From the Head of Primary

Here we are half way through Term 3 and already the children have been provided with a number of opportunities though the Arts, sport and in the classroom.

Simply wandering through the classrooms I have observed many varied and rigorous activities occurring, such as the Year 5 Unit about overcoming obstacles to provide opportunities for development. This will be shared next week with parents as part of the children’s Learning Journey. To see the sheer enjoyment in the Year 5 children’s preparation for their Claymation and understanding of their inquiry is most impressive.

Another example that the area of the Arts is well and truly alive at SPW is the inaugural Junior Primary Musical which I had the privilege to have experienced at last evening’s performance of Aladdin in Trouble. The Junior Primary Musical was a first for SPW and certainly won’t be the last. As mentioned in the program, when Mr Mark DeLaine first brought the idea forward there were comments like “are you crazy?” - the jury was out! After last night’s performance the judgment was certainly made; the evening was a huge success for many reasons which include being part of the sheer joy and excitement that was present on the evening, not just for the children but also the audience. The children were beaming and rightly so, their enthusiasm on stage was infectious and their talent abounds.

Of course in saying all of this we need to acknowledge Mr Mark Delaine and staff for the talent, time, and energy that went into preparing the children to the level that was viewed on the evening. Congratulations to all the children and staff who were involved in this event. As was mentioned by Aladdin in his final wish “I wish for my musicals …” and I am sure those who were in the audience would agree.

I hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

Simon Theel

School Council Vacancy

Under the current SPW Constitution, the term of office on School Council is 3 years (with the possibility of re-appointment at the expiration of this term for a further 3 years). Mrs Cathy Mayfield, our current Chairman of School Council, was elected as Parent Representative at the PFA AGM in 2008, and commenced on School Council at the beginning of 2009. This year will see the completion of her 6 year term of office. Therefore, a replacement will be elected at the AGM of the SPW PFA to be held on Wednesday 29 October.

As per the School Council Constitution, “All nominations to the Council …. must be approved by the Council …” and thus all nominations will be vetted by School Council prior to the PFA AGM.

Therefore, candidates are asked to provide a brief letter commenting specifically on the “Preferred Qualities of St Peter’s Woodlands School Council Members” (no more than 2 pages in length) and a brief personal vitae, including contact details of two referees. Interested persons should contact Mrs Helen Lindquist (Executive Assistant to the Principal) to obtain a copy of the paper entitled “St Peter’s Woodlands Grammar School Incorporated, School Council/or Sub-Committee Membership”, that specifically outlines the preferred qualities required.

Chris Prance will attend the next PFA Committee meeting on Wednesday 3 September to outline the process. The due date for nominations is Friday 15 October, and they should be addressed to Mr Christopher Prance, Principal.

Cathy Mayfield, Chairman, SPW School Council
Sports News

SPORTS RESULTS

SOCCER
- SPW Year 4 Gold: 3 goals vs Highgate PS: 1 goal
- SPW Year 4 Blue: 2 goals vs St Joseph’s: 1 goal
- SPW Senior Gold: 7 goals vs Mitcham PS: 2 goals

NETBALL
- SPW Year 3 Magenta: 12 goals vs Glenelg PS: 1 goal
- SPW Pink Year 3: 5 goals vs SPW Aqua: 3 goals
- Seacliff PS: 12 goals vs SPW Aqua: 1 goal
- SPW Sky Team: 21 goals vs St Leonard’s PS: 11 goals

FOOTBALL
- SPW Year 2/3: 6.2 vs Brighton PS: 6.2

COACHING
Any parents who may be interested in coaching a Term 4 Sports team, could you please contact me as soon as possible to ensure that all requirements are able to be met prior to the first games next term.

SOCCER TOP RETURNS
Please return your child’s borrowed Soccer top to the Front Office, washed and in a NAMED Bag. It is essential the bag is named as we have many tops of the same number. Please return them by Friday 5 September.

YEAR 3 KANGA CRICKET
We are looking for a few extra Year 3 students who may be interested in playing Kanga Cricket on Saturdays 9.30-10.30am in Term 4. A few more players will allow us to enter 2 teams rather than 1 large, with a roster. Please email me if you are interested.

BASKETBALL TOP
Anyone who still has a Basketball Top from Term 1 and is NOT playing Basketball in Term 4, please return this top to the Front Office asap.

SOCOCER
A big thank you to all the wonderful parents who have assisted their child’s soccer coaches this season with refereeing, running a line, bringing oranges etc. All have been greatly appreciated.

TERM 4 CHANGES
A reminder please that all Term 4 Sport and Junior Primary Activities are required as soon as possible so players and teams can be registered and nominated.

If you have any questions or need any further information, feel free to contact me at any time on 0413 244 539 or email kwhelan@spw.sa.edu.au

Karen Whelan
Extra-Curricular Sports Administrator

RUN CLUBS
As well as getting fit for Football, Netball and Soccer, it is now that time of the year for some to focus on getting ready for District Athletics next week. So, I hope to see all aspiring athletes at Run Club.

YEAR 3 - 7 RUN CLUB/SPRINTS
Wednesday 8.15-8.40am Shelter Shed
Thursday 8.15-8.30am Shelter Shed
(Please wait on Chapel steps)

Thought for the Week

“IT’s not how good you are, it’s how good you want to be.”

Paul Arden
FRIDAY BEACH RUN
Friday  12.45-1.20pm  Meet at Sports Shed
(Lunches will be put in the Sports Shed to eat on return).

Students must have a water bottle, sports shoes, and a hat for all Run Club sessions.

SW SAPSASA DISTRICT ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS
Good luck to our team who are competing in the above championships at SANTOS next Thursday.

GOOD LUCK
Good Luck to Ruby L, Rosa T and Airlie R who are competing at the National Cross Country Championships in Albany, WA.

And…

CONGRATULATIONS TO…
Maddie R who recently represented Australia in Trampoline and won 2 gold medals at the Indo-Pacific Games in Sun City, South Africa.

And…

Alisa B who finished 4th at the National Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships and will now represent Australia in New Zealand, and hopes to go onto the USA to compete. Well done to Mum as well for Alisa’s fabulous costumes!

Email hbowen@spw.sa.edu.au

Huw Bowen
Coordinator, PE & Sports

Debating Results

TOPIC
That single sex schools are best. SPW Yellow were the affirmative team, and won their debate against Uraidla.

Uniform Shop

Breaking news! The new sports top is now in-stock! This exciting new track jacket style is to be worn instead of the current zip windcheater. I have all sizes available. At a reasonable $65, the new jacket is warmer and windproof. The old windcheater will be phased out at the end of 2016.

With the introduction of the new top I have been asked about the ‘old logo’ and when it will not be part of the uniform. The ‘old logo’ will be able to be worn until the end of 2015. After that time it will no longer be able to be worn. This has allowed a three year transition period for the old to new.

Summer uniform change over begins in just two weeks. I have all sizes of boys shirts and girls dresses available in store now.

Look forward to seeing you soon.

UNIFORM ORDER FORM
Please use the order form which can be downloaded from our website if you are unable to attend the shop during opening hours.

ADVANCE NOTICE
The Uniform Shop will be closed over camp days—Wednesday 10 September and Thursday 11 September.
UNIFORM SHOP HOURS
Monday to Thursday 8.15am to 9.00am
Monday to Thursday 2.30pm to 4.00pm

Tiona Ryan
Uniform Shop Manager

Canteen

CANTEEN MENU—THE PINES
CANTEEN MENU—R-7

NEW CANTEEN ITEMS
We have a few new items on our menu this term that have just come in. Firstly a new ice cream called a ‘Fandangle’ which comes in a Fairy Floss flavour and Choc Marshmallow flavour. They are amber approved and are only $2.00. There are also a couple a hot items on the menu which I’m sure some of the children will love; butter chicken with rice, and sweet and sour chicken with rice for only $4.50. They are made by Maria’s Kitchen which also supplies all the lovely pasta bakes. They are quite a generous size and really very yummy.

Please phone me on 7221 6216, or email me relphick@spw.sa.edu.au if you are able to assist in the Canteen. Thank you.

Rosy Elphick
Canteen Manager

Note from the Finance Office
The Finance Office received a school fee payment on 15 August with an incorrect BPAY reference code. We are unable to allocate the payment to the correct account. Please contact the Finance Office on 7221 6229 if you think it might be your payment.

SPW Financial Assistance Program
The new SPW Financial Assistance Program was launched this year to replace the previous School Card funding that was discontinued to Independent Schools this year as part of the new school funding arrangements introduced in 2014. For those families who successfully applied under the new program this year, the financial assistance has been applied in the recent Term 3 invoice for Terms 1-3. The final balance will be applied in Term 4. SPW will continue to offer the new Financial Assistance Program in 2015.

David Brock
Business Manager

Primary Maths Challenge—2 weeks to go
A reminder that Maths investigations are due to Mrs Day or Mrs Mangos by Week 8.
Please don’t hesitate to come and see us if you have any questions.

Mrs Tina Day
Learning Support Coordinator

Maths Attack
Maths games to take and play at home—new games every few weeks.
Where: Opposite Mr Theel’s office
This week : Fair Go – Dominos game

Mrs Angela Doan

Writing Competition
Entry is now open in the 2014 short story and poetry writing competition! Make sure you get your entry in before the 31 August 2014. Everybody has a story to tell and we would love to hear yours! Got a tale that could make us laugh or cry, shake with fear or sigh dreamily? Get writing and send us your 16 line poem or 500 word story and you could be a winner!
What would you do with a $1000 cash prize? Would you like an awesome Xbox One or Playstation 4 or how about an iPod Touch 16GB and an Xbox 360? Enter now at www.write4fun.net.

Chaplain’s Chat
FAIRNESS AND FORGIVENESS
Have you ever considered that line in the Lord’s Prayer “Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us”? It is quite a confronting thought. We are really asking God to only be as forgiving to us as we are prepared to be forgiving towards others. Or at a deeper psychological level, perhaps this invites us to realise that our ability to receive forgiveness from God is connected to our ability to forgive others and, importantly, to forgive ourselves.

The issue of forgiveness can be a pretty complex one especially if the hurt is deep. Having said that, it can be amazing to see people forgive each other for a hurt that has festered for years or even decades. The human capacity for reconciliation can be quite awesome even in the face of some terrible circumstances. No one can ever tell someone they have to be forgiving. Conversely, we should never discount that forgiveness may be possible if there is true and deep remorse and repentance. This is some of the hardest stuff that humans can do and so it was worth tackling it at a simple level in our Chapel this week. The parable of the Unforgiving Servant (Matthew 18:23-35) gave us a lot to think about, and we looked at some simple and concrete ways we can give and accept apologies when we need to.

Next week in Chapel we look forward to the Year 6 students sharing some of their insights from their unit of Inquiry on Religious Art. Thursday 28 August 8.45am in the Chapel. Stay for cuppa and cake after if you can. All welcome.

Fr Andrew Mintern
School Chaplain

Prayer for the Week
Dear God,

Help us to treat others as we would like to be treated.
Help us to be as forgiving to others as we would like others to be forgiving towards us.

Amen
SOIREE WINTER WONDERLAND
Wow! What a great night. Thank you to all who supported the Winter Wonderland Soiree on Saturday evening; it was a fabulous night of good fun and great food. The PFA would like to thank all who donated prizes, big and small. Congratulations to all who were successful with their bidding—you helped raise over $8,000.

SPORTS BARBECUES – AFTER SCHOOL EVERY MONDAY
As always, thank you to those who have volunteered their time on Monday. Thank you also to all who have supported the barbecues during the last term. The fundraising dollars have made it possible to buy new mobile soccer goals as well as more Junior Primary sports equipment. If you have a child participating in after school sports it would be greatly appreciated if you could volunteer for at least one barbecue. There is a roster on the window of the Shelter Shed. Please fill in your details on a week that suits you. Are you available from 2.30pm to 4.30pm on a Monday to help?

SATURDAY BARBECUE
This week is the last of the Saturday Soccer barbecues as we have reached the end of the season. So, tomorrow morning come along and purchase breakfast before or after the game. The Egg and Bacon muffins are certainly on their way to becoming famous around the pitches! Theoni—you’re a legend for organising this each week. You and your helpers have been wonderful.

If your child is playing soccer tomorrow at the school, please swing by and see if you can help out; your assistance is always greatly appreciated.

PFA MEETING WITH GUEST SPEAKER MARK LE MESSURIER
Come along to our next PFA meeting at 7.00pm on Wednesday 3 September. Following a brief meeting, guest speaker, Mark Le Messurier, will present his topic ‘Raising Beautiful Kids – Which window do you parent from?’ Mark is a teacher, counsellor and author who regularly presents at conferences and seminars throughout Australia. This is a “not to be missed” opportunity. A gold coin donation would be appreciated to help cover the costs of the nibbles, wine, tea and coffee on the night. Book via our Trybooking link.

FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST
The Fathers Day breakfast on Friday 5 September is being organised by our Year 6 parents and planning is currently underway. If you are a Year 6 parent, or any other year level parent and would like to help out, please contact the PFA.

WINE AND CHEESE NIGHT
Love your wine and cheese? Then save the date for the Wine and Cheese Night on Friday 19 September. You will be able to taste the SPW dozen carefully chosen by our wine guru Geoff Barker. More details will follow.

BEACHHOUSE LOCK-IN
Once again the Beachhouse Lock-In will be held at the end of this term on Friday 26 September from 3.45 to 5.45pm. The lock-in is always great fun and a fabulous way to end the term. Please put the date in your diary now.

CONTACT US
pfa@spw.sa.edu.au
Join us for the PFA meeting on 3 September at 7.00pm followed by Guest Speaker, Mark Le Messurier at 7.30pm

**Topic: Raising Beaut Kids - Which window do you parent your kids from?**

Mark Le Messurier is a teacher, counsellor and author. He regularly presents at conferences throughout Australasia and is a recipient of an Australian National Excellence in Teaching Award. Mark works in schools and in private practice in Adelaide with young people he affectionately calls ‘Tough Kids’.

He is the architect of the ‘Mentoring Program’ now running in many Catholic and state schools throughout Australia to support vulnerable students. Mark’s latest book - his 9th - RAISING BEAUT KIDS follows hot on the heels of PARENTING TOUGH KIDS which became an international best seller. Mark’s books will be available at the seminar for purchase, using cash or credit card.


You see, Beaut Kids just don’t happen! Children begin life by being naturally impulsive and self-motivated. They look to parents to show sound judgement, compassionate leadership and the capacity to develop predictable boundaries and routines. Kids need connected parents who can make the tough calls when required, even when making such calls inconveniences them. In short, our kids need parents that know, ‘when to say yes, and how to say no’. How parents do this often depends a lot more on their personal parenting style than on the kids themselves. Come and learn about your parenting style in a fun and interactive atmosphere.

RSVP is essential via www.trybooking.com/FQCQ
No cost event (gold coin donation to cover nibbles would be appreciated)
St Peter's Woodlands | 21st August 2014

OSHC NEWS
Welcome to Term 3 and OSHC. We have had increased bookings on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons and it has been a busy and successful start. A few reminders and some news!

Homework
Please let us know if you would like your child/children to do their homework as we are only too willing to help and supervise this.

Vacancies for Morning & Afternoon
We have vacancies for morning and afternoon sessions. Parents are welcome to book their children in on a casual basis. Please ensure you do this online using the parent portal. This will ensure our numbers for each session are staffed correctly.

Sign in/Sign out
It is a legal requirement that you sign your children in and out when you drop off and pick up. Please ensure you follow the protocol when signing your child in/out and ensure that each section is filled in correctly. Unfortunately if you are signing in/out more than one child you are unable to sign across boxes or use “ditto” marks.

Absentees
In the case that there has been a change in arrangements and your children will not be attending OSHC, would you please call the SPW OSHC number (0411 298 878) and leave a message. We would appreciate your assistance with this.

Toys, Games & Resources
Do you have any toys, dress ups and games that you no longer use or that have been stored away in the garage for years? With the increasingly growing number of children at OSHC, we are in need of more resources and would love them.

Thank you to the families who have donated resources to OSHC in the past. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Lost property
Please remember to check the OSHC lost property box. There is much to be collected.

HOW TO GET STARTED
Before using our programs register online for an account. This enables you to make bookings, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day. Registering is quick and easy. Visit www.campaustralia.com.au/newparents

Once registered
You can make bookings and cancellations, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day.

Save on Care
Save 50% or more on Before and After School Care with the Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343

Holiday Clubs
Don’t forget about the Camp Australia Holiday Clubs these school holidays. Use the Holiday Club Finder on the website to find the nearest program: www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs

Healthy Snacks
Afternoon tea is served daily. Menus are tailored to children’s tastes, developmental and nutritional needs. Afternoon tea includes a selection of yummy sandwiches and fruit. Children may also engage in fun cooking activities.

we make kids smile
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