From the Principal

This week has somehow gotten away from me so I have cheated and borrowed some thoughts from Neville Grieger (LSA Spiritual Facilitator) on this week’s Gospel message.

Mark

We would like to see Jesus!

Walking the final road with Jesus, we note that this reading comes immediately after what is often referred to as the triumphal entry into Jerusalem. With Palm Sunday still another week away we are obviously chronologically just a bit ahead of ourselves. Either way this exchange is clearly drawn from the final days of Jesus ministry.

In terms of context, note also that this dialogue occurs immediately after the lament of the Pharisees in verse 19: “See the whole world has gone after him”. (Alarm bells ringing loudly for the religious authorities!) What unfolds in this reading is therefore probably no coincidence. Some GREEKS ask if they can see Jesus! Greeks of all people! Could it really be that these excluded people (at least in the Jews eyes) want to find out more about Jesus?

It is interesting that on the surface Jesus seems to ignore the request but He in fact gives a profound answer. Jesus declares that “it’s time” … (to use a famous Australian political phrase!) …it is time to make it finally clear that He must die … and through Him being raised up on the cross, ALL PEOPLE will be drawn to Him … Greeks included!

“We would like to see Jesus!”

How do we respond to that request in our school, homes and wider community?

How do we answer the challenge of showing people Jesus in these largely secular times of the 21st century?

Have we shown Jesus to someone this week?

Nev Grieger
LSA Spiritual Facilitator
(with permission)

REMINDERS:
• Have you booked and paid for your Bingo Night tickets?
• Have you booked your child/ren in for Vacation Care for the upcoming holidays and/or SPLOSHC for the Pupil Free Days!
Parents and Friends

**Bingo Night**
**Saturday 31 March @ 7.30pm**
The Bingo Night is almost here—only 1 week to go!!! Come along to the Blackwood Football Club with your table of 10, dressed as the cast from your favourite TV show or movie. Tickets are $20 per head and include 10 games of bingo (prizes for each) plus door prizes AND a prize for the best decorated table! Please note—tomorrow (Friday 23 March) is the last day to pay for your tickets. Make sure you don’t miss out!

Remember, you can now pay for your tickets via electronic funds transfer, direct into the P&F bank account. Details are available from the school office or Blake Watson, so be sure to send a note, phone or email either Blake or the school for account information. Please bear in mind that payments made via this method take 2-3 days before the money is actually received in the P&F account. Tickets will be issued once the P&F Treasurer has confirmed that the money has been received in the account.

**Cadbury Fundraising**
Easter is nearly here and the Cadbury chocolate fundraising boxes are available for anyone whose friends or colleagues may be interested in buying some good quality chocolate. We have boxes of the usual variety of bars, as well as Cadbury Dairy Milk Easter egg bags. A small number of the individual Easter egg bags will also be available for purchase from the front desk, if you’d like to buy a bag or two and help support the St Peters Parents & Friends Association. All proceeds go towards the purchase of equipment and facilities for our children. Please speak to Blake Watson if you have any queries or phone/text 0409 720 655.

Family Service

Everyone is warmly invited to attend this Sunday’s Family Service at 10am where Miss Williams’ and Mr Burmeister’s Year 4/5 classes will have special involvement.

SPLOSHC News

**Pupil Free Days**
Thursday 5 April
Monday 23 April
Tuesday 24 April
If you require care on these days please refer to the booking form attached, or pick up a copy from either SPLOSHC or the front desk and return by Friday 30 March 2012.

**Vacation Care**

BOOKINGS NEED TO BE IN TOMORROW!!!!!!!
SPLOSHC will once again be offering Vacation Care during the upcoming holidays. A booking grid is attached, or copies are available through SPLOSHC and the front desk. All bookings need to be in by Friday 23 March 2012.

**Parent-Teacher Interviews**
The schedule for Parent-Teacher Interviews, to be held on Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 April, has been sent home today via the communication boxes. Please make every effort to attend at the time allocated. However, if for some reason you are unable to attend at the nominated time, please contact your class teacher to make an alternative time. You are also requested to return the pre-interview feedback form to your child/ren’s teacher/s on Monday 26 March.

Easter Chapel Service

Please note—we will be holding a special closing Chapel service on the last day of Term 1 (Wednesday 4 April 2012) for Easter.
We would welcome parents and friends to join us for this service at 8.45am, and then stay for a hot drink and chat after the service.
Assessment in the PYP
How do we discover what students have learnt?

Student learning is promoted at St Peters through planning and refining the teaching and learning process to meet individual or group needs. Assessing the students’ prior knowledge and experience as well as monitoring their achievement enables teachers to plan and refine their teaching accordingly.

Summative assessment is the culmination of the teaching and learning process and gives students the opportunities to demonstrate what has been learned. The year 2/3’s, in their unit on rights and responsibilities, completed a mind map showing the links between the two as their summative assessment and the 6/7’s are busily preparing a speech on their beliefs and actions.

Formative assessment is the information used in order to plan the next stage in the learning. It is interwoven with learning and helps the teacher and students to find out what they already know. The R/1’s, for their unit on patterning, brought in either a pattern that they found in nature or a human made pattern to share with the rest of the class and for the teachers to gauge their current understanding of patterning.

There are many different methods of collecting information and this varies from class to class, but the purpose and outcomes generated from this information throughout the whole school serves to increase the child’s level of understanding.

Bronwyn Wilson
PYP Coordinator

Catastrophic Bushfire Text Warning

In last week’s newsletter, we advised that we would be testing our texting system yesterday (the system we have in place to notify parents and caregivers by text message of impending school closure due to catastrophic fire day conditions, or other urgent school information).

Unfortunately, we were not able to test our system yesterday, and have rescheduled the test for next Wednesday 28 March.

We will confirm that the test has taken place in next week’s newsletter, and ask you to notify the front office if your family has not received the text message or if there are problems with the communication.

School Fees

Please note – any outstanding Term 1 school fees will have a $15 late payment fee applied (unless you have separately organised an alternative payment arrangement with the Business Manager).

Special Food Day

Another successful Special Food Day held today, organised by our super efficient and amazing Special Food Day Coordinators and their team of fantastic support staff in the kitchen!! Today’s mini food raised a massive profit of $450 for our school.

Keep an eye out for order forms for our next special food event—yummy hot cross buns on Tuesday 3 April. Details coming home soon!!
Prayer Team

Next week, Week 9, *St Peters’ Prayer Team* will be praying for—

**School staff:** Alix Newbury (Library Teacher), Sharon Smith (Library LSO)

**Students and their families in Room 1 and their Year 6/7 teachers:** Rebecca Geue and Andrea Rathjen

- Sarah Di Iorio  
  *(parents: Joanne & Danny)*
- Tabitha Knight  
  *(parents: Clare & Kevin)*
- William Rogers  
  *(parents: Leanne & John)*
- Cooper Williams  
  *(parents: Joanne & Kirk)*

This year the staff are also praying for the families listed above. To help them all know who the parents are, could you please send in a family photo to be put up in the staff room notice board on the week we are praying for your family. Your photo will be returned or photos can be e-mailed to james.ziersch@stpeterslutheran.sa.edu.au

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

Entertainment Books 2012/13

Wow—where has the year gone?! The next consignment of Entertainment Books (for 2012/13) will be available early to mid April 2012. Still at a great price of $65 per book. If you prepay, this will attract an additional sheet of vouchers.

Ask your friends, relatives, work colleagues NOW!

It is worth knowing—if you purchase a book in South Australia and have a relative or friend interstate, they can get an Entertainment Book through you for the nominated State, at cost price.

There will be a list at the School Office Reception if you wish to order a book. Or, if you would like more information, please telephone Olive Fairclough on 8278 7947 or Liz Laynes on 8278 5353 or, alternatively, email Liz at liz.laynes@flh.asn.au for further information or to secure your book.

Broken Zips

Please advise the front office if the zip on your child’s school bag is broken, as a representative from Spartan will kindly arrange to visit us to fix the zips in the near future.

Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic Book Club catalogues went home today and are due back by Tuesday 27 March. Any orders after this date will, unfortunately, not be processed by Scholastic until Term 2.

**Term 1 OSH Sport Fees**

**Term 1 Sport Fees are Now Overdue**

Basketball tops are $6 for the term and cricket is $20.

Please pay this to the front office who will issue you with a receipt. If you are paying through the class communication box please mark the envelope with your child’s name and the Out of School Hours Sport they are playing.

For those of you who have already paid, THANK YOU.
C Grade (S) Cricket
On Saturday we played at Blackwood High School and we won in wickets and runs. Our score was 47/3 and their team was 36/4. Luke Lovelock played well and so did Nik Gacic.

Jordan Neal

C Grade (J) Cricket
We lost like always. We lost by 1 wicket and 20 runs. We all played well and me and Chris nearly got a stump but it hit the side.

Ben Pruszinski

Yr 6 Basketball - white
On Thursday we played basketball at Blackwood Rec Centre. It was our first win for the season. The people who played well were Taylah, Georgia and Matt. We ended up winning by 6 points.

Alexander Tessari

Year 6 Basketball - blue
We played St Johns. The score was 12-19 we lost. Everybody played a great game. Special thanks to Joel for filling in for the people that were away.

Jonathon Jones

St Peters Sporting Super Stars

Volleyball
We lost. I think I served really well and so did Ariane. We did a good job.

Lauren Sparre

Year 5 Basketball
On Friday we won by 16 against Coromandel Valley. The people who played well were Jordan and Lachlan. The things we did well were dribbling, shooting and passing.

Nik Gacic

Year 5/6 Netball
Everyone played a good and hard game. We lost. Rhiannon and Zoe T they did a good job running for the ball. We played against Kelsey’s team Walford.

Maddision Masters

Year 4 Basketball
We played Basketball on Wednesday and we were playing against Belair and we won by a lot. Most of the game was the mercy rule. Joel played a good game. Luke Lovelock

Year 3/4 Netball
On Monday we played against Unley and we won by 2 goals. Ashleigh played well she was good at defending. Holly was good at shooting.

Mikayla Sharrad

Kanga Cricket
I had a really good time. We had a cricket ball and it was very fun. We played cricket. I hit the ball very well. What it was like it was just like fun! What I love about this is that I always wanted to learn cricket.

Kai Gruberlind

OSH SPORT FOR TERMS 2 AND 3 – WINTER SEASON

The following teams will be going ahead: Yr 4 and Yr 6 basketball; Yr 4/5 football; Volleyball; Yr 2/3, Yr 4 and Yr 5/6 Netball.

The following team requires a coach: 2/3 Football

If there is not a coach for this team it will be withdrawn from the competition. Coach nominations need to be in to the front office by the morning of Tuesday 27 March

If anyone wishes to know more about this important position please contact Grant Lovelock, 0431 265 961 who is our West Adelaide Football Club delegate.

We are also in the process of organising teams and/or awaiting information about the following teams:

- Combined Soccer teams with Blackwood Primary School;
- Lacrosse

At this stage it does not look like there will be enough players in the West Adelaide Football zone for our 6/7 footballers. If any chance of a game comes to light we will pass the information on straight away. In 2011 WAFC managed to have 3 schools combine to make a team but at this stage it seems unlikely.
St Peters Lutheran Church

Services each Sunday at 10.00am

ALL WELCOME

Coming up...
23/3 Youth Launch 2012 BBQ at 6:30pm
25/3 School service at 10am
28/3 Mid-week Lent service at 7:30pm

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

Jesus said, “Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies it produces many grains” (John 12:24)

St Peters Lutheran School, where the message of Jesus Christ is communicated and celebrated, is a caring, supportive learning community that encourages global consciousness, responsible action and life-long learning.

Diary Dates Term 1
(for your calendar!)

Week 8 (Monday 19/3)
Fri 23/3 After Chapel Coffee—Room 1 (Miss Geue)
Toolbox Parenting Group—9.30am
Sun 25/3 Family Service (Room 5 & 6)

Week 9 (Monday 26/3)
Wed 28/3 Prayer Group—9.00am
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
Toolbox Parenting Group—9.30am
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
SAPSASA District Day
Last day of term
Thu 5/4 Pupil Free Day
Fri 6/4 Good Friday

Please join us for Prayer Group, held in the meeting room every Wednesday morning at 9am. All welcome.
James Ziersch and Cathy Tighe

St Peters Youth
St Peters Lutheran Church youth group is starting up again in 2012. We will be having an opening BBQ on Friday March 23rd at 6:30pm. Interested families with kids from eight to eighteen are invited to attend. This year youth will run on the second weekend of each month and alternate between Friday nights and Sunday afternoons. We plan to break off into junior youth, youth and senior youth depending on our numbers. Come along on March 23rd to help us brainstorm ideas for this year and enjoy a fun night over a few snags. Please bring a few coins to contribute to costs.

Pastor Ben and Sarah Smith