FROM THE PRINCIPAL

God in all Things

Over the past 15 months since I have been at St Peters I have contemplated from time to time the school's motto - "God in all Things."

So…God is where?

Perhaps if you are a bit like me, you might have thought that God was 'up there' somewhere. I knew he was around somewhere but ultimately he was a long way off. I knew he was in Heaven where He sits on a throne, and that He ruled among the clouds! Like most powerful people we know of (Royalty, Presidents, Prime Ministers) God was a bit distant, a bit too powerful to get close to, a bit scary.

Something like Bette Midler’s song; ‘God is watching us from a distance’.

I would suggest though that the complete opposite is actually true of God.

This a God who comes to us and dwells here among us. A God, powerful enough to create the magnitude and intricacy of the Universe (the Father), comes to earth as one of us (Jesus), gives his life for humanity and then gives us himself (the Holy Spirit) to live in us. Wow!

Check out the parable of the Lost Son where the Father runs to meet his boy. The Lost Sheep, where the shepherd goes out looking for his stray or the story of Zacchaeus where Jesus calls on him and invites himself to his place for tea. God is here and present, not distant and remote.

The “God In All Things” motto is such a great reminder to us that God is already here ahead of us, in us, with us and around us. He is seeking us, waiting for us, holding us, carrying us and coming to us. He is in all things. This is such a comforting thought to know that we don’t need to strive and stress to find him, he’s already here, we just need to receive him.

“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son…” Luke 15:20

Mark Rathjen, Principal

WELCOME—NEW STUDENTS

This term, we very much welcome Jade W to our Room 8 Reception class, as well as Jake F, Grace F, Nicholas H, Charlie K, Emily M, Kayla S, Will S and Elijah S to our Early Learning Centre. We trust that all of these new students and their families (new or existing) will feel very much at home at St Peters.

CROWS VISIT—TUESDAY 7 MAY

The Crows are coming to visit St Peters—next Tuesday 7 May after lunch. We have been extremely fortunate to secure a School visit from the Adelaide Crows. Some current players will be coming to talk to the school and to run a small clinic. Thanks to Grant Lovelock and Daniel Joyce for organising this special clinic.

NOTE—ALL STUDENTS ARE TO WEAR PE CLOTHES ON TUESDAY

Penny Rawinski, PE Teacher

PRAYER TEAM

Next week in Week 2 of Term 2, St Peters’ Prayer Team will be praying for:

School staff: Helen Radford (Business Manager), Deb Bahnisch (Enrolments Officer/School Secretary) & Claire England (R/1 Teacher)

The following students and their families:

- Harry (Rm 8) & Alicia (ELC) Piscopo
- Mia Porter-Westphalen (Rm 7)
- Finn Rollison (Rm 7)
- Christian Shadgett (Rm 7)
- Pax Masongele (Rm 2)

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Special points of interest:

- Tuesday 7/5
  Crows Visit to School
- Friday 10/5
  Cake Stall (Room 1)
CAKE STALL
Please note the Room 1 cake stall will be held on Friday 10 May (not tomorrow—as previously advised).

GRANDPARENTS’ DAY
Grandparents’ Day will be held this year on Friday 31 May. Your child/ren will be allocated the relevant times for their special visitors, and further information regarding the morning’s proceedings will be provided soon. A very important part of this special day in our school calendar has traditionally been the morning tea for grandparents, provided by our wonderful school families. Further details about this will be provided in next week’s newsletter.

EFTPOS FACILITIES
St Peters Lutheran School now has EFTPOS facilities. Families are welcome to use this facility, as an alternative to our existing payment methods, for payment of school-related expenses, including School, ELC and SPLOSHC fees, camps, uniforms, sport fees etc.

WORKING BEE—Saturday 25 May
Our next Working Bee will be held at School on Saturday 25 May. Families involved this time will be listed in next week’s newsletter, and are mainly from Rooms 7 and 8.

ST PETERS FETE TEAM
Thank you so much for the positive response to the request for willing helpers for the Fete team. It would seem that we have enough to form a working group now and can launch into planning our day. We will announce the Fete team in next week's newsletter. Those who responded will be contacted to let you know where we go from here.

NAPLAN
The NAPLAN testing will be occurring from 14-16 May (Week 3) for Years 3, 5 and 7. If, for any reason, you would like your child to be withdrawn from the testing, please let the school know as soon as possible.

CHESS
Monday afternoon Chess Competition
Students have been invited to attend this comp at Our Saviour Lutheran School, 28 Taylors Rd, Aberfoyle Park. Parents please note that the following opportunities are options that you have to support your child outside of school hours.
A team of 4 students can attend this, if parents are able to provide transport. 1 game is played each night between 4-5pm on the following days: May 6 and 20; June 3 and 24; Aug 5 and 12. This comp is organised by the SA Junior Chess League.
And also on offer for families who enjoy chess is the Rookie Club, open to all ages on a Sunday afternoon 2-4pm.
The next comp is on Sunday 5th May (each month)
Venue: The Chess Centre, 10 Ranelagh St Adelaide
Cost: $10 per afternoon.
Format: There will be a general tournament each week with prizes, along with friendly games and short lessons for novices and youngsters not keen on competitions yet.
Also they organize the following comps (with more info on their website: http://www.sajuniorchess.org/)
State U18-Under12 (Term 2)
July 18th & 19th (Thursday & Friday - of the 2nd week of the holidays)
State U11-U9 (Term 3)
Oct 10th & 11th (Thursday & Friday - of the 2nd week of the holidays)
State Girls Championship
Oct 10th & 11th
They also organise a 6 game competition in week 8 on Wed 19 June at The Chess Centre in Adelaide. This is something that I will coordinate for students to attend during school hours.

James Ziersch (Chess Coordinator)
OPENING CHAPEL SERVICE
We thank Pastor Ben in leading us in our Term 2 opening Chapel service on Tuesday. Please note there will be no Chapel this Friday morning and our usual Friday services will resume next Friday 10 May.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
Still at a great value of $65, the Entertainment Books are now available! If you have purchased a book before, you will know the great value and savings that it gives. You would only need to use the book 3 times to get your money back and then after this you save. A great gift idea. Copies are available for purchase from the school office. For further information, contact Liz Laynes on 8278 5353 or Olive Fairclough on 8278 7947.

ST PETERS YOUTH
The opening night for St Peters Lutheran Church Youth in 2013 is tomorrow night Friday 3 May at 5pm. Our Youth leaders have organised a new format for Youth this year:
- 5pm – 7pm Junior Youth (years 5-7)
- 6pm – 8pm Youth (years 8-10)
- 6:15pm Shared meal and time of spiritual focus (please bring $5 to cover costs)

We are planning to have three youth nights each term (always on a Friday from 5pm). We are currently finalising a schedule that will then be emailed out to interested families. Please contact Pastor Ben (pfeiffer241@gmail.com) or Sarah Smith (sarah.smith@stpeterslutheran.sa.edu.au) for more details or to add your names to our mailing list.

St Peters Lutheran Church
Services each Sunday at 10.00am

ALL WELCOME

Coming up...
- 3/5 Youth Opening Night 5pm
- 5/5 Baptism of Ashby Kleinig and Fox Lauterbach
- 11/5 Young Adults dinner from 6 pm

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

Jesus said, “The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you” (John 14:23)
**St Peters Lutheran School Blackwood**

**Diary Dates—Term 2, 2013**

*as at 2 May 2013*

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**Week 2 (Monday 6/5)**
- Tue 7/5  Crows visit to School
- Fri 10/5 Cake Stall (Room 1)
  - After Chapel Coffee (Room 2—Mr Eldridge)

**Week 3 (Monday 13/5)**
- Tue 14/5  NAPLAN
- Thu 16/5  School Council Meeting
- Fri 17/5  Cake Stall and After Chapel Coffee (Room 6—Miss Schutz)

**Week 4 (Monday 20/5)**
- Thu 23/5  Year 2/3 Camp at Ironbank
- Fri 24/5  After Chapel Coffee (ELC—Mrs Gaskell)
- Sat 25/5  Working Bee (Rooms 7 & 8)
- Sun 26/6  School AGM

**Week 5 (Monday 27/5)**
- Tue 28/5  Principal’s Tour—9am
- Fri 31/5  Grandparents’ Day

**Week 6 (Monday 3/6)**
- Fri 7/6  Cake Stall and After Chapel Coffee (Room 9—Mrs Jakube/Mrs Holmes)

**Week 7 (Monday 10/6)**
- Mon 10/6  Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
- Fri 14/6  After Chapel Coffee (Room 8—Mrs Rathjen/Mrs Read)

**Week 8 (Monday 17/6)**
- Fri 21/6  Cake Stall and After Chapel Coffee (ELC—Mrs Gaskell)
- Sun 23/6  Family Service (Rooms 1 & 2)

**Week 9 (Monday 24/6)**
- Thu 27/6  School Council Meeting
- Fri 28/6  After Chapel Coffee (Room 7—Miss England)

**Week 10 (Monday 1/7)**
- Wed 3/7  Report Folders go home
- Thu 4/7  Closing Chapel (8.45am)
  - Cake Stall and After Chapel Coffee (Room 5—Mr Burmeister)
  - Last day of Term 2 for students
- Fri 5/7  Staff PD Day

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