Lent – Ash Wednesday
I commend our student leaders in the way they assisted Deacon Tony with our Ash Wednesday Paraliturgy last week. The ashes used last Wednesday remind us that we are indeed human and not God. The Lenten period gives us time to reflect on not only the presence of God in our lives but also our dependence on God. The world we live in will temp us to believe that through our human endeavours we can solve all, discover all and shape our world to our design. Lent reminds us that life is God-given and that we begin and end in God.

Canonisation of Mary McKillop
Over the weekend the Canonisation date for Mary McKillop was announced by Pope Benedict XVI. In teaching religious education to our students we will often refer to the various saints as examples of what it means to live a life based on Gospel Values. To have our own role model, who lived in our context and landscape and was part of our faith story strikes a chord especially for those who work in Catholic Education and to which Mary McKillop devoted her life. We give thanks for her life and her faith and look forward to October 17th the day of her canonisation which will be celebrated with great gusto around the nation.

Year 7, 2011 Information Evening
As you can see from the photo the earth works have commenced at the site of the Cranbourne East Campus of St Peter’s College which will be opened in February 2011. The information evening for applicants seeking enrolment at St Peter’s College in 2011 will take place on Wednesday the 24th of February in the Multi-Purpose Hall. The evening is open to students seeking enrolment at both Cranbourne East and Cranbourne West. The Information Evening will begin at 7.00 pm and will be followed by a tour of the facilities at Cranbourne West and a 3D tour of the facilities at Cranbourne East.
**New Website**
I encourage our Parents and Students to visit our new school website [www.stpeters.vic.edu.au](http://www.stpeters.vic.edu.au) which has been reconstructed over the last few months of 2009. We hope it is informative for our school community, presents our image strongly and proudly as a Catholic School and also enhances the communication process between home and school. The website will be updated on a weekly basis with school news, information and events.

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Tim Hogan
PRINCIPAL

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**Year 7 2011**
Enrolments for Year 7 2011 at both the Cranbourne West and Cranbourne East campus close on **Friday 12th March**.

A parent **Information Evening is being held on Wednesday 24th February at 7.00pm** in the Multi-purpose Hall. Tours will be held at the conclusion of the information session. Please contact the Registrar, Mrs Kelley Cooper, on 5996 6733 for further information or to receive an Enrolment Information Pack.

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**SIS INTERMEDIATE GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**
Round two of the SIS Volleyball competition saw the team travel to Padua Mornington last Friday afternoon. The girls continued their unbeaten record and convincingly defeated the opposition to take the match three sets to zero. Final scores were 25-14, 25-4 and 25-19. Congratulations to all of the girls on a fine effort.

Best Players: Page Bailey, Jade Gregory, Michelle Letele and Cathy Faamausili

Next Fridays match will be played against John Paul College.

Cathy Heijden
COACH

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**BOYS INTERMEDIATE CRICKET**
Game 2 was played at St Peters against Padua Mornington. We lost the toss and were bowling first. Padua Mornington made a very good total in 170. Our fielding was very poor dropping quite a few catches. The only bowler to take a wicket was Dan Martens with 2-23 off 4 overs. Tyrall Lazarus also bowled very well not taking a wicket but bowling tightly.

We then went in to bat and never really looked like getting the total only managing to get 90 runs. Sam Frawley top scored with 23 whilst Dan Martens made 16.

The next game is against John Paul College and if our fielding improves it should be a good game.

Matt Prosser and Dan Martens

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**ROUND 2 SENIOR CRICKET**
We played our second game at Padua College in Mornington. It turned out to be a very tight contest, with our team just winning in a game that could have gone either way.

**SCORES:** St. Peter's 7/147 def Padua 9/126
**BATTING:** Brendan Hunt(64), Andrew McInnes(29).
**BOWLING:** Adam Hanger(4/16), Todd Roscoe(3/26), Glen Salter(1/20) and Brad Tanner(1/22).

Mr Grant
COACH

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**SIS SENIOR GIRLS SOCCER VS WOODLEIGH**
With a large, enthusiastic crowd expected and the hope of some favourable 'home bias' decisions from referee Mr Parton, the girls kicked off against Woodleigh sufficiently "pumped" (a phrase I wasn't familiar with having recently arrived from England).

The highlight of the first half in which we dominated the game was undoubtedly Mel Oskan's 40 yard thunderbolt that deceived the opposition keeper by bouncing over her head! A half time 1-0 lead was just rewards for the effort levels and discipline shown in the first period. The second half was much tougher playing against the wind and although the commitment of the players was never in question, the shape and formation of the team suffered as fatigue set in. Finding themselves 3-1 down (did that goal go through your legs Jeorja?), the girls summoned one final effort and Helen Katsimalis went within a whisker of pulling a goal back – had this gone in .... who knows!

2 weeks, 2 leads at half time, 2 defeats (In the 2nd half: Goals scored = 0, Goals conceded = 7) – perhaps a fitness regime is required! Well done again to all the players for the way in which they conducted themselves in representing the College and lets see if we can get a victory (or at least even a 2nd half goal) next game.

Mr Broadley

(fearing the sack unless results improve!)
This year’s production will be a new musical adaptation of H.G. Wells The Time Machine. The script and lyrics have been written by Frank Carter and the music composed by Frank Carter and Bryce Ewing [guitar teacher at St. Peters]. Once again this production will be a world premiere and follows a proud tradition of original productions at the College{ To Kill a Mockingbird in 1998, For Art’s Sake in 2000, After Forever in 2002, A Midsummer Night’s Dream in 2004 and Gatsby in 2008}. At St Peter’s we have generally tried to stage plays written or adapted specifically for the diverse talents of our students. These shows have been created and shaped to showcase some of the unique vocal, dancing and acting talents of our students { as opposed to students having to fit often difficult roles designed for professional adult actors}.

The show will be a departure from previous productions in its visual and aural elements and many musical styles will be featured in the new songs we have written. The story is largely set in the distant future but offers some contemporary social commentary. The play focuses on the experiences of a Time Traveller who is dissatisfied with life in late 19th century England. He travels into the future only to discover that many of life’s difficulties and joys are both universal and timeless.

The Time Machine will be directed by Ms. Gina Goss who so brilliantly created the world of 1920’s America in Gatsby in 2008. She will be ably assisted by our wonderful choreographer, Kate Williams and gifted artistic director Carla Edgerton, as well as vocal coach Matt Sharp and many other staff and students who will help us create the world of the future. This production will provide opportunities for actors, singers and dancers of all ages , in both lead roles and selected chorus parts. Musicians and backstage people will also be involved in varying capacities.

There will be an official launch for The Time Machine at an assembly on March 9. This will feature some music, dance and dialogue from the show.

Audition forms, however, will be available at the front office from Feb. 24. These forms must be returned to the front office by March 11 at the latest.

Auditions will be held on Monday March 15 and Tuesday March 16. For the auditions, all students are asked to prepare a song of their choice, with or without backing { 1- 2 minutes will do}. Also all students should be prepared to read some lines, do a little improvisation and learn some dance steps. Auditions will be in groups of 4-6 with individual auditions for call backs. The audition should not be a daunting experience but should provide a great opportunity for students to show us what they can do.

The play will be performed at George Jenkins Theatre Frankston from August 24-28

Being involved in a production can be an unforgettable experience. It is a great way to meet new friends, have fun, learn new skills and be part of something unique. It’s time to get involved!

Mr. Frank Carter
Producer/Musical Director
On Tuesday 16th Feb I attended the Diocesan Launch of Project Compassion with our College Captains and the Liturgy and Social Justice Captains. The Launch was at Catholic College Sale and was led by Bishop Prowse. Our students had the opportunity to have a talk with the Bishop at the conclusion of the service. Bishop Prowse preached strongly on the need to be committed to Social Justice in the name of Jesus and His Church. He said that in our Diocese he did not want to see tokenism, for instance “Don’t fly the Aboriginal flag and do nothing to help end the unjust plight of the people…”

Bishop Prowse’s words were challenging, we often think that it is sufficient to drop a few coins in the Project Compassion box and that does everything, we are off the hook. Certainly those coins do wonders, keep them coming! But we are asked to do much more, we are asked to look at the causes of such injustice, understand the human cost of government corruption and civil wars. If we are to make a real difference in the lives of the world’s poor we can not be passive. Change requires action, action requires commitment which is born of compassion.

To begin Lent we held liturgies for the whole school to receive ashes on their forehead. Once again we must avoid tokenism, the sign on the forehead is the outward sign of inward conversion and commitment. During this period before Easter let us try to commit to prayer and the sacraments if they are lacking in our lives. The sacrament of reconciliation is a wonderful way of beginning again.

The first CSYMA (Catholic Schools Youth Ministry Australia) class was held at St Peter’s with a class of 26 students. Mr James Roberts (Director of Learning) and myself are teaching this class. We are very excited at the level of interest shown in this project and look forward to the year ahead. The number of applications from students far exceeded expectations and this meant that some students were unfortunately not able to be part of the class. We hope to involve all those who showed interest in as many CSYMA activities as possible.

**ST. AGATHA’S NEWS**

**YOUTH MEETING [YRS7-9]** - Please join us on Sunday 28th February at 7pm [after the 6pm Mass] in the St. Agatha’s Hall for our first youth meeting for this year. For further enquiries contact Yani Barroso on 0423 329 454.

**RAISE THE ROOF COMMITTEE** - Our first fundraiser for the year is a Trivia Night - to be held on Friday 26th February at 7.30pm. Tickets are $10 a head. Make up a table or we’ll make up a table for you. Prizes, games and lots of fun for all! Tickets on sale after all Masses this weekend.

**YOUNG MEN OF GOD – “COAST WEEKEND”** - Young men aged 16-35 are invited to join us for a camping weekend at Wilson-d Promontory National Park from Friday 26th Feb till Sunday 28th Feb. Cost $40 per person includes park fees & meals. BYO tent & Bedding. Help with transport available. For further info please text Luke O’Connor 0437 842 272.

Greg Nelson
ST. AGATHA-SPARISH REPRESENTATIVE