

THE WEEKLY

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From the Head of Early Learning

Today and last Friday, our four Foundation classes thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to be involved in a Nature Play incursion.

Research has shown that unstructured outside play has a range of advantages to children's learning both in terms of brain development, and social and emotional wellbeing.

In Early Learning at SPW, children are exposed to a range of opportunities which engage their senses. This style of unstructured play is very interesting for children as they are natural inquirers and risk takers. This style of risk taking is not dissimilar from the risk taking children demonstrate when first learning to walk. It is through risk taking opportunities that children develop a sense of confidence in their capabilities, problem solve and build resilience.

Outlined below are some examples of recommended activities for children and families as provided by Nature Play SA:

- * Climb a tree
- * Fall off a bike
- * Camp in the bush
- * Play chasey in the rain
- * Play in a creek
- * Do something you are scared of
- * Plant something and watch it grow
- * Play under a sprinkler
- * Dig for worms in your backyard
- * Make a kite and fly it
- * Make a mud pie
- * Play beach cricket
- * Lie on your back and watch the clouds
- * Pick fruit from a tree and eat it
- * Watch a sunrise or sunset
- * Play with mud
- * Listen to a storm and watch for lightning
- * Chase your shadow
- * Climb a big hill and look at the view
- * Have story time outside on a rug
- * Make a vegie patch.

"These are the moments when the world is made whole. In my children's memories, the adventures we've had together will always exist". Richard Louv.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Gemma D'Angelo



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Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences

Last week a note was put up on Skoolbag regarding the upcoming Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences in Week 10. These Conferences form part of SPW's formal reporting process and all parents/caregivers are encouraged to participate. 15-minute appointments are made with the class teacher via an online system, called PTO (Parent Teacher Online). Parents can log in using the link on Skoolbag then enter their email address to access the system (the email address needs to be the same address you have provided to school under 'Caregiver A' on our database).

Full instructions for making your booking are provided on Skoolbag (Year 2-7 students who are the Eldest in Family will have also received a paper copy of this letter). Should you have any issues with PTO, please contact Kate Anolak by phoning the school or [emailing her](#).

Bookings close on Wednesday 29 March.

Simon Theel

Chaplain's Chat

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our St Peter's Chapel service memorable: Our guest, the Rev'd Dr Theo McCall, Mr Mesecke and the Chapel Choir, Mr DeLaine and the Chapel Band, our pianist Ms Campbell, Mr Douglass and Mr and Mrs Lindquist who do many things behind the scenes.

Next week the Year 6s will lead a service called "Working together" about how Australia is governed, based on their recent visit to Canberra. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Congratulations to Mr Dow and Mrs Ramsay, our intrepid abseilers in the **Abseil for AnglicareSA** who raised \$1,730.50 for AnglicareSA's work with homeless and Aboriginal young people. Well done and thank you to you too, the very generous SPW community.

Please keep putting loose change in your **ABM Lent boxes** which can be handed in to the Finance Office. The funds raised will go to two ABM projects the School Captains chose: Nungalinga College in Darwin and a project to train youth and children's leaders in Kenya.

COMBINED SCHOOL & PARISH PRAYER GROUP

One of the new initiatives of the SPW and St Peter's Glenelg (SPG) link is a combined monthly prayer group being organised by the Rev'd Michele Yuen, assistant at SPG. There are postcards in the Chapel on which prayer requests can be written. Every effort will be made to respect privacy and confidentiality, so requests with general information are suggested e.g. "Please pray for: 'my grandparents who are dairy farmers'; or 'my Uncle Tim who had a motor accident'". People from the school and parish communities will meet to pray together once a month in the school Chapel or at St Peter's church. If you would like to join us, please speak to me.



Rev'd Julia



St Peter's Anglican Church—Great West Window Appeal

This week the SPW Foundation students visited St Peter's Church, which will be one of a number of visits by classes and year levels throughout the year. It is always a joy to have the students visit the Church where the St Peter's Parish day school began way back in 1863. SPW retains a special relationship with its mother church and the school is located within the Anglican Parish of Glenelg.

As part of the broader Parish community, I would like to bring to your attention our current appeal to restore the Great West Window at St Peter's. This amazing three part window depicts themes of resurrection and is in need of complete restoring which requires removal, re-leading, conservation cleaning, repair and re-installation. The restoration cost of this mammoth undertaking is \$100,000.

We launched the Great West Window Appeal last year and so far have raised \$30,000. If you are able to support this appeal please make your tax deductible donation to the "St Peter's Church Glenelg Great West Window Conservation Appeal" on the National Trust website.

Alternatively you could pick up an appeal brochure from the SPW Front Office.

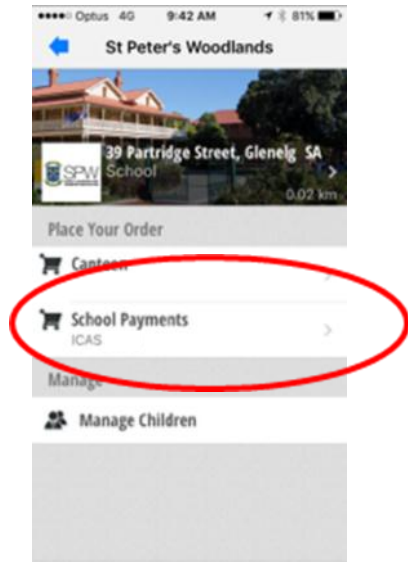
The Church is open to visitors 9.00am-3.00pm Tuesday to Friday, and you will always find a warm welcome at our Sunday Services.

Rev Andrew Mintern
Parish Priest

ICAS Information and Registration

A note has been put on Skoolbag today regarding ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) which has taken place annually in schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, the Pacific Region and South Africa for over 30 years. SPW offer the ICAS assessments on a voluntary basis for all children from Year 4 to 7. The communication on Skoolbag provides more information in terms of how you are able to register, the cost of each assessment and how to pay for registration. If your technology doesn't allow you to access Skoolbag either on your mobile device or through the school website, please obtain a hard copy of the note from the Front Office. We are asking parents to use the Qkr! payment method, which is the School's preferred payment method. The system can be downloaded to your mobile device or accessed via the web at <https://qkr.mastercard.com/store>.

You can also access Qkr! directly from the Skoolbag Home page. You will find the ICAS competitions within the School Payments sections in Qkr! as shown below. If you have any difficulties or queries accessing Qkr! please contact Sam Wheatley who will endeavour to assist. Payment and registration will close on Monday 3 April 2017 and no late requests will be accepted.



Simon Theel

PE & Sport

Here are our 'Sport Shorts' for this week:

- * Congratulations to the SAPSASA netball girls who were undefeated at the South West district carnival on Monday.
- * The SAPSASA boys' tennis team is through to the next round of the knockout competition after a strong win over Westbourne Park Primary School. They are down to the last eight teams and will now play Concordia College.
- * The SAPSASA boys' knockout cricket team were defeated by Sacred Heart on Monday. The boys displayed great commitment but were beaten by a better team.
- * Last call for coaching or team managing for soccer, netball or football, please let me know if you are available. Volunteers make a huge difference to the sporting experience.
- * House Cross Country is one week today, Friday 31 March. The Year 3 to 7 students will run a course around our school. A timetable is displayed on Skoolbag if you would like to come along and watch.
- * On a picture perfect morning last Sunday, twelve runners and their parents ran themselves into the history books as the first SPW Bay-City team. Thanks to those families for their support. We look forward to the event growing in future years.

Have a great weekend.

Stay calm and keep active.

Alastair Dow
Head of PE & Sport



PFA News

EARLY LEARNING PICNIC

Thanks to all the families who braved the heat to come along to our Picnic at Gum Tree Reserve. The kids loved the antics of Wobbles the Clown and the parents had a chance to chat and get to know each other in a relaxed setting. A special thanks to Lisa Miller and Lauren Rowett who coordinated the Picnic on behalf of the PFA.



MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Assistance is sought from helpers on the following days for the Mother's Day Stall:

- * **Friday 5 May** to do final packing and preparation before the stall the following week.
- * **Monday 8 May through to Friday 12 May.** If you can give up an hour or two to help between 8.30am and the conclusion of lunch, please contact Megan Bonython and Jenny Thomas (Year 3 parents) at megan.bonython@aenet.com.au

Plans for the ELC stall are also underway as we work with the ELC to find the best days.

All helpers will need to have current volunteer clearance with SPW.

We are looking forward to hearing from anyone who can lend a hand, to support this worthwhile event the children love.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

Please help our school raise as much money as we can by purchasing the 2017/2018 Entertainment Book via this link <http://www.entbook.com.au/160p940>. Online digital versions (accessed via an app on your phone), or the original hard copy books can now be ordered for \$70 each. If you purchase now there are some fantastic Extra Early Bird offers you can start using immediately.

Please spread the word with your friends, families, colleagues and sporting groups. Thank you for your support with our Entertainment Book Fundraising.

GIRLS' NIGHT OUT * SAVE THE DATE *****

When Friday 19 May from 7.30pm
 Where GU Film House, Glenelg
 What "Snatched" starring Goldie Hawn and Amy Schumer

Plus a fabulous Goodie Bag and lots of fantastic raffle prizes.

Vacancy: PFA Appointed Member to School Council

There is a current vacancy on the SPW School Council as a result of the resignation of PFA Appointed Member, Mrs Deb Disbury. The vacancy is until the end of the 2017 school year. The successful nominee can seek a further 3 year term at the end of 2017. The PFA Nominee to School Council must be a current parent of a student enrolled at SPW.

Public notice of intention to elect a PFA nominee to School Council is 28 days. Therefore, current parents who wish to nominate will be required to put their vitae forward to School Council **by Monday 27 March 2017** for vetting by School Council prior to name/names being forwarded to the PFA. The vitae, addressed to Cathy Mayfield, Chairman of School Council, can be either handed to Helen Lindquist, marked CONFIDENTIAL, or [emailed to Helen](#).

Suitable candidates as decided by School Council will need to present to a Committee meeting or special general meeting of the PFA, at which time a secret ballot will be held if there is more than one nomination. The person receiving the highest number of votes will be the nominee of the PFA. If there is only one nominee that has been approved by the School Council, the PFA are still required to approve that nomination at a Committee meeting or a specially convened PFA meeting. As School Council only meets twice per term, it is most likely the election process will take place on Wednesday 7 June.

Want to know more? If any prospective nominees want to know more about the role of School Council, please feel free to talk to Chris Prance or the Chairman of School Council, Cathy Mayfield.

Year 7 Valedictory Service 2017 and Final Assemblies

As mentioned in the Weekly recently, over the past twelve months we have been reviewing both the Final Assembly and Graduation Night with respect to what best reflects Primary aged students and provides an opportunity for the school community to celebrate and acknowledge the various components of these events, in particular acknowledging all of our Year 7 students.

This year we are reconfiguring the way we celebrate the Year 7 students' final year of Primary Schooling. Below is a table that summarises the two events and how they will be organised. The Wednesday evening will be a Valedictory Service for the Year 7 Students and their families. We have changed the name to Valedictory as the meaning of this is a *closing or farewell statement or address*; which summarises the direction we are taking for this evening.

The table below summarises the purpose, schedule and times of the events.

Please ring or make a time to see me should you wish to suggest any further alterations.

Simon Theel
Deputy Principal

Final School Assembly for the Year	Yr 7 Valedictory Service (Yr 7 students and family)
<p><u>Purpose</u> To provide an opportunity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * for the students and the school community to acknowledge students by way of the annual prize presentation * to acknowledge current student leadership team * to introduce and present the following year's captains 	<p><u>Purpose</u> To provide an opportunity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * to celebrate and showcase the final year of Primary schooling at SPW and acknowledge all Year 7 graduands * to celebrate a milestone * to honour key moments in life
<p>Final Assembly (Hall)</p> <p><u>Part 1 (3-7) (60 mins)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * School Captain Speeches * <i>What SPW Means to Me</i> * 3-7 Prizes and Scholarship awards * Thank you and presentation of current School and House Captains * Presentation of following year School and House Captains <p><u>Part 2 (F-7) (30 mins)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Regular items * Academic and Conduct Behaviour Cup * Christmas Raffle <p><u>To be invited</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Special guests for the presentation of prizes and families who have a link to the history of the prize. * Prize winners and following year's school leaders' families. 	<p>Valedictory Service (Hall/Chapel)</p> <p>Year 7 students/ Staff (teaching ELC-7 and Specialist) / Families</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Chapel Choir and Band * Service lead by Mother Julia (readings/prayers – staff and students) * Student presentation of <i>What SPW Means to me</i> (3) and a letter of gratitude to their parents. * Chris to speak * Video Year 7 The year that was * Presentation of Graduands inc morphing video * Graduation Song * Supper <p><u>To be invited</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * School Chairman * Archbishop * Parents, grandparents and friends of Year 7 students (maximum of 6/family)
<p>Week 9 Tuesday 12 December</p> <p>Part 1 8.45-10.00am</p> <p>Part 2 2.30-3.00pm</p>	<p>Week 9 Wednesday 13 December</p> <p>6.30-8.00pm</p> <p>Supper from 8.15pm</p>

The Week Ahead



2017 Term 1 Week 9

Monday 27 to Friday 31 March

Contact Us

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Canteen	HELP REQUIRED	HELP REQUIRED	HELP REQUIRED	HELP REQUIRED	SANDY WALLACE
School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Uniform Shop Hours ◇ 1.30pm-4.00pm * SAPSASA SW District Football Carnival (Brighton Oval) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Uniform Shop Hours ◇ 1.30pm-4.00pm * Excursion 2AA & 2ID, 9.00am, 2GI & 2KP, 9.40am (Walk to Patawalonga) * Assembly, 2.30pm (Chapel) * Early Learning Information Evening, 7.00pm (Early Learning Centre) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Uniform Shop Hours ◇ 8.00am-9.30am 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Uniform Shop Hours ◇ 8.00am - 9.00am ◇ 1.30pm - 4.00pm * Chapel Service, Year 6 Led, 8.40am (Chapel) * Sporting Schools Footy Program 5DW 9.30am, 5BJ 10.40am, 5SG 12 noon. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Uniform Shop Hours ◇ 1.30pm-4.00pm * SPW Coffee Club, 8.15am * Years 3-7 Cross Country
Extra & Co Curricular	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Show Choir (3-7) - 8.00-8.40am (Music Centre) * Yoga Yrs 3-7 (Baddams), 12.50pm * Games Club, 12.50 (The Hub) * Middle Primary Sport—3.20-4.20pm * Year 6/7 Basketball (Marion Basketball Stadium or Pasadena High School) after school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * SPW Band—8.00-8.40am (Music Centre) * Lego Club, 12.50pm (The Hub) * Art Club, Years 5-7, 12.50-1.20pm * Junior Primary Sport—3.20-4.20pm * Year 5 Basketball (Marion Basketball Stadium or Pasadena High School) after school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Junior Glee (F-2) - 8.00-8.30am (Music Centre) * Run Club—8.15-8.40am * Chess Club, 12.50pm (The Hub) * Year 3/4 Basketball (Marion Basketball Stadium or Pasadena High School) after school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Chapel Choir - 8.00-8.30am (Chapel) * Lego Club, 12.50pm (The Hub) * Upper Primary Sport—3.20-4.20pm * Year 4/5 Cricket, after school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Beach Run (8.00-8.40am) Cancelled due to Year 3-7 Cross Country * Games Club, 12.50 (The Hub) * Volleyball Games (Yr 4-7)—between 4 and 6pm at Brighton Secondary School after school <hr/> <p>SATURDAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Cricket Year 6/7 * Kanga Cricket Year 3
PFA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * PFA BBQ/Sausage Sizzle, after school 				

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