From the Principal

We are at the time of the year when we are preparing for our end of year service. There are lots of different things involved in that and one is the production of the DVD which runs along while I am presenting my report. Today I had a sneak preview and it is just full of images of your beautiful children involved in all kinds of different activities.

I couldn’t help smiling back at them as they smiled at me from the computer screen. It reminded me of how Pastor Brian spoke about how we can begin our days with great optimism if we begin by praising and thanking God for all that he has done and continues to do for us.

Who could help but thank and praise God for the gift of these exquisite children and be filled with gratitude for the opportunity he has given us to be part of their lives, to share in their joys and sorrows, their highs and lows, their challenges, their rough patches, their achievements and successes, the risks they have taken, the mistakes they have made, and what they have learnt from those mistakes. What marvellous creatures they are, everyone unique, special and carefully crafted by God in his image.

Thank God for each and every one of them and thank you for sharing them with us.

We wish you all a very blessed Christmas Season, filled with love, joy and peace, and look forward to your safe return in 2011.

GOOD NEWS
A fantastic Opening Ceremony of Stage 2B with wonderful students who were an absolute credit to you. I was very proud of them all.

First Ever Year Book
This is a real work of art thanks to the skills and talents of Mrs Felicity Evans. I encourage you all to take advantage of the opportunity provided after Chapel tomorrow to have a look and purchase yours, for the very reasonable price of $10 per copy. A very BIG thank you Felicity for the hours you put into this project. The end result is fantastic, as the enthusiastic response from those parents and students who have seen it reflects.

Special points of interest
- Saturday 4/12
  Year 7 Dinner
- Monday 6/12
  Year 7 Exhibition
- Tuesday 7/12
  Last day of term for students
  End of Year Service—7pm
- Wednesday 8/12—
  Friday 10/12
  Staff PD Days
Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the Parents and Friends was held last Monday. The work that happens through the P & F is very important to the school on two fronts. Firstly it enables us to provide resources for the students that we would not be able to do otherwise without increasing our fees and as you are aware we do our utmost to ensure that we keep our fees as low as we possibly can.

The second great benefit of what happens through the organization is the social contact that happens through the small committees that organize the events, and then through the actual events involving the wider school community. This is vital for building of community.

During the meeting on Monday evening reports were received from the coordinators of the events held throughout the year. The overall result in terms of funds raised for the school was a very creditable $13,000. $7,000 will be donated to the school with a considerable sum being held over to 2011 for the St Peters Fest next April. This donation has already been expended on ICT, including fitting out our new server room, purchasing a new server, and rack, furniture for the Resource Centre and building up the resources for student inquiry.

Our appreciation goes to all of those wonderful people who were able to coordinate events, and to those who supported them on their committees, and to all those who volunteered to work during the events and to all the parents and friends who supported those events through donations and attendance. Without each and every one of you we would not have had the positive outcome that we did.

In 2010 Blake Watson took over the role of Chairperson of the P & F and she has done a lovely job being the face of this energetic group, providing the right kind of encouragement at just the right time and we look forward to her ongoing leadership in this important role. Samantha Smith will continue as our very capable minutes secretary and Fiona Dimou will continue her excellent work as treasurer. A sincere thank you to those three people.

2011 Programme

Twilight Tea  beginning at 5.30pm on Friday 26 February at Brownhill Creek Reserve, so please book this into your diary. Further details including what to bring will come to you early next year.

St Peters Fest  at Hewitt Reserve on Sunday 10 April.

Kytons Easter and Christmas  goodies will also be a fund-raiser for the school in 2011.

Cake Stalls will be conducted fortnightly over terms 2 and 3.

Lion’s Mart is a goer in 2011, but the month is yet to be booked.

St Peters Ball will be held on 5 November at the same venue as we enjoyed in 2010.

Special Food will also continue.

Classes for 2011

There will be eight classes again in 2011. At this stage they will be configured in the following way: one Reception class, one Reception/Year 1 class, one Year 1/2 class, one class of Years 2/3, one class of Year 3, one class of Years 4/5 and one class of Year 5 with one Year 6/7 class. As you know we take a lot of care configuring the classes, and we are still progressing some enrolments which we are not expecting to be completed until the end of next week, so exactly who will be in those classes is still to be finalized. The lists will be finalized in time to be sent home with the fee accounts in the week beginning 13 December.

Specialist Teaching in 2011

Physical Education – PE Specialist Teacher Penny Rawinski.

In 2011 Penny Rawinski will take up the new non-classroom teaching position of PE Specialist teacher (0.5) at St Peters. This is Penny’s area of expertise, and in the more sedentary times in which we live, the school believes this is a vital area of every child’s learning and development that we should be focusing on very intentionally. Penny will:

- Develop and run the PE programme (that includes 1 hour of PE for each class each week). This will ensure that we have a coherent developmentally appropriate whole school approach to the teaching and learning of PE across all classes from ELC to Year 7.
Parents and Friends

• Develop and monitor the fitness programme that will be implemented by each classroom teacher.
• Coordinate our Sports Day, and the fabulous PE Week activities that we have recently enjoyed.
• Manage the SAPSASA programme.

Art
As a reflection of the value we place on creativity as a form of expression in 2011 Penny Rawinski will also take up the new non-classroom teaching position of Art Specialist teacher (0.5) at St Peters. This will include visual arts (2 terms), drama (1 term) and music (1 term) for each class.

Library
Mrs Alix Newberry will continue with the work she has been doing with students in the Library for Term 1 next year, so each class will maintain their library studies for 1 hour each week. Meanwhile Bronwyn Wilson will resume her working life (initially part-time) working in her role as Primary Years Programme Coordinator for 3 days each week. Bronwyn will resume full-time work as soon as she is able.

Indonesian
We are very pleased to be able to announce that Mrs Angali Greirson will be taking up the position of Indonesian Language Teacher from the beginning of 2011. That means that each class will continue with 1 hour of Indonesian language each week.

Meetings in 2011
The P&F will hold two meetings in 2011. The first of these will be on Monday 20 June at 7.30pm. The second will be the AGM and is scheduled for 21 November at 7.30pm.

Call for Volunteers
If you would like to volunteer to coordinate the P & F activities for Sports Day and/or Grandparents Day in 2011 (which is mainly organizing the catering for these events), please let Blake Watson know! Volunteers will be very, very welcome and all the necessary information is available from previous coordinators and the P & F Chairperson herself!!

IB Learners
StPetersfest!
St Peters Lutheran School Fete
Sunday 10 April 2011
(only 11 school weeks to go!)

Second hand items
The second hand toy drive was a great success. Thanks for your donations! As a result of your efforts we have a very large number of good quality toys now in storage. Please note that we will be collecting more second hand items (books (kids and adults), magazines, toys, games, CDs, DVDs and so on) early in the New Year. So if you are cleaning up in the holidays please set aside anything you think could be loved by someone else.

Stall Convenors
We have an amazing list of wonderful parents who have volunteered to convene a stall. Thankyou so much! We look forward to working with you to create an amazing and memorable event for our school and the Hills community.

Donations
Thanks to everyone who has donated items. These have now been collected. This is hugely beneficial as it will help keep our costs down and profits up. Early in the New Year we will repeat the process albeit slightly differently as you will be able to drop off requested items in the collection boxes in any class or at the front office.

We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and safe and Happy New Year.

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.

Blackwood Christmas Parade
A reminder to those involved that this exciting community event will be held this Friday evening 3 December. Information about where to be and when, has been sent home.
If you are going to the Pageant, be sure to look out for our students—in position 25.
Formal Opening of Stage 2B

The formal opening of our new building project was held this morning at 9:30am in the Chapel. Senator the Hon Don Farrell, Parliamentary Secretary for Sustainability and Urban Water, attended as the representative of the Australian Government, opened the building and unveiled a plaque, and Mr Barry Kahl Director of Lutheran Education SA/NT/WA, dedicated the space and unveiled a plaque. Following the service, students returned to their classrooms, dignitaries toured the building with Year 7 school leaders and then enjoyed morning tea in the hall.

A tour of the facilities for parents and friends will be held immediately following the Opening Service on 1 February 2011.

Year 4/5 Camp

All arrived home safe and sound on Friday after three action packed days at Ankara which is at Walker Flat on the River Murray. The students enjoyed the wide range of activities, which were both instructional and lots of fun.

Crazy Hair/Hat Day

Crazy Hair and/or Hat Day is on next week—on MONDAY 6 December. Students can come to school in their summer uniform and make their hair coloured/spiky/craaaazy etc and/or wear a “crazy” hat. Gold coin donations will go towards Australian Lutheran World Service Gifts of Grace.

Year 7 Exhibition

The IB PYP Exhibition will be held at 7.00pm in the Library next Monday 6 December. Everyone is welcome to attend and it is particularly recommended for students in Years 5 & 6. It would be wonderful to celebrate this PYP Graduation with you.

Thank you.
Rebecca Geue

New Students’ Orientation Day

Last Monday the 2011 Reception students came together again for their final visit to school for 2010. This was also an orientation day for students coming into other year levels in 2011, who were with us all day. We took advantage of this opportunity to welcome them all into our community.

SPLOSHC News

I am happy to announce that the Student Free Day Care for Wednesday 8, Thursday 9 and Friday 10 December will be going ahead. The permission forms for the bowling excursion on Thursday 9 December will be given to parents via the classroom communication boxes on Friday 3 December. Please return them by the excursion. We look forward to seeing you all on the student free days.

As of next year I will no longer be the Director of SPLOSHC. I would like to say thank you for all of your support during my time at St Peters Lutheran School. I know Ros Green who has been appointed as the new Director will do a fantastic job at SPLOSHC and the staff members who are continuing next year will support her and the SPLOSHC children. One other SPLOSHC staff member is also leaving, Alise Hardy. She will be moving to Melbourne next year so she will not be joining SPLOSHC in the New Year. I would like to say thank you to Alise for all of her hard work over the past year. I will miss you all and I wish you all a merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

Richanda Tiley
SPLOSHC Director

School General Meeting

The Report on the General Meeting of the school, which was held on Sunday 28 November, is attached for your information.

Lost Property

The Lost Property Box will be in the office foyer until the end of the term. Please also check in the hall kitchen for plates and plastic containers that may be yours. Any items left at the end of term will be donated to charity.
New Executive Director for Lutheran Education Australia

Upon the recommendation of the Board of Directors, Lutheran Education Australia Ltd, and by appointment of the General Church Council of the Lutheran Church of Australia, I am pleased to announce that the new Executive Director for Lutheran Education Australia Ltd is Mr Stephen (Steve) Rudolph.

Steve is presently Head of College at St Peter’s Lutheran College, Indooroopilly Qld and St Peter’s Lutheran College, Springfield Qld.

Uniforms

We now have a number of brand new size 14 and 16 girls’ summer dresses for sale in our Second Hand Uniform Shop. We are selling these for $42, which is half price, so take a look! Please note that the Second Hand Uniform Shop will not be open during the holidays so, if you need any items, please contact us before the end of term.

Thanks.
Ali Harper (0407 189 226)
Natasha Caruso (0412 252 947)

End of Year Service

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

The front pews on each side of the Church will be reserved for parents of graduating Year 7 students, their families and teaching staff. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Chaplain’s Review

At the end of each year the role of School Chaplain which is supported by National Chaplaincy Grant from the Australian Government is reviewed. We are very pleased to report that the responses from parents, staff and students to the survey distributed in November was again very positive. This is wonderful endorsement for the work that James Ziersch does in our school and a clear indication that this role is highly valued by the school community.

Students’ Books and Stationery for 2011

Please remember to order your child/ren’s books and stationery for 2011 from Lighthouse Books (online at www.lighthousebooks.com.au). A reminder also that for those who do not have computer access, 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.

Information for 2011

Information regarding your child’s placement in 2011 will be posted home with fee accounts in the week commencing Monday 13 December. Some late enrolments have meant classes cannot be finalised before then. At this time, you will also receive information regarding fee payment options and preferred payment method form, term dates for 2011 and the classroom orientation evening schedule.

School begins on Tuesday 1 February 2011 at 8.45am with our opening Chapel Service.

Please note that the ELC will commence sessions on Monday 31 January 2011.

Staff will be at school from Monday 24 January if you have any questions.

Family Database

Thank you to those families who have promptly returned their Family Database forms. Please note that all database forms must be returned by Monday 6 December 2010.

Before returning your form to the school office, please ensure that the information is updated/completed as required and that all the consents at the bottom of the form are completed correctly and signed by both parents/guardians.

For Students who are leaving school….

If you have medications stored in the first aid cupboard and are leaving St Peters at the end of 2010, could you please collect them on Tuesday 7 December from the front office.

Thank you.
Mary-Ann Mickan
Volunteers’ Morning Tea

We loved being able to say THANK YOU last Thursday to all the fabulous volunteers that we rely on in our school. These people are so important and add incredible richness to what can happen in our school and for our students through their great generosity. We sincerely thank each and every one of you!

Chapel Offerings

We are pleased to advise that through your generous chapel offerings in 2010, we have raised the following amounts for worthy causes:

Term 1: $193.65
Term 2: $271.95
Term 3: $215.60
Term 4: $406.65 (to date)

With these offerings, we were able to make donations to ALWS to support Haiti; the Royal Society for the Blind; the Melisa White Laboratory in the Hanson Research Centre for Leukaemia; and the ALWS "Gifts of Grace" (with each class having their own goal as to how much they raised).

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.

- Christian Shadgett (parents: Simonne & Timothy)
- Tyler Sim (parents: Sharon & Wilde)
- Annabelle Smith (dad: Andrew)
- Benjamin Wadham (parents: Tanya & Chris)

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

Toolbox Parenting—Hot Tip

A time to Celebrate!

This is the time of year when reports are sent home.

All Toolbox Parent Coaches learn how important it is to weave celebration into family life regularly, giving each child their time to shine and be acknowledged.

Honouring them for their courage and determination is every bit as valuable as something they’ve achieved academically or on the sports field.

God bless your parenting,

James Ziersch
(Chaplain)

Class Support Coordinators

As we come to the end of the year, I would like to say a very heartfelt and warm THANK YOU to our Class Support Coordinators for the great work they have done this year. They took responsibility for supporting parents in each classroom when some may have needed a bit of help, they organised and managed the cake stall for their class and then took turns serving treats to go with our hot drinks after Chapel. Apart from that they also arranged some social events for their class parents and/or families.

This is such an important role and, on your behalf, I thank them for their commitment and willingness to do these kinds of things which are instrumental in building and maintaining our caring community and certainly demonstrate God’s love.

Class Support Coordinators in 2010 were Kylie Weymouth and Julia Barry, Liz Hammerl, Bec Fleming and Tanya Bingham, Felicity Evans and Lisa Wallis, Miranda Dixon and Kate Ledson, Michaela Baker and Kelli Hobbs, Sarah Smith and Angela Graetz, Janette Nancarrow, Anthea Quist and Liz Bird.

James Ziersch
Chaplain

Toolbox Parenting Course

I plan to continue offering Toolbox Parenting groups in 2011 with the addition of one for parents with teenagers.

James Ziersch
Chaplain
Overdue Library Books and Class Readers

There will be overdue notices coming home on Friday this week, after the whole school stocktake has been completed. 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.

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 has started?

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: at the end of the year any items still 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.

Sturt District Cricket Club
School Holiday Coaching Clinics
December 2010

Three days of coaching for $75
Great chance for Year 5 and 6 students to show their skills.
Clinics are available to anyone playing cricket at Primary School.

A reminder to OSH Sport Coaches/Coordinators—ALL sport tops and equipment must be returned to school by next Monday 6 December 2010

Christmas Cards and Treats

It is lovely to see our students giving and receiving Christmas cards and/or treats during this wonderful season. 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.

My School Website

For information, we have been advised that the My School data will not be available until the new year.

Broken Zips

Please note—a Spartan representative will visit our school next Monday 6 December to fix broken zips on school bags.
If your child/ren’s zip is broken, please ensure you drop the bag to the school office first thing on Monday morning so that it can be fixed.

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

2 December 2010
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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.

**Week 8 (Monday 29/11)**
- 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—7pm
- Tues 7/12  Last day of term for Students
  End of Year Service—7pm
- Wed 8/12  Staff Professional Development Days
- Fri 10/12

St Peters Lutheran Church
NEWS

St Peters worship services are held each week at 10.00am

ALL WELCOME