From the Principal

L L t L L
(Living Loved to Live Loving)

Before the students returned to school the staff spent some time at Nunyara Conference Centre on a spiritual retreat with Ps Peter Steicke. It was great time for the entire staff to come together to reflect and prepare for the year ahead. This year our theme was Living Loved to Live Loving.

It is perhaps worth pausing and not reading anymore for a moment as you contemplate what this little phrase might actually be saying. Personally I have found it a bit of a tongue twister and hard to remember which word goes where but I have been learning from it….Ok, you can start reading again.

In my notes one day I noticed that I had abbreviated the theme to L L t L L. It caught my eye as I noticed between all the L’s was a cross (yes I know it is actually a ‘t’, but just work with me…). It kind of encapsulated the understanding that I had gained from the retreat and my musings on it since. The cross is at the centre! Jesus and all he did for me are in the middle of a life that is loved and can love in turn.

We had talked a great deal at the retreat about where in life we find our identity, security and destiny. For many, these things are often bound up in our relationships, our jobs, health, finances, family, possessions etc. If we are to put all our “Who we are” into those baskets we will invariably come up short and disappointment, depression and despair will undoubtedly follow.

Instead if we seek to see “WHOSE we are in Christ” (ie with the cross in the middle), we realise that we are loved, forgiven, complete, anointed, chosen and can’t be separated from His love. Knowing and believing that we are loved in this amazing way leads to being secure and free to love others no matter what life throws at us.

If we live sure and secure in Christ’s love then love will surely flow freely in our own lives.

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!!

Let us love one another, for love comes from God...This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 1 John 4:7, 10

Mark Rathjen, Principal

STOP PRESS!
Congratulations to Claire England (Rec/Yr 1 Teacher) and John Derrington on the announcement of their engagement today!
Parents and Friends

Twilight Tea

Our Twilight Tea will be held tomorrow night from 5pm (Friday 15 February) 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

School Council Elections

On Tuesday, the School Council elected Mr Darren Gray as its Chairperson for 2013. Mrs Felicity Evans was elected as the vice-chair. On behalf of the whole St Peters community, we congratulate Darren and Felicity and we thank God for their willingness to serve and the gifts and talents they will bring to these positions of leadership in our school.

Just prior to the council meeting, staff and council met together to share some delicious pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. This was a good night for staff and council to meet and greet and encourage each other for the year ahead.

Staff News

Mrs Jackie Grear has unfortunately decided she needs to take another extended sick leave break. She has commenced further treatment and will be unable to work for at least the next three months. Mrs Nona Gregory has kindly agreed to step into the breach and work at the reception desk for two days a week (Monday and Tuesdays) this term. Please pray for Jackie during this difficult time for her.

Critical Incident Drill

In last week’s newsletter, we advised that a bushfire invacuation drill would be held on Wednesday this week. Please note—this drill did not go ahead yesterday as planned and will be rescheduled to another day soon.

We did, however, test our SMS system, sending a message to each of our school and ELC families and staff members. If your family did not receive a text message from us yesterday, or if there were any problems with the communication, please notify the front office.

Thank you.

Installation Sunday

A special day was celebrated last Sunday as we installed new staff and council members and re commissioned the entire staff and council teams. It was also wonderful to be present for Ps Ben’s formal transition from graduate to ‘regular’ (permanent) pastor. Thanks to the Year 7 students who helped with readings and prayers - Chanel, Gemma, Lani and Rhiannon.

Principal’s Tour

Our first Principal’s Tour for 2013 will be held next Tuesday 19 February, from 9am to 11am. If you know of anyone looking for a school or Early Learning Centre in this area, please encourage them to contact the school to book a place on the tour.
Primary Years Programme (PYP)

Concepts

Form – What is it like?

Central to the philosophy of the PYP is the principle that purposeful, structured inquiry is a powerful vehicle that promotes meaning and understanding, and challenges students to engage with significant ideas (Making the PYP Happen page 15). The use of concepts to drive the curriculum ensures that this occurs, through the students asking questions based on the concepts.

A key aspect of the PYP is that the eight concepts are focused on each year. This gives St Peters Lutheran students a solid framework for making sense of the world around them. As the students’ progress through the PYP they gradually work towards a deepening of their conceptual understanding. This is important because the world around them is made up of powerful concepts not just isolated facts.

Form is one of the eight concepts that all PYP schools use. The question related to this concept is “What is it like?”. Everything in life has a form with recognisable features that can be observed, identified, described and categorized.

The following questions may be helpful for parents when reinforcing the concept of FORM at home.

What kind of picture book is it?
What are the parts of the books?
How are books made?
Can you describe the shape?
What is the pattern?
What information is displayed here?
What does it look like?
Where is it located?
Where is it found?
What is the weather like?
What disadvantages are there?
What are our rights and responsibilities?

Bronwyn Wilson
PYP Coordinator

Book Club News

Our first Book Club for 2013 was sent home on Tuesday and Wednesday for the ELC.
For those new to Book Club, all orders generate book dollars for the school and we use these to purchase new books and educational resources for students to use.
It also makes a great place to purchase gifts for friends and family during the year.
Orders for the school are due back tomorrow, Friday 15 February.
Orders for the ELC are due back on Friday 22 February

Happy Shopping.
Mrs Library Smith
**Lutheran Schools Flood Disaster Appeal**

After Chapel we will have a special offering for the Lutheran communities, schools and retirement homes that have been deeply affected by the flood disaster in Queensland and New South Wales. There will be two pots at the door that you can put money in to help. Fifty dollars can buy a Hope Package of essentials and $500 can pay for a student’s school fees so they don’t have to move schools. We need to send all money collected by the end of February.

*Thank you for your help.*

**Fund Raising Action Group**
Toolbox Parenting Hot Tip

When kids fight or argue with each other or their parents

Children won’t get along all of the time. In fact you’d probably be suspicious that something was up if the fighting suddenly stopped. One helpful thing that a parent can do is to steer clear of the details, which is so hard to do when you have your opinions about who’s in the right, and what needs to happen. Instead, keep your focus on the rules of a fair fight—no insults, keep your cool, and everyone might have to compromise. Coach your children to recognise the fight that’s not worth having. When your opponent is tired, grumpy, or unreasonable, the wiser option is to say “Let’s not talk about it now - we’ll try again later.” But ensure that they do talk about it later.

Stop Arguing With Your Kids by Michael P. Nichols

For parents fed up with constant challenges to their authority but who dread becoming tyrants in their own homes, trusted family therapist and author Nichols provides a powerful new alternative to "because I said so".

Family Coach Andrea Stringer says: “This book helps parents see through to the real heart of repeated arguments. With lots of practical advice that covers the full age range from toddlers to teenagers, parents get great practical advice on how to defuse the tension and disagreement that can so easily derail a family.”

Uniforms

Second Hand Uniform Shop
The Second Hand Uniform Shop (which is located in the MFP, under the verandah) will next be open on Friday 22 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.

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.

Prayer Team

In Week 4, St Peters’ Prayer Team will be praying for—

School staff: Penny Rawinski (PE and The Arts Teacher), Belinda Fox (Literacy and Numeracy Support Teacher) and Kathryn Davies (Year 1/2 Teacher)

The following students and their families:
- Caitlin Gluyas (Rm 6)
- Sebastian (Rm 6) & Amelie (Rm 8) Zappia
- Nicholas Evans (Rm 5)
- Mackenzie Appleton (Rm 8)

St Peters’ Prayer Team:
James Ziersch, Angela Graetz, Sam Smith, Liz Bird, Bronny Meynell & Pastor Ben Pfeiffer.

Class-Support Program 2013

Attached to today’s newsletter is a letter regarding our Class Support Program for 2013. We encourage you to read this letter and consider the various ways you may be able to support members of our school community in times of need. Thank you.
Thank you

The Term 1 2013 OSH Sport Teams send a BIG Thank You to all parents who put up their hands to help!!

They following teams have coaches for Term 1:
- Senior Kanga Cricket – Nathan Tothill
- Year 5 Basketball – Mark Fleming & Bo Gacic
- Year 5/6/7 Girls Basketball – Jo Zeitz
- Year 7 Boys Basketball – Stacey McSheffrey
- Year 3 Basketball – Mark Fleming

The following teams still require a coach and/or coordinator:
- B Grade Cricket – needed by 9 March
- Year 6 Basketball – needed by Week 5

If parents are not willing to take on this important role then teams will be withdrawn.

Basketball tops

BASKETBALL tops were allocated to all registered players on Monday. 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. If the tops are not returned there will be a replacement cost of $45 per top invoiced to families.

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.

Cricket – Term 1 2013

SENIOR KANGA and B GRADE

Games started last Saturday.
Please make sure you check the website as all game information will be communicated by SACA this way http://spsc.sa.cricket.com.au
Fixtures will not be printed. SACA has asked that parents regularly check the site, as fixtures can change throughout the year.

Medical Forms

All medical forms need to be given directly to your team’s coach or coordinator by 15 February. 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.

New policy

From 2013 St Peters is adopting a PLEASE pay before you play policy which has been communicated to all families via the school newsletters during Term 4 2012, OSH Sport nominations forms (which all players have completed) and verbally to all participating students.
Please be mindful of this, as it could mean that a team cannot participate in a competition because some players have not paid.

Fees

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.

Come and Try Netball

Year 2/3 netball ‘come and try’ is starting next Friday morning 8am on the hard play. All children are welcome to come and enjoy this wonderful sport.

Extra players required

The B Grade team are still looking for 2 or 3 extra players and a coach and/or coordinator. Please see Mrs Rawinski or Mrs Smith in the library if you can.
Lacrosse Fever Hits St Peters

Lacrosse is an entertaining fast paced, action packed sport. The students in the middle primary learnt some of the basics of this fabulous sport when Lacrosse SA came out on Tuesday to run some clinics. It is a wonderful sport to be involved in. All of the students who joined the Lacrosse team last year are playing again this year. 100% success rate you can’t argue with that! We would love to see more St Peters students involved. It is really important to recognise that not all children are suited to football and netball. There are a plethora of different sports around that sometimes get forgotten about. Don’t get me wrong—I am not knocking footy and netball—I love those sports. I am simply encouraging you to have an open mind when children are picking a sport that interests them. Why not give Lacrosse a go?

There are many different ways the students can get involved in Lacrosse.

- Term 1—Wednesday afternoons there will be games at Women’s Memorial Grounds of Shepherds Hill Road.
- Term 1—Year 4-7 can nominate to play in the SAPSASA carnival on Thursday 4 April.
- Terms 2 & 3—Lacrosse is a winter sport which is played on Saturday mornings. Join a team for winter.

If you have any queries or questions please feel free to talk me.

Penny Rawinski

Reception –Yr 3
Stayed tuned for some after school Lacrosse clinics later this term.
St Peters Lutheran Church

Services each Sunday at 10.00am

ALL WELCOME

Coming up...
16/2 Youth planning and Child Safe training 1pm
17/2 Ordination Forum 2pm
20/2 Lent devotional service 7:30pm
24/2 Half Yearly meeting after worship

Any enquiries please contact Pastor Ben:
82782322 or pfeiffer241@gmail.com

Jesus can sympathise with us because “he was tested in every way, just as we are, yet without sin” (Hebrews 4:15)

Diary Dates Term 1
(for your calendar!)

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

Week 4 (Monday 18/2)
Tue 19/2 Principal’s Tour
Playgroup
Fri 22/2 Second Hand Uniform Shop Open—after Chapel
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
Thu 14/3 School Council meeting—7pm

Week 8 (Monday 18/3)
Tue 19/3 Principal’s Tour
Playgroup
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.