From the Principal

LIFE IS NOT FAIR

Last week I wrote about some thoughts on forgiveness that I saw in the Family Focus magazine. In some other reading during the past few days I saw something from Max Lucado, which was spookily similar in content. Perhaps the Holy Spirit is trying to get my attention on this area in my life. Perhaps he is trying to get your attention too.

“As long as you hate someone, a jail door is closed and a prisoner is taken. But when you try to understand and release your foe from your hatred, then the prisoner is released. And that Prisoner is you!

Perhaps you don’t like that idea. Perhaps the thought of forgiveness is unrealistic. Perhaps the idea of trying to understand the Judases in our world is simply too gracious.

My response to you then is a question. What alternative do you suggest? Will harboring the anger solve the problem? Will getting even remove the hurt? Does hatred do any good? Again, I’m not minimizing the hurt or justifying another’s actions. But I am saying that justice won’t necessarily come this side of eternity. And demanding that your enemy get his or her share of pain will, in the process, be most painful to you.

May I gently but firmly remind you of something you know but might have forgotten? Life is not fair. That is not pessimism; it’s fact.”

Max Lucado “And the Angels were Silent”

Mark Rathjen, Principal

Special points of interest:

- Tomorrow 29/3
  Good Friday
- Monday 1/4
  Easter Monday
- Tuesday 2/4
  Playgroup
- Wednesday 3/4
  SPORTS DAY—Part II

WELCOME

We welcome Robin Dale and his parents, Hannah and Stephen, into our school community at St Peters. Robin is in Year 4 and has joined Miss Schutz’ Room 6 class. We are sure you will all make Robin and his family feel welcome! 😊
**Sports Day**

**Part I**

A huge thank you to all involved in making “Part I” of our Sports Day held yesterday a great success, despite the inclement weather. Our Life Be In It activities, held inside, were fantastic. We particularly thank Mrs Rawinski and the team from Life Be In It for their flexibility and organisation skills in making the necessary alterations to ensure these activities were fun for all.

We also give a huge vote of thanks to Jo Williams and her many wonderful helpers for the tasty barbecue lunch enjoyed by many students, parents and grandparents yesterday. Despite the trying conditions and the eventual cancellation of Sports Day, the team 'cooked on' and, through their efforts and all of your support, successfully earned the school well over $400 profit—a fantastic effort by everyone!!

**Part II**

We will endeavour to hold the second part of our sports day next **Wednesday 3 April**.

At this time the weather forecast is 'mostly sunny' and 24C.

The programme for the day is as follows:

- **8.45am**—Classroom with teachers
- **9.10am**—Welcome and Team Chants at the oval
- **9.30am**—Circuit of Events with Class teacher (as per info that went home last week)
- **10.45am**—Recess (at school)
- **11.15am**—Reassemble on the oval
- **11.20am**—100m Sprints
- **12.20pm**—Tug-O-War (Yr 7s v Teachers)
- **12.30pm**—Closing/Thank Yous/ Pack Up (Students can be collected from classroom teachers at the completion of Sports Day events)
- **12.45pm**—Lunch
- **1.45pm**—Lessons resume. Remaining students will return to class for lessons.

NB: Normal after school pick up and SPLOSHC will apply.

*Recess and Lunch - please provide lunches as for a normal school day. No ordered lunches.*

We look forward to the successful completion of our Sports Day.

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**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](http://www.everydayhero.com.au/maggie_evans)

**Thank you.**

From Maggie and the Fundraising Action Group

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**Family Service**

Thank you to Miss Davies, Mrs Jakube and Mrs Holmes, together with their wonderful students from Rooms 9 and 10 who, last Sunday, joined in our Sunday service at St Peters Lutheran Church. These opportunities to worship together are certainly enjoyed by all.
Reflection – How do we know?

It is one thing to absorb a fact, to situate it alongside other facts in a configuration, and quite another to contemplate that fact at leisure, allowing it to declare its connection with other facts, its thematic destiny, its resonance. 
Sven Birkerts, The Guttenberg Elegies

Reflection is the understanding that there are different ways of knowing and that it is important to reflect on our conclusions, to consider our methods of reasoning and the quality and the reliability of the evidence we have considered. Reflection challenges the students to examine their evidence, methods and conclusions. It extends their thinking into the higher order of metacognition and encourages them to examine evidence for potential bias or other inaccuracies. (Making the PYP Happen pg20)

Dewey summarises four characteristics of reflection and reminds us that it is a complex, rigorous, intellectual, and emotional enterprise that takes time to do well.
1. Reflection is a meaning-making process that moves a learner from one experience into the next with deeper understanding of its relationships with and connections to other experiences and ideas. It is the thread that makes continuity of learning possible, and ensures the progress of the individual and, ultimately, society. It is a means to essentially moral ends.
2. Reflection is a systematic, rigorous, disciplined way of thinking, with its roots in scientific inquiry.
3. Reflection needs to happen in community, in interaction with others.
4. Reflection requires attitudes that value the personal and intellectual growth of oneself and of others.

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

How have we gathered that information?
Have we left anything out?
How reliable are our own opinions?
Could the information be interpreted in any other way?
What did I already know?
How did I know this?
What were my sources of information?
Did I check the information?
What does this book tell us about ourselves?
How can literature help us to understand a culture?
How did you reach you interpretation?

Bronwyn Wilson
PYP Coordinator

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).
**Chess**

**A new look Chess Team**

Last week, St Peters Students entered the SA Junior Chess League (SAJCL) Inter school competition, which is always held in week 8. All the other schools must have heard we were coming and stayed away, as we were the only school to attend. However it is not a team competition, so we just spent the morning playing each other, and in the end we had a draw for first place. Cooper Kilderry and Ben Pruszinski both received a Chess set as their prize. All other participants received a chocolate. No medals are given at these competitions.

The SAJCL normally organise their competitions after school hours in Terms 2 & 3. The nearest host school to us is yet to be confirmed. They play one game per fortnight (7 games in total) over the two terms on a weeknight.

We have normally been attending Chess School SA competitions which are hosted at different schools during school hours, with 7 games being played on the one day. I plan to take students to two interschool competitions in Term 2: Chess School SA—Girls Only Team comp at Loreto College in Marryatville on Wed 12 June (week 7) (cost $18); The SA Junior Chess League—Individual comp in Week 8 comp at the Chess Centre in Adelaide (cost $12).

We can play in both competitions, but the SAJCL after hours competition needs to have transport organised by parents to take a team of 4 students. Please let me know if your child is interested and you are available to be a driver for the SAJCL competition.

*James Ziersch*

*Chaplain*

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**Prayer Team**

In Week 10, St Peters’ Prayer Team will be praying for—

**School staff:** Bronwyn Wilson (PYP Coordinator/Library Teacher); Sharon Smith (Library LSO); Andrea Rathjen and Celina Read (Room 8 Reception teachers); Tracey Tessitore (LSO)

**The following students and their families:**
- Jade Woonton (ELC)
- Adelaide Watt (Rm 7)
- Oliver Wade (Rm 7)
- Jacob (Rm 5) and Stella (Rm 10) Newman
- Zoe Thomas (Rm 2)

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

**Faith Family**

**Inside this term’s Faith Family**

You may have already received this Term’s Faith Family, but have you read it yet? Easter is our celebration of God’s healing of a broken world and a broken people, and was not as easy as using super glue to fix a broken ornament. Jesus demonstrated his love for us all by suffering and dying in our place. He took our punishment and gave us forgiveness. (And there are 10 things families need to know about forgiveness!)

But can you believe that God’s love is for you? Every one of us needs to know that we are loved, but simply hearing someone say “I love you” is not always that easy to believe. Gary Chapman explains in his books “The five Love Languages” that each individual has one preference of the 5 ways that Love can be communicated. Have a look at one of his books if you don’t believe me!

Who is the person who has the best memory in your family? Encourage your children to share their memories, and maybe they too will then ask you about your memories? Memories help shape our sense of who we are; family memories help shape our sense of belonging. Help your child this Easter to feel a greater sense of belonging by creating some Easter Traditions. If you get stuck there are a few suggestions on the last page of this term’s Faith Family.

God bless your parenting, James Ziersch
OSH Sport News

OSH Sport
Winter 2013

The winter season of Out of School Hours Sport is almost upon us. The following teams will be going ahead: 4/5 Football; 2/3 Netball; 4/5 Netball; 6/7 Netball; Yr3, Yr4, Yr5, Yr6, Yr7 Boys and 5/6/7 Girls Basketball; and Volleyball. All teams have now been nominated with the various centres and associations.

Basketball Tops
All players please note if you are not playing Basketball in Terms 2 and 3 your top must be returned to school by the last day of Term 1. Players who have not returned the top by the end of this term will incur a charge of $45. This will be invoiced directly to families in Week 1, Term 2. Parents please note that the “use of” fee of $6 for term 1 is overdue and, from now on, all players will need to pay $6 per term regardless of whether they play one term of basketball or four.

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

Uniform News from Totally Schoolwear
Our uniform supplier, Totally Schoolwear, has advised that their store will be closed over the Easter break, reopening on Tuesday 2 April at 9.00am.
Please note also—Totally Schoolwear has provided us with an updated price list for our School and ELC uniform items, a copy of which is attached to today’s newsletter for your information. These prices will be effective from 8 April 2013.

SPLOSCHC

Vacation Care and Pupil Free Days
Term 1 has gone so quickly that it is already time to start booking for the upcoming school holidays and pupil free days. Pupil Free Days are on Friday 12 April and Monday 29 April. Vacation Care runs the entire school holidays (except ANZAC day). Please find attached our program booking sheet and excursion permission forms.
May all our families have a safe and happy Easter.
The SPLOSCHC Team
Ros, Natalie, Tawny, James, Sheridan, Sian and Alice.

Newspaper Recycling Program
Unfortunately, Cleanaway, the company running the Money Tree newspaper recycling program, will cease collecting newspapers at the end of March. Their newspaper recycling program was used as insulation, and now that the Government funding for insulation has ceased, that industry has a reduced need for newspaper. Thank you all for your support, we will be allowed to keep any bins that we were given so that is a bonus for any future recycling we undertake.

Lunch Ordering
We take this opportunity to remind families of the process for ordering lunches from our local lunch provider, The Orchard:
• Only items included on the ‘school lunch menu’ may be ordered (copies available at the school office if required)...please don’t order items not included on the menu, or variations of the items listed.
• Parents must supply a separate plain brown paper bag for each item ordered, with the child’s name, teacher and room number, what they are ordering, and the price written clearly on each bag (brown paper bags can be purchased from most supermarkets).
• Correct money must be placed in the bag.
• Lunch orders are to be placed in the class lunch baskets on Thursday mornings before 9am, which are then collected from the school office by The Orchard, to enable lunches to be supplied to school on Fridays at around 1pm.
**St Peters Lutheran Church**

Services each Sunday at 10.00am

ALL WELCOME

**Coming up...**

28/3 Maundy Thursday 7:30pm
29/3 Good Friday 9am
31/3 Dawn Service 7am with BBQ breakfast
Regular service 10am

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

Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” When he had said this, he breathed his last (Luke 23:46).

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**Diary Dates Term 1 & 2**

(for your calendar!)

**Week 9 (Monday 25/3)**
- 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
- Wed 3/4 Sports Day—Part II
- Thu 4/4 Class-Support Coordinators Meeting
  (Option 1)—2pm Staff Room
- Fri 5/4 After Chapel Coffee
  (Room 8—Mrs Rathjen/Mrs Read)
  Class-Support Coordinators Meeting
  (Option 2)—9.30am Church Mtg Room

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

**Term 2**

**Week 1 (Monday 29/4)**
- Mon 29/4 Staff PD Day
- Tue 30/4 Students commence Term 2

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**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.

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**Playgroup**

Come join us for Playgroup at the cafe!

**When:** Tuesday, 2nd April (next week)

**Time:** After school drop off

**Where:** Sheoak Cafe - 38 Sheoak Rd, Belair

Sheoak Cafe is a child friendly cafe with indoor play area and a lovely spot to catch up for hot drinks :) This is our last playgroup for Term 1 - hope to see you there!

Tanya Bingham (0412 614 717) & Samantha Smith (0481 262 263)