It seems to me that the older we get, unfortunately the more sceptical we become.

We’ve all heard the line “Buy two and get the third one free”. Of course the third one is not really free, it’s just that we are being offered 33.3% discount on each one. It’s not in our nature to believe that anything is free. We all know that there is always a price to pay somewhere along the line.

During the recent federal election campaign, offers abounded that this group would get a new hospital, that group would get more water, and that there would be more money for this and for that. The reality is that if someone is getting more, something or someone is getting less, because the cost must be met and the money has to come from somewhere. Everything comes at a cost because nothing is for nothing.

Martin Luther was a catholic priest who lived a few hundred years ago, and as a catholic of those times he knew that the only way to win the prize of eternal life in heaven was by paying the price because…nothing is for nothing. He thought the price was to live an exemplary life, to be perfect in every way, and if you couldn’t do that then the Church could help you out by selling you an indulgence. (It was a great way to raise money to build churches).

That was a reflection of the thinking of that time in history. People believed that in order to get to heaven one had to be perfect, to keep all of God’s laws perfectly. Heaven would have been full of wide open spaces, because no human being (with one magnificent exception) has ever been able to keep all of God’s laws perfectly.

On Sunday it will be Reformation Day when we remember Martin Luther’s stand against the legalistic doctrines of the day. He had eventually discovered the truth in the bible in Romans, where we can also read that we are saved through faith in Jesus Christ alone. In him we have the free gift of forgiveness for all the laws we break every day, and that forgiveness makes us perfect. What can we do to earn that forgiveness? Absolutely nothing. It is a free gift, and that’s the message of the gospel.

So use this day to ponder on the fact that there is nothing you can do to make God see you as perfect. Jesus has done that for you and given it to you as a gift. YIPPEE… absolutely everything that matters… for nothing.
Parents and Friends

Saint Peters Ball—7pm Friday 5th November

The Saint Peters Ball is only a week away! The caterers need the final number of attendees and payment tomorrow, Friday 29 October. So if you are coming along but haven’t yet paid, please do so first thing in the morning. Could those of you organising a table please drop by the office to check that the correct number of people and names are on your list. The caterers also need to be notified of any particular dietary requirements by tomorrow, so please call me ASAP if this includes you.

Please note: It’s not too late to join a table! We have a number of seats to fill here and there, so either drop by the office and write your name in somewhere or give me a call and I'll help you out.

Thanks,
Blake Watson (0409 720 655)

LAST CHANCE for Saint Peters Ball raffle tickets!

For those unable to attend this years Saint Peters Ball, tickets for the raffle are being sold from the front office until next Friday 5 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.

St Peters Lutheran School Fete

Donations

After a short delay, the Australia Post donation boxes have been distributed to each class and the ELC. To make it as easy as possible, we have allocated one product per class, eg tea bags, salt and pepper sachets, plastic utensils and so on. The boxes are clearly marked, with your allocated product. Please ask class teachers if you can’t find your class’s box. Thanks in anticipation!

Stall Organisers

We are now seeking stall organisers to assist us with organising the fete. It seems so far away but it really isn’t with Christmas holidays in between. So, if you are able and willing to take responsibility for organising a stall eg BBQ, plants, crafts, a sideshow activity, cakes, lollies and so on, we are very keen to hear from you! Please contact Penny Markham on 0414 401 469.

Thanks.
Penny Markham and Alisha Fisher
Fete Coordinators

Working Bee
Saturday 30 October

Thank you to those families who have returned their working bee slips advising their availability to attend this Saturday’s working bee.

Helpers who are involved this Saturday include families from Rooms 1 and B, together with those who have been unable to attend previous working bees this year.

Tasks for this Saturday include shifting mulch/dirt, pruning, weeding and a range of other regular maintenance tasks.

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

Please make sure you sign in on the day—which is required for insurance purposes.

Thank you for supporting your school in this way.
Building Education Revolution

Update
The official opening ceremony of our new facilities, funded by the Australian Government through the Building Education Revolution, will be held on Thursday 2 December at 9.30am. It will take the form of a service of dedication and recognition led by Pastor Brian Schwarz in the Chapel, attended by Senator the Hon Don Farrell representing the Australian Government, Mr Barry Kahl Director of Lutheran Education SA/NT/WA, and other dignitaries. Parents and friends are warmly invited to attend.

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 and would encourage you to hand it on to someone you know who is blessed with pre-schoolers.

Room 5 & 6 Camp
Last Thursday and Friday the students from Rooms 5 and 6 enjoyed a wilderness camp in the hills near Mylor. The focus of the camp was animal habitats. The students had a wonderful time and enjoyed the experience of sleeping away from home. However, I’m not sure anyone got the recommended 8 hours sleep!!

A Trip to the Museum
On Friday Year 4 and 5 students had a trip to the Museum. The central idea for their current unit of inquiry is Healthy Environments rely on Maintaining Biodiversity. Teachers were very pleased with the presentations by the education officers at the Museum and the students were enthusiastic and engaged for the entire day.

World Teachers’ Day
29 October 2010

We are particularly blessed at St Peters to have a wonderful group of talented and dedicated teachers. Tomorrow is World Teachers’ Day. The day provides an opportunity to draw attention to the important role of teachers within our communities. Celebrated in over 100 countries, World Teachers’ Day acknowledges the efforts of teachers in an increasingly complex, multicultural and technological society. It is a day on which students, parents and community members can demonstrate their appreciation for the contributions that teachers have made to their community. Without a doubt Lutheran schools are well regarded in the community. They are seen as safe and caring places where students experience a sense of belonging in the context of community. Above all, Lutheran schools are places where God’s love is demonstrated and lived out in forgiveness, new beginnings, and the 'extra mile'. We salute the teachers who create this experience of the Lutheran school through numerous and mundane ways in the day to day routine of school life. World Teachers’ Day is just another day, but for those who serve our schools may it be a special one when they can say with conviction, 'I thank God I am a teacher!'

PE Week
Physical Education Week will be celebrated from 8—12 November. During this week all students should wear their PE uniform every day. A brochure will be coming home shortly explaining what will be happening and inviting you to be part of it too. Special thanks to Penny Rawinski, our PE Key Teacher, who has designed this exciting schedule of events for us. We are looking forward to the fun and games!

IB Learners strive to be

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

IB Learner Profile
SA Interschool Chess Championships

Congratulations to the following students who represented our school at the SA Interschool Chess Championship Finals which were held at Tyndale Christian School last Monday.

- Sam Bird    Year 7
- Henry Watson   Year 5
- Aaron Thomas   Year 5
- Cole Newman   Year 5
- Aiden Cheney   Year 4

A very BIG thank you also to James Ziersch who transported and supervised the group all day on Monday (which is his day off).

Student’s Books and Stationery for 2011

We have had several enquiries from parents regarding tax deductions for student books which generated a review of our previous procedure for the annual distribution of books and stationery. The practice of outsourcing the supply of student books and stationery has become common practice in many schools, and is a way of providing the tax deduction sought. Following careful consideration it has been decided that this procedure will be introduced to St Peters for 2011, with supply of books and stationery being outsourced to Lighthouse Books. Booklist ordering will be done by parents on-line mid-December 2010, following which the books will be delivered to your home mid-January 2011. Benefits to parents will be that you will be able to claim the cost of your child’s books as a tax deduction and you will enjoy the convenience of having the books delivered to your home. It will also mean that you will not be continually building up a supply of stationery which you already have, like textas, coloured pencils, rulers, erasers etc. Benefits to our school will be the time it will save in processing book bags, which in the past has been considerable. Information about naming, labeling and covering books and other items will be sent home closer to the end of the year.

St Peters Playgroup

The next St Peters Playgroup will be held on Thursday 4 November in the School/Church Hall. Playgroup will start around 9.15—9.30am and next Thursday’s theme is Take 2... Meet in the Hall for a cooking session based on the story of The Gingerbread Man. Please bring along $2 and a piece of fruit/snack to share. For further information, please contact Samantha Smith or Celina Read.

St Peters School was offered a wild card entry for 5 students to attend this competition on Monday 25 October. Sam, Aiden, Henry, Aaron and Cole were selected to represent our school. Considering the level of this competition, and with 12 other schools competing, all our students did well to achieve a team score of 16 wins. While the winning school (The Russian Ethnic School) achieved 27 wins and a draw, the bottom 7 teams were all very close with only 3 wins apart. Burnside Primary (26 wins) and Tyndale Christian School (25 wins) were the runners up.

James Ziersch
Chaplain

Prayer Team

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

Students and their families in room 4 (ELC) and their teachers—Diana Gaskell and Emma Sturges

- Chelsea Adams
  (parents: Narelle & Michael)
- Elliot Brown
  (parents: Nicki & Andrew)
- Micaela & Maddison Butler
  (parents: Sarah & Simon)
- Jake Charles
  (parents: Elisabeth & Craig)

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

SA Interschool Chess Championships

Congratulations to the following students who represented our school at the SA Interschool Chess Championship Finals which were held at Tyndale Christian School last Monday.

- Sam Bird    Year 7
- Henry Watson   Year 5
- Aaron Thomas   Year 5
- Cole Newman   Year 5
- Aiden Cheney   Year 4

St Peters School was offered a wild card entry for 5 students to attend this competition on Monday 25 October. Sam, Aiden, Henry, Aaron and Cole were selected to represent our school. Considering the level of this competition, and with 12 other schools competing, all our students did well to achieve a team score of 16 wins. While the winning school (The Russian Ethnic School) achieved 27 wins and a draw, the bottom 7 teams were all very close with only 3 wins apart. Burnside Primary (26 wins) and Tyndale Christian School (25 wins) were the runners up.

James Ziersch
Chaplain

St Peters Playgroup

The next St Peters Playgroup will be held on Thursday 4 November in the School/Church Hall. Playgroup will start around 9.15—9.30am and next Thursday’s theme is Take 2... Meet in the Hall for a cooking session based on the story of The Gingerbread Man. Please bring along $2 and a piece of fruit/snack to share. For further information, please contact Samantha Smith or Celina Read.

St Peters School was offered a wild card entry for 5 students to attend this competition on Monday 25 October. Sam, Aiden, Henry, Aaron and Cole were selected to represent our school. Considering the level of this competition, and with 12 other schools competing, all our students did well to achieve a team score of 16 wins. While the winning school (The Russian Ethnic School) achieved 27 wins and a draw, the bottom 7 teams were all very close with only 3 wins apart. Burnside Primary (26 wins) and Tyndale Christian School (25 wins) were the runners up.

James Ziersch
Chaplain

Kytons Christmas Fundraiser

Your Christmas Kytons Bakery Fundraiser order form was sent home with your child/ren earlier this week. Please return order forms with your money in an envelope clearly marked “Kytons Fundraiser” by Friday 19 November.
Library News

Term 4 is the shortest and busiest term in the Resource Centre and this is just to let parents know what is going on and that from now on there may be continuous reminders coming home about overdue books. Also, any items missing from earlier in the year will now be invoiced out to borrowers. Students (and parents) have had ample opportunity to return these missing items.

This is all in preparation for our end of year Stocktake starting at the end of Week 7, Friday 26 November. The last week for borrowing will be Week 5—this allows for the two weeks borrowing time and to ensure all items are returned in time for Stocktake.

All library books need to be returned by the last library lessons in Week 7—on Wednesday 24 or Thursday 25 November.

All readers need to be returned by the end of school on Tuesday 30 November. Stocktake in the classrooms will start on Wednesday 1 December.

Please note: at the end of our Stocktake any items missing will be automatically invoiced out to borrowers.

Dear Traveller,
Thank you for journeying to the St Peters Book Fair.
Destination Book Fair Read Around the World was well attended. As a result, St Peters was able to purchase over $600 worth of new resources.

Read Around the World!
For those of you who were unable to attend the Book Fair, Book Club catalogues will be going home on Monday 1 November. The due date will be Friday 5 November.

Out of School Hours Sport

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.

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.

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.

For more information on Out of School Sport items and/or other school events, PLEASE see the noticeboard outside Room 2.

Bits and Pieces

House to rent?
A new family to our school in 2011 is currently looking for a rental property in Blackwood or surrounding suburbs. The ideal house would have 3-4 bedrooms, access to a shed, and be pet-friendly with a secure yard. If you may know of an available property that suits this criteria, we would greatly appreciate it if you could advise the details to the front office!
Thank you.

Novar Music Annual Concert
The Novar Music Annual Concert will be held on Monday 1 November from 6:30pm in the chapel. With performances on piano, violin, voice and guitar.
Come and enjoy performances and a light supper.
Entry—$8 adults.
Tickets at the door.
Diary Dates Term 4
(for your calendar!)

**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: Opening Ceremony of new facilities—9.30am
  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

**Australian Lutheran World Service Gifts of Grace**

This Christmas you can give people close to you gifts that also bless those far away….with Australian Lutheran World Service **Gifts of Grace**.

For further details, and to order, go to **Gifts of Grace** online, at www.alws.org.au/grace or telephone 1300 763 407.