From the Principal

On Monday morning the light of my life had a cataract removed from his left eye! He had been complaining for some time that his eyesight was not what it should be and a trip to the specialist revealed that he had cloudy vision because he had a cataract which should be removed. The appointment for the day surgery was made and so on the allotted day, I dropped him off at 7am, and was amazed when he was ready to be picked up at 9.30am. He spent most of the day sleeping, and when I was able to collect him from his babysitter’s he had what looked like the clear lens of a pair of glasses taped over a wad of cotton, covering his left eye. He was very cheerful and seemed to be pain free, which was a relief. In the morning we returned to the surgeon who removed the bandage, and passed on the instruction that prescribed medication was to be dropped into the eye four times a day.

Currently every time he goes outside he is wearing sunglasses, as everything seems much brighter. What was unclear is becoming clearer, and what he could not see has become visible. It is amazing really. I’m not sure what it involves, but it sounds relatively simple, and it certainly is not a lengthy procedure, with a very impressive outcome.

The experience reminded me of what Paul wrote to the Corinthians about human understanding of God and his ways. There is just so much we don’t and can’t understand about the very nature of the triune God, about why things happen in the world or in our lives and conversely why particular things don’t happen. In a way it’s a bit like having cataracts. As we read in 1st Corinthians … now we see in a mirror dimly.

What we do know through faith is that we have the sure hope that one day we will be with God in heaven, and at the time we will know and understand everything about God, and his love for each and every one of us, that will go on for all eternity. … then….I shall understand fully.1 Cor 13:12

A Year Two class had lots of questions about God including what he looks like and where he lives which the teacher managed to answer quite comfortably. Then one bright little person asked why we can’t see God, which threw the teacher into a bit of a whirl. Thankfully another little person insisted that she knew the answer, and this is what she said:

We can’t see God because we are born with veils over our eyes. As we get older and learn more about God, our veil will become thinner. We’ll learn to love God and others. The closer we get to God, the thinner our veil will become and the stronger our faith will be. But we’ll never see God clearly until our veil is completely removed. On that day we will be in heaven with Jesus.

I couldn’t have explained it better myself.

Reminder:
Are you able to volunteer for the St Peters School Support Program during 2011? If so, please complete and return the volunteer form distributed with last week’s newsletter (copies also available at the front office).

Special points of interest:

- **Sunday 13/2**
  School Staff Installation/Commissioning Service—10am (All welcome)

- **Thursday 17/2**
  Class Support Coordinators’ Meeting—9am (Staff Room)
Parents and Friends

Twilight Tea—Friday 25 February
This event will be held at 5.30pm at the Blackwood Football Club Oval—adjacent the playground on the school side of the oval. A sausage sizzle and cold drinks will be available for purchase. However, you may prefer to bring along your own drinks and dinner. Also BYO chairs, picnic blankets etc for what should be a relaxing evening and a great opportunity to meet or reacquaint with others within our school community.

To assist with food ordering for this event, a reply slip was sent home with your child/ren earlier this week. Thank you to those who have already returned these to the school office.

StPetersfest!
St Peters Lutheran School Fete
Sunday 10 April 2011 (only 8 weeks to go!)

Target 200 – Volunteers Needed
To run the fete we need 200 volunteers (ie someone from every family in the school). Hence Target 200. Volunteer rosters are now up outside each classroom. Please add your name or the name of a partner or grandparent who is willing to help to the roster.

Donations
There are donation boxes outside of all the classrooms now and your donations are hugely appreciated. You can drop the following items into any donation box around the school: tomato sauce, plastic bowls, paper plates (large and small), serviettes, plastic utensils (knives, forks, spoons, teaspoons), salt, pepper, chicken salt and sugar or equal sachets. Thanks in anticipation.

Second hand items
Reminder that 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!

Chutney!
If anyone is interested in making and donating chutney for the Produce Stall please call Bronwyn on 0428 113 059.

For more detailed information please refer to the note distributed in your child’s school bag. You can also contact the Fete Coordinators - Alisha Fisher on 0412 442 642 and Penny Markham 0414 401 469 if you have questions or wish to volunteer.

Parking Reminders

Parents are reminded that the car-park which can be accessed from Cumming Street is strictly for staff and visitors only. If you are parking in the morning please use the car-park on the southern side which is accessible from Trevor Terrace. You are also reminded that the speed limit inside the school grounds is 10kph.

Disabled Car Parking Spaces
The school has two disabled car parking spaces which are reserved for people with disabilities. Please do not park in these spaces unless you are the holder of a sticker which enables you to do so.

Thank you.

Chapel Offerings

Term 1 chapel offering will be sent to help QLD flood victims via the Lutheran Church Disaster and Welfare Fund.

This Fund is managed by a Committee of Management who will ensure that all people are fully aware of the fund, and that it has money to distribute. The aim is for local Lutheran Churches to be involved in the distribution process.

The Lutheran Church is covering the entire cost of producing the appeal and the administration costs. Donations over $2 are tax-deductible. You can also donate via 1800 556 457.

Classroom Orientation Evening

It was wonderful to see so many parents at school last Monday evening, to hear about what the classroom teachers are planning for your children this year, and some of the classroom routines that help us all to be organized and orderly.

Remember that teaching staff members are more than happy to answer any queries you may have related to their classrooms or area of specialization. Please feel very confident to make an appointment if there is something you would like to discuss.
**Mathematics Sessions for Parents**

The Principal will be offering mathematics sessions for interested parents and grandparents this term. The purpose of these is to give parents information about the approach to teaching and learning of Mathematics at St Peters. You will hear about what we teach, how we teach it and why we use the particular teaching practices we do. These sessions will be very informal and relaxed and parents will be given the opportunity to participate in some of the activities we provide for our students. No special mathematical knowledge or understanding is necessary. So if you want to know what, how and why, come along.

The sessions will be held in the MFP on Friday afternoons from 1.45-2.45pm beginning on 25 February.

Please indicate through an email to the school if you are intending to come along.

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**Bushfire Readiness**

You will be aware from reading the Bushfire Management Plan that has been distributed to each family that the school will be closed when there is a prediction of catastrophic fire danger in the Mount Lofty Ranges. Parents are advised to monitor ABC Adelaide local radio 891, ABC television news and the CFS website on days of high fire danger. A confirmation of closure will also be sent by the school as an SMS to parents and staff the day BEFORE the school is to close (after 4pm following CFS advice).

Every classroom has a Bushfire Kit should a bushfire threaten when the school is open. If you have not already done so, please supply one named hand-towel for each child in your family, in a plastic ziplock bag with their name clearly written in black permanent pen on the outside near the top of the bag to go into the Kit. The Bushfire Kit also includes 20 litres of cask water and a smoke mask for everyone in the class. In the very unlikely event that a bushfire should occur during school hours, the school will go into lock-down until the danger has passed. This may be outside normal school hours. In such a case it is possible that the school will be without electricity, which means the telephones will not be operational. Therefore parents/caregivers must rely on the advice on the CFS website about when it is safe to travel on the roads to collect their children.

We trust that parents are reassured that the safety of our students and their families are paramount and that the plans we have in place are well considered and will protect us all. The plan is available from the school via email if parents would like another copy.

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**Working Bee—Saturday 26 February**

The first working bee for this year will be held on Saturday 26 February beginning at 9am. Families rostered on for this working bee come mostly from Miss Geue’s and Miss Williams’ classes and include the following: Adams, Bateman, Bird, Charlton, Cheney, Compton, Dangerfield, Dorotich, Ellul, Evans (Maggie-Rose), Forbes, Graetz, Green, Higgins, Jane, Jones, Maluszczak, Mittermaier, Nancarrow, Natadra, Netz, Nunerley, Oliver, Puckridge, Rogers, Smith (Paris), Sparre, Thomas, Thomson, Tighe, Tippett, Whitcombe, Williams and Zeitz.

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 community.

Sausage sizzle forms are coming home shortly.

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**School Newsletter**

Thursday is school newsletter day so you can expect to receive the newsletter via email every Thursday afternoon. If you have not already advised your preferred email address, please do so by emailing admin@stpeterslutheran.sa.edu.au.

Alternatively, you may view the newsletter at www.stpeterslutheran.sa.edu.au on the School News & Events page or collect a copy from the office.

I would strongly encourage you to make time to read the newsletter because often it will contain important information that may only come to you through the newsletter.
School Council

School Council, which meets once a month, had its first meeting for 2011 on 27 January.

Members of the School Council this year include:

  Chris James, Chairperson
  Felicity Evans, Vice-Chairperson
  Jill Sommerlad, Minutes Secretary
  Ben Pfeiffer, Pastor
  Margaret Linke, Principal
  Chris Peirce, Church Council
  Anna van den Berg, Member
  Meryl Jennings, Member

We have published the entire programme so that students can make informed decisions about what activities they would like to participate in as they may need to make choices because some are scheduled for the same time.

**Skipping** will be held for students in Reception—Year 7 in Terms 1 and 2, commencing next Tuesday 15 February at 8.00am on the Hard Play. Terms 3 and 4 skipping will be for the upper-primary skipping squad.

**Singing** will commence in Term 2. This is the group that is our performance group and represents the school singing at some public events throughout the year. That means that it is important for those who join this group to be committed to it for the whole year.

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Special Interest Groups

These extra-curricular activities are run once a week by our staff for our students.

In 2011, staff members are offering the following groups:

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**STURT BLUE LIGHT DISCO - FIRST ONE FOR 2011**

FRIDAY 18 FEBRUARY 7.30pm - 10.00pm

MARION CULTURAL CENTRE - DOMAIN THEATRE
COST $5.00. Tickets available now at the box office - Marion Cultural Centre
9 - 17 year olds
LOCK IN.
NO PASSOUTS.
FULLY SUPERVISED BY POLICE
Enquiries to Sturt Crime Prevention Section - 8207 4820 or Box Office - 8375 6855
Last event sold out!!!!

**BEACHOUSE - BLUE LIGHT LOCK IN**

FRIDAY 25 FEBRUARY 7pm - 9pm

$25.00 - UNLIMITED WATERSLIDES, MINI GOLF, DODGEM CARS, BUMPER BOATS, CAROUSEL AND ARCADE GAMES

9 - 17 year olds. This is a lock-in event - no pass outs. Food and Drink available for purchase at cafe

PURCHASE TICKETS AT THE BEACHOUSE OR ON-LINE
www.thebeachouse.com.au
Enquiries to Sturt Crime Prevention Section - 8207 4820
Primary Years Programme (PYP)
Inquiry Learning

What does inquiry look like?

Over the next couple of weeks, the curriculum spot will be devoted to Inquiry learning. The PYP is infused with a spirit of inquiry and St Peters Lutheran is committed to this form of learning – purposeful inquiry that engages students actively in their own learning and requires them to take responsibility for that learning. It is the process initiated by the teacher or student that moves the student from their current level of understanding to a new and deeper level of understanding.

As a result of this commitment, the word inquiry is one that is used regularly at our school. You may have heard or seen the following terms around St Peters - Unit of Inquiry, Lines of Inquiry, Inquiry into..., the Inquiry cycle and Independent Inquiry.

What can I expect my child to be engaging in if true inquiry learning is taking place?

The following are examples of what activities the children may be involved in to gain new insights and understandings related to the central idea.

- Exploring
- Wondering
- Questioning
- Making connections between previous learning and current learning
- Making predictions
- Collecting data
- Reporting findings
- Researching and seeking information
- Taking and defending a position
- Solving problems

The process of inquiry appears differently within different age ranges but an expectation for all students in the PYP, is that a successful inquiry will lead to responsible action initiated by the student.

Bronwyn Wilson
PYP Coordinator
Volunteers needed for St Peters Lutheran School Support Program 2011

From time to time families within our school community are in need of support and encouragement whether in a physical, emotional or spiritual sense. The Class Support Coordinators are asked to coordinate the provision of care and support to families within their assigned class, particularly at times of crisis, sickness or other need. The school’s Chaplain will assist the Class Support Coordinators in this role.

The Class Support Coordinators are only able to provide support with the voluntary help offered by other parents within the school community. At the start of each year we create a new list of parent volunteers who are able to provide specific aspects of support.

Last week I sent home with the newsletter details of St Peters support program. I have received six responses from parents offering to help so far, and would like to encourage more parents to let me know if they are able to help provide support for other families so I can add to my list of helpers who are willing to help the Class Support Coordinators in their role.

We hope and pray that each child and family in the school community is blessed with a wonderful year. However, if you do experience difficulty, we do care, and through your time of crisis, we as a school community are willing to support you and your family.

Thanking you, James Ziersch (Chaplain)

Class Support Coordinators for 2011:

ELC
Monique Watt
Simone Shadgett

Room 8 (Reception)
Miranda Dixon
Amy Anderson

Room 7 (Reception/Year 1)
Averil Zappia
Julia Barry

Room 2 (Year 1/2)
Kelly Kroeger
Sam Smith

Room 9 (Year 2/3)
Kelli Hobbs
Melissa Sharrad

Room 10 (Year 3)
Mel Pruszinski
Samantha Smith

Room 5 (Year 4/5)
Stephen Masters
Fleur Neal

Room 6 (Year 5)
Janette Nancarrow
Angela Graetz

Room 1 (Year 6/7)
Sarah Smith
Cath Adams
Carolyn Netz
## 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.

## BASKETBALL
Basketball will start in Week 3. Games for the first round are as follows:
- **Year 3** Tuesday 15 Feb at **3.45pm**
- **Year 4** Wednesday 16 Feb at **4.35pm** (Court 2)
- **Year 6** Thursday 17 Feb at **4.20pm**
- **Year 5** Friday 18 Feb at **3.45pm**
- **Year 7 Boys and 5/6/7 Girls** have a **BYE**

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.

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 is 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
- B Grade Cricket

The following teams have also been nominated as they have enough players, but no 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

### The Big Family Outing
is a weekend of art and performance hand-picked for families.

It is part of the Come Out Festival and being held on the weekend of 26 – 27 March.

Come Out venues include the Adelaide Botanic Gardens; Adelaide Festival Centre; BankSA stage; Her Majesty’s Theatre; Tandanya to name but a few.

Tickets for all Big Family Outing events are sold through BASS


## 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.

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**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 2 (Monday 7/2)
Sun 13/2 School Staff Installation/Commissioning Service 10am—All welcome

Week 3 (Monday 14/2)
Thu 17/2 Class Support Coordinators’ Meeting—9am (Staff Room)

Week 4 (Monday 21/2)
Fri 25/2 Second Hand Uniform Shop Open—after Chapel
SAPSASA Swimming Carnival
Twilight Tea—5.30pm
Sat 26/2 Working Bee—9am (Room 1 & 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
Sun 27/3 Family Service (Room 1 & 2)

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

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.

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