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

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

Royal Commission

There has been extensive media coverage of the Royal Commission into the Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in recent times given the focus of the Commission on a case study from a Catholic school in the Diocese of Toowoomba. Brisbane Catholic Education does not have oversight of Catholic schools in that diocese, but the resurfacing of this case may again undermine the confidence of the broader community in the safety of students in Catholic schools generally.

The hearings uncovered further disturbing information about the way in which the Church has so poorly handled allegations of sexual abuse against children. We can only begin to imagine the suffering of those children and the impact on their families. We offer our most sincere apologies, again, for what occurred and reiterate our absolute determination to do all we can to ensure that children and young people are safe in our schools and that crimes like this do not happen again.

Please be assured that our school, along with all Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Brisbane, has in place clear policies and procedures for dealing with all allegations of sexual abuse, including those not related to a school setting. These policies and procedures are available to all parents and are published on the Brisbane Catholic Education website.

Parents will receive in the mail a letter from Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane and Pam Betts, Executive Director of Brisbane Catholic Education, to assure parents of our continued commitment to ensuring our Catholic schools are safe for your children. If you did not receive a copy of the letter, please contact the school office and we will arrange for a copy to be sent to you.

Prep Enrolments - 2015

Prep enrolment details for 2015 are now required from our existing families. If you have a child due to commence Prep next year (born between 1st July, 2009 and 30th June, 2010) and already have children attending Saints Peter and Paul’s School please ensure that the enrolment form together with a copy of your child’s birth certificate, baptismal certificate and immunization record is returned to the school office by Friday 21st March, 2014. The demand for Prep enrolment in 2015 is once again extremely high; therefore it is essential that we have our current families accounted for. If you do not have an enrolment package please download one from the school website or collect one from the school office.

Today is Shrove Tuesday. This is the day before Lent begins. It is a day of feasting before the fasting. Let us give God thanks for the goodness we have received. God of feast and plenty, we thank you for your generosity to us and seek your blessing for those who have nothing. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Peace and Best Wishes
Sr Ann-Maree Nicholls, sgs

PRINCIPAL

APRE News – Mr Brendan Schostakowski

THE SEASON OF LENT

This week, when we celebrate our Ash Wednesday liturgies, we begin our Lenten journey for 2014.

ASH WEDNESDAY CELEBRATIONS:
Mass for Years 4-7 at 9.00am in the Church
Liturgy for Years P-3 at 11.10am in the Good Samaritan Hall

Family members are welcome to join the students and teachers for either of these celebrations.
Traditionally Lent is a time when we give up some things or take up some things. Whatever we do, it would be a good idea to allow the word of God to get close. The word comes to question who we are; it comes to support the kind of people we could be. We could make a little time – five or ten minutes each day – to let the word form us as it formed Jesus. Let it influence what we say and do. Let the word of God find us so that we can emerge from our hiding places into the peace of God’s presence.

May this Lenten ‘time out’ be a time of satisfying our hunger for the word and wisdom of God. May we choose life not only for ourselves but for all people.

Extract from ‘A prayer for living the Gospel’

PROJECT COMPASSION MONEY BOXES

Each year during Lent our school supports Caritas Australia’s Project Compassion. The theme for 2014 is “A full and beautiful life”. Men and women of all times and all places desire a full and beautiful life – Pope Francis.

To ‘have life and have it to the full’ (John 10:10) is to live a life free from conflict, poverty, and injustice; a life with equal access to food, water, education, healthcare and shelter; a life of peace and of dignity. Project Compassion 2014 celebrates our shared desire for a full and beautiful life. We can help break cycles of poverty; with our compassion and generosity, we can transform lives.

This week your child will bring home a Lenten Project Compassion money box. Each Wednesday during Lent there will be a special assembly in the Church where the money from these boxes will be collected. At the end of the term the total amount will be sent to Caritas Australia to assist this organisation with its work helping poor and disadvantaged peoples throughout the world.

We ask for your generosity in supporting this Lenten appeal.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – 7 MARCH

The World Day of Prayer is celebrated across the globe among people of all traditions and denominations, gathering together in the spirit of peace, unity and diversity of culture during the month of March for “informed prayer and prayerful action”. Each year the focus is on a different country; with prayers for Egypt: “Streams in the Desert” is the theme for 2014. Everyone is welcome to come along to the Uniting Church, Thynne Road, Morningside this Friday 7 March at 10am, to celebrate the World Day of Prayer.

Wishing you God’s blessings throughout the coming week.
Brendan.

APA News...Mr Damien Sullivan

Class Coordinator Meeting

For parents who have indicated they are willing to take on this role, the first Class Coordinators meeting will be held this Friday 7th March, in the school staffroom at 8.50am. We will be discussing aspects of the Class Coordinator role including organising social gatherings, staying in touch with parents and teachers, support for students, distributing information and being a point of contact between parents and the P & F. For other parents who are interested in being a Class Coordinator, please let your classroom teacher know. The school greatly appreciates the wonderful support that our Class Coordinators provide.

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.

- 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 towards the bus shelter where afternoon pick-ups are done. This area is a two minute zone.

A big thank you to the parents who assist on our pick-up and drop off areas before and after school. These parents are volunteers who give up their own time to help traffic continue to flow and to ensure that our children are safe. They are following procedures set down by the school and P & F and so we ask that parents follow any directions that these volunteers give. If you do not agree with what you are being asked by our parent volunteers, please do not challenge them – you are more than welcome to take up the issue with a member the school admin team.
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.

Naming Children’s Belongings
We ask that parents please check their children’s belongings to see that they are named and have this year’s class. In particular hats, lunch boxes and drink bottles are turning up in the lost property with last year’s details which makes it more difficult for our helpers to get them back to their rightful owners. Thanks for your help with this.

Bee Champions
Congratulations to Emilia (2R), Libby (5G), Lucy (1B) and Amelie (2Y) 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.

All the best for the week ahead!
 Damien Sullivan

2014 International Competitions and Assessments for School (ICAS)
Each year children from Years 3 to 7 have the opportunity to voluntarily participate in the Australasian Schools Competitions conducted by the University of New South Wales. A registration form was sent home with all children in Years 3 to 7. This form must be returned by Friday, 21 March.

Sports News

2014 HPE Week Activities:
Activities started on Monday to get you all moving and grooving during lunchtime. Our 2014 Senior Leaders look fantastic wearing their caps whilst helping with the challenges prepared for HPE week. Fun and games are planned for each lunch break and will challenge your skills and team spirit in the latest crazes of frisbee throws, soccer challenges, flash mob dancing and basketball shoot outs. Who will take out the point score prizes each day? Stay tuned for the results and data of class participation next week.

Senior Swimming Time Trials:
Over this week and next week our Years 4 – 7 classes are being timed in their swimming classes for all 4 swimming strokes – Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly. These time trials will conclude by the 13 March depending on your child’s swimming day.

Student’s times will determine the fastest heats in each stroke across the age groups and will then be placed in races accordingly for the carnival day. Depending on their times, all students may not swim 50m. To be eligible for Age Champion, swimmers must compete 50m in all 4 strokes.

Our Carnival planning is under way and our Senior Leadership students and House Leaders will be ready for a great day of spirit.

Save the Date – Senior Swimming Carnival, Langlands Pool, Stones Corner – 20 March from 9:15am – 2:00pm

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| 9:25am| Events will be marshalled in the following order:  
      | 13/12years followed by 11’s 10’s and 9 years age groups (as of 31/12/2014)  
      | 50m then followed by 25m distances         |
| 9:30am| Freestyle                                  |
| 10:20am| Breaststroke                               |
| 11:10am| Backstroke                                |
| 11:50am| Butterfly                                 |
| 1:00pm| Lunch Break: No canteen facilities are available for students.  
      | All food is to be packed for morning tea and lunch.  
      | Open Invitational 100m Freestyle Junior and Senior  
      | Junior House Colour Relays x 20m down the pool from shallow end  
      | Senior House Colour relays x 25m down the pool  
      | Clean up                                    |
| 2:00pm| Buses depart                               |
Swimming Sports Award Assembly – Friday 21 March 11.00am

Lytton District Team Sports Selections:
These trials will again be held this week and next week. Interested students must participate in appropriate uniform.

Lytton District Tennis trials:
12 year Boys and Girls Trials (2002 – 2004 DOB only) – Tennis Racquet compulsory
Meet Mrs Conaghan at the Good Samaritan Hall for possible selection to Lytton District Trials
12:30pm – Wednesday, 5 March

Lytton District Touch Trials:
12 year Boys and Girls Trials (2002 – 2004 DOB only) – Appropriate footwear compulsory
Meet Mrs Conaghan at the Good Samaritan Hall and then move to the oval for possible selection to Lytton District Trials
12:30pm – Friday, 7 March

Lytton District Hockey Trials:
12 year Boys and Girls Trials (2002 – 2004 DOB only) – Appropriate runners and hockey stick compulsory
Meet Mrs Conaghan at the Good Samaritan Hall and then move to the oval for possible selection to Lytton District Trials
12:30pm – Wednesday, 12 March

Lytton Rugby League Trialists:
Good luck to the following boys who have been selected to attend the Lytton District Rugby League trials being held tomorrow at Carina Leagues Club

Yours in Sport,
Mrs Lyndall Conaghan, PE and Sport

Library News

Students are finding more reading opportunities and information on World Book Online than ever before. Sts Peter and Paul’s School subscribes to World Book Online for student use at school and home. Our login: stcpp and password: bullmba gives access to World Book Student, Kids, Early World of Learning and Timelines. Make sure your child takes a minute to complete the online tutorials to enhance the use of these sites.

Scholastic is having a book sale at their warehouse located at Unit 2, Lytton Rd, Morningside. It is open to the public Wednesday, 5 March from 8am to 5pm and Thursday, 6 March from 8am to 7pm. Books will be 50-90% off original prices.

Congratulations to Birthday Author Draw winners for the month of February; Ellie Barbagallo and Sophie Nakamura. These students read books by Robin Klein and Elizabeth Honey and wrote a brief review of the book. We invite students to read a “March Birthday Author”. Student who wish to read one of these books and completes a review of the book will be placed into the draw box for a free book from the library.

Happy reading
Mrs Ballentine, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Brooks and Mrs McEniery
mballent@bne.catholic.edu.au

Youth Music Ministry at Sts Peter & Paul’s Church
We invite young singers and musicians to sing or play a musical instrument on the first Sunday of the month at the 6 pm Mass. Practice for this monthly gathering will be on the first Wednesday of the month. Next practice is 2 April, straight after school at the Church as preparation for Mass on 6 April. Please contact Julie Dimitrios on 0411 133 235 or the Parish Office on 3399 2386.
**Tuckshop News**

**ROSTER:**
- **WEDNESDAY, 5/3**
  - Lana Killian, Lisa Oberthur, Mechelle Fury
- **FRIDAY, 7/3**
  - Leah Gaeta, Kerryn Archbold, Amanda Monckton, Claire Malyon, Carmel McCormack
- **MONDAY, 10/3**
  - Dee French, Kym Marenjak

Many thanks everyone,
Chris Watt
Tuckshop Convenor
Mobile: 0413590109
Email: cawatt@bne.catholic.edu.au

**OSHC News**

**WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE:** Join us for our special “Shave for a Cure” afternoon on Friday, 14 March. Four of our Educators, led by James Heath, have volunteered to “Be Brave & Shave” and are looking for sponsors. If your family would like to sponsor one of our Educators please see us at OSHC. With a $2 donation children will be able to have their hair coloured with coloured hairspray on Friday, 14 March. We will also have yummy ‘chin-face’ biscuits on sale on Friday, 7 and Friday, 14 March for $2. We are hoping to raise over $500 for the Leukaemia Foundation.

**ACTIVITIES:** This week at OSHC we are busy with lots of fun activities! We will be baking potato bites, cooking pancakes for Shrove Tuesday, making a spearmint slice and baking a yummy spinach flower pie. Craft activities include fun loom bracelets, 3D butterflies, farmyard foamies, shrink dinks and pony bead bracelets. In the garden we are watering our bean plants, picking fresh herbs to use in our cooking and eating lots of yummy passionfruit off our passionfruit vine. Inside we are playing Connect 4, Mancala and Lego. Our Term 1 Get Active program has started. This week Years 3 and 4 have tennis games on the oval and Year 2 have games on Wednesday. Both sessions will be run by a qualified AASC coach on the oval from 3:30pm-4:30pm.

**EMERGENCY PROCEDURES:** This week we will have a lock down drill and a fire drill with the children at OSHC.

**SUGGESTIONS:** We welcome feedback and suggestions from families, please email us at bulimbaoshc@bne.centacare.net.au.

**OSHC CHAMPIONS:** OSHC Champions for this week are Joshua Rheinberger, Summer Hay and Eilish Fergusson. Well done!
Claire Ravenswood
OSHC Coordinator

**P & F News**

**Health and Wellbeing Committee Meeting – tomorrow**
The first meeting for the year for the Health & Wellbeing Committee will be held tomorrow (Wednesday 5 March) from 2-3pm in the staff room. All welcome to attend! Please contact Katherine Cullerton on kculrerton@yahoo.com.au if you would like to get involved in the committee.

**Free Dress Day – Friday 7 March – bring chocolate for the fete**
In exchange for the fun of wearing free dress, please bring a donation of chocolate for the Lob O Choc Stall at the fete. There is no need to bring in something very big and expensive. You might bring in a square Kit Kit, Twix or Giant Freddo Frog per child, or a small family block per family. Think about the perfect size and shape to lob a coin onto at the Lob O Choc Stall – if it is too big it’s too easy (and vice versa if it’s too small).

**Save the date for resiliency presentation – 29 April**
On Tuesday 29 April at 7pm Professor Paula Barrett from the Pathways Centre will be speaking at the school on “Building resiliency in your child”. Prof Barrett is an international expert in the prevention and treatment of anxiety and depression, and the promotion of resilience in children. More information will be provided closer to the date.

**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!

**Fete – Stall Convenor’s Meeting**
Would all parents who have volunteered to convene a stall please meet in the staffroom on **Monday, 10 March at 2pm** for our first meeting. Kindly advise Leonie at lkflynn@bigpond.net.au if you are unable to attend this meeting.

**Fete – Saturday 17 May 2014**
Look out for the separate fete newsletter that will be coming home with your oldest child each week until the fete.
DATES TO REMEMBER

5 March  Ash Wednesday
5 March  Health & Wellbeing Committee Meeting
7 March  Free Dress Day
7 March  Class Coordinators Meeting
10 March  Stall Convener’s Meeting
13 March  Bookclub Orders Due
20 March  Years 4 to 7 Swimming Carnival
21 March  Swimming Sports Award Assembly
29 April  Resiliency Presentation
17 May  School Fete

Zumba Kids

Watch this space: Zumba®Kids after-school program starting in Term 2! Please see the attached flyer for more details or contact Kate Biskupovich on 0435535380 to secure a place today.
All the details on class times, venues and fees can be found on my website: katebiskupovich.zumba.com
I will be offering one class after school on Mondays from 3:15-4:15pm and another class at another venue after school on Fridays.

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

Please contact Germaine Ng at:
germaine.ng07@gmail.com
Or
0402 082 339

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Bulimba Community Kindergarten 2016 Enrolments

*For children born between 1st July 2011 and 30th of June 2012*

Date: Sunday 16th March 2014
Time: 8:00am to 10:00am
Where: 231 Oxford Street, Bulimba

Please note: A (cash only) non-refundable $20 waitlist fee applies.
One child only to be enrolled per person, unless you have twins or triplets.
For more information email bulimba.kindy@bigpond.com.au or call 07 3399 2360.

St Laurence’s College
Twilight Open Night
Tuesday, 11 March 2014
from 4:30pm to 8:00pm

Clairvaux Mackillop College Open Days
Friday, 14 March, 9:00am to 10:30am
Wednesday, 21 May, 6:30pm to 8:00pm
Friday, 13 June, 9:00am to 10:30am
Friday, 29 August, 9:00am to 10:30am
Calling Bakers

The Parish of Sts Peter and Paul Needs You!

The Sts Peter and Paul’s School Care & Concern Group sets up approximately 4 cake stalls each year to support Sr Mary in her work with Parishioners who require basic essentials such as bread and milk and other necessities. This is a great way to contribute to the school parish without impacting too much on your family time. All that we require are donations of cakes, biscuits, brownies, slices and individually packed items such as cupcakes for our stall to be a success. If you would like to help us please contact Maureen Coorey or Brooke Power and join our Morning Tea Cake Register so that we can enlist your aid! For those already on the Morning Tea Register thank you for your continued support! Your baked items are very much appreciated by Sr Mary and the Parish!

The next cake stall is scheduled for Saturday night the 15 of March and Sunday morning the 16th of March.

Food Preparation and Drop Off Locations:

What to Bake? Cakes, fruit cakes, tea cakes, traditional loafs, muffins (sweet or savoury), biscuits, patty/cup cakes, slices, sweets or anything that you like baking and is a good for morning tea. We have also been asked for gluten free items, fruit cakes & cakes generally. But all baked goodies will be appreciated greatly so whatever you enjoy baking will be great.

How Much? Any contribution will be greatly appreciated.

Labels & Packaging? Please label the food with name & major ingredients and wrap the item. If you are baking muffins or patty cakes or slices etc, either package in a group of 6 if small or 4 if large sized muffins, slices or patty cakes. Cakes are wrapped individually.

Where To Drop off the Food? There are a couple of options for food drop off.

You can drop off baked food to the school office on Friday (14th March) before 2.45pm (just keep in mind refrigeration, if your food needs refrigeration drop off as close to 2.45pm as possible - thanks).

You can drop off to the church just prior to the 6pm mass on Saturday 15th March, the cake table will be set up near the side door on the school side under the awning.

For the 8am mass on Sunday 16th March, the table will be inside the parish hall, and again you could drop off the food just before mass if that suits. Otherwise if none of the above suits let us know and we can arrange a pick up before mass.

Many thanks,
Brooke Power (0408064560, brookepower5@bigpond.com)
Maureen Coorey (0434980442, cooreyfam@optusnet.com.au)
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FOR CLASS DETAILS
CONTACT YOUR LICENSED ZUMBA® INSTRUCTOR:
Kate Biskupovich
0435535380
katebiskupovich.zumba.com

Zumba® Kids after-school program coming to Bulimba in Term 2, 2014. Join me for rockin’, high energy dance classes that are packed with specially choreographed, kid-friendly routines and all the music kids enjoy like hip-hop, reggaeton, cumbia and more. Kids will love these fun, cutting-edge classes that increase fitness, focus and self-confidence. Classes are limited so call or email now to secure a place today!