Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

World Teachers’ Day
Last Friday we celebrated World Teachers’ Day. Thank you to the parents and Friends for the wonderful morning tea provided and enjoyed by all. Once again I thank 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. A special liturgy was held to acknowledge and express our gratitude to Mrs Julie Thompson (Support Teacher), Ms Sue Raymond (Year 4 Teacher), Ms Emilia Michieletto (Year 6 Teacher) and Mrs Carol Bradley (Year 1 Teacher) for an amazing 30 years’ service to Catholic Education.

Congratulations was also extended to Mrs Terry Ballentine (Teacher Librarian) who was presented with an Excellence in Teaching award and to Mrs Sarah Gibbs (Prep Yellow Teacher) who received an Excellence in Teaching Religious Education award.

Orientation
This Thursday, 6 November at 9:00am our Orientation morning will be held for our 2015 Prep students together with the many new families who will join our school community with children enrolled in Years 1 – 6. Thank you again to the parents who will assist us with welcoming these new families to the community of Sts Peter & Paul’s.

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 this 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.

On this day Australians watch a horse race. We celebrate an exciting and colourful part of our culture and heritage, and gather our prayer for the safety of the horses and their riders. God of all creation, teach us to respect your world and never cease to strive for your love. 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 BLUE
Due to the Prep Orientation morning this Thursday 6 November, Year 6 Blue will now celebrate their Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday 13 November.

RELIGION CURRICULUM
Model for Religious Education
Since 2008, the distinct and complementary nature of both dimensions of Religious Education has been conceptualised in the following Model for Religious Education.

In the schools and colleges of the Archdiocese of Brisbane, teaching people religion and teaching people to be religious draw upon the Catholic Christian tradition in ways that are mindful of local contexts and the ecumenical and multi-faith realities of contemporary culture.

School communities seek to understand and utilise the distinctiveness and complementarity of these two dimensions of Religious Education in the holistic education and the formation of students. School programs, activities and experiences for the classroom learning and teaching of religion and the religious life of the school are responsive to religious diversity, while being faithful to the Catholic Christian identity of the school.

The fullness of the Vision for Religious Education is realised through the intersection of both dimensions. For example, participation in service learning activities without a deep understanding of the related Catholic social teachings does not effectively enable the fulfilment of the Vision for Religious Education. Classroom learning and teaching about Catholic social teachings without active participation in, and critical reflection on, social justice initiatives and service learning activities is similarly limited in its effectiveness. Engagement in both dimensions is needed.

CARE AND CONCERN  Crayon Collection
Thank you for your response to our Crayon Collection which is now in its last week. Please continue to send in any used and unused crayons, textas, pencils and other stationery. These items will be donated to the Good Samaritan Early Childhood Learning Centre in Kiribati, Sudanese refugees who attend St Brendan’s Moorooka, and to the Cannon Hill Community Connections.

Once again we thank the students of our Care and Concern Group, with the guidance of Megan Mobsby, for organizing this very worthwhile social justice activity.
RECOGNISING SPECIAL MILESTONES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Last Friday, during our World Teachers’ Day celebrations, we recognized the achievements of a number of our staff. Congratulations to Julie Thompson, Sue Raymond, Emilia Micheleletto and Carol Bradley for each reaching the milestone of 30 years of service to Catholic Education. Congratulations also to Sarah Gibbs and Terry Ballentine for their Excellence in Teaching Award nominations from Brisbane Catholic Education.

A Future Not Our Own

This is what we are about.
We plant seeds that one day will grow.
We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.
We lay foundations that will need further development.
We provide yeast that produces effects far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realising that.
This enables us to do something, and do it very well.
It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way,
an opportunity for the Lord’s grace to enter and to do the rest.

We may never see the end results,
but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.
We are workers, not master builders, ministers, not messiahs.
We are prophets of a future not our own. Amen.

Wishing you God’s blessings throughout the week.
Brendan

APA News...Mr Damien Sullivan

Helping with homework
Homework is a common expectation for most students. While requirements may vary, all educators agree that reading is the most valuable homework a child can do and should become a daily habit. Parents can help children develop sound study habits from a young age which include establishing a predictable routine, encouraging effective use of time and helping them to be organised.

SOME GOOD IDEAS TO HELP WITH HOMEWORK

- Establish a predictable routine. If homework is done at the same time each night, getting started is usually less of an issue.
- Make homework time as enjoyable as possible. When sharing a book, make yourself comfortable, be involved in the story and enjoy yourself. Don’t make reading a test.
- Establish a good working environment for students. Make sure they have a quiet area (away from distractions) that is well lit and with good ventilation. A table or a desk makes a good work space.
- Encourage children to work reasonably quickly and efficiently. Have a set time limit which they should stick to. A little work each night is more productive than packing it all into one weekly session.
- Encourage children to become organised by planning homework around their extra-curricular activities. A weekly planner or diary will help older students to organise themselves.
- Keep explanations simple and practical when helping a child. If they become upset or frustrated and the atmosphere becomes tense, stop helping.
- If your child has a problem, talk about the best way to find a solution. Perhaps between the two of you it can be worked out.
- Be realistic and don’t expect to solve all homework difficulties. When in doubt send a note to your child’s teacher letting him/her know the problem. They will appreciate being informed.

Pick-up line reminder – After school safety issue
Our pick-up lines are located within the two minute parking zones on Alexandra Street and Collings Street therefore parents should not wait in those areas at the end of the school day for more than that time. One problem that is again occurring happens when parents begin queuing up for the pick-up line before 3.00pm. The line begins to block traffic that is attempting to travel along these streets to find a parking spot or neighbours returning to their homes. Riding Road can also become blocked by 3.00pm. This has the potential to hold up many parents on their way to collect children after school and can make things difficult for crossing supervisors. For these reasons we ask parents to please not park in the pick-up lines until after 3.00pm, and because this is a student safety issue we ask for your cooperation. If you park in this area before 3.00pm you may be asked to move on. We will also ask local police to keep an eye on parents parking in these areas too long.

Supervision
A friendly reminder for parents and students that children arriving before 8.20am must sit quietly in the undercroft – this includes any children waiting with parents. After this time Prep children and Year One gather in the morning before school in the adventure playground. Other students will use the undercroft and Good Samaritan Hall. 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.

All the best for the week ahead.
Damien Sullivan
**Sports News**

QLD State Invitational Swimming Relay Representative
Thank you for all the nominations submitted for the upcoming 2014 QLD Primary Relay Championships. We will be notifying swimmers later this week regarding entries. Specific information for these swimmers regarding plans will be distributed once confirmed.

QLD All Schools Triathlon and Aquathlon
Best wishes to Ella Monckton, Lachlan McClure and Jackson McClure in their upcoming Triathlon QLD All Schools Aquathlon event in the Sunshine Coast this weekend.

Junior Swimming Carnival
Save the date 19 November at St Oliver Plunkett School, Cannon Hill.

Yours in Sport
Mrs Lyndall Conaghan
PE and Sports Coordinator

**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:
- Library Book Chat & Tea @ Riverbend 20th November 9:00am
- Library Working Bee 25th November 9:00am

Thank you to those parents that attended the Cybersmart presentation last night. It was a very informative evening with many great tips to help provide Internet safety for our children. If you were unable to attend this session, please check AMCA’s Cybersmart website [http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/](http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/) and click on the ‘Parent’ section for Internet Safety information.

Remember, Sts Peter and Paul’s School pays for an online student subscription to Worldbook online so students may have a safe way to research rather than just ‘Googling’ for information. [http://worldbookonline.com/wb/Login?ed=wb](http://worldbookonline.com/wb/Login?ed=wb)
The logon is stspp and password is bulimba. Ask your child if they have used this website for their research.

Parents are invited to the ‘End of Year Library Book Chat and Tea’ at Riverbend Books on Thursday 20th November at 9:00am. This is a great opportunity to find the latest book releases for summertime reading. Check the flier for further information and to register for this event.

The library will close for student borrowing in two weeks’ time on 17 November. Stocktake of specific areas as well as repairing and shelving resources will begin at this time. A Library Working Bee has been scheduled for 25 November to assist with these tasks. If you have time available to help on this date please give the library a call.

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

**P & F News**

DISCO!
It’s time for the kids to start warming up, doing those stretches and putting the finishing touches to their favourite dance moves as the excitement builds for this year's Sts Peter and Paul's School Disco!!!

If you haven’t already, it’s time to fill in the note that was sent home last week (or just CLEARLY write your child’s name and class on the front of an envelope), pop it together with $5 per child and return to the school office by this Wednesday.

Armbands allowing express entry will be sent home from school to all those who have prepaid their entry on Thursday so keep an eye out in your children(s) bags.

A very big thank you to all those parents who have offered to assist on the night. Your help to ensure our children are able to have a fun night in a safe environment is greatly appreciated!

**Please note that all children will need to be collected from the Undercroft (Prep to Year 2 from 6:15pm and Years 3 – 7 from 7.45pm). Children will be placed in their year groups. No child will be permitted to leave the Undercroft without a parent/carer.**

Please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter for further details. Any queries regarding the Disco, please feel free to contact Chrissy at cquinn@y7mail.com.
End of Year Drinks & AGM
See flyer attached. Please come and join us for a drink on 19 November as a thank you to all parents for their wonderful contribution throughout 2014.

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've had our first Prep tuckshop day yesterday. Thank you to all the ladies who came to help. The following Prep tuckshop days require a few more helpers: Monday, 17 November and 24 November as well as Wednesday, 5 November (tomorrow) and 19 November. 11am – 1pm is the busiest time and any help would be most welcome.

ROSTER: Wednesday, 5 November (1 more helper needed)
Lana Killian, Lisa Oberthur, Amy Ferigo
Friday, 7 November
Shelley Whatmore, Kelli Rogers, Amanda Monckton, Claire Malyon, Kerryn Archbold
Monday, 10 November
Deanna French, Lisa Norman, Renee Flett, Berenice Raynes-Greenou

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

Book Club
There are less than 8 weeks until Xmas! The last Bookclub brochures for the year will be coming home this week which is a great opportunity to stock up on some books and activities for Xmas presents for family and friends. Also, the school receives 20% of all orders to purchase new books for the library and classrooms so you can do some easy Xmas shopping and support the school.

Please return all orders to the school office by Wednesday 19 November so that the orders can be ordered and distributed before school finishes. If you would like to buy presents for your children, please just write a note on the order and we can keep the books at the office for your collection.

Kylie Hayes and Justine Haddrill,
Bookclub Co-ordinators

OSHC
ACTIVITIES: Cooking activities this week include vegetarian sushi, zucchini slice and blueberry smoothies. For craft we are making Melbourne Cup hats and fascinators, animal drawings, decorating monster cups and candle painting. Inside we are playing chess, home corner, connect 4, Uno and Trio. In the garden we are busy planting and watering lots of seedlings including cherry tomatoes, capsicums, lettuce, baby spinach, basil and thyme. Outside we are playing tag, lava monsters, 44 home and pop up tiggy.

EDUCATOR OF THE WEEK: Lauren Mayer is our OSHC Educator of the week. Lauren is studying Education and loves surf lifesaving, bike riding and photography.
GET ACTIVE: Our Get Active program for Term 4 has started. This week Year 2 will have AFL on the oval on Wednesday and Year 1 will have bowling in the Undercroft on Thursday. Both activities are run from 3:30pm-4:30pm by a qualified AASC coach.

HOMEWORK: We are trialling a new homework form for the next few weeks. Please see an Educator for more information.

VACATION CARE: We are collecting ideas for our Summer Vacation Care program. Please email us or speak to an OSHC Educator.

OPEN AFTERNOONS: This year we have 3 Open Afternoons planned for families who would like to learn more about OSHC. Families are invited to visit OSHC on either Tuesday 18th November, Wednesday 19th November or Thursday 20th November from 4pm-5pm to look through the centre, meet our Educators and learn more about OSHC at Saints Peter & Paul’s. We look forward to meeting you!

OSHC CHAMPIONS: OSHC Champions this week re Chloe Gipp, Austen King Newson and Alexander Vasquez. 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 Janet Mylne 0419 642 775 for any alternative pick-up arrangements.

Child of the Week

PB: Archie Griffin  PG: William O’Connor  PR: Baxter Thompson  PY: Scarlett Pesch
1B: Archie Armstrong  1G: CJ Caulfield  1R: Angelina Ellul
2B: Cameron French  2G: Claudia Panozzo  2R: Adalyn Pohl  2Y: Nikita Waldron
3B: Thomas O’Connor  3G: Lisa Blaby  3R: Anna McAuley
4B: Lachlan Rogers  4G: Inigo Lawrence  4R: Ella Raymond
5B: Lila Maxwell  5G: Olivia Flannery
6B: Olivia Nordberg  6G: Ellie Barbagello
7B: Nathan Spencer  7G: Ellen Young

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San Sisto College has been able to expand the enrolment capacity for 2015. We therefore currently have vacancies for Years 7 and 8 in 2015. Please contact the college on 3900 9800 for an enrolment package.
End of Year Concert 2014

Rehearsals are well underway for this year’s end of year concert;
“Sound Advice”

The concert will take place on Thursday 27 November in the Sts Peter and Paul’s Good Samaritan Hall, commencing at 6.30pm. All students from Years 1-7 are participating in the concert and are expected to attend. We do not expect parents to go to any great expense for a costume for the end of year concert, but we have a few suggestions for colours etc to fit with each year levels’ theme.

**Year 1**: Pyjamas! (Cool and comfortable) joggers and socks probably safer than slippers. Girls’ hair – high ponytail.

**Year 2**: Yellow and White. Simple as that. Any combos any patterns (spots, stripes, shorts, skirts, t-shirts, dresses) but try to stick to yellow and white. Joggers and socks.

Girls hair – plaits.

**Year 3**: Black base then add in a bit of animal print. Black joggers (black dancing shoes are fine) and socks. Girls’ hair – high ponytail teased.

**Year 4**: School Bottoms, plain white t-shirt, school tie. Girls’ hair – high “pigtails”.

**Year 5**: 80’s aerobics chic! Inspirational t-shirts/flouro brights/leg warmers/headbands/crazy hair.

**Year 6 & 7**: Drama blacks. Students own ideas.
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.*
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, Moorooka: 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