From the Principal

Some of the more exciting literature that people in my position have in their reference library is the standards, regulations and recommendations related to playgrounds. There are all kinds of recommendations about how high, wide, steep, play equipment should be, what it should be made of and what kind of soft fall should be underneath and so it goes on. It is almost overwhelming because there are just so many rules and regulations. Of course, we must do all that we can to protect our students while they are at play and all those constraints are there for a very good reason.

The literature also outlines the purposes of play and expounds that students always want to challenge themselves and take risks, because that is the way they learn about the physical limitations of their own bodies at that particular stage of their development. If it is too hard and they get hurt they probably won’t take a similar risk again, at least not for some time, but if it is too easy they will soon lose interest. Learning anything is like that really, and it is just as true of learning to read, as doing mathematics or science or any other area of the curriculum.

An important element of any risk-taking is support. Take our slippery slide as an example. There are rails that support the students as they climb the ladder and sit down, and then when they get to the bottom there is soft fall to cushion their landing.

In our school, we are purposely teaching our students to be risk-takers, to guess, to have-a-go but mostly to have courage, because that is a very important characteristic of a successful lifelong learner. Teachers at St Peters encourage our students to take risks with their learning but provide support so they have a soft landing if things don’t go according to plan the first time.

God has provided all of us with just such a supporter and that is the Holy Spirit. He holds our hand when the going gets tough and provides the opportunity to have a soft landing if things don’t work out. Life is challenging and we do have to take risks, and we won’t always be successful, but God has promised that He will never give us a challenge which is beyond us and He has given us a great supporter to be with us always.
Please stay and enjoy a coffee after chapel next **Friday 19 June** as usual where the parents from Mrs Fox’s Reception class will be providing “Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea”! It would be great if you could also make a donation to the Cancer Council for this benefit as every cup counts in the fight against cancer. Proceeds over $2 are tax-deductible.

**Special Food Day**

Just a reminder that all Special Food orders are to be returned by next **Tuesday 16 June**.

*Cath & Vicki*

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**GOOD NEWS**

I received this lovely letter from a Great-Grandma this week…

I am writing to say how thrilled I was to attend the Grandmothers’ Day. I am a Great-Grandmother, eighty three years old, and I came to see Isabella, Isaiah and Sebastian Caruso. It was an exciting joy. The day was made perfect to see the name of Jesus deep in their hearts. I was delighted to have a conversation with your Chaplain. All your teaching shone forth in their different talents. Your school is a credit.

What beautiful feedback on our Grandparents’ Day.

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**Building Education Revolution**

**NSP Progress Report**

Painting of the outside of the buildings got underway this week.

**P21**

Things are on track for the on-site work to begin before the end of this month with the construction of the access road which will come into the school yard from the very southern end of the car park.

Deliveries of materials to the site will be made outside of the busy drop-off and pick-up hours as much as is possible to create the least amount of inconvenience to the school community.

**Term Dates 2010**

The term dates for next year are:

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**Canberra Tour 2010**

Thank you to all of the parents of students who will be in Years 6 and 7 in 2010 who have already returned the forms that were sent home recently.

The due date is **15 June** (next Monday) and we need these forms by that date so we can accurately calculate the cost and make the necessary bookings.

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**Distribution of Newsletter**

As you are aware, from Term 3 the method of distributing our weekly newsletter will change. You may choose to receive the newsletter by:

- Email (preferred method).
- Viewing/downloading the newsletter on our website.
- Collecting a hard copy from the school office counter or the ELC.

Please make sure you return the reply slip enclosed with last week’s newsletter or email your preferred email address to admin@stpeterslutheran.sa.edu.au before 19 June.
Toolbox Parenting Groups

As a follow-up to the parenting workshops last year I have obtained a new and fun resource called Toolbox Parenting Groups.

I met with six parents from St Peters to get their response and this is what they said:
• I think the Toolbox Parent Groups for the middle years would be a beneficial course that also looks quite upbeat and fun to participate in.
• The session we had was great and I am really looking forward to participating in more.
• It seems like a very good resource. There is not all that many resources available for the preteens years so it will hopefully fill this hole.
• Please ensure that there are opportunities for people to attend both day and evening sessions.
• I can see that Toolbox will be a very valuable and positive addition to the school programme and I look forward to attending the sessions.
• I’m not one who normally likes to got to group sessions or things like this, however, James approached it well, made me “want” to go to another of these sessions.

What are the topics for discussion:
There are six sessions that normally go for two hours each, however, I am suggesting that we could break them down into one hour sessions focussing on the topics that are most popular. Please tick which topics interest you the most.

The topics include:

**Session 1**
- Parenting—an obstacle course—thinking your own family
- Parent types—understanding where you came from
- The V of love—how do we change the amount of control Vs the level of responsibility as children grow older
- Parent Coach—Peer pressure
- Discipline strategies

**Session 2**
- Self Esteem
- Reflective listening
- Challenges and risks—Passing on values—discipline strategies
- School and bullying

**Session 3**
- Emotional intelligence
- Socialising our kids—manners—delaying gratifications
- The teachable moment—problem solving
- Dealing with anger
- The power of self-talk—discipline strategies

**Session 4**
- Personality types
- Family meeting—establishing the rules

- V of love—setting boundaries—consequences—CPR
- Total melt down or the strong willed child—discipline strategies

**Session 5**
- Atmosphere—how to gauge it
- A vision for the future—a family mission statement
- Family rituals—memories and memory makers
- 5 love languages—fun, cool birthday parties
- Social skills—preparing our kids to fly solo
- Sibling rivalry—discipline strategies

**Session 6**
- Change is the theme—the 5 A’s of prevention
- Talking—environments
- Rapids ahead—get in first—body image—discipline strategy

When:
I am offering 4 different time slots to facilitate small groups of parents (between 4—24).

Please circle which time frame suits you then I will offer dates based on the feedback received.

⇒ Thursday morning 9-10am
⇒ Thursday evening 7-9pm
⇒ Friday after chapel 9.30-10.30am
⇒ Friday afternoon 2-3pm

How often: (Please circle)
How many sessions are you prepared to attend in the remainder of this year?
* One / two / three / four / five / six
If you select more than one, how often would you be available to attend?
* Fortnightly / monthly / twice a term / once a term

Would you be willing to contribute towards the cost of materials? Yes / No If yes, would you prefer to purchase the complete parent workbook for yourself at $36 each? Yes / No

Please include your name and contact details so that I can communicate the results of this survey and give specific dates that meet the requests of the majority of replies: Please return this survey to the school office by 19 June.

Name:
e-mail:
Ph:

Thanking you for your response.

James Ziersch
Chaplain @ St Peters
Sturt Falcons Softball Club

Are any girls interested in having a go at softball? Anyone from Years 3—7 can play (a combined team of up to three year levels is possible).

St Peters has been invited to enter into a Girls' Softball competition. The competition is for Term 4 2009 and Term 1 2010. It will be held on Saturday mornings during the term with matches played at participating schools. A team of between 10—13 players is needed with 9 on the field at any one time.

The club can arrange free softball lessons and after hours training but we can only go ahead if there is interest within the school.

If you are interested in having a go please leave your name with Mrs Smith in the library or the front office.

Basketball Top Fees

Basketball top fees are due for the winter season. The season covers terms 2 and 3 and the cost is $12.00.

If you wish this amount to be placed on your school fees account please see Sharon Smith otherwise please send this amount to school in an envelope marked “Basketball Tops” remembering to include your child’s name and the team they are in on the envelope.

The final day for payment is Wednesday 24 June.

After this date the amount will be placed on school fee accounts.

If you would like to include an OSH sports report in the newsletter, simply send it to the front office by Wednesday.

Resource Centre News

Five missing books

We are missing five books under mysterious circumstances. Can all families please have a look and see if they have made their way to your home?

Each of these books have been in the library recently, but have gone AWOL and have been requested by our avid student readers.

They are:

* Shadow of Doubt* by Jeremy Brown - barcode 13660. This is a brand new book and was last seen on the new books' spinner.

* That Aussie Christmas Book* by Bruce Prewer - barcode 11943

* The Sister of the South* by Emily Rodda (one of the Deltora series) - barcode 7314

* The Maze of Bones* (part of the 39 Clues series) by Rick Riordan barcode 13426

* The Cat on the Mat is Flat* by Andy Griffiths - barcode 11409

Book Covering

With the success of the Book Fair, we now have a large number of books ready to be covered. Mrs Smith has prepared them all so if our regular library volunteers would like to call past and take a handful, we would be very grateful.

New volunteers also welcome. We will instruct you on the simple method of book covering and you can either do it in the library or take the work home.

John Dow
Resource Centre Manager
Dear SPLOSHC families

For this short week we have been looking at Thailand and have enjoyed learning about the place through myself and my good friend, Thapunut (Bee) who is from this amazing and alive country. I met Thapunut when I spent three months in Bangkok last year and she is doing an exchange over here at Adelaide University. She is coming to SPLOSHC on Friday afternoon to share some information about her home and to answer any questions the children may have! It will be a fun afternoon and we are really looking forward to it.

Next week we are looking at Africa and Eduard Van den Berg’s family has offered to bring in some traditional South African cooking for us to try next week! Yum!

I have only received three of the eighteen surveys that have been taken so please try and get them back ASAP so we can work through your responses.

Enclosed in this newsletter is an expression of interest form for student free day care on Friday 3 July (with an excursion to the Hahndorf Farm Barn planned for full-day attendees!!) and Monday 20 July. If you are interested in sending your child/ren on the Friday you will need to return your form to the office ASAP as there’s a maximum of 24 children able to attend on this day. Information about the excursion will be available from SPLOSHC if you are interested.

Hayley & the SPLOSHC team ;)

**Bits & Pieces**

**ZooVentures & Zu-Fari**
The Adelaide and Monarto Zoos are offering a school holiday programme for children between the ages of 6—12 at Adelaide and 8—13 at Monarto on various weekdays during the school holidays.

ZooVentures (Adelaide) - $45/day and Zu-Fari (Monarto) - $55/day (including the bus trip to the Monarto Zoo). Positions must be booked on 8267 2434.

Phone for more information or visit www.zoossa.com.au/education.

**First Aid Course—School Holidays**
The Australian Red Cross are offering a Basic First Aid Course for students between the ages of 11—15 on Monday 13 July at Marleston. Further information is on the noticeboard.

Please telephone the Red Cross First Aid Training Centre on 1300 367 428 to enrol.

**DivorceCare Seminar**
DivorceCare is a special weekly seminar and support group for people who are separated or divorced.

This 11 week course runs on Monday evenings from 7.15—9.15 pm starting on 29 June at the Coromandel Valley Uniting Church. The cost is $40.

Phone 8270 1800 if you would like to attend.

**Blue Dolphin Swimming Programme**
The Blue Dolphin Swim Centre is taking enrolments for term 3 swimming lessons which will be held from Saturday 18 July—Saturday 26 September.

Their telephone number is 8322 6566.
Diary Dates Term 2
(for your calendar!)

**Week 7 (Tuesday 9/6)**
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
Tue 23/6   Special Food Day
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

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