Welcome back everyone.

Teachers have all enjoyed hearing about the adventures that families have experienced over the holidays. Quite a few have been on overseas jaunts and enjoyed balmy tropical climates and exotic cultures and all that goes with that. What a wonderful world God has created for us to enjoy!

For most people, this was a time of fun and relaxation but for some it was a time of great anxiety and trauma. This involved harrowing flights, ambulance rides, issues with understanding and being understood by others for whom English is not the first language, being separated and not knowing where other members of the family were, watching a child struggling for breath and being very afraid. Thankfully this awful time has now passed and the little person continues to recover.

As parents, we understand our role to be the providers for and protectors of our children. We see ourselves as being in control. Then, out of the blue, a situation arises when suddenly we have no control.

We can do nothing and this can create a feeling of incredible helplessness and inadequacy. As a parent myself I can imagine nothing worse than my child being in danger and not being able to do anything.

This week in our staff devotions we have been focusing on the way that God has promised to be with us and to protect us when we are at our most vulnerable. There are such words of reassurance in the Bible. In Isaiah 40:10 we read

Fear not, for I am with you, be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.

We thank and praise God that his healing hand has been upon our little ones and for his promise to be with us always. He is there to be relied upon in our scariest experiences.

We look forward to an exciting term of fun, living and learning, secure in the knowledge that God has his loving arms around each and every one of us.

Special points of interest:
- Tomorrow—Cake Stall (Room B)
- 26/7—Pedal Prix Race
Parents & Friends

Cake Stalls
Our Cake Stalls will be on again this term with goods available to purchase each Friday morning. The first of these is scheduled for tomorrow morning with the Year 3/4 Class responsible for this under the expert guidance of Class Support Coordinator, Nona Gregory.

The next working bee has been scheduled for Saturday 8th August beginning at 9.00am and will include parents from Rooms 7 & 8 and the ELC together with those who have been unable to attend previous working bees.

A list of these families and information about the jobs to be done and what to bring with you will be in the next newsletter.

BER Progress Report

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

We also have the poles to support the new shade sails in the ground and when the concrete has cured the sails will go up. We will then have a very shady play space.

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.

Welcome

New Staff Member
We welcome Ms Angie Ng, who will be starting at St Peters in Week four of this term, as our Indonesian Language Teacher. Ibu Angie was a language teacher in an independent school in Malaysia for four years before coming to Australia to study. She is multi-lingual being fluent in six languages apart from English so she is certainly highly skilled.

We know you will make her welcome.

Student Teacher
Marcia Schubert will be spending the first four weeks of the term working with Penny Rawinski and the students in Room 3. We trust that she will enjoy her time with us and the learning opportunities these experiences provide.

Welcome Back
Welcome back to Jack and Georgina Taeger. It is lovely to see you both again.

Working Bee

Staff Professional Development

On Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th July the staff enjoyed two action-packed days of professional development under the guidance of Scott Jackson who is an authorised IB PYP trainer.

Feedback from staff was very positive and I have to say, I was very affirmed by the distance we have all travelled in our collective PYP journey.

This Monday the staff worked together on our scope and sequence documents across the curriculum as we move to a different framework for recording what we teach, with reference to the IB PYP and the state curriculum documents.

This also went very well and we are well pleased to be coming to the end of what has been a very long process.
Dear SPLOSHC families

Welcome back to another fun-filled term!

This term our programme is called “It’s more than a game - SPLOSHC’S SPORT SPECTACULAR” and for the next nine weeks we will be focusing on different types of sport. We have quite a few parents and members of the wider community volunteering to come in and talk about their specific field of sport which is very exciting!

This week we are gathering information on what sports your children would like to focus on and next week I will let you know what sports we will be covering and when we will be doing them. If you, or someone you know, has a lot of knowledge with one of the sports we would love you to come in and share it with us.

Welcome back to OSH Sport for term three. All teams continue unchanged from term two as the commitment made by students in term 1 was for terms two and three.

Football and Netball
Training starts again this week.

Year 2/3 and 4/5 Football - Saturday 25 July
Both games are being played at 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 versus Blackwood.

Year 2/3 Netball – Saturday 25 July
This game is at Craigburn Primary School.

Out of School Hours Sports

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. 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 phone 7424 7605 or email coachingandofficiating@saugov.sa.gov.au

Civics and Citizenship

Earlier this year we were very fortunate to receive a grant under the banner of Civics and Citizenship to build on the leadership programme we have in the school for Year 7 students.

As part of this project the Federal member for Boothby, Dr Andrew Southcott, came to school on Tuesday to speak with the students about leadership. One of the things he emphasised was the need for leaders to be resilient.

Jessica wrote: I think that Andrew Southcott did a wonderful job speaking to our class about his job and what he does. I learnt quite a lot! Dr Southcott says that the hardest part of being a member of parliament was not taking everything personally. It was tough he said but now he is quite good at not taking things to heart.

Charlotte wrote: I asked ‘What are some of the challenges you have to face in parliament?’ The answer was that Dr. Southcott had trouble ‘bouncing back’ when opposing members criticised him. He said that this was probably the hardest thing, or one of the hardest things he had to cope with.

The students also commented on his ability as a public speaker which, as we all know, is an important skill for leaders to develop.

Jake reported that: Andrew Southcott is a really good public speaker and is really confident doing it.
Diary Dates Term 3
(for your calendar!)

Week 1 (Tuesday 21/7)
Friday 24/7 Cake Stall (Room B)
Sunday 26/7 Second Pedal Prix Race

Week 2 (Monday 27/7)
Tuesday 28/7 Uniform Shop Open 3pm
Thursday 30/7 Art Gallery Excursion (Rooms 1 & 2)
Friday 31/7 Cake Stall (Room 2)
National Motor Museum Excursion (Rooms B & 3)

Week 3 (Monday 3/8)
Wednesday 5/8 SPLOSHC Com Mtg 5pm
Thursday 6/8 School Council Mtg 7pm
Friday 7/8 Cake Stall (Room 5)
Primary Principals’ Mtg 9am

Week 4 (Monday 10/8)
Tuesday 11/8 Musical Performance 2pm
Uniform Shop Open 3pm
Marketing Mtg 5pm
Thursday 13/8 Musical Performance 7pm
Friday 14/8 Cake Stall (ELC)

Week 5 (Monday 17/8)
Friday 21/8 Cake Stall (Room 7)

Week 6 (Monday 24/8)
Tuesday 25/8 Uniform Shop open 3pm
Friday 28/8 Cake Stall (Room 3)
Sunday 30/8 Family Service (Room 3)

Week 7 (Monday 31/8)
Thursday 3/9 School Photos
Friday 4/9 Student Free Day/PD Day for Staff

Week 8 (Monday 7/9)
Tuesday 8/9 Uniform Shop Open 3pm
Friday 11/9 Cake Stall (Room 8)
Sunday 13/9 Family Service (Room B)

Week 9 (Monday 14/9)
Friday 18/9 Cake Stall (Room 6)
Saturday 19/9 Pedal Prix
Sunday 20/9 Pedal Prix

Week 10 (Monday 21/9)
Tuesday 22/9 Uniform Shop open 3pm
Thursday 24/4 Last day of term for students (Casual Day)
Cake Stall (Room 1)

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