From the Principal

School yards are notorious places for littering. Often when I am in the school yard I notice lots of plastic wrap, fruit peels and cores, paper bags and snack bar wrappers strewn about. Sometimes if these things are directly in my path I pick them up and put them in the bin but, I have to confess, I don’t always go out of my way to do it. Most of our students and staff members too walk right on by, even if the rubbish is right under their feet, and only pick up any debris if they are asked to. It is a constant battle to keep our grounds looking neat and tidy. We seem to be constantly reminding our students to put their rubbish in a bin or asking them to pick up rubbish that others have left.

A few years ago now, there was an old fellow who regularly walked his dog on a lead on the streets near our home. As he walked along he picked up rubbish that he saw on the footpath. I remember thinking then what a great service that was to the community and what a great role model he was.

One of the things we are working towards as a school is helping our students to develop a servant mentality. That means that they will see themselves as having the capacity and the will to serve others, probably by doing things for others that they would not necessarily choose to do, or by doing things that some might consider beneath them (like picking up rubbish) or by putting themselves out. All of us at some time or another would have been in situations where we knew someone who needed a bit of help but when we thought about what that might mean for us, decided that it would be easier to ignore it. I guess it’s a bit like walking past that bit of rubbish… after all, someone else will pick it up.

But I know that in this school there have been many, many instances where people have needed a little bit of help from time to time and other parents have provided it. That is the hallmark of a very healthy community. Nobody makes a big deal out of it and often I have only heard about it by chance. In this place, through those of you who have served others in a great variety of ways, we believe God is at work through you.

We are blessed to be in this place where people are kind and thoughtful and truly care for one another – where we can see God who is at work in all things.

May He be with you during these holidays when you will share some special time with your families and have a break from the daily chores. Have a holiday filled with fun and laughter, and here’s a joke to get you started:

One particular four-year-old prayed, “And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets.”

We look forward to seeing you all again in two weeks.

Principal: Mrs Margaret Linke

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Term 3 begins on Tuesday 21 July with chapel at 8.50am. Please stay for a chat and cuppa in the hall afterwards.

Special points of interest:

• Last day of term today
• Tonight—School Council Meeting 7pm
• 21/7—First day of term three
Parents & Friends

Chocolate Drive
Thanks to all those people who have taken a box or two of chocolates to sell. Some people actually missed out as they disappeared so quickly!

More chocolates have been ordered and will be arriving in the first week of term three. They will be available for collection from the office on Friday 24 July.

BER

NSP Progress report
The three new pieces of play equipment have been installed in the lower bark chip area and have been a big hit with the students.

During the holidays the pathway around the outside of the school, up to the first driveway on Trevor Terrace, will be paved. The rest will be completed when the builders have finished their work.

P21
The access road coming into the school yard from the very southern end of the car park has been completed and we are currently in the tender process.

You will see the sign has also been erected acknowledging the Australian Government’s part in this exciting programme.

GOOD NEWS

In the latest edition of Messenger Eastern Courier is an article about the Greenest Schools competition and our very own “Green Team” gets a mention.

“Then there were St Peters Lutheran Year 7’s – Charlotte, Madeline, Amelia, Alyssa and Jessica – who last year started a green team to tackle environment issues within their school. This year, they invited other students to join in and they now have more than 40 members.”

How lovely to receive this public recognition!

Caution

There was a near miss just recently with a student from our school who was riding his bike home and almost collided with a car on Cumming Street. Unfortunately an accident that happens in a just a second can have outcomes that impact on those involved for years to come.

Motorists are urged to be extremely diligent when driving near the school or any other place where children may be. We can never be 100% confident that even when students know and can recite rules of the road that they will necessarily abide by those rules 100% of the time. Expect the unexpected and please make allowances, drive slowly and with due diligence.

At the same time, parents please remind your children to be extremely careful and alert if they are walking or riding to or from school. Riding on the footpath does not mean children will not have to be careful about vehicles.

Board for Lutheran Education Australia

This national group is responsible for making decisions that impact on all Lutheran schools across Australia. These decisions relate to such things as staffing of Lutheran schools, curriculum and professional development, policy development, finance, national projects, corporate initiatives, national conferences and more! The Principal is a member of this Board which held a two-day meeting in Brisbane earlier this week.
Working Collaboratively

St Peters is an accredited International Baccalaureate school. We believe that the IB provides the best model for primary education that is available. The Primary Years Programme offers students at St Peters a consistent, school wide approach to teaching and learning. As they progress from the ELC through to Year 7, the beliefs about how children learn, and the methodology used, are the same in each classroom. One of the ways this consistency is maintained is by the schools adherence to the IB’s Standards and Practices – a detailed document that outlines what the school must achieve in the areas of school philosophy, organisation and curriculum. One of the standards addresses the requirement that all teachers work collaboratively. To quote the Standard C2; “The school has implemented a system through which all teachers plan and reflect in collaborative teams.”

Teaching by its very nature, can easily become a privatised practice. The teacher goes into the classroom in the morning with a group of children and emerges sometime after 3:00pm, with only a short break at recess or lunchtime. Unlike other professions, the teachers’ working day is not spent in the company of other adults, but rather the bulk of it is in the company of (your delightful) children. After school meetings, preparation, marking and so on, does not leave much time in the working day for adult interaction. This does not lend itself to a collaborative culture, and historically, teachers have had a reputation (amongst themselves) of being unwilling to share and work together.

However, we believe that working collaboratively leads to much better outcomes for our students, and it is a vital part of the teaching culture at St Peters. Time for teachers to work together is a high priority. Teachers work in year level teams to develop the units of inquiry and other aspects of the curriculum. Teams meet on a regular basis during the term and during the holidays to plan for the upcoming term. The non-instructional time on Tuesdays and Wednesdays is another opportunity for teams to get together. In addition, on Monday afternoons after school, each team meets with me to get another perspective on their plans. We are also very fortunate to have in our Principal, a very experienced educational theorist and practitioner, so Mrs Linke’s office is another port of call for good advice.

John Dow
Primary Years Programme Coordinator

Family Service

Last Sunday the students from Room 8 participated in the service and did a beautiful job with some wonderful singing and dancing.

Term 3 School Fees

These will be posted out in the next few days. Please note that the due date for payment is Wednesday 29 July which is in the second week of term three.

If you have any queries, please speak to our Business Manager, Helen Radford, who is at school every day until 1pm.
St Peters Out of School Hours Sport
Students and parents please remember that ALL teams will continue next term. The commitment made by students was for both term two and three. Basketball will recommence during week one of next term except the Year 7 boys which will be Monday of week two.

St Peters Football
There is no more football and netball now until Term three. Training starts again during week one of Term three.

Years 2/3 & 4/5—Saturday 25 July
Blackwood Primary School

The teams are extending an invitation to all to attend. There will be a sausage sizzle during both games. The 4/5 match should be fun with St Peters versing Blackwood.

St Peters Netball
Year 2/3—Saturday 25 July
Craigburn Primary School

Essentials for Coaching Children
The Office for Recreation and Sport is conducting a three hour coaching course for those people who would like to coach children in a sport but are not sure how to get started! The course covers the following topics:
* What makes a good coach?
* Making the most of your training time;
* Getting the best from players; and
* Working with parents.

The cost is $10 per person with two sessions being run in early September. For further information and registrations telephone 7424 7605 or email coachingandofficiating@sa.gov.au

Julie School Holidays
“Life. Be in it.” sports for all centres
Coaching clinics for students aged 5—12
Unley High School, Kitchener Street, NETHERBY

Clinics include Badminton, Basketball, Indoor Soccer, Netball and Volleyball. The cost of clinics ranges from $60 to $95. Brochures can be found in the front office or you can contact the centre on 8272 2121.

Sportsfest 2009
Coaching clinics for students aged 5—15
Prince Alfred College, Dequetteville Tce, KENT TOWN

Choose from AFL Football, Netball, Basketball, Soccer or Combo. Cost of the clinics are $140 (8.30am – 12noon) OR $190 (8.30am – 3.30pm) Call 1300 134 154 or enrol online www.acnsport.com.au

2 Day Football Clinic
The West Adelaide Football Club is holding a clinic which includes specialised coaching from League players and coaches. Children are grouped according to school year level with a coaching ratio of 1 coach to 10 children.

Date: Monday 6 July & Tuesday 7 July
Time: 9.30am—12noon
Venue: City Mazda Stadium
57 Milner Road, Richmond
Age: 5—12 years old
Cost: $35

Mrs Smith has registration forms in the library or you can visit www.westadelaidefc.com.au
Dear SPLOSHC Families

We have come to the end of the term and the end of our theme of “Around the World in Ten Weeks”. We made damper in Australia; sushi in Japan; we ate ‘vetkoek’ from South Africa and croissants from France; we had a donut-eating competition at the American SPLOSHC County Fair and had a visit from Thapanut from Thailand and so much more! It has been an exciting and informative term and lots of memories have been created!

Next term we have decided on a theme based around sport. Each week we will be looking at a different sport and hopefully get some volunteers to come in and teach a little on their particular field. We may even be lucky enough to get some celebrity sports personalities to come in for a visit. If you know of any ‘famous’ sport personalities, or you are a coach or play a certain sport, please feel free to share this with me, and maybe we could arrange for them (or yourself) to come in! We already have a few up our sleeves so it is very exciting.

Term three booking grids are located at the front office or in the MFP if you have any changes to your bookings for term three. Please try and get these in ASAP as we will be organising next term’s bookings during the holidays.

We are all very excited about our excursion to the Hahndorf Farm Barn tomorrow. Hopefully with your support this can become a regular SPLOSHC celebration day at the end of each term.

I just want to say a huge thank you to all the SPLOSHC families that contributed their time and effort in this term’s theme. Without you we couldn’t have made this theme as exciting and successful as it was so thank you again!

We’ll see you next term!

Hayley Gladigau

New Child Restraint Laws

The new child restraint laws regarding children under seven years due to be implemented on 1 July have been postponed and will not be introduced until later in the year.

Newsletter Distribution

If you have chosen to have the newsletter emailed to you next term and have not already advised your preferred email address, please do so by emailing admin@stpeterslutheran.sa.edu.au

Alternatively, you may view the newsletter at www.stpeterslutheran.sa.edu.au on the School News & Events page or collect a copy from the office after 3pm on Thursday afternoons.
Diary Dates Term 2
(for your calendar!)

**Week 10 (Monday 29/6)**
- Thur 2/7  School Council Mtg—7pm
- Fri 3/7  Staff PD Day
- Sat 4/7  Staff PD Day

**Centacare Parenting Courses**
**The First 4 Years**
Growing happy and confident children
(6 week course—Free)

**Connecting with your Pre-teen**
Watching your child change in the 'Tween' years
(6 week course for parenting children aged 9 to 13 years—Free)

**Mum’s House Dad’s House**
Dealing with change after separation
A workshop for separated men and women wanting to understand and manage the changes in their family
(2 hour course—$20)

Session times and contact details are on the school noticeboard.

Diary Dates Term 3

**Week 1 (Tuesday 21/7)**
- Mon 20/7  Staff PD Day
- Tue 21/7  Term 3 begins with Chapel 8.50am
- Sun 26/7  Second Pedal Prix Race

**Week 2 (Monday 27/7)**
- Tue 28/7  Uniform Shop Open 3pm

**Week 3 (Monday 3/8)**
- Wed 5/8  SPLOSHC Com Mtg 5pm
- Thur 6/8  School Council Meeting 7pm
- Fri 7/8  Primary Principals’ Mtg 9am

**Week 4 (Monday 10/8)**
- Tue 11/8  Musical Performance 2pm
- Uniform Shop Open 3pm
- Marketing Mtg 5pm
- Thur 13/8  Musical Performance 7pm

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