From the Principal

Waiting…waiting…waiting…

Are you any good at waiting? I’m ashamed to say that as each year passes I seem to be less patient or have fewer microbes of ‘waiting tolerance’. I hate standing in a queue at the shop for more than about 2 minutes. How dare someone else line up for petrol in front of me at the servo. The worst of all though is waiting for a reply to that text message I sent all of 5 minutes ago! As Veruca Salt once shouted to her father, “I want an Oompaloompah and I want one NOW!!!”

I would hazard a guess that we of the 21st Century would have to be the worst waiters of all time (worse even than Manuel). We live in a time of instant gratification and demand immediate attention to our needs. Has there always been road rage…?

My family and I have experienced some serious waiting recently. In fact, the Rathjen family has been in a significant waiting season over the past 8 or 9 months. We have been waiting to change jobs. Waiting to relocate to a new state. Waiting to change schools. Waiting to move into a new house. Waiting to make new friends. It has been exciting but it has also been tricky. At times our ‘waiting tolerance’ has been sorely tested and I for one have been found wanting on many occasions (Andrea and the kids have done so much better than yours truly).

Yesterday was Ash Wednesday. This day marks the beginning of Lent, the 40 day period leading up to the Festival of Easter. It is, in fact, one of two significant waiting seasons on the annual church calendar (the other being Advent which precedes Christmas). Easter is a wonderful and exciting time but do we really have to wait for 40 days?! Over the centuries it has been encouraged to use this time of waiting in preparation, reflection and repentance.

As I think back over our family’s recent season of waiting, it is fair to say that we have done our fair share of preparing, reflecting and even some repenting. While the excitement of something new has been ahead of us, it has not always been easy. In fact it has been downright painful at times. And yet I would say that the waiting has been beneficial to all of us in many ways as we have been challenged and needed to depend on God’s leading in a time of uncertainty.

Lent is a waiting season used by many to reflect on the suffering and death of Jesus Christ. Why did he do that? What is it really all about? Does it have anything to do with me? Does it in any way challenge my lifestyle or where my life is heading (now? for eternity?).

I would encourage you to use the next 39 days to do a little waiting of your own. Prepare your heart, soul and mind with some reflection and repentance.

The full excitement and meaning of Easter is waiting for all of us.

Mark Rathjen
Principal
Parents and Friends

**Twilight Tea—Friday 24 February**
The annual Twilight Tea will be held across the road at the playground from 5pm tomorrow, 24 February. BBQ (including the usual sausages in bread as well as yummy yiros!) and drinks will be available for purchase. Please bring along chairs and picnic blanket to make yourself comfortable for the evening… This is a great opportunity to get to know other families nice and early in the year. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Bingo Night**
Saturday 31 March is the date for our BINGO NIGHT! Come along at 7.30pm to the Blackwood Football Club with your table of 10, dressed as the cast from your favourite TV show or movie. Tickets are available from the front office for $20 per head and include 10 games of bingo (prizes for each) plus door prizes AND a prize for the best decorated table! We ask that tickets are paid for before putting your names on the table list (available at the front office). Please feel free to approach your Class Support Coordinator regarding class tables too. There are flyers around the school with more information about the night! So, get your table together, pick your theme and we’ll see you there for what will be a HUGE night of fun and games!
*The Staff (The Brady Bunch!!!) are well advanced in their planning for what promises to be a fantastic night!*

**Donations for Bingo Night Prizes**
Thank you to those who have already kindly donated items in the hampers in your children’s classes. We do GREATLY appreciate everyone’s generous donations which will allow us to offer some great prizes at our Bingo Night. For those families still wanting to donate items—you will find a box in your child’s classroom with the ‘theme’ and some suggestions, and that is where you can place your donation. Thank you!!

**Working Bee**
We have a number of general maintenance jobs lined up for the working bee this Saturday 25 February. Useful tools to bring include gardening gloves, wheelbarrows, yard brooms, cobweb brooms, shovels, spades, rakes, pruning shears and secateurs.
The current forecast is looking warm for Saturday—so please remember your hats and sunscreen!! Generally parents on this term’s list have students in Rooms 1 and 2 (Year 6 and Year 7). We look forward to seeing you there.

**Have-A-Go Skipping Group**
*Have-A-Go Skipping starts next Tuesday 28 February at 8.00am on the hard court.*

Have-A-Go Skipping is open to children at any year level and will continue at 8am on Tuesday mornings, throughout Term 1, starting next Tuesday.

Watch for further information about this and other special interest groups planned for 2012—coming home soon!
Primary Years Programme (PYP)

What do students across the globe say about the IB?

The PYP is a student centred programme. It relies heavily on what the child is thinking, learning and feeling.

In a recent IB survey, where over 1,100 students were asked various questions about the IB, the students had a chance to have a say about the IB – what they liked and any improvements that could be made. Here are some of the comments that were made.

“IN IB, you get the chance to learn for yourself without having to try and remember pages and pages of books.”

“You are taught to be a better person rather than purely improving your academic skills.”

“I have learnt from the PYP that anyone can try new things even if they’re bad at it.”

“The IB does not just attempt to stuff facts into a student’s mind; it invigorates a love for learning and a deep intellectual understanding.”

“Teachers make you look for answers instead of giving you the answers straight away.”

“I’d like to suggest that the IB adds ‘Listener’ as a part of the Learner Profile, as a good listener absorbs a lot and progresses faster.”

“It is a very hard transition from the MYP to the Diploma Programme.”

What does your child say about the PYP here at St Peters Lutheran?

**Bronwyn Wilson**

**PYP Coordinator**
Prayer Team

Next week, Week 5, St Peters’ Prayer Team will be praying for—

School staff: Anjali Greirson (Indonesian Teacher) and Sarah Smith (Learning Support Coordinator)

Students and their families in Room 9 and their Year 2/3 teacher: Nicolle Jakube

- Charlise Peabody  
  (parent: Lee-anne Benson)
- Cooper Kilderry  
  (parents: Emma and Dominic)
- Tia Comitis & Alexandra (Rm 8)  
  (parents: Joy and Basil)
- Cameron Gray & Hayley (Rm 8)  
  (parents: Monique and Darren)

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

Student Teacher

Mr Burmeister’s class in Room 5 is fortunate to welcome a student teacher, Caroline Lees, to work with them during Terms 1 and 2.

Caroline is from Flinders University and is also a student of the Australian Lutheran College currently.

We are sure that you will all make Caroline feel welcome as she works with us during this important stage of her learning.

Chess Club

Chess club will continue on Friday lunch times.

Unfortunately we will not be able to proceed with chess coaching again this year, as we didn’t receive the required 10 registrations (a refund will be given to parents who did pay registration).

However students can still attend Beginners chess on Friday lunch times in the MFP, beginning week 8.

Also, those experienced chess players can play a friendly competition by playing a different person each Friday lunch time in the MFP, beginning tomorrow, Week 4, Friday 24 February.

James Ziersch  
Chaplain

Prayer for all school families

If you would like to join our prayer team in 2012, we meet together on Wednesdays from 8.45—9.30am in the meeting room, or you can request to join our e-mail prayer chain from james.ziersch@stpeterslutheran.sa.edu.au

We will pray for any request, you don’t need to wait till your name appears in the newsletter.  
James Ziersch and Cathy Tighe

Lost

Size 12 school jumper—named ZEITZ (under the label).

If found, please return to the front office.

Thanks!
St Peters Sporting Super Stars

Volleyball
We lost by 10 points. At the start we were playing really well and we though we were going to win but in the end we just lost by 10.
Ariane and Aisha played really well.
Lauren Sparre

C Grade (S) Cricket
This week we played against Our Saviour Lutheran at Weymouth oval, We lost 4/91 to 1/102. I hope we beat them next time. We have training tonight.
Eduard Van Den Berg

C Grade (J) Cricket
We played against Aberfoyle Park. We nearly won but the other team scored more runs. The score was St Peters 4/54 (13.5 average) defeated by Aberfoyle Park 4/67 (16.8 average) Tyson, Chris and I batted really well.
Hriday Patel

Year 6 Basketball - white
We lost by 1 point against St Johns. Our whole team played well and everyone scored a goal. With one second on the clock someone in our team had the ball and they shot but they didn't make the goal.
Matthew Compton

Year 6 Basketball - blue
We won by 23 points against Craigburn. We scored some good shots and kept the ball in our grasp. Liam, Jon and Josh played really well.
Cole Newman

Year 5 Basketball
We scored 21 points and they scored 17. We all tried our best and luckily we won.
Pax Masongele

Year 4/5 Netball
This week our team didn’t play because half of them were on camp. The week before we lost but everyone tried their hardest. We have been winning a couple of game this season.
Rhiannon Evans

Year 4 Basketball
We played Eden Hills and it was really close. We beat them by 2 points.
Ashleigh Searle

Year 2/3 Netball
We played against a team wearing all pink t-shirts. We won the other team scored 3 and we scored 5. This is the first time that we have won. It was at Cabra College where my mum works as a year 6 teacher for English and Science.
Alice McGinn

Kanga Cricket
We played against Belair and they scored one more run than us so we lost by one run. Seb and I batted well. I bowled someone out.
Cameron Gray

The Sturt District Cricket Club
2012 Trials—Ray Sutton Shield

WHERE?
Price Memorial Oval, Angas Rd, Hawthorn.

REGISTRATION:
www.sturt_blues.sa.cricket.com.au (please print off website and bring to first session)

WHEN?
Friday 16 March / Friday 23 March / Friday 30 March 5:00pm – 6:30pm (approx)

We don’t expect you to attend all 3 sessions; please attend at least 2.

WHO?
ALL INTERESTED Yr 5-7 PRIMARY SCHOOL CRICKETERS

ATTIRE:
White crickets shirts or sporting attire - No Sturt shirts please
Don’t forget your hat, drink & sunscreen.
You will need to bring your own cricket gear.
Rick Woolford 0409 787 981

MORE INFO:
More information is available on the noticeboard outside Room 2
**St Peters Lutheran Church**

Services each Sunday at 10.00am

**ALL WELCOME**

**Coming up...**

- **25/2** Working Bee
- **26/2** Baptism of Scarlett Henman at 10am
- **29/2** Mid-week Lent Service at 7:30pm
- **23/3** Youth Launch 2012 BBQ at 6:30pm

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

*Christ died once and for all, the righteous for the unrighteous (1 Peter 3:18)*

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**Diary Dates Term 1**
(for your calendar!)

**Week 4 (Monday 20/2)**

- **Fri 24/2** After Chapel Coffee—Room 10 (Miss Schutz)
- **Toolbox Parenting Group—9.30am**
- **Twilight Tea—5.00pm**
- **Sat 25/2** Working Bee—8.30am (Room 1 & 2)

**Week 5 (Monday 27/2)**

- **Tue 28/2** Have-A-Go Skipping Group starts—8.00am (hard court)
- **Thu 1/3** Playgroup—9.00am
- **Fri 2/3** Sports Day SAPSASA Swimming

**Week 6 (Monday 5/3)**

- **Tue 6/3** ALWS Excursion (Year 7s)
- **Thu 8/3** Playgroup—9.00am
- **Fri 9/3** After Chapel Coffee—Room 9 (Mrs Jakube)
- **Toolbox Parenting Group—9.30am**

**Week 7 (Tuesday 13/3)**

- **Mon 12/3** Adelaide Cup Day Holiday
- **Thu 15/3** Playgroup—9.00am
- **Fri 16/3** After Chapel Coffee—Room 8 (Mrs Fox)

**Week 8 (Monday 19/3)**

- **Tue 20/3** Principal’s Tour—9.00am to 11.00am
- **Wed 21/3** SA Junior Chess League Interschool competition
- **Thu 22/3** Playgroup—9.00am
- **Fri 23/3** After Chapel Coffee—Room 1 (Miss Geue)
- **Sun 25/3** Family Service (Room 5 & 6)

**Week 9 (Monday 26/3)**

- **Wed 28/3** Chess School SA Championship
- **Thu 29/3** Playgroup—9.00am SAPSASA Lacrosse Carnival
- **Fri 30/3** After Chapel Coffee—Room 2 (Mr Eldridge)
- **Sat 31/3** P&F Bingo Night

**Week 10 (Monday 2/4)**

- **Mon 2/4** Parent/Teacher Interviews
- **Tue 3/4** Parent/Teacher Interviews
- **Wed 4/4** Closing Chapel—8.45am
- **Fri 6/4** Good Friday