From the Principal

Some things worth knowing about Forgiveness

As parents and teachers we often need to speak to our children and students about forgiveness. I wonder sometimes if we brush over the importance of helping children (and each other) to really understand the significance of the healing that true forgiveness brings. Do we encourage children to forgive each other after a conflict or does that get a bit missed or brushed over? Do we encourage our children to say, “I forgive you” or “Please forgive me”. Do our children know what real forgiveness means?

The ability to forgive or receive forgiveness does not come simply or naturally to humans. As with many of life’s skills it must be practiced, taught and even more importantly it needs to be observed as children watch the adults in their lives. What habits are they learning from you and me?

I saw this list of things worth knowing about forgiveness in the Faith Family magazine published by the LCA. It was helpful to me. Take a moment to read through the significance of each point and ponder how you deal with and model forgiveness in your own family. You might even like to discuss the points with your tribe over dinner some time. If you are anything like me you will have stuffed it up many times. Forgive yourself and try again.

10 things families (and classrooms) need to know about forgiveness.

1. **Forgiveness is a choice** – we can choose to forgive or we can choose an attitude of un-forgiveness.

2. **Forgiveness can be a long process** – deep hurts take time to heal and we might not feel better straight away.

3. **Forgiveness does not depend on the person who hurt you saying “I’m sorry”** – you can choose to start the healing process.

4. **Forgiveness does not require an agreed version of the past** – you don’t gain much by arguing over who said or did what.

5. **Forgiveness means letting go of your ‘right’ to pay back** – the idea that revenge is sweet is a big lie. Revenge eats away at the core of your life.

6. **Forgiveness means not bringing it up again** – how easy it is to open an old wound by dragging up the past.

7. **Forgiveness does not mean excusing the behavior of the other person** – actually if the behavior can be excused does it need to be forgiven?

8. **Forgiveness does not mean re-trusting someone who has proven him or herself un-trustworthy** – sometimes trust needs to be rebuilt over a long time.

9. **Forgiveness brings freedom, not necessarily a warm fuzzy feeling** – again, hurt takes time to heal.

10. **Forgiveness goes against our human nature and our instinct. It is possible only because God loves us and has forgiven us** – our own forgiveness bucket is generally pretty empty. Ask God to fill it up!

So be gentle, kind, humble, meek and patient. Put up with each other, and forgive anyone who does you wrong, just as Christ has forgiven you. Love is more important than anything else. It holds everything together.

(Colossians 3: 12-14)

Mark Rathjen, Principal
**Sports Day**

A reminder to all that our Sports Day is fast approaching—and will be held at Blackwood Football Oval next Wednesday 27 March. The detailed information leaflet, including team details, general information about the day (eg what to wear, pick up and drop off arrangements, helpers etc) and a timetable was attached to last week’s newsletter. Students will begin their day as normal, ie meeting their class teacher in the classroom for the roll call. Teachers will then take their students to the oval to begin Sports Day.

Attached to this week’s newsletter you will find a sausage sizzle order form for lunch on Sports Day. A copy of this has also been sent home with all students today. Please note that orders are due back at school by Monday 25 March. Drinks and icy poles will also be available for purchase at lunch time on Sports Day, from the kitchen window.

As always, we would be very grateful for some volunteers to help with cooking, preparing and distributing orders, and selling on the day. If you can help in this way, please let us know via the return of your child’s order form, or contact Jo Williams on 0437 337 792. Thanks….we’re looking forward to a fun-filled day!

**Learning Support Sessions**

Please note—due to Sports Day, Good Friday and learning support planning meetings, there will be no learning support sessions held in Week 9.

**Prayer Team**

In Week 9, St Peters’ Prayer Team will be praying for—

**School staff:** Ben Pfeiffer (Pastor), Mark Rathjen (Principal), Matt Eldridge (Rm 2—Year 5/6 teacher), Lee-Anne Munro (LSO); Anne Dangerfield (LSO)

**The following students and their families:**
- Sarah Di Iorio (Rm 1)
- Cooper Williams (Rm 1)
- Anabelle (Rm 8) & William (ELC) Jakube
- Jenae Malan (Rm 8)
- Oska (Rm 7) & Issa (ELC) Morris

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

**Principal’s Tour**

A reminder that our next Principal’s Tour will be held at 9am next Tuesday 26 March. If you know of anyone looking for an Early Learning Centre or School in this area, please suggest that they contact us to book a place on this tour.

**Family Service**

Everyone is warmly invited to attend this Sunday’s Family Service at 10am where our Year 1/2 class (Miss Davies—Room 10) and our Year 2/3 class (Mrs Jakube/Mrs Holmes—Room 9) will have special involvement.

**Parent-Teacher Interviews**

The schedule for Parent-Teacher Interviews, to be held on Tuesday 9 and Wednesday 10 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. Please remember if you have more than one child at St Peters, you will need to liaise with each individual teacher. You are also requested to return the pre-interview feedback form to your child/ren’s teacher/s by Thursday 28 March.

**Funky Hair Friday**

Thank you so much for everyone’s support last Friday. Altogether we raised just over $588 for the Leukaemia Foundation. Special thanks to Kelly Kroeger for extra help with hair stations.

*Love from Alice, Ella, The Fund Raising Action Group and the ELC*

Josh Tiekstra and his family would like to thank you for your generous support in helping him raise over $800 for the Leukaemia Foundation.
CAUSATION

Causation – Why is it like it is?

Causation is an important concept for children to understand and can be applied to many areas of life and all disciplines. Causation is a concept that encourages us to ask “Why?” and allows students to recognise that actions and events have reasons and consequences.

Causation is the understanding that things do not just happen and that there are causal relationships at work.

This concept is used a lot in the classes here at St Peters and forms part of the culture in our school. From a very young age, the children are encouraged and given the opportunity to question and ask why of their teachers, peers and the school as a whole.

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

- Why do we have homework?
- What patterns does nature use? Why?
- Why are tyres round? (a good travelling one!)
- Why do you think your friend responded in that way?
- Why did the author choose this story?
- How does physical activity improve your fitness?
- Were there alternate solutions?

Bronwyn Wilson
PYP Coordinator

End of Term Casual Clothes Day

At the end of this term, we plan to hold a "Dress Up Like A Jelly Baby Day". Please bring a gold coin. The money will be going to Diabetes SA through the Everyday Hero organisation. Maggie is trying to raise $1000 to help find a cure for diabetes so she has registered for the Everyday Hero parachute jump on 14 April - the first Sunday in the holidays.

Type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune disease where the beta cells in the pancreas are destroyed and can no longer produce insulin. Insulin is needed by the body to transport glucose from the blood into the cells for energy. Reduced or no insulin production causes the glucose levels in the blood to rise dramatically. Unlike Type 2, Type 1 diabetes is not caused by lifestyle factors and can not be prevented. Fifty percent of the cases occur in children and young adults, although it can occur at any age. Symptoms are often sudden and can be life threatening, they can include: extreme thirst, frequent urination, sudden unexplained weight loss, extreme fatigue, blurred vision, muscle cramps, nausea, vomiting, constant hunger and abdominal pain, and unconsciousness.

During the last few weeks of Term 1, adults (and students with written parental consent) can purchase some Diabetes SA goodies from the front office desk. Prices range from $1 to $6. Items include: Metal Pens, Plastic Pens, Pencil Cases, Pencil Boxes, Phone Charms, Wrist Bands, Large Jelly Baby Magnets, Jelly Baby Stamps, Metal Key Rings, Button Magnets, Badges.

We also plan to be selling Natural Confectionary Company Jelly Babies to the students at recess time on the last day of school. Jelly Babies are the mascots for diabetes because the glucose in them can save lives. All money and offerings will be going to Diabetes SA. Please follow Maggie’s efforts on: http://www.everydayhero.com.au/maggie_evans

Thank you. From Maggie and the Fundraising Action Group
Toolbox Parenting

Hot Tip
You can’t make anyone do anything

Have you ever tried to make someone do something? Whether it was a child or another adult, you probably discovered that the task is much easier when the person feels some inner motivation to do the thing you’re asking.

The key is recognising that your ability to control other people’s choices is very limited, and forcing someone to do something they don’t want to do can seriously damage the trust and goodwill between you.

Parents can set a different tone by deciding to voluntarily meet each other’s needs or requests. When both partners are motivated to do the same thing, then no-one is controlling anyone, and yet the needs of both are heard and respected. This sets a great example for children in our care.

Separated parents can also model this level of cooperation and respect when their children are with both parents. It is better for the children if you can put off discussing your differences and arguments until the children are not present.

God bless your parenting, James Ziersch

Book Club News

Book Club catalogues were sent home on Monday (and Wednesday for the ELC). All Book Club orders generate book dollars for the school and we use these to purchase new books and educational resources for students to use. It also makes a great place to purchase gifts for friends and family during the year. Orders for the school are due back tomorrow, Friday 22 March. Orders for the ELC are due back on Wednesday 27 March.

Happy Shopping,
Mrs Library Smith

OSH Sport News

Basketball Top Fees

Parents please note that the “use of” fee of $6 per term is now overdue. From this week all players will need to pay $6 per term regardless of whether they play one term of basketball or four.

Winter 2013 Netball

On the nomination form, families were given three choices of times to play for Netball. Unfortunately there were not enough players to field any teams in the Friday afternoon competition. As a result of this, parents and players please note that we will only be participating in the SAJNA Saturday morning competition.

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

Year 2/3 Netball

As previously reported, all 2/3 netballers must be 8 years old to participate in the SAJNA primary school competition. This has been clarified further and players have to be 8 by 31 December 2013. Unfortunately this still affects a small number of players. These players are still welcome to participate in the training with Nathan Smith and his team on Friday mornings. We will still endeavour to find a summer netball competition in which all 2/3 players can participate, in Term 4 2013 and Term 1 2014.
St Peters Sporting Super Stars

Volleyball
We played against Eden Hills and they won. We videoed the game on Taylors phone.
Jaylia

B Grade Cricket
On Saturday we played Belair and we lost. It was a really hard game. The people who played well were Jordan, Gabe and Ben. Gabe said I played well too.
Nik

Year 6 Basketball
We played St Johns and we all played a very good game. We ended up beating them by 36 points. Some people that especially stood out were Pax, Alex and Elyse.
Jordan

Year 5 Basketball
We played against Craigburn and we won. The good players were Henry, Harry and Will.
Luke

Year 6/7 Netball
We played Diamonds in the Grand Final. Taylah shot some good goals everyone worked well together passing the ball down into the goal ring. After the first quarter the score was 10-4 and we were down. By the end of the second quarter we were only down by 1. It was a very close game. In the fourth quarter it was even and then they got a goal. We ended up losing by 2 goals. We had a good time. Everyone tried really hard. Good effort to everyone.
Chloe and Taylah

It was fantastic to see the girls play on Friday night. The game was so tight and exciting I don’t have any nails left to bite. The girls coped brilliantly with the pressure and displayed beautiful team work and sportsmanship. I am so proud of them the way they kept plugging on and never gave up. They continuously encouraged each other and showed true St Peters spirit.
Well done girls on a fabulous season. Bring on SAPSASA netball!
Penny Rawinski

5/6/7 Girls Basketball
We played against Hawthorndene. The score was 26-4 and we won. I think Ashleigh and Georgia played really well.
Holly

Year 3 Basketball
We almost won. There was 30 secs left and we were drawing and they got a goal. I almost got a goal but I missed. Everybody played well especially Lily.
Harris

Kanga Cricket
We lost by a lot. I got better at batting this week. Seb did a few good hits. It was lots of fun.
Connor

Year 2/3 Netball
We got in front of the players more and they almost win but we won by two points. Tia is getting better at getting in front of her player. It was fun.
Olivia

Year 7 Boys Basketball
We lost by a lot. We played Belair heat. Everyone tried hard but we lost.
Tom and Josh
St Peters Lutheran Church

Services each Sunday at 10.00am
ALL WELCOME

Coming up...
24/3  Palm Sunday School service
28/3  Maundy Thursday service 7:30pm
29/3  Good Friday service 9am
31/3  Dawn Service at 7am with BBQ breakfast

Regular service at 10am

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

Look your king is coming to you... humble and riding on a donkey (Zech 9:9)

Diary Dates Term 1
(for your calendar!)

Week 8 (Monday 18/3)
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)

Easter Services
Please join us at St Peters church for the following Easter services:

Maundy Thursday
7.30pm with Holy Communion—a reflective service including readings, candles and music

Good Friday
9.00am—meditations on the words of Jesus from the cross and shared hot cross buns after service

Easter Sunday
7.00am dawn service with Holy Communion in the amphitheatre area—please bring a torch!
10.00am with Holy Communion—please bring a flower to participate in our traditional decorating of the cross

You are all welcome to join us for a BBQ breakfast at 8.00am in between the two services.

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