From the Principal

Symbols of Lent

In the front foyer here at St Peters, you will see a small display. A display of objects shrouded in purple cloth.

It is there to remind us that we are in the season of Lent, a time where we focus on the saving work of Jesus’ suffering and death. The objects currently on display are: a cross, a bowl of water, a Bible and a container of sand.

Firstly there is THE CROSS - The cross reminds us of Jesus’ death and his enormous love for all people. Quite simply, he died on the cross so that we can live!

The BOWL OF WATER - Water reminds us of the importance of Baptism. We can use the water to mark our foreheads with the sign of the cross during Lent. A reference also to the marking of foreheads on Ash Wednesday.

The BOWL OF SAND - The sand is there to remind us of Jesus’ 40 days of Temptation in the desert, and our call to resist temptation in following Christ. Lent is often a time for reflection and attention around the habits we have—both the helpful, which might bring us to a closer relationship with Jesus, and the unhelpful, which may have the opposite result.

The BIBLE - Lent is a time to renew our focus on God’s Word. We are encouraged to use our Bible every day and read about the stories of Jesus’ suffering, death and joyful resurrection.

The PURPLE CLOTH - Purple has a symbolic meaning as a colour of mourning and penitence as well as being the traditional colour of royalty.

Next time you are passing through the foyer come and have a look and see what other objects we add in the weeks ahead. Ask your children if they have noticed them and if they know what each of the symbols mean.

"That’s what Christ did definitively: suffered because of others’ sins, the Righteous One for the unrighteous ones. He went through it all—was put to death and then made alive—to bring us to God.” 1 Peter 3:18 (The Message)

Mark Rathjen, Principal
The annual St Peters Twilight Tea is on tomorrow night from 6pm at the School. Come and enjoy a relaxed evening with St Peters Families on the little oval outside Rooms 7 & 8. BYO picnic, chairs/rug and drinks. Mrs Watkins’ Room 6 families are organizing a sausage sizzle, drinks and ice blocks to be available for purchase on the night, as well as fun activities for all ages.

Thank you to all participants, spectators and volunteers who came along to our first event of the year, the Beachhouse lock-in last Thursday 18 February. A wonderful night was had by both children and parents with fantastic levels of participation and enthusiasm demonstrated by everyone involved. Special thanks to Bec & Stewart Mohr, Darren Gray, Mel Russell, Mark & Andrea Rathjen, Matt Eldridge, Averil Zappia, Anissa Tothill and Amanda Martin for volunteering to supervise the masses. Enormous thanks to Nicky Hart for coordinating the event. This event raised $919 for the school. We plan to make this fundraiser an annual event.

Classroom sign-up sheets will be available until the end of this week for inclusion in the St Peters Lutheran Whole School Directory. We ask you to include all details which you are happy to be shared with the school community. If you are unable to put your details directly on your class sheet, please email them to stpetersonslutheranpandf@gmail.com. Details requested are Child’s name, Child’s Year Level, Child’s class, Parents’ Names, home address and contact phone number.

The first meeting of the St Peters Lutheran Parents & Friends Association will be held on Tuesday 15 March 2016 at 7pm at the School. We are looking for more ordinary committee members to participate and be involved in this dynamic team. Executive positions of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer will be voted for at this meeting. If you are interested in any of the executive positions or want further information about involvement in the association, please contact Narelle Adams on 0408 089 947 or at stpetersonslutheranpandf@gmail.com
Teachable Moments

The first four weeks of this term has flown by! The classes are settled and are well and truly engaged in the first inquiry unit of the year. We are thankful that we have an amazing learning environment here at St Peters that promotes inquiry and student involvement.

We are also extremely thankful that we have such a committed group of parents to work with on the common goal of educating St Peters students as lifelong learners. So much learning happens outside the classroom and the next few newsletter articles are related to how you can use everyday moments with your children to teach them a range of lessons.

One of the most important skills to nurture as a parent is the ability to recognize and capitalize on "teachable moments" in everyday life. A teachable moment can happen almost anywhere - in the supermarket, when picking your child up from school, when walking through a shopping centre or setting the table for dinner.

Chances are that many of the valuable moral lessons that you learned from your parents as a child were not consciously taught at all. They were rather learned in the midst of casual moments of real life, just as our children’s real lessons come from being, living and interacting with us in a hundred different ways we could never predict in advance. (Steven Carr Reube, 1997, Leading Your Children to Ethical Choices in Everyday Life).

Here are six keys to recognizing teachable moments:

1. Recognise that your children often learn lessons unconsciously, in casual moments.
2. Be aware of situations that represent moral choices.
3. Talk with your children about the challenges represented in everyday situations, the media and popular culture.
4. Praise your children for their ethical choices.
5. Point out ethical behavior in others.
6. Let your children see your own thought processes regarding decision making.

Look out for teachable moments this week and use them to continue to develop your children emotionally, spiritually, physically and intellectually!

Bronwyn Wilson
PYP Coordinator

Bushfire Action Plan Drill / SMS Test Message

Today we conducted a drill to practice our Bushfire Action Plan. The drill went well, with staff and students calmly going about the procedures required in the unlikely event that we are impacted by a bushfire somewhere in our vicinity.

As you would be aware, we have a system of notifying parents and caregivers by text message of advice and updates regarding the activation of our Bushfire Action Plan and also to forward urgent and important messages to families at other times, if required.

To test this service, we sent a 'test text' today during the drill (at approximately 10.40am) to ensure this system is operating effectively.

Please notify the front office as soon as possible if your family did not receive a text message or if there were any problems with the communication.
**Purple Bows for Lent**

The colour purple has a significant meaning within the Christian church and is used as a symbol of mourning and penitence during Lent, as well as being the traditional colour for royalty. The worship committee of St Peters has packaged up purple material for making a bow and invite members of the church and school community to use it to decorate outside their home during the season of Lent (a similar idea to the red bows in Blackwood at Christmas time). The packages which include material for one bow, instructions on how to tie it and an Easter tract, will be available for several weeks at a cost of $2 from the front office reception of St Peters school.

We would encourage you to purchase as many as you would like and give to other people if you wish. Our aim is to eventually offer these bow packages to other Christian denominations in Blackwood.

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**Concordia Enrolment Information Night – Thanks**

Thanks to everyone who attended the information night regarding future enrolment at Concordia College. I believe it was a useful session where we all have a little more clarity around options for a Year 7/8 enrolment at Concordia College.

I was most appreciative that Mr Lester Saegenschnitter and Mrs Linda Warner were able to come and speak with us about this. I also greatly appreciated the questions that were asked as it helped to give a little more background into what is quite a complex issue for our two primary schools in the current SA political climate. If you were unable attend and would like some more information on this, please feel free to make a time with me and I would be happy to go through things with you.

The same goes for anyone who wants to follow up with any questions or thoughts around this or Year 7 here at SPLS.

Thanks so much for your interest and support.

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**Uniform News**

**Online Uniform Shop**

Devon Clothing has advised that website maintenance is complete and the online uniform shop is now available. Items ordered online will either be posted to you or they can be picked up at the uniform shop, 84 Daws Road, Edwardstown.

For more information please visit the St Peters Online Uniform Shop at:

**Second Hand Uniform Shop**

The Second Hand Uniform Shop at school, located in the MFP, will next be open tomorrow—Friday 26 February, following Chapel.

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**School Enrolment Policy**

A reminder that our School enrolment policy states: “Where a student is to be withdrawn from the school, parents are required to give the Principal one term’s notice, in writing, before the withdrawal date, otherwise parents will be liable for an additional term’s fees”.

If you would ever like to discuss your child/ren’s future enrolment situation, please contact the Principal.

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**St Peters Playgroup**

Come and play at St Peters Playgroup!

Tea, coffee & activities provided. All preschoolers (any age) & caregivers welcome!!

Please bring shared fruit & gold coin donation

Every Monday, 9am – 11am
During the school term

St Peters Church
See you there!

Evie Stevens - 0422 398 640
**St Peters Out of School Hours Sport News**

PARENTS: Please email sharon.smith@stpeterslutheran.sa.edu.au with ANY OSH Sport questions, news items, etc.

**Term 1 2016**

**OSH Sport Fees**
The following fees have been applied to school accounts:
- **Kanga Cricket** - $10 per player
- **Grade Cricket** - $20 per player
- **Basketball** - $7.50 per player (the fee for use of school supplied basketball tops).
  Please pay promptly.

**Option of a Yearly Payment for the Sport Top Fee**
If you think your child will play Basketball for the entire year, a one off fee of $25 can be paid to the school. If you choose this option, PLEASE ensure that Sharon is notified at the above email address.

**Game Times and Locations**
The **Year 4/5 Basketball** team game schedule was emailed to all parents on Tuesday 23 February.
The **Year 1/2 Basketball** game information can be found at the following link http://www.marion.basketball.net.au/
Please look under fixtures.

**All Cricket** information can be found at the following link http://spsc.sa.cricket.com.au/
Please look under MyCricket

**Summer Netball** game information is on the Unley Sports for All website and/or see your team coach/coordinator.

**Term 2 & 3 2016**

**OSH Sport**
The 2016 Winter Season nomination form is due out soon.
Watch this space for nomination dates.

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**TAKE UP THE CHALLENGE!!**

**2016 Premier’s Reading Challenge**
This is the thirteenth year of the Premier’s Reading Challenge and this year the PRC is challenging all students from Reception to Year 12 to read 12 books by 9 September.
We would like as many students at St Peters to “Take Up The Challenge” in 2016.
All information that families require can be found on the Premier’s Reading Challenge website at www.prc.sa.edu.au
In our school library you will find many books marked with a Reading Challenge sticker—this shows what year level the book is suitable for. Students can read books at a higher year level but not lower. You will also find blank Student Reading Record forms; these can also be downloaded from the website.
Our school contact person for 2016 is Mrs Smith in the library.

**Working Bee**
As you are aware, our first working bee for 2016 will be held on Saturday 5 March.
Families from Rooms 9 and 10 are rostered on for our first working bee and will receive a reply slip soon.
To those who attend on the day—please remember to sign in on the attendance sheet. This is for insurance purposes and also so that your name does not reappear on the working bee roster for another term.
We look forward to your support.

**Chapel Offering**
This term, our free-will offering to God in Chapel will be given to The Epilepsy Centre http://www.epilepsycentre.org.au/ which provides services to support those affected by Epilepsy in South Australia and the Northern Territory.
We also plan to hold a **Purple Day** on the last day of term. The Epilepsy Centre hold their official Purple Day on 20 March and we thought we’d use this to inspire our own casual clothes day on the last day of term—Friday 15 April.

*Thanks for your generosity.*

**Community Worship**
Everyone is warmly invited to attend next Sunday’s Community Worship (10am on Sunday 6 March) where Rooms 1 and B (Mr Eldridge’s and Miss Geue’s classes) will have special involvement.
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Diary Dates Term 1 (for your calendar!)

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St Peters Lutheran Church

Services each Sunday at 10.00am

ALL WELCOME

Coming up…

2/3 Mid week Lent service 7:30pm led by Pastor Roger Atze.
6/3 Community Worship service with sausage sizzle to follow

Any enquiries please contact Pastor Ben:
0402825173 or pfeiffer241@gmail.com

The Lord says through Isaiah, “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts” (Isaiah 55:9)

DON’T FORGET

ANNUAL TWILIGHT TEA TONIGHT

Come and enjoy a relaxed evening hosted by Room 6. It’s a great way to catch up with friends within the school community. Held on the school’s little oval from 6pm.
BYO food (take away etc)/drinks, chairs and/or blanket.
We will have available for purchase on the night:
Sausage in Bread $2
Soft Drink $2
Water $2
Juice Boxes $1.50
Ice Blocks $1

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