From the Principal
Welcome to the 2016 school year.

In welcoming you, I include all those new families to SPW and of course those continuing. I trust that the first week of schooling for your child/ren has been enjoyable and that the many weeks of preparation have come to fruition.

The most significant change since the last time I wrote is the updated offering through our Long Day Early Learning Centre. As a result of outstanding planning and some frantic work in the closing hours and days of the Christmas/Vacation period, children were welcomed on Tuesday morning to the renovated Early Learning Centre. The feedback from parents and staff has been echoed by the enthusiasm shown by your children; we are delighted with the opportunities that are able to be created for these children in this new environment.

I would particularly like to thank all of the staff who have in some small or large way impacted on ensuring that our Early Learning Centre has been ready to open; in particular a large group of staff that now form the ELC team have been simply sensational.

In the next edition we will be able to highlight complete staff changes/additions for 2016 and focus on Student Leadership.

In closing for Week 1, I invite all parents/caregivers to engage with us, the staff of SPW, in the interest of our children. There is no issue either big or small which cannot be discussed and resolved if we are together in partnership.

Christopher Prance

Yard Supervision for Children from Foundation to Year 7
All parents and caregivers would be aware that the school day begins at 8.30am and ends at 3.15pm, and that the school yard is therefore only supervised between 8.15am and 3.45pm or during an official school function.

Children arriving from 8.00am will therefore need to be supervised directly by parents/caregivers, or sit on the Chapel steps. After 3.15pm, children will need to be supervised by parents/caregivers if you want to make use of the school facilities. Children that are not being supervised by parents/caregivers, will wait in classrooms, sit on the Chapel steps, the Braested Field benches, move to Out of School Hours Care, or leave the school grounds following instructions given by you.

At 3.45pm when yard duty supervision finishes, all parents/caregivers and children are asked to leave the school grounds unless there is an official school event, eg after school sport.

As part of this reminder, I would also like to reiterate that the school rules as outlined in the Student Diary apply on the school grounds at all times.
Assemblies
As from this year, Assemblies will be held at 2.30pm in the Chapel on alternate Tuesdays (odd weeks), unless specified in the previous week’s Weekly. Chapel Services will continue to be held each Thursday at 8.45am.

Simon Theel
Deputy Principal

School Photographs—Tuesday 9 February
Class and individual student photographs are being taken on Tuesday 9 February (Foundation and Year 7 only) and Wednesday 24 February (Years 1 to 6) in the Chapel. All students are to be dressed in correct formal summer uniform (no jumper) on their photograph day.

The schedule for next Tuesday is:

• Class & Individual Photos - Foundation & Year 7 only
• Family Photos (where at least one sibling is in either Foundation or Year 7)
• Year 7 Graduation Class
• House Captains
• School Captains

Simon Theel
Deputy Principal

Parent Evening Years 1 to 7—Monday 15 February
On the evening of Monday 15 February we are holding a class based information evening. Session times are 6.30pm and 7.20pm. A Junior Musical information session will take place at 6.00pm in the Chapel, prior to classroom sessions beginning at 6.30pm.

The rationale for the session is:

• To get to know your child’s teacher, as well as other teachers in the year level, and to experience their approach to teaching.
• To provide information that is classroom specific (organisation and routines) and to clarify information recently sent home.
• To provide parents with the opportunity to hear more about the curriculum delivered across the year levels

To assist families with more than one child at SPW we will be repeating year level sessions as outlined below. Each session will run for approximately 30 minutes. The evening will begin at 6.30pm in each Year level.

For parents who require child supervision, this will be provided on Braested Oval, for school aged children only, from 6.00pm until 8.00pm when the evening concludes.

To assist the teaching staff to prepare and organise the evening, would you please complete the form on page 7 indicating attendance, the number attending and which session. Thank you.

SCHEDULE
6.00pm Child supervision begins on Braested Oval
6.00-6.25pm Junior Musical information session—Chapel
6.30-7.10pm Parent Session 1
7.20-8.00pm Parent Session 2
8.00pm Evening concludes

Amanda Kelly, Head of Primary
Simon Theel, Deputy Principal
Student Wellbeing
As part of SPW’s commitment to supporting the social, emotional and academic success of students we facilitate collaboration between parents, teachers and Allied Health professionals through the integration of providers of specialist services into the school environment.

Services that can be accessed on site are:
- Speech/language assessment and/or therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Psychological assessment and/or therapy
- Counselling
- Physiotherapy

Please speak to Tina Day (Coordinator, Learning Support), Class Teacher or Head of School for more information.

Introducing Psychologist – Lyn Moseley

Lyn Moseley is a registered Psychologist and Teacher with more than 10 years of experience in Secondary teaching and 12 years of experience as a practising Psychologist (including 7 years as School Psychologist at one of Adelaide’s leading private schools). Lyn’s extensive experience in schools gives her a unique ability to work with children, adolescents and their families to resolve a range of behavioural, academic, social and emotional issues. Lyn is also a Consultant Psychologist treating children and adolescents with sleep disorders at Flinders University’s Child and Adolescent Sleep Clinic. Her work with clients is founded on the principles of Cognitive Behaviour Therapy while drawing other therapies to suit the needs of individual clients.

Tina Day
Learning Support Coordinator

Parking in the Streets Around our School
Please continue to be mindful that, when parking outside of the school grounds, you take note of restricted areas, particularly over people’s driveways and where signage is present (including yellow lines). Thank you.

Camp Australia—Out of School Hours Care
A reminder that OSHC is operating from the Seminar Room, adjacent the Library, this year. Access is through the southern pedestrian gate on Partridge Street.

Old Logo
REMINDER
Just a reminder that clothing with the ‘old logo’ will no longer be able to be worn. The new logo has been in circulation since January 2013, therefore has allowed for a three year transition period from the old to the new.

OLD LOGO ITEMS
Wondering what to do with your old logo items? Feel like they are too good to throw away? We are collecting them for South Pacific School Aid. The garments will be sent overseas and put to good use. Please donate freshly laundered items to the Uniform Shop and we will organise for them to be delivered to those who can use them. Items can be placed in the bin outside the Uniform Shop from 8.15am until 4.00pm, Monday to Thursday.

Uniform Shop
I trust everyone had a wonderful holiday season. I would like to thank everyone for their patience as it has been incredibly busy in the shop.
Please be aware that the Uniform Shop hours have changed from last year.

TRADING HOURS
Monday 1.30-4.00pm
Tuesday 1.30-4.00pm
Wednesday 8.00-10.00am
Thursday 8.00-9.00am 1.30-4.00pm
Friday 1.30-4.00pm

If there is anyone available who could assist me restocking items on any of the above days/times, your help would be much appreciated.

Bookings for fittings are available during all open hours; please phone 7221 6295 or email me at tryan@spw.sa.edu.au.

Tiona Ryan
Uniform Shop Manager

Sports News
SPW FRIDAY BEACH RUN

What: Years 3 – 7 fitness fun on the beach
Where: Glenelg beach (bottom of Pier Street)
When: Friday mornings 8.15 – 8.45am
How:
- Drop students off at SPW flag…bottom Pier Street between 8.00 – 8.10am
- **NB: NO FLAG = BEACH RUN CANCELLED! DROP STUDENTS AT SCHOOL!**
- Students met by SPW staff/parent volunteer
- Activities on the beach led by Coordinator PE/Sport
- Adult student ratio of 1:10
- Supervised walk to school by 8.50am

HOT WEATHER POLICY does NOT apply. The Beach Run is part of our PE program; activities will be modified in the event of hot weather.

WET/STORM WEATHER: No SPW flag = cancelled. Skoolbag alert issued.

- Drop children at the SPW flag
- Students make way to the beach to meet Mr Bowen.
- Return walk to SPW
BASKETBALL
Please note that basketball games will commence from Week 3. Fixtures are yet to be confirmed.

Huw Bowen
Sports & PE Coordinator

Canteen
The Canteen offers an exciting and healthy assortment of snack and lunch time items. If you would like to place a lunch order for your child/ren, our preferred method of ordering is via the Qkr! app. It’s so easy to use. Lunch orders need to be in by 8.30am to be available on the day.

Also, if you have any spare time and all your police checks are in order, we would love your assistance in the Canteen.

Rosy Elphick
Canteen Manager

Chaplain’s Chat
It’s wonderful to welcome students and staff back to a new year and I wish everyone at SPW a wonderful start to the term.

As you probably know I have taken over from Fr Tony Tamblyn at the Anglican Parish of Glenelg from the end of last year. As parish priest of this area (and a parent at the school) I retain a keen interest and involvement in SPW. Whilst we continue to look for someone to fulfil the Chaplaincy role in the school I am leading Chapel Services for the next few weeks. It was a pleasure to include the induction of School and House Captains in the Service this week, and I wish them well in their roles for the year.

Last year an old scholar and former School Captain addressed the 2015 Year 6 students (current Year 7 students) about the importance of leadership and followership. A leader may have an idea or start something, but it is the second, third, fourth people and so on, that take the idea and run with it. They are showing great followership. There are times for us to show both aspects of leading and following and certainly both are necessary in any community or team.

Next week’s Chapel will be celebrating Ash Wednesday (on Thursday) and the start of the season of Lent. Stay tuned for details about our ABM (Anglican Board of Mission) development project for this year. Collection boxes will be sent home in the coming weeks.

Fr Andrew Mintern
Rector of St Peter’s Glenelg

From the Arts
CHOIRS & BANDS
Co-curricular Arts activities commence next week (Week 2).

Times are as follows:

- Monday 8.15 to 8.55am Show Choir Year 3 to 7 in the Music Centre. Please note this is a morning activity—students need to be on time so we can fit as much singing in as possible.
- Tuesday 8.15am to 8.55am SPW Band in the Music Centre.
- Tuesday 12.50pm to 1.30pm Chapel Choir.
- Wednesday 8.15am to 8.45am Junior Glee Foundation to Year 2 (Foundation are welcome to attend from Week 6) in the Music Centre. Parents are welcome to come up and stay for choir and join in!
- Thursday 8.15 to 9.30 Chapel Choir and Chapel Band in the Chapel
INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS
Some instruments will commence next week and others in Week 3. I will be emailing parents with times and tutors will be in contact over the weekend. As always if there are any issues please contact me via the front office or by emailing mdelaine@spw.sa.edu.au

CHAPEL CHOIR AUDITIONS
Next week on Tuesday and Thursday lunch time we will be holding Chapel Choir auditions in the Music Centre—open to students in Year 4 to 7. Sign-up sheets are outside my office.

A big welcome to Ms Jessica Hancock our new Visual Arts teacher. Also a big thank you to the PFA for the fantastic African Drums we now have in the Music Centre. Look out for our first performance later in the term.

If you have any Arts News I would love to hear it – maybe you danced all holidays or learnt a new instrument. Arts News can be emailed to me at mdelaine@spw.sa.edu.au

Mark DeLaine
Arts Coordinator

PFA News
SHROVE TUESDAY—9 FEBRUARY
Many thanks to the organisers and to the parents who have offered to assist on Tuesday. The children love pancakes being delivered to their classrooms and this is only possible because of the people who offer their time to make it happen. If anyone has a lemon tree and can assist us by donating some lemons, we would really appreciate it. They can be left in a clearly labelled red box in the Shelter Shed on Monday. Thank you in advance.

COFFEE VAN—FRIDAY 12 FEBRUARY
We have organised a coffee van straight after school drop off next Friday morning. There will be a free coffee for anyone that would like to catch up, have a chat and possibly find out more about how to be involved with the school and the PFA. Come along, meet others and maybe even sign up to be a PFA Representative/Social Coordinator. We’d love to see you there.

SOCIAL COORDINATORS
Last year we embarked on trying to get a few PFA reps otherwise known as “Social Coordinators” per class. We have received a few emails and notifications from individuals that they would be prepared to assist, which is fabulous, but we’d love to hear from more of you. We hope to catch up with you at the coffee van on Friday if you’re interested in becoming a Social Coordinator or please email Laura at pfa@spw.sa.edu.au and we’ll add you to the list of representatives.

TWILIGHT ON THE GREEN—FRIDAY 19 FEBRUARY
This amazing event will be held on Friday 19 February from 5.30pm-7.30pm. BBQ, food vans and lots of fun to be had. More details out in Week 2.

PFA MEETING
our first meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday 17 February in the Nutter Thomas Building at 7.30pm. All parents are welcome. Come and find out about all of the fun things that are planned for this year and have your say and be involved.

CONTACT
pfa@spw.sa.edu.au
Thought for the Day
You will never have this day with your children again.
Tomorrow they’ll be a little older than they were today.
This day is a gift.
Just breathe, notice, study their faces and little feet.
Pay attention.
Relish the charms of the present.
Enjoy today, it will be over before you know it.

Parent Evening—Monday 15 February
Please return to the Front Office by Wednesday 10 February

Parent Attendance
Please complete the box below, indicating the year level class attending.

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Child Care
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Parent/Caregiver Name ____________________________________________
Parent/Caregiver Signature __________________________ Date ___________
It’s not okay to be away ... nor to be late to school

When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem.

Of course, most people know this intuitively, yet school absenteeism is a huge problem in Australian schools—and much of it is parent-condoned.

It’s hard to get an accurate picture across the country but it would appear that Australian students miss an average of between 12 and 15 days per school year, with parent-condoned absenteeism highest among young primary-aged children.

That adds up to a year’s lost schooling over the school-life of a child. In today’s highly competitive world, this rate of absenteeism is alarming, putting our kids at a distinct disadvantage.

That’s not a reason to be away!
It’s now commonplace for children to stay away from school for reasons that would have been unheard of just twenty years ago. These include staying away to celebrate their own or a sibling’s birthday; being absent because they stayed up too late watching television; going shopping for clothes; an extended long weekend; and kids not wanting to take part in a sports day or special school event.

This type of absenteeism sends a strong message to kids that parents don’t really value learning or their children’s school experiences.

Australian kids only spend 15% of their total time at school. They spend more time asleep than they do at school. So we need to maximise every day to get full value. That means turning up to school every day, on time.

Being late is not okay either
Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late.

Current research shows that mornings for most children are the most productive time of the day, with 10.00am the peak period for productivity. When children arrive late and take time to settle as they inevitably do, valuable learning time is lost.

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It takes strong parenting...

As a parent myself I know how persuasive children of all ages can be when it comes to taking a day off school. It takes a strong will to resist the persistent pressure that kids can bring to bear, particularly if they play the guilt card with comments such as “It’s not fair that I have to go school today because Aunty is coming to visit!” Nice try. But the answer should be “No!”

As parents we need to make a commitment that our kids make the most of their precious time at school. That means that we send them to school every day, on time and ready to make the most of the school day.

Of course, there will be times, such as illness or genuinely extenuating family circumstances, when kids should be away. But these need to be a rarity rather than the norm.

It’s reassuring to know that you increase their chances of future success just by making sure they turn up to school every day. And of course regular school attendance also helps kids prepare for the workforce, where it will be expected that they turn up each day work-ready. The real world is unforgiving of those who stay away with NO EXCUSE.

AS A PARENT:

- **Commit to sending kids to school every day.**
- **Make sure kids arrive at school and class on time.**
- **Inform the school when they are away, sending medical certificates and other evidence of genuine absence.**
- **Consider catching-up on missed work.**
- **Make kids who are away stay in their bedroom – that is where ill kids should be.**

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