From the Principal

For much of our married life we have had pet birds. At the moment we have zebra finches and Gouldian finches, budgies, red rump and Bourke parrots, as well as quails. They live in cages set in amongst our back garden. The cages have been strategically placed so that they catch the sunlight in the morning and the shade in the afternoon. (Even though they have plenty of room and are very well tended and seem perfectly happy, I do sometimes wonder if they would rather take their chances out there in the big wide world).

When we were first married, we kept a few chooks in the back-yard. (It’s great to see back-yard chooks making a bit of come back.) There is nothing nicer than a fresh egg or two, poached, scrambled or fried, or even made into an omelette. We found the chooks very interesting, clucking and scratching around, with a very clear pecking order that became very evident when the vegetable scraps flew over the fence. We almost considered building a grandstand to give us a more comfortable viewing platform. Like all domestic creatures they needed to be fed and watered regularly and their cages and perches kept clean. They also needed space and as we moved houses, for quite a few years we had no room to keep chooks and so we gave them up.

A while ago we had a period where we specialised in budgies and gradually over time, as is to be expected, one by one they died until we only had one left. She was special, and we called her Hildy after my mother-in-law because she was a plump little thing, who was often preening so that she always looked her best. Hildy loved the sun in the morning and rejoiced when she had a juicy thistle to crunch, and often sang with gusto to celebrate happy events, many of which passed us by. She was much admired and seemed very contented in her solitary state. She was lovingly cared for and lived for years.

There is something very special about birds. They have abilities that we have not yet been able to fathom. Currently there are thousands upon thousands of a great range of water birds, nesting and breeding in the red centre. How do those birds know that all that water is in the generally dry, arid centre of this continent? What amazing capabilities are they employing?

The same can be said for those migratory birds who fly thousands of kilometres from one end of the earth to the other, often returning to their nest of origin to breed themselves. Personally I can hardly find my way from Blackwood to Mylor, and certainly not without a trusty, detailed map at my disposal.

God has blessed us with a magnificent natural world, full of wondrous creatures like birds who don’t need clothes to wear, houses to live in, fields to sow, or maps to find their way around!

Dear God,
Thank you for birds, for their special aptitudes, their incredible and unfathomable abilities, their glorious songs, their beautiful plumage…and for eggs.
Amen.

Special points of interest:

- Friday 25/2
  Uniform Shop Open—after Chapel

- Maths Parent Workshop—1.45pm

- Twilight Tea—5.30pm

- Saturday 26/2
  Working Bee—9am (Rm 1 & 6)
Twilight Tea—Friday 25 February

A reminder that this event will be held on Friday 25 February 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.

Donations
Thank you to parents who have donated items, your donations are hugely appreciated. The boxes will be collected tomorrow 25/2.

Transport
We are still 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 is about to upgrade their dinner set, please bring it to the school front office and leave it in the collection box which will be there from tomorrow.

Cadbury Chocolates

We are once again holding a Cadbury Fundraiser where we have boxes of chocolate bars, chocolate frogs etc available for sale. This is a very easy way for some people in our school community (ie those who work in offices) to be able to help out with our fundraising without much effort as these chocolates invariably sell themselves! If you are able to help out, please collect a box or two from the office.

Anvers Wine

Anvers Wines have again kindly offered the school a fantastic opportunity to purchase some of their fabulous wine at ‘school special’ prices. Part proceeds from this very exclusive offer will also be donated to the school. The wine will be delivered via David Read (Laura’s Dad). If you would like further details and/or wish to place an order, please collect an order form from the school office.

Working Bee

We have a number of general maintenance jobs lined up for the working bee next Saturday 26 February. Useful tools to bring include gardening gloves, hats and sunscreen, wheelbarrows, yard brooms, cobweb brooms, shovels, spades, rakes, pruning shears and secateurs.

Generally parents on this term’s list have students in Year 6/7 (Room 1) and Year 5 (Room 6) classes. We look forward to seeing you there.

The ELC will be running their own special working bee later in the term.
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 first session will be held in the MFP this Friday afternoon (25 February) from 1.45-2.45pm. Please indicate via an email to the school if you are intending to come along.

Sibling Enrolments

A reminder to parents of siblings to please ensure you have completed and submitted to the office an Application for Enrolment form for your child, along with the $30 application fee, even if the ELC or school enrolment relates to future years. This is an important part of our enrolment process for siblings and greatly assists us in our future planning. We want to do the best we can to ensure that there are places for siblings.

Prayer Team

This past week St Peters’ Prayer Team have been praying for—

**School staff:** Diana Gaskell (ELC Director) and Emma Sturges (ELC staff)

Students and their families in **room 2** and their teacher—**Miss Kathryn Davies**

- Jesse Curran (parents: Roisin & James)
- Caitlin Gluyas (parents: Leanne & David)
- Zoe Kroeger (parents: Kelly & Trent)
- Charlise Peabody (Mum: Lee-anne)

Next week (week 5) we are praying for—

**School staff:** Jackie Grear (Receptionist), Helen Radford (Business Manager) and Deb Bahnisch (Receptionist)

Students and their families in **room 9** and their teacher—**Mrs Linda Laughton**

- Hriday Patel (parents: Heena & Alpesh)
- Liam Henman (parents: Tracey & Lyndon)
- Hannah & Geri (ELC) Economides (parents: Katherine & Arthur)
- Rhys Bassett (parents: Sonya & James)

St Peters’ Prayer Team (James Ziersch, Cathy Tighe, Angela Graetz, Sam Smith, Mel Pruszinski, Liz Bird, Bronny Meynell, Ali Newman and Pastor Ben Pfeiffer)

Professional Development

This week the focus of our staff meeting was on differentiation. This can be described as teachers providing appropriate levels of challenge for each student in the class and encouraging active engagement in rigorous, relevant and significant learning. As you can imagine this is an incredible challenge in a class of 28 students, each one of whom has individual learning needs, strengths, learning styles, interests and preferences. How times have changed from the days when everybody in the class worked on the same page in the text book at the same time. The work was far too hard for some, far too easy for others, and was just right for a few in the middle. The artistry of teachers differentiating in classrooms today is to be applauded.
6 more students needed for Chess Coaching

Chess School SA Manager, Matt Mato Jelic, would like to continue coaching at St Peters Lutheran School during Term 1. At this stage, only 6 students have been attending the coaching, and he needs an extra 6 students for him to continue.

Matt’s coaching is particularly helpful for students who want to participate in the Interschool Chess Competitions. There will be a Girls Only Interschool Chess Competition held at our school in week 9 on Thursday 31 March from 9am – 1pm, with another competition for boys the following Thursday, also here at St Peters.

Matt does his coaching in the Big Room on Tuesdays during lunch 1.00 – 1.45pm at a cost of $9 a lesson for the remainder of the term (4 lessons before the competition). Liz Bird helps with supervision of students, in my absence. Please collect a registration form from the school office and return it by Tuesday 1 March.

James Ziersch
IB Learner Profile

IB Learners strive to be

Inquirers
Knowledgeable
Thinkers
Communicators
Principled
Open-minded
Caring
Risk-takers
Balanced
Reflective

Primary Years Programme (PYP)
Inquiry Learning

INQUIRERS

Why does it work this way? Why is it like this? How is this changing? How’s this connected to what I already know? How do I know? What’s my responsibility? What’s it like? How does it work? What if? How come? I wonder if… Will this work? Should I? What are the points of view? An inquirer shows a natural curiosity and seeks out answers to their questions.

At St Peters Lutheran, we actively encourage students to inquire through 6 Units of Inquiry taught in each ELC-7 classroom. These units of inquiry are organized by 6 themes including:

**Who We Are:** An exploration of the nature of the self; our beliefs and values; of personal, mental, social and spiritual health; of our families, friends, communities and cultures; of our rights and responsibilities; of what it means to be human.

**Where We Are in Place and Time:** An exploration of our orientation in place and time; of our personal histories; of history and geography from local and global perspectives; of our homes and journeys; of the discoveries, explorations, and migrations of humankind; of the contributions of individuals and civilizations.

**How We Express Ourselves:** An exploration of the ways in which we discover and express our nature, ideas, feelings, beliefs and values through language and the arts.

**How the World Works:** An exploration of the physical and material world; of natural and human-made phenomena; of the world of science and technology.

**How We Organize Ourselves:** An exploration of human systems and communities; of the world of work, its nature and its value; of employment and unemployment and their impact.

**Sharing the Planet:** An exploration of our rights and responsibilities as we try to share the finite resources with other people, with other living things; of communities and of the relationship within and between them.

More information about your child’s Unit of Inquiry will be given through class and school newsletters, information brochures, parent interviews and reports.

_Bronwyn Wilson_
PYP Coordinator
What’s On…..Things to do…..

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

The Australian Refugee Association is running two film nights at the Chelsea Cinema on Sunday 20 March and Sunday 3 April, when patrons can see two entertaining movies at the cost of $14 per adult and $7 per child.

For further information phone 8354 2951.

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

SALE DETAILS
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

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

### 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.

### 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.

### Student Participation in OSH Sport

There appears to be some confusion about students playing in school sport teams. All nomination forms come home with a due date. We cannot accept student nominations after this date. We have other deadlines to meet with regard to association and sport centre requirements.

If your child wishes to play sport, please make sure you send the necessary nomination form back to school in plenty of time. Late nominations can result in other students missing out because there was lack of student numbers at the time of nomination and the teams were not fielded.

Please, do not turn up at a game and expect coordinators to fit your child into the team. An expectation to play can result in too many players on a team, meaning that not everyone gets a fair go.

It is important that the Out of School Hours Coordinator knows if your child wishes to participate.

### Netball / Football Nominations

Please note that all Netball nominations must be received by tomorrow Friday 25 February. Although Football nominations closed last Friday, if your child is interested in playing, and you have not completed and returned the nomination form, please see Mrs Sharon Smith as soon as possible. Current nominations indicate that there will be enough players for St Peters to have our own Year 2/3 team, the Year 4/5 team will be combined with Blackwood, and the Year 6/7 team combined with local schools in the area (ie Bellevue Heights, Eden Hills etc).

### Adelaide Oval Cricket

Last Saturday (19 February) the Senior Kanga Cricket Team experienced a wonderful opportunity by playing on the Adelaide Oval during the lunch break of the Redbacks vs Queensland one day match. The team was very excited and thoroughly enjoyed their time on the oval. At the end of the lunch break the team formed part of the line of honour welcoming the Redbacks back onto the ground. I am sure it is a day they will remember for a long time and I hope it inspires them to continue with their cricketing.

Steve Masters, Senior Kanga Cricket Coordinator
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.

St Peters Lutheran Church

St Peters worship services are held each week at 10.00am

**Diary Dates Term 1**

(For your calendar!)

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