From the Principal

August is a very busy month in our family with five of our treasures celebrating the anniversary of the day they were born. We have numerous family gatherings to acknowledge these momentous occasions and the last of these was scheduled for Saturday evening.

However, last Saturday the person who puts the bins out at our place had a big coughing fit at about 4am which left him quite breathless and puffed out. He has had a cold which left him with the 100 day cough, so we were not overly concerned about this. As the day progressed it became clear to most of the adult members of the family that something was amiss as short walks resulted in puffing and blowing similar to that engaged in by the big bad wolf! The offender was in denial and was waiting patiently for a full recovery. By about 5pm, with lots of enthusiastic encouragement from his children and his wife, James decided that intervention would be required, so off we went to Ashford Hospital Emergency department instead of out for tea with our descendants.

The obligatory X-ray revealed that his lung had completely collapsed and so a catheter was inserted through the chest wall in an attempt to reinflate it. Because we have been through this before we knew what to expect, and so we were very pleased when it came up again and my dearly beloved felt a lot better.

During this entire process X-rays were happening often. The doctors studying them were not only looking at the offending lung but at the impact it was having on the other one. The concern was that the defective lung would create pressure on the other lung, and even the heart, so those organs were not able to work efficiently. I guess it is a bit like the “bad” apple in the barrel syndrome.

All through life we can see examples of something unpleasant, or bad, infecting other good things so that they also become bad. I can’t think of one facet of life where this does not apply. It is something in our every day life that we always need to be on our guard against. The lovely thing is that I think it can also work in reverse and the trusty X-rays proved that too. As my darling’s lung inflated, the obvious pressure on his good lung decreased and all was looking rosy. So it is if we remove the bad things from our lives! We ask God for the freedom to see any infectious bad things that are happening in our lives so that with God’s power we can get rid of them.

Since Saturday, as the days passed, it became clear that the lung was continuing to leak and that surgery was the only option for a good recovery and so, at 6pm yesterday, that happened.

We are so blessed to live in times where doctors have the skills to intervene to improve the quality of life of so many. We thank God for that. We also look to him for peace and comfort in stressful times like when someone we love is in trouble.

My attendance at school has been a bit erratic while this has been going on and I expect that to continue well into next week as well. I thank those of you who have been inconvenienced by my absences for their patience.

Special points of interest:

- **Tomorrow**
  Cake Stall
  (Room 8)
  Toolbox
  Parenting
  Group 9.30am
  Class Support
  Coordinators’ Meeting 2.15pm

- **Sunday 13/9**
  Family Service
  (Room B) 10am

- **Tuesday 15/9**
  SAPSASA
  Athletics’ Day

- **Thursday 17/9**
  Uniform Shop
  Open 8.30am
  Chess
  Championships
Parents and Friends

Dinner Dance
10th Anniversary Dinner: 7 November 2009: 7pm—12midnight

Tickets $65—3 course dinner with two bottles of complimentary wine per table

The time has come to organise your tickets for the annual St Peters Lutheran Dinner. Tickets are for sale from the front office now. It's easy... all you have to do is take your money to the front office and Jackie or Sam will issue you with a ticket. Payment can be made in cash or cheque made out to St Peters Lutheran P&F. Hold onto your ticket as there is a door prize on the night.

You can make up a table of ten (maximum number for any table) or just place your name on the table sheet at the office and we will place you on a table with other friendly people.

Last year’s Dinner was a sellout and enjoyed by many so don’t leave it too late or you may miss out. If you have any questions, please call Ali Harper 0407 189 226 or Blake Watson 0409 720 655 or speak with your Class Support Coordinator.

Cake Stall
We look forward to the tasty treats which will be provided by the Room 8 parents at tomorrow morning’s cake stall being coordinated by Natalie Hebdon and Jane Millar.

Chocolate Drive
Those of you who have been busily selling chocolates will be pleased to know that we have received another supply. Karen Albrechtsen has kindly mixed up the boxes for us again so please grab a box to sell if you are able.

The Red Cross Needs You!!
We urgently need more people to donate blood when the Red Cross arrive on a Friday soon. We will make sign-up sheets available at Chapel tomorrow.

Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

The Funraising Team

Building Education Revolution

Progress report
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Contracts have been signed and now work can commence in earnest.

The first thing you might have noticed is that the ELC fence has been moved further west to compensate for the space that will be taken away on the eastern side as part of the building program. The doors on the eastern side will also be inaccessible from Rooms 3 and 4.

We anticipate some inconvenience while the work is in progress but are confident the outcome will make it all worthwhile.

Professional Development

All staff members attended a full day of professional development for staff of Lutheran Schools across the state. There were over 600 in attendance at a very informative and interesting day.

The speaker, Michael Grose, presented two sessions. The first was on working with parents, and the other, promoting resilience in children.

If you ever have the opportunity to attend one of his workshops I recommend Michael as an engaging and entertaining speaker.
If your child is not returning to St Peters in 2010

Planning for the 2010 school year is already in progress and we are beginning to review our staffing numbers and other general educational resource needs for the year. In order to assist with this planning, it is essential that we have details of current students’ intentions to continue at St Peters in 2010.

The School enrolment policy states: “where a student is to be withdrawn from the school, parents are required to give the Principal one term’s notice, in writing, before the withdrawal date, otherwise parents will be liable for an additional term’s fees”. Therefore, if your child is not returning in 2010, notification must be received in writing addressed to the Principal by the end of Term 3 on Thursday 24 September 2009.

In some cases it may not be possible to give a clear commitment for next year but, bearing in mind the policy stated above, it is important for us to have as clear a forecast as possible.

If you would like to discuss your enrolment situation for 2010, please contact the Principal.

Second Hand Uniform Shop

The Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open next Thursday 17 September from 8.30—9.00am in the MFP (near the library).

Please note that next term is the change to summer uniform. We are currently in short supply of good quality summer dresses, sports t-shirts and PE shorts and would welcome any of these for consignment. Please have a look at home and drop off any summer garments you wish to sell to the office along with a completed consignment form (available from the office).

Thank you.

Ali Harper, Natasha Caruso & Chris Vincenzi

Totally Wild

Channel 10 will be doing a story on Pedal Prix on Totally Wild next Thursday 17 September at 7.30am.

Brighton Road Closure

SA Water is undertaking a significant project on Brighton Parade, Blackwood involving upgrading the existing trunk water main.

During stage 1 works there will be a requirement to temporarily close Brighton Parade to vehicular traffic at the railway crossing. Brighton Parade north and south of the construction area will remain accessible, however, there will be no through access from north to south and vice versa along Brighton Parade during the period of construction. The road will be closed on 22 September to coincide with the less busy school holiday period and is expected to be reopened on 12 October subject to favourable weather and site conditions during the construction period.
Out of School Hours Sports

OSH SPORT
CONSENT/MEDICAL FORMS
NEED TO BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE

Year 4/5 Football
Saturday 12th September at 9.30am
Blackwood vs. St Peters
at Blackwood Primary School
Seymour St, Eden Hills
Please be at the oval 15 minutes before the game.

Netball
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.

OSH Sport - Term 4
The Senior Kanga cricket team still requires a coordinator.
If you could help with this team the students would appreciate a call from you to
Mrs Sharon Smith at school.

If this team does not have a coordinator by next Wednesday, September 16th, we will have to withdraw them from the competition.

Life. Be in it.
Sport for All SA Inc
Summer Season 2009-2010
Indoor Soccer, Netball, Basketball & Volleyball
Get active with indoor weekly team sports!
Register your team 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 more information visit
www.sa.lifebeinitsports.org or call 8272 2121.

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.


Term 3 Basketball Update
The Blackwood Recreation Centre basketball program continues right up to the last day of term, even student free days. If your child has nominated to play in one of these basketball teams please make sure they attend their nominated team games.

If there are not enough players on the day there is a fee of up to $50 payable by the team.

There have already been times this year where other parents have had to cover these costs because players have not turned up. It is unfair to team mates and the opposing team who turn up expecting a game of basketball.

Sharon Smith
For the OSHSport Committee
Hi SPLOSHC families

This week we have been having some fun stretching out and doing some dancing and gymnastics.

Next week we focus on tennis and may have a special visitor come in and show us some special tennis moves...

The children’s craft activities we have been doing all term with our theme “SPLOSHC’S SPORTS SPECTACULAR” are all displayed in the MFP so our room is starting to look really colourful.

This is the final reminder to get your Student Free Day Care forms into the front office or one of our friendly SPLOSHC staff by mid-week. If there are enough bookings we will be able to plan our fun excursion for the day which will be included in the price.

At this stage there are eight bookings, however, we need twelve as a minimum so if you have been thinking about booking SPLOSHC for this day but keep forgetting to do so, please do so by next week. It will be a fun-filled day for the children with lots of games planned and activities to do!

Lastly, the SPLOSHC Lost Property Box is overflowing again so please come in and check if your child is missing anything.

Thank you.

Hayley Gladigau and the SPLOSHC Staff

Children’s Book Sale
Step into Scholastic’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

Lost Property
Emily Hutchinson (Room 8) and Lauren Sparre (Room 3) have lost their jumpers and Sarah Sharrad (Room 7) has lost her hat. All these items are clearly labelled.

Toolbox Parenting Course
The fourth in the series of The Middle Years parenting programme being run by James Ziersch will be held tomorrow at 9.30am in the church meeting room adjacent the hall.

Late School Fees
Just a reminder that outstanding term 3 accounts will be charged an administration fee of $15 if not paid by 11 September.

Chess Competition
Eight students and Mr Ziersch will be attending the Chess Kids—Marion Regional Chess Championships next Thursday 17 September at Hallett Cove East Primary School from 8.30am till 2.30pm.
St Peters Lutheran Church

NEWS

St Peters worship services are held each week at 10.00am

ALL WELCOME

Everyone is warmly invited to attend the St Peters Family Service at 10am this Sunday, 13 September, where the 3/4 class will have special involvement.

Diary Dates Term 3
(for your calendar!)

Week 8 (Monday 7/9)
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
Chess Competition—Hallett Cove
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.