From the Principal

Mary MacKillop was born in Melbourne, in 1842, the eldest of eight children. Her family was very poor and at 14 years of age, Mary left home to help support her family.

While teaching in Penola, Mary met Father Julian Woods. Together they founded ‘The Sisters of St. Joseph’ in 1866, dedicating it to the education of needy children, particularly in the bush. Mary opened the first free St Joseph’s School that same year and taught around 50 children in an old stable in Penola. This was at a time when only the wealthy could afford to have their children educated.

By 1869, the Order had grown to include over 70 sisters, and spread to Adelaide, with 21 schools opening up. They then spread to cities and small outback towns all over Australia, New Zealand, and eventually overseas.

Apart from schools for those who could not pay, Mary and her Josephites also started orphanages, homes to care for neglected and homeless children, and homes for the aged and incurably ill. These young women travelled to the isolated bush communities, educated the children, cared for the needy and lived under the same conditions as these pioneering families, complete with all the hardships.

Mary is considered by many to be the embodiment of all that is best in our nation and its people: hospitality to strangers, generosity to the needy, justice to the unfairly treated, and perseverance in the face of adversity.

What a wonderful legacy, begun by a young woman with the heart of God for the poor and unloved. She was willing to deny her own comfort and needs, and inspired many others to do the same. These young women saw a fantastic opportunity to spread the hope of Jesus through the Christian education of children all over this vast land. What a great foundation to give this young country.

Mary MacKillop was prepared to give up everything to pursue the calling God put on her life.

Praise God for Christian teachers,

(Taken from “You Can Be Another Great Australian” by Margot Ogilvie

…and it was wonderful to see how much the outstanding group of Christian teachers at St Peters is appreciated by parents and students. This came through very clearly in the parent and student feedback via the Better Schools Project.

Special points of interest:

- **Tonight**—School Council Mtg 7pm
- **Tomorrow**—Cake Stall (Room 2) Primary Principals’ Meeting 9am
- **Saturday 8/8**—Working Bee 9am
- **Monday 10/8**—SPLOSHC Meeting 9am Pedal Prix Meeting 7pm
- **Tuesday 11/8**—Musical 1.45pm Uniform Shop open 3pm Marketing Meeting 5pm
Cake Stalls
Our third cake stall is happening tomorrow and goods will be available at the beginning of the day as usual. The Year 6/7 class (Room 2) is the group responsible for this under the expert guidance of Class Support Coordinator, Anthea Quist.

Congratulations to the Year 2/3 Class (Room 5) who raised a total of $232 from last week’s cake stall.

10th Anniversary Dinner
Don’t forget that Saturday 7 November is the date for this year’s exciting 10th Year Anniversary Dinner.

Last year’s dinner at the Belair Country Club was a huge success so make sure you put this date in your diary now and start thinking about getting a table together for this fun-filled evening.

More details will be advised as they come to hand.

School Musical
Tickets for the evening performance of our school musical, Are we there yet? are all “sold out”, however, there are some tickets still available for the matinee performance at 1.45pm on Tuesday 11 August.

As was the case before, tickets will be issued on a first come, first served basis.

Civics and Citizenship
Rebecca Geue’s PowerPoint of the St Peters student leadership programme is now on the web: www.stpeterslutheran.sa.edu.au

Follow the links you will find on the home page and have a look... I am sure you will be impressed.

Energy Safety & Saving Week
The Green Team have produced a brochure which will be sent home today outlining the theme for Energy Safety Week which is running from 3—7 August 2009.

They have put forward a challenge to each classroom with some great energy-saving ideas and will be rewarding those classrooms who manage to pass the challenge with a bag of goodies for the classroom to share. (Please see “Saving part of the week” in the brochure for more information).
Working Bee—Saturday 8 August

Thank you to those families who have returned their working bee slips advising their ability to attend this Saturday’s working bee.

Helpers who are involved this time include families from Rooms 7 and 8 and the ELC along with those people who have been unable to attend previous working bees this year.

Tasks for this Saturday include pruning, weeding, spreading soft fall, cleaning out the storm water sumps and attending to a range of other regular maintenance tasks.

Uniform Shop Sale

There are only two days left of Universal Uniforms’ 10% off sale. If you have been unable to source an item from our Second Hand Uniform Shop, now is the right time to grab a bargain on a new item. All floor stock will be discounted.

Universal Uniforms is located on the corner of Daveys Road and Emerald Street, Flagstaff Hill and is open between 9.30am—5.00pm Monday to Friday and 9.30—12.30pm on Saturday.

Punctuality

It is becoming an increasing concern that some of our students are regularly arriving late to school. This is a concern on a number of levels. Firstly, from a life skills and time-management perspective. Then there is the issue of the very important things that happen in classrooms at the beginning of the day. Students who arrive late can and do miss out on vital learning particularly with reading which is such a vital skill and needs as much practise as possible in the junior primary years.

There is also the issue for the child who enters the class when everyone else has begun working, feels uncomfortable coming into the space under those circumstances and doesn’t know what is happening.

We are asking for parent support to address this issue.

IB Learner Profile
Out of School Hours Sports

**Football and Netball**

**Year 2/3 Football** - Saturday 8 August at 8.30am

Blackwood/St Peters v Black Forest at Blackwood Primary School

Players to be at the oval 20 minutes before the game.

**Please note all 2/3 Footballers:**
The West v Glenelg Mini League game is scheduled for Saturday 5th September. Players to be at City Mazda Stadium at 1.30pm. **Free entry to family members.**

**Year 4/5 Football** - Saturday 8 August at 9.30am

St Peters v St Anthony Red at Glandore Oval, South Road, Glandore

Players to be at the oval 15 minutes before the game.

**Year 2/3 Netball** – Saturday 8 August at 10am

St Peters v Braeview at SUNA, Wilfrid Taylor Reserve, States Road, Morphett Vale

Players to be at the courts 10 minutes before the game.

**Sturt District Cricket Club Inc.**
Pre-Season Trials begin this Sunday 9 August 1—3pm at Scotch College, Montrose (junior oval and nets). They will run for 3 or 4 Sundays (depending on weather).

From these trials an U14 and U16 squad will be selected. These players will represent the best 25 Junior Cricket players in the Sturt District.

As usual, if you have a friend who can play please do not hesitate to bring them along and introduce them to one of the coaching staff. We are also keen to see new, quality players.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Jeanette Carter on 0403.924.038.

**Out of School Hours Sport - Term 4**
Nomination forms for Term 4 Out of School Hours sport went home last Friday. Please complete the nomination form and return it to school by **Friday 21 August**.

As previously explained, if the form is not in by the due date, your child’s participation in that sport cannot be considered.

This strict adherence to the due date is necessary so that Term 4 sport teams are registered and we are ready to go by the end of term as some sports start in Week 1.

Mrs Smith
For the OSHSport Committee

**Year 5 Basketball**
St Peters played Coromandel Valley on Friday and all players had a great game. Super defence by Saxon and Ben. Fantastic rebounding by Nathan and excellent offence by Dan, Mitchell and Jordan. Final score: St Peters 27 def Coro Valley 8.
Hello SPLOSHC Families!

Well, I have some exciting news! Following our sport theme for this term on Monday 17 August (week 5) at 3:30pm, Adam Grocke from SANFL’s Woodville West Torrens Eagles is coming in for a visit! He will be bringing in gear from the club, goody bags and will be here for any questions your children may have about playing footy in a professional league and what it takes to get to that level. If time permits, he may even run a little workshop with the children so this is very exciting and we are very lucky that he is offering his time to come and see us at SPLOSHC. If your child does not normally attend SPLOSHC on Mondays and you would like to book in for this special occasion, please see Hayley or Barbara as numbers will be limited.

Last week we focused on netball and some of the kids (when it wasn’t raining!) came out with me for a basic training. This week we are focusing on hockey. Our staff member, Mark, is a pro at hockey so he has been running workshops with the children who would like to learn more about this interesting sport. On Tuesday night we even had an inside newspaper hockey tournament which got the excitement flowing and heart rates up in the SPLOSHC room.

Next week we will be focusing on basketball and are lucky enough to have my brother, Luke, come in one evening for a basketball workshop as he is a great basketball player and knows a lot about the sport.

Unfortunately due to staff unavailability for term 3 we will no longer be able to accept casual bookings on Tuesday afternoons. We are already at capacity with our permanent bookings and have to offer spots to them first. If this is going to be a huge inconvenience for you this term and you would like to change your Tuesday casual booking into a permanent one, please let us know and we may be able to work out a way to accommodate you. Sorry for the inconvenience this may cause.

Included with this newsletter is a form for our student-free-day care days for term 3. We will be offering care on Friday 4 September (Adelaide Royal Show Day) and on Friday 25 September (last day of the term). This is merely an interest form at this stage so we can see if we have enough interest to for these days.

The last student-free-day care included an excursion to the Hahndorf Farm Barn which was very enjoyable. If there is enough interest this term there will be a possibility of something similar to this happening again. A photo spread of our excursion is included.

Hayley Gladigau & the SPLOSHC Team

Scholastic Book Orders

Please ensure that all Scholastic Book Orders are sent to school on Friday 7 August (in the morning).

I will be placing the orders during the day so, unfortunately, any orders received after this time cannot be processed.

Mrs Sharon Smith
Resource Centre

Toolbox Parenting Groups

If you have enrolled to attend The Middle Years parenting programme, please note that the second session will be held promptly at 9.30am tomorrow.

This will be held in the church meeting room adjacent the hall.

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

### Week 3 (Monday 3/8)
- Thu 6/8  School Council Meeting 7pm
- Fri 7/8  Cake Stall (Room 2)
- Sat 8/8  Working Bee 9am

### Week 4 (Monday 10/8)
- Mon 10/8  SPLOSHC Meeting 9am
- Tue 11/8  Musical Performance 1.45pm
- Thu 13/8  Musical Performance 7pm
- Fri 14/8  Cake Stall (ELC)

### Week 5 (Monday 17/8)
- Fri 21/8  Cake Stall (Room 7)

### Week 6 (Monday 24/8)
- Tue 25/8  Uniform Shop open 3pm
- Fri 28/8  Cake Stall (Room 3)
- Sun 30/8  Family Service (Room 3)

### Week 7 (Monday 31/8)
- Thu 3/9  School Photos
- Fri 4/9  Student Free Day/PD Day for Staff

### Week 8 (Monday 7/9)
- Tue 8/9  Uniform Shop Open 3pm
- Fri 11/9  Cake Stall (Room 8)
- Sun 13/9  Family Service (Room B)

### Week 9 (Monday 14/9)
- Fri 18/9  Cake Stall (Room 6)
- Sat 19/9  Pedal Prix
- Sun 20/9  Pedal Prix

### Week 10 (Monday 21/9)
- Tue 22/9  Uniform Shop open 3pm
- Thu 24/4  Last day of term of students
  - (Casual Day)
  - Cake Stall (Room 1)

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

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**St Peters Lutheran Church NEWS**

St Peters worship services are held each week at 10.00am

**ALL WELCOME**

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