Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

Literacy and Numeracy Week - Extra Time – A Childhood Dream

Have you ever dreamt of being famous and determined to make it come true? Morris Gleitzman had a dream - to become a soccer player. It didn’t come true! Fortunately he did become famous; he has written 34 books. Morris published his first book when he was only 14 years of age. His latest book deals with soccer and is called Extra Time.

To celebrate Literacy and Numeracy Week and to launch his new book, Morris Gleitzman spoke to an audience of students from Sts Peter and Paul’s, St Catherine’s, St Oliver Plunkett and Morningside State Schools who gathered in Sts Peter and Paul’s School Hall on the 1 August. Students gave a gold coin donation which was delivered to the Indigenous Literacy Fund to purchase books for Aboriginal children.

Mr Gleitzman mentioned that when preparing to write a story, it usually takes one to two years just to get to know the characters and up to eight months to write the book. He creates his characters from his imagination. He is what you commonly call ‘a dreamer’.

Listening to Morris has inspired us to follow our dreams and never lose hope or faith. Written by Carmen Wong, Beau Brown, Anton Regano, Tristan Wildermuth and C’elle Louie.

2014 Enrolments

Thank you to the parents who have communicated to me in writing children who will be leaving Saints Peter and Paul’s School at the end of the school year. We currently have waiting lists on many grade levels for next year, so it is important that I am made aware of family transfers and movements for the 2014 school year.

Reflection

This week we celebrate the life of Australia’s first saint, Saint Mary of the Cross Mackillop who worked to provide education for isolated and poor children. Let us pray for those who work in Australian schools today. As we discover the world around us, O God, may we, like St Mary MacKillop, also understand your will for our lives. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Peace and Best Wishes
Sr Ann-Maree Nicholls, sgs

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

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APRE News – Mr Brendan Schostakowski

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD TUESDAY 6 AUGUST

On Tuesday 6 August we remember the gospel miracle of Jesus being transfigured. In the gospel account of the Transfiguration (Luke 9: 28-36) Jesus took the disciples Peter, John, and James up a mountain to be alone. Perhaps the journey to the mountain top was a Retreat type experience Jesus and the disciples embarked upon – a time out, so to speak, when they prayed and reflected and came to new understandings and new insights. For Jesus the experience confirmed his identity as God’s Beloved Son: ‘This is my Son, whom I have chosen – listen to him!’ (verse 35). For the disciples, it was a sacred encounter in which they were encouraged to listen to Jesus and to be not afraid! As Christians we are called to listen carefully and fearlessly to the God we follow.

FEAST OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP THURSDAY 8 AUGUST

This Thursday 8 August is an extraordinary special day in the Australian Church as we celebrate the feast of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop. Mary's story is a profoundly Australian one and resonates particularly with anyone engaged in education. Mary was born in Melbourne in 1842. She died in Sydney on the 8th August in 1909. Mary took the religious name, Mary of the Cross. Responding to the isolation of colonial families, she pioneered a new form of religious life to provide education for their children. She and her Sisters shared the life of the poor and the itinerant, offering special care to destitute women and children. She is remembered for her eagerness to discover God's will in all things, for her charity in the face of calumny (often at the hands of Church authorities), and for her abiding trust in God's Providence.
St Mary's Prayer

Ever generous God,
You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop
To live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ
and constant in bringing hope and encouragement
to those who were disheartened, lonely or needy.
We ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by the Holy Spirit
so that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may live with courage, trust and openness.
Ever generous God hear our prayer.
We ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE WORLDS’ INDIGENOUS PEOPLES FRIDAY 9 AUGUST

The Indigenous Peoples of Australia have a depth of spirituality that can enrich our Christian spirituality in many ways. One of these spiritual gifts is Dadirri. Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr-Baumann, artist, tribal elder and Principal of St Francis Xavier School, Nauiyu, Daly River, N.T. describes Dadirri as an inner, deep listening and quiet, still awareness. Dadirri recognises the deep spring that can be inside of us. We call on this stillness and awareness, and it calls to us. It is something like what Christians may call "contemplation".

The contemplative way of dadirri spreads over our whole life. It renews us and brings us peace. It makes us feel whole again…
Wishing you God’s blessings for the coming week.
Brendan

Assistant Principal’s Message...Mr Damien Sullivan

APA News...Mr Damien Sullivan

Sick Days
Over the past couple of weeks we have had an unusually high number of students away with colds, the flu and tummy bugs. When children are presenting with symptoms of these sicknesses at school they are sent to the school office and a phone call is made to parents to make arrangements for the student to go home. With some nasty viruses and tummy bugs around it is very important that parents keep their children at home if they are sick. Even runny noses, mildly sore throats and upset stomachs at the moment can be symptoms of something that may be more serious and spread to other children.

Some useful tips from Queensland Health
Your children are receiving reminders at school about some simple steps they can take to help protect themselves from colds, flus and other sicknesses. This week on School Assembly we will speak about how important it is to frequently wash your hands with soap and water, particularly before touching your face or food and after going to the toilet. Other ways Queensland Health advise families to protect themselves from sickness are:

- Stay home when you are sick;
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water or use an alcohol based hand gel;
- Wash your hands prior to touching your eyes, nose and mouth;
- Cover your mouth and nose with disposable tissues when coughing or sneezing, which should be disposed of immediately;
- Don’t share items such as glasses or cups, lipstick, toys or anything which could be contaminated with respiratory secretions;
- Maintain at least one metre distance from people who have flu-like symptoms such as coughing or sneezing;
- Consult your doctor if you have a cough and fever and follow their instructions, including taking medicine as prescribed;
- It is very important that you talk with your child about these preventative measures and regularly remind them about hygiene practices. For more detailed information about seasonal influenza please visit www.health.qld.gov.au/flu.

A request for parents regarding entering classrooms
Parents and students are asked to please not enter school buildings before school, during the lunch breaks or when the teacher is not present in their classroom. This includes internal hallways where port racks are located outside classrooms. These areas should be clear until the teacher brings their class inside. If parents wish to speak to a teacher or retrieve something from a classroom, before and after school are the appropriate times. At other times parents should call by the school office.

Lost Property
In the Winter months with school jumpers being worn the lost property bundle tends to grow. School hats and jumpers are regularly being left behind, particularly on the oval. Please ensure that your child’s uniform is clearly named and check the table in the undercroft should you have any lost items.

All the best for the coming week
Damien Sullivan

P&F News

Movie Trivia Night – Saturday 10 August from 7pm:
And the Oscar goes to… the best dressed table
Thank you to all those who have booked a table for the Trivia Night. It is set to be a fun-filled night, so get your movie thinking caps on and attire ready!
It starts at 7.15pm, doors open at 7pm and the Good Samaritan Hall will also be open in the afternoon between 2.30 and 3.30pm to allow you to come and dress your tables, organise drinks/food etc. Please be aware that the hall will close at 3.30pm sharp before re-opening for the evening at 6.45pm.
All glasses and water will be provided on each table, but please BYO plates, cutlery, food and other drinks/alcohol. Any questions please email jill@fitmums.net or call 0431778513

Health and Wellbeing Committee – Lots of news to report
The hand washing and hygiene audit has been conducted and the School has already implemented many of the recommendations. Thanks to Sister Ann-Marree and Damien for working with us on this issue and acting so quickly to resolve parents’ concerns. Plans are in place to address some bigger picture repair and replacement requirements for 2014.
Nutrition Australia has reviewed our tuckshop menu and given us some great ideas for improving the nutritional value of the meals offered. The Committee will work with Chris Watt (Tuckshop Convener) and Sister Ann-Marree to implement some short and long term improvements to our tuckshop menu.
We will advertise the date for the next Health & Wellbeing Committee meeting in a future newsletter.

Health and Wellbeing Tips: Why not put a small bottle of hand sanitizer in your child's school bag and encourage them to use it after going to the toilet and before eating? This should help reduce the spread of germs in the classroom.
Library News

Happenings @ the Library!

Book Week/ Book Night – 28th August 6:00-8:00pm

The Great Book Swap - 4th September

We had a wonderful visit by author Morris Gleitzman on Thursday, 1st August. Students were able to purchase Mr Gleitzman’s new book and have it signed on that day. Students also were invited to complete an activity sheet and return it to the library for a chance in a draw for a copy of one of his signed books. Congratulations to our winners Dana and Amy from Morningside State School and Ashley and Harriet from 7G.

Congratulations also to Sophie 5G and Jessica-Kate 7B. They read a birthday author book and completed the form. Their names were drawn as winners of the July Birthday Author readings. Check our website for the list of August Birthday Authors.

Just a reminder that the Premier’s Reading Challenge will close on 30th August. Please have your child return their completed form to the library before this date.

Our website also has the latest news concerning the Children’s Book Council Shortlisted books. We will be reading, reviewing and evaluating these books during this term. We’ll see if our top choice actually wins the coveted judges’ choice for CBCA Book of the Year award.

Mark your calendar for Family Book Night activities at the library on 28th August. This is a night for families to enjoy reading together and enjoying crafts highlighting the CBCA books. Look for the flier next week to RSVP for this event.

Happy Reading,
Mrs Balentine, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Brooks, and Mrs McEniery

Sports News

Senior Athletics Carnival - Congratulations to O’Brien House!

Thank you to all staff, students and parents for their superb efforts in making our Senior Sports Carnival such a successful event. Finally, in a tightly fought out team event O’Brien was overall winner.

Our 2013 Age Champions who medalled are:

8yrs Girls - Emma Bible
9yrs Girls - Lauren Deldot
10yrs Girls - Georgie Dobbs
11yrs Girls - Tara McCarthy
12yrs Girls - Grace Nakamura
13yrs Girls - Ellie Spencer

8yrs Boys - Flynn Reynolds
9yrs Boys - Matthew Goodsell
10yrs Boys - Oscar Eastman
11yrs Boys - Shady El Said
12yrs Boys - Cole Gardiner
13yrs Boys - Lachlan O’Donnelly

Yours in Sport
Mrs Conaghan

Parish Cake Stall – 24th and 25th August

Sts Peter and Paul’s School have a wonderful group of bakers who, together with Parish members, provide a range of delicious treats at the Parish’s popular Cake Stall. The next Parish Cake Stall will be held at the Saturday night and Sunday morning masses of the 24th and 25th of August. As usual the Stall will be full of delicious goodies including cakes, biscuits and brownies, cupcakes and slices.

We would really welcome any new bakers or anyone (big or small) wanting to channel their inner Masterchef! Baking for the stall is a wonderful way to help your parish without taking up too much of your valuable time. We only have 2 stalls left for the year and would appreciate your support. Your baked goods can be dropped off to the school office on Friday (the 23rd August) or to the stall itself before either of the masses.

Please contact Maureen or Brooke if you would like to join our Parish Cake Stall Register to register your interest in baking and for any further information regarding baking, labeling and drop off.

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

Many thanks,

Brooke Power on 0408064560, brookepower5@bigpond.com
Maureen Coorey on 0434980442, cooreyfam@optusnet.com.au

YEAR 7 ‘REACH OUT FOR PEACE’ MINI-MARKET DAY

Our Year 7 students are once again preparing for their annual Mini-Market Day which will be held on Thursday 12 September. Whilst the children have been busy making their own crafts to sell, they need some help with jams and relishes to sell on the day. Donations of homemade jams and/or relishes would be most welcome. If you are able to help, please label all homemade jams and relishes with an ingredient list and drop them off to the School Office by Monday 9 September. All money raised from the Mini-Market Day will be donated to Catholic Missions. Thank you in advance for your help and on-going generosity. If you have any queries please contact Michelle Hammill: mhammill@bne.catholic.com.au
DATES TO REMEMBER

10 Aug P&F Trivia Night
16 Aug Catholic Colleges Festival. Villanova College
28 Aug Book Week/Book Night. 6-8pm in Library
11 Sept Prep - Yr2 Mini-Olympics
20 Sept Term 3 Ends

Un-identifiable Fees Payment
We have received a payment that we cannot process because of a lack of parent/student details. An amount was paid directly into our cheque account on Thursday 7 February. Please ring Bernie on 3399 1281 if you believe you have made this deposit. It is recommended that our BPay or Direct Debit facility be used as the safest option for paying School Fees.

Bulimba Cricket Club
Another exciting summer of cricket is upon us and we want to get YOU involved. Registrations are now open for boys and girls aged 5 - 13 years wishing to play cricket with the Bulimba Cricket Club. Registration details can be obtained from our website www.bulimbacricket.com.au. Our sign-on day is Sunday 11th August 9.30am - 11.30am at the Grass Fields Clubhouse, State Hockey Centre, 400-420 Lytton Rd, Colmslie. Enquiries can be directed to our president, Mr Chris Netto on Mobile: 0408 157 919.

Calling for a Volunteer to be the next School Banking Co-ordinator
We are seeking the help of a volunteer to co-ordinate the School Banking role in Term 4. This role involves a commitment of a few hours a week to collect deposits from students, facilitate the Rewards Program and deposit the money at their nearest Commonwealth Bank branch. The school receives commission on all deposits processed and last year we raised thousands of dollars which helped the school purchase additional resources for the children. School Banking is a fun, engaging way for young Australians to learn lifelong money-management skills. Being a School Banking Co-ordinator is very rewarding as I am regularly stopped by children at school telling me their stories of saving and the rewards they have received. It's wonderful to see the excitement on the children's faces when they receive their reward especially knowing it benefits the school at the same time. You don't need any experience, just access to a computer as the deposits are entered online.

OSHC News

ACTIVITIES: For cooking this week we are making yummy Greek custard, nutritious chicken souvlaki, Pastitsio and Greek rice pudding. We will be using vegetables and herbs from the garden in our cooking this week. Craft activities include making clay bowls, foam craft, scratch art and painting a dragonfly mobile. We are playing Chess, Twister, Badminton and Patience.

GET ACTIVE: Our Get Active program for this term has started. This week Year 1 and Prep will be joining Taryn for Yoga on Tuesday ASC 3.30pm-4.30pm and Grade 2-3 will be joining Paulo for Orienteering on Thursday ASC 3.30pm-4.30pm at no extra cost for families.

OSHC CHAMPIONS: Huon Wadsworth, Inez Van Dorp, Indyha Crow and Sienna van Heerdan.

During Week 4, 3 Blue learnt about Concrete Poems. They discovered that concrete poems didn’t actually have anything to do with concrete.