From the Principal

Our school’s motto is God in ALL Things.

Max Lucado, among other things, is a writer of Christian devotional literature. Probably many of you have read some of his work. One of the things I particularly like about his writing is the way that Max is able to look at the everyday things in life and see God in those things.

Sadly for many people God seems to be about church buildings, and stuffy Bible bashing people - kill joys whose main purpose in life seems to be to lay down the law and make us feel bad. For many people thoughts of God are associated with sitting in a church on Sunday listening to a boring sermon, when we’d rather be somewhere else. If this is what we think about God, we do Him a great disservice.

God is in ALL things and that means that he is in all of his creation and that includes the natural environment and also in every creature that lives and breathes. That means he is in you and me.

I’m sure that at this time when Australians particularly in Queensland have been facing incredible destructive natural disasters, many people are questioning where God is in all this. I’m positive that he grieves and weeps with us, and he is with us in and through the many, many wonderful people who have been involved in rescues and restoration of damaged lives as well as physical infrastructure. That is God at work in and through us.

At St Peters when you see Belinda cuddling your little one, see God, when you hear Leanne singing with your little ones with such joy, hear God, when you notice Kathryn playing for your little ones so beautifully in chapel, hear God, when you hear Linda giving words of praise and encouragement to your little one, hear God, when you see Heidi preparing the learning space for your little ones, see God, when you hear Trevor offering to help your little one, hear God, when you see Cassie eyes fixed on a little person actively listening to their story, see God, when you notice Rebecca enjoying a joke with a young person, see God, when you see Penny working with your little one, building up their artistic skills, see God, when you hear Ibu Anji talking about how pleased she is to be teaching again, hear God, when you see Sarah smiling encouragement to your little one, see God, when you see Bronwyn working with teachers, see God.

Our God is there when we feel the exhilaration of achieving our goals, whatever they might be, and he is also there when we are hurting. He speaks to us through the Bible, and the words of encouragement and sympathy we share with each other, the listening ears, the reassuring hugs and worldly possessions we share in times of need.

At St Peters in 2011 we hope that you will see God in All Things, particularly in the ways we work with you and your children.

New Staff

This year we welcome Heidi Schutz, our new Classroom Teacher, and Anjali Grierson, our Indonesian Language teacher. We are also delighted to welcome back Bronwyn Wilson to her role of PYP Coordinator (on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in Term 1, 2011).
Parents and Friends

In 2011, we are extremely grateful that the following people will all continue in their respective roles with the Parents and Friends Association at St Peters: Blake Watson—Chairperson; Samantha Smith—Minutes Secretary; Fiona Dimou—Treasurer. A sincere thank you to these three lovely people.

2011 Programme

Twilight Tea 5.30pm on Friday 25 February (Blackwood Football Club Oval—adjacent playground on school side). Sausage sizzle and cold drinks will be available for purchase. BYO chairs, picnic blankets etc...and feel free to BYO drinks and picnic also.

St Peters Fest at Hewett Reserve on Sunday 10 April.

Kytonts Easter and Christmas goodies will also be a fund-raiser for the school in 2011.

Cake Stalls will be conducted fortnightly over terms 2 and 3.

Lion’s Mart is a goer in 2011, but the month is yet to be booked.

St Peters Ball will be held on 5 November at the same venue as we enjoyed in 2010.

Special Food will also continue.

All of these events need committees to do the planning and preparation required. Those who have been part of these groups in the past have enjoyed the opportunity to get to know others in the school community.

If you are interested in being on the planning group for any of these events please ring Blake Watson on 0409 720 655.

St Peters Lutheran School Fete

Sunday 10 April 2011 (only 9 weeks to go!)

St Peters is holding its biannual fete this year on 10 April at Hewett Oval. Planning is well underway and it is shaping up to be a fabulous community event with wonderful food, crafts, activities and amusements. Please see below for some important fete information.

Convenors

Thank you to the wonderful parents who have offered to organise a stall. There will be a meeting for all convenors on Wed 9 February 7.30pm to 9pm at Café Montagna in Blackwood. There are two stalls that still require a Convenor – Fish and Chips and Plants. Both stalls are partly organised but need a willing person to oversee the remainder of the preparation. Please contact Penny Markham on 0414 401 469 if you have an interest in organising either of these stalls.

Target 200 – Volunteers Needed

To make the fete the success we want it to be we are reliant on many volunteers. In fact we need 200 people to help us run the day! Hence Target 200. Next week you will see volunteer rosters in each of your classrooms with the stalls that have been assigned to your class. We need around 24 parents per class for blocks of 2 hours each to staff the stalls and assist with set up and clean up on the day. You can team up with a friend or split the time with a partner or other family member. Just add your name/s to the rosters and help us make our fete great.

Donation Boxes

Donation boxes will be back in classrooms from week 2. Donations will help enormously with the costs of the fete. Thanks everyone who has donated so far, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

We are seeking the following items: plastic cups, plastic bowls (suitable for curries), large & small paper plates, white serviettes, plastic forks, knives, spoons & teaspoons, sugar sachets, equal sachets, salt, pepper & chicken salt & tomato sauce. You can donate any of these items by placing your donations in any of the white Australia Post boxes in each of the classrooms from Monday of week 2. Thanks in anticipation.

Second hand items

There will be another second hand items and toy drive on Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 February 2011. If you have any books, magazines, DVDs, toys or any other items that are still in good condition that you would like to donate, this will be the place to bring it to! Items can be dropped off to the school between 1pm and 3pm on Saturday and 11am and 12pm on Sunday. Please enter through the school gate adjacent the car park off Cumming Street (the gate near the hard play and slippery dip) and we will be there to meet you. If you can’t make it please leave your donation in the school hall on Friday 11 February 2011 and it will be collected and stored with the others.

Donated items should be in good condition/working order and when donating puzzles and games these need to be full sets.
Opening Service & Welcome

Our special beginning of the school year service was held on Tuesday morning. We welcome our new Pastor, Pastor Ben and thank him for leading us in our service and welcoming our new school year.

The following new students and their families (new or existing) have joined our school community this year. We welcome them all and trust that they will soon feel very much at home at St Peters.

Reception

Other Year Levels
Gabriel Beier, Milla Jane, Antonella Lemos, Andrew Maluszczak, Bryce Puckridge, Laila Scaparra, Clareece Varga, Sebastian Varga.

Welcome

and welcome back Ben Hebdon.

School Staff 2011

Margaret Linke (Principal)
Rebecca Geue (Year 6/7 teacher)
Cassie Williams (Year 5 teacher)
Trevor Burmeister (Year 4/5 teacher)
Heidi Schutz (Year 3 teacher)
Linda Laughton (Year 2/3 teacher)
Kathryn Davies (Year 1/2 teacher)
Leanne Mibus (Reception/Year 1 teacher)
Belinda Fox (Reception teacher)
Penny Rawinski (Physical Education teacher/
The Arts teacher)
Bronwyn Wilson (PYP Coordinator/
Teacher-Librarian)
Alix Newbury (Teacher-Librarian)
Sarah Smith (Learning Support Coordinator)
Anjali Grierson (Indonesian Language Teacher ELC-7)
Ros Green (SPLOSHC Director)
Helen Radford (Business Manager)
Jackie Grear (Receptionist/Admin Assistant)
Deb Bahnisch (Receptionist/Admin Assistant)
Liz Bird (LSO, Curriculum)
Angela Graetz (LSO, Curriculum)
Mary-Ann Mickan (LSO, Curriculum)
Sharon Smith (LSO, Curriculum)
Barbara Rohde (ELC & SPLOSHC Accounts)
Chris Smith (Maintenance)
James Ziersch (School Chaplain)
Early Learning Centre
Diana Gaskell (Director)
Emma Sturges (Teacher Assistant)

Communication Bags

All new students have received a navy blue communication bag (reader folder) on their first day at school.

If you would like to replace your child’s existing communication bag, however, they are available for sale for $7 from the office.

IB Learner Profile
Primary Years Programme (PYP)

After 6 months away from school, it is great to be back ready for another exciting year. Thankyou to all the staff, students and families that have been such a wonderful support over the period of my illness. Your prayers and kind words were very much appreciated. The doctors and nurses all guessed I was a teacher in a school from the amount of kiddy cards and drawings that I received!

The beginning of a new year is exciting as many changes, both on a class and school level, are made to accommodate a new group of children. This year is particularly exciting as we are developing new units throughout the school to cater for our changing composite classes.

As an insert to this newsletter, I have included the St Peters Curriculum News which gives you a snapshot of the learning that is taking place in all Units of Inquiry across the school in the first part of term 1. Each classroom has a Unit of Inquiry board with more detail relating to the Inquiry.

If you have any questions regarding the Primary Year Programme, please feel free to make a time to see me. I am available Monday, Wednesday and Friday before or after school.

Bronwyn Wilson
PYP Coordinator

Classroom Orientation Evening

Our Classroom Orientation Evening for parents will be held on Monday 7 February. The purpose of this evening is to provide an opportunity for parents to hear about each classroom teacher’s plans for the year and to find out about some of the school and classroom routines. This will be a general information session and will not provide a forum for parents to ask questions that relate to their particular child. To assist parents who have children in more than one classroom, we have devised the following programme:

6.15—7.00pm: Reading with your Child
(Reception Parents only)

7.00—7.30pm: Classroom Presentation
(First presentation by all classroom teachers)

7.30—8.00pm: Classroom Presentation
(Presentation repeated by all classroom teachers)

8.00—8.45pm: Bushfire Management Plan

Professional Development

As part of their preparation for 2011, teaching staff were engaged in a range of professional development activities in the week before school started.

On Monday they spent time working on their plans for the Units of Inquiry they will be teaching first term.

Tuesday was devoted to the myriad of administrative procedures and structures we need to have in place so that we are operating in an efficient manner.

On Thursday the teaching staff and the SOCs who work directly with students spent the day with Anna Pearce who is an occupational therapist with expertise in the area of students with sensory integration challenges. This was a very informative and practical professional development activity, and staff members came away with strategies to try in the classroom and a new understanding of ways we can support students.

On Friday we engaged in professional reading and discussion, and then on Monday we completed asthma first aid training, followed by a session on anaphalaxis and the use of epi-pens.
**Daily Timetable/Absences**

The staff begin each day with a devotion and short meeting from 8.10—8.30am. School commences at 8.45am. Students who arrive at school before 8.30am will go into Before School Care and the regular fee will be applied.

The teachers will be in their classrooms from 8.30am.

The best time to phone the school for any student absences is between 8.30—9.00am. Alternatively, you may send an email to admin@stpeterslutheran.sa.edu.au (also indicating the reason for the absence).

If your child/ren arrives late for any reason, please report to the office and “sign in”. As part of increased awareness of where each student is at any time, and to comply with government accountability requirements regarding student attendance, students who arrive at school after 8.45am or leave prior to 3.15pm are required to be “signed in or out”.

This register is kept at the school office and we request that parents/caregivers fill this in when they bring or remove a student from any classroom, together with the reason for the absence.

Your cooperation will support us with our duty of care and help us to comply with government accountability requirements.

**Recess is from 11.00—11.20am**

**Lunch is from 1.00—1.40pm**

School finishes from 3.00—3.20pm (staggered times) - see 2011 Procedures for Student Drop-Off and Pick-Up (Attachment B) which is the very last page of the Information Handbook for Parents & Caregivers and classroom teachers are on duty until 3.30pm every afternoon. Any students who have for some extraordinary reason have not been collected by that time will be sent to ‘Out of School Hours Care (SPLOSHC)’ from where they will be collected by their parent or caregiver. SPLOSHC fees will apply.

We would ask that if there is a reason why your child cannot be picked up on time, please notify the school.

**Uniform Shop**

The Second Hand Uniform Shop (which is located in the MFP, under the verandah) will be open this **Friday 4 February from 8.00am—9.30am**.

Please note that the second hand uniform shop is in desperate need of summer stock. If you have any items your child has out-grown, please hand them in to be consigned/sold as soon as possible.

Totally Schoolwear has advised that legionnaires hats will be available in store from next Wednesday 9 February. An update on the expected availability date of backpacks will be advised in the next newsletter.

Ali Harper (8278 1142 or 0407 189 226)
Natasha Caruso (8278 9393 or 0412 252 947)

**Medical Information**

Thank you to those families who have already provided us with their completed medical forms.

If your child suffers from asthma, anaphylaxis or requires emergency or regular medications during school hours, we require the appropriate medical information and medical authority to administer prescribed or over-the-counter medication.

Older students who self-administer asthma medication still require an asthma plan supplied to the front office.

If you do not have the appropriate forms, or are unsure of our requirements, please contact the front office.

**No Nut Policy**

Students health is of paramount importance. Several students in our school have an allergic reaction to nuts which could be life-threatening. We ask that all families refrain from sending nuts or any other food containing nuts to school for their children’s recess or lunch. This includes food like peanut paste, nutella and bars including nuts as even the smell of these can trigger a reaction in some students.

We understand the challenge in this for parents and your understanding and cooperation is greatly appreciated.
St Peters Lutheran Out of School Hours Care (SPLOSHC)

Welcome back to another school year. It has been great to see all the children again and to meet our newest additions.

Our staff members Ros, Siobhan, Lauren and Jemma have returned. We also have two new additions to our team, Tammy and Craig, so if you see them please make them feel welcome.

We are looking forward to a great term filled with many activities including kids in the kitchen, dance classes, drama, science and lots more.

Please ensure you have your enrolment and booking forms returned as soon as possible. It is important that we have this paperwork so we are able to contact parents if needed and also to inform us of any medical requirements that we need to be aware of. If you require an enrolment form, a booking grid or any further information regarding SPLOSHC, please see the front office.

You may remember at the end of last year we underwent validation through the National Childcare Accreditation Council Inc. Thanks to Richarda Tiley and the team’s hard work we rated extremely well, with the majority of our results being high quality.

We are looking forward to a great year.

The SPLOSHC Team

School Fees

A reminder that Term 1 school fees are due by Friday 4 February. Thank you to those people who have already paid their fees.

School Card

Please note that applications from those people wishing to be considered for School Card assistance must be received by next Thursday 10 February. Information about the scheme and application forms are available on the Procedures and Forms pages on www.decs.sa.gov.au/goldbook/

Working Bees

Working bees provide a number of benefits to the school and to school families. For your school it means that a lot of the grounds development and regular maintenance tasks are completed at very little cost. This means we can keep our buildings and grounds in good order and condition and our facilities remain an attractive place in which your children work and play. Working Bees also provide a great opportunity for people to socialise and get to know each other better.

On the recommendation of the P&F Association and, as was the case in previous years, a levy of $25 per family will apply for those families who do not attend. However, many parents are involved in special projects in and around the school and this volunteer labour will certainly preclude those people from incurring the levy.

If there are other special circumstances that should be taken into consideration, please inform the Principal.

Each year every family is allocated to a Working Bee Group. There are four groups and each group is allocated one working bee for the year. If no-one from your family is able to attend on your allocated day, you can nominate to attend one of the others.

A list of students whose families have been allocated to the first working bee on Saturday 26 February will be advised shortly.

We thank you very much for your support with this. Your school has benefitted enormously from the incredible voluntary efforts of parents in the past which has been a great blessing to the entire school community. It certainly does make a difference.

LLL Banking (Tuesdays)

All new families have been provided with an LLL banking pack, which included a calico bag (for library use) and banking information. Students can make deposits with The Lutheran Laypeople’s League (LLL) through the school.

Banking days are Tuesdays where you send your child/ren’s passbook and money to school via the class communication box and it is returned the same day. Please enquire at the school office if you need any further information about this.
Picking up students at the end of the day

School Car Parks can be very dangerous places, and sadly I have experienced students being knocked down by cars in the hurly burly of parents, cars and siblings at the end of the day. In order to keep all of students as safe as we possibly can, we have designed a pick-up procedure for parents to follow. This is clearly outlined in the Parent Information Handbook 2011, which every family has received.

We are emphasizing to all those picking up children at the end of the day the importance of abiding by those procedures, particularly lining up in cars, rather than parking and then walking across to the gate to collect children and then moving back through traffic in the carpark and on the road to get to parked vehicles.

It is very important for the smooth and expedient managing of the pick-up for parents to display the family name on the left hand side sun visor so that teachers can have children ready to get into the car when you come along.

It is also imperative that you are on time. **Please do not come early or late.** Please respect the instructions of teachers who are managing the pick-up and abide by the guidelines we have developed for the safety and welfare of all of our students.

Car Parking

Cumming Street has been identified by the Country Fire Service (CFS) as one of high risk if, in the event of a fire or emergency, vehicles are parked inappropriately.

There is a legal requirement under the Australian Road Rules that at least 3 metres of road is left clear alongside parked vehicles to enable other vehicles to pass. This rule is enforceable and Council’s Compliance Officers will be regularly monitoring the street to ensure that this is adhered to.

Term Dates 2011

Term 1
Tuesday 1 February—Thursday 14 April (11 weeks)

Term 2
Tuesday 3 May—Thursday 7 July (10 weeks)

Term 3
Tuesday 26 July—Thursday 29 September (10 weeks)

Term 4
Tuesday 18 October—Tuesday 13 December (9 weeks)

Public Holidays
Australia Day—Wednesday 26 January
Adelaide Cup Day—Monday 14 March
Good Friday—22 April
Easter Monday and Anzac Day—25 April
Easter Tuesday—26 April
Queen’s Birthday—Monday 13 June
Labour Day—Monday 3 October

St Peters Lutheran School

2011 Enrolments
Piano, Theory, Guitar, Violin and Voice lessons at St Peters!

NEW CONTACT DETAILS:
To enquire contact Carly on 7329 6329 or 0413 853 490

Lessons are after-school and in the early evening Monday to Friday. Tuition for beginners to advanced students.

We also teach adults (even if you have no experience).
On-campus Group or Individual tuition.

To enquire contact Carly McDonald at
enquiries@novarmusic.com

Visit us at www.novarmusic.com
We play chess at St Peters

We provide several opportunities for students to play chess at different levels of ability. This term we again offer Chess coaching, on Tuesday lunchtimes, by a professional, especially suited for students who are interested in playing at Interschool Chess competitions. Registration forms can be obtained from the school office.

Mato Jelic, from Chess School SA, would like more parents to understand the benefits for their children from playing chess. Please have a look at the following Youtube links to learn more:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OkTQ9Cbfyjyk&feature=email
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iljAzd-yQtE&feature=email

St Peters will again be hosting the Interschool Chess Competition for Adelaide South zone in Term 1, on Thursday 7 April, with the addition of a competition for Girls Only on Thursday 31 March.

Friendly chess games: During lunchtime on Fridays I will meet with up to 20 students who know how to play chess and are interested in playing a friendly competition. Sign up sheets will be given to class teachers.

Chess for beginners: During lunchtime on Thursdays (in the Library) I would like to teach children, who do not know how to play chess, from years 4 and 5, using lessons from the book “Chess for Kids” and using the website www.chesskids.com to reinforce learning at home. Sign up sheets will be given to class teachers.

Contact James Ziersch, Chaplain (Thur & Fri at St Peters) if you have any questions or ring mobile 0435 008 513.

Class Support Coordinators

The Class Support Coordinators are a small group of people from the school community including the Principal, Margaret Linke, the School Chaplain, James Ziersch, and a parent/caregiver from each classroom whose primary responsibility is to provide support and physical care for families of the school.

At this time the list of Class Support Coordinators for 2011 has not been finalised but we will advise these as soon as possible.

James Ziersch
Chaplain

SAPSASA

Information and nomination forms for two upcoming SAPSASA events were sent home to eligible students late in 2010.

The events are:
• Southern Heights Swimming Carnival (Friday 25 February—Marion Pool);
• Southern Heights District Athletics Day (Friday 8 April—Mercedes College)
  Trials to be held on Friday 11 February during school hours.

For eligible students wishing to nominate, properly completed nomination forms must be returned to school by Friday 4 February. Further copies are available from the front office if required.
## OSH SPORT FEES

Term 1 OSH Sport fees are now due and payable by Week 3. Basketball and Soccer top fees are $6 each; Cricket fees are $20 per player. These fees cover Term 1 OSH Sport. **Parents Please Note:** There may be other fees for your child's sport depending on the centre or association it is played under.

![Currency Symbol]

Basketball is due to start in Week 3.

As soon as we have timetables they will be sent home via team players.

All coach/coordinators will get the sport tops on Friday 11 February, via their child.

## CRICKET

School cricket will be starting on Saturday 12 February.

Coaches—your cricket bags will be ready for collection on Friday 11 February.

![Cricket Ball]

If anyone is interested in playing cricket and are not already with a club, the Coromandel Cricket Club details are below.

Training is on Thursday nights at Hewett Reserve. Games are played on Sundays 9am – 12noon.

The contacts for the club are

- Mike MacLean on 0419251469 and/or
- Darren Cheek on 0412343832

## TERM ONE OSH SPORT

These teams will be going ahead in Term 1:

- Senior Kanga Cricket
- Year 5 and 5/6/7 Girls Basketball
- Year 2/3 and 4/5 Netball
- 2/3 Indoor Soccer

The following teams have also been nominated as they have enough players. However, these teams still require a coordinator. If your child is in one of these teams and you are happy to coordinate, please let Sharon Smith know. Without parent support, these teams may have to be withdrawn from their competitions.

- Year 3 Basketball
- Year 4 Basketball
- Year 6 Basketball
- B Grade Cricket

## NETBALL

The two teams involved in the Unley Sports for All competition with Steve Masters (0438 278 012) and Cassie Williams (0438 896 646) are continuing from 2010.

If you have nominated for netball this term but were not playing in term 4, please contact your coordinator if they have not already contacted you.

![Basketball Net]

## INDOOR SOCCER

Indoor Soccer is also continuing from last year. However, the team is looking for extra players. The games are played on Sundays at the Unley Sports for All centre. If you require any further information, please contact the coordinator Paul Tessari (0409 155 363) or register your interest with Mrs Sharon Smith.

![Soccer Ball]

For CURRENT information on Out of School Sport items/EVENTS, PLEASE see the noticeboard outside Room 2.
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 1 (Tuesday 1/2)
Tue 1/2 School commences for students
Fri 4/2 Second Hand Uniform Shop Open
8.00am—9.30am

Week 2 (Monday 7/2)
Mon 7/2 Classroom Orientation Evening
Sun 13/2 School Staff Installation/Commissioning
Service 10am—All welcome

Week 3 (Monday 14/2)

Week 4 (Monday 21/2)
Fri 25/2 SAPSASA Swimming Carnival
Twilight Tea—5.30pm
Sat 26/2 Working Bee—9am (Room 5 & 6)

Week 5 (Monday 28/2)
Thu 3/3 School Council Meeting—7pm
Fri 4/3 Clean-up Australia Day

Week 6 (Monday 7/3)

Week 7 (Tuesday 15/3)
Mon 14/3 Adelaide Cup Day Holiday

Week 8 (Monday 21/3)
Fri 25/3 Sports Day

Week 9 (Monday 28/3)
Thu 31/3 Chess Interschool Competition
(Girls only)

Week 10 (Monday 4/4)
Thu 7/4 Chess Interschool Competition
School Council Meeting—7pm
Fri 8/4 SAPSASA District Athletics Day
Sun 10/4 St Peters Lutheran School Fete

Week 11 (Monday 11/4)
Mon 11/4 Parent/Teacher Interviews
Tue 12/4 Parent/Teacher Interviews
Thurs 14/4 Last day of term

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

St Peters Lutheran Church
NEWS

St Peters worship services are held each week at 10.00am

ALL WELCOME

Sunday 13 February—10am

Installation of new St Peters School Staff and rededication of current staff members.

All school families are invited to join in this service.

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