From the Principal

For the past week I have enjoyed the absolute pleasure of gazing at the most beautiful bouquet of roses sitting on my desk. I love roses and the roses this year have been amazing. These come from Mary-Ann’s garden, and she is such a lovely sharer that she brought them in for me to enjoy. They are mostly cream, but the end of each petal is quite pink, and all nestled in amongst gorgeous green leaves. The colours look so good together.

All the gardens seem to be full of colour at the moment with plants flowering profusely. We have had such a long period of drought that it appears everything is making the most of all the rain we have enjoyed by putting themselves out there to flower, pollinate, fruit, seed and propagate. It’s a bit like that saying about making haste while the sun shines. It is seen in nature all over the place, like in river beds and lakes that might have been dry for years. A flood comes along and before we know it, there are thousands of fish in the water, and birds aplenty. We marvel at where they might have come from and how they knew the water was there. God’s creation is full of surprises.

Ecc.3:1 is a favourite verse of mine. For everything there is a season, and time for every matter under heaven. When times are hard it is a real comfort to know that it will come to an end. The drought will break, interest rates will fall, house prices will come down, there will be more jobs, the relationships will work out, my depression will lift, and so it goes.

That is the big message of the Seasons for Growth program we run in the school. Things will change, including feelings of unhappiness and despair.

We think of the young man in Kapunda who is the only member of his immediate family left alive following the tragic deaths of his mother, father and sister. We can only imagine how desolate and devastated he must be feeling at this time, and how he must be struggling to see an end to his pain. We know that God is providing for him and supporting him through those around him, because that is what he has promised to do and he always keeps his promises.

We don’t know if the young man is aware of that, but we certainly hope so.

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ATTACHMENTS:
• St Peters Lutheran School Fete—Stall Conveners List

Everyone is warmly invited and encouraged to attend this Sunday’s Family Service where Mrs Fox’s and Mrs Mibus’ classes will have special involvement.

Special points of interest

• Saturday 13/11
  Early Learning Centre
  Open Morning
  10am-12noon

• Sunday 14/11
  Family Service—10am
  Rooms 7 & 8

• Tuesday 16/11
  Uniform Shop
  Open—3pm
Parents and Friends

StPetersfest!
St Peters Lutheran School Fete
Sunday 10 April 2011
(only 14 school weeks to go!)

Stall Convenors
A BIG thank you to the parents who have offered to organise/convene a stall. Your help is hugely welcome and appreciated! A list of stalls and the names of people who have already agreed to convene a stall is enclosed with the newsletter and is also up in the front office (on the door leading to the school yard). Some stalls still need a Convenor. Please consider getting together a friend or partner and add your name to the list next to the stall you would like to organise or contact the Fete Coordinator to nominate. Plenty of support as well as assistance with organising people to staff the stall on the day will come with offering your help.

Donations
Donation boxes have been distributed to each classroom and are clearly marked with the items being collected from each class. Please continue to add to the boxes. Thanks to everyone who has donated items already – your donations will benefit the Fete and help us to keep costs down.

Second hand items
We will be doing a second hand toy drive before the end of term to help you make way for the Christmas toy influx. More details about the toy drive will be coming soon. In the meantime, don’t throw anything away if you think another child may love it.

For any questions, nominations for a stall or to contribute ideas please contact your Fete Coordinators - Penny Markham 0414 401 469 or Alisha Fisher 0412 442 642.

Family Service
This Sunday the students from Rooms 7 and 8 will be participating in the Sunday morning service at St Peters Lutheran Church. They have been practising regularly and we look forward to their contribution to the worship.

Parents and Friends
Annual General Meeting
Please note that the Parents & Friends Association Annual General Meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 29 November 2010.
A reminder to all fund-raising event organisers to prepare your reports in readiness for this meeting.

St Peters Ball
The work that had gone into the planning and preparation for the event was obvious. Congratulations to Blake Watson, Amy Anderson, Corinna Birt, Bill Dimou, Kate Ledson and Mark Zeitz for all the work they put into creating this for us. The venue was beautiful, the table settings were very elegant, the food was delicious, the guests all looked wonderful and the dancing was amazing. Thanks to the efforts of the planning committee, it was a great evening.

Kytonts Fundraiser
Thank you to those that have already returned their Christmas Kytonts Bakery order form. Please note that the Parents and Friends Association will receive a profit from each item sold which, in turn, is used to benefit your children. Therefore, please take this opportunity to also ask family members and friends as every order counts.
Please return order forms with your money in an envelope clearly marked “Kytonts Fundraiser” by no later than Friday 19 November. Cheques can be made payable to “St Peters Lutheran School Parents and Friends Association”. Orders will be available for collection in the school hall on Thursday afternoon, 2 December. Spare order forms are available at the front office.

Blackwood Christmas Parade
This year the school will be represented in the Blackwood Christmas Parade by the students in Years 4 and 5, the skipping group, and the children in the Early Learning Centre. Notices have been sent home for the parents concerned this week.
IB Learners strive to be

Inquirers

Knowledgeable

Thinkers

Communicators

Principled

Open-minded

Caring

Risk-takers

Balanced

Reflective

IB Learner Profile

Student’s Books and Stationery for 2011

Our Business Manager Helen Radford has had a number of questions from parents regarding school fees and the outsourcing of the supply of books and stationery for 2011. We hope that the following responses to commonly asked questions will help.

Under the new system will the cost of books and stationery be an additional cost?
• Yes, the cost of books and stationery will be an additional cost to parents.

What has prompted the decision to change?
• Many parents have spoken to the Business Manager over the last six months wanting the tax deduction for the book supplies and this has been one of the incentives for us to change.
• Many other schools have adopted this procedure.

What are the benefits?
• From an environmental perspective, it will mean we are not ordering new resources (like rulers, protractors, coloured pencils) when those we already have are still perfectly okay.
• From an organisational perspective, it will certainly reduce the stress on parents having to cover and label books and stationery in a short period of time.
• It will reduce the beginning of the year overload for school administration.

How will it impact on school fees?
• The anticipated increase in school fees will be lower for 2011 than it would have been if we were using the old booklist system.
• School fees for 2011 have been discussed at length and with consideration of the new system. We are always reluctant to increase school fees and it is only the force of increased costs of salaries, maintenance and supplies etc that really dictate the end result. Our main aim is to keep fees as low as possible and to offer the best education system as a reasonable cost.
• As we are required to do, the proposed school fee schedule for 2011 will be presented to the members of the school’s incorporated body at a meeting late in November for their consideration following which this information will be passed on to parents in the usual way.

If you have any other questions related to this please feel free to contact the school and speak to Helen.

In accordance with the booklist information for parents (from Lighthouse Books) distributed with last week’s newsletter, you can commence online ordering of supplies from 16 November.

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Student Learning Support Services

Please note that student learning support sessions will finish at the end of week 6.
In the final weeks of the year, learning support staff will be assessing student reading and comprehension and finalising learning support needs for 2011.

PE Week

What an exciting week we have had. On Monday the staff showed the Year 7's what they are made of, in the egg and spoon race held at recess time in front a very one-sided group of supporters! Then it was time for the Jump Rope Jump Off at 12 o’clock. It was lovely to see just how well the skills of our skippers have developed. Tuesday it was all about roller-skating and roller-blading on the hard court. Happily there were no reports of lost skin, and a great time was had by all. Wednesday was dress-up and disco day, so recess and lunch-time saw plenty of groovy moving and shaking happening in the MFP. Today was about healthy eating, with our giant fruit salad, followed by the giant balloon popping game on the little oval.

Friday is the day that you can join in with the community walk straight after Chapel, bubble blowing at recess and decoration of the hard-play space at lunch time.

It has been action-packed with a great range of activities that the children have been able to enjoy thanks to the organisation and dedication to the health and fitness of our students by our PE Key Teacher Mrs Penny Rawinski.
Thanks Penny.

Prayer Team

Each week St Peters Prayer Team pray for staff and school families.
During Term 4, Week 6 we are praying for—

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

• Lily Pattison (parents: Krysten & William)
• Eden Russell (parents: Melanie & Glyn)
• Jessie Shiell (mum: Kimberley)
• Sarah Weymouth (parents: Kylie & Paul)

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

National Recycling Week (8-14 November)

At a recent Wipe Out Waste workshop, the message was that to create a sustainable future, we should act now to reduce waste at school, at home and at work. Currently over 1 million tonnes of solid waste is sent to landfill in SA per year.
That equates to just over 2kg per day per person each year in SA.

Reducing the volume of products we consume is the most important action to take because it reduces our impact on the environment the most. Rethinking the types of products we purchase and refusing excess packaging are important aspects of avoiding and reducing waste.

Reusing materials saves more than just the material from which a product is made. Large quantities of energy that we can’t see and don’t think about are also part of every product, built into it from mining to manufacture to disposal with transportation involved at every stage of its life.

Recycling lessens our environmental impact to a smaller degree than reducing or reusing. While recycling conserves energy and raw materials, it also requires energy to collect, sort, clean, melt or pulp, and remanufacture recycled materials into new items. With some materials, each round of recycling diminishes the quality of the recovered materials. For these reasons, it is important to reduce and reuse as much as possible and only then resort to recycling.

James Ziersch

Toolbox Parenting Group

Toolbox parenting group 2 has now concluded. Other parents have expressed interest in attending another group, which I am happy to start in 2011. I am also looking to offer a group aimed at Parents with teenagers in 2011. For the remainder of this term, on Thursday afternoons or Friday mornings, I am interested in meeting with parents who might like to view one of two other parenting DVD resources that I have access to. 1. Boundaries with Kids by authors Cloud & Townsend or 2. The 5 love languages by author Chapman. Please contact me via e-mail james.ziersch@lca.org.au or mobile 0435008513 if one interests you and if you are available for either day.

James Ziersch, Chaplain
Library News Reminder

From now on there will be continuous reminders coming home about overdue books. Any items missing from earlier in the year have been invoiced out to borrowers. This is all in preparation for our end of year Stocktake starting on Friday 26 November. This is the last week for borrowing. This gives students time to read and return all items in time for Stocktake. All library books must be returned by the student’s library lessons in Week 7—on Wednesday 24 or Thursday 25 November. All readers must be returned by the end of school on Tuesday 30 November. Stocktake in the classrooms starts on Wednesday 1 December. Please note: at the end of our Stocktake, any items missing will be automatically invoiced out to borrowers.

St Peters Playgroup

The next St Peters Playgroup will be held on Thursday 18 November in the School/Church Hall. Playgroup will start around 9.15—9.30am and next Thursday’s theme is Get ready for Xmas. Meet in the Hall for a special making session for Christmas. Feel free to dress up in the Christmas spirit. Please bring along $2 and a piece of fruit/snack to share. For further information, please contact Samantha Smith or Celina Read.

Out of School Sport

Overdue Sport Fees

Invoices were sent home last week for all overdue sport fees. These included any outstanding sport top, cricket, netball and football fees from any time during 2010. When paying these fees, please make sure your child’s name and sport is recorded on the receipt. All money must go through the front office.

Sport Top fees are $6.00 per term.

Sport fees are Netball $50 per season, Football $55 per season and Cricket $20 per term.

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

School Holiday Activities

ZooVentures & Zu-Fari

December/January School Holiday Programs at Zoos SA

ZooVentures for Kids at the Adelaide Zoo
Zu-Fari for Kids at Monarto Zoo

ZooVentures and Zu-Fari focus on making friends, learning lots and providing unique opportunities to meet with Zoo animals and their keepers. Children aged 6-12 (Adelaide Zoo) and 8-13 (Monarto Zoo) are cared for by two qualified teachers for a full day of fantastic Zoo experiences. Run by the Adelaide and Monarto Zoos from 9:00am-4:00pm on various weekdays during the school holidays. ZooVentures—$55/day, Zu-Fari—$65/day (including the bus trip up to Monarto Zoo). Positions must be booked by phone on 8267 2434. (They fill quickly!) Phone for more information or visit the website: www.zoossa.com.au/education

VACSWIM

SA Water VACSWIM is a government funded water safety program providing children with opportunities to develop a range of skills in water safety, competence and confidence, improve swimming strokes, personal survival techniques and emergency procedures. The program will be conducted at approximately 145 locations across South Australia between Wednesday 5 and Thursday 13 January 2011. Enrolment packages are available from the school office. For further details, visit www.vacswimsa.com.

Parenting Resource... for Dads

In Your Hands DVD

‘In Your Hands’ is a very cool DVD of music composed and performed by NZ musicians and interviews with musicians Warren Maxwell, SJD and Tiki Taane on their experience of becoming fathers. This resource helps Dads find their own active role with their newborn child. www.greatfathers.org.nz
Diary Dates Term 4
(for your calendar!)

Week 5 (Monday 8/11)
Mon 8/11 — PE Week
Fri 12/11
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
Fri 19/11 After Chapel Coffee (Room 8 — Mrs Fox)

Week 7 (Monday 22/11)
Mon 22/11 Kindy Transition Visit — 9.30 to 11.30am
Wed 24/11 Year 4/5 Camp (to Fri 26/11)
Thurs 25/11 School Council Meeting — 7pm
Fri 26/11 After Chapel Coffee (Room B — Miss Davies)
Uniform Shop Open — after Chapel

Week 8 (Monday 29/11)
Mon 29/11 New Students Orientation Day
Fri 30/11 Uniform Shop Open — 3pm
Thurs 2/12 Opening Ceremony of new facilities — 9.30am
St Peters Playgroup
Fri 3/12 After Chapel Coffee (Room 7 — Mrs Mibus)
Sat 4/12 Year 7 Dinner

Week 9 (Monday 6/12)
Mon 6/12 Year 7 Exhibition
Tues 7/12 Last day of term for Students
End of Year Service — 7pm

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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.
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