Gratitude and Appreciation

As I sat down to look at the newsletter for this week I noted that there were a lot of people to thank for various events around our school this past week. Here are the first five things on my list:

1. **Special Interest Groups** - This week we launched into a whole new set of extra-curricula activities. It was gratifying in the first instance to see how staff graciously and generously gave of their time and talents to make these activities available. Thank you also to parents who responded so quickly with forms and to students who enthusiastically embraced the opportunities.

2. **World Day of Prayer service** - On Friday, St Peters hosted the annual World Day of Prayer service where many people from the wider Blackwood community, including Sam Duluk MP, joined us for worship, prayer and a delicious morning tea. Thanks go to our church community for hosting and including our students, to Miss Geue and the Year 7s for greeting, reading and eating (the morning tea).

3. **Working Bee** - Saturday saw a small but intrepid bunch of school and church folk tidying up our campus. We are so appreciative to those who gave up their Saturday morning to help make this a pleasant and attractive place for us all of us.

4. **Community Worship** - Then to Sunday where Year 6 and 7s led us in worship and reminded us about God's amazing and undeserved love for us through the Parable of The Lost Son. Thank you Ps Ben, Mr Eldridge, Miss Geue, Year 6s and 7s and families for organising and taking part.

5. **Sneaky art work** - How nice to see all sorts of art work popping up around the school. Thank you Ms Clayton and other teachers and of course kids for helping to brighten up our school.

I could go on…. Thank you to everyone for the things you do small and large that helps our community to hum along each day.

And more importantly thanks to God for his goodness and the way he provides for our needs in our lives and in our school.

*Let us give thanks to the Lord for he is good and his mercy endures forever.* Ps 107:1

Mark Rathjen, Principal
Parents and Friends

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

A special food day lunch is being offered for Sports Day for 2016. Order forms are coming home with students today and a copy is attached to this newsletter. Please return orders with the correct money via your child’s class communication box. Parents are also welcome to order lunch and join us on the day. Although money may be combined with multiple orders in the one envelope, please ensure you use a separate order form for each child. Orders are due on Friday 18 March 2016.

Alternate Summer Uniform for our Girls

The School Uniform Committee has decided to provide an alternate summer uniform for our girls. To allow girls to more comfortably and modestly play at school, girls may now have the choice of wearing navy ‘skorts’ with the boys’ summer shirt.

For some background, in November last year, two students Mary Forbes and Lily Whitcombe (on behalf of their class after class meetings) made a submission to the Principal to allow girls to wear the boys’ summer uniform instead of the dress. Their reasoning was that for girls, who want to be active, a more comfortable and practical uniform could be provided. Initially they were simply asking to wear what the boys do, but the Uniform Committee, in consultation with the students, looked into finding something that fitted their requests but was still slightly different to the boys’ uniform.

Our uniform suppliers Devon Clothing have the skorts in stock and they can be purchased immediately (cost $30) and be worn to school as soon as next Monday. The shirts are also available at Devon (cost $55) but some second-hand ones may be available from the school as well (next open Friday 18 March).

NB This year, as part of the school’s strategic plan, a full review of our school uniform will take place. One possible scenario may see the skorts excluded but one could assume that that would not be the case until a period of transition would occur, so at least 3-4 terms of wear would be likely at the very least.

Well done Mary and Lily on taking action and working with the Principal and the Uniform Committee to bring about this change.
The chance to revise, consolidate and extend concepts learnt at school is a great use of teachable moments at home. Through class newsletters, being in the classroom or talking to your child’s teacher, you can be aware of what is being taught in the classroom.

Take any opportunity to develop these ideas with your children at home! For example, Patterning in Maths is being taught in many classes to begin the year. There are many ways to teach pattern at home!

**PLAY THE NOTICING GAME**
When you are driving, walking, talking or sitting together…
- Choose an object and ask, “What are all the things we can notice about it?”
- Choose an attribute and notice it. For example, “Let’s notice all the things that are green OR fluffy or warm or …”

**SORT EVERYTHING!**
What do you have to “sort” at home that is a job for you, but could be a learning opportunity for your children?
- The washing as it goes in the machine, and the washing as it comes off the line.
- The shopping when you get home.
- Items in your shed, garden, cupboards.

**PATTERN WITH EVERYTHING!**
You could pattern with money, pattern with the pegs on the washing line, pattern with the socks in the drawer, fruit on the plate….anywhere and everywhere!

(Primary Maths Association session on Patterning)

See this week’s ‘Inside Story’ for a more in-depth analysis of patterning and its importance within the curriculum.

Enjoy the teachable moments you have with your child!

**Learning Support Sessions—Week 7**

Please note—our Learning Support Coordinator, Sarah Smith, will be attending professional development sessions next week and therefore there will be no learning support sessions for students who generally work with Sarah.

**Reception and Year 4 Bible Presentation**
A reminder that tomorrow, 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.
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.

All information that families require, including Student Reading Record Forms, 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 (but not limited to). The idea of the challenge is not only to encourage students to read, but to enjoy the experience.

St Peters Sporting Super Stars

Cricket
All Cricket games were cancelled due to hot weather.

Netball Year 6
Game cancelled due to heat.

Netball Year 4
We did much better this week. The score was 2-15. We have been working on spreading out and calling to each other which I think we did a good job of this week. We have also improved on not holding the ball for too long. Tara did a great job because she hurt herself but she came back on and kept on playing. I was playing GA and I think I am getting better at running around and helping to get our ball closer to the goal. Everyone played well.
Olivia

Netball Year 2/3
We played at Cabra and we won 2-0. It was against St Johns. Lucy shot the first goal and she played really well. Everyone did a great job.
Addison

Year 4 Basketball
We were really close we lost by one point 15-16. Most people got a shot at the goal. Campbell got a lot of goals in. Everyone did a really good job.
Emilie

Year 1/2 Basketball
We won 16-0. Everyone played really well. We are working on passing the ball and dribbling the ball down the court. We did some good shooting.
Jett

SAPSASA Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to our swimmers who represented the school on Friday night at the swimming carnival. Trinity and Maddy raced hard and did us proud. Jake finished 2nd in his heat and 4th overall in the 50m freestyle. We are currently waiting to see if he has gained a spot in the relay team for the State Carnival day.
Well done to all our swimmers.
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
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/JBFc5gIPAU

NOMINATIONS CLOSE
TOMORROW FRIDAY 11 MARCH
as some association nomination dates are fast approaching.

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.

Come and Watch our A Grade Cricket Team Play at Home
This Saturday morning, our A Grade cricket team is playing its last home game for the season—on Blackwood Oval at 8.30am.
They would all appreciate your support.

St Peters Easter Services 2016

Please join us over the Easter period as we reflect on the death of Christ and celebrate His resurrection.

Maundy Thursday 24th March 7:30pm
A reflective candlelit service including readings, music, Holy Communion and the stripping of the altar.

Good Friday 25th March 9am
We meditate on the events preceding Jesus death through the Stations of the Cross. Please bring some hot cross buns to share.

Easter Sunday 27th March
Dawn Service with Holy Communion 6:30am
We meet in the school amphitheatre, warmed by fires and ready to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Please bring a torch and maybe a rug to sit on for the service. After the service everyone is invited to an informal cooked breakfast. Breakfast will begin at approximately 7:30am.

Service with Holy Communion 10am
We will be decorating the cross with flowers and blooms to celebrate the resurrection of Christ. Please bring a flower for the morning and, if you have a garden full, bring some to share. The service will be followed by hot cross buns, tea and coffee.

We look forward to seeing you over this special season.

Cooper K in Room B is supporting the Leukaemia Foundation by taking part in the World’s Greatest Shave and colouring his hair!

To support this worthwhile cause, you can visit Cooper’s fundraising page at http://worldsgreatestshave.com/ Select ‘Sponsor’ and search for Cooper Kilderry.
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 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 ALWS Day Years 4-7
  - P&F Meeting—7pm
- Wed 16/3 Valuing Safe Communities Workshops—9am and 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)**
- Wed 13/4 Year 4/5 Camp
  - Fri 15/4
- Fri 15/4 Last Day of Term 1

These dates are subject to change so please make sure you check them each week.

St Peters Lutheran Church
Services each Sunday at 10.00am

**ALL WELCOME**

**Coming up...**
- 12/3 Pfeiffer-Puckridge Wedding 1:30pm
- 16/3 Mid week Lent service 7:30pm
- 20/3 Palm Sunday service 10am

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

Paul writes, ‘Whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord’ (Phil 3:7-8)

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