



God in all things

Principal: Mr Mark Rathjen

From the Principal

Purple Ribbons, Easter and Keith Green

The purple ribbons are out! Must mean the season of Lent has arrived. That's one thing.

On Saturday night, I had the pleasure of going to a fringe concert. That's another thing.

The concert featured none other than two of our St Peters parents Geoff and Heidi Rangai (they were awesome by the way). For nearly 3 hours they played about 20 Keith Green songs. Keith Green was a Christian musician that I first heard in my Uni years back in the eighties. Keith Green burned bright as a passionate evangelistic singer before tragically dying in a plane crash at the age of just 28.

The reason I mention Keith Green and Lent together is that I often listen to his songs during the Lent season. Many of his songs invoke compelling and reflective lyrics that remind me that I am deeply loved by God, a God who gave up his son Jesus to save me now and for all eternity – try 'Your Love Broke Through' and 'There is a Redeemer' for starters. My absolute favourite Keith Green song though is 'The Easter Song'. A joyful exuberant song that celebrates the resurrection of Jesus and my place in it.

This Lent, may you discover once again the awesome love God has for you, that you reflect on your need for a Saviour, give thanks for Jesus' incredible sacrifice of dying for you and celebrate in the immeasurable joy of knowing death is defeated and life awaits you both now and eternally.

Mark Rathjen, Principal



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Special points of interest:

- **Tonight 2/3**
Kidz Biz Family Evening
6.40pm—RE to Yr 4
7.40pm—Yr 5-7
School Council Meeting—7pm
- **Wednesday 8/3**
Parents & Friends Meeting—7pm
- **Monday 13/3**
Public Holiday
- **Tue 14/3—Thu 16/3**
Year 6/7 Camp
- **Wed 15/3—Fri 17/3**
Year 4/5 Camp

Principal's LSL

At the end of this week, I begin a time of Long Service Leave. I know that I leave a cohesive and committed staff, student and parent community who will work well together and support Bronwyn as Acting Principal, the Leadership Team (Rebecca, Diana and Karen) and all the staff while I am away. I look forward to seeing everyone in Week 4 of Term 2.

Mark Rathjen

Twilight Tea

What a lovely night we had last Friday for our annual Twilight Tea. Despite the slightly cool conditions, we enjoyed very warm food and fellowship.

Thanks to our Room 7 parents for coordinating the event, wonderfully organised by Tania Sodomka, Evie Stevens and Alex Speed.

I would also like to thank Geoff Rangai and his brilliant band for providing the perfect music accompaniment for our event.

Special Interest Groups

Our Special Interest Groups are up and running for another year. All students were able to get into their first preference and most their second.

Look out for additional groups being offered later in the year.

Illnesses

A reminder to all families – **please do not send your children to school if they are sick.** There are a number of coughs/colds/tummy bugs going around in our community at the moment. As we all know, children have an amazing capacity to pass on their unwanted bugs to others. In the interests of keeping our community as healthy as possible, please do not send your children back to school until they are well again. If your child has vomited, we ask that you wait at least 24 hours before returning to school. We really appreciate your support with this.



Working Bee

As you may be aware, a Working Bee had previously been scheduled for this Saturday 4 March for our Year 2/3 families. This working bee has been postponed until a later date in March. Families in Rooms 7 and 8 will receive communication and a reply slip regarding the rescheduled Working Bee in the near future.



St Peters Lutheran School will be hosting a
Growth & Development Family Evening
TONIGHT
Thursday 2 March 2017
at St Peters Lutheran School

The sessions are conducted by **Kidz Biz Education** and are designed to be fun, informative and easy to understand. These highly interactive sessions will provide students and their parents/care providers with an introduction to basic personal and social development education; traditionally known as the 'facts of life'.

There will be two sessions run during the evening. The duration of each session will be approximately 50 minutes.

Session 1: 'Where Did We Come From'
(suitable for Reception to Year 4 students)
Commencing at 6.40pm and concluding at 7.30pm

Session 2: 'What's Happening To Us'
(suitable for Year 5 to 7 students)
Commencing at 7.40pm and concluding at 8.30pm

The presentation is extremely sensitive and professional, using caricatures and cartoons to explain the information. **This is a non-compulsory event.**

Detailed information regarding the content is available via our Skoolbag app.



Primary Years Programme (PYP)



Change is a basic part of our reality. As humans our bodies are in a constant state of change, our minds are always evolving, and our attitudes towards life are changing every minute by what we are experiencing from everything around us. The world is changing. Knowledge is changing. Technology is changing.

Our children are growing up in a world in which the pace of change, both local and global, is accelerating. As educators and parents therefore, it is our responsibility to help the children learn about change. To understand that change is the process of movement from one state; that it is universal and inevitable. Once the children understand the concept of change, they are then not only able deal with change, but also be agents of change for the betterment of our society.

The Year 6/7's are inquiring into change in their Who we are Unit of Inquiry this term. Amongst other learning intentions, we wanted them to know about how their brains change in adolescence. We wanted them to understand how they change and to be able to explain the behaviour that is associated with the change. As part of their summative assessment, they are constructing a Survival Kit that summarises all the learning from the unit and are required to show their understanding of the concept of change.

It is through the questions we ask at the right time that children come to an understanding of the world we live in. Likewise, through the use of good questions, children will come to understand the concept of change.

*The following questions may be helpful for you as parents when reinforcing the concept of **CHANGE** at home.*

- How do we change as we get older?*
- Why do people's names change when they get married?*
- Why do clothes go in and out of fashion?*
- How has your knowledge about ...changed because of this data?*
- How does a number change when you add one?*
- How is technology changing?*
- How are iPads changing the way we learn?*
- What changes have occurred?*

Bronwyn Wilson, PYP Coordinator

NAPLAN

Term 2 week 2 is when our Year 3, 5 and 7's will take part in the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing. The tests will take place on Tuesday 9, Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 May 2017. A student with a significant intellectual disability, or other significant co-existing condition may be exempted from NAPLAN tests when requested by parents. Parents/caregivers may also wish to withdraw their child from the NAPLAN tests for philosophical or personal reasons. If you wish your child to be exempted or withdrawn, formal notification is required, using a pro-forma which is available from the school. Please see Sarah Smith or Bronwyn Wilson for a withdrawal notice. All student exemptions and withdrawals must be finalised by Friday 5 May 2017. Further information about the testing can be found at www.naplan.edu.au.

IB Learners strive to be

Inquirers

Knowledgeable

Thinkers

Communicators

Principled

Open-minded

Caring

Risk-takers

Balanced

Reflective

IB Learner Profile



Parents and Friends



The first meeting for 2017 of the St Peters Lutheran Parents and Friends Association will be on **Wednesday 8 March at 7pm** in the school staff room.

ALL WELCOME!



Hi everyone, my name is Heather Stevens, mum to Zac S in Year 1, and I have volunteered to be the convenor of this year's StPetersfest, the school's biannual fete and major fundraiser.

I am looking for a team of awesome people to help organise the fete, including:

- * treasurer
- * marketing/promotions
- * entertainment
- * school stalls
- * sponsorship/donations
- * volunteers

There will also be smaller roles running stalls and games, as convenors or volunteers on the day. Each class will be asked to be responsible for a stall or game. The committee will be contacting previous stall convenors to ask if they would like to run the same stalls this year. Please feel free to make suggestions for stalls/games or other activities you would like to see this year.

If you are willing to volunteer for the organising committee, please contact me asap on 0450 398 729, by email at h_m_d@internode.on.net or catch me in the Year 1 classroom (Room 9) before/after school.

We will need the support of the whole school to make this event a success, so please start thinking now about how you can be involved.

Thank you in advance for your support.



Thanks to all students, student alumni and parents for supporting our 'Beachouse lock-in' on Thursday 16 February. Special thanks to all our parent 'supervisors' **Mark Rathjen, Monique Gray, Mel Russell, Matt Eldridge, Amanda Martin, Sam Fletcher, Glenn Dixon, Luran Clayton, Sarah McNicol, Mel Zybek, Sam Kahl-Smith and Dan Edwards** as well as **Nicky Hart** for coordinating the night. This event raised around \$800 for the school.

Congratulations

...to Christie, Adam, Anniah (Room 10) and Elliora, on the safe arrival on 19 February of their son and little brother, **Caleb.**



Have you displayed your St Peters **car sticker** yet?

Remember to post a photo of it (with you or your children) on the school's Facebook page.

Stickers available from the school office.

Out of School Hours Sport

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

Term 2/3 2017 OSH Sport Nominations

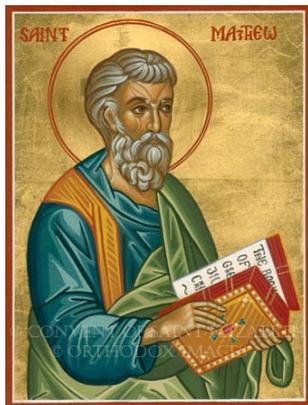
The nominations for Terms 2 and 3 will be opening soon as some associations have set a mid-March deadline for nomination this year.

Please keep a lookout, next week, for the Skoolbag notification which will let you know that the online form is open.

St Peters Lenten Study 2017

THE FIRST GOSPEL

A six week study series on the life of Jesus as recorded in the book of Matthew



Come along on Wednesday nights in Lent beginning March 8th at 7:30pm as we

- Delve into Matthew's Gospel
- Grow in our Christian faith
- Enjoy getting to know others
- Take part in round table conversations
- Continue learning at home with a Matthew reading-plan

Tea and coffee provided and activities for kids.

Contact Pastor Ben (pfeiffer241@gmail.com) with questions or to express your interest.

Health Care Documentation

To ensure student safety in the provision of care for any medical issues, we follow the Department of Education and Child Development's criteria which also supports registration requirements for Out of Hours School Care and the Early Learning Centre.

It is a requirement that any medication orders, asthma plans, anaphylaxis action care plans and other forms pertaining to student's medical conditions are updated annually.

At the end of last year, students whose forms were out of date were re-issued and sent home to have prepared in readiness for the 2017 school year.

Could those families who received the forms listed above please have them completed urgently and returned to school.

Thank you to those families who have returned the forms.

Thanking you in anticipation
Mary-Ann Mickan

Safety Management Representative

St Peters Easter Services 2017

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

Maundy Thursday 13th April 7:30pm

A reflective candlelit service including readings, music, Holy Communion and the stripping of the altar.

Good Friday 14th April 9am

We meditate on the events preceding Jesus death through the Stations of the Cross. This is designed as a walk through the school and church grounds.

Leaving church silently and remaining until you are in your cars will be encouraged after this service.

Easter Sunday 16th April

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. Please bring some Hot Cross buns to share after the service with tea and coffee.

We look forward to seeing you over this special season.

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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.

St Peters Lutheran Church

Services each Sunday at 10.00am



ALL WELCOME

Coming up...

- 5/3 Generations in Faith Together night. Shared tea at 5pm and discussion based around Lent.
8/3 Lent Study on Matthew's Gospel 7:30pm

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

Jesus says, "Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that proceeds from the mouth of God"
(Matt 4:7)

Diary Dates Term 1 (for your calendar!)

Week 5 (Monday 27/2)

Thu 2/3 Kidz Biz Family Evening
School Council Meeting—7pm

Week 6 (Monday 6/3)

Wed 8/3 Parents & Friends Meeting—7pm

Week 7 (Monday 13/3)

Mon 13/3 Public Holiday
Tue 14/3 Year 6/7 Camp (to Thu 16/3)
Wed 15/3 Year 4/5 Camp (to Fri 17/3)
Thu 16/3 New Families Dinner

Week 8 (Monday 20/3)

Fri 24/3 Sports Day

Week 9 (Monday 27/3)

Wed 29/3 Principal's Tour

Week 10 (Monday 3/4)

Wed 5/4 Parent/Teacher Interviews
Thu 6/4 Parent/Teacher Interviews
Sun 9/4 Community Worship (Year 6/7)

Week 11 (Monday 10/4)

Wed 12/4 Last Day of Term 1
Thu 13/4 Staff PD
Friday 14/4 Good Friday

St Peters Lutheran Church will again be offering Entertainment Books for purchase. The 2017/18 Entertainment Books will be available the first week of April.

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

Walking Home

A reminder that if your child/ren are going to walk home from school this year, we ask that you please discuss the responsibilities associated with walking home with them and complete a walking home agreement (as attached to the Week 1 newsletter). This not only helps to educate your child about appropriate behaviour when walking without an adult, but also gives the school a list of walkers to help us track the students at pick up time. Walking home agreements should be handed in to the Front Office as soon as possible.

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. Once again in 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. 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 Church hall of St Peters. We would encourage you to purchase as many as you would like and give to other people if you wish.