From the Principal

Our world seems to be a success-crazed world. If you have a low-paid job, you're a loser. If you drive an old car, there is something wrong with you. If you can't stick to your diet, but sneak down to the kitchen in the middle of the night for a biscuit, you're a waste of space. There is such a social stigma attached to failure that some people who have failed, for whatever reason, go into denial. They blame anything and everything for their lack of success.

In my opinion one of the most important characteristics of a successful life-long learner is persistence, and yet persistence is strongly connected to failure because if we never failed at anything, we wouldn't need to be persistent.

Many highly successful people have had to over-come incredible periods of chronic self-doubt when they suffered failure upon failure. Winston Churchill for one had the most miserable time at school because he had dyslexia and continually failed. J.K. Rowling received a mountain of rejection slips before finding a publisher for the Harry Potter novels. These are just two examples, but in fact there are hundreds of people who persisted despite their failures, bounced back and eventually found success. They knew that failure doesn't mean you are a failure...it just means you haven't succeeded yet.

People who are persistent keep on trying. They don't give up after the first knock-back, or knock-down. They just keep on.

A member of our family has dyslexia and had an incredibly difficult and challenging time learning to read, but the most wonderful thing was that he did not give up no matter how hard it was. Of course from time to time he needed encouragement but the persistence was an absolute joy to behold in the face of such an incredible challenge. Of course, the effort was rewarded, and even though reading will never be an easy thing for him, he is now a capable reader. His persistence is much admired.

I think we all persist with some things and find it easy to give up on others. Many little people who find learning to read difficult, want to give up trying because they don't believe they will ever be able to do it. Their journey is very, very hard, and let's face it not many of us want to keep doing something that is really hard, particularly when we can't see that we are getting anywhere. Our job is to encourage them, support them and celebrate every tiny step along the way. We want them to persist, because we know that unless they do, they will never achieve the goal.

God encourages us to be persistent in prayer. He will not always answer our prayers the first time we ask, and we might get discouraged and think that he will never answer so give up trying. We should persist and continue to ask, because God has promised to answer, and we know he is a God who always keeps his promises. We might have to wait, and we might not even get the answer we want, but it will always be the answer that is best for us.

Continue steadfastly in prayer. Col. 4:2

REMINDER:
- Bioflora Organic Drink Orders due by 29 October

GOOD NEWS
Fine results by our students in the Australian Mathematics Competition.

Special points of interest
- Today Book Fair begins
- Friday 22/10 Book Fair
- Monday 25/10 Book Fair
- Tuesday 26/10 Last day of Book Fair
The Saint Peters Ball is only 2 weeks away and final numbers with full payment for tickets is required next week. So please hurry if you’re organising any last minute tables (or if you have decided not to come it is very important that you remove your name so we know). Up to date table lists and payments must be made by next Friday 29 October!! Please refer to your invitation or the posters around the school for further details and call Blake Watson (0409 720 655) with any dietary requirements or with any other queries. See you there!

**StPeterfest!**

St Peters Lutheran School Fete

From Monday 25 October, we will be starting to collect non-perishable items for the StPeterfest and would love your help. In each classroom there will be a white, labeled collection box for items like tea bags, salt, pepper and sugar sachets, plastic utensils and disposable plates. If you could place donations into the boxes over the next two weeks, we would be hugely appreciative!

Thanks.

*Penny Markham and Alisha Fisher*  
Fete Coordinators

**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).

This wonderful offer at this very special price has now been extended—and orders must be received by no later than Friday 29 October.

Order forms are available from the front office.

**Kyttons Christmas Fundraiser**

Look out for your Kyttons Christmas Fundraiser Order form—coming home soon!
**Whooping Cough**

There has recently been considerable media attention paid to the increase in the diagnosis of Whooping Cough this year, and as a school community we are certainly not immune from that. As you are no doubt aware this is a very contagious and serious disease particularly for the very young. There have been several cases of Whooping Cough now confirmed within our student population, across a number of classes. Whooping Cough starts with cold-like symptoms—a runny nose, sore watery eyes, tiredness and sometimes a mild fever. After three to seven days a dry, irritating cough develops.

We strongly urge parents to make sure their own and the immunisations of their children are up to date. Further information regarding Whooping Cough, including the recommended ages to receive vaccination against Whooping Cough, can be obtained from the “Immunisation” page of SA Health’s website: www.health.sa.gov.au/pehs

**Calling a new Pastor**

We were very disappointed to hear last Sunday that the Pastor we had called, felt that God is still calling him to serve in his current place, and so has declined our call. The congregation is having a meeting this Sunday to determine what their next step will be.

**Prayer Team**

Each week St Peters Prayer Team pray for staff and school families. During Term 4, Week 3 we are praying for—

**Students and their families** in room 1 and their **teacher**—Rebecca Geue

- **Niamh Mannion** (parents: Clare & John)
- **Joseph Mundy** (parents: Chris & Ray)
- **Timothy Quist** (parents: Anthea & Philip)

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

**Australian Lutheran World Service (ALWS)**

This is a service arm of the church which raises and distributes donations to those who live in other parts of the world and who could use a helping hand. ALWS was fortunate to receive a government grant which has enabled them to employ a worker to help raise awareness of the opportunities there are for us to be of service to others and the great need there is in many places. Last Friday Andrew Weiss came to St Peters and spent some time with each class talking about the plight of some children who live in other countries like Cambodia, Nepal, Sudan and Kenya, and how we might be able to support them. Subsequently each class has identified a project they would like to put their weekly offerings towards. They will be very excited watching their offerings grow towards their goal during the term. While Andrew was here, the whole school came together and the Year 7 students presented their cheque for the money they raised while they were conducting their small businesses last term. There were sufficient funds to seed 8 small businesses. Andrew told us that the people who received these would be so happy and pleased that they would cry tears of joy and if they were here would hug every one of us. It is very humbling for us to realize that so little for us means so much for them.

**Building Education Revolution**

**Update**

Some joinery has been installed in the two new classrooms, painting is well underway and tiling will be done at the end of this week. There is still some second fixing to be done, but we are now only about four or five weeks from completion. The official opening is expected to be held in the second to last week of school, but we are still waiting for confirmation of the exact date from the Australian Government.
As you may be aware, Nicholas Evans (Year 1) won the lead role in the short film “Toot Toot”. Tickets to the Premiere of “Toot Toot” are now available! To secure a seat book online at www.toottootfilm.com. “Toot Toot” will Premiere at the Capri Theatre, Goodwood on Monday 15 November at 6pm for a 7pm screening. It is a gold coin donation at the door, and is a family event, so bring along the kids!

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 have 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. 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.

Second-Hand Uniform Shop News

The second-hand uniform shop is currently in need of more girls’ summer uniforms. A reminder also that 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.

Early Learning Centre Information Morning

On Saturday 13 November the Early Learning Centre will be holding an Open Morning from 10am-12noon. If you have friends, family or neighbours you think might be interested in learning more about early learning at St Peters, please tell them about it. We will be sending a brochure home next week, and would encourage you to hand it on to someone you know who is blessed with pre-schoolers.

Professional Development

Last Tuesday afternoon the teaching staff were introduced to the new Indigenous Education plan developed by the Lutheran Schools in SA, NT and WA for the next four years. It is a very positive in terms of its purposes and strategies and a copy of the plan is on the display board in the school office if you would like to have a look at it.

SPLOSHC News

Welcome back to another term of school and SPLOSHC. I am pleased to announce we had our validation visit this week and it went very well. We will be notified of the final results of our validation at the end of the year or the beginning of next year. I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the children and families for helping us throughout the process, especially for returning all of those surveys.

This term at SPLOSHC we will be having special guests as we continue our ‘Around the World’ theme, while trying new foods and learning about different cultures.

SPLOSHC will be offering full student free day care in the final three days of the school term, 8, 9 and 10 December. Please begin considering if you would be interested in this care and I will announce when the booking forms are available. I hope you all have a great term.

Richanda Tiley
SPLOSHC Director

Bushfire Management Plan

We have been working on this steadily in preparation for this summer. The documentation has been completed and will be presented to School Council at their next meeting on 28 October, following which it will be made available to parents.

“Toot Toot”

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Working Bee

A reminder to those families involved in our Term 4 Working Bee—which will be held on Saturday 30 October—please return your green working bee/sausage sizzle form, which was sent home with your child this week.
Extra Players Wanted
The Junior and Senior Kanga teams are looking for 2 extra players in each team, even if you can’t play every week. The Junior Kanga team plays at 9am and Senior Kanga plays at 10am. All games are at Blackwood Primary School. The Year 4/5 netball team is also looking for some extra players—3 would be good, even if you can't play every week. They play on Mondays and game times can be 4pm, 4.40pm or 5.20pm and played at the Unley Sports for All centre at Unley High School. If anyone is interested in helping any of these teams, 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 and we need to look after them.

Australian Mathematics Competition
One of the special interest groups run at the school is the Enigma group. This year Enigma met on Mondays at lunch-time during terms 2 and 3, under the care of Mrs Bird. Some of the students who belong to Enigma together with a number of other students chose to enter the annual Australian Mathematics Competition, with very pleasing results.

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Congratulations to everyone involved.

Overdue Sport Top Fees
Any overdue sport top fees will be invoiced to parents in November. This includes any outstanding from terms 1, 2 or 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.

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—White
St Peters White 18   Coromandel Valley  1
Everyone had a fantastic first game back, with some excellent goal shooting and defensive moves. Welcome to our new team members.

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## Diary Dates Term 4 (for your calendar!)

**Week 2 (Monday 18/10)**
- 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  
- Fri 22/10  
  After Chapel Coffee (Room 6—Mrs Rawinski)

**Week 3 (Monday 25/10)**
- Thurs 28/10  
  Toolbox Parenting Group—2pm  
  School Council Meeting—7pm  
- 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)  
- Sat 13/11  
  ELC Information Morning—10am  
- 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  
  Toolbox Parenting Group—2pm  
- 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

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**Books for SIASSI Schools**

A collection 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.

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**Diary Dates Term 4 (for your calendar!)**

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