From the Principal

WHEN A MAN SCREAMS OUT TO GOD HE WILL ANSWER HIM

How amazing it was to hear a day or two ago about the two people who have very recently been rescued from the rubble, which was the aftermath of the terrible earthquake the people of Japan have experienced. It reminded me of the following story, and the way the Chilean miners dealt with their long and awful wait for rescue last year. This story was published in The Times newspaper in the days immediately following the long awaited rescue.

The 33 miners entombed for 69 days beneath the Chilean desert were afraid and certain they would die but they were saved after turning to God, their spiritual leader said. "Only the Lord could guide that drill to us," said José Henriquez, the group’s pastor. For him the rescue was a miracle of God, not of technology. He has worked for 33 years as a miner. After the rockfall that trapped the miners, Mr Henriquez, took charge of the group’s spiritual welfare.

He organised twice-daily prayer sessions and Bible readings, using 33 miniature Bibles that he asked to be sent down the borehole. His companions said that he played a crucial role in their survival. Richard Villarcel, who admitted that he was waiting for death and had never prayed before, said: "He was the key man who kept us together through all those days." Carlos Parra, the pastor of Camp Esperanza, said that Mr Henriquez was "the unifying element".

"The prayer and reading of the Bible, were the most special moments for the miners. At 12 noon and at 6 in the evening they came together in times of unity. Henriquez was the first of the miners to be rescued. "I came to look in my locker to make sure I didn’t leave anything behind," he joked. Mr Henriquez explained that in the 17 days before they were discovered he and his colleagues were terrified. "We were very sure we were going to die. We had to be realistic, and we realised there was no way back." He admitted that there were arguments, "that’s like society everywhere, men are never in agreement. We had joys, difficulties, disagreements, agreements, and a democratic way of resolving things." He explained how the men would vote on matters of division. I communicated the words of the Gospel and the seed was planted. "Whoever received the word of God received strength from the Holy Spirit. He was ministering, reconciling and healing us."

"Many of the miners found faith for the first time" he said. "We were singing to the Lord, doing what pleases God. Everyone accepted Him, many were reconciled to Him, some made promises to Him. This is what the Lord is for, to strengthen the fallen. It was the power of God in action strengthening the hearts of the men. When a man screams to God, God answers the prayer." Like many of the miners, Mr Henriquez has no doubt that it was God who saved them.

"The glory belongs to Him," he said. He is excited about returning home but his new celebrity status gives him a worldwide stage on which to evangelise should he wish to. Many religious organisations have approached him with offers of preaching. Mr Henriquez, who is married with twin daughters and a grandchild, said that mining was his profession "but if God tells me something else, well, the glory is for Him. I don’t know what He will do with me now. Whatever it may be, I am ready to praise His name."

In this church season of Lent we also focus on rescue, and give all glory to God for the way it has been achieved for all of us through the life, death and resurrection of his son Jesus Christ.
Target 200 – URGENT Volunteers Needed!
A big THANKYOU to everyone who has volunteered or made donations for all of the jobs and stalls for the fete. Your help and contribution is enormously appreciated. We are nearly there with staffing the stalls but we desperately need 11 more volunteers for the following:
Café – 1 person 12-2
Cakes and produce – 2 people – 1 each from 12-2 and 2-4
Silent auction – 1 person from 2-3.30pm
Second hand – 2 people from 10 -12
Kids craft area – 3 people needed – 1 each for 10-12, 12-2 and 2-4
Handball target – 2 people needed – 1 each from 12-2 and 2-4

If you can help even for one hour PLEASE call, text or email Penny Markham on 0414 401 469 or pen_noel@hotmail.com or call the school 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.

Anyone who is making delicious goodies for the Sweets and Treats stall can drop off their items to the kitchen outside of chapel on Thursday 7 April from 8.30am to 3.30pm. All items will be picked up after 3.30pm. If you cannot drop off at that time please contact Mel Russell on 0412 718 300 to arrange an alternative.

Second-hand items
Thanks to everyone who has donated second hand items for the fete. The ‘dungeon’ is now full of items that we are sure will become other peoples’ treasures very soon!

Day Pass - $15!
Day passes are now on sale from the school front office and will be on sale on SPORTS DAY from Anna Van den Berg and Natalie Hebdon. If you plan to purchase at Sports Day please bring the correct money.

Passes are only $15 per child. Each pass comes with a lanyard and 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!

Set up gang
If you can spare some time on Saturday 9 April from 2-4.30pm to help us set up some stalls for the fete we would love your help. Please let us know if you can make it by calling or texting Penny 0414 401 469 or Alisha 0412 442 642.

Current Fundraisers
A reminder of the following fundraiser offers we are very fortunate to have available to us through our Parents and Friends Association:
• Easter Fundraiser (Baker’s Delight);
• Anvers Wines;
• Cadbury Chocolates.

Further information regarding these fundraisers (including order forms where applicable) can be obtained from the school office.
Primary Years Programme (PYP)  
Internationalism

What does internationalism look like?

Instead of promoting one set of answers, an internationally minded education encourages students to explore, develop and express their own values and opinions, whilst listening to and respecting other peoples’ points of view.

We encourage international-mindedness in our students. Our curriculum at St Peters supports the School’s focus on internationalism in the following ways:

• **Languages Other Than English (Indonesian)** — All IB students learn a second language and the skills to live and work with others internationally. Offering a second language shows that we value other cultures.

• **Knowledge** — Young people may not be able to care about global issues without knowledge of the world beyond their local communities. Many of the units of inquiry are designed to give our students exposure to different cultures and world issues to assist them develop a deeper understanding of their world. For example, the year 4/5 students began their year developing an understanding of their own cultural and national identity so that they could then make connections and look for commonalities with other cultures. Knowledge will lead to caring, and caring will lead to action. Through action, our students can contribute to the building of a better world, whether it is through a fund raising activity for distant tsunami victims or a clean up in our own backyard.

• **Learner Profile** — The learner profile is central to the PYP definition of what it means to be internationally minded. An internationally minded person displays these attributes.

• **Transdisciplinary Skills** — Developing interpersonal and communication skills as well as thinking and research skills allows our students to be open-minded and inquiring individuals. Our classrooms must offer rich and varied opportunities to develop these skills.

**Bronwyn Wilson**  
PYP Coordinator

**Come Out Festival**

Next Monday the students in Years 4 and 5 will be attending the **Come Out Festival** as part of their Unit of Inquiry. They will be going to the Her Majesty’s Theatre to see the Australian premiere of “When the Pictures Came”. Following this they will walk to the Festival Theatre to attend a meet the author session with well known children’s writer Andy Griffiths. We trust they will all enjoy this wonderful learning opportunity.

**Parent-Teacher Interviews**

The schedule for Parent-Teacher Interviews, to be held on Monday 11 and Tuesday 12 April, was sent home yesterday via the communication boxes. Please make every effort to attend at the time allocated. However, if for some reason you are unable to attend at the nominated time, please contact your class teacher to make an alternative time.
IMPORTANT NOTICE re Sports Day

Following a consultation with the official forecaster at the Bureau of Meteorology today, we have made the decision to delay the start of our Sports Day on Friday until 12.00pm. Some showers are expected in the morning, to clear by late morning.

Therefore the students will come to school as usual and will walk to Hewett Reserve with their class teachers. Students should come to school dressed in their team colours, and they will need to bring food for brain break and recess as usual. Students will then carry their bags up to the Reserve with them.

Students can be collected from the Reserve at the conclusion of the day, or alternatively walk back to school under staff supervision.

The events on the day will run from 12.00pm according to the original timetable, and the Life Be In It activities that were scheduled for the morning will be cancelled.

We thank you for your understanding with this, and look forward to seeing you all on Friday.

We also thank our wonderful PE Teacher, Penny Rawinski, who has again meticulously planned this special day for us, which I’m sure will be thoroughly enjoyed by all. Special thanks also go to Felicity Evans and her band of helpers who have been busily organising our barbecue lunch for tomorrow—we certainly appreciate their efforts!

SPLOSHC

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 dance, drama, 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.

The SPLOSHC Team

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 2 of the Scholastic Book Club went home last week. The return date for all orders is no later than Friday 25 March—tomorrow.

Prayer Team

Next week (week 9) St Peters’ Prayer Team will be praying for—

School staff: Pastor Ben

Students and their families in Room 1 (Year 6/7) and their teacher—Rebecca Geue

• Madeline Bateman (parents: Michelle & Ian)
• Ariane Dorotich (parents: Sue Stoecker and Frank)
• Emma Oliver (parents: Lisa & Andrew)
• Lauren Sparre (mum: Petra Glatzer)

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

Toolbox Parenting—Hot Tip

Homework Contracts

Homework hassles can be hard on everyone, which you’ll know if you’re familiar with the cycle of nagging, refusal, pleading, complaining and yelling...and that’s before they’ve even made it to the table!

You can break that cycle by establishing a simple contract with your child. Together, work out where, when, and for how long they’ll do their homework. Make it official with your signatures, and then take a step back.

They could earn an agreed reward if they manage to stick to their contract for a period of time, and the reward for the parent is being released from the role of enforcer and back into that of coach and supporter.

God bless your parenting, James Ziersch (Chaplain)

How to Parent so Children Will Learn

Author: Dr Sylvia Rimm

In How to Parent so Children Will Learn, Dr Rimm gives practical, compassionate, no-nonsense advice for raising happy, secure and productive children, from preschool to college. Easy-to-follow parent pointers, sample dialogues and boxed step-by-step examples on topics like selecting appropriate rewards and punishments, decreasing arguments and power struggles, and setting limits and guiding your children toward good study habits!

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## B Grade Cricket

St Peters  5 for 44  Craigburn 6 for 60
Well done to Caleb (7 not out) and Henry. Well bowled Jacob, Jordan, Caleb with a wicket each and Mitchell with 2. Fine catches by Caleb and Aaron, nice run out by Aaron as well. Good job behind the stumps by Ben. Great team spirit shown by all.

## Winter Sport – Term 2 and 3

Nominations received show that we will have Yr5, Yr3, Yr7 Boys, 5/6/7 Girls and Yr6 basketball teams. We already have 2/3 and 4/5 Football teams, combined with Blackwood Primary School. There are also two netball teams Yr2/3 and Yr4/5 in the SAJNA school competition.

**Parents** please remember these teams will be for both Term 2 and 3. All teams require a minimum of players and at St Peters that is quite often all we have on a team. Your child has made a commitment to play that has implications for their team mates, the opposition and the parent coordinating the team if they don’t turn up.

**Students please remember you are on the team for the season.** Some of these teams still have a spot or two available if you would like to play please see Mrs Smith in the library.

Unfortunately at this stage there will be no Yr4 basketball, nor will there be a 2/3 Indoor Soccer team. If your child has played in any of these teams during Term 1 and wishes to continue for terms 2 and 3 please let Sharon Smith know immediately.

## 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

**WHERE?** Price Memorial Oval, Angas Rd, Hawthorn.


(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 cricket shirts or sporting attire – No Sturt shirts please. Don’t forget your hat, drink and sunscreen. You will need to bring your own cricket gear.

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

Services each Sunday at 10.00am

ALL WELCOME

Coming Up...
27/3 Family Service
30/3 Lenten devotional service at 7:30pm: the cross according to Matthew
May ‘Introduction to the Christian Faith’ course
July Confirmation course begins

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

Jesus said, “Whoever drinks of the water I give, will never be thirsty again” (John 4:14)

Diary Dates Term 1
(for your calendar!)

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)
Maths Parent Workshop—1.45pm
Fri 1/4 After Chapel Coffee (Room 10—Miss Schutz)

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

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

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

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!