Lent is a 40 day period (not counting Sundays) leading up to Easter, when Christians take time to focus on their relationship with God and with others. Christians see it as a time for reflection, growth and change. Some people spend time in prayer and meditation and some others fast (give up some of their favourite food or drinks). Others might think about how they can share God’s love with others in the world in a very practical and meaningful way.

Yesterday was Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is the first day of the church season of Lent.

Ash Wednesday gets its name from the expression of mourning and repentance that goes way back in time. According to the Bible, the Old Testament people put on sackcloth and ashes when they were in mourning (Job 42:3-6; Jer 6:26 and Daniel 9:3). Sackcloth seems easy to understand because as I imagine it, that would have been particularly ugly as well as feeling prickly and uncomfortable. (Just think of the discomfort a prickly woollen jumper causes to sensitive skin.) In the same way our ugly sins cause pain and suffering for us, as well as for those we hurt.

Centuries ago ashes were worn on the body as a visible sign of repentance and a public request that the penitent was looking for forgiveness. In earlier times (and probably still in some places at some times today), ashes were occasionally used as a cleanser when there was no soap about, and in times past, farmers burnt off their fields in the spring, turning dried stubble to ash before new planting began. So in religious circles, ashes became a symbol of both mourning and cleansing.

Today many Christian churches hold special services on Ash Wednesday where the palms from Palm Sunday are burnt, then mixed with oil and used to mark the sign of the cross on the forehead of those attending. This is seen as a sign that we need to recognise and mourn over the sins we commit. We are also in desperate need of the cleansing that comes to us through the forgiveness we receive by grace through Jesus’ death on the cross and his resurrection.

Thank God that His forgiveness is freely given.

GOOD NEWS

NAPLAN results on the My School 2.0 website show outstanding results for St Peters Lutheran School in 2010.
Target 200 – URGENT Volunteers Needed!

We urgently need volunteers for some of the stalls to ensure we have enough people to run the fete. PLEASE consider volunteering some of your time to the following stalls: fish and chips, Indian food, Thai food, cakes and produce, café, handball target, asteroid blaster, plate breaking, showbags (yellow brick road), crafts and kids fun house. You can volunteer by putting your name on the rosters up outside each classroom or if you can’t get to school you can register your preferred time the following ways:

- Complete the tear off slip sent home with your child and return to the school by 11 March;
- Text or email Penny Markham on 0414 401 469 or pen_noel@hotmail.com; or
- Call the school front office on 8278 0800.

Cakes, Lollies and Easter Treats

Thank you to all the lovely parents who have offered to bake for the Cake and Produce Stall. Please note that all baked items will need to be labelled with the ingredients – stickers for this are available from the front office. We are still looking for a few extra helpers to bake for this stall. If you are able to help, please contact Bronwyn Masters on 0428 113 059.

Transport

Thank you to Sharon and Chris Smith for responding to the request for a truck. We now have some great transport kindly donated for the fete!

Plate Breaking Stall

Don’t forget to drop off your old crockery for this fabulously fun stall. Please bring any items to the school front office and leave it in the Plate Breaking collection box.

Second-hand items

There will be a second hand items and toy drive on Saturday 19 March from 2—3pm. If you have any items you think may be someone else’s next treasure e.g books, toys, DVDs, CDs, working electrical items and so on, this will be the place to bring it!

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 18 March and it will be collected and stored with the others.

Donated toys should be in good condition/working order with full sets of puzzles and games.

Anvers Wines

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.
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Clean Up Australia Day

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Inquirers

Knowledgeable

Thinkers

Communicators

Principled

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Camps Galore

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On Monday and Tuesday students from Room 2, 9 and 10 had an overnight camp at Nunyara at Belair, where they enjoyed lots of different physical activities facilitated by Active Education. This was related to their current Unit of Inquiry into healthy lifestyles. The happy campers arrived at school Wednesday morning very pleased with the range of activities they had participated in, despite the rain on Tuesday, which meant that the activities had to be held indoors. By all reports, they also loved the dormitories, the food and the support staff from Nunyara.

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Curriculum News
March 2011
Focus On Inquiry...

Indonesian: Who we are

ELC – 7: In Indonesian this year the students will be developing their global awareness through inquiry into the Indonesian language and culture. This will be as stand alone or linking with the class Central Idea where possible.

Learner Profile:
All the profiles!

Early Learning Centre: Who we are

Central Idea: I am an individual, but also part of a group!
An inquiry into our unique characteristics, how we are similar and different and our responsibilities towards each other.

Learner Profile:
Caring and Principled

Reception/Year 1 (Rm 7 & 8): Sharing the planet

Central Idea: Practices can be established in order to responsibly manage the Earth’s resources.
An inquiry into the limited nature of the Earth’s resources, the impact of rubbish on the environment, recycling and reusing and our personal choices.

Learner Profile:
Principled and Caring

Year 1/2/3 (Rm 2, 9 & 10): How we organise ourselves

Central Idea: Public places serve the needs of people in the community.
An inquiry into the public places and buildings in our community, the needs they meet and the location of the buildings.

Learner Profile:
Principled & Knowledgeable

Year 4/Year 5: How we express ourselves

Central Idea: Writers and poets use language to create pictures and evoke personal response.
An inquiry into the writing process, writing styles and forms, writing techniques and interpretation and reflections of written language.

Learner Profile:
Reflective & Inquirers

Year 6/Year 7: Sharing the planet

Central Idea: People at risk in society face challenges.
An inquiry into people at risk in different communities, risks and challenges that the vulnerable face and ways communities attempt to support and protect vulnerable people.

Learner Profile:
Caring & Reflective
The Uniform Committee had its first meeting for 2011 last Thursday. This group includes Natasha Caruso, Ali Harper, Natalie Hebdon, Margaret Linke, Melissa Sharrad and Jo Coleman (representing Devon). We were very happy to welcome Melissa as the newest member of this group.

Matters discussed included a review of the stock and orders for the winter season, which will be placed so that stock is in store by the school holidays. Parent concern particularly about the change in sports polo tops was also raised. Unfortunately during any period of change in school uniform, there will be challenges as parents want to purchase the newest item, while the store still has stocks of the previous item. Naturally they will not be selling parents the latest while they still have stock of the previous top. We thank you for your understanding with this.

For this reason there is a changeover period when wearing previous models is acceptable and that will be the case until the beginning of the 2013 school year when all students will be expected to be wearing the new sports uniform. This will give children two years to grow out of the old one.

Second Hand Uniform Shop News

Please note that as Sports Day will be held on 25 March, the Second Hand Uniform Shop will next be open on Thursday 24 March from 8.30—9.15am.

Now is a great time to check your old winter garments and forward them to us if your child has outgrown last year’s clothing. The Second Hand Uniform Shop is currently in very short supply of GOOD QUALITY winter uniforms, in particular winter jumpers, rugby jumpers, boys’ shirts and girls’ pinafores.

Prayer Team

Next week (week 7) St Peters’ Prayer Team will be praying for—

School staff: Ros Green (SPLOSHC Director) Barbara Rohde (SPLOSHC accounts) and other SPLOSHC staff (Siobhan Allen, Jemima Moody, Lauren Butler, Craig Fraser & Tammy Otto)

Students and their families in room 5 (Year 4/5) and their teacher—Trevor Burmeister
- Aim Aroonsiri (parents: Supattra Hom-on & Or)
- Lachlan Bahnisch (parents: Debra & Craig)
- Alexander Tessari (parents: Kelley & Paul)
- Sarah Di Iorio (parents: Joanne & Danny)
- Tabitha Knight (parents: Clare & Kevin)

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

Entertainment Books 2011

St Peters Lutheran Church Blackwood will be selling Entertainment Books again, still at a cost of $65.

Great savings are available to those who purchase a book and use it when they go to restaurants, movies, concerts, accommodation etc. The 2011 Entertainment Books will be launched early April 2011.

Pre-paid copy/s will receive an additional sheet of vouchers. Please order your copy at the front desk of the school, with your payment of $65, by 3 April 2011.

If you have purchased a book before, you will know the great value and savings that it gives. A great gift idea! Ask your friends, relatives and work colleagues if they would like to purchase a copy.

Entertainment Book Coordinators for the Congregation are Olive (ph: 8278 7947) and Liz (ph: 8278 5353).
Foster Care Information Sessions

“Are you able to provide foster care to a child?”

Come along to a Lutheran Community Care Foster Carer Information Session on Thursday 28 April 6.30—8.30pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2 Grandview Drive, Pasadena. Meet a carer and hear about what it’s really like to open your home to a child in need. Coffee/tea and light refreshments will be provided. For further information call 8337 8787 or email fostercare@lccare.org.au

Interschool Chess Competitions Term I

To be hosted by St Peters

Girls only Interschool Chess competition on Thursday 31 March from 9am until 1.30pm. Please get your registration form from the school office, if you did not receive one via e-mail. Registration forms to be returned by 25 March.

Interschool Chess competition (for boys and girls) on Thursday 7 April from 9.30am until 1.30pm. Please get your registration form from the school office, if you did not receive one via e-mail. Registration forms to be returned by 1 April.

Please note—students who have paid for their coaching will have free registration for one of the above competitions, all other students need to pay a $15 registration fee.

Seasons for Growth Sessions

Sessions are run only when parents register their children (ie give permission for their child to be taken out of class). Although there is a plan to commence the Seasons for Growth program, if there are no students registered, the program will not commence until the following term. Workbooks / journals are only purchased when students register. If you are still thinking about registering your child, please speak with the Chaplain at St Peters, James Ziersch, available until 2pm on Thursdays and Fridays, or contact James by telephone 0435 008 513 or email james.ziersch@stpeterslutheran.sa.edu.au

Asthma Foundation SA

Did you know that the Asthma Foundation of SA offers FREE information sessions on Asthma, Eczema, Allergy and Anaphylaxis and Chronic Long Conditions?

These sessions are conducted at:
Asthma Foundation SA
300 South Road
Hilton SA 5033

For more information about asthma, or for dates and times of sessions, contact:
Breathe Better Information Line
1800 645 130
asthmasa.org.au

Last Year’s School Stationery

Golden Grove Lutheran Primary School have a support role with Asaroka (Lutheran) School in Papua New Guinea. The Golden Grove Lutheran Fellowship are currently collecting any left over school stationery from last year that may not be required at home, and then send it to Asaroka School (eg scissors, erasers, calculators, pencil cases, staplers, staples, pencils, pens, crayons, textas etc). Even part used notepads and exercise books will be accepted, but please tear out the used pages. They will also accept any new items or craft goods like ribbon, wool or fabric. If you would like to help in this way, please bring them to St Peters on a Friday so that I can collect them each week and it won’t be a storage problem for St Peters Lutheran School. These items will be received until the end of Term 1.

Thanks for any donations.

James Ziersch (Chaplain at St Peters & Golden Grove Lutheran Schools)
**Out of School Hours Sport**

**OSH SPORT FEES**

Invoices have been sent home for all students yet to pay for their Term 1 OSH Sport fees. Thank you to those who have already paid on invoice. Basketball and Soccer top fees are $6 each; Cricket fees are $20 per player.

Please pay promptly to the front office or via EFT as per the invoice sent home.

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**Brett Lee’s Weet-Bix Cricket Boot Camp!**

Learn from one of the cricketing world’s fastest and most exciting pace bowlers - Brett Lee.

To celebrate the summer of cricket, Weet-Bix has teamed up with Cricket Australia to help you learn the secrets of the pros. You can learn about all facets of cricket, including bowling, batting, wicket-keeping, fielding and leadership, all through the expert guidance of Brett Lee.

Weet-Bix continues to be a proud supporter of grassroots cricket. So, test your skills, complete the challenges, and receive a certificate at the Weet-Bix MyCricket Website today.


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**Winter Sport – Term 2 and 3**

Nomination forms for the Winter season went home on Wednesday. These are nominations to play and mean that students **will be** part of the team they nominate for.

Parents—please remember these nominations are for both Terms 2 and 3. The teams are nominated to clubs, associations and centres based on the number of students nominating to play. All teams require a minimum number of players and often St Peters’ teams only have this number of players on a team. If your child decides not to play, this not only has implications for their team mates, but the opposition and the team’s coordinator as well.

Students—please remember that when nominating for a team, this is a commitment for the season and you cannot change your mind half way through the season.

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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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**B Grade Cricket**

The boys played well against bigger and older opposition on Saturday.

Well batted by Mitchell (16) and Caleb (15 not out). Well bowled Aaron, Jordan and Jacob with 1 wicket each. Great catches to Caleb, Jordan, Henry and Jacob a fine run out. Well fought out by everyone.

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For CURRENT information on Out of School Sport items/EVENTS, PLEASE see the noticeboard outside Room 2.
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is communicated and celebrated,
is a caring, supportive learning
community
that encourages global
consciousness, responsible action
and life-long learning.

Week 10 (Monday 4/4)
Thu 7/4 Chess Interschool Competition
Maths Parent Workshop—1.45pm
School Council Meeting—7pm
Fri 8/4 After Chapel Coffee (ELC)
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 SAPSASA District Athletics Day
Last day of term

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

Diary Dates Term 1
(for your calendar!)

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
Thu 17/3 Maths Parent Workshop—1.45pm
Fri 18/3 After Chapel Coffee (Room 7—
Mrs Mibus)

Week 8 (Monday 21/3)
Thu 24/3 Uniform Shop Open—8.30am
Maths Parent Workshop—1.45pm
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)
Maths Parent Workshop—1.45pm
Fri 1/4 After Chapel Coffee (Room 10—
Miss Schutz)

St Peters Lutheran Church
NEWS

St Peters worship services are held
each week at 10.00am

ALL WELCOME

Coming Up...
16/3 Lenten devotional service: the cross
according to John at 7:30pm
May ‘Introduction to the Christian Faith’ course
for those interested in learning more
July Confirmation course

Any enquiries please contact Pastor Ben:
8278 2322 or pfeiffer241@gmail.com

Jesus said, “People do not live on bread alone, but on every word
that comes from the mouth of God’ (Matt 4:4)

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