From the Principal

This is the third of a series of articles about resilience which, you will recall, is the fine art of being able to bungy jump through life. The pitfalls are still there but it is as if you have an elasticised rope around your middle that helps you to bounce back from hard times.

As you know, Andrew Fuller has identified 10 hints for parents for creating resilient families. The first four I have waxed lyrical about in previous newsletters and they are promoting a sense of belonging, to the family, to their school, to their club, to their church. It’s important for all of us to know we belong. The second is having some mooch time. That is about expecting our children to be able to relax and to find things to entertain themselves rather than parents providing an extensive programme of organised activities that leave no time for unstructured play. The third is the significance of family rituals, and the next is accepting, loving, admiring and respecting each member of our family for their differences... the things each bring which enrich the whole.

The next two include being clear about who is in charge and consistency. These two certainly apply to parents but also to teachers.

In our school we believe we provide great opportunities for our students to have a voice. We try to encourage them to have the confidence to say what they think in a respectful way. At the same time there is a line in the sand and they and we know that ultimately we have the final say. I know that some parents and young teachers fear that if they take charge they will lose the friendship of the children or that they won’t love them anymore. In fact, the reverse is the case. Children feel much more secure and confident with their parent or teacher when they know there are boundaries, and what those boundaries are. They need to know they will be listened to, but that ultimately parents and teachers are in charge.

Children are very good at identifying inconsistency. They can use it as a tool to achieve their own ends, which may not be in the best interests of themselves or their families. When we wax and wane, children are never 100% sure of what the outcome will be, so they will push and push until either the parent gives in or the STOP sign goes up. The more inconsistent we are the longer the pushing goes on each time. Having parents who say what they mean and mean what they say is really important for building up trust.

Having parents who agree on rules and standards and who send the same sorts of messages, has the best outcome in terms of children’s well-being. We all know that some of the most complex conflicts occur in families when parents have different value systems or can’t come to a consistent way of handling particular areas. Although it is not ideal, another possibility is for one parent to take charge of a particular area, which is better than having parents in conflict over management issues or undermining each other.

We find the Bible has plenty to tell us about good parenting and I recommend it as the very best of parenting manuals. God himself leads by example by being 100% consistent. He says what he means and means what he says. He is in charge and we know that. He listens but always does what is best for us. Our God is an awesome God!

Have a lovely rest, some fun and laughter and no packed lunches. Enjoy your holiday!

Special points of interest:
- Today & Friday
  Student Led Conferences
- Tuesday 13/10
  Term 4 begins for students
Cake Stalls
Well done to Miss Davies’ 1/2 class (Room 6) who raised $188.20 from their cake stall last week and Miss Geue’s Year 7 class (Room 1) who raised $144.65 from this morning’s stall.

Thank you also to all the cooks and consumers for your commitment to the cake stalls over this term. With your support we have raised $1,974.50 for your school which is a fabulous effort.

Working Bee
The next working bee will be held on Saturday 24 October which is just before two important events for the school. We have got a beautiful school and will want it to be looking its absolute best for the Open Day and 10th Anniversary Rose Planting Ceremony which will take place on Sunday 25 October. Then we will be having a visit from a panel representing the Non-Government Schools Registration Board, as part of our five-yearly registration review on Thursday 29 October.

Building Education Revolution
Progress report
NSP
We love all the beautiful rain we have been having but it has caused some minor delays. However, work on the footings of our new building continues on the Eastern side of Rooms 3 and 4. The Early Learning Centre fence has been moved to compensate for some space that had to be taken away during the building process.

P21
We have almost completed all the works under this project including exterior blinds, painting the outside of the school, paving the pathways around the perimeter of the administration building, installing more shade sails (this work is not yet fully completed) new fixed play equipment, 30 new computers and our new fitness track.

What a fabulous outcome from this grant through the Australian Government’s Building Education Revolution P21 program.

The following families are on the roster for this working bee:
Congdon, Forbes, Beck, Compton, Tessari, Tiekstra, Whitcombe, Gluyas, Higgins, Thiele, Bateman, Netz, Oates, Tippett, Bartlett, Bate, Fiddick, Holt, Intveld, Mittermaier, Mundy, Nunerley, Pettingill, Quist, Yaeger, Bateman, Edwards, Helmore, Nguyen, Racz, Smith J

Plus the following families who have been scheduled on previous working bees but have been unable to attend…


ELC families: Adams, Brown, Comitis, Curran, Entwistle, Heading, Hill, Holmes, Kingdom, Lombard, Peabody, Russell, Simpson, Turner, Weymouth, Williams, Zappia

Open Day and 10th Anniversary Celebration
On Sunday 25 October at 2.00pm we are holding an Open Day and combining that with the official launch of St Peters 10th Anniversary Rose which has been very kindly and generously specially bred by Ross Roses to commemorate the tenth anniversary of our school. The official ceremony will include a welcome by the Principal, a presentation by the school choir followed by a short address by Mr Barry Kahl, Director of Lutheran Education SA/NT/WA, and then the current year 7 students will each plant a rose at the front of the school next to a plaque bearing their name. The Hon Andrew Southcott, the Hon Iain Evans and the Mayor of Mitcham Ivan Brooks are among the invited dignitaries who will be in attendance. The rose will be on display and available for sale or to order for $19.95 per potted plant on that day.

We look forward to the support of as many parents and students from the school community as possible to share in this important occasion.
**Future Enrolments for St Peters**

Please note that there are limited enrolment places available for 2010 and 2011 entry. Enrolment offers for 2012 will be made early next year. If you have yet to lodge an enrolment application for future entry to St Peters, please do so as soon as possible.

Should your situation have changed and your child will no longer be attending St Peters next year, please email the Principal through admin@stpeterslutheran.sa.edu.au if you have not already done so. As previously advised, to avoid financial penalty, this written notification must be received by 25 September.

**NAPLAN**

In May 2009 National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests were administered to students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 throughout Australia. The NAPLAN Tests were held over a three day period and covered the following areas:

- Writing
- Grammar and Punctuation
- Spelling
- Reading
- Numeracy

While great care needs to be taken with the use of ‘headline’ statistics it is very pleasing to report that in Year 3 100% of our students reached the required national standard in each of the five areas of testing except one student who was exempt.

In Year 5 100% of students reached the required national standard in each of the five areas. There were no students exempt from any of the Year 5 tests.

In Year 7 100% of students reached the required national standard in Numeracy, Punctuation & Grammar and Reading. In Spelling and Writing 95% of the students reached the required national standard. There were no students exempt from any of the Year 7 tests.

When considering student achievement it is important to remember that individual student test results are only one small part of the evidence that is gathered by the school to determine overall student performance for any year. The results of individual tests can be misleading if taken as an indicator of overall performance. You are encouraged not to give this report greater status than the reports provided by your teacher, who knows your child very well, who sees them and works with them every school day. NAPLAN is just one small piece of the picture.

A lot of data that comes with the NAPLAN reports is quite beneficial to the school in terms of identifying areas where we are performing particularly well and areas where we can focus on improvement.

The individual student reports will be handed to parents of the Year 3, 5, and 7 students who participated in the 2009 NAPLAN immediately following their child’s Student Led Conference this week. This will give parents the opportunity to look at the results before deciding if and how they will share them with their child.

Teachers will be very happy to respond to any questions the reports may raise.

**GOOD NEWS**  
Babies are abounding!

A beautiful new baby boy has joined the Hutchinson family. Darren and Rebecca, along with big sisters, Emily and Bella, welcomed little Riley to their family recently.

Welcome to the world also William Jakube, a new little fellow to join Nicolle (one of our wonderful classroom teachers who is currently on maternity leave), her husband Nick, and Annabel.

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**IB Learner Profile**

- Inquirers
- Knowledgeable
- Thinkers
- Communicators
- Principled
- Open-minded
- Caring
- Risk-takers
- Balanced
- Reflective

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24 September 2009
Out of School Hours Sports

Term 4 OSH SPORT

Thank You

to all parents who have put their hand up to coach and/or coordinate a team next term. This means all teams are able to go ahead.

2/3 Junior Netball Competition

We are 2 players short from having 2 teams in the Life Be In It Summer netball competition. Both boys and girls can play. It is on Monday nights at Unley High School or Cabra College.

If you are interested: please give Bronwyn Masters a call on 0428 113 059.

To All Boys and Girls who are Interested in SOCCER!

Boys Soccer

Sturt Marion Boys are having trials for team selection for the 2010 season. We are seeking players in ALL AGES- it is not too late to get started in a club!

Manson Oval, Sargent Parade, Bellevue Heights

Enquiries to John Vander Veeken 0411 609880

Held on Sunday 18/10 and 25/10 (optional 1/11)

Girls Soccer

CUWFC aspires to be a family oriented club where girls and women have the opportunity to learn to play football in an enjoyable and safe environment and become the best that they can be whether they wish to play at an elite or social level. Trial dates for season 2010:

Wed 14th Oct 2009 6.30pm to 8.00pm

Sunday 18th October 2009 10.00am -12 noon

Wed 21st October 2009 6.30pm to 8.00pm

For further information about our club and trials please email the club secretary deidre.daws@bigpond.com or visit our website www.cuwfc.com.au

See information on Noticeboard outside Room 2.

MILO in2CRICKET Program

MILO in2CRICKET is a fun introduction to the game of cricket for boys and girls in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. It provides children with an enjoyable and safe environment where they can learn skills and play games.

The Program will be run at:

Sturt District Cricket Club, Hawthorn and Coromandel Valley Ramblers Cricket Club, Coromandel Valley

The cost of the Program is $50 per participant. Every registered child receives an in2CRICKET Pack including bat, ball, t-shirt, bucket hat, backpack, activity booklet and lots of other goodies.

To find out more details about you’re nearest Centre and to register for this season log on to www.in2cricket.com.au and type in your post code.

BASKETBALL

There are no basketball games scheduled for St Peters in week 1 of term 4.
**Pedal Prix**

What an exciting time was had by all involved with this extra-curricula activity. On behalf of the school community we congratulate our riders. Their ranks were diminished through sickness and injury but they all put in a bit extra and rode very well.

Congratulations to the whole team on your fine achievement including all the parents who have been enthusiastic contributors and supporters. A very special thank you to Dave Racz who has been the coordinator of this out of school hours sport for the past few years, and to Chris and Sharon Smith, who have catered for the hungry hoards.

Next year they move on, and the current Year 7s will have become Year 8s and so will be pedaling elsewhere in 2010. That means we will be looking for the next crop of riders, so we will be encouraging 2010 Year 5, 6 and 7 students to give it a go next year.

Those parents who have been involved in past years I know would recommend this as a special opportunity. It is a great team event to be part of for both students and parents alike.

**Mitcham Shopping Centre Promotion**

On **Friday 16 October and Saturday 17 October**, the school will have a display in the Mitcham Shopping Centre to promote our upcoming Open Day and 10th Anniversary. Our purpose is to increase the awareness of St Peters Lutheran School in the wider community and to encourage parents of prospective students to come to our Open Day and see our school for themselves.

On Saturday our choir will be singing from 12noon—12.15pm. We are very excited about that and so are they!

**Summer Uniform Changeover**

Day 1 of Term 4 is the official changeover to the summer uniform. Please check the school’s Parent Information Handbook, pages 18—20 for details.

We would ask that parents ensure that their children are wearing the correct uniform at all times. Thanks for your cooperation with this.

**Student Led Conferences**

As you are all aware, this afternoon and Friday morning we will be conducting Student Led Conferences.

The students have been preparing for this with great enthusiasm and we believe it provides the opportunity for them to take responsibility for sharing their commitment, effort and achievements with you in a very positive way.

Please make sure that you are on time for your conference and that you finish on time as well.

Please also remember that parents are responsible for supervising siblings during Student Led Conferences. The computers will not be available to use so we suggest you bring something along to entertain siblings while you are engaged with the conference. We thank you for your cooperation and understanding with this.

**Chess Tournament**

Last Thursday 17 September, nine students from St Peters ventured to Hallett Cove East Primary School to compete against one-hundred-and-seventeen other students from twelve schools in an extra curricula Chess Tournament. I was very proud of the students for several reasons. Firstly, they waited patiently between games, secondly they showed good sportsmanship and thirdly, as a team of untrained students playing against other students who attend coaching clinics each week, we played extremely well.

We have been offered a discount price ($35 each) if there are at least ten students willing to attend seven weeks of training. Please see me or the school office for an expression of interest form.

*James Ziersch*

*Chaplain*
## Diary Dates Term 3 (for your calendar!)

### Week 10 (Monday 21/9)
- Thu 24/9  Last day of term for students (Casual Day)
- Fri 24/9  Cake Stall (Room 1)
- Fri 24/9  Student Led Conferences—day
- Fri 24/9  Student Led Conferences—evening

### Term 4

#### Week 1 (Tuesday 13/10)
- Tue 13/10  Term 4 begins for students
- Sat 17/10  Choir singing at Mitcham Shopping Centre 12noon
- Sun 18/10  10th Anniversary Birthday Concert 2pm

#### Week 2 (Monday 19/10)
- Tue 20/10  Uniform Shop Open 3pm
- Fri 23/10  Toolbox parenting group 9.30am

#### Week 3 (Monday 26/10)
- Fri 30/10  Uniform Shop Open 9.15am

#### Week 4 (Monday 2/11)
- Tue 3/11  Uniform Shop Open 3pm
- Fri 6/11  Toolbox parenting group 2pm
- Sat 7/11  Dinner Dance 7pm
- Sun 8/11  Family Service (Room 5)

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

### Week 5 (Monday 9/11)
- Tue 17/11  Uniform Shop Open 3pm
- Fri 20/11  Toolbox parenting group 9.30am

### Week 6 (Monday 16/11)
- Tue 27/11  Uniform Shop Open 3pm
- Fri 20/11  Toolbox parenting group 9.30am

### Week 7 (Monday 23/11)
- Sun 29/11  Family Service (Room 2)

### Week 8 (Monday 30/11)
- Tue 1/12  Uniform Shop Open 3pm
- Fri 4/12  Toolbox Parenting group 2pm
  (To be continued in 2010)

### Week 9 (Monday 7/12)
- Tue 8/12  Last day of term of Students

### ALC evening classes—Spring series for 2009

Two modules are being offered in this series from mid October to late November. The two classes, held at ALC, offer the opportunity to focus on biblical studies: Jacob and Joseph with Dr Peter Lockwood and the book of Galatians with Dr Stephen Haar. Despite the end of year activities in schools, teachers of Christian Studies may wish to add to their biblical knowledge by attending one or the other of these classes.