

# THE WEEKLY

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## From the Principal

### COMMUNICATION AT SPW

As we look to the future we are pleased to inform parents we will be transitioning to digital communication across ELC to Year 7 in 2018 and phasing out paper notes, newsletters and consent forms. Over the last two years the ELC to Year 2 have been conducting business in this manner and we are happy to continue the transition throughout the remainder of the school.

To ensure clear, accurate and timely communications we will continue to utilise Skoolbag as our SPW app. The app is available as a download to your device and is also accessible via the SPW website. If you need support with accessing Skoolbag please contact [Kate Anolak](#).

We are currently reviewing the structure of information within the Skoolbag app in an effort to improve your user experience. If you have feedback about the app please forward your responses to Lindy Francis [via this form](#). Thank you to those who have already submitted feedback.

In addition to the app we utilise email to target communication to specific groups or send a message to the entire school community. Both email and Skoolbag are important communication tools within the life of our school. If you are unsure of your email details on our system please [contact Sam Wheatley](#)

It is also important to note that in 2018 we will no longer be producing The Weekly. The information within The Weekly has been re-assigned to the relevant categories within Skoolbag. The timetable information is now available via our online calendars accessible in Skoolbag or [on the SPW website](#).

### SKOOLBAG REVISED DASHBOARD TRIAL

You may have noticed some changes to the Skoolbag app. We have re-structured some categories within the app and are working to improve the user experience.

Thank you to those who have submitted feedback regarding Skoolbag. If you are interested in sharing your thoughts please submit your response via the online form [here](#).

### GILLIAN ROLTON, OAM

Many of you would have been aware that Olympic Equestrian dual gold medallist Gillian Rolton, OAM (1973), passed away after a battle with cancer on 18 November at the age of 61. Gillian was an old scholar of Woodlands Church of England Girls Grammar School. Mr Bruce Thorpe, former Headmaster of Woodlands (1980-1994), informed me that "Gillian, although she was very busy and often out of the country, still helped Woodlands as often as she could. She appeared at school functions, spoke about her experiences, and wrote short pieces for inclusion in various publications. She was proud of her attachment to the school and was always happy to help out whenever it was possible."

**Christopher Prance**

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## The Big Concert—The Magic of Disney—1 December, 7.00pm at the Norwood Town Hall

Tickets for The Big Concert—The Magic of Disney— are available through Trybooking by clicking on [this link to the SPW website](#).

Please note that the students performing will not require a ticket.

The seating is General Admission for this event. Access to the main auditorium can be accessed by lift. The Gallery seating is via two flights of stairs. If you have any access issues please arrive early so we are able to find you a suitable seat. Please note the venue has a limited number of wheelchair spaces. If the wheelchair allocation runs out on Trybooking, please [email me](#) directly and I will discuss additional arrangements with the venue.

**Amanda Ashley**

## A Reminder

One of our core values of SPW is RESPECT: being true to yourself; appreciating other people and cultures; and caring for the environment. This week we received a note from a resident in Alma Street who alleged some students have been spoiling plants in front of their property. Please be mindful of our neighbours' properties around the school, including their driveways. Thank you.

## PE & Sport

### HERE ARE OUR 'SPORTS SHORTS' FOR THIS WEEK

- \* This week we have had several talented sportsmen representing our SAPSASA South West District: Tom W, Nathan R and Jethro K for Cricket and Will C for Tennis. Congratulations boys.
- \* Good luck to Edward W, Will C, Daniel F and Hugh W in the Boys' State Knock Out Tennis final against Fulham North next Tuesday (28 November) at Millswood Tennis Club.
- \* The extra and co-curricular activities 2018 are still open. You have one more week (until Friday 1 December) to register. All the information required is on Skoolbag, go to the "News Feed" section.
- \* If your child still has their SPW winter sports uniforms please return these ASAP to the Uniform Shop. We still have over 100 of these missing. Before the end of the year we will be undertaking a stock-take in readiness for 2018.
- \* Term 4 After School Sports practices and matches will finish in Week 8 (4-9 December). There will be no sports sessions in Week 9.

Have a nice weekend.

**Stay calm and keep active.**

**Alastair Dow**  
**Head of PE and Sport**  
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## NAPLAN 2018 Data

All families with children entering Years 3, 5, and 7 in 2018 were emailed a NAPLAN form on Thursday 9 November. If you did not receive this form please check your junk email folder. Forms were posted to families who have not provided us with an email address.

This form includes data schools are required to provide to ACARA (Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority) to enable nationally comparable reporting on student achievement, disaggregated by student background characteristics, and to compile student population profiles for performance reporting at the individual school level.

It is the School's responsibility to ensure this is up to date.

Please check the pre-filled information carefully. If the form is correct and no alterations are required, please reply to the email stating "your child/children's names; all information correct; no changes required".

**If changes need to be made please advise us by printing a copy, making the changes by hand, signing and returning the form to your class teacher at school by Friday 1 December.**

If you have any questions in relation to the database form, please contact Sam Wheatley on 7221 6210.

## SPW Scholarship for St John's Grammar, Belair

### **FAMILIES OF STUDENTS CURRENTLY IN YEAR 6 AT SPW PLEASE NOTE ....**

St John's Grammar School offers limited St Peter's Woodlands Scholarships entering into Year 8 in 2019, to students currently attending SPW who will be in Year 7 in 2018.

Students applying for a SPW Scholarship should be able to demonstrate enthusiasm, participation and exceptional commitment in a diverse range of activities, which may include:

- \* Community involvement
- \* Leadership
- \* Extra-curricular involvement
- \* Persistence in academic pursuits

A successful SPW Scholarship student will be expected to:

- \* Be a role model to other students
- \* Be a team player in all pursuits
- \* Contribute to School life and inspire others

Information on the SPW Scholarship, along with a fact sheet which outlines the criteria, and the application form, [is available on the St John's Grammar School website.](#)

Should any families wish to discuss the Scholarship opportunity further, please contact Tim Wilson, Registrar & Public Relations, on 8278 0210 or [via email.](#)



## PFA News

### **FOUNDATION TO YEAR 7 SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH – [FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER](#)**

Notes have been sent home with your child this week outlining what to bring along for this year's Christmas Lunch. Thank You to all who have responded to our call for help, we will be in touch in the very near future regarding the role you will play on what will be a fabulous event for the children.

### **ELC CHRISTMAS BRUNCH - [TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER](#)**

We are still seeking helpers for the ELC Christmas brunch between 9.30am and 12.00pm. If your volunteer registration is current and you are available for any amount of time, please contact us at [pfa@spw.sa.edu.au](mailto:pfa@spw.sa.edu.au)

### **PFA PLANNING MEETING UPDATE**

A big thank you to all Parents and Friends who attended our Planning meeting on Wednesday. There were a lot of wonderful ideas generated and discussed for future Friend and Fund Raisers. Stay tuned for further information in coming weeks about the exciting events we will have planned for 2018.

## ELC Grandparents & Special Visitors Learning Journey

Grandparents and Special Friends Days are important celebrations in the life of SPW. Invitations for the ELC Grandparents and Special Friends Learning Journey Celebrations have been sent home with children over the past week.

### DATES

- \* Wednesday 29 November 2017      All ELC Rooms
- \* Thursday 30 November 2017      Hastings, Moseley and Colley Rooms
- \* Friday 1 December 2017      Torrens, Byron and Partridge Rooms

### LOCATION

- \* Nutter Thomas, entry through Partridge Street gates

### WHO

- \* All Grandparents and Special Friends of children in the Early Learning Centre

### ITINERARY

On each of the above days, the events will follow the below itinerary:

- \* 2.15pm      Afternoon tea served in Nutter Thomas Dining Room.
- \* 2.40pm      Visitors will be escorted from Nutter Thomas Dining Room to the Early Learning Centre to visit the rooms and engage with children.
- \* 3.15pm      End of day.

For further enquiries please contact your child's class teacher.

## Chaplain's Chat

### CHAPEL SERVICE

Once again we enjoyed the annual Staff Service this week, for which we owe Ms Lewis great thanks. The students enjoyed watching the staff act, sing and dance in the play *Walking*, written and organised by Ms Lewis.



Next week we will celebrate the start of the church season of Advent with a Communion service and traditional lighting of the Advent wreath. Mrs Simmonds will speak to us about the meaning of Advent and Advent calendars. Everyone is welcome.

### MORNING OF QUIET REFLECTION FOR ADVENT

The Rev'd Brett Williams, an SPW parent, will lead a morning of quiet reflection for the start of Advent at St Peter's Glenelg Church on Saturday 9 December 9am-12.30pm. The theme is "*Being mindful of the presence of God in our day-to-day lives*". A bring-a-plate lunch will be shared to end the morning, and everyone is welcome. I am organising the event, so speak to me for any further information.

### ANGLICARE SA CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

The Christmas tree in the Chapel is decorated and waiting for the collection of food and goodies to gather under its branches. For more information, [please click here](#).

**Rev'd Julia Denny-Dimitriou**

## Parish News

### CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

To help raise these final funds for our window restoration we are holding a Christmas Raffle for a '**Wheelbarrow of Wine**'. **Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10** and they are available from Suzanne McAdam or Andrew Mintern if you see them around the schoolyard or from the Parish Office 8295 2382 or [glenang@bigpond.net.au](mailto:glenang@bigpond.net.au)

### SPW/PARISH CAROL SERVICE—SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER, 5.00PM

Please save the date for our annual Carol Service at St Peter's (refer to flyer)

**GLENELG PAGEANT**

This is always a great community event involving some ELC students and school leaders from SPW. Also keep an eye out for the entry from St Peter's Parish. This year we have co-operated with the other churches in the area and you will notice the Lutherans are presenting shepherds and angels, the Catholics presenting wise men and we will be presenting the nativity figures of Mary, Joseph, Jesus and the animals. Give us a wave as we go by.

**Rev'd Andrew Mintern**

**Thought for the Week**

"It is an extraordinary and beautiful thing that God, in creation ... works with the beauty of matter; the reality of things; the discoveries of the senses, all five of them; so that we, in turn, may hear the grass growing; see a face springing to life in love and laughter ... the offerings of creation ... our glimpses of truth."

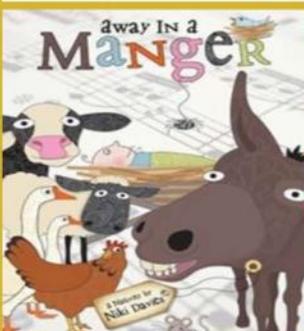
**Madeleine L'Engle**

## SPW Christmas Community Service

In partnership with St Peter's Anglican Church, Torrens Square, Augusta Street, Glenelg

Sunday 10 December, 5.00pm

Celebrating the Christmas Story with music, drama, story and song. Featuring the Church organ, St Peter's Parish Choir, SPW Choirs, and the Musical Nativity "Away in a Manger"



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# The Week Ahead



2017 Term 4 Week 7

Monday 27— Friday 1 December

Contact Us

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Uniform Shop	◇ 1.30pm-4.00pm	◇ 1.30pm-4.00pm	◇ 8.00am-9.30am	◇ 8.00am-9.00am ◇ 1.30pm-4.00pm	◇ 1.30pm-4.00pm
School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>Japanese Excursion 6DK</b>, 11.40am</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>SAPSASA Tennis Boys Knockout Final</b>, 9.00am (Millswood Tennis Club)</li> <li>* <b>Japanese Excursion 6CG</b>, 11.40am</li> <li>* <b>Assembly, Whole School</b>, 2.30pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>Japanese Exchange 6RF</b>, 1.30pm</li> <li>* <b>ELC Grandparents Day</b>, 2.15pm (Nutter Thomas, then ELC)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>Chapel Service (Advent Communion)</b> - 8.40am (Chapel)</li> <li>* <b>ELC Grandparents Day</b> - 2.15pm (Nutter Thomas, then Colley, Hastings, Moseley Rooms)</li> <li>* <b>PYP Exhibition</b>, 6.30pm (Chapel / Baddams Hall)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>Coffee Club</b>, 8.15am—9.00am (near Cudmore Building)</li> <li>* <b>Learning Journey Year 3</b>, 9.00am (Classrooms)</li> <li>* <b>German Puppets</b>, 1.30pm (Chapel)</li> <li>* <b>ELC Grandparents Day</b>, 2.15pm (Nutter Thomas, then Torrens, Byron, Partridge Rooms)</li> <li>* <b>The Big Concert</b>, 7.00pm (Norwood Town Hall)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b>SATURDAY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>Early Learning Transition Morning</b>, 9.00-11.30am</li> </ul>
Extra & Co Curricular	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>Show Choir (3-7)</b> - 8.00am-8.40am (Music Centre)</li> <li>* <b>MP Sport</b>, 3.20pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>SPW Band</b>, 8.00am-8.40am (Music Centre)</li> <li>* <b>JP Sport</b>, 3.20pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>Junior Glee (F-2)</b> 8.00am-8.30am (Music Centre)</li> <li>* <b>Run Club</b>, 8.15am-8.40am</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>Chapel Choir &amp; Chapel Band</b>, 8.00am-8.30am (Chapel)</li> <li>* <b>UP Sport</b> - 3.20pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>Beach Run</b>, 8.00am-8.30am</li> </ul>
PFA	<b>PFA BBQ/Sausage Sizzle</b> , after school				

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