From the Principal

Have you ever heard that saying “You can’t put an old head on young shoulders”? I think it’s a saying that relates to young things making mistakes. It is so frustrating as one who is older and wiser watching the young and foolish making inappropriate choices that often lead to pain and suffering.

The older I have become the more I understand that it doesn’t matter how much advice I give to those near and dear to me, they often do not accept that advice, and go their own way. Many times a stage is reached where I could have said “I told you so” (but I have learned that is not the wisest comment a mother can make).

It is very difficult and even painful at times to watch those you love making mistakes and sometimes being hurt, but I believe the best lessons in life can come from those mistakes providing they are not too catastrophic. At St Peters one of the things we value in our students is the confidence to be risk-takers and it is impossible to be a risk-taker without making the odd mistake. Hopefully those mistakes teach us to do things differently next time, to plan our actions and consider the possible consequences before we settle on a particular way of behaving. If we don’t allow children the opportunity to make their own decisions sometimes and consequently some mistakes along the way, as they grow they will not have the opportunity to develop resilience and independence, and become reflective thinkers.

Recent newspaper articles suggest that there is a great danger for this generation of parents to make everything as easy as possible for their children, to do absolutely everything for them and to make all the children’s decisions for them with the view of keeping them safe and happy. However there is a great danger that if that is our parenting style, our treasures will grow up to be disempowered, dependent adults who never take a risk, and are too afraid to make a decision in case they make a mistake.

God created all of us with free will, and that is the ability and freedom to make choices. How painful must it be for him to watch us making decisions in life, he knows will cause us pain and anguish? He has given us lots of support including the commandments, which if we could only keep them would have us leading peaceful, happy, euphoric lives. However we think we can have a better life and make different choices though, and because of that, we suffer and those around us suffer as well. As a result we conflict rather than peace; we are unhappy and anxious. That’s not what God wants for us any more than we want that for our own children. He has given us guidelines to follow, but allows us to make our own choices, and when it goes pear-shaped he picks us up, dusts us off and trusts that we have learned something from the experience. Through our hardships and turmoil and with the help of the Holy Spirit we can come to understand that His way is the best way.

God has created each and every one of us, including our children, with the abilities and support structures to be able to serve him and others in the world we live in. We can rely on God to make us brave enough to accept that our children have been provided by their creator, with all that they need to be independent, creative, unpredictable, human beings with free will. Our job is not to live our life through them or live their lives for them, but forgive them when they get it wrong and support them as they learn to be resilient, risk-taking, confident, young people who understand that despite any mistakes they might make, they are loved to death by the God who created them.
Volunteers
A big THANKYOU to everyone who has volunteered or made donations for all of the jobs and stalls for the fete. The rosters have been finalised and will be distributed to you via your child’s school bag today. Your help and contribution is enormously appreciated.
There are two stalls that still require some help as follows:
Café – 1 person 12-2
Kids craft area – 3 people needed – 1 each for 10-12, 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.

A reminder that 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.

A reminder also to parents of children in Mrs Fox’s and Mrs Mibus’ class to drop off their donation of a packet of lollies or packet of small Easter eggs to the front office by tomorrow Friday 1 April so they can be bagged up in time for fete day. A BIG thankyou to those of you who have already donated!

Day Pass - $15!
Day passes are now on sale from the school front office or via the order form that you will find in your child’s bag today. 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
Thankyou to those of you who have volunteered to help set up on the Saturday afternoon before the fete. We are still looking for helpers so 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.

We are getting so excited about putting on a fabulous event that families, friends and the community can come along and enjoy and that promotes our beautiful school. Thanks for helping us make it happen – fete day should be GREAT! Please pray for lovely weather (perhaps sunny and 24 degrees with a light breeze?!).

Alisha and Penny
Fete Coordinators
**Sports Day**

Despite our fears, Friday fortunately was a dry day, and so we were able to enjoy our modified programme at Hewett Reserve. The students enjoy Sports Day enormously, including the lead up developing and learning house songs, and practising for all the events. Our house captains did a wonderful job, and were quite independent managing the house meetings during the week, and teaching their house team members the chants, as well as managing the groups on the day. These leadership skills are life skills, and certainly students at St Peters have the opportunity to develop the art of leadership while they are with us.

Congratulations also to Mrs Rawinski for the great organization which means that the day runs very smoothly for the enjoyment of all, and also to the special food coordinators Felicity Evans and Emma Kilderry and their band of helpers for the food and drinks. A great job everyone.

**Family Service**

Last Sunday the students from Miss Davies’ Year One/Two class and Miss Geue’s Year Six/Seven class participated in the regular Sunday service at St Peters Lutheran Church. They sang and presented a slide show of art work they had prepared for the occasion. It was wonderful to share this hour of praise with members of the congregation, parents and friends and students.

**Out of School Hours Sport**

The Out of School Hours Sports Committee met last Monday morning when we began a review of the current policy. The need for a number of changes to the policy and our practices has been identified, and we will continue this work at a further meeting before the end of this term. At the completion of the policy review, it will be referred to School Council and following its adoption will be made available to interested parents. Members of this group include Margaret Linke, Steve Masters, Penny Rawinski, Sharon Smith and Cassie Williams.

**Special Food Day—News**

**Sports Day Sausage Sizzle Thanks!**

Thank you to all our wonderful helpers on Sports Day who helped prepare and distribute all our yummy sausages and chicken sticks. You helped the day run like clockwork. Together we raised a fantastic $895.70 for our school! Special thanks to our two master-chefs Chris Barry and Dave Evans who did an amazing job of keeping up with the demand and cooking the food perfectly.

As coordinators, we were overwhelmed by the number of lovely parents who offered to assist us on the day — many more than we needed! We have lots more planned for the rest of the year, so please keep an eye out for further opportunities to be involved.

**Cookies and Milk**

Our next event is 'cookies and milk for recess' on Tuesday 12 April — order forms have come home with children already and a copy is attached to this newsletter. Orders need to be placed via the communication box by Friday 8 April. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns or if you'd like to help prepare and serve.

Felicity Evans (0439 847 334) or Emma Kilderry (0430 339 743)

Special Food Day Coordinators

**Easter Fund Raiser**

A reminder that 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 $2 from every pack sold will go towards the school. Please note an amended form is also attached with this newsletter as the price of fun buns was incorrectly listed – they are $5.00 per pack. 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!
Prayer Team

Next week (week 10) St Peters’ Prayer Team will be praying for—

**School staff: Margaret Linke**

Students and their families in room 8 (Reception) and their teacher—Belinda Fox

- Chelsea Adams (parents: Narelle & Michael)
- Darcy Hill (parents: Sally & Matthew)
- Lochlan Jackaman (parents: Tracie & Michael)
- Amelie Kingdom (parents: Ruth & Richard)

St Peters’ Prayer Team


SPLOSHC

**Pupil Free Days** – We have two pupil free days coming up on **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**.

Just a reminder to all parents/caregivers to please ensure the back gate is closed and secure when you are arriving and leaving SPLOSHC for afternoon pickups. Thank you.

The SPLOSHC Team

Ros, Siobhan, Jemma, Lauren, Craig and Tammy

Australian Red Cross Blood Service

**Do something special. Give blood.**

The Australian Red Cross Blood Service will be visiting Blackwood on 21 April. The Mobile Unit will be situated in the Blackwood Hills Baptist Church, 72 Coromandel Parade, Blackwood.

For further information, contact 13 14 95.

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 6.30pm—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.

“Little Treasures” Playgroup

Expressions of interest are being sought from people interested in attending St Peters “Little Treasures” Playgroup, a program designed for children aged 18 months to 3 years of age. It is proposed that the playgroup will commence in Term 2, 2011 and be held in St Peters’ Early Learning Centre (Room 3) every Friday of the school term, from 9.30—11.00am.

Further information is included in the expression of interest form attached to this newsletter. Copies are also available from the school office. If you are interested in attending this playgroup, or know of somebody with a little person who may be, please complete and return the expression of interest to the school office as soon as possible.

Bits & Pieces

School Fees

Outstanding school fees for Term 1 will attract a $15.00 administration fee if not paid by 4 April 2011.

Lost Property

Our lost property box currently contains a dark green/navy thick jacket (size 12) which was handed in on or around Sports Day. If this belongs to you, please claim it from the school office.

ELC Term Dates—2011

A reminder that the term dates for the Early Learning Centre in 2011 are as follows:

**Term 1:** Mon 31 Jan—Fri 15 Apr

**Term 2:** Mon 2 May—Fri 8 Jul

**Term 3:** Mon 25 Jul—Fri 30 Sept

**Term 4:** Mon 17 Oct—Thu 15 Dec
Primary Years Programme (PYP)Internationalism

Is my child internationally minded?

In the early years of schooling, an internationally minded student:

- Develops an awareness of the diversity of peoples, places, cultures, languages and religions.
- Has an aware of personal rights and responsibilities, gradually extending this understanding to a concern for the rights of others.
- Recognises the need to care for other people and the environment.
- Is sensitive to the needs and views of others.
- Participates in positive civil or environmental action within the school and community.

In the middle and upper years of schooling, an internationally minded student:

- Identifies similarities and differences between different people, places, cultures and religions.
- Discusses examples of inequality.
- Understands how people may be influenced by global decisions, events and movements.
- Develops their sense of justice and ethical responsibility.
- Begins to recognise how the decisions peoples and countries can have global impact.

(Adapted from 'Global Perspectives – A framework for global education in Australian Schools')

How ‘international’ is your child? What could you do at home to provide and reinforce this perspective?

Bronwyn Wilson
PYP Coordinator

NAPLAN

NAPLAN Testing 10—12 May 2011

The NAPLAN testing will be occurring in Week 2 of Term 2 for Years 3, 5 and 7. If, for any reason, you would like your child to be withdrawn from this testing, please let the school know as soon as possible.

Mathematics Sessions for Parents

Thank you to those who attended the 5 Maths Sessions for parents, held this term. We have now covered the topics of interest and so this series has come to an end.

Non-Government Schools Registration Board

This statutory body is responsible for the registration of non-government schools in South Australia, and as part of that process, members of that board visit those schools. Today the Principal is a member of a panel visiting one of those schools, which is due for a review of their registration—a regular practice once every five years. It provides a wonderful professional development opportunity to see first hand how other schools operate.

Chess Championship

Registration forms for the Inter-school Chess Championship, being held next Thursday 7 April, are due back at school by tomorrow. Further copies are available from the office if required.
Kick start your kids football season at

**The West Adelaide Football Club**
**2 Day School Holiday Clinic**

**Dates:** Monday April 18 and Tuesday April 19  
**Time:** 9:30am-12:00pm  
**Cost:** $40  
**Age:** 5-12 year olds  
**Location:** City Mazda Stadium  
57 Milner St, Richmond

West Adelaide Football clinics are a fun way to kick start the football season whether your child plays club football, school football, Auskick, or just looking for some fun during the school holidays!

Clinic includes specialized coaching from West Adelaide Football Club players and coaches. Each participant will receive give aways and a BBQ on the last day. Children are grouped according to school year level with a coaching ratio of 1 to 10 children.

To download the flyer and registration form go to [www.westadelaidefc.com.au](http://www.westadelaidefc.com.au)

For any enquiries contact Dave Reynolds on 0422 799 742.

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**Brighton and Seacliff Yacht Club**

Brighton and Seacliff Yacht Club will be running an aquatics program for 7 to 15 year olds from 18 to 21 April running each day from 9am to 12.30pm. Activities include sailing, kayaking, windsurfing, snorkelling and beach games. Cost is $200 for the week and further information is available on 8296 7935 or at [www.bsyyc.com.au/sailingschool/aquatics.aspx](http://www.bsyyc.com.au/sailingschool/aquatics.aspx)

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**Blackwood Swim School**

Bookings are NOW OPEN for our Easter Holiday Swimming & Water Safety Program and Term 2 2011 at Blackwood Swim School.

**Easter Holiday Swimming Program:**
- Monday April 18th – Thursday 21st April
- 4 Days = $50

Call 8370 0009 or visit [www.blackwoodswimschool.com.au](http://www.blackwoodswimschool.com.au)

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**Does your child have a sleep problem?**

The Child and Adolescent Sleep Clinic in the School of Psychology at Flinders University is providing treatment for children and adolescents (aged 7 to 18 years) who are experiencing at least one of the following:

- Having trouble falling asleep
- Waking up and cannot get back to sleep
- Having trouble waking up or getting out of bed in the morning
- Often sleeping in their parents' bed or bedroom

Places are limited, so for more information please call 8201 7587.

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**The Rotary Club of Flagstaff Hill**
**2011 ART EXHIBITION**  
**21 April to 30 April 2011**

at the  
Flagstaff Hill Primary Schools  
Black Road, Flagstaff Hill

$5 entry
Out of School Hours Sport

**WARNING! WARNING! WARNING! WARNING!**

All sport tops and equipment needs to be returned to school by **no later than** Wednesday 13 April.

If you have a team playing on or after this date you **must** let Sharon Smith know and make arrangements to get the “gear” back to school as soon as possible after the game.

All teams are changing for Terms 2/3 and basketball tops etc need to be redistributed in the first week of Term 2.

**UMPIRE REQUIRED**

The 2/3 Netball team needs an umpire. Please see Cassie Williams or Steve Masters.

You don’t need to be a netball expert. **SAJNA is conducting an umpiring clinic on Sunday 15 May between 9.30am and 1.30pm.**

The course will cover signals, how to call directions etc, where the umpire should position themselves on the court, obstruction, penalties, playing the ball, tossup, throw-ins, short passes, scoring a goal etc. These are all covered in the workbook provided.

**Term 2 and 3 Basketball**

The Year 3, 4 and 6 basketball teams require a “coach” for the games. These teams all have coordinators but no-one to call for subs etc during a game. **Please help out your child’s team.**

Parents please note: most of the basketball teams this winter only have the minimum number of players (5/6) so please make sure you give plenty of notice to the coach/coordinator (48hrs) if your child is unable to play. If not, the Blackwood Recreation Centre will charge your team $50 for the forfeit.

**Students please remember you are on the team for the season.** If you would like to play on one of these teams please see Mrs Smith in the library.

**Year 2/3 Indoor Soccer**

There will be no 2/3 Indoor Soccer team. There were only 4 player nominations received. However, parents could contact the Unley Sports for All Centre on 8272 2121 and ask if there is a team your child could join.

**OSH SPORT CONSENT FORMS ARE DUE**

A reminder that all Term 2/3 OSH Sport consent forms are due back at school by tomorrow, **Friday 1 April.**

**SPORT RESULTS**

**B Grade Cricket**

St Peters  6 for 80     Coro  7 for 37
Well done for their first win of the season
Great display of batting by Caleb 28 no, Jordon 7 no
Well bowled Henry 3 wickets, Caleb 2, Jacob 1, Jordon 1
Nice run out by Henry as well.
Mitchell a fine display behind the stumps including a nice catch.

Justin Smith
St Peters Lutheran Church

Services each Sunday at 10.00am

ALL WELCOME

Coming Up...

6/4  Lenten devotional service at 7:30pm: the cross according to Luke
17/4 Palm Sunday service
May  ‘Introduction to the Christian Faith’ course
July  Confirmation course begins

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

Jesus said, “As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world” (John 9:5)

Diary Dates Term 1
(for your calendar!)

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
           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

Term 2
Week 1 (Monday 2/5)
Mon 2/5  Staff PD Day
Tue 3/5  Students commence Term 2

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 available from the School office from next Tuesday, 5 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!