From the Principal

One of the attitudes we are supporting students to develop at St Peters Lutheran School is integrity. We also focus strongly on self-control. I recently came across this report of an address given by a Principal to a school assembly relating to integrity and self-control.

Integrity and Self Control
Nobody can make us angry without our permission. We do not have to accept the opinions of others about us as the truth but our attitudes are shaped by the people we mix with. If we spend time with negative people then our own self-esteem can be eroded.

The ancient Greek philosopher Plato, said “When people speak ill of you, live so as nobody may believe them”. Our own integrity and character are the best defence against hurtful and annoying people.

A Rabbi once wrote, “God created oysters with the capacity to transform an irritating piece of sand into a pearl. This serves as a model for us – every trial contains precious jewels which we can find and develop”.

Our character is developed through self-control, the ability to judge whether that irritating piece of sand will turn into a pearl or just be washed away leaving no trace. Our self-control gives us true power to be able to keep our temper even when provoked, to hear an insult without returning it or even brooding over it, to turn away anger with a smile. Self-control gives our character dignity and strength, supporting us in our everyday conduct.

God has encouraged us to do unto others as we would have them do unto us, so:

* If we want people to be kind to us – we should be kind.
* If we want people to be generous to us – be generous.
* If we want people to care for our feelings – think about how they feel.

There is no doubt that we have all fallen short of those goals, but we can all ask God to forgive us for past faults and through the Holy Spirit to help us develop our own personal integrity and self-control. Then we can use our integrity and self-control to help make the world a better place.
Cake Stalls
Last week the people from the ELC did a fine job of providing the fare for the cake stall and they raised $329.80.

Tomorrow the Room 7 people (R/I class) under the leadership of Kate Ledson will be tickling our taste buds!

GOOD NEWS

Our very own Jessica Oates (Year 6) has been chosen as a SA Youth Sports Award 2009 monthly achiever. This puts her in the running for the SA Youth Sports Award Overall Winner to be determined later in the year.

Congratulations Jess!

Staff Changes in 2010

With great regret we have accepted the resignation of Celina Read as Director of our Early Learning Centre from the end of the 2009 school year. Celina has decided to spend 2010 being an at-home Mum.

We take this opportunity to acknowledge the enormous influence she has had on the successful establishment of our ELC. She had the passion, the drive, skills and knowledge that we needed and which she so willingly provided.

We wish Celina and her family a happy and relaxed 2010.

Student-Free Day

A reminder to school families that the school will be closed on Friday 4 September as staff will be participating in the State Lutheran Schools' Conference. This may provide a good opportunity for you to spend a family day at the Royal Adelaide Show which is on at this time.

Musical Production

We are still basking in the reflected glory of the performance of your amazing children last Thursday night. There is something special about performing under lights and they certainly did us all proud.

We have had lots of wonderful feedback about the musical from parents and friends for which we sincerely thank you. Are we there yet? certainly made a night in August one to remember.
**Student Pick-up Procedures**

Parents are reminded that they must not park in the pick-up zone at the end of the day. If you arrive and are in the line and your child is not there, you must either go around again or park on the other side and wait. You must move on if requested by a staff member.

These procedures are in place for the safety of all of our students and parents must abide by them.

Classes can sometimes be held up for a variety of reasons, and we understand that it can be frustrating if you arrive on time and your child is not there, however, the safety of our students is paramount and we reasonably expect parents to abide by these procedures.

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation.

**Sibling Enrolments**

Parents of younger siblings who are intending to begin Reception at St Peters in 2010 or 2011 are reminded to ensure that an Application for Enrolment has been completed and handed to the school office (with the associated $125 fee).

We certainly don’t want to give your spot to anyone else because we don’t know you are waiting for a place.

Thank you.

**Absent/Late Children**

A reminder to parents/caregivers that you are required to advise the school if your child/ren will be late or absent from school. You may either telephone the school between 8.30-9.00am or email admin@stpeterslutheran.sa.edu.au

The government requires statistics on children’s absence from schools so please advise the reason for the absence (i.e. sickness, family reasons, etc.) in both cases.

Additionally, if students arrive late (even marginally) they are required to enter the school via the office and inform the Receptionist and parents/caregivers are required to sign in the Register.

Thank you.

**OSH Sport—Term 4**

Nomination forms for Term 4 Out of School Hours Sport need to be returned to school by tomorrow.

As previously explained, if the form is not received by the end of the week, your child’s participation in that sport cannot be considered.

A nomination form is attached to this week’s newsletter.

**IB Learner Profile**

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

IB Learners strive to be...
### Out of School Hours Sports

#### ST PETERS FOOTBALL

**Year 2/3 Football** – No game this week.

2/3 FOOTBALLERS
THE WEST VS GLENELG MINI LEAGUE GAME
**SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2009**
PLAYERS TO BE AT CITY MAZDA STADIUM AT 1.30PM
FREE ENTRY TO FAMILY MEMBERS

**Year 4/5 Football** - Saturday 22nd August.

Players must be at City Mazda Stadium, Milner Road, Richmond by 8.30am sharp.

Please allow 25 minutes travel time from the school. Games start at 9.00am and will comprise 2 x 7 minutes halves. Each team will play 4 games.
Games will start on time, late starters play short time.
Round robin format that will finish at 11.00am; Top 4 teams competing in semi finals at 11.00am; With the grand final played at 11.20am.

Please ensure that all players take plenty of water. Canteen will be open.

#### SANFL junior football review

The SANFL Football Commission has appointed an independent taskforce to conduct a review of junior football across all levels in South Australia. The purpose of the review is to identify key issues and make recommendations to ensure maximum opportunities for young people of all backgrounds to participate in football programs and have a clearly defined pathway.

To engage with any individuals and groups who have not been consulted by the taskforce members, an on-line survey has been developed as a means of gathering additional information, comments and suggestions from the football public.

The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete and can be found at: www.sanfl.com.au

#### Out of School Hours Sport Nominations - Term 4

Nomination forms for Term 4 need to be returned to school by tomorrow.

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

Strict adherence to the due date, 21/8/09 due date, 21/8/09 due date, 21/8/09 due date, necessary so that Term 4 sport teams are registered and ready to go by the end of term as some sports start in Week 1.

Mrs Smith
For the OSHSport Committee

#### ST PETERS NETBALL

**Year 2/3 Netball**
Saturday 22nd August at 10am.
Please be at the courts 10 minutes before the game.

St Peters vs. Bellevue Heights
At St Peters.

#### Woods Panthers Cubs Program

Seeking 5-7 & 8-10 year olds

Off season training sessions with qualified coaches
WHEN: Thursday September 3rd, 10th & 17th
from 6.00 – 7.30pm
WHERE: Club Courts – Adey Road, Blackwood
COST: $25 – includes a free club t-shirt

Download registration form from website www.woodspanthers.com.au
or contact Jackie on 0438 376 176.
See Noticeboard outside Room 2 for extra information.
Dear SPLOSHC Families

What a lucky bunch of “SPLOSHCers” they were on Monday night to have special guest, SANFL’s Woodville West Torrens Eagles’, Adam Grocke, drop in for a visit! Adam spoke about what it takes to get to a professional level, his experience and teams he has played with. He also answered questions and handed out giant inflatable Eagles’ supporter hands which were lots of fun! Some photos from the fun day are enclosed.

Next week we are having a SPLOSHC Mini Olympics which will involve running races and some novelty events such as water balloon tossing, etc. There will also be some crafts being made and fun award ceremonies.

We welcome new staff member, Heather Jackett, who is a teaching student at Flinders University and has had lots of experience with child camps here in Oz and overseas in America. Welcome Heather!

Mornings at SPLOSHC Before School Care are becoming really busy at the moment and we are generally reaching capacity each morning. Please try and arrange your morning care prior to the day as sometimes we may not be able to accommodate you if you leave your booking to the last minute. Also, if you know that you won’t be requiring a SPLOSHC session you have booked, please advise the SPLOSHC or office staff. Lately, (especially in the afternoons) we have had several children not arriving who were booked in. This causes big problems, especially on busy afternoons when we are turning away bookings from other families.

Interest forms for the Student Free Day on 4 September are due tomorrow and, at this stage, we have not had enough interest to be able to run this day. Please return your form on Friday if you are interested in SPLOSCH for this day. Thank you for your cooperation.

Hayley Gladigau & the SPLOSHC Team

**Bits & Pieces**

**Children’s Book Sale**
Step into Scholastics’s September Spring Sale and grab a fantastic bargain. Purchase children’s favourite novels, picture books, chapter books and activity items from as little as $1.

**Thursday 17 and Friday 18 September**: 8am—5pm

**Scholastic Book Fairs Warehouse**
39-41 King Street, Norwood

**Toolbox Parenting Course**
The third in the series of The Middle Years parenting programme being run by James Ziersch will be held tomorrow at 2pm in the church meeting room adjacent the hall.

**The Blackwood ‘Global Village’ 40 hour famine challenge (Community Family Concert)**
Saturday 22 August : 7pm
Cost : $10
Blackwood Hills Baptist Church
(See Hill’s & Valley Messenger for more details)

**Famine Breaking Lunch**
All 40 Hour Famine participants and churches are invited

**Sunday 23 August : 12 noon**
Blackwood Hills Baptist Church

A sausage and steak sizzle will be provided by the Lions Club with proceeds going to the 40 Hour Famine campaign.
Diary Dates Term 3
(for your calendar!)

**Week 5 (Monday 17/8)**
- Fri 21/8 Cake Stall (Room 7)
- Toolbox parenting group 2pm

**Week 6 (Monday 24/8)**
- Tue 25/8 Uniform Shop open 3pm
- Fri 28/8 Cake Stall (Room 3)
- Uniform Shop Open 9.15am
- 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)
- Toolbox parenting group 9.30am
- Sun 13/9 Family Service (Room B)

**Week 9 (Monday 14/9)**
- Fri 18/9 Cake Stall (Room 6)
- Uniform Shop Open 9.15am
- Toolbox parenting group 2pm
- Sat 19/9 Pedal Prix
- Sun 20/9 Pedal Prix

**Week 10 (Monday 21/9)**
- Tue 22/9 Uniform Shop open 3pm
- Thu 24/9 Last day of term for students (Casual Day)
- Cake Stall (Room 1)
- Student Led Conferences— evening
- Fri 25/9 Student Led Conferences—day

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