From the Chaplain

Have you ever had a garage sale?
My friends, Brian & Sharon had their first garage sale several weekends ago. They shared with me over a coffee how they were surprised by their experience. Some people, most probably antique dealers, came much earlier than the advertised opening time, looking for items of value. Some people were slowly browsing, putting items they valued in a bag and when a crowd gathered they left, without paying for the items. But what surprised them the most was that by the end of the afternoon, the items they considered “junk” were gone and the items they considered would sell first, were still in their garage. It is interesting to discover what things some people think are valuable.

That point was driven home to me when I saw the news-story telling how paintings done by a young Adolf Hitler had sold for 98,000 pounds. That would be about $200,000 in Australia. Even the sellers were shocked that the bidding had gone that high. I was too. I have seen photographs of the art - it’s not that good.

Of course, the value of the paintings is not in the quality of the art. The paintings brought in so much cash because someone, maybe a bunch of someones, wanted to own something that had been touched by one of the world’s great villains.

So here I am wondering. Adolf Hitler is an infamous dictator who plunged the world into a war that cost the lives of millions. Now, if his meagre paintings are worth hundreds of thousands of dollars… what are we worth?

You are a masterpiece who has value. That’s what the bible tells us, "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works..." (Ephesians 2:10a)

So, how much are we worth? I like to think about it from God’s perspective. Jesus, God’s son, spent 33 years, his entire life on earth, dedicated to the purpose of saving each one of us from the deadly consequences of sin (our selfishness). When we compare what Jesus experienced to any artist, we realise no artist ever suffered as Jesus did. No artist was ever as under-appreciated as Jesus was. No artist ever put more of Himself into His work than did Jesus.

How much are you worth? Jesus said, “Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God? But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: you are of more value than many sparrows.” (Luke 12:6-7) We must conclude we’re worth far, far more than a great flock of sparrows. We are worth the life of God’s own Son.

Our value comes from God and His love and forgiveness that we can pass on to others.

God bless your long weekend.

James Ziersch, Chaplain

Special points of interest:

- Tonight—School Council 7pm
- Tomorrow—Uniform Shop open after Chapel
- Mon 8/6—Queen’s Birthday Holiday
- Wed 10/6—SPLOSHC meeting 5pm
From Term 3 the method of distributing our weekly newsletter will change. You may choose to receive the newsletter in any of the following ways:

- Email (preferred method).
- View/download the newsletter on our website.
- Collect a hard copy from the school office counter or the ELC.

Please make sure you return the reply slip enclosed indicating your preferred option before Friday 19 June.

We look forward to your support of this ‘greener’ initiative.

GOOD NEWS

Congratulations to Jessica Oates (Year 6), who is the fastest eleven year old female cross country runner in our fair state.

Jess will be off to New South Wales later this year representing South Australia against runners from every other state.

A fabulous achievement Jessica.

BUILDING EDUCATION REVOLUTION

NSP Progress Report
Three new shade sails have been ordered.

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We look forward to working with Tonkin and Schutz as the construction managers of our building project.

Already we are re-considering the position of the access road. The site supervisor has been on site and the levels have been taken.

Family Service

How lovely to see the Year 1/2 students from Room 6 participating in the regular Sunday worship at St Peters last Sunday.

They responded to Miss Davies’ encouragement and sang out with great gusto.

Canberra Tour 2010

An Information Session regarding the Canberra Tour 2010 for the 2010 Year 6/7 class was held last Tuesday evening. The presentation covered the educational outcomes, when it is proposed that the tour will take place, the itinerary, duty of care, cost estimate and reflections by Millie Mundy and Jarrod Smith, both of whom participated in this year’s tour.

Further information was distributed and sent home to those who were unable to attend, asking for a firm commitment by 15th June. We need this by the due date to enable us to accurately calculate the cost and make the necessary bookings.

SAPSA SA

This has been another busy SAPASA week, with teams participating in both boys and girls basketball, boys soccer and girls netball.

This is an exciting time for our students in years 5, 6 and 7 as this is the first time we have participated in many of these sporting events where the emphasis is somewhat different from our Out of School Hours Sport programme.
There appears to be some confusion about what is required for students with long hair.

We are very conscious of protecting the eyesight of our young people, and believe that one of the ways we can do that is to insist that they are not peering through a veil of hair while they are doing school work.

Therefore at school, hair longer than shoulder length must be clipped back off the face and tied with a hair tie. This means half-up and half-down is not adequate for hair longer than shoulder-length. Headbands are not sufficient for keeping long hair off the face. Where the hair can fall over the student’s face while they are working, hair that is shoulder-length or shorter must be clipped back off the face. Hair accessories are to be either navy blue or white or made of the school uniform material.

Teachers will be paying special attention to this until we are confident that everyone is clear about our expectations.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

This Premier’s Reading Challenge 2009 is underway again this year. All St Peters students are encouraged to take up the challenge.

To fulfil the requirements of the challenge, students need to read twelve books before September 4th – at least eight from the PRC booklists and four books of their own choice. It’s as simple as that! Many students go on to read many more books than that. The only requirement is that the children read. No extra tasks will be added to the reading. However, any reading that children do as part of their classroom learning can be included if the books appear on the PRC list.

Parents who would like to support their children in this venture can find the PRC booklists for each age group in the Resource Centre or on-line at www.premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au and the Resource Centre staff is ready to help you search for books within our catalogue.

Apart from the fun of taking part and the satisfaction of completing the challenge, the PRC encourages an essential skill that supports every student’s learning. Reading is a complex and wonderful process. Students at St Peters read for different purposes. They read for information and instruction; they read a wide variety of literary styles; they understand and use the structures and features of texts, and literary techniques of writers; they demonstrate their understanding of what they have read; and most importantly, they are encouraged to reflect critically on it.

Students not only learn how to read but they learn through reading. The ability to read supports their inquiries as they undertake research; reading is required for students to participate in mathematics and other curriculum areas; and I see many students reading for the simple pleasure of it – the best reading of all!

For students who struggle to read fluently, we are fortunate to have a skilled team of educators in our junior primary and learning support teachers who support our students to achieve their best.

It is fascinating to watch the students develop as readers, especially in the early years of schooling.

Please come and see us in the Resource Centre if you have any questions about the Premier’s Reading Challenge.

John Dow
Resource Centre Manager
**SACA July School Holiday Cricket Clinics**

Clinics are being held from July 6—10 for one week in the Indoor Centre at the Adelaide Oval. The clinics offer both individual and group coaching for boys and girls of all ages.

For prices and more information visit [www.cricketsa.com.au](http://www.cricketsa.com.au) to download a brochure or phone Shaun Seigert on 8300 3838.

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**Auskick**

Our local Auskick Centre is:

Blackwood Football Club  
Sunday : 9.00—10.00am  
Registration: $45 (cash or cheque)

Please contact Grant Lovelock 0431 265 961 if you would like to register.

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**Year 2/3 Football**

On Saturday we played Aberfoyle. We lost by a couple of goals but everyone played really well.  
Lewis, Captain

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**Mobile Phone Recycling**

*Mobilemuster and Australian Composite Technology* are conducting a Recycling Challenge called “Old phones, new fence posts” where every 5kg of phones collected will make a Plasma Fence Post which will be donated to locations affected by the Victorian bushfires.

If you’d like to be involved, drop off your old mobile phones and their batteries, chargers and accessories tomorrow (World Environment Day) at the office.

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**Education Tax Refund**

If you would like to know more about the Education Tax Refund, type in the link below on the internet and you will be taken directly to the Australian Taxation Office’s “Education Tax Refund” page:


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**Swine Flu Update**

The Health Department is recommending that any students who visit Melbourne (where about three quarters of confirmed cases of swine flu recorded so far have been found) do not return to school for seven days following their return to South Australia.

The Health Department is also recommending that any trips to Melbourne should be postponed for the time being.

They have also emphasised the importance of students who are unwell staying away from school and students who become unwell during the day being sent home.
Dear SPLOSHC families

This week we have been looking at America and have been enjoying different activities that may be seen at a county fair, various Disney colouring activities and eating some typical American foods for afternoon tea. There is also a display in the MFP showing different photos from my American trip last year, scrap books from my mother’s visit there in the 70’s and even an American flag that was flown at the U.S embassy in Iraq.

Next week we jet-set to Thailand which will be another full and exciting week. I lived there last year for three months and a good Thai friend of mine is going to come in a share with us about her beautiful country.

Thank you to those parents/guardians who have taken a SPLOSHC surveys. It would be fantastic to get those into me as soon as you can so we can start trying to work on your responses.

For those parents who bring their children to SPLOSHC in the mornings, could you please not park in the first bay of car parks (near the front entrance) as they are reserved for teachers who often have lots of heavy things to bring in with them in the mornings! Anywhere from the disabled parks up is fine.

When collecting your child/ren, please make sure that one of the staff members is aware that you are taking them. Even just a little wave to show that you are about to leave would be fantastic. Also, please remember to sign your child/ren in/out when picking them up or dropping them off as some people have been forgetting lately.

Thank you!

Hayley Gladigau & the SPLOSHC team

Scholastic Book Club

Book Club leaflets went home yesterday. Orders are due back to school by Wednesday 15 June.

Thank you.

Mrs Smith
Resource Centre

School Dental Service

The South Australian Dental Service provides a range of dental services for children from birth up to 18 years of age. Our Clinic is located at the Blackwood Primary School and is open Monday—Wednesday. Please telephone the Clinic on 8278 7131 to enrol your child/ren and make an appointment.

Bits & Pieces

Mitcham Cultural Village
Are you interested in leading or teaching a program in the new Mitcham Cultural Village? The Village will be opening in late June 2009 and we are looking for groups and individuals to run a range of activities in the precinct including the brand new Community Shed, the Mitcham Village Institute and the Uniting Church buildings. It could be dance, printmaking, sewing, woodwork, singing, kids’ activities - the possibilities are endless. Please call the City of Mitcham Community Centre Coordinator, Andrée Brett, on 8372 8805 to discuss your ideas.

Lost & Found
Can you please check your child hasn’t accidentally taken Alice McGinn’s yellow raincoat home by mistake. Thanks.

A black and silver watch was found in the car park. Please call at the office if you think it may be yours.
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Diary Dates Term 2
(for your calendar!)

Week 6 (Monday 1/6)
Thur 4/6 School Council Mtg—7pm
Fri 5/6 Uniform Shop Open after Chapel

Week 7 (Tuesday 9/6)
Mon 8/6 Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
Wed 10/6 SPLOSHC Mtg—5pm
Fri 12/6 Primary Principals’ Mtg all day

Week 8 (Monday 15/6)
Fri 19/6 Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea

Week 9 (Monday 22/6)
Mon 22/6 Uniform Com Mtg—9am
Fri 26/6 Uniform Shop Open after Chapel
Class Support Coordinators’
meeting—2.30pm
Sun 28/6 Family Service, Room 8—10am

Week 10 (Monday 29/6)
Mon 29/6 BLEA Meeting (Principal away)
Tue 30/6 BLEA Meeting (Principal away)
Thur 2/7 Last Day of Term for Students
School Council Mtg—7pm
Fri 3/7 Staff PD Day
Sat 4/7 Staff PD Day

St Peters Lutheran Church

NEWS

St Peters worship services are held
each week at 10.00am

ALL WELCOME

Fabric Tote Bags
Enclosed with this newsletter is a fabric
tote bag for your family with our compliments.

Entertainment Books
A reminder that these are still for sale for
$65 from the school office.

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