Kind Hearts

What is your kindness quotient? When is the last time you did something kind for someone in your family - eg made someone breakfast, cleaned an area that is usually someone else’s responsibility, made your partner a coffee - without being asked? Just because!

Think about your school or workplace. Which person is the most overlooked or avoided? A shy student or one who always seems to be in strife? A grumpy employee? Maybe they just don’t seem fit in. Are you this kind of person?

Kind hearts are quietly kind. They let the car cut into traffic and the young mum with three kids move up in the checkout line. They pick up the neighbor’s rubbish bin that rolled into the streets. They understand that the neediest person they’ll meet all week is the one standing next to them at the coffee pot at work or in the car park at school.

St Paul writes: “So let’s not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don’t give up, or quit. Right now, therefore, every time we get the chance, let us work for the benefit of all…” Gal 6:10a

(Max Lucado - A Love Worth Giving)

Mark Rathjen, Principal

Twilight Tea Thanks

What a great night of community we had last Friday evening for our 2016 Twilight Tea. It was terrific to be able to just sit, eat and chat with one another while the children played and enjoyed themselves nearby.

Many thanks to Nona and Room 6 coordinators and families who organised the event this year.

Community Worship

Everyone is warmly invited to attend Sunday’s Community Worship (at 10am) where Rooms 1 and B (Mr Eldridge’s and Miss Geue’s classes) will have special involvement.

Special points of interest:

- Friday 4/3
  World Day of Prayer
  SAPSASA Swimming

- Saturday 5/3
  Working Bee
  (Rooms 9 & 10)

- Sunday 6/3
  Community Worship
  (Rooms 1 & B)
A beautiful balmy evening greeted St Peters families last Friday night who came along to our annual Twilight tea. Congratulations to Mrs Watkins’ Room 6 families, and especially their Class Support Coordinators, Jane Mellen, Carolyn Dent and Ranae Porter-Westphalen, for organizing and running a wonderful night. Special thanks to Colin Mellen for cooking the BBQ which was enjoyed by everyone.

Want to join the whole school directory? Missed the classroom sign-up sheets? Don’t worry—it’s not too late. Email all details which you are happy to be shared with the school community to stpeterslutheranpandf@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 stpeterslutheranpandf@gmail.com.

School Fees
The new direct debit facility has been delayed due to a bank administrative issue. As a result, school fee instalment payments scheduled for February have not been deducted. The bank is working on the problem as a matter of urgency. We will inform you of the direct debit commencement date as soon as we receive advice from the bank. The first payment run will collect all past dated payments. Please contact the Business Manager if you wish to reschedule your payments. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Parent Helpers for Maths Resource Making
We are looking for some parent helpers to meet next Wednesday 9 March from 2.00-3.00pm to help make some Maths resources for our students to use in the classrooms. If you are available we would love to see you there. We will be meeting in Church Hall.

Sarah Smith
Teachable Moments...

At the supermarket

The supermarket is an excellent place for spontaneous teaching moments. A supermarket is full of opportunities that encourage literacy, numeracy and discussions about health and nutrition.

This is not to say that every single time you are at the supermarket, it is the perfect time to engage with your child about the weight of the bananas or encourage confidence and speaking skills by asking the assistant for 200g of ham at the deli section. Sometimes it is the last thing on your mind and all you really need to do is buy a banana and get them eating it so they WON’T engage and talk about ANYTHING!!!!

But on good days, where all is well and the trip to the supermarket is not stressful, hurried and at the end of a busy day, here are some discussion points that might end up as an unexpected teachable moment.

Numeracy—Money is the obvious aspect of numeracy that can be addressed at the supermarket. How much change will we receive? Is one brand cheaper than another? How much less is the price with the discount of 30%? Comparisons regarding the size of the packet and the amount charged also makes for interesting conversations. Produce can be weighed, compared and estimates can be made. Is this heavier or lighter than 1kg? How many more apples do you think we need to take out to reach 1kg?

Literacy—For young children, talking about the starting letters of words that are all around in the supermarket and introducing or reinforcing sounds. Signs at supermarkets are great for reinforcing literacy skills and allowing children to locate food items in the various aisles.

Nutrition—Use what you are buying to reinforce good nutrition. For example, “Yoghurt has lots of Calcium in it, so it’s good for our bones.”

This is just a start of the endless opportunities to teach children in an authentic and spontaneous manner. There are countless other discussions that can be had! Be creative and have fun seeing what comes out of your discussions!

Bronwyn Wilson
PYP Coordinator

World Day of Prayer

This Friday 4 March is the annual World Day of Prayer. To mark this occasion, St Peters church will be hosting an ecumenical prayer service for the Mitcham Hills area at 10am (following school chapel). Some of our year 7 students will be taking part in the service and you are all warmly invited to attend. The focus country for this year is Cuba and the theme is from Mark 9:37 ‘Anyone who welcomes a child in my name welcomes me.’

Reception and Year 4 Bible Presentation

Next Friday 11 March, all Reception and Year 4 students and any new students to St Peters will receive a special children’s Bible at our morning chapel. These are a gift from our St Peters church community. Everyone is very welcome to join us for chapel and then afterwards for tea or coffee.
Working Bee

Our first working bee for 2016 will be held this Saturday 5 March. Families from Rooms 9 and 10 are rostered on for this working bee. Thank you to all those who have returned their yellow reply slips. There will be a number of general maintenance jobs lined up for this working bee. Useful tools to bring include gardening gloves, wheelbarrows, yard brooms, cobweb brooms, shovels, spades, rakes, pruning shears and secateurs.

To those attending—please remember to sign in on the day, for insurance purposes and so that your name does not reappear on the working bee roster for another term. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sibling Enrolments

A reminder to parents of siblings to please ensure you have completed and submitted to the office an Application for Enrolment form for your child, along with the $50 application fee, even if the ELC or school enrolment relates to future years. This is an important part of our enrolment process for siblings and greatly assists us in our future planning. We want to do the best we can to ensure that there are places for siblings.

Thank you.

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

Special Interest Groups

This year, we are planning to offer a wider range of extra-curricula opportunities for our students. We are, for the remainder of Term 1, offering a selection of sport, art, cultural and academic pursuits. There is also a choice of times; before school, lunchtime and after school. Some of the options are available just for a short time (eg 5 weeks) and others potentially for much longer. These options are being made initially for students in Years 3 to 7 only. Other activities such as the Sporting Schools programme are available for younger students. We will assess how things go this term and review it to see how we can continue to provide interesting and engaging learning activities for our students. A note went home to all Year 3-7 students with a short turn-around RSVP for tomorrow March 4. Parents are welcome to be involved. Please chat to your child’s teacher if you would like further information.

SPLOSHC News

We’ve had a fun start to Term 1 so far. This term, we have had the children’s input with activities, snacks and the way we run SPLOSHC. The children have also come up with their own rules while at SPLOSHC to make it a safe and fun environment. We have them on display in the SPLOSHC room if you would like to see them. Please note, as it is still hat season, it is compulsory for children to wear a hat while outside. This does not have to be a school hat but caps are not acceptable (a broad brimmed hat, legionnaire-style hat, or the school hats are considered appropriate).

Students participating in before or after school activities (sports and special interest groups) are still welcome to attend SPLOSHC—from 7.30am until 8.00am or from 4.00pm onwards if needed, so children do not miss out on these activities.

We are currently in the process of planning our Vacation Care and the program will be out soon. It’s already looking very exciting!

If you have any input or suggestions for SPLOSHC or Vacation care please feel free to let us know!

Tawny & Natalie
St Peters Out of School Hours Sport News

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

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

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 once 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.

Term 2/3 2016
OSH Sport
The 2016 Winter Season Nomination Form is now open. Please use the following link to access this form:
http://goo.gl/forms/JBFc5g1PAU
NOMINATIONS WILL CLOSE NEXT FRIDAY 11 MARCH
as some team nomination dates are fast approaching.

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.

Attached to today’s newsletter is a copy of a newsletter from our Learning Support Team, for your information.
St Peters Lutheran School, where the message of Jesus Christ is communicated and celebrated, is a caring, supportive learning community that encourages global consciousness, responsible action and life-long learning.

Diary Dates Term 1 (for your calendar!)

**Week 5 (Monday 29/2)**  
Fri 4/3     SAPSASA Swimming  
Sat 5/3     Working Bee (Rooms 9 and 10)  
Sun 6/3     Community Worship (Rooms 1 and B)

**Week 6 (Monday 7/3)**
Fri 11/3    Bible Presentation to Reception/Year 4/New Students (at Chapel)

**Week 7 (Monday 14/3)**
Mon 14/3    Public Holiday  
Tue 15/3    P&F Meeting—7pm

**Week 8 (Monday 21/3)**
Thu 24/3    Sports Day  
Fri 25/3    Good Friday

**Week 9 (Monday 28/3)**
Mon 28/3    Easter Monday  
Wed 30/3    Principal’s Tour

**Week 10 (Monday 4/4)**
Wed 6/4     Parent/Teacher Interviews  
Thu 7/4     Parent/Teacher Interviews

**Week 11 (Monday 11/4)**
Fri 15/4    Last Day of Term 1

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**St Peters Lutheran Church**

Services each Sunday at 10.00am

ALL WELCOME

**Coming up…**

4/3     World Day of Prayer service 10am  
5/3     Community working bee  
6/3     Community worship service at 10am with sausage sizzle to follow  
9/3     Mid week Lent service 7:30pm

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

The Father said to his Son, ‘Child, you are always with me and everything that is mine is yours’ (Luke 15:31)

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**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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