Welcome to all the Parents and students of the St Peter’s College Community.
One of the more enjoyable duties in the role of Principal is to announce the College Captains. I present to you the four young people who have been elected by their peers to lead the student body in 2010. Inspired by our patron, St Peter they are challenged to be leaders who:

- Lead and serve the College Community through word and action
- Support our College Ethos
- Encourage, motivate and challenge other members of the college community to work together
- Honour what has been established and explore and initiate new ways of enhancing the life of the college
- Are worthy ambassadors for the college

I congratulate them on their appointments and extend my support in the challenges of the year ahead.

**COLLEGE CAPTAINS**

**Glen Salter**
Glen is former student of Waverley Meadows Primary School. He is currently studying Physics, Religion and Society – Ethics, Chemistry, Specialist Maths, English and PE. Glen intends to pursue a career in Aeronautical Engineering and his hobbies include cricket and rugby.

**Elouise Johnson**
Elouise is a former student of Cardinia Primary School. She is currently studying Maths Methods, Japanese, Religion and Society, Certificate 2 in Auslan, English and Physical Education. Elouise intends to pursue a teaching career working with the hearing impaired and her hobbies include surfing, tennis, basketball and socialising with friends.

**Jace Henderson**
Jace is a former student of Langwarrin Park Primary School. He is currently studying Physical Education, Religion and Society – Ethics, Music, Further Maths, English and Visual Communication. Jace is considering further study or work next year and his hobbies include playing guitar, footy, tennis, surfing and socialising with friends.

**Kaitlyn Walker**
Kaitlyn is a former student of St. Agatha’s Primary School. She is currently studying Maths Methods, Japanese, Religion and Society-Ethics, Studio Art, English and Literature. Kaitlyn intends to pursue a teaching career and her hobbies include painting, drawing and shopping with friends.

**VICE CAPTAINS**

**Tim Hogan**

Tim Hogan
PRINCIPAL
**Important Notice**

We would like to ask the cooperation of parents in an important manner. One of our St Peter’s students is receiving vital medical treatment with drugs which lower resistance to infection. This treatment puts them at serious risk if they develop chicken pox, measles, mumps or shingles.

We ask that parents inform the school IMMEDIATELY if their own child develops any of these viral infections. This will ensure that the student concerned is not exposed to the virus. Your support is appreciated.

Elizabeth Hanney  
Deputy Principal

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**URGENT REMINDER**

**Travel Conveyance Allowance**  
Travel Conveyance Forms are now over due. *After Friday the 12th February (this Friday) forms will no longer be accepted.*

**Education Maintenance allowance**  
EMA forms must be returned to the office by *Tuesday 26th February.*

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**Anaphylaxis**  
(Severe Allergic Reaction)

**Does your child suffer from Anaphylaxis?**

St. Peter's Anaphylaxis Management Policy requires parents to complete an emergency procedure plan (ASCIA Action Plan) and provide medication (EpiPen) for those students at risk.

Please complete and return the attached ASCIA Action Plan with medication to the College Office as soon as possible.

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**ACCESS TO DISABLED PARKING**

A reminder to all parents and visitors to the college that the disabled parking bay must be used only by those holding the appropriate permit. Recently, this bay has been used by those accessing the front office but has prevented wheelchair access for a student. This bay is to be kept free at all times, unless for the direct use by those with a permit. We thank parents and visitors for their support in this regard.

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**CAREER NEWS**

A reminder for all Year 10 students that work experience is only 4 months away and that all forms must be completed and submitted early in term 2. Please hand all completed forms to your homeroom teacher or directly to myself. If you are having trouble finding an employer please make an appointment to come and discuss it with me.

For all year 12 students who are considering pathways into courses that require a folio, RMIT are running several folio preparation courses over the next few months. They include:

- 3D product design
- Visual/fine art
- Fashion drawing and design.

They are also running short courses in CAD, drawing techniques for architecture and drawing techniques for design. Please see me for more details or a brochure.

**Upcoming events:**

- **24th Feb, 6.30 pm**  
  An information session for anyone considering studying at the Australian Defence Force Academy in 2011.  
  Where: Defence Force Recruiting, Level 14, 501 Swanston Street, Melbourne.  
  To book your seat call 13 19 01. Parents and friends are welcome to attend.

- **26th – 28th Feb, 10am – 5pm**  
  Get practical advice on building a career in the trades from people who have successfully achieved their goal.  
  The Hands on Careers Expo, Melbourne Exhibition Centre  
  For more info go to [www.handsonexpo.com.au](http://www.handsonexpo.com.au) or call (02) 9572 9625

Shannon Maher  
Careers Coordinator
Congratulations

To Michelle Molinari who has had two of her artworks from Studio Art selected in the 2010 Season of Excellence Top Arts Exhibition to be held at the Ian Potter Gallery in Federation Square. To have two works selected is outstanding. To add to this Michelle’s work was represented in the 2009 Top Arts exhibition. It is a fantastic achievement and the St Peter’s community is very proud of her. Michelle is pursuing a career in the Arts and has been accepted into Melbourne University VCA to study Fine Art and we wish her every success.

Viv Hayes
Arts Co-ordinator

The Rock in 2010 and Beyond!

All applications for Student Reporters and Photographers must be complete and returned to Mr. D.J. Stretch by this Friday Lunchtime, 12th of Feb! Any students who missed Monday’s meeting can collect an application form from student reception or from Mr. Stretch.

Mr Stretch
Editor of The Rock in 2010

French Exchange 2011

With the 2010 Exchange Group about to jet off to Paris, the Year 10 French class and their families are invited to consider the prospect of going on exchange to France in January 2011 and of hosting a young French person in July 2011. Our sister school, St Michel de Picpus in Paris, has indicated that they would be prepared to receive a group of up to 10 St Peter’s students next year.

Expressions of interest and contact details will be taken during classes with the idea of setting up a penpal relationship with a student at St Michel. Only students who develop a successful relationship with their penpal will be considered.

Tracy Lockley
FRENCH TEACHER

Yr 11 Formal 2010

On Saturday 6th February the annual Yr 11 Formal Ball was held in the college hall attended by 160 guests. It was a wonderful way to begin the students senior education, in a relaxed and sociable atmosphere. Students, staff and parents had the opportunity to get to know each other, and I must commend the students on how wonderful they looked on the night! Thanks also to the Yr 11 Home Room teachers and staff who attended.

Ms Gina Goss
Yr 11 Coordinator

Homework Club

Educational research is inconclusive regarding controversial debate about the benefits of homework. If you have a son or daughter who is happy to quietly do their homework without a fuss, the issue most likely won’t be of particular interest to you. If however you have a child who groans about homework, who finds homework a challenge or who thinks that if they are working at school all day they should not have to work at home as well, then I imagine you will have very definite ideas on the subject! No doubt you will agree that there are times when homework can be a major source of family conflict and anxiety for both children and parents in the home.

St. Peter’s College may have a solution to your problem...Homework Club!

Situated at the rear of the Library, the Homework Club is a place for students to study and to receive 1-1 help with their homework and assignments. Students are encouraged to do their best in a helpful, positive and friendly environment. Attending Homework Club once or twice a week can enable students to take personal responsibility for managing their schoolwork commitments, to develop a study routine, self discipline, organisational and time management skills.

The Club runs from Monday to Thursday, 3:30-4:30pm and is available for all students, Years 7-12.

Clare Ziino
Special Programs Coordinator

Brotherhood of St Laurence

Saver Plus – Helping Victorians save

Would an extra $500 help cover your education costs? Saver Plus is a nationally-recognised program that pays people $1 for every $1 you save (up to $500) to help pay for education. By joining Saver Plus you could receive $500 to help pay for school items like computers, community activities, books and uniforms.

The program is Australia’s first matched savings program, designed to help people and families achieve a savings goal, establish a long-term saving habit and pay for education.

To be eligible you must have:

- A child attending school in 2010, or be intending to attend vocational training yourself in 2010-2011.
- A current health care card or pension card and
- Regular form of paid employment (yourself or partner).

Please contact Sandra Scott at Brotherhood of St Laurence on 8781 5937 or email sscott@bsl.org.au
The year 12 retreats were held last week at three locations. As always the focus was on “Servant Leadership in The Image of Jesus”. This theme was carried through to the liturgies by the scripture readings. We refer to this retreat as a “Leadership Retreat” as the students are encouraged to think about College Leadership this year and how each person can contribute to college life by word and example. Jesus says “I am amongst you as one who serves....” We are all called to serve God and each other, indeed we are called to see God in each other. None of us can understand the concept of servant leadership, the concept of serving others in the name of and in the image of Jesus, without knowing Jesus. With a knowledge of Jesus comes a knowledge of self. In Luke’s Gospel for last Sunday, we see Peter, a little reluctantly, say yes to Jesus when Jesus says “Put out into the deep, let down your nets”. Peter thought this was pointless, but said, “O.K, if you say so”. In listening to the voice of Jesus, a realisation came upon Peter that he was in the presence of great holiness, he said “depart from me Lord, I am a sinful man”. When we are willing to listen to the voice of Jesus because we accept that we don’t have all the answers, we are on the way to discipleship. A disciple will obey the Master until through their own experience they discover what the Master knows. Being a servant leader is part of discipleship because the model we follow is not a worldly model of leadership which is based on authority, but on Jesus’ model of love of the other, respect for the other and a desire to come closer to God in all we do. If we are truthful, each of us knows that we are sinners but equally truthful is the fact that Jesus gives us the means to grow in His likeness. If like Peter we say “Depart from me Lord, I am sinful” Like Peter we will be filled with grace and abundance, we will be called even closer to Jesus. Let us pray for the grace to come closer to Jesus and to embrace his Word just as St Peter did who was called to greatness in God’s service.

Reflection
“.........Then he said to them,"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” They received from him the nets of the Word of God, they cast them into the world as into a deep sea, and they caught the vast multitude of Christians that we can see and marvel at. Those two boats though, stood for the two peoples, Jews and Gentiles, synagogue and church........”
From a Sermon of St Augustine (248)

Prayer
Lord, you are our teacher, and we would ask you to be kind to us, your little children....May we all live in your peace; and as we journey toward your dwelling place, may we sail through the waters of sin in such a way that we remain untouched by the waves but carried along calmly by the Holy Spirit.

Clement of Alexandria
Deacon Tony Aspinall
College Chaplain

ST. AGATHA’S NEWS

WEEKDAY MASSES - Mass on Wednesday will be whole school Mass at St. Therese’s School Chapel at 9.30am for the beginning of the school year, likewise Mass on Thursday will be at St. Peter’s Hall.

4TH YEAR SEMINARIAN CHRIS KEAST - Will be completing his pastoral placement year in our Parish in 2010. Chris is studying for the Priesthood for the Military Ordinate (Diocese). He will be introducing himself at all Masses on 27/28th February. Chris will be part time in the Parish for the first of the year and full-time for the second half of 2010.

WANTED - A new organist to play at the 2nd & 4th Sunday’s of the month. Can you help? If so contact Sr. Mercy on 0403 423 021.

RAISE THE ROOF COMMITTEE - A new year has begun and we would like to announce our first event for the year. We will be having a ‘trivia night’ on Friday 26th February at 7.30pm. Tickets are $10 a head. Make up a table or we’ll make a table for you. Prizes, games and lots of fun for all. Tickets on sale after all Masses this weekend.

Greg Nelson
ST. AGATHA’S PARISH REPRESENTATIVE