From the Chaplain

Did you watch the news this week? Do you read the newspaper? Do you watch the news on TV or listen to it on the radio? I usually read the headlines of the newspaper and then become interested to read more. Consider the headline—"Dog Bites Man" would you want to know more or would you continue browsing? On the other hand, if the headline was—"Man bites dog" I think most people would probably want to know more. A newspaper editor wants to sell the most number of newspapers so having a catchy headline on the front page just may get more people to buy their newspaper. But it's not just the headline that I wanted to focus on; it's the content of the story too.

Recently the New York Times had a front-page news item that reported how, in Charleston, South Carolina, 100 atheists showed up for a house meeting of the Secular Humanists. They ran out of room and discussed looking for a larger place to meet. One hundred people. The New York Times thought that was front page news. Maybe it is. Maybe it's because atheists, being the freethinkers they are, usually don't gather together.

We at St Peters Lutheran School have more than 100 students who gather together most Fridays for chapel and yet we are not in the news. How many tens of thousands of people come together to worship God around the world each Sunday! Of course, the news reporters might quickly say, "Christians getting together to sing praises to God isn't news." In that, they would be right. Christians have been coming together for thousands of years. Millions and tens of millions of Christians, motivated by the Holy Spirit, regularly join together to sing praise to Jesus, to have their faith renewed, to encourage others, and to help others. It may be considered old news, I guess, but it's mighty wonderful news to me.

What we read or hear on the news is quite often not the full truth. Reporters interview various people and then the editor can decide to print or report only one side of the story. Or they might emphasise one comment and put it alongside another comment and suggest that the two are related. There have been two news reports this week for which I was aware of the content of the interview and have felt angry over what the editor had cut out and what was finally presented in the news report. The result then was to present the people being interviewed in a negative way, suggesting things that were totally untrue.

I know of at least one family who refuse to watch or read any 'media news' because of this bias presentation. I am now more likely to agree. The Bible has been referred to as 'The Good News Story.' In the letter to the Hebrews God asks us to consider how we stir up one another, is it to love others and to do good things for others, or to selfishly do our own thing without thinking about how our choices affect others? God certainly wants us to encourage one another sharing the good news about what Jesus has done to achieve our forgiveness and what he continues to do in our lives each day.
Parents and Friends

Cake Stalls
Thank you to Mrs Rawinski and her 4/5 parents who ran the cake stall for us last week and raised a fabulous $190.05.

Obviously, there is no cake stall tomorrow, however, we look forward to the first of the three remaining cake stalls next Friday which is being run by Mrs Fox’s Reception class.

Anvers Wines
Anvers Wines have kindly offered the school a fantastic opportunity to purchase some of their fabulous wine at *‘school special’* prices. Part proceeds of sales will also be donated to the school.

The wine will be delivered via David Read (Briana, Mitchell and Laura’s Dad). Please telephone David on 0402 357 330 if you have any queries, otherwise, simply leave your order at the front office.

Please refer to the enclosed price list for more information.

Unsafe Practices

Parents are reminded that students are not permitted to walk across the car park without an adult. We ask that you support this safety measure by getting out of your car and coming across to collect your child/ren if you are parked on the western side of the car park.

Please do not encourage them to go across unaccompanied as with the constant movement of traffic this is very dangerous.

Our main concern is to keep all of our students safe.

Building Education Revolution

Progress report
NSP
Our new fitness track has been installed and the special rubber underlay goes down next week. Then it’s all systems go!

P21
We begin in earnest on our building programme next week. While work is in progress, all the exterior doors on the eastern side of the upper level will not be accessible.

Student Language Survey

We are currently reviewing the school’s language policy and we are particularly interested in mother-tongue (the language most frequently spoken at home).

Attached to the newsletter this week is a survey that we would like all students and their families to read and complete and return to the school if applicable.

The information you provide via this survey will be helpful in the development of the language policy.

Thank you.

John Dow
PYP coordinator
Premier’s Reading Challenge

To make accessing books for the PRC easier, we have purchased the official PRC stickers to affix to the spine of all the books we have in our collection that are on the PRC book lists. This is a big job - over 1000 books need to be processed, however, only applicants with demonstrated skills in applying stickers and using sticky tape will be considered. On the job training provided. Great working conditions.

Please apply in person to John Dow or Sharon Smith if you would like to help in the library in this way.

John Dow
Resource Centre Manager

Second Hand Uniform Shop

Please note that the next morning opening of the Second Hand Uniform Shop will be from **8.30am on Thursday 17 September** rather than Friday 18 September as originally advised.

The shop will also be open on **Tuesday 8 September and Tuesday 22 September at 3pm** as scheduled so there is hopefully an opportunity for you to attend during these times to update your summer uniform supplies for term four.

Thank you to Natasha Caruso, Ali Harper and Chris Vincenzi for opening the uniform shop for us.

IB Learner Profile

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

Mobilemuster

Mobile phones are not biodegradable. Over 90% of the materials in mobile phones, batteries and accessories can be recovered and used to make new products such as stainless steel, plastic fence posts and jewellery.

St Peters is a collection point for mobile phones, batteries, chargers and accessories.

If you upgrade your mobile, please bring your old phone to the ‘mobilemuster’ green recycling bin in the front office and do your bit in protecting the environment and saving scarce natural resources.

Family Service

The contribution of Room 3’s Year 4/5 Students last Sunday was a joy to behold.

Well done to all of them and Mrs Rawinski for preparing them so well.

Student Free Day

A reminder to school families that the school will be closed **tomorrow** as staff will be participating in the State Lutheran Schools’ Conference.
### Out of School Hours Sports

#### Year 2/3 Football
**Saturday 5th September at 8.30am**
St Anthony vs. Blackwood/St Peters at Glandore Oval, South Rd, Glandore
Please be at the oval 20 minutes before the game.

#### Year 4/5 Football
No game this week for the 4/5 football team.

#### Coach’s Report
On Saturday 22nd August St Peters played in the West Adelaide District carnival with tremendous success. The competition this year in the new zone has been met with strong competitors, with this, we have still managed a few wins to keep the teams confidence up.

On Saturday however, St Peters put on a valiant and courageous display of football which saw them win 3 of 4 matches and advance to the semi finals. The semi went down to the wire and drew at full time with extra time played which saw the other team win – but what a game.

Well done to all players you all played extremely well.

Last Saturday, 29th August, St Peters played during half time, at City Mazda Stadium, of the West v North SANFL game.

Tony Mittermaier, Coach

#### Year 2/3 Netball
**Saturday 5th September, 10am at St Peters**
St Peters vs. Hawthorndene
Please be at the court 15 minutes before the game.

Hi everyone, this Saturday is our final game for the season! To celebrate our season we are planning to have a shared morning tea after the game.
It would be great if you could bring a plate of something to share and we will make sure we have good coffee! Hope you can make it!

Steve & Bron Masters Coach & Coordinator

#### Sport for All SA Inc

Life. Be in it.
The Sport for All Centres at:
- Unley High School,
- Immanuel College Sports Centre
- and MARS Sporting Complex, Marden
are offering various sports for the summer season.

The season starts Monday 12th October and runs through to April 2010 (end of term 1).
Team registration is due by 24th September.

If you do not have a team but would like to play contact the centre; they may have a team looking for extra players!!
For further details: [www.sa.lifebeinitsports.org](http://www.sa.lifebeinitsports.org) or see the noticeboard outside Room 2.

#### 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 – Aday Road, Blackwood

**COST:** $25 – includes a free club t-shirt

or contact Jackie on 0438 376 176.
See Noticeboard outside Room 2 for extra information.

#### OSH Sport - Term 4

Both Kanga cricket teams and Year 4 basketball team still require coordinators. If your child is playing and you could help with one of these teams the school would appreciate a call from you.

If these teams do not have a coordinator by Wednesday 16th September we will have to withdraw them from their respective competitions.

#### SANFL Ultimate Coaching Experience
The SANFL would like to let you know about a fantastic opportunity for young players. They are conducting an Ultimate Coaching Experience for young footballers aged 10-15.

It involves 2 full days of specialist football coaching at AAMI Stadium, a family pass to the SANFL ‘be active’ Grand Final and much much more.

Finally it is Spring and hopefully the better weather is within reach as last week’s final dose of Winter weather made us sadly cancel our Olympics as we had numerous students at home with the flu!

This week, with weather improving and SPLOSHC numbers back to normal, our focus sport has been soccer. The children have been enjoying many craft activities, competing in the soccer competition on the Playstation and actually being able to go outside with the soccer ball.

Regrettably, we did not gain enough interest to run SPLOSCH on tomorrow’s Student Free Day. We did receive quite a few last-minute expressions of interest but not enough to make it viable to run.

Please remember to return your interest forms or express your interest to one of the SPLOSHC staff members for the next Student Free Day on Friday 25 September. We really want to be able to run this day and would love to include another excursion but need the numbers to make this day viable. Forms are available in the SPLOSHC room during SPLOSHC hours or at the front office.

Please remember to ring the school to let us know if your child will no longer be needing care on any given day. Staff are rostered according to booking grids we receive from parents so it is not viable if we do not have the allocated number of students attend.

Thank you.

Hayley Gladigau and the SPLOSHC Staff

Scholastic Book Club
Book club forms were sent home today. Please make sure any orders are returned to school by Thursday 10 September.

Thank you.

Sharon Smith
Resource Centre

Lost Property
Cameron Gray (Room 8) has lost his PE rugby top and Lauren Sparre (Room 3) has lost her jumper.

Both these items are named. Please check to see your child hasn’t brought them home by mistake.

Thank you.
Diary Dates Term 3
(for your calendar!)

**Week 7 (Monday 31/8)**
- Thu 3/9  Marketing Meeting 3.30pm
- Fri 4/9  Student Free Day/PD Day for Staff

**Week 8 (Monday 7/9)**
- Mon 7/9  Burnside Primary School visiting classrooms
- Tue 8/9  Uniform Shop Open 3pm
- Wed 9/9  SPLOSHC Meeting 9am
- Fri 11/9 Cake Stall (Room 8)
  - Toolbox parenting group 9.30am
  - Class Support Coordinators’ Meeting 2.15pm
- Sun 13/9 Family Service (Room B)

**Week 9 (Monday 14/9)**
- Tue 15/9  SAPSASA Athletics’ Day
- Thu 17/9  Uniform Shop Open 8.30am
  - Finance Committee Mtg 6pm
- Fri 18/9  Cake Stall (Room 6)
  - 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.