From the Principal

The people of Japan are suffering what has been described as their darkest hours since the second World War.

It is difficult to imagine the level of anxiety people must be feeling, following not only a very powerful earthquake and then destructive tsunami, but the ever growing threat of radiation from the deteriorating nuclear energy plant. In staff devotions we have been praying for them, and that God will release them from this terrifying burden and give them his peace.

While they are in the midst of this ordeal, the forces of darkness have also been on the move. Amongst the wonderful stories of the support that is being provided by the global community we have heard other horrible stories of scams growing out of greed, and then there is the reported incident of a family seeking information about one of their own on the internet, taken up by a very malicious, cruel and thoughtless person who reported that the loved one was dead and even went so far as to name the hospital in which the body could be found and the doctor who was reported to have been attending. It’s difficult to imagine what would motivate someone to do a thing like that.

The internet is a marvelous facility, but like all things wonderful in this world, it has a very dark side. The internet has brought hours of fun and enjoyment to people. It has given us immediate access to each other, to the news of the world, to information and is used very widely for social purposes. There are great benefits to be had by all users of the internet.

Unfortunately the forces of darkness have also made great use of this tool, and it has been used to perpetrate all manner of evil, which is very difficult to control. As those responsible for the care of young people we must do all that we can to educate them about the dangers of not only what can come to them, but also the implications for others in the way that they themselves use it. It is just frightening to read statistics that tell us that despite the warnings we give, and the dangers we alert them to, that one in five young people will meet face-to-face with someone they have only met on the internet.

Lots of people are afraid of the dark. The dark is somewhere many feel unsafe because we can’t see what is out there. We don’t know if danger is near. The anonymity of the internet is a type of darkness. We don’t know what is out there. We can’t see the dangers, or those who would do us harm.

Darkness and light are themes that run throughout the Bible, and as Christians we know that the Light of the World is Jesus. We know that by his mighty power he has defeated the evil of the dark places. As parents we want to direct our children to the light, to look to Jesus for the way to go and the way to be, and pray that the Holy Spirit will be at work in them building up their resources to resist evil in all its forms. We want that for ourselves too.

“I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life” John 8:12

ROADWORKS—CUMMING STREET

Please note that on Monday 21 March, between the hours of 7am and 6pm, there will be resurfacing of new asphalt on Cumming Street. Although inconvenience will be kept to a minimum, parents/caregivers should expect some disruption and possible delays in getting to and from school during this work.

Reminders:

- StPetersfest—have you volunteered to work on a stall?
- Term 2 and 3 OSH Sport nominations due back at school by Friday 18 March
- Sports Day Sausage Sizzle Order forms due back at school by Monday 21 March

Special points of interest:

- Saturday 19/3 StPetersfest Second hand items / toy drive—2-3pm
- Thursday 24/3 Uniform Shop Open—8.30am
Parents and Friends

StPetersfest!
St Peters Lutheran School Fete
Sunday 10 April 2011 (only 3 weeks to go!)

Target 200 – URGENT Volunteers Needed!
Don’t forget to return your volunteer slips for helping out on any stalls for the fete. Last day is Monday and after this we may have to look to cancelling some of our stalls. Please consider supporting this significant school fundraiser. You can register your interest the following ways:

- Complete the tear off slip sent home today with your child and return to the school by Monday 21 March;
- text or email Penny Markham on 0414 401 469 or pen_noel@hotmail.com;
- 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.

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
A reminder that the last second hand items and toy drive is on this Saturday 19 March from 2-3pm. 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.

Day Pass!
From Wednesday morning 23 March StPetersfest Day Passes will be on sale from the front office. Passes are only $15 per child. Each pass contains one showbag, a sausage sizzle, one fruit box, a bag of mixed lollies, one $2 lucky dip or twisted balloon, and two games (kids can choose from the asteroid blaster, dunking machine, plate breaking or handball target). So, get in early and take the hassle out of fete day by pre-purchasing almost everything for the kids for a great price!

Easter Fund Raiser
This Easter the good people at Baker’s Delight in Blackwood have got on board with the school to help the P&F with our fund raising efforts. We will be selling a variety of hot cross buns and fun buns and every $2 from each pack sold will go towards the school. So get your orders in for Easter by completing the order form in your child’s bag today. There is one order form for individual families and a bulk order form if you want to collect orders from work colleagues or family and friends (photocopy as many times as you like).

Please contact Penny Markham on 0414 401 469 if you have any questions or need a form sent electronically.

Happy Easter!

Saint Peters Ball
The annual ball may not be until Saturday 5 November, but to ease the financial burden on families at that busy time of year, the committee are inviting those of you who wish to get in early, the opportunity to purchase your tickets at any time from now until October. The tickets are once again $75 per head. This includes a three course meal with a DJ providing dance tunes! The venue will once again be the beautiful Tapestry Pavilion at Morphettville (Further details to come next term).

Payment can be handed to the front office (in an envelope clearly marked “Saint Peters Ball” and your name), following which a receipt will be issued to you by the P&F Treasurer. Tickets will then be issued to you once they are printed.

Please speak to Blake Watson for further details.
Primary Years Programme (PYP)

Internationalism

Internationalism is more than “Flags, Fashion and Food”. We strive to become thoughtful world citizens so we can communicate successfully across languages, cultures, and economies. We strive to enhance our cultural awareness so that we can think beyond the paradigms we live in to include the world in our minds and lives.

From the IB perspective, internationalism is the development of “citizens of the world” with young people who are responsible, active participants in their local and national communities, as well as in the broader international community. The IB emphasises education of the whole person and focuses on the development of critical thinking and language skills necessary for success in the global community. Students are taught to be international and active learners as described in the IB Learner Profile.

Most of the IB schools in South Australia are not “international” in the traditional sense of the word—they do not cater to an expatriate community with English as the language of instruction in a host country with another native tongue. In our region, most IB schools teach students from the local community. We must prove our claim to being an “international school” from the curriculum itself.

What unites the IBO community of schools is our commitment to an integrated international curriculum. The IBO offers local schools an international program for the entire school continuum, reaching beyond the local context.

Over the next few newsletters we will discover why an international curriculum is important and what international mindedness looks like in the classroom and in our students.

Bronwyn Wilson
PYP Coordinator

School Entry Assessment

After Reception students have been at school for 5 weeks, each one has what is known as a School Entry Assessment the data from which is used to inform teachers’ planning for each student. It can also identify little people who would benefit from some extra support which is then provided by the Learning Support Team. These assessments have been carried out over the past two weeks, and will form the basis for Reception parent/teacher interviews at the end of this term.

My School 2.0

An Information Session for parents on the My School 2.0 website will be conducted in the Chapel, following our regular Chapel service on Friday 13 May. We welcome your attendance and any questions following the presentation.

Mathematics Sessions for Parents

Until further notice mathematics sessions for parents will be held on Thursday in the MFP from 1.45pm – 2.45pm. We will continue meeting weekly until further notice. Everyone is welcome to come along whenever you can manage it.

Newspapers

Help us to make $$$ and help the environment!
Please bring your newspapers to school and place them in the specially marked ‘Money Tree’ bins—located in the foyer and near the ‘double gates’ in the car park.
SPLOSHC News

We have a lot of things going on at SPLOSHC at the moment.

We are very excited to be starting Basketball Skills on Wednesdays and Cricket Skills on Fridays, both of these activities are a part of Active After School Communities Programme which is an initiative of the Australian Sports Commission designed to get children active in OSHC environments. They are both 8 week programmes that work on a different skill involved in the sport each week, through games and fun activities. These will both be run over the remainder of this term and the beginning of term 2. These activities will be organised and implemented by one of our newest members to our team Craig Fraser. We are very fortunate to have Craig on our team as he has trained as an Active After School Communities Coach and has already been doing some fantastic activities with the children and is certainly making our OSHC more active.

Dance and Drama have both proved to be very popular with the children. Drama will be changing to Thursdays as of this week.

This is what is happening at SPLOSHC.

Monday—Cooking
Tuesday—Dance
Wednesday—Basketball Skills
Thursday—Drama
Friday—Cricket Skills

Pupil Free Days – We have two pupil free days coming up Friday 15 April and Monday 2 May. We are hoping to run SPLOSHC on both these days but need to have adequate numbers to do so. We have some fantastic activities planned for these days including cooking, craft, sport and much more. If you would like your children to attend one or both of these days please fill in a Pupil Free Day Interest Form available from SPLOSHC or the front office. These forms need to be returned by Friday 1 April.

Sports Day – With Sports Day coming up on Friday 25th March, we would like to remind parents to please cancel their SPLOSHC bookings if they will not be using the service on that day.

The SPLOSHC Team
Ros, Siobhan, Jemma, Lauren, Tammy and Craig

Prayer Team

Next week (week 8) St Peters’ Prayer Team will be praying for—

School staff: Chris Smith (Maintenance), Mary-Ann Mickan (LSO), Angela Graetz (LSO), Liz Bird (LSO)

Students and their families in room 6 (Year 5) and their teacher—Cassie Williams
• Aiden Cheney (grandparents: Belle and Philip)
• Matthew Compton (parents: Janine & Dean)
• Maggie-Rose Evans (parents: Fleur & David)
• Isabel Higgins (parents: Julianne & Michael)

St Peters’ Prayer Team

Out of School Hours Sport

A small group including staff members and parents is about to embark on a review of our Out of School Hours Sport Policy. This is a very timely exercise as it is quite some time since this has been done. Progress will be reported through the newsletter, but if parents have any suggestions for the group to consider about how the Out of School Hours programme could be improved, please email those suggestions to admin@stpeterslutheran.sa.edu.au

Skipping Group

Please be mindful that if it is raining or wet on the hard court, skipping will be cancelled for that day. Therefore, please always ensure that teachers of skipping are on duty in the hard court area when dropping off your child.
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.

2011 TRIALS

**RAY SUTTON SHIELD**

- The Ray Sutton Shield is a SACA competition for the best primary school cricketers within each Grade Club zone
- Games are played Sunday afternoons between October and December
- This is the entry level to club cricket
- Tips on how to improve and practice your favourite area of the game

**REGISTRATION** [www.sturt.blues.sa.cricket.com.au](http://www.sturt.blues.sa.cricket.com.au) (please print off website and bring to first session)
**WHEN?** Sunday March 20th 9:00am – 10:30am
Friday March 25th 4:15pm - 6:00pm
Sunday March 27th 9:00am – 10:30am
We don’t expect you to attend all 3 sessions; please attend at least 2.
**WHO?** All interested Yr 5-7 Primary School cricketers
**ATTIRE** White cricketing shirts or sporting attire – *No Sturt shirts please* Don’t forget your hat, drink & sunscreen. You will need to bring your own cricket gear.

FOR MORE INFO
Jeanette Carter 0403 924 038 (Sturt Junior Coordinator)

WINTER SPORT—TERM 2 and 3

Nomination forms for the Winter season went home last week. These are nominations to play. This means students will be part of the team they nominate for. Nominations are due no later than **Friday 18 March**.

**Parents** please remember these nominations are for both Term 2 and 3. The teams are nominated to clubs, associations and centres based on the numbers nominated. All teams require a minimum number of players and at St Peters that is quite often all we have on a team. If your child decides not to play that has implications for their team mates, the opposition and the parent coordinating the team.

**Students** please remember you cannot change your mind half way through the season. It is unfair on your team mates, the opposition and your team coordinator.

**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 My-Cricket Website today.


Attention St Peters’ B Grade Cricket Team

Please note the following changes of venue for upcoming B Grade Cricket matches:
- Round 6 (19 March)—St Peters vs Craigburn @ Frank Smith, 8:30am
- Round 8 (2 April) — St Peters vs Belair @ Craigburn, 8:30am

For CURRENT information on Out of School Sport items/EVENTS, PLEASE see the noticeboard outside Room 2.

Borrowing and Returning of……

**Readers** Parents and helpers—thank you so much for taking on the task of borrowing and returning readers in your child’s classroom. There are, however a few things that need to be remembered:
- Please make sure you type in the correct borrow number; and
- Ensure you have logged off the previous borrow before putting in the next student’s borrowing number.

**Library books** and any other school resource borrowed to students are the responsibility of the library staff. Even if you are ‘sure’ that a library book has not gone home with your child, you must speak to the library staff. Students borrow books from the library to use in the classroom as well as take home. There have been a couple of incidents already this year where parents have used the return book option on the computer for an overdue library book without checking with library staff. Students may have borrowed them as part of their library lesson. This term our focus has been on the library, how it works and the location of different types of text, in particular non-fiction.

Last year over 400 items were ‘lost’ within our school—most of them library books and readers. This equates to a large sum in replacement costs but if you can help by taking these precautions we hope to eliminate the ‘loss’ this year.
St Peters Lutheran Church

Services each Sunday at 10.00am

ALL WELCOME

Coming Up...
23/3 Lenten devotional service at 7:30pm: the cross according to Peter
May ‘Introduction to the Christian Faith’ course for those interested in learning more
July Confirmation course begins

Jesus said, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16)

Any enquiries please contact Pastor Ben:
82782322 or pfeiffer241@gmail.com

Diary Dates Term 1
(for your calendar!)

Week 7 (Tuesday 15/3)
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)

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. Ask your friends, relatives and
work colleagues if they would like to purchase a copy.
A great gift idea!

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

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 2 of the Scholastic Book Club has
gone home today. The return date for all
orders is no later than Friday 25 March.