From the Principal

I have to say that I can’t get excited about Valentine’s Day. Certainly with every year that passes the commercial world we live in is taking it up with great gusto. The way I look at it is that I don’t want the one I love to let me know that he loves me too just on one day of the year, and if I have to rely on that we are in a bit of trouble. I think it is fair to say that I need to be reminded of that much more often.

Food is a very significant element in the life of the man of my dreams, so when he cooks my dinner, or prepares lunch for me, that is a real act of love and that is how I see it. It’s not chocolates or red roses, but I know what it means.

But then I have never been impressed with eternity rings either. I have to say that when I got my wedding ring I figured that meant for eternity, so I didn’t need another ring to tell me that my probationary period was over, and now I was fit for the eternity ring.

I am sure many among you would see these things quite differently, and that is the nature of life and living. We ascribe different meanings to things, and that makes our world the wonderful, interesting and divergent place that it is, so forgive me if you disagree.

However, if we look for an overarching idea to cover all this, I guess it is that it is very important to each and every one of us that we are loved and know that we are loved. The loss of love can be very devastating, and I know that many people work very hard, trying to do all that they can to maintain love and the lover. They can even be tempted to try to change themselves into something they think will be even more attractive. They worry about losing their looks, their energy, their enthusiasm for partying and they try to do all in their power to keep the lover happy, and so it goes. They have chosen a difficult and wearisome road to travel.

I can clearly remember when my father died that I was bereft thinking that the love he had for me was going to be missing from my here and now. In my case I was extremely blessed because I knew both my parents loved me and my sister and brother in that special way that no-one else on this earth ever would. It’s the whole unconditional, no matter what kind of love. Many of you will understand exactly what I mean, because that is the way you love your children.

This is the way that God loves you, but even more so. His love for you is not conditional on whether you are fat or thin, short or tall, blonde or brunette, have a long nose or a button nose, blue eyes or brown, whether or not you are getting a few wrinkles or grey hairs, or have stopped loving parties like you did when you were 25. In fact, because he made you, you are absolutely perfect in his eyes. You can make mistakes, do things that hurt him, but he will just go on loving you, and there is nothing you or anyone else can do about that. From God to you… every day is Valentine’s Day.

…neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor heights, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God… Romans 8:38-39.

Reminders:
• Twilight Tea sausage sizzle reply slips to be returned by Fri 18 Feb.
• Scholastic Book Club Orders due back at school Fri 18 Feb.
• Football nomination forms to be returned to school by Fri 18 Feb.
• 26 Feb Working Bee sausage sizzle forms to be returned by Thurs 24 Feb.

Special points of interest:
• Friday 18/2 Chapel—8.45am
Parents and friends welcome to stay for a hot drink and chat after Chapel, in the Hall.
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. A sausage sizzle reply slip was sent home with your child/ren last week. To assist with ordering, please return these to the school office by Friday 18 February.

*Thank you.*

**StPetersfest!**

**St Peters Lutheran School Fete**

**Sunday 10 April 2011 (only 7 weeks to go!)**

**Target 200 – Volunteers Needed!**

We need **200 volunteers (ie someone from every family in the school)** to help with staffing stalls on fete day. Volunteer rosters are now up outside each classroom. Different stalls have been assigned to each class. Please add your name to the roster, or the name of a partner or grandparent who is willing to help. If you can’t get to school you can register your preferred time the following ways:

- text or email Penny Markham on 0414 401 469 or pen_noel@hotmail.com
- call the school front office on 8278 0800.

*A Big Thank You!!*

We had a fantastic turnout for our second hand item and toy drive that took place last weekend. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who donated all the wonderful things we have received. We will have another drive in week 7, so please keep this in mind when you consider throwing out something that could be a treasure to someone else.

**Donations**

Thank you to parents who have donated items—your donations are hugely appreciated. The boxes will be collected at the end of week 4. If you still have items to donate you can drop the following 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.

**Transport**

We are looking for someone with a truck who might be able to help us transport equipment to and from Hewett Oval on the weekend of the fete. If this is you or you know someone who may be willing to assist please call or text Penny on 0414 401 469.

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**Parking along Craigburn Road**

Since the kerbing has been completed around the corner on the Craigburn Road side of the Blackwood Oval, the roadway has narrowed. Parents are asked to be very conscious of where they park along that road to avoid creating a challenge for residents trying to back out of their driveways, with parked cars obscuring their vision. Your consideration of others is greatly appreciated.

**Installation Service**

New staff members were installed and existing staff members were re-dedicated during the service at St Peters Lutheran Church last Sunday. It was a great way to introduce everyone to the members of the congregation, to remind us all of why we were called to work in this school. Following the service staff members enjoyed lunch together at the Edinburgh Hotel.
Primary Years Programme (PYP) Inquiry Learning

**The Inquiry Cycle**

At St Peters Lutheran School, we are committed to Inquiry learning. This is a form of learning where the students are actively engaged in their own learning and are required to take responsibility for that learning. Inquiry is a continuous cycle. In many of the classrooms at St Peters it is displayed using the following words and symbols.

The Inquiry in the classroom can be teacher or student directed. This cycle enables the students to gain a deeper understanding of a concept. All stages are important and may be visited and revisited at any stage in the inquiry.

Look for this poster the next time you are in your child’s classroom!

*Bronwyn Wilson
PYP Coordinator*

**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 via an email to the school if you are intending to come along.**
**Working Bee**

Useful tools to bring along to help with the general maintenance jobs to be done during the working bee next Saturday 26 February include gardening gloves, hats and sunscreen, wheelbarrows, yard brooms, cobweb brooms, shovels, spades, rakes, pruning shears, secateurs and any other like tools you think might be helpful.

Generally parents on this term’s list have students in the Year 6/7 (Room 1) and Year 5 (Room 6) classes. Those of you who are in that group will need to sign in on the day which serves two purposes. The first is for insurance and the second is so your name does not reappear on the roster later in the year.

Please return your sausage sizzle order form by Thursday 24 February.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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**SPLOSHC**

The SPLOSHC Committee met this morning. Members of that group include the Director Ros Green, Barbara Rohde and the Principal. We would love to have at least one parent join this group, which generally meets at 9.00am on a Tuesday twice a term. The role of the parent on this group is to provide a parent voice during the meeting about the running of SPLOSHC. We understand that patrons of this service are usually working so it can be a challenge to attend meetings, but if there is a Mum or Dad out there who works part-time and can spare an hour twice a term, Ros will be very happy to hear from you.

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**Prayer Team**

This past week **St Peter’s Prayer Team** have been praying for—

**School staff:** Bronwyn Wilson (PYP Coordinator), Alix Newbury (Library Teacher) and Sharon Smith (Library LSO).

Students and their families in **room 7** and their teacher—**Mrs Leanne Mibus**
- Eben & Lani (Rm 6)
  - parents: Tanya & Chris Bingham
- Louise & Mitchell (Rm 9)
  - parents: Alisha & Jeffrey Fisher
- Ebonie & Lachlan (Rm 10)
  - parents: Rebecca & Mark Fleming
- Cameron & Hayley (ELC)
  - parents: Monique & Darren Gray

**St Peter’s Prayer Team**
(James Ziersch, Cathy Tighe, Angela Graetz, Sam Smith, Mel Pruszinski, Liz Bird, Averil Zappia, Bronny Meynell and Pastor Ben Pfeiffer.)

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**Class Support Coordinators First Meeting**

It was great to meet 18 of the school’s volunteer Class Support Coordinators at our first meeting in 2011. Families will be provided with a brochure this week outlining their role. At this meeting we discussed their role, and one of their first tasks will be to introduce themselves to parents of their assigned class. I will be making a poster for each class, with photos, in order to help you recognise their faces. We want to encourage all families to attend the P&F functions this term (Twilight Tea on Friday 25 February) and especially to volunteer to help with the School Fete at the end of the term on Sunday 10 April. We have got a few more volunteers for the School Support Program, but it was suggested by the Class Support Coordinators to send home a paper copy, which may be easier for parents to fill in and return. Just a reminder that all parents are welcome to join us for Chapel at 8.45am every Friday and then stay for a hot drink and chat after.

May God bless your experience of a loving Community,
James Ziersch, Chaplain at St Peters on Thursdays & Fridays.

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**Bits and Pieces**

**House to rent?**
A new family to our school this year is currently looking for a rental property in Blackwood or surrounding suburbs. The ideal house would have 3+ bedrooms and study, 2 toilets and a reasonable size yard/garden.

If you may know of an available property that suits this criteria, we would greatly appreciate it if you could advise the details to the front office!

**Thank you.**

**Scholastic Book Orders**
Scholastic book order forms went home on Monday. Please note—orders are due back at school by tomorrow, Friday 18 February.
## Out of School Hours Sport

### OSH SPORT FEES

Term One OSH Sport fees are now overdue and payable. 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.

![Money icon]

### MISSING CRICKET BATS FROM B GRADE TEAM EQUIPMENT

Could all cricket players and family and friends of last year’s B Grade cricket team please check at home or ask the respective families if they have equipment from St Peters?

We currently have 3 wooden cricket bats missing. They have ‘SPLS’, ‘B grade’ or ‘C grade’ marked on them and we would like them returned to school as soon as possible please.

### CRICKET

If anyone is interested in playing cricket and is 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 contact for the club is Darren Cheek on 0412 343 832

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**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


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### Football Nominations

Football nomination forms for 2011 were sent home with your child recently. Please remember that these forms must be returned to school by **no later than Friday 18 February**.

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 3 (Monday 14/2)
Fri 18/2 After Chapel Coffee (Room 1—Miss Geue)

Week 4 (Monday 21/2)
Fri 25/2 After Chapel Coffee (Room 6—Miss Williams)
Uniform Shop Open—after Chapel
SAPSASA Swimming Carnival
Maths Parent Workshop—1.45pm
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 After Chapel Coffee (Room 9—Mrs Laughton)
Clean-up Australia Day

Week 6 (Monday 7/3)
Fri 11/3 After Chapel Coffee (Room 8—Mrs Fox)

Week 7 (Tuesday 15/3)
Mon 14/3 Adelaide Cup Day Holiday
Fri 18/3 After Chapel Coffee (Room 7—Mrs Mibus)

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)
Fri 1/4 After Chapel Coffee (Room 10—Miss Schutz)

Week 10 (Monday 4/4)
Thu 7/4 Chess Interschool Competition
Fri 8/4 After Chapel Coffee (ELC)
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

St Peters worship services are held each week at 10.00am

ALL WELCOME

UP TO 90% OFF
CHILDREN’S FAVOURITE BOOKS
Novels - chapter books - picture books - activity items
Prices starting from $1.00!

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Wed 23, Thurs 24 & Friday 25 February
8.00am to 5.30pm
Scholastic Book Fairs Warehouse
39-41 King Street, Norwood

Payment methods: EFTPOS, Cash, Credit card (VISA, MasterCard) and school accounts. Note: authority on school letterhead and/or school purchase order required for school account purchases.
Trade resellers will not be permitted entry. While stocks last.
For more information Ph: 1800 024 840
or email bookfairs@scholastic.com.au

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