From the Principal

“What Makes a Good Leader?”

On Monday I was privileged to attend the installation service of the new Lutheran Schools Association (LSA) Director, Mr John Proeve at St Paul Lutheran School. I was accompanied by two of our delightful Year 7 students, Emma Oliver and Ariane Dorotich. It was a bizarre day. On one hand Emma, Ariane and I are discussing the leadership structure in our Lutheran schools, and hearing in the service that which makes for good leadership and on the other, as we drove along, we heard constant news bulletins of the squalid Labor party leadership battle.

As we arrived at the service we had just heard that Ms Gillard was successful in retaining the leadership. A bitter rivalry had been played out and a winner emerged. Over the previous days the country’s media had dissected every unpalatable piece of their squabbles and we are left to contemplate the quality, ethics and sincerity of our political leaders.

During the installation service, Ps David Altus, the LCA SA District President, asked the question, “What makes a good leader?” He answered his question by highlighting three things;

1. Be yourself, not what others want you to be
2. Serve others, not yourself
3. In all things give glory to God

As I listened, I couldn’t help but think of what was playing out in Canberra. What kind of leadership have we been witnessing lately? Are our political leaders being themselves, or are they trying to be what their party or minders or the polls wants them to be? Exactly how many Real Julia’s are there? As for service, do they know that the word minister literally means servant? Interesting wasn’t it to hear both Gillard and Rudd commenting after the vote how they and the government need to take the focus off self-interest and back on the people they were elected to serve.

Being a politician has got to be a tough gig and I am not about to bag all pollies due the poor behavior exhibited this past week, but it does make one somewhat jaded and cynical does it not? Hard to explain to two year 7 students on the way home…

In this time of Lent we are brought back to the example of true servant leadership that Jesus himself lived out. “Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death even death on a cross” Phil 2:8 (read all of Chapter 2). Jesus comes to us as himself; fully God and fully human, (v 7). He considered not what is good for himself but what was good for humanity (v 6) and takes on the sins of the world so that we all might be restored to a right relationship with the Father. In His death and resurrection he truly glorifies His Father (see v 11).

As leaders in this community at St Peters (ie staff, parents, year 7s) we do well to look to Jesus who lived out true servant leadership. Pray for Mr Proeve as he begins his new role and pray also for all the leaders of our community, schools, churches, and all levels of Government that we would all look to Christ as the one who leads and serves and that, in turn, we too can serve one another in selflessness and humility so that God is glorified in all we do.

Mark Rathjen
Principal
Parents and Friends

Bingo Night
March is here….and soon our BINGO NIGHT will be too!!! Come along to the Blackwood Football Club at 7.30pm on Saturday 31 March 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). Remember—you can 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!

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!!

Twilight Tea
A very warm night was shared by families attending last Friday’s Twilight Tea across the road from school. This is an important getting to know you event in our school calendar, and we thank those families who came along in the sweltering conditions! Particular thanks must also go to our Special Food team and their band of merry helpers for their efforts in feeding us on the night.

Working Bee
Thank you also to those individuals who braved the heat on Saturday to attend our working bee. An amazing effort, with all the jobs on the list completed! Your contribution to our school by helping at these working bees is greatly valued and appreciated by us. Our Term 2 working bee is scheduled for Saturday 19 May, and families on the roster for that day will mainly come from Rooms 9 and 10.

Sports Day
We are very much looking forward to our Sports Day tomorrow, to be held across the road from school at the Blackwood Football Oval.
We have attached the information leaflet again which tells you everything you need to know about the plans for the day!
We have our fingers and toes crossed for fine weather.
Thanks to our fabulous PE Teacher, Penny Rawinski, who has again put in an amazing effort to plan this special day.
Special thanks also to our Special Food Day Coordinators for organising a sausage sizzle lunch for us!

Hope to see you there!!

Prayer Team
Next week, Week 6, St Peters’ Prayer Team will be praying for—
School staff: Ros Green (SPLOSHC Director), Barbara Rohde (SPLOSHC Accounts), and other SPLOSHC staff (Siobhan Allen, Craig Fraser, James Laughton, Jane Treloar, Claire Cutting, Sian Manship).
Students and their families in Room 5 and their Year 4/5 teacher: Trevor Burmeister
• Isabella Allner
  (parents: Wayne & Tamar)
• Joanne Christopher
  (parents: Deisi & Christopher Nirmal)
• Matthew Nelson
  (parent: Cathy)
• Ella Rathjen
  (parents: Mark & Andrea)
St Peters’ Prayer Team:
(James Ziersch, Cathy Tighe, Angela Graetz, Sam Smith, Liz Bird, Bronny Meynell & Pastor Ben Pfeiffer.)

Book Club is back for 2012
Please consider buying an item from the club catalogues as all sales benefit our school.
The first issue for 2012 was sent home with students on Wednesday 29 February.
The last day for orders is Monday 5 March.
Please send orders to the front office via class communication boxes.
Make sure all money is secure in envelopes; i.e. Sticky tape around the top; this ensures no money is lost.
Primary Years Programme (PYP)

Perspectives

*People who look through keyholes are apt to get the idea that most things are keyhole shaped.* ~Author Unknown

Perspective is defined in the Macmillan dictionary as “the way of thinking about things”. It is a very important outlook to develop.

Here at St Peters, we endeavour to offer our students a range of different perspectives including – Christian, global, sustainability, Indigenous and Torres Strait islander histories and cultures, and Asia and Australia’s engagement with Asia.

From a curriculum standpoint, these perspectives are crucial in providing a rich and deep learning experience for the students that are relevant to their lives and address the contemporary issues they face.

In the Australian Curriculum, these perspectives are referred to as cross-curriculum priorities (Asia, Indigenous and Sustainability), and have a strong but varying presence depending on their relevance to the learning area.

By offering different perspectives, we are developing students who are truly international in their thinking and will help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

*Bronwyn Wilson*

*PYP Coordinator*

Absent (or late) Children

Please be reminded about the following procedure we have in place when a child is absent from school.

Parents are to inform the school if a student is to be away for any period of time. This can be done by phoning the school, sending a note with a sibling of the absent student or emailing admin@stpeterslutheran.sa.edu.au. The best time to ring the school is between 8.30 – 9.00am.

While we appreciate that parents are busy in the mornings, it is important that the school is informed as soon as possible of the student’s absence. Advising the school of your child/ren’s absence avoids the necessity for the school to contact parents concerning a student’s absence.

In the event that a student is absent and we have not been informed, for your child’s safety and protection, the Receptionist will contact you to confirm the reason for the absence.

If students arrive late (even marginally) to school they are required to come in via the front office and inform the Receptionist. Again following this procedure avoids the necessity for the school to contact parents regarding absence.

Still missing…

Alice McGinn (Miss Schutz’ class) has lost some pink jiffies, a red dress and possibly a “Belle” dress-up costume (in a blue St Peters shopping bag).

If you have seen these missing items, please return them to the front office.

Thank you.
Year 4/5 Walker Flat Camp

Last week the students in Years 4 and 5 attended a camp at Walkers Flat on the Murray River. The camp was an outstanding success. All the students loved the activities and were sad to have to return to school. The leaders of the activities were fantastic and kept the students busy throughout the three days. The students in Years 4 and 5 would like to share some of their camp photos and memories with you.

We stood up in the kayaks, it was really fun.
Jaylia made a cartwheel into a skipping rope.
The food was delicious. The cooks, Mel and Carol, were great.
We had to wear PFD's (personal flotation devices) in case someone couldn't swim.
It was very interesting learning about the Murray River.
We stopped at Mannum for recess on the way.
We built rafts but our groups didn’t float.
I enjoyed the talent show and all the good acts.
At camp I had the best time of my life.
The kayaking was the most fun activity.
We went orienteering and travelled on the ferry.
I made Miss Lees fall in when we were kayaking.
We got to jump across the kayaks.
I loved meeting new friends.
We went swimming in the Murray River. It was really muddy.
Camp was challenging because we were trying new things.
The problem solving activities were fun.
St Peters Sporting Super Stars

Volleyball
Cancelled due to extreme heat.

C Grade (S) Cricket
Cancelled due to extreme heat.

C Grade (J) Cricket
Cancelled due to extreme heat.

Yr 6 Basketball - white
We started off pretty well and then the other team started getting a few goals and then they started getting ahead by half time. Matt, Alex and Isabel played pretty well. The score was 12-28 and we lost. Tom Ledson

Year 6 Basketball - blue
We played St Johns and we lost by 2 goals and the score was 22-26. Cole, Lewis and Maggie played well. Chloe Smith

Year 5 Basketball
We played against Belair 1. We lost 24-7. We only had 5 players but we still did pretty well for a team with hardly any players. Ben Hebdon

Year 5/6 Netball
We played netball on Monday and we lost by 10 goals. The score was 4-14. Zoe Dimou played really well in WD. Lillian Watson

Year 4 Basketball
We played against Eden Hills and we won by 5 points. Everyone played really well. Lachlan Fleming

Year 2/3 Netball
Indi came just in time for the game. Mum was the coach and we lost but I am not sure how much by. I played GS for one half and C for the other half. Olivia Ledson, Georgia and Micaela played really well. Sarah Sharrad

Kanga Cricket
Cancelled due to extreme heat.

OSH Sport News

2012 Cricket Season
For all your match information please use the following website: spsc.sa.cricket.com.au; click on to MyCricket/Matches/Fixture; and from the drop down menu choose the competition your child is playing in.

Please check this site every week and definitely the Thursday/Friday before games in case of any last minute changes.

Basketball Tops
ALL BASKETBALL TOPS HAVE NOW BEEN HANDED OUT
This year all students have their name recorded against a particular numbered top. If the top is not returned by the end of the term/year, or if your child ceases to play, a replacement cost of $45.00 will be charged.

Washing instructions were handed out with every top, but just in case they did not make it home, here they are:
PLEASE wash shirts on a GENTLE machine wash, in COLD water and DO NOT tumble dry. If numbers require re-ironing please use a warm iron and cotton handkerchief, or similar, over the numbers so they DO NOT melt.

Term 2/3 Sport
TERM 2/3 SPORT NOMINATION FORMS WERE HANDED TO ALL STUDENTS, WHO ARE OLD ENOUGH TO PLAY, TODAY
Just in case those forms are not reaching home we have attached a copy to this newsletter.
The due date for all nominations is Wednesday 7 March. This is definitely the last day for all nominations as most teams need to be nominated with clubs and/or associations by the end of the week.

Come & Try Lacrosse
Come and join in on Mondays after school until 26 March, at Aberfoyle Park Campus School, Budapest Road, from 3.30pm – 5.00pm.
Play the game and get ready for our SAPSASA Carnival on 29 March.
Teams consist of year 4/5 & 6/7 boys and girls.
The competition is modified Lacrosse; 5 aside no goalies.
For further information please contact Marilyn Fuss on 0433 544 661 or email marilyn.fuss@lacrossesa.com.au
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**St Peters Lutheran Church**

Services each Sunday at 10.00am

ALL WELCOME

Coming up...

7/3 Mid-week Lent Service at 7:30pm
11/3 Welcoming New Members at 10am
23/3 Youth Launch 2012 BBQ at 6:30pm

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

Jesus said, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me (Mark 8:34)

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

**Week 5 (Monday 27/2)**
- 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
  School Council Meeting—7.00pm
- 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)
  Second Hand Uniform Shop Open
  Reports go home
- 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
  After Chapel Coffee—
  ELC (Mrs Gaskell)
  Second Hand Uniform Shop Open
  Special Food Day—Hot Cross Buns
  Last day of term
- Thu 5/4 Pupil Free Day
- Fri 6/4 Good Friday

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**Second Hand Uniform Shop**

As we approach the change-over to our winter uniform (at the commencement of Term 2), please note that the Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open on Friday 30 March (after Chapel) and again on the last day of term, Wednesday 4 April, following our special closing Chapel service.

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