From the Principal

Two very unsettling things have occurred in my life this week.

Firstly the egg cooker that has been part of our lives for the past 40 plus years developed a fatal flaw with the wiring very adjacent to the cord fraying. This sent us the important message that if we wanted to stay healthy it was time to buy a new one and discard our old one. The old one was sturdy metal, solid and heavy with a Bakelite lid that had a couple of chips but was still quite serviceable. The new one (shock horror) is completely plastic! It’s light and it does the job and even extra things like steam vegetables, which the old one couldn’t do. Still I couldn’t help but feel a little pang as I relegated the old one to the scrap heap. It had served us well for so long, we knew all its foibles, and how to manage them, and now we have to get used to a new one.

Secondly and even more disturbing, yesterday I awoke to the news that the breakfast presenters on Radio 891 are moving on. For the past 10-15 years I have started my day listening to the Baldies. I have become accustomed to their light-hearted banter, to the music they play, to the order and structure of their programming, and suddenly that will all come to an end. The challenge with this particular change is that we don’t know what form it will take or who the replacement/s will be. Personally when there is a change in my life I like to know exactly what that will entail, and here I am left unsure and uncertain, because the only thing I do know about this particular part of my life is that things they are a changin’.

I have always resisted the proposition (by my dearly beloved) that I find change challenging. I look at my working life and in that realm I have confidently made quite a few changes. On reflection I believe that I have taken risks with the directions I have chosen and I feel quite pleased about that. And… when I was younger I moved house quite a few times without any qualms.

On the other hand I have had some serious attachments that I have found difficult to sever. For instance quite a while ago we had a lovely red holden, which I did grieve over when we changed cars. Then there was the time our children left home. That was an incredibly sorrowful change and I even resorted to some serious emotional blackmail to try to keep them with me. My wardrobe is full of old and ancient garments, our kitchen cupboards contain an array of antique implements and the thought of moving house, while easy when I was younger has now become almost overwhelming.

All of the above is really a bit frivolous, but it is widely acknowledged that we live in times of incredible and rapid change, and while some changes are anticipated with great excitement others are scary and can fill us with anxiety.

What a relief, what comfort and re-assurance there is in the knowledge that we belong to a family with a God who never changes. What a blessing! Through time we have seen his plan unfold and so we are confident with what has been before and what is yet to come. That plan has never changed. We know the plan and that he is in control and what he has promised will happen.

“For I the Lord do not change…”
Mal.3:6
Parents and Friends

Annual General Meeting

This meeting has been scheduled for 7.30pm on Monday 29 November and will include a tour of the new building. During the evening we will hear reports about the events held this year, plan for 2011, and hear from the Principal about some of the exciting plans for next year.

Kytons Fundraiser

A reminder that Christmas Kytons Bakery order forms are to be returned by Friday 19 November. Orders will be available for collection in the school hall on Thursday afternoon, 2 December. Spare order forms are available at the front office.

StPetersfest!
St Peters Lutheran School Fete
Sunday 10 April 2011
(only 13 school weeks to go!)

Second hand items
We will be doing a second hand toy drive on Saturday 27 November. If you have second hand toys that you think another child may love, please consider donating it. Donated toys should be in good condition with full sets of puzzles and games.

Toys can be dropped off between 1pm and 3pm on Saturday 27 November. Please enter through the school gate adjacent the car park off Cumming Street (the gate near the hard play and slippery dip). If you can’t make it please leave your donation in the school hall on Friday 26 November and it will be collected and stored with the others.

Stall Convenors
A BIG thankyou to the parents who have offered to organise/convene a stall - we have nearly filled the list! An updated list is enclosed with this 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
Thanks to everyone who has donated items. Please continue to bring in your donations and place in the box in your class. We will collect all items by Friday 26 November. Thanks!

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.
New Parents Orientation Evening

Tonight at 7.30pm we will be conducting our annual new parents orientation evening. During the evening new parents will be introduced to some of the school’s policies and procedures, be introduced to significant others in the school community including specialist teachers, the SPLOSHC Director, Chairperson of the School Council and the P & F, and the Chaplain and Pastor, and then have some time to chat with parents who have older children as well as someone coming into Reception in 2011.

Kindy Transitions

Visits by the ELC 2011 Reception students to the Reception classrooms have been occurring weekly for some time. This week Mrs Fox and Mrs Mibus welcomed a number of 2011 Reception students who attend other kindergartens, to their classrooms after school on Monday. They spent time touring the classroom and becoming more familiar with the surroundings before their first school time visit next Monday. This will be followed on 29 November with a longer stay, along with students in other year levels from other schools who will also spend the day with us.

Family Service

The church was packed last Sunday with parents and extended family of the students from Rooms 7 and 8 who joined with the members of the St Peters congregation to enjoy the movin’ and groovin’ along with the singing of the Reception and Year One students from Mrs Fox’s and Mrs Mibus’ classes. We particularly enjoyed the beautiful artwork the children had created to enhance their contribution. It was just lovely and they all did a super job. It was a great way to worship.

School Fees

A reminder to those families who have not completed their school fee payments for this term—late payment fees will be added to your account.

IB Learners Profile

IB Learners strive to be

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

Student Learning Support Services

A reminder that student learning support sessions for 2010 will finish at the end of this week (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.

Special Interest Skipping Group

Please note that there will be no skipping next Tuesday 23 November—except for the Year 4/5 students who will be representing the skipping squad in the Blackwood Christmas Parade.
SPLOSHC

Booking forms for Student Free Day care on Wednesday 8, Thursday 9 and Friday 10 December will be available tomorrow from SPLOSHC and the school office. Please note that we need a minimum of 13 bookings for care to be offered on these days.

Thank you.
Richanda Tiley
SPLOSHC Director

School Card

The School Card Scheme provides financial assistance towards the educational expenses incurred by families at government and non-government schools and who meet the eligibility criteria. School Card assistance is available for:

- Having a child or children from four years of age attending school full-time;
- Independent full-time students undertaking six subjects in Years 10 or 11 or five subjects in Year 12;
- Adult re-entry students;
- A gross income being within the School Card income limits for the number of dependent children.

Full-time students from low-income families who are in financial need may be eligible to receive assistance to enable them to pay school fees, obtain books and materials and attend camps and excursions.

Eligibility for the School Card is generally dependent on the parent, guardian or adult student being able to produce to the enrolling school the relevant documentation attesting to their income level, eg Parenting Payment, Single Pension Card or other evidence as determined from time to time by the department.

Applicants wishing to be considered for School Card assistance must apply EACH YEAR. Forms and information for 2011 will be on the website in January 2011 (or sometime in December 2010).

Information about the scheme and application forms are available on the Procedures and Forms pages, which you will find on www.decs.sa.gov.au/goldbook/

Prayer Team

Each week St Peters Prayer Team pray for staff and school families.

During Term 4, Week 7 we are praying for the following students and their families:

- **Scarlett Griffiths (Room B)**  
  (parents: David & Paula)
- **Aimee Brooks (ELC)**  
  (parents: Emma & Ben)
- **Ella Holmes (ELC)**  
  (parents: Michelle & Joshua)
- **Poppy Hurcombe (ELC)**  
  (parents: Deb & Nic)

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

[St Peters Lutheran School]

**2011 Enrolments**

Piano, Theory, Guitar, Violin and Voice lessons at St Peters!

We also teach adults (even if you have no experience).

Lessons are after-school and in the early evening.

On-campus Group or Individual tuition.

To enquire contact Carly McDonald on: 0413 853 490 or at enquiries@novarmusic.com

Visit us at www.novarmusic.com
Library News Reminder

From now on there will be more reminders coming home about overdue books.

Any items missing from earlier in the year have been invoiced out to borrowers. Thank you to those who have already paid for or returned books. Could others please act on this as quickly as possible as stocktake starts next Friday 26 November?

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

There is no more borrowing for students from the library. Could parents please encourage your child/ren to bring a book from home or the local library? Students will still be reading in class during the closing weeks of the year.

Out of School Hours Sport

Nomination forms for 2011 Out of School Hours Sport went home this week and we would appreciate their return on or before the due date.

We have already had requests from some centres about our participation in the sports for Term 1 2011!!!

Apologies to the netball players, and parents, a typing error was made regarding the day of your games. They are still on Mondays, not Sundays as stated on the form.

Parents please remember that team nominations are on a first come first serve basis. No nominations will be accepted after the due date of Friday 26 November.

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

All outstanding library books must be returned by the student’s library lessons next week: Wednesday 24 or Thursday 25 November.

**Year 4/5 students will have to make sure that all their books are back by the end of Tuesday 23 November before they go on camp.**

All readers must be returned by the end of school on Tuesday 30 November.

Stocktake in the classrooms starts on Wednesday 1 December.

Australian Sports Clinics

Summer Sports Fusion Clinics (14th year)

Coaching Clinics for students aged 5-14 years

At Prince Alfred College, Dequetteville Terrace, Kent Town

Monday 20—Thursday 23 December
Tuesday 11—Friday 14 January
Monday 24—Friday 28 January
(no play 26 Jan—Australia Day)

Choose from:
Cricket / Tennis / Basketball / Soccer / Combo

Emphasis is on skill development and maximum participation. Australian Sports Clinics want all students significantly better equipped to enjoy and pursue sport for many years to come (low player/coach ratio, abundance of equipment, experienced and enthusiastic coaches).

Features:
- FREE—Giant Tennis Ball, Nippy’s Tetra pack juice
- McDonald’s encouragement award & voucher
- Plus Final morning Prize Blitz
- Combo—rotate sports every 45 minutes, using modified equipments
- Sport swap—chance to try another sport and game play (optional after lunch)

Cost of the 4 day clinics either 9am—12noon $145
or 9am—3pm $195

www.acnsports.com.au
Phone 1300 134 154
St Peters Lutheran School Blackwood

71 Cumming Street
BLACKWOOD SA 5051

Phone: 8278 0800
Fax: 8370 0414
Email: admin@stpeterslutheran.sa.edu.au

We’re on the web…
www.stpeterslutheran.sa.edu.au

The message of Jesus Christ is communicated and celebrated, and we are a caring, supportive learning community that encourages global consciousness, responsible action and life-long learning.

Diary Dates Term 4 (for your calendar!)

**Week 6 (Monday 15/11)**
- Thurs 18/11  St Peters Playgroup—9.15am
- New Parents Info Evening—7.30pm
- 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  Class Support Coordinator Morning
  - Tea 1—10.00 to 11.00am (Staff Room)
  - 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
- P&F Annual General Meeting—7.30pm
- Tues 30/11  Uniform Shop Open—3pm
- Thurs 2/12  Opening Ceremony of new facilities—9.30am
  - Class Support Coordinator Morning
  - Tea 2—after opening ceremony (Staff Room)
  - 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

**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.