From the Principal

Father Forgive them

Have you ever been in a situation where you find yourself unable to forgive another person? Ever felt self justified about hanging on to some hurt by saying to yourself, “Well, I’m only responding to a wrong committed to me”. Or, “I’ll let it go but only after they do.” “She betrayed me”, “He let me down”, “He hurt me”, “They started it”, “It’s their fault”…..

Un-forgiveness can be poison to your life. It can poison your relationships, poison your perceptions of others (and they of you) and poison other people. It can suck the joy out of life. Un-forgiveness is poison, poison, poison…

Jesus clearly understood this and in reality his whole life’s ministry was about undoing the effects of un-forgiveness in the world.

Can you imagine, if it is at all possible, putting yourself in Jesus’ place during all he endured in the hours of that first Good Friday. Betrayed by one friend, denied by another, others watching on and doing nothing to help, being mocked, beaten and then nailed to a wooden cross. Staggering cruelty beyond understanding! If anyone ever had the right to feel hard done by and had every reason to hold a grudge against someone it would have been Jesus.

How would I have responded?

I can’t imagine I could have been capable of even the smallest gracious thought. It would have all been about me. Amid the cries of pain and despair I’m sure that my thoughts or words would have gone along these lines – “It’s not fair.” “I don’t deserve this.” “I hate these b******s.” “Why is this happening to me?” “If I survive this I will get them back”. If I’m being truthful these are the things I already think and say when something happens to me that I don’t like. I can only imagine how much more self-centered I’d be in the kind of situation Jesus was in.

And yet Jesus, as he so often does, flips it all upside down. While hanging on the cross after all that’s happened, in unimaginable pain, he says, “Father, forgive them.” Wow! It just staggers me! It is inconceivable. Yet it is true.

My forgiveness bucket is usually pretty shallow. The only way I can truly forgive and show grace is to draw on the forgiveness Jesus won for me. It’s there, it’s available, it’s free. Just ask Him.

Forgive them. It is freeing. It will free you and it will free others. It will restore you to joy and peace.

“When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” (Luke 23:33-34 NIV)

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.

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

Parents and Friends

home made
recipes from St Peter's Lutheran School community

Have you purchased your copy of ‘home made’? In full colour, professionally bound and with loads of great recipes, it will be a lovely keepsake for your family. Filled with tried and tested family favourites from our very own school community, it’s bound to become a well used cookbook in your very own kitchen. Copies are available for purchase from the front office for $21.00 each.

Bushfire Drill

On Wednesday morning this week, we carried out a Bushfire Drill, where our Bushfire Action Plan was again put into action. We would take this opportunity to remind parents that, in the event of a bushfire in the district or impacting our school, we would ask that you do not ring the school. We understand that in such circumstances parental anxiety will be high. However, phone lines need to be clear for emergency service contact in and out of the school. Parents are advised that information regarding a fire can be accessed by tuning into ABC radio 891 or logging onto the CFS website www.cfs.sa.gov.au. In accordance with our Plan, we will contact parents via SMS as soon and as often as practicable advising an update regarding our situation.

Class-Support Program

A few weeks ago we included with the newsletter an insert asking for parents to volunteer their service when a family has a crisis. We thank the 8 families who have responded so far. In previous years we have had many more responses. The response form also invites you to tell us that you are not available to help and prefer not to be asked by the Class-Support Coordinators to help with any of the services listed. We are suspecting that some parents have not read the insert, or have not printed it to respond, so we will be sending home a copy to each family to enable more responses.

Thanking you, James Ziersch

Sponsor Josh!

Josh from Room 1 will be brave and shave for this event. He is registered and hopes to raise $300. Let’s get behind him and donate what we can!

Prayer Team

In Week 7, St Peter’s Prayer Team will be praying for—

School staff: Ros Green (SPLOSHC Director), Barbara Rohde (SPLOSHC accounts), Natalie Rowe, Sian Manship, James Laughton, Tawny Keranovich, Sheridan Eldridge (SPLOSHC staff), and Trevor Burmeister (Year 4/5 teacher)

The following students and their families:
• Holly Dangerfield (Rm 5)
• Ashleigh Searle (Rm 5)
• Aim Aroonsiri (Rm 2)
• Mitchell (Rm 1) & Ben (Rm 6) Wallis

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

CHANGE

Change – How is it changing?

Change is a basic part of our reality. As humans our bodies are in a constant state of change, our minds are always evolving, and our attitudes towards life are changing every minute by what we are experiencing from everything around us. The world is changing. Knowledge is changing. Technology is changing.

Our children are growing up in a world in which the pace of change, both local and global, is accelerating. As educators and parents therefore, it is our responsibility to help the children learn about change. To understand that change is the process of movement from one state; that it is universal and inevitable.

Once the children understand the concept of change, they are then not only able to deal with change, but also be agents of change for the betterment of our society.

It is through the questions we ask at the right time that children come to an understanding of the world we live in. Likewise, through the use of good questions, children will come to understand the concept of change.

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

- How do we change as we get older?
- Why do people’s names change when they get married (very applicable to the children in Miss England’s class!)?
- Why do clothes go in and out of fashion?
- How has your knowledge about …changed because of this data?
- How does a number change when you add one?
- How is technology changing?
- How are iPads changing the way we learn?
- What changes have occurred?

Bronwyn Wilson
PYP Coordinator

School Funding...Part 2

‘How Your Taxes Fund Schools’

‘How Your Taxes Fund Schools’ has been prepared by the Association of Independent Schools of South Australia (AISSA) to provide clear information on how taxes contribute to government spending on school education. Combining both State and Commonwealth sources reveals that governments spend, on average, almost twice as much per SA government student as they do per SA non-government student. Some opponents of non-government schools focus only on the Commonwealth contribution. In Independent schools, school families make a significant financial contribution to their children's education.

Check out the short 5 minute video by clicking on either of these two links.

AISSA Facebook page: http://www.facebook.com/?sk=welcome#!/pages/Campaign-For-Fair-Funding-Of-Independent-Schools/372012896215321

AISSA YouTube page: https://www.youtube.com/user/IndependentSchoolsSA?feature=mhee
St Peters Sporting Super Stars

Volleyball
We won. We played against the team with the yellow stripes. Taylor and Aisha played really well. Jaylia

Yr 7 Boys Basketball
We lost 16-34. We all played really well. We need to work on our shooting. Cooper W

Year 6/7 Netball
We played Diamonds and it was a pretty even game. Isabella and Chloe got some good goals. Everyone worked well to get it down to the goal ring. The score was 24-20. We won. Now we are in the Grand Final! Taylah

B Grade Cricket
We won by 4 points. It was a pretty close game. The scores were 93-97. Our highest scorers were Jacob and Tyson. Jacob scored 21 and Tyson scored 20. We lost 3 wickets and the other team lost 4 wickets. Chris E

Year 5 Basketball
We versed Belair and we didn't play that well. We lost by 6 points. We all played alright but they had three really good players. Joel

5/6/7 Girls Basketball
We played Belair girls and we won 36-8. Taylah and Maggie did a good job in defence. Taylah scored some good goals. Chloe

Year 3 Basketball
We played really well but it was our first time at losing. Ebony hurt her hand in the car boot and the other team had lots of subs and they were really tall. Lily

Kanga Cricket
We played against Coromandel Valley. Will T and Alex played well. We lost. I caught someone out and so did Alex. Fletcher

Year 2/3 Netball
We lost by 10 goals. Emily V and Emily H played well. I got the only goal. Amy

Last call - Coach still required
The B Grade cricket 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.
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 the end of this 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 for term 1 cricket fee is now overdue. Students who have not paid by the end of this week will be unable to participate.

Winter 2013 Football and Netball
Nomination forms were sent home on Tuesday.

The Netball and Football nominations to play are now due. The short notice is due to the fact that South Australian Junior Netball Association needs a commitment from all schools about team participation by FRIDAY 8 MARCH.

On the nomination form you will notice we have given three choices of times to play for Netball. If you can only play on one particular day, please indicate that day. If you are not concerned about when you play please choose the Friday/Saturday option. This only applies to Years 5-7.

West Adelaide Football Club are also looking at teams and the possibility of some schools combining, if they do not have enough players to field a team of their own. This has worked very successfully for St Peters in the past. Please return your Football/Netball nominations to school by tomorrow morning.

6/7 Summer Netball
Congratulations to our year 6/7 netball team who have made it into the SAUCA Grand Final. The girls will be playing Friday 15 March at the Uniting Church Netball Courts in the city. The game starts at 7pm—court number to be advised. We wish them the best of luck.

Go Saints!

6/7 Netballers—Please Note
Due to the Long Weekend there will be no training this Friday. Instead, it will be held on Wednesday 13 March at St Peters.

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

Totally Schoolwear

You are invited to our COLOUR CO-ORDINATED CLEARANCE
March 1-15: Green, Grey
March 16-28: Blues
April 2-12: Black, White, Red
April 13-30: Rainbow

Selected items at 2 for $10
Substantial discounts on generic (non-logoed) & discontinued stock.
Polos, Shirts, skirts, dresses, shorts, pants.
Kids, Youth and Adult sizes.

Shop 3, 378 Goodwood Road, (cnr Little St) Cumberland Park 5039
Ph: 8373 1776
Opening Hours: Monday – Friday 9am - 5pm
Saturday 9am -12pm
Please choose items carefully as there will be no refund available on sale items purchased.
Diary Dates Term 1
(for your calendar!)

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

**Week 7 (Tuesday 12/3)**
- Mon 11/3: Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
- Tue 12/3: Second Hand Uniform Shop Open—3.00pm to 3.30pm
- 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: Playgroup
- Fri 22/3: After Chapel Coffee (Room 7—Miss England)
  - Second Hand Uniform Shop Open—after Chapel
- Sun 24/3: Family Service (Rooms 9 & 10)

**Week 9 (Monday 25/3)**
- Tue 26/3: Principal’s Tour
- Wed 27/3: Sports Day
  - Second Hand Uniform Shop Open—8.45am
- Thu 28/3: After Chapel Coffee (Room 5—Mr Burmeister)
- Fri 29/3: Good Friday

**Week 10 (Monday 1/4)**
- Mon 1/4: Easter Monday
- Tue 2/4: Playgroup
- Fri 5/4: After Chapel Coffee (Room 8—Mrs Rathjen/Mrs Read)

**Week 11 (Monday 8/4)**
- Tue 9/4: Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Wed 10/4: Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Thu 11/4: Last Day of term
  - Closing Chapel Service (8.45am)
  - After Chapel Coffee (Room 10—Miss Davies)

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