Prep students; it is their preparatory year for the world of schooling. The months ahead will see them all progress significantly especially in the areas of literacy and numeracy.

We welcome the following new staff to the school for 2014: Miss Caitlin Purdie (Year 2), Mrs Jenny Atkinson (Prep Teacher Aide), Marisa Bartlett (Teacher Aide) and Mrs Deanna French (Secretary in the School Office each Tuesday).

Sts Peter & Paul’s School Staff for 2014

Prep Red Ms Lyn Creevey
Prep Green Miss Leigh Carroll
Prep Blue Miss Loren Scanlan
Prep Yellow Mrs Sarah Gibbs

Year 1 Red Mrs Carol Bradley
Year 1 Green Mrs Laurie Chirgwin
Year 1 Blue Miss Tonya Grajczonek

Year 2 Red Mrs Marlene Wellington / Mrs Megan van Dyk
Year 2 Green Miss Katherine Griffin
Year 2 Blue Miss Caitlin Purdie
Year 2 Yellow Mrs Lyn Montgomery

Year 3 Red Ms Nikki Belej
Year 3 Green Miss Sophie O’Meara
Year 3 Blue Miss Rebecca Nolan

Year 4 Red Ms Bec Coen
Year 4 Green Ms Sue Raymond / Mrs Fran Wallin
Year 4 Blue Mr Peter Gibson

Year 5 Green Mrs Trish Wilson / Mrs Cynthia Richards
Year 5 Blue Mr Ben Lancaster

Year 6 Green Mrs Erica Willcox
Year 6 Blue Ms Emilia Michieletto

Year 7 Green Mrs Michelle Hammill
Year 7 Blue Mrs Heather Mazlin

Support Teacher (Inclusive Education) Mrs Julie Thompson
Support Teacher (Inclusive Education) Mrs Nicole Jones
Guidance Counsellor Mrs Adelle Haire
Teacher Librarian Mrs Terry Ballentine
Curriculum Support Teacher Mrs Fran Wallin
Technology Support Teacher Mrs Trish Wilson
Music / Enrichment Teacher Mrs Carolyn Burchill
Drama Teacher Mrs Alayna Foster
Physical Education Teacher Mrs Lyndall Conaghan
Opening School Mass
All families are invited to attend the 2014 Opening School Mass which will be held on Sunday, 9th February at 8.00am. During the Mass the Years 6 and 7 students will be presented with their School Leadership badges. After the Mass a Morning Tea will be shared in the Parish Hall.

Working Bee – Sunday, 9 February
Following our Opening School Mass and Morning Tea with the Parish we have scheduled a Working Bee in order to attend to those extra jobs which need attention around the school and its grounds. Your assistance even for an hour on that day will be greatly appreciated. A BBQ lunch will also be provided.

Parent Information Evening
All parents are invited to attend our Parent Information Evening for Years 1 - 7 which is scheduled for Tuesday, 11th February from 6.00pm – 7.30pm. You are invited to gather on the Veranda of the Good Samaritan Hall at 6.00pm for wine and cheese which will be provided by the Parents & Friends Association. At 6.30pm you will then be invited to your child/ren’s classroom. The evening is not a Parent/Teacher interview but a time for parents to receive important information relating to classroom procedures together with a brief overview of the curriculum. At 7.00pm teachers at each grade level will repeat their presentation. The evening will conclude at 7.30pm. This format will allow parents to meet/see all teachers; it only requires parents to be available on one evening and it will provide an overview of the curriculum for each grade level. The evening is designed for parents only. We look forward to seeing all families at our Parent Information evening.

School Visitors
All parents are reminded that when visiting the school during school hours they must report to the school office and sign in and then sign out when leaving. This procedure is in place for the safety of all on the school grounds.

Mobile Phones and Ipods
Parents and students are reminded that if students bring mobile phones and/or iPods to school, they must hand them in to the office when they arrive at school and collect them when leaving in the afternoon. Thank you.

Parking
I would like to remind families that SCHOOL PARKING IS NOT PERMITTED along the driveway in front of the Church and beside the Parish Pastoral Centre. Also, this area should not be used as a pick up or drop off zone for students coming or going home from school. Parking in this area is strictly for Parish use only. Thank you for your continued support as we strive to ensure a safe environment for our school community.

As we begin the new school year, let us pray that all school students may learn to seek God in all people and all events. God of new beginnings, may this year which we dedicate to you, bring us closer to you and to each other. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Peace and Best Wishes
Sr Ann-Maree Nicholls, sgs,
PRINCIPAL
SACRAMENTS IN 2014
Please mark the following dates in your diary for next year.

PENANCE
Parents information sessions:
Thursday, 13 February 2014 at 7.30pm or
Friday, 14 February 2014 at 9.30am
Celebration of Penance
18, 19 and 20 March at 6 pm

CONFIRMATION/COMMUNION
Parents information sessions:
Thursday, 27 February 2014 at 7.30pm or
Friday, 28 February 2014 at 9.30am
Celebration of Sacraments at Sunday Mass
on the weekend of 26-27 April

Please note:
26-27 April is the Anzac Day long weekend. It is the weekend after the Easter holidays.
It is the date of the Archbishop’s pastoral visit and is non-negotiable. Please reserve the date!

Thank you,
Father Tom

APRE News – Mr Brendan Schostakowski
As we begin our journey of another year together, I look forward to working in partnership with you as parents and the staff, to continue to provide a very happy and nurturing learning environment for all students at Sts Peter and Paul's. I would like to welcome you all back to this new year which offers us a fresh opportunity to live and learn together in a very friendly and caring community. A very special welcome to all our new students and their families.

OPENING SCHOOL MASS
Our Opening School Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 9 February at 8.00am. The Year 7 and Year 6 students will be presented with their leadership badges during this Mass. All families are welcome to attend this celebration which will be followed by a morning tea in the Parish hall.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR 2014
The Parish Program for the Sacrament of Penance begins with a parents’ session on Thursday evening 13 February at 7.30pm, repeated on Friday morning 14 February at 9.30am. These sessions will be held in the Parish hall. The celebration of the Sacrament will take place on 18, 19 and 20 March at 6pm.
This program is for students in Year 3.

The Program for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Communion begins with a parents’ session on Thursday evening 27 February at 7.30pm, repeated on Friday morning 28 February at 9.30am. These sessions will be held in the Parish hall. The celebration of these Sacraments will take place at the weekend Masses of 26-27 April.
This program is for students in Year 4.

Please note:
The Sacraments of Confirmation and Communion will be celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge as part of his pastoral visit to Sts Peter and Paul’s.

A BLESSING FOR EACH DAY
Today O Christ, and every day, be in my eyes and in my seeing, be in my ears and in my hearing, be in my mouth and in my speaking.

Today O Christ, and every day, be in my hands and in my holding, be in my legs and in my moving, be in my body and my actions.

Today O Christ, and every day, be in my mind and in my thinking, be in my heart and in my feeling, be in my faith and my belief.

Wishing you all a wonderful start to the new school year.
Brendan

APA News...Mr Damien Sullivan
Welcome back to all families. We hope you have had a wonderful break from school and are looking forward to an exciting new school year. A very warm welcome to all of the new families who have joined the Sts Peter and Paul’s school community in 2014. We look forward to getting to know you well. I’m sure there will be some great stories that will go home today to share with mums and dads.
Supervision
Our teachers will help children settle quickly into their school day routines. Please remember that Prep children and Year One gather in the morning before school in the adventure playground. Other students assemble in the undercroft. The library is also open every morning before school. Supervision of these areas begins each day at 8.20am and we strongly discourage students from arriving at school before this time.

Drop Down and Pick Up Zones: Parents are reminded that Collings Street and Alexandra Street are pick up and drop off zones only. In the mornings, If you need more than about 30 seconds to unload children and bags, please continue along past the drop off area to a more suitable place for taking the extra time. After school, if your child is not waiting on the footpath ready to be collected when you arrive at the pick up area, we ask you to please continue on, drive around the block and join the queue again. This allows the traffic to keep flowing and helps avoid long queues. Teachers are on duty on Collings and Alexandra Streets after school until 3.20pm.

Swimming
Swimming will commence next week for children in Years 1 to 7. 3 Green, 3 Blue, 2 Green, 2 Blue, 5 Blue and Year 6 will have their first lesson next Monday 3 February and all other students will go to swimming on Thursdays commencing 6 February. Students travel by bus to the Churchie swimming pool at East Brisbane for their swimming sessions which will be for 45 minutes for the 6 week program. A note with further information and a permission slip will be sent home today.

Public Transport Arrangements
Many children travel to and from school by means of public transport (eg: buses). If your child is travelling this way we ask that you complete a form available at the office which details these arrangements. Some children may need to be dismissed from class a few minutes early each afternoon to ensure they catch their bus. Children who leave school early are required to sign out at the office before leaving the school grounds. If your child needs to leave school before 3.00pm on a regular basis to catch public transport, the school office requires these details in writing along with your written permission allowing your child to leave early. We would also appreciate you detailing any alternate arrangements or contact details should your child miss their bus for any reason.

Student Medication
Sts Peter and Paul’s, like all schools, has important guidelines for administering any medication to students. If your child has to take medication at school these procedures must be followed: Medication must be in its original packaging and have a label with the pharmacist’s directions; Written permission from the parents must be included with the medication; Medication must be left at the school office and not given to the child or class teacher to look after. One exception to this is where a student carries a Ventolin or similar asthma puffer with them.

Sick Days
If your child will be away from school a phone call at the start of the school day was the preferred method of communication. If you know the day before that your child will be away because of an appointment, etc, a written note for the class teacher will be very helpful.

All the best for the week ahead.

Damien Sullivan

Sports News

Welcome back to PE and Sport for 2014. I am looking forward to teaching PE lessons beginning in Week 2 on Tuesday, 4 February.

Classes will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Your class teachers will advise of your specific day. Don’t forget your sports uniform, runners and white socks, COMPULSORY HAT, sunscreen and water bottle when visiting me for PE this year. We are all looking forward to using the Good Samaritan Hall and also the school oval and hand ball courts (weather permitting).

Sts Peter and Paul’s to Lytton District Swimming Nominations

Nominations are being considered for selection to represent Sts Peter and Paul’s School at the Lytton District Swimming Carnival to be held on Friday 14 February 2014, at Moreton Bay College.

Official signed times for students aged 10 - 13 (Born in 2001 - 2004) will be considered for each event in the program. These times must be from the summer 2013– 2014 season and signed by your coach. Please note that submitting these times does not ensure entry to the carnival, as students must have achieved the qualifying times or better to be eligible for school nomination.

These signed times are to be handed into the school office by Wednesday, 5 February. If successful, a final notification will be advised on Thursday, 6 February. Nomination forms are available from the school office.

Yours in Sport,

Mrs Lyndall Conaghan

PE and Sport

Library News

Welcome back! We’ve missed seeing all the wonderful faces in the library and hope everyone was able to read a few good books over the holidays.
Mark your calendars:
Week 2 – Student library orientation
Week 3 – Student borrowing begins.
Thursday, 13 February - Library Volunteer Working Bee

Library orientation for classes begins week two as well as library monitor training for Years 5, 6 and 7 students interested in helping.
The library has scheduled a parent and friends volunteer in-service and working bee on Thursday, 13th February. We will review procedures for shelving, covering and repairing books. A new shipment of books arrived and we will be able to put our new skills into practice as we process these new resources. If you are able to help, please call the library, 3399 1281 or email your reservation. Refreshments will be provided.

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

Tuckshop News
Hi everyone. Tuckshop resumes THIS FRIDAY, 31 January 2014.
Register online at www.flexischools.com.au. If you are already registered, you will need to update each child's NEW CLASS DETAILS.
Tuckshop is available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each school week. Ice blocks are available at lunch time only and they can be ordered online.
Sushi is available on Wednesdays and Fridays only with preorders to be placed online by Monday 9am for Wednesday lunch orders and Wednesday 9am for Friday lunch orders. Sushi is sourced from Peadry's Catering. Sushi however WILL NOT be available this Friday.
NEW HELPERS WELCOME If you would like to help from 8.45am - 1.30pm please email me at cwatt@bne.catholic.edu.au or text me on 0413 590 109 with your preferred day of the week and contact number.
WE URGENTLY NEED HELPERS THIS FRIDAY, 31 January. If you can help even for an hour please let me know.
I look forward to another busy, successful year and meeting lots of new faces.

Many thanks
Chris Watt
Tuckshop Convenor
Mobile: 0413590109

WHIZ KIDZ – Science
HANDS-ON EXPERIMENTING = LEARNING THAT’S FUN
• Is your child driven by curiosity?
• Does your child love science?
• Does your child ask lots of questions?
• Your child will have fun and enjoy learning about the world and how it works!

SUPER SCIENCE CLUB PROGRAM
Fortnightly on Thursdays (3.15 – 4.30pm)
Years 2-5

CONCEPTS (Term 1)
1. Light – Some questions to ponder: - why is a fire engine red; if light travels in straight lines, how can we see around corners; how can we see something in pitch dark?
2. Slippery Science - A car’s engine is a complex system of moving parts producing heat. What is a cars lubrication system and how does it work?
3. Gravity is Guaranteed – Gravity and the Earth, in outer space, working with it and working against it. Hang on and never let go!!
4. Stick to it! - The structure, properties and applications of some of the most commonly used adhesives including the social and economic importance of these industries.

WHO – Years 2-5
WHEN – Fortnightly from Thursday 20th February
WHERE – Prep Green classroom
FEE – $100 (Cash, money order or cheque payable to D. Bennett)
ENROLMENT - Your child must be properly enrolled to be accepted. For the enrolment package and a full program – contact Donna Bennett before Session 1- see below.

• Email – scedau@optusnet.com.au
• Mobile - 0427 644490
Welcome to School Banking 2014, banking recommences on Tuesday, 4 February. This year banking will be processed on the day it is received so please have your banking in at the start of class each Tuesday. We have new rewards for term 1 and a new online ordering system, this means you will receive your rewards a week or two after you send in your ten tokens with your reward choice.

Happy Banking!
Deb Waldron and the school banking team.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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LOURDES HILL COLLEGE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Applications for Year 7, 2017 (current Year 4 students) Close on Friday the 7th February 2014.

If your daughter is currently in Year 4 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

Violin Lessons with Germaine Ng
at Sts Peter and Paul’s

Please contact Germaine Ng at:

germaine.ng07@gmail.com
Or
0402 082 339

BMus; PGDip(Perf); MMusSt; L Mus A (vln); ATCL (pno)
Your Safety and Security

With new train services and timetables in place from January 20, Queensland Rail is urging families and students to consider their safety and to be aware and stay alert by following these simple rules:

- Pay attention to all signs and signals
- Never enter a level crossing if the red lights are flashing and pedestrian gates/boom gates are closing or closed.
- Always look out for the second train
- Avoid distractions from music players and smart phones
- When you are on the platform, stand behind the yellow line and wait until the train has completely stopped before boarding
- If riding a bike, walk it across the tracks when crossing at a marked level crossing
- Keep yourself and your mates safe by not taking shortcuts and unnecessary risks around tracks

Trains can weigh upwards of 10,000 tonnes and can take up to 2km to stop

Disobeying level crossing signals or trespassing on railway property is not only dangerous, but illegal and you could receive a fine.

Queensland Rail is asking parents and schools to discuss this important safety information with their students, empowering them to Be Railsmart.

Further information can be found at: queenslandrail.com.au/railsmart