From the Principal

He Chose the Cross

You did not save yourselves; it was a gift from God – Eph 2:8

Jesus’ obedience began in a small town carpentry shop. His uncommon approach to his common life groomed him for his uncommon call. “When Jesus entered public life he was about 30 years old.” (Luke 3:23)...In order for Jesus to change the world, he had to say goodbye to his world.

He had to give Mary a kiss goodbye. Have a final meal in the kitchen, a final walk through the streets. Did he ascend one of the hills of Nazareth and think of the day he would ascend the hill near Jerusalem?

He knew what was going to happen. “God chose him for this purpose long before the world began.” (1 Peter 1:20). Every ounce of suffering had been scripted – it just fell to him to play the part.

Not that he had to. Nazareth was a cozy town. Why not build a carpentry business? Keep his identity a secret? . . . To be forced to die is one thing, but to willingly take up your own cross is something else.

Is there something I/you need to leave to follow Christ?

- by Max Lucado (From; Next Door Savior)

Mark Rathjen, Principal
Parents and Friends

Twilight Tea
Downpours of rain, some thunder and hot and humid conditions didn’t prevent many families attending the Twilight Tea last Friday night. Thanks that so many of you were not put off by the weather and were able to eat together and enjoy each other’s company. A mighty thanks to Jo Williams (and team) for coordinating the event and having us all very well fed. A note of thanks also to the staff and parents who, at the 11th hour, helped to relocate all the furniture from the little oval up to the chapel lawn.

Working Bee
We have a number of general maintenance jobs lined up for the working bee this Saturday 23 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!!

Families rostered on for Saturday’s working bee should have received a yellow attendance slip this week. Please remember to return these by tomorrow, Friday 22 Feb.

Those of you who are attending will need to remember to sign in on the day for insurance purposes and so that your name does not reappear on the working bee roster for another term.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Principal’s Tour
We had another very successful tour on Tuesday. It is encouraging to see so much interest in our school and the Early Learning Centre. If you know of anyone interested in enrolling their children into our school, the next tour is on Tuesday 19 March at 9.00am.

Second Hand Uniform Shop
Please note—the Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open again tomorrow, 22 February, straight after Chapel.

Year 4/5/6 Camp
Yesterday the Year 4, 5 and 6 students returned from their camp at Wallaroo. I had the privilege of attending on Tuesday afternoon and saw first hand our students enjoying an excellent camp. Despite the stifling conditions on Monday (near enough to 40°C) students learned a great deal about the historic Copper Coast and about themselves. The Active Ed team were brilliant with our students leading them through many team-building activities and helping them to get a feel for the important history of the area.

I loved hearing (again) from the camp leaders what a joy it is to host St Peters students. Thanks to teachers, Miss Schutz, Mr Burmeister, Mr Eldridge and parents, Mrs Ledson, Mr Millar and Mrs Dimou for the great care you gave to all the children.

Absent (or late) Students
Please remember the following procedure we have in place when a student is absent from (or late to) school.

Parents are to inform the school if a student is to be away for any period of time, including the reason for the absence (eg illness, family reasons etc).

The preferred method of advising the school is via email (admin@stpeterslutheran.sa.edu.au). Alternatively, you may telephone the school (the best time to phone is between 8.30am and 9.00am).

If students arrive late (ie at any time after 8.45am), they must be signed in on the student register at the front office. Likewise, if a student leaves school at any time prior to 3.00pm, they must be signed out.

While we appreciate that parents are busy in the mornings, it is very important that the school is informed as soon as possible of the student’s absence, and informed correctly via the sign-in register when a student arrives late. This avoids the necessity for the school to contact parents to determine a student’s whereabouts and also informs us which students are on school grounds at all times.

Thank you.
Primary Years Programme (PYP)

Concepts

Function – How does it work?

Concepts are powerful ideas that have relevance within the subject areas but also transcend them and that students must explore and re-explore in order to develop a coherent, in-depth understanding.

Function is one of the 8 concepts that all PYP schools use. The question related to this concept is “How does it work?” The understanding that everything has a purpose, a role or way of behaving that can be investigated and the ability to analyse this, is fundamental to learning within and across all disciplines.

Teachers are able to use concept questioning to engage students’ thinking about how things work in our world. Students use the concept to form questions that they want to know the answer for.

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

How does the TV work?
How is colour used in advertising?
How do you score points in the game?
How did you deal with the conflict?
How does it move?
How does it grow?
What is it used for?
How do we measure time?
What are the main elements of a story?

Bronwyn Wilson
PYP Coordinator

Join the St Peters Challenge

This year we are aiming for 100% student participation!
Can we do it? Who knows! But, we can have a great read trying.

Student Challenge:
• cap your reading of a series at 2 books for Challenge completion;
• read 12 different authors;
• read one book from the next reading age;
• share a read with friends, in a reading group and discuss it;
• post a review in Rate a Read section of Kidspace page on website;
• recommend a book, with reasons, to the PRC book Panel on website.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge has already started but you have plenty of time to read 12 books. The challenge doesn’t finish until 6 September 2013.
Prayer Team

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

**School staff: Jackie Grear (Receptionist), Samantha Smith (Receptionist) & Heidi Schutz (Room 6: Year 3/4 teacher)**

**The following students and their families:**
- Cooper Kilderry (Rm 5)
- Tia (Rm 6) & Alexandra (Rm 10) Comitis
- Cameron (Rm 9) & Hayley (Rm 7) Gray
- Ethan Board (Rm 8)

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

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Asthma

Please see below important information from the Asthma Foundation SA.

**Back to school asthma warning**

School-aged children are at an increased risk of asthma attacks as they return to school after the holiday period. Admissions to hospital emergency departments peak for preschool and primary school aged children in the first few weeks after summer holidays. It is important for parents and teachers to be prepared.

**Parents/Carers should:**
- Update your child’s Asthma Care Plan at the beginning of each school year and provide a copy to your child’s school/preschool.
- Provide your child’s reliever medication and a spacer to the school/preschool for use in an emergency.
- Make sure medications and devices are clearly labelled with your child’s name and date of birth and that the medication is in date (do not store in a plastic bag).
- Make time to talk with the teacher or carer about your child’s asthma.
- Learn about asthma by attending one of the Asthma Foundation’s FREE Livewell information sessions.

For more information from Asthma Foundation SA, visit their website asthmasa.org.au or telephone them on 1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462).

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Lutheran Schools Flood Disaster Appeal

After Chapel tomorrow, we will again 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. Despite us not having actual collection pots in place last week, your kind donations totalling over $50 were gratefully received for this cause after Chapel last Friday. There will definitely be two pots at the door tomorrow 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.

Please note—tomorrow is our last opportunity to receive donations for this cause, as we need to send all money collected by the end of February.

Thank you for your help.
**Out of School Hours Sport**

**Football Coaching Clinic**
Any parents who are interested in coaching the St Peters football team, there is an AFL level 1 coaching course being run at West Adelaide Football club on 18 March from 6-9pm. The cost will be covered by the school for any parents coaching the St Peters teams in 2013. Please speak to Sharon or Penny.

**Basketball tops fees**
Parents please note that the “use of” fee of $6 per term is now overdue. 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.

**Come and Try Netball**
Year 2/3 netball ‘come and try’ is starting tomorrow morning at 8am on the hard play. Come and Try is a skills based introduction to the game of netball. It is a great opportunity for the children to come and experience and learn about the game of netball and decide if they would like to play in winter. All children (boys and girls) are welcome to come and enjoy this wonderful sport. Don’t forget to bring your sneakers.

**Medical Forms**
All medical forms should have been 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.

**Come and Try Lacrosse**
Any students in Year 4-7 who are interested in playing Lacrosse, please come and join us every Wednesday morning at 8:00am—8:30am. We will be learning some basic skills and playing lots of lacrosse games. Bring your sneakers and a drink bottle and meet us over at the big oval.

The MILO in2CRICKET program is dedicated to helping kids learn how to play cricket! The activities are designed to be inclusive, action-packed and fun! They are well organised and help kids to develop social skills, physical fitness, sportsmanship and basic cricket knowledge. MILO in2CRICKET participants receive as a bonus an exclusive MILO in2CRICKET Starter Pack with a backpack, drink bottle, bat, ball, hat, t-shirt and MILO giveaways!

For more information, visit [www.in2CRICKET.com.au](http://www.in2CRICKET.com.au) and find your nearest centre using the centre locator.

**Extra players and coach required**
The B Grade cricket 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 help.
Jesus says, “Jerusalem, Jerusalem… how often I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings and you were not willing!” (Luke 13:34)