From the Principal

Lenten Devotions "The Way of the Cross"

Next Wednesday (Ash Wednesday) is the beginning of Lent (the 40 days of preparation before the Easter). During Lent we will be using some of our class morning devotions to follow "The Way of the Cross". Each class will set up an area somewhere on our campus where we can reflect on the various things that happened to Jesus during that awful but amazing few days. On Friday each week at Chapel Ps Ben will also focus on that part of the story with the whole school. I have attached the readings (and when your child's class is more specifically involved) that we will be using during the next 8 weeks and I would encourage you to read the stories with your own children each week and open up a discussion with them about the great love that Jesus has for each one of us.

The Way of the Cross

Week 3 (Feb 11 -15) Year 7

Week 4 (Feb 18 -22) Year R/1
Jesus is betrayed by Judas (Luke 22:47-53)

Week 5 (Feb 25 - Mch 1) Reception
Jesus is denied by Peter (Luke 22:54-63)

Week 6 (Mch 4 - 8) Year 4/5
Jesus is judged by Pilate (Luke 23:1-4,18-25)

Week 7 (Mch 11 -15) Year 2/3
Jesus prays for forgiveness (Luke 23:32-38)

Week 8 (Mch 18 -22) Year 3/4
Jesus promises paradise (Luke 23:39-43)

Week 9 (Mch 25 - 29) Year 1/2
Jesus dies and is buried (Luke 23:44-53)

Week 10 (April 1-5) Year 5/6
Jesus rises from the dead (Luke 24:1-11)

Mark Rathjen, Principal

Special points of interest:

- Friday 8/2
  Second Hand
  Uniform Shop
  Open—after Chapel

- Sunday 10/2
  School Staff
  Installation/Commissioning
  Service—10am
  All welcome
Parents and Friends

Twilight Tea
Further to our reminder in last week’s newsletter regarding the Twilight Tea being held from 5pm on Friday 15 February, please note—this year the event will be held here at school on the Little Oval. It will kick off at about 5.00pm. This is great night to catch up with other families and most importantly meet new ones. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Please bring:
Chairs and blankets
BYO drink if you’d prefer something different as to what is on sale

Menu for the night:
Sausage / bread $2.50
Sausage / roll $3.00
Choice of Salad $1.00/serve
Cool drinks available:
Cans - $2.00
Water - $2.00
Juice box - $1.50

Orientation Evening
Thank you to all parents who attended the Orientation Evening on Tuesday. This is an important event at the beginning of the year, as we re-establish routines and aim to set up our students for success. The parent/teacher partnership is a crucial component of this when there is clear communication between home and school. For those who were unable to attend, all teachers have handouts that you can collect from them at anytime. I would like to thank all teaching staff and particularly Miss Wilson and Mr Smith for sharing their expertise with us.

Year 7 Camp
Our Year 7s began the year in quite a unique way by enjoying a camp at Victor Harbor on the first three days of term. Our students joined with students from St Johns Lutheran School, Highgate to swim, surf, fish, boat, water slide, penguin and eat. Our students were brilliantly behaved and learned so much about the Victor environment and themselves. A massive thank you to those who prepared for and attended the camp; Rebecca Geue, Penny Rawinski, Sarah Smith, Ps Ben, Angela Graetz and Shaun Ledson. Congrats and well done Year 7s.

Installation Service
This Sunday here at St Peters (at 10am) we will install our new School Staff and new School Council members. We also commission and bless the whole staff and Council for the year ahead. This is a special day as we publicly acknowledge those who serve the school in these unique ways. All are welcome to come along and support our school and church community on Sunday. A sausage sizzle lunch will be served after the service.

New staff to be installed:
Michelle Holmes, Anne Dangerfield, Lee-Anne Munro and Alice Carter
New Council members to be installed:
Shaun Ledson and Jakobi Modra

Uniforms
Second Hand Uniform Shop
The Second Hand Uniform Shop (which is located in the MFP, under the verandah) will be open again this Friday 8 February immediately after Chapel. Enquiries regarding uniforms, at any time, may be directed to:
Ali Harper (0407 189 226)
Natasha Caruso (0412 252 947)
Melissa Sharrad (0417 747 926)

The Second Hand Uniform Shop is specifically seeking supplies of girls’ summer dresses and small size (Size 6, 8, 10) school jumpers. If you have any of these (or any other current style) uniform items that your child has outgrown, please consider consigning or donating them to the second hand uniform shop.

School Fees
A reminder that Term 1 School Fees are now overdue.

Family Database
At the end of last year, each school family received a print-out of their family database which includes important information required by the school for each student. If you have not already returned your database (signed and amended as appropriate), please do so ASAP. If you are unable to locate your database form, please contact the school office for another copy.
Primary Years Programme (PYP)

Concepts

“What will we learn?” is a question that is commonly asked in schools by students, parents and teachers alike. Schools are in the business of educating children and have a responsibility to address this question. With the implementation of the Australian Curriculum, schools are again looking at what the children are learning to meet the needs of this National Curriculum. As an IB school, we are using the Australian Curriculum to guide our teaching and learning, but also have the IB framework to impart.

There are 5 essential elements of the IB Primary Years Program, IB PYP. These are: concepts, knowledge, skills, attitudes, and action. These essential elements help us to answer the question, “What will we learn in an IB school?”

Concepts are the big ideas that intersect all the subject areas and allow students to make connections. These are the primary concepts we focus on in the IB PYP:

Every year, each child at St Peters learns about the 8 concepts, regardless of the class groupings. The Unit of Inquiry in which these concepts are taught may vary, depending on the class structures, but the learning will remain the same and is consistent throughout the school.

Over the next 8 weeks, I will focus on each concept giving practical tips about how to help children develop these conceptual understandings at home.

Bronwyn Wilson
PYP Coordinator

Prayer Team

In Week 2, St Peters’ Prayer Team has been praying for the following students and their families:

- Chelsea (Room 10) & Keira (Room 8) Adams
- Elliot Brown (Room 10)
- Darcy (Room 9) & Charlie (ELC) Hill
- Sarah (Room 9) & Levi (ELC) Weymouth

St Peters’ Prayer Team: James Ziersch and Pastor Ben Pfeiffer

In Week 3, we will be praying for the following students and their families:

- Joshua Liddicoat (Room 10)
- Campbell (Room 9) & Flynn (Room 8) McCue
- Ohmeah (Room 9) & Argon (ELC) Palmer
- Eden (Room 10) & Savannah (ELC) Russell
- Jessie Shiell (Room 9)
St Peters Bushfire Management Plan

On Tuesday night at the Orientation Evening, Chris Smith gave a brief overview of the School’s Bushfire policy and procedure. The full policy is available on request, however I have included here a brief synopsis of the four phases of the Bushfire Action Plan (BAP). There are many ‘behind the scenes’ actions that I have omitted but I trust this gives enough information to show the action we take to ensure the well being of the children in our care.

If a Catastrophic Day is advised, the school will SMS all parents the day prior to inform that the school is closed for that day. (This includes ELC, SPLOSHC and Vacation Care)

Phase 1 of Bushfire Action Plan (BAP)
If the school is advised that we have a Severe or Extreme Fire day. This is a preparation phase and the school day runs as normal.

- Total fire ban signs are placed around the school to signify we have instigated the Bushfire Action Plan (BAP). NO SMS message sent.
- Nominated staff monitor ABC radio for CFS information and warnings.
- The Safe Refuge Kit is made ready and accessible (inc parent contact nos, VHF radio, school registers, mobile phone charger, etc).
- Any excursions cancelled to areas where fires are reported.

Phase 2 of Bushfire Action Plan (BAP)
If the school is advised that there is a fire in the area. As for Phase One with these additional actions:

- Parents informed by SMS. Parents asked NOT to contact the school.
- Rooms 7, 8 & B move to the designated Safe Refuge (Resource Centre) with their water bottles and backpacks. Any visitors to the Church, hall or meeting rooms will also move to Safe Refuge in the Resource Centre.
- Open and prepare safe refuge kit.
- Students medication and Health Care Plans, first aid kits to Safe Refuge.
- Monitor ABC radio, advise Lutheran Schools Association and liaise with CFS.
- School's emergency response team meet.
- Cancel on site and off site outdoor activities.
- Windows shut and sealed.
- Toilets near Big Room only to be used.
- Normal pick procedures unless notified.

Phase 3 of Bushfire Action Plan (BAP)
If Fire impacting on site. Assume all BAP Phase Two implemented.

- Parents advised and updated via SMS. Parents NOT to call school or collect students.
- All students in safe refuge (Resource Centre).
- Turn on pump/sprinkler system.
- Advise LSA office and liaise with CFS.

Phase 4 of Bushfire Action Plan (BAP)
Recovery after Fire has passed:

- SMS to parents to update and advise. Parents asked NOT to call school or collect students.
- Students in care in the safe refuge with activities for extended period if required.
- Ensure no one leaves the safe refuge until situation assessed to be safe or advised by emergency services.
- All staff remain on duty until all students collected.
- Advise LSA office and liaise with CFS.
- Seek support from counsellors if required.
Critical Incident Drill

As part of our safety management programme, a critical incident drill is practiced once a term to familiarise staff and students with routine procedures for fire, bushfire and invacuation. If you wish to familiarise yourself with St Peters’ Critical Incident Plans you can obtain copies from the Front Office.

Bushfire invacuations are practiced in terms 1, 3 & 4. Our first practice is to be held on Wednesday 13 February.

As part of our Bushfire Management Plan, we have a system of notifying parents and caregivers by text message of impending school closure due to catastrophic fire day conditions. This texting system is also used to forward urgent and important messages to families if required.

To test this service we are sending a ‘test text’ next Wednesday (13 February) to alert the school community of our Bushfire invacuation drill. Please notify the front office after Wednesday if your family does not receive the text message or if there are any problems with the communication.

OSH Sport News

Cricket—Term 1 2013

SENIOR KANGA and B GRADE

Games start this Saturday

Please make sure you check the website below as all game information will be communicated this way.

http://spsc.sa.cricket.com.au is your home for all cricket information. Fixtures will not be printed and sent home as SACA has asked that parents regularly check the site; fixtures can change throughout the year.

The B Grade team are looking for a 2 or 3 extra players. If there are any interested players please see Mrs Rawinski or Mrs Smith in the library.

Basketball Tops

To all BASKETBALL players, tops will be allocated to individual players before your first game. Please remember you are responsible for this top and they need to be returned at the end of the year or term if you only play in terms 1 and 4 each year.

Parents please note that the “use of” fee of $6 per term is now payable. If your child is playing for the year a discounted price of $20 is due by Week 6 Term 1 2013.

After this date all players will need to pay $6 per term regardless of whether they play one term of basketball or four.

OSH Sport News

Term 1 OSH Sport Teams

They following teams have been nominated for Term 1:

• Senior Kanga Cricket
• B Grade Cricket – coach required
• Year 5 Basketball
• Year 6 Basketball – coach required
• Year 5/6/7 Girls Basketball – coach required
• Year 7 Boys Basketball – coach required

(coach required – please see notice below)

The following teams are continuing from Term 4 2012:

• 2/3 Summer Netball
• 6/7 Summer Netball
• Year 4-7 Volleyball

Coach and/or Coordinators Required

for B Grade Cricket, Year 5, 6, 7 Boys and 5/6/7 Girls Basketball

Some participation letters had a request for coach and/or coordinators letter attached. Please return these to school by Friday 8 February. If parents are not willing to take on this important role then teams may need to be withdrawn.

OSH Sport Participation Letters

Participation letters were sent home on Wednesday. Attached to these letters you will find a consent/medical form and code of behaviour information sheet. Please ensure the consent form is handed to your coach/coordinator by 15 February.

MEDICAL CONSENT FORMS

PLEASE DO NOT SEND THEM TO SCHOOL

All medical forms need to be given directly to your team’s coach or coordinator. The information on these forms needs to be available to them in case of an emergency while your child is participating in their Out of School Hours Sport activity.

Cost of OSH Sport in the 2012/13 Summer Season

The fees for each sport have been communicated in a letter sent home to all participants. Please pay fees directly to the association, the front office; via the classroom communication box; as communicated in the sports participation letters.

If paying via the communication box please place all monies in an envelope clearly marked with your child’s name and the sport/s they are participating in. The front office staff needs this information to pass on to the OSH Sport coordinator. This then eliminates unnecessary fee reminder notices going home.
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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.

Diary Dates Term 1
(for your calendar!)

Week 2 (Monday 4/2)
Fri 8/2  Second Hand Uniform Shop Open—after Chapel
Sun 10/2  School Staff Installation/Commissioning Service 10am—All welcome

Week 3 (Monday 11/2)
Fri 15/2  Twilight Tea—5pm

Week 4 (Monday 18/2)
Tue 19/2  Principal’s Tour
Sat 23/2  Working Bee (Rooms 1 & 2)

Week 5 (Monday 25/2)

Week 6 (Monday 4/3)
Tue 5/3  Playgroup

Week 7 (Tuesday 12/3)
Mon 11/3  Adelaide Cup Public Holiday

Week 8 (Monday 18/3)
Tue 19/3  Principal’s Tour
Sun 24/3  Family Service (Rooms 9 & 10)

Week 9 (Monday 25/3)
Wed 27/3  Sports Day
Fri 29/3  Good Friday

Week 10 (Monday 1/4)
Mon 1/4  Easter Monday
Tue 2/4  Playgroup

Week 11 (Monday 8/4)
Tue 9/4  Parent/Teacher Interviews
Wed 10/4  Parent/Teacher Interviews
Thu 11/4  Last Day of term

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

Television

St Peters Lutheran School has a television to give-away to anyone who would like it. It is in good working order and is located in the Staff Room if you would like to have a look.