A Far-fetched Adventure or Something Else?

When I get a chance, I love to listen to Cornsey and Rowey’s sports show on 5AA in the afternoon (not sure what that says about me). Last night the boys interviewed a New Zealand airline pilot named Mike Allsop who has just completed what he called the 777 Project (http://www.777project.co.nz). Inspired by Sir Ranulph Fiennes who had done this feat previously, he set himself the goal to run 7 Marathons, on 7 Continents, in 7 Days! Starting his run in Antarctica, then on to South America, North America, Europe, Africa, Asia and finally New Zealand (which is not of course a continent but we can forgive him that I think). Can you imagine running a full 42K marathon, jumping on a plane, doing all the recovery exercises necessary and then doing it again the next day, and the next and the next…for a whole week?! He averaged just under 5 hours for each marathon.

Why would you put yourself through such extraordinary physical punishment?

Allsop, I am sure, had his own personal reasons and is probably a man driven to attempting these extraordinary feats (eg having climbed Everest himself, he now takes his children to trek Nepal when they each turn 7 years of age!!). One of his public motivations for this project includes raising money for the Kidscan organisation, which supports disadvantaged children in NZ.

“I want an adventure – a huge adventure that seems so far-fetched that it looks impossible,” says Mike.

You might think he is inspiring, a great humanitarian, a loony perhaps or someone with too much time and money on his hands. Whatever you think, it is a remarkable achievement.

As I was listening to the interview (feeling so inspired, I walked an extra km with my dog), my thoughts went to the stories we are focusing on as a school during Lent in ‘The Way of the Cross’ series. Jesus’ 7 days in Jerusalem make Allsop’s adventure quite reasonable and possible in comparison. Last week we focused on Jesus’ agony in the Garden of Gethsemane and then we move to Jesus’ trial and the terrible things he endured there culminating in the inconceivable horror of the crucifixion. Jesus suffered and died in gruesome and horrible circumstances, not for power or glory or money but simply for love. Love for a people who for the most part actually hated, despised and wanted him out of the way.

The child from Kidscan who receives help from some of the funds raised by Allsop will no doubt be grateful for what Allsop did to help him. How is our gratitude to a man who took the horrors of the punishment that should have been ours?

How do you view Jesus’ story? Is it just a far-fetched adventure? Is it something that seems impossible? Or is it something else?

Mark Rathjen, Principal
Funky Hair Friday for the Leukaemia Foundation

Show some colour, go wild and wacky and get creative with your curls on Friday 15 March 2013!

We have registered our school to raise money for people affected by leukaemia. On Friday, 15 March we plan to hold a Funky Hair Station at school where you can get your hair brilliantly funkified with temporary colour for a gold coin donation. You can also crazy up your hair first at home on Friday morning and just bring your donation when you come to school. If you want to colour your hair at home, you can use the voucher found at:
to help buy colour hairspray from Priceline stores. PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY SPRAY TO SCHOOL. The only sprays at school will be those used at our Funky Hair Station. Please keep in mind that you will still need to wear a hat to play.
Keep watching this space for more information!!

Thank you.
Alice, Ella, The Fund Raising Group and the ELC

Parents and Friends Working Bee

Thank you to those who braved the heat on Saturday morning to attend our working bee. Your contribution to our school by helping at these working bees is greatly valued.

Parking Control

City of Mitcham has forwarded to us some information regarding their enforcement of parking restrictions around schools and kindergartens.

To provide for student safety around roadways at school drop off and pick up times, any breaches of the Australian Road Rules observed by compliance officers may result in the issue of an expiation notice.

Attached to this newsletter is a brochure provided by the City of Mitcham regarding parking regulations.

Welcome

We welcome Hayley and Holly Hughes and their parents, Jessika and Heath, to our community here at St Peters Lutheran School. Hayley has joined Mr Burmeister’s class and Holly has joined Miss Schutz’ class.

We are also pleased to welcome our new ELC students—Yolanna Dixon and Matilda Griffiths—who have joined us during Term 1.

Please make them all feel welcome.

Prayer Team

In Week 6, St Peters’ Prayer Team will be praying for—

School staff: Anjali Greirson (Indonesian Teacher), Sarah Smith (Learning Support Coordinator), Nicolle Jakube and Michelle Holmes (Rm 9—Year 2/3 teachers)

The following students and their families:
• Joanne Christopher (Rm 2)
• Matthew Nelson (Rm 5)
• Ella Rathjen (Rm 2)

St Peters’ Prayer Team:
James Ziersch, Angela Graetz, Sam Smith, Liz Bird, Bronny Meynell and Pastor Ben Pfeiffer.
Primary Years Programme (PYP)

CONCEPTS

Responsibility – What is our responsibility?

Being responsible is a key to children’s success both in school and in the larger world when they grow up. When they learn to take responsibility for their actions and their commitments, they get things done and people know they can be counted on to meet obligations and promises. These children are seen as trustworthy and dependable, they don’t make excuses when they make mistakes but rather own up to them and make amends, they are willing to take on new responsibilities and they are often self-starters. Such behaviors are important ingredients to success in school and in life.

The concept of responsibility is one of the 8 key PYP concepts that is easily incorporated into conversations and action at home. I’m sure there are not many parents who wouldn’t want their child to be more responsible at times! This concept is taught not only because of the need to identify and assume responsibility within our children, but also encapsulates learning about taking socially responsible action (improving society, the environment and the lives of others).

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

What might be the consequences of….?
What is our responsibility to not form stereotypes?
How should we treat other people who are different to us?
When do we have to be on time?
What steps can you take to be more responsible?
How is our use of…affecting the environment?
How can we conserve our natural resources?
What responsibilities do we have as Christians?
Why should we care about the books in the RC?
Can individual efforts make a difference?
What does it mean to be a global citizen?
How could you help…?
How can we make people aware of the need to act more responsibly?

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.
School Funding

Over the next 12 months as elections loom (both federal and state) and the Gonski recommendations are being discussed around the place, you will no doubt see and hear lots of information. The following is a neat little summary of how independent schools like St Peters are funded. (This information has been prepared and shared by the Association of Independent Schools of South Australia (AISSA) of which all Lutheran Schools in SA are members.)

How Your Taxes Fund Schools

There’s a lot of misleading information in the media about school funding. On average, State and Commonwealth governments spend almost twice as much for each SA Government school student as they do for each SA Non-Government school student. In an independent school, families make up the difference.

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Australian and State Government Recurrent Expenditure per SA Government and Non-Government Student 2010-11
(Source: Productivity Commission Report on Government Services 2013)

St Peter's Sporting Super Stars

Volleyball
We played against the One Directioners. We won against them. At first we were losing but then we won. Aim

Yr 7 Boys Basketball
We lost 36-24. We played against Blackwood. Some people that played well were Lewis and Jordan. Tom

Year 6/7 Netball
This week we played against Cove and unfortunately we lost by 1 goal. The score was 18-17. We are in the semi finals next week. Georgia and Rachel played really well.

Year 5 Basketball
We played against Hawthorndene. The score was 0-35. We won. Eduard was one of the best players and also Luke. William H

5/6/7 Girls Basketball
We won 26-14. Maggie and Chloe played really well. Natasha

Year 3 Basketball
We won by 10 points. We played Coromandel Valley. Lily, Ebony, Heath, Holly, Ebony and I all played really well. Harris

Kanga Cricket
Cancelled due to hot weather.

Year 2/3 Netball
We won. We played against a good team. We were having a draw at first and then at the end Amy and Emily were jumping really high and winning all the balls. They also shot a lot of goals. The score was 7-4. Olivia

B Grade Cricket
Forfeit due to hot weather.
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 Top 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 next week, Wk 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 Fees

The $20 fee for term 1 cricket is now overdue. Students who have not paid by week 6 will be unable to participate.

Come and Try Netball

Year 2/3 netball ‘come and try’ is happening tomorrow morning 8am on the hard play. Last week we had a massive turn out. It is very exciting for the future of netball here at St Peters to see so many enthusiastic little youngsters.

Come and Try is a skills based introduction to the game of netball. It is a great opportunity for the children to come 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.

Summer Netball

Congratulations to our year 6/7 netball team who have made the finals. The girls will be playing this Friday at the Uniting Church Netball Courts in the city. The games starts at 7pm against Diamonds Blue, on court 16. We wish them the best of luck. Go Saints!

New Fee Payment Policy

From 2013 St Peters is adopting a PLEASE pay before you play policy which has been communicated to all families via the 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.

Please pay fees directly to the association, the front office, or via the classroom communication box. 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.

Sport for Rec—Year 2

The Unley Sports for All Centre has a five week introductory sports program for R—2. The program, “Learn to Play” consists of 40 minute sessions, run over 5 weeks, starting the first week in May. At the end of the Learn to Play program players will have the opportunity to participate in a 5 week Goal Stars program. The cost is $30 per session.

For any further information please contact the centre on 82722121 or email them at lifebeinit_unley@ozemail.com.au

Coach still required

The B Grade team are still looking for 2 or 3 extra players but the coach and/or coordinator need is now very necessary. The team will be without a coordinator by 9 March. Please see The Newman family, Mrs Rawinski or Mrs Smith in the library if you can help.
**Diary Dates Term 1 (for your calendar!)**

**Week 5 (Monday 25/2)**
- Fri 1/3: After Chapel Coffee  
  (Room 6—Miss Schutz)

**Week 6 (Monday 4/3)**
- Tue 5/3: Playgroup
- Fri 8/3: After Chapel Coffee  
  (Room 2—Mr Eldridge)

**Week 7 (Tuesday 12/3)**
- Mon 11/3: Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
- Thu 14/3: School Council Meeting—7pm
- Fri 15/3: Funky Hair Friday!  
  After Chapel Coffee  
  (Room 9—Mrs Jakube/Mrs Holmes)

**Week 8 (Monday 18/3)**
- Tue 19/3: Principal’s Tour  
  Playgroup
- Fri 22/3: After Chapel Coffee  
  (Room 7—Miss England)
- Sun 24/3: Family Service (Rooms 9 & 10)

**Week 9 (Monday 25/3)**
- Wed 27/3: Sports Day
- Thu 28/3: After Chapel Coffee  
  (Room 5—Mr Burmeister)
- Fri 29/3: Good Friday

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**St Peters Lutheran Church**

Services each Sunday at 10.00am

**ALL WELCOME**

**Coming up...**

1/3: Bible Link Bibles given out in Chapel  
2/3: Youth Planning meeting 1 pm
6/3: Mid-week devotional service at 7:30pm
24/3: Palm Sunday School service

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

*God is faithful. He will not let you be tested beyond your strength (1 Cor 10:13).*

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

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