From the Principal

One of the attributes we want our students to develop is risk-taking. We believe that in order to grow and develop to one’s full potential it is a very important character trait. To be a risk-taker takes courage, it means being brave and stepping out of our comfort zone. It means facing the real possibility of failing, and having to try again.

In my experience with young people in schools over the years, some children find risk-taking incredibly challenging. Frequently children with what is sometimes called high intellectual potential seem to be the most afraid to take risks. They almost need to be re-assured that they will not fail, before they have a go. They need lots of encouragement to be courageous.

Throughout history there are many stories of people who have shown great courage in the face of incredible odds. There are people who have gone into dangerous and threatening environments putting their own lives at risk to save others. Courage is something that is highly valued in our culture. We celebrate and give medals to individuals who perform acts of courage.

Mary, the mother of Jesus didn’t get a medal as far as I know but what incredible courage she had, to tell her incredible story when as the mother of an illegitimate child in those days could mean she faced being stoned to death for conceiving out of wedlock.

Then what about the courage of Joseph who stood by her and married Mary the mother of that illegitimate child. He must have been very afraid of becoming a social outcast, ridiculed and vilified.

What about the courage of the fishermen James and John, who gave up all their worldly possessions, a healthy income and comfortable lifestyle to join a small group of itinerant blokes who had no regular income, who followed a leader with confronting and scary ideas that could only lead to trouble.

Courage is an interesting concept, and while all of the above are big and bold, I think of courage as something any person might do that they are afraid of. That could be something as simple as public speaking which some find absolutely terrifying. It could also mean standing up for something you believe in, in the face of opposition from your friends. (Many of our children are faced with that challenge every day as they grow through their teenage years.) It could mean standing up for someone who is being harassed. It could mean admitting you are wrong and saying sorry when you’re not sure what kind of response you will get…and we could go on.

The Bible is jam packed with stories of all kinds of ordinary people who did extraordinary things. Believe it or not they were just like you and me. Often they were scared witless and tried to avoid the big risk, but in the end they put their trust in God, who gave them the courage they needed to do the hard thing.

Where would any of us be without the blessings that flow from ordinary people having the God-given courage to do extraordinary things? That’s something worth pondering this Christmas!

Special points of interest

- **Tonight**
  School Council Meeting—7pm

- **Tomorrow 26/11**
  Uniform Shop Open—after Chapel

- **Monday 29/11**
  New Students’ Orientation Day
  P&F Annual General Meeting—7.30pm

- **Tuesday 30/11**
  Uniform Shop Open—3pm
Parents and Friends

Annual General Meeting

A reminder that the AGM is going to be held next Monday 29 November. We will be in the MFP, and look forward to seeing you all there to hear the reports of events held this year, and have your say about the programme for 2011.

StPetersfest!
St Peters Lutheran School Fete
Sunday 10 April 2011
(only 12 school weeks to go!)

Second hand items
A reminder that the second hand toy drive is on this Saturday 27 November. Toys can be dropped off to the school between 1pm and 3pm. Please enter through the school gate adjacent the car park off Cumming Street (the gate near the hard play and slippery dip) and we will be there to meet you. 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.

Donated toys should be in good condition/working order with full sets of puzzles and games.

Stall Convenors
Nearly there – we have volunteers to convene all but two of the stalls. Please consider volunteering for one of the last two stalls. An updated list is enclosed with this newsletter and is also up in the front office (on the door leading to the school yard). 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. 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.

Uniforms

The current batch of summer dresses are being sold for $10 dollars less than the standard cost as the hem length is limited. Please note that this will be deducted at the register when you purchase your uniform at Totally Schoolwear.

New large school bags (will suit years 4 to 7) are available now for purchase at Totally Schoolwear, they retail at $58.

Any queries, please call Ali Harper on 0407 189 226.

Building Education Revolution

Update
A reminder that the formal opening of our new building project will be held next Thursday 2 December at 9.30am in the Chapel. Mr Don Farrell, Parliamentary Secretary for Sustainability and Urban Water, will attend as the representative of the Australian Government, open the building and unveil a plaque, and Mr Barry Kahl Director of Lutheran Education SA/NT/WA, will dedicate the space and unveil a plaque. Following the service, students will return to their classrooms, dignitaries will tour the building with Year 7 school leaders and then enjoy morning tea in the hall.

New Parents’ Orientation Evening

Last Thursday evening our annual New Parents’ Orientation Evening was held. Special thanks to Angali Greirson, Sarah Smith, Ros Green, Sharon Smith, James Ziersch, Blake Watson, Chris James, Brian Schwarz, and Tess Fiddick and Dempsey Charlton for their important contribution.

GOOD NEWS
A great presentation by two of our Year 7 leaders Tess Fiddick and Dempsey Charlton to new parents last Thursday evening on the role of Year 7 leaders in our school.
New Students’ Orientation Day

Last Monday the 2011 Reception students all joined together for a visit to school and a 2 hour session in the classroom. This Monday they will return but will stay until the end of lunchtime. This will also be an orientation day for students coming into other year levels in 2011, who will be with us all day. We look forward to welcoming them all into our community.

Cyber-Safety

Ivanhoe Grammar School has launched a new Cyber Safety website http://iCyberSafe.com as a valuable resource for parents and teachers to help provide our young people with the skills and tools to travel safely and sensibly over the internet.

This website has been endorsed by Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, a leading psychologist and founding member of the National Centre Against Bullying. The website has been designed as a resource for use by teachers and parents and is not specific to Ivanhoe. The information within the website is relevant for all parents and teachers so that they may help young people to stay safe when using the internet.

Parents and teachers can access the site via http://iCyberSafe.com and subscribe by filling in their email address on the right hand column so that they will receive updates on new information as soon as it is available.

We thank Ivanhoe Grammar for their generosity in sharing this important resource with parents and teachers across the nation.

Blackwood Christmas Parade

A reminder to those involved that this exciting community event will be held on Friday evening 3 December. Information about where to be and when, has been sent home.

Year 4/5 Camp

On Wednesday morning a very excited group of Year 4 and 5 students from Rooms 2 and 3 set off for a three day camp at Ankara at Walkers Flat. The focus of their studies while they are away will be biodiversity. Ankara is a campsite the school has visited previously which provides a programme tailored to the needs of the group and presented by trained educators. I’m sure the students will have a lot to talk about when they all return on Friday afternoon.

Pastor Brian’s Farewell

Pastor Brian will be completing his service at St Peters and retiring from congregational ministry at the end of this year.

His final service will be on Sunday, 2 January 2011 at 10.00am.

This significant event in Pastor Brian’s and Janet’s lives, and in the life of the Congregation and the School will be celebrated with a community [bring and share] luncheon following the January 2nd service.

All members of the congregational and school communities are invited to attend the service and following luncheon.

Students’ Books and Stationery for 2011

For those who do not have computer access, please note that you can order the 2011 Booklist by mail or telephone.

Year level hard copies of the lists are available at the school office, or you can telephone Lighthouse Books on 1300 304 168.
SPLOSHC

The end of the year is fast approaching, and the Student Free Day Care booking forms for 8, 9 and 10 December are now available from the office or SPLOSHC. The full day care will be running from 7.30am – 6.00pm with a wide range of fun activities, including cooking, crafts and games for the children to participate in. The programme includes a Camping and Wheels Day on Wednesday 8 December, an excursion to Marion Bowland for 10 pin bowling on Thursday 9 December, and a Christmas Party and Dress Up Day on Friday 10 December. We require a minimum of 13 children for each day for the programme to take place. If you would like to book your child/ren in for Student Free Day Care please return the booking form as soon as possible, and no later than Wednesday 1 December. We will announce in the newsletter on Thursday 2 December if there are enough bookings for the Student Free Day Care to be going ahead. If you have any questions about the programme or bookings please speak to me at SPLOSHC or contact me at richanda.tiley@stpeterslutheran.sa.edu.au.

Richanda Tiley
SPLOSHC Director

Family Database

At the end of this week (via the communication box of your eldest child) school families will receive a print-out of their Family Database information, in preparation for the 2011 school year. Please note that the information pre-printed on this form reflects what is currently in our system. All families are required to review and update as required the information included in the database. Year level and class teacher for 2011 will be amended by the office staff at the appropriate time. Parents should ensure that the consents at the bottom of the form are completed correctly and signed where indicated before returning to the school office. It is very important that this information remains up-to-date at all times, and families are reminded that any change in details (telephone numbers, address details etc) should be advised to the school office as these changes occur. The due date for the database form to be returned is Monday 6 December 2010. Please note that the prompt return of the database at the end of this school year is essential so that we have the required information from Day 1.

Prayer Team

Each week St Peters Prayer Team pray for staff and school families. During Term 4, Week 8 we are praying for students and their families in the ELC.

- Lochlan Jackaman (parents: Tracie & Michael)
- Campbell McCue (parents: Dianna & Paul)
- Charlotte Mohr (parents: Rebecca & Stewart)
- Ohmeah Palmer (parents: Jayne & Matthew)

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

Christmas Cards and Treats

It is lovely to see our students giving and receiving Christmas cards and/or treats during this wonderful season. It has come to our notice that some students are giving Christmas cards and/or treats to a select group of their peers within their class. As you can imagine this can be extremely hurtful to people who are not included. One of the things we are very conscious of in our beautiful school is making every effort possible to ensure that every child feels included and, though this may seem of minor importance to adults, the practice of selective card and/or treat giving can certainly make some students feel excluded. Unless every student in your child’s class is given a card and/or treat, these will not be given out at school and teachers will send them home so that they can be distributed in a different way (maybe via Australia Post).
In the interest of the tender feelings of all concerned, we thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this. We remind parents that food treats are not to be shared because of our No Nut Policy. Many food items contain traces of nuts, and so we must always err on the side of caution. If you do want to share a treat with the other students in the class, you might consider a sticker or some other small non-food item – please do not send food items.

Jump Rope for Heart

Thank you to everyone who donated to this worthy cause. We raised $1,403.65 for the Heart Foundation.
Overdue Library Books and Class Readers

There will be overdue notices coming home on Thursday and Friday this week, after all classes have had their last library lesson before stocktake. Parents please check everywhere that your child/ren may have had their library books, just because the books haven’t been seen at home doesn’t mean your child/ren has not borrowed them. Library books are also used for silent and in class reading time at school and must still be borrowed by the student. If you have any queries please make sure you talk directly to the library staff.

All readers must be returned by the end of school on Tuesday 30 November. Stocktake in the classrooms starts on Wednesday 1 December.

Library News Reminder

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 (as a library we would much rather have the books back). Could others please act on this as quickly as possible as stocktake starts on Friday 26 November?

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: at the end of our Stocktake any items missing will be automatically invoiced out to borrowers, not written off. Please pay promptly as we will be replacing these items in readiness for 2011.

There is no borrowing from the library until 2011. Please encourage your child/ren to bring a book from home or local library. Students will still be reading in class during the closing weeks of this year.

Out of School Hours Sport—Term 1 2011

Nomination forms for 2011 Out of School Hours Sport are due this week and we would appreciate their return by the due date, Friday 26 November.

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

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

School Holiday Activities

Brighton and Seaciff Yacht Club
Brighton and Seaciff Yacht Club is running a Yachting Australia Learn To Sail course from 13 to 17 December, 9am – 12noon ($190 and you’ll receive free membership as well.) Also, what about joining the General Aquatics program (sailing, windsurfing, snorkelling, kayaking) from 10 to 14 January, 9am to 12noon each day ($200 for the week).

For more information call 8296 7935 or check out the Sailing School information on the website, www.bsyec.com.au.

Blackwood Swim School
Bookings are NOW OPEN for Summer Holiday Swimming & Water Safety Programs and Term 1 2011 at Blackwood Swim School.
Summer Holiday Swimming Programs:
Monday December 13th – Friday 17th December
5 Days = $60
Monday 10th January – Friday 14th January
Monday 17th January – Friday 21st January
5 Days = $60  10 Days = $110
Call 83700009 or visit www.blackwoodswimschool.com.au

YMCA Seasonal Camp
The next YMCA Seasonal Camp will be held at YMCA Glenhaven Park. Summer Camp will run from Mon 17–Fri 21 January in the school holidays. The camp is open to children aged 7-14 and the cost is $320 per child.
For information and bookings, please call 8528 2250, email lauren.cecc@ymca.org.au or visit www.sa.ymca.org.au

End of Year Service

Our End of Year Service is planned for Tuesday 7 December at 7pm. We expect to have concluded by 8pm.

An End of Year Service in a Lutheran Primary School services a number of purposes.
First and foremost, it is a time to thank and praise God for all the blessings he has given us and to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. This year, every student in our school will play an important part in that worship service in a presentation we are making during the service.
At the End of Year Service we farewell any staff who are leaving us, and sadly Richanda Tiley and Pastor Brian are moving on next year.
At the End of Year Service we also farewell our graduating Year 7 students. The Principal also gives a brief overview of her written report for the year—a full copy of which is available after the service.

The End of Year Service is a very special event in the school calendar and we want the whole school community to be a part of it. The Congregation on that evening will be school parents and any other members of the extended family you choose to invite, staff and their families and School Council members and their families. Any other friends of the school are also welcome to attend—so practice up on your Christmas Carols because we will need you all in good voice on the night.
If, for any reason, you are unable to attend, we would appreciate it if you would send a written note to your child’s school teacher.
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St Peters Lutheran Church

NEWS

St Peters worship services are held each week at 10.00am

ALL WELCOME

ADVENT EVENING at St Peters
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 28th 6.30pm

All staff, parents and students of St Peters are warmly welcome to our advent evening of singing, candlelight and readings in order to celebrate the beginning of the Christmas season. You are also invited to participate in a shared supper at the conclusion of the service.

St Peters Playgroup

The last playgroup session for 2010 is on next Thursday 2 December. Due to the service for the opening of the new building being scheduled on this day, we will meet at Hewett Oval Playground for a morning picnic from 10am onwards. This will allow those who are keen to attend the opening service the opportunity to do so. Hope to see you there! Please bring a picnic plate to share. We will be able to get a coffee from Café 72 at the Blackwood Hills Baptist Church. Any questions, please contact Celina Read or Samantha Smith.

Diary Dates Term 4
(for your calendar!)

Week 7 (Monday 22/11)
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
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—10am (Hewett Reserve Playground)
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

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

Scholastic are having a three day children’s book sale with up to 90% off.
Novels, picture books, chapter books and activity items from $1.
Great Christmas gift ideas!

Wednesday 1st, Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd December
8.00am—5.00pm

Scholastic Book Fairs Warehouse
39-41 King Street, Norwood