One of the key themes of the workshop all Lutheran staff members attended a couple of Fridays ago was developing resilience in children. Resilience is the fine art of being able to bungy jump through life. The pitfalls are still there but it is as if you have an elasticised rope around your middle that helps you to bounce back from hard times.

Andrew Fuller has identified ten hints for parents for creating resilient families. The first two I have waxed lyrical about in previous newsletters and they are promoting a sense of belonging; to the family, to their school, to their club, to their church. It’s important for all of us to know we belong. And the second is having some mooch time. That is about expecting our children to be able to relax and to find things to entertain themselves rather than parents providing an extensive programme of organised activities that leave no time for unstructured play.

The third of Fuller’s hints is concerned with the rediscovery of some family rituals. I know we have lots of these in our family. A couple of these only happen at Christmas time. We have developed a ritual of sorting out the gifts from under the Christmas tree and then taking turns to open one gift each. That way everyone gets to enjoy everyone else’s gifts. It extends the time but we value it. And the second thing is the Boxing Day Breakfast which includes ham and eggs cooked on the barbecue. Of course there are numerous others that happen each day or each week and so on. I am sure you have them too and have carried on some from your own extended family. These rituals are important for reinforcing the sense of belonging and giving structure to our lives. We know what to expect and what our role is.

Fuller also reminds us that we need to love our children for their differences. Michael Grosse spent some time talking about position in the family and what that can mean. It’s an interesting concept because research has indicated that there are strong correlations between the type of people we become and our position in the family. Why is that? It’s fascinating to ponder but each child is born as a unique individual and our role as parents is to help them to identify their own special gifts and support the development of those gifts. We need to acknowledge the ways each child is different and not just because they were born first, second or third and let everyone know that we value those innate differences. Fuller says that having children who are strongly individual and who have a sense of who they are is a sign of good parenting.

We know that God wants us to develop the gifts and talents we were born with and that they are all different. Then he wants us to use those gifts and talents to help each other. As parents, it is our job to help our children see that their gifts and talents are for precisely that purpose. God expects us to be inter-dependent, serving each other. In 1 Corinthians 12:7 we read that we all have different gifts, all gifts are from God, and they are to be used to serve the common good.

I thank God that we have a school community that is continuing to develop its ability to work in this way. People have various gifts, different but each valued equally and all those, when they come together, create a strong whole. So it is with our own family – each member will have different gifts, each equally valuable in terms of what they can offer to the whole family. That is worth celebrating and certainly valuable for helping us to develop resilient families.
Dinner Dance

**Saturday 7 November—Tickets $65**

The dinner dance is only weeks away and numbers of attendees for the night must be confirmed with the function centre by the end of the first week of term 4. So, to ensure that you have a table reserved, make sure you have your name down at the front desk with the list of people you will be sitting with.

People are starting to coordinate their tables so get into the front office now to secure your table. Simply give your name to Jackie or Sam who will allocate you to a table. Tickets can be paid for either in cash or cheque (made out to St Peters Lutheran P&F) and collected when making payment.

This is our 10th Anniversary dinner and your attendance will make it all the more memorable and successful!

A huge thank you to Fleur and Matt Neal, Emma and Dominic Kilderry and Shaylee Rose for their extremely generous donations towards prizes for our raffle on the night. There will also be an opportunity to bid for class art, a door prize (don’t lose your ticket) and a wine wall. All proceeds from the fundraising achieved on the night will be directed to the school to benefit your child/children.

The wine wall will be created with wines of varying quality where, for a small price, you can choose one of the wrapped bottles (a bit like a lucky dip). Should you wish to donate a bottle towards the wall simply drop any bottles to the front desk. If you have any questions about the night please feel free to contact Ali Harper 8278.1142 or 0407.189.226 or Blake Watson 0409.720.655.

Cake Stall

Well done to Mrs Fox’s Reception class (Room 8) who raised $324.95 from the sale of their wonderful variety of goodies last week. Tomorrow we look forward to Miss Davies’ (Room 6) class cake stall.

Building Education Revolution

**Progress report**

**NSP**

We have had a roster at play times this week to ensure that every class has had the opportunity to try out our new fitness track which is situated at the “bottom of the garden”. Random survey results indicate that it has the seal of approval from our students.

**P21**

This week we received the building schedule which indicates that we can expect the program will be completed by August 2010.

Sibling Supervision during Student Led Conferences

The students are looking forward to sharing this special time with you next week and the schedule for student led conferences will be sent home separately today.

Parents are reminded that they are responsible for supervising siblings during student led conferences. We suggest that you bring something along with you to entertain siblings while you are engaged with the conference. Children must be kept with parents and not permitted to play outside because of issues this causes for SPLOSHC workers who are only responsible for students who are booked into SPLOSHC.

The computers will be used during student led conferences and won’t be available for other children to use. We thank you for your cooperation and understanding with this.

Report Folders

Report folders will be coming home this Friday.
If your child is not returning to St Peters in 2010

This is the final reminder that 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 Friday 25 September. 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”.

NAPLAN

These will be handed to parents of the Year 3, 5, and 7 students who participated in the 2009 NAPLAN immediately following their child’s student led conference next week. This will give parents the opportunity to look at the results before sharing them with their child. Teachers will be very happy to respond to any questions the reports may raise.

Inspiring Classrooms!

That was the verdict of a group of teachers from Burnside Primary School who visited St Peters last Monday for a tour of our classrooms. Burnside PS is a candidate IB World School and the visit to St Peters was part of a professional development day their staff undertook to learn more about the Primary Years Programme. As all visitors are, they were impressed by the size of the classrooms and the integrated wet areas, the Resource Centre and the play equipment. But what they were here to learn about was the way our teachers use their classrooms to promote student learning.

So what did they see in your child’s classroom? Plenty! From the ELC to Year 7, there is a consistent, school-wide use of the same five PYP essential elements (knowledge, concepts, skills, attitudes and action) so that understanding is built upon year by year. Each teacher has purposefully displayed the five essential elements of the PYP within their classroom using student work and informative posters. The learning support team also focus on these elements in their work with students.

The students’ knowledge can be seen everywhere in their work products. Look at the mathematics communication whiteboard in Room 1, or the range of dioramas and models of the solar system in Room 5.

The key concepts that are being used to support the unit of inquiry are shown along with the central idea and lines of inquiry. The concepts might be expressed in the form of teacher questions, as they are in Rooms 7 and 8 where questions about time have been posed to stimulate the children’s thinking.

Each classroom also displays a list of the range of skills that are taught and developed within each unit of inquiry. In Rooms 2 and 3, students were busy working together, demonstrating their social and communication skills. The engagement of these students with their learning was commented on by our visitors.

The attitudes we hope students develop towards their learning, each other and the environment are also on display and they form part of classroom discussions as the unit unfolds. We encourage our students’ curiosity. The Room B ‘I wonder...?’ board is a place where students can record questions they have about their learning.

Socially responsible action is the final element of the PYP. What better way to take action than to serve others as seen in the bottle collection outside Room 6. This ongoing project is raising money for a school in Sri Lanka.

Congratulations to our dedicated teachers and SSOs whose professionalism is being recognised as an exemplar for their peers in other schools.
There is a very dedicated group of parents and students who make up the St Peters Pedal Prix Team. For the most part the students who participate are in Years 6 and 7. This weekend all their hard work will culminate in the 24 hour race to be held at Murray Bridge. To date the team has competed in two shorter races in which they did very well and which helps to prepare them for this final big event. The 24 hour race is very exciting and members of the school community are warmly invited to attend, spend some time supporting our team and enjoying a day out at Murray Bridge. It’s easy to find – just follow the signs!

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 two full days of specialist football coaching at AAMI Stadium, a family pass to the SANFL ‘be active’ Grand Final and much more. Please visit the below link for further details. [http://www.sanfl.com.au/ultimate_coaching/](http://www.sanfl.com.au/ultimate_coaching/)

**Sturt Marion Boys and Girls Clubs**

**MILO in2CRICKET Program**

MILO in2CRICKET is a fun introduction to the game of cricket for boys and girls in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. It provides children with an enjoyable and safe environment where they can learn skills and play games.

The Program will be run at:
- Sturt District Cricket Club, Hawthorn
- Coromandel Valley Ramblers Cricket Club, Coromandel Valley

The cost of the Program is $50 per participant. Every registered child receives an in2CRICKET Pack including bat, ball, t-shirt, bucket hat, backpack, activity booklet and lots of other goodies.

To find out more details about your nearest Centre and to register for this season log on to www.in2cricket.com.au and type in your post code.

**SUMMER NETBALL**

Hi All

Just wondering if anyone would be interested in joining the Unley netball competition over summer, (Monday pm).

I know some students are playing for Woods Panthers over summer but would like to know if anyone else is interested. We already have 5 players but need at least 4 more.

Contact Bronwyn Masters (Maddie’s Mum)

**Pedal Prix**

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The race begins at 12noon on Saturday and the team rides through the night, with the big finish at 12noon on Sunday. Those of you who have children in Years 5 & 6 this year may also be interested to have a chat with 2009 parents about what the Pedal Prix entails and the benefits to families of being part of this team. The members of the team include Jake Racz, Patrick Higgins, Luke Helmore, Adam Edwards, Lachlan Zeitz, Saxon Mittermaier, Madeline Mittermaier, Rachel Bartlett, Sam Bird, James Nguyen, Jarrod Smith, Liam Thiele and Sam Thiele. We wish the team great success!

We know from past years that this is a lot of fun for all involved and congratulate the parents coordinated by David Racz for their fabulous work with the bike, the training and the incredible organization that an event like this involves.
Dear SPLOSHC families

Hooray! We have enough children booked in to run our Student free day care! We will be going on a trip to the Belair National Park for a picnic lunch, a play on the giant adventure playground and fun games and competitions. We still have space for more children to attend so if you are still leaning toward the idea of sending your child/ren, please let us know as soon as possible as I am booking the mini bus this Friday.

This week we have been focusing on tennis and have had lots of fun things to do! We have made little critters out of tennis balls, had tennis competitions on the WII, played games of tennis with our ingeniously lowered badminton net and had special visitor, Jeff Fisher (Mitchell's Dad), come in to teach us some beginner-tennis moves.

Thank you very much Jeff for giving up your time to come in and have a hit with the SPLOSHC kids!

Term four booking grids are now available so if you have a change of booking for next term, please return your grid to the office as soon as possible. If we do not receive any changes, we will assume that your bookings will remain the same for next term.

I will be away next week and Richanda Tiley will be in charge so, if I don't see you before I leave, have a happy and blessed holiday and I will see you again next term!

Hayley Gladigau and the SPLOSHC team

SAPSASA

Wonderful weather greeted the St Peters SAPSASA team as they arrived at Scotch College to compete. This year 34 students aged from 10-13 were selected to compete against other schools in a range of athletics events. Our students did a fantastic job and we ended up coming a close fourth with 46 points narrowly missing out on third who scored 48 points. The St Peters students yet again did us proud with their sportsmanship, manners and near-perfect behaviour.

Special mentions must go to Kirsty Taylor who came 1st in both the 100m and 200m sprints, Jessica Oates who won the 800m by over 100m and Morgan Yaeger who narrowly came 2nd in the 100m sprints and the long jump. These three girls will now go on to compete for, not only the school, but also the district on State Day early in term 4.

Congratulations to all who competed on the day and thanks to our spectators for their support.

Parking

Parents dropping children at Before School Care are reminded that they should park on the western side of the main door and not on the eastern side which is for staff parking. It means that teachers who are often heavily laden do not have so far to carry their loads. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Professional Development

Today Kathryn Davies is attending a whole day Equip workshop. Equip is a course of professional development for teachers of Christian Studies in Lutheran Schools and every teacher of Christian Studies is required to complete it.

Casual Clothes Day

A reminder that the last day of the term (Thursday 24 September) is Casual Clothes Day. Please bring a Gold Coin Donation to go to Australian Lutheran World Service which supports people living in poverty.

Bits & Pieces

Toolbox Parenting Course

The Middle Years parenting programme being run by James Ziersch will continue tomorrow at 2.00pm in the church meeting room adjacent the hall.

Swimming Lessons

For those people looking for swimming lessons, please see the information regarding local swimming centres on the office notice board.
Diary Dates Term 3
(for your calendar!)

Week 9 (Monday 14/9)
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)
Mon 21/9    Marketing Com Mtg 3.30pm
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—day
Fri 25/9    Student Led Conferences—evening

Week 3 (Monday 26/10)
Fri 30/10    Toolbox parenting group 9.30am

Week 4 (Monday 2/11)
Tue 3/9    Uniform Shop Open 3pm
Fri 6/11    Toolbox parenting group 2pm
Sat 7/11    Dinner Dance 7pm
Sun 8/11    Family Service (Room 5)

Week 5 (Monday 9/11)

Week 6 (Monday 16/11)
Tue 3/9    Uniform Shop Open 3pm
Fri 20/11    Toolbox parenting group 9.30am

Week 7 (Monday 23/11)
Sun 29/11    Family Service (Room 2)

Week 8 (Monday 30/11)
Tue 1/12    Uniform Shop Open 3pm

Week 9 (Monday 7/12)
Tue 8/12    Last day of term of Students

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

St Peters Lutheran Church NEWS
Opportunity at the Garage Sale at St Peters
Saturday 10 October : 8.30am—1.30pm
Members of the school community are invited to take advantage of
this popular annual event organised by members of the St Peters
congregation. Feel free to use it to clear the clutter from the kitchen
cupboards, shed or toy room. Simply sort out any sound, saleable goods
you want to get rid of and place them on the trestle set up in the hall
(adjacent to the foyer) any day during the last week of term three.

* Come along and enjoy the day. Pick up a bargain. *

Any contribution of goods would be most appreciated… and you
and your family would be most welcome to be part of the fun at
this garage sale without a garage!

For more information contact Margaret Temme 8278.3878
or Morris Rieger 8278.5118

St Peters Lutheran Church & School
10th Anniversary Birthday Concert
Sunday 18 October : 2pm
Join us for an afternoon of music including:
Concordia College double reed ensemble & Soloists
Immanuel College Jazz Choir & Soloists
St Peters School Students & Church Choir
Variety of Soloists & Duets including flutes, handbells, strings and more!

Gold Coin Donation—Afternoon tea available at interval