



# St Peter's Lutheran School

## News Bulletin - Friday 22nd October 2021

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### Devotional Thoughts

#### Making choices: hidden dangers

by Carolyn Ehrlich

The whole plain of the Jordan toward Zoar was well watered, like the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt (Genesis 13:10).

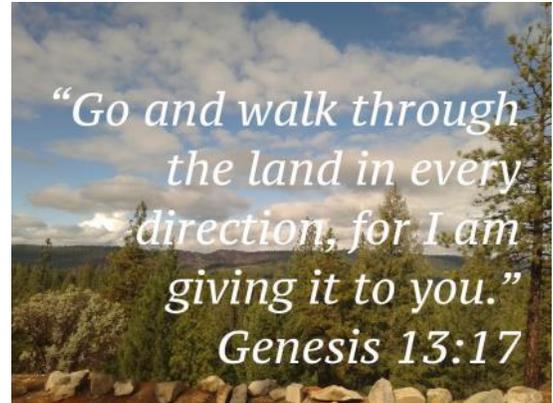
[Read Genesis 13:1-18](#)

Lot and Abram were family, and they had been blessed with such an increase in flocks and herds and tents that the land could not support them. The time had come for them to separate, to go their own ways, to make a choice. Lot got to choose first. He looked around and made a decision based on what he knew and understood. He knew and understood Egypt, and the plain of Jordan reminded him of Egypt. So, based on what he knew and understood, he made a responsible choice – he chose land that would support his family, herd and flocks. But there were unknown and hidden risks associated with his decision. Unwittingly, he had pitched his tents near Sodom, and the people of Sodom were wicked. So, did Lot make a good choice or a bad choice?

What does this mean for us? How do we make decisions? God has given us free will. He allows us to choose – just as Lot was able to choose. So, as we decide, how do we assess what is best? As we read further in this text, we note that Abram took what Lot did not. More importantly, the Lord was with Abram. God promised Abram. When Abram pitched his tent, he built an altar to the Lord. Yes, we choose. Yes, the choices we make are mostly responsible decisions. We weigh up the options, and then we decide. But in this text, we learn it is not so much the choice that is important but that God is with us. God with us changes everything. God with us protects us from evil, corruption and the things hidden from us but will harm us. God with us ... God with me ... God with you.

What we can see is never the whole picture. Even when we base our choices on what we think is sound and good information, we must have God with us.

***Father God, you have promised you will be with us until the end of the earth. You have promised that your sheep know your voice. You are a good, good Father who does have the whole picture and does have a complete plan. Help me hear your voice and follow your direction. Instil in me a heart that listens to you and does what you command. In Jesus' awesome name, I pray. Amen.***



# Awards

Toby King - Trying really hard to complete his class work in a timely manner.



Mercedes Paech - Developing healthy relationships with others & focussing on her resilience.

# Notices

## Important Dates

All the below dates are to the best of our knowledge and may change at short notice depending on COVID-19 restrictions.

### October 2021

### November 2021

1st - Student Free Day  
2nd - Melbourne Cup Public Holiday Student Free  
9th - Year 7 Transition DMSC  
12th - Dress Up Day  
16th - Kinder Transition Day  
18th - Year 7 Transition DMSC  
23rd - Kinder Transition Day  
30th - Kinder Transition Day

### December 2021

7th - State Wide Transition Day  
10th - Last Day Term 4 (normal finish time)

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## Transition Days

We are still waiting to hear if Transitions Days for both Prep and Year 7 can happen. We will confirm as soon as we know.

## Absent Days

If your child is going to be absent from school, please contact the office on 5389 1626 or email [admin@spls.vic.edu.au](mailto:admin@spls.vic.edu.au)

## Student Free Days

A reminder Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd November are student free days. There will be no buses running either day.

## No Hat No Play

Our No Hat No Play policy is back for Term 4 and Term 1. All students must have a broad brimmed hat to wear at recess and lunch. We have sunscreen for students to apply as well, however if you would like to provide your own, please send it with your child clearly labelled with your child's name.

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**THERE IS MORE  
TREASURE IN BOOKS  
THAN IN ALL THE  
PIRATES LOOT ON  
TREASURE ISLAND.**

*Walt Disney*

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# Supporting your child to start school in 2022

You are invited to a **free information session** to support parents and carers to understand what is involved in a positive transition to school and how this can be supported at home, as well as through strong links with children's kindergarten and school.

**Presented by:** Early childhood experts Louise Dorrat and Heather Barnes

**When:** Thursday 28 October, 7pm – 8pm

**Register:** <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/supporting-your-child-to-start-school-in-2022-wimmera-south-west-tickets-185378721747>



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