God in all things

St Peters Lutheran School Blackwood

Newsletter

Principal: Mrs Margaret Linke

From the Principal

Welcome back everyone.

One of the things I really, really enjoy about holidays is the freedom it gives me to sleep in. I love it when I don’t have to get up if I don’t feel like it. We live in a culture ruled by time, and while there is a certain comfort in that, in terms of making sure we get through all we need to do, at the same time it can be very constraining. Oh the joy and freedom of not having to watch the clock!

Freedom is something that we all value. I think of the miners in Chile who have been incarcerated underground for the longest time in history and still survived. How wonderful they must feel when they finally reach the surface and are released from their imprisonment. Their families rejoice with them, so happy to have their loved ones back with them.

When we are free we have control over many things, like where we go and when, what we say, what we read, what we listen to, what we eat, when we sleep and who we see. How awful when this freedom is taken away.

Human beings are imprisoned by all kinds of things, not just physical barriers like rock falls, or prison walls, but by illnesses that constrain what we are able to do, by feelings when we are anxious, angry, hurt or disappointed, and of course by sin, when we do the things we don’t want to do, rather than the things we do want to do. St Paul certainly spoke about that, so it is not a new or uncommon challenge.

However we have been set free. “Christ has set us free” Galatians 5:1. This means we have the freedom not to do the things we know will make us or those we love unhappy, by breaking the laws God has given us to guide the way we live. We are forgiven for the sins we have committed, and he has promised that he will give us to strength to resist any temptation we might face.

We don’t always succeed but thankfully his grace abounds.

Special points of interest

• Saturday 16/10 P&F Family Portrait Fundraiser

• Tuesday 19/10 Uniform Shop Open—3pm

• Thursday 21/10 Book Fair begins

ENCLOSED:

• Bioflora Organic Drink Order Form

There is no chapel tomorrow as we had our chapel service for the beginning of the term on Tuesday. Chapel will resume again on Friday 22 October.

This term Scarlett Griffiths, who is in Year 1, joined Miss Davies’ class.

We know you will make Scarlett and her family very welcome.

WELCOME
Parents and Friends

Saint Peters Ball—7pm Friday 5th November

The Saint Peters Ball is only 3 weeks away and final numbers with full payment for tickets is required in a fortnight’s time. So please hurry if you’re organising any last minute tables. Only a quarter of the tables are left but traditionally these get snapped up very quickly in the final weeks! Please refer to your invitation or the posters around the school for further details and call Blake Watson with any dietary requirements or with any other queries.

Saint Peters Ball raffle tickets now available!

For those unable to attend this year’s Saint Peters Ball, tickets for the raffle are being sold from the front office until Friday 5th November—so you can still support the school and go in the running to win some great prizes!

First prize is 3 nights accommodation at “Seashells” Penneshaw KI for 4-6 people and is valued at $690. Other prizes include:

- Sbar $100 voucher
- Coffee Club $50 voucher
- Hot Stone massage at Harmony Beauty Therapy
- Gift baskets
- Beauty and hair services from salons in Blackwood
- Blackwood Swim School $150 voucher
- plus vouchers and gifts from various Blackwood businesses...

Tickets are $5 each or 3 for just $10

Family Portrait Fundraiser—Saturday 16th October

Thank you for your booking for the family portraits at the school this Saturday. You should have received your booking confirmation in the communication boxes this week. Please contact Karen 83706410 if you have any queries.

Please park in the Cumming Street car park and enter through the gate adjacent to the Hard Play Courts. Head up to the MFP to meet with the photographer.

We recommend you arrive 5 minutes before your scheduled appointment time. Appointments go for approximately 10 minutes. There should be little to no waiting time so be ready with your best smiles!

Thank you for your support with this event.
Karen Albrechtsen

Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser

Boxes of Cadbury chocolates are still available for sale. If you are able to assist with this fundraiser by selling a box or two, please see the front office to collect a box. Thank you.

StPetersfest!
Fete Fundraiser—Bioflora Organic Drinks

We have a limited supply of delicious Bioflora organic drinks available to order at $24.00 per box of 24 drinks (330ml per bottle). Order forms were sent home with your child/ren late last term.

This wonderful offer at this very special price has now been extended—and orders must be received by no later than Friday 29th October. An order form is attached to this newsletter and copies are also available from the front office.
Staff Professional Development

Last Monday the teaching staff participated in a workshop on differentiation, and we then spent some time reviewing our Program of Inquiry as preliminary work for 2011. The teachers were also able to spend time planning and programming.

On Tuesday afternoon Trevor Burmeister and Margaret Linke attended an information session on on-line curriculum mapping. Many of the elements presented are already part of our practice.

Uniform

As you are aware changes have been made to our sports uniform. Following is the time-line for the transition from the current to the new uniform.

From Term 1 2011 all Reception students will be required to wear the new sports uniform.

This means that in 2011 we will some students in the old uniform and some in the new.

From Term 1 2012 all students (except Year 7 students for whom it will be optional) will be required to wear the new uniform.

From now on, none of the previous sports uniform items will be sold or accepted for sale in the second-hand uniform shop, and those items currently in stock will be returned to their owners.

A very special “Thank you” to the members of the Uniform Committee, Ali Harper, Natasha Caruso and Chris Vincenzi who have worked hard to develop the new uniform and managed the change over to our new suppliers this year.

Evacuation Drill

At 9am on Thursday morning we held an unannounced fire evacuation drill. Following our previous practice, we felt there were some things that needed a revisit.

Building Education Revolution

Update
Things are humming along, and we are up to painting, and installation of joinery in the two new classrooms. We have submitted three dates to the Australian Government for our opening ceremony which we hope to conduct before the end of the year. Every time I am in that part school I thank God for this blessing to our school. It will be a wonderful addition to our facilities.

Prayer Team

Each week St Peters Prayer Team pray for staff and school families.
During Term 4, Week 2 we are praying for—

Students and their families in room 3 and their teacher—Trevor Burmeister

- Tabitha Knight (parents: Clare & Kevin)
- Joshua & Jordan (Rm 1) Tiekstra (parents: Jane & Paul)
- Chloe, Paris (Rm 1) & Joel (Rm 6) Smith (parents: Sarah & Dion)
- Kelsey (Rm 3) & Ashleigh (Rm 6) Searle (parents: Vicki & Brenton)

St Peters Prayer Team (James Ziersch, Cathy Tighe, Sam Smith, Liz Bird, Esther Intveld, Averil Zappia, Bronny Meynell and Pastor Brian).

Walking Home from School

Please note that if your child/ren walk home from school, a notice has been sent home today for your attention.
This notice has been provided to the eldest child. If it has not been passed on to you, please ensure you retrieve it from your child.
Working Bee

The Term 4 Working Bee has been scheduled for Saturday 30th October.

Working bees are very important events on the school calendar. They are a cost-free way of supporting the school which helps reduce the pressure on fees and provides a great opportunity for parents to socialise and get to know each other.

Beginning in 2005 each family in the school was allocated to one Working Bee each year, and this is a practice that has been maintained since then.

Morning tea is always provided and generally there is a sausage sizzle to wind up proceedings, both of which provide a getting to know you time. We try to allocate the groups according to year levels, so that parents are working with other parents from their child’s class.

At their Annual General Meeting in 2004 the Parents and Friends endorsed a proposal to provide the opportunity for families to either attend a working bee or pay a levy to cover the work they would otherwise have done. They saw this as the most fair and equitable way to share the workload.

The school has benefited enormously from the incredible voluntary efforts of parents and this has been a great blessing to the entire school community.

Families who will be involved this time (from Miss Geue’s and Miss Davies’ classes, together with those who have been unable to attend previous working bees) are:

Adams (Chelsea), Adams (Georgia), Anderson, Bartlett, Bassett, Bate, Bateman, Beck, Bingham, Bird, Birt, Bishop, Broadbent, Compton, Congdon, Cronk, Curran, Dangerfield, Dorotich, Economides, Ellul, Emery, Evans (Nicholas), Fisher, Gray, Hammerl, Hebden, Henman, Higgins, Hill, Holmes, Holt, Hunt, Hutchins, Intveld, Jones, Kilderry, Kingdon, Knight, Lombard, Mannion, Masters, McKenzie, Millar, Mittermaier, Mundy, Murphy, Natadra, Netz, Newman, Norman, Nunerley, Oliver, Patel, Pattison, Quist, Read, Ross, Russell, Seahra, Sharrad, Smith (Henry), Smith (Paris), Smith (Zoe), Sperling-Sloan, Tessari, Thiele, Van den Berg, Vincenzi, Weymouth, Whitcombe, Whittaker, Williams (Cooper), Worthington, Zammit, Zappia, Zeitz.

Useful tools to bring along include forks, shovels, wheelbarrows, gardening gloves, pruners, rakes, yard brooms and cobweb brooms.

On the day there will be a sheet for you to sign in, which is required for insurance purposes.

Thanks for supporting your school in this way.

Please look out for the working bee/sausage sizzle reply form coming home soon.

Sibling ELC Admissions

A reminder that if you are thinking of enrolling a sibling in the ELC next year, an Application for Enrolment Form must be completed and returned to the school office as soon as possible, along with the application fee of $30.

School Fees

Just a reminder that Term 4 school fees are due by Friday 15th October. Thank you to those people who have already paid their fees for this term.
Chess

Chess School SA—free coaching lesson in Term 4, 2010

If your child has not attended Chess Coaching at all in the past year, and is interested in knowing what happens with chess coaching, they are invited to attend the first session as a free trial, on Tuesday 19th October at lunch time in the Library, with no obligation to attend the second session. However, after attending the free trial your child may like to continue attending and then pay the regular cost of $52 for 7 sessions. Please collect a Free Trial Chess Coaching Voucher from the school office and return it to your child’s class teacher by Tuesday 19th October.

James Ziersch (Chaplain)

St Peters Playgroup

The first St Peters Playgroup for Term 4 will be held on Thursday 21st October in the School/Church Hall. Playgroup will start around 9.15—9.30am and next Thursday’s theme is Hey Catch! Meet in the Hall for our morning focusing on hand/eye coordination. Please bring along $2 and a piece of fruit/snack to share. Bring any soft balls you have too! For further information, please contact Samantha Smith or Celina Read.

Term Dates 2011

Term 1
Tuesday 1 February—Thursday 14 April (11 weeks)

Term 2
Tuesday 3 May—Thursday 7 July (10 weeks)

Term 3
Tuesday 26 July—Thursday 29 September (10 weeks)

Term 4
Tuesday 18 October—Tuesday 13 December (9 weeks)

Public Holidays
Australia Day—Wednesday 26 January
Adelaide Cup Day—Monday 14 March
Good Friday—22 April
Easter Monday and Anzac Day—25 April
Easter Tuesday—26 April
Queen’s Birthday—Monday 13 June
Labour Day—Monday 3 October

Class Support Coordinators

Gifts for Class Support Coordinators:
The primary responsibility of St Peters Lutheran School Class Support Coordinators is to provide support and physical care for families. In all ways the Class Support Coordinators shall seek to uphold, further and promote the Aims and Objectives of the School.

- After discussions over a number of years, it was determined that staff will not receive gifts from the class for their birthday or for Christmas, so the Class Support Coordinators will not organize any collection of money from parents in the class for a gift for the teacher. Families will make individual decisions about whether or not and what they give to the class teacher to say thank you.
- This too would then apply to gifts for the Class Support Coordinators. If parents want to express their appreciation they are free to do so, as an individual family, but there will not be any collection of money from parents for a gift.

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Destination Book Fair

Dear Traveller,
What could be more exciting than taking this opportunity to do some imaginary travelling? Destination Book Fair Read Around the World is your point of departure. St Peters is holding its second Book Fair for the year during Week 2. We hope you use this opportunity to do some Christmas shopping, exploration of different localities, cultures, and authors. The Book Fair will be open Thursday 21st to Tuesday 26th October. Times are displayed on posters around the school.

Read Around the World!
Modern Dads
by John Cowan

Dads often wonder about their role: what are they meant to be. The maintenance man? The entertainment officer? The in-house ATM machine? One thing is certain - a swag of evidence shows that one thing a man should be is there. And, thank heaven, men are again realising that. Men were spending less and less time at home but I would hazard a guess that that trend is changing. In the decade I’ve been involved at Parents Inc., I have been delighted to see that men are increasingly realising that they have a role beyond conception. The role is not as clearly defined as it was in my Dads era, but I am convinced more and more men see fatherhood as ‘the big deal’ – something they need to approach seriously and passionately.

They probably still work too long, but at least they now feel guilty about it! So I suppose that is progress.

Modern Dads are becoming better Dads. They are prepared to learn, read books and step out of their comfort zone. Modern Dads are increasingly brave: they are prepared to sit on those little seats at kindy, do school trips and attend parent-teacher interviews.

Modern Dads engage with their babies more. Despite lacking a pelvic ledge to park an infant on, men find that they can actually enjoy spending time with their children. I have heard men discussing their kid’s allergies and illnesses. Modern Dads can cook. This is not necessarily new: letters written by soldiers in the American Civil war to their families back home showed that they were intimately aware and concerned about the health, education and welfare of their children. The separation of the father from the family only really occurred with industrialisation – the father went out to work.

Fatherhood is enjoying a renaissance. The old-fashioned dads did okay, but father craft got a bit wobbly in the eighties and nineties. I am very optimistic about the modern Dad: I predict he is going to do better and better. Why shouldn’t the next crop of kids have the best dads yet?

Books for SIASSI Schools

Information has been received regarding a collection that is underway of suitable books for under resourced schools in SIASSI, the common name used for a group of islands in the Bismarck Sea, situated between mainland PNG and New Britain, in Papua New Guinea.

The schools are staffed by Papua New Guineans, all instruction is in English and the children have English as a third language.

There are various ways you may be able to help, including:

- go through your children’s collection of unused books and ones they’ve grown out of;
- make a cash donation for the purchase of curriculum specific texts and other material published for PNG schools and students;
- donate towards shipping/transport costs.

Further information regarding the kinds of books being looked for, quality control, contact details and delivery of books is available on the noticeboard outside Room 2.

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 numerous locations across South Australia, but your local Centres are run by:

- Sturt District Cricket Club
- Adelaide Cricket Club
- Marion Cricket Club
- Coromandel Ramblers Cricket Club

The cost of the Program is $50 per participant (this may vary slightly between Centres). 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

Michael Grose Parentingideas Online Sale

Website: www.parentingideas.com.au

The 30% off sale ends Friday 22nd October.
Out of School Hours Sport

Term 4 OSH Sport—HELP!!
The Junior and Senior Kanga teams are looking for 2 extra players in each team (even if you can’t play every week). Junior Kanga play at 9am and Senior Kanga play at 10am. All games are played at Blackwood Primary School. If anyone is interested, please see Mrs Sharon Smith ASAP.

The Year 4/5 netball team is also looking for some extra players (2 or 3 would be good, even if you can’t play every week). They play on Mondays after school. Game times can be 4pm, 4.40pm or 5.20pm and games are played at the Unley Sports for All centre at Unley High School. If anyone is interested, please see Mrs Sharon Smith.

Term 4 OSH Sport Consent Forms
Term 4 Out of School Hours Sport consent forms need to be returned to team coordinators ASAP. Thank you to those parents and students who have made sure they returned their forms to school. These have now been distributed to team coordinators. They may ask you where yours is!!!

Sport Tops
Football Guernseys need to be returned to school ASAP (Blackwood and/or St Peters), or they will be charged for. All tops have now been allocated for Term 4. Coaches could you please make sure the new washing instructions are adhered to. Our new tops have not stood up very well so far as we need to look after them.

Overdue Sport Top Fees
Any overdue sport top fees will be invoiced to parents in November. This includes any outstanding fees from terms 1, 2 and 3. Term 4 fees are also due. Please make sure your child’s name and sport is recorded on the receipt. All money is to go through the front office. The cost is $12-00 for Term 2/3. The cost for Term 1 and 4 is $6-00.

Overdue Winter Sport Fees
Any outstanding Football or Netball fees for Term 2/3 will be invoiced direct to parents in November. If you have not yet paid, PLEASE rectify immediately. Netball fees are $50 and Football fees are $55.

Basketball Coaches we need your input!!
Could all Basketball coaches PLEASE email a short statement about their team for this year (2010) to Sharon Smith by Friday the 15th October?
It doesn’t need to be long, 50 words or less; to be included in a full page report we are putting together about OSH Sport for 2010.
If you have any photos of your team in action please email them through as well.
Email sharon.smith@stpeterslutheran.sa.edu.au

Umpires for SASFA Competition
Are there any Year 7 players/students within St Peters and Blackwood (including past students who may be older and playing club football) that may be looking for involvement and earning a little extra pocket money.
Umpires can earn between $28 and $36 dollars a game, depending on the age level. If they umpire two or three games on a Saturday morning, then this could amount to some serious pocket money over the football season.
If students decide to pursue this interest, they will receive training and be mentored during match days in the initial rounds next year.
If you are interested please contact one of the following:
Grant Lovelock
West Adelaide SASFA Zone Manager
0431 265 961
or
Jeff Jeanes
West Adelaide SASFA Umpires Supervisor
0414 672 291

Cricket Fees
Cricket fees for Term 4 2010 are $20-00 per player. Please make sure your child’s name and team (eg Junior Kanga) is recorded on the receipt. All money is to go through the front office.

Sport Results
Year 4 Basketball—Blue
St Peters Blue   4 Belair   38
It was a good start for the first all girls basketball team at St Peters, with most of the team playing their first game of Basketball. They all played well together learning the rules as they went. Congratulations Taylor on your first points in Basketball.
Diary Dates Term 4 (for your calendar!)

**Week 1 (Tuesday 12/10)**
- Thurs 14/10 Toolbox Parenting Group—2pm
- Sat 16/10 P&F Family Portrait Fundraiser

**Week 2 (Monday 18/10)**
- Tues 19/10 Uniform Shop Open—3pm
- Thurs 21/10 Year 2/3 Camp (to Fri 22/10)
  - Book Fair (21-26/10)
  - St Peters Playgroup—9.15am
  - Toolbox Parenting Group—2pm
  - School Council Meeting—7pm
- Fri 22/10 After Chapel Coffee (Room 6—Mrs Rawinski)

**Week 3 (Monday 25/10)**
- Thurs 28/10 Toolbox Parenting Group—2pm
- Fri 29/10 After Chapel Coffee (Room 2—Miss Williams)
  - Uniform Shop Open—after Chapel
- Sat 30/10 Working Bee

**Week 4 (Monday 1/11)**
- Tues 2/11 Uniform Shop Open—3pm
- Thurs 4/11 St Peters Playgroup—9.15am
  - Toolbox Parenting Group—2pm
- Fri 5/11 After Chapel Coffee (Room 3—Mr Burmeister)
  - St Peters Ball—7pm

**Week 5 (Monday 8/11)**
- Thurs 11/11 Toolbox Parenting Group—2pm
- Fri 12/11 After Chapel Coffee (ELC)
- Sun 14/11 Family Service (Rooms 7 & 8)

**Week 6 (Monday 15/11)**
- Tues 16/11 Uniform Shop Open—3pm
- Thurs 18/11 St Peters Playgroup—9.15am
- Fri 19/11 After Chapel Coffee (Room 8—Mrs Fox)

**Week 7 (Monday 22/11)**
- Wed 24/11 Year 4/5 Camp (to Fri 26/11)
- Thurs 25/11 Toolbox Parenting Group—2pm
  - School Council Meeting—7pm
- Fri 26/11 After Chapel Coffee (Room B—Miss Davies)
  - Uniform Shop Open—after Chapel

**Week 8 (Monday 29/11)**
- Tues 30/11 Uniform Shop Open—3pm
- Thurs 2/12 St Peters Playgroup
  - Toolbox Parenting Group—2pm
- Fri 3/12 After Chapel Coffee (Room 7—Mrs Mibus)

**Week 9 (Monday 6/12)**
- Tues 7/12 Last day of term for Students