FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Student Leadership Assemblies
This week our year 12 leaders have conducted year level assemblies in preparation for the election of students to the Student Representative Council and Year Level Forums. In this process the model of servant leadership inspired by our patron St. Peter becomes our focus and emphasis in teaching our students about leadership. We believe that through mentoring and providing worthwhile opportunities for leadership throughout the year we assist our leaders in the development of their leadership skills with a focus on service for others. Over the next week I encourage parents to talk to their sons and daughters about the benefits of taking on leadership positions and what is expected from students who take on these positions at St. Peter’s College.

Bishop Prowse Visit
On Tuesday of next week Bishop Prowse will visit St Peters to talk to our Year 12 students as part of their Religious Education studies in Ethics. Bishop Prowse is a former lecturer in Moral Theology at Catholic Theological College and is renowned for his engaging and challenging presentations. Following the presentation Bishop Prowse and Fr Wise our Canonical Administrator will meet with staff for morning tea.

Japanese Exchange Students
Our Japanese exchange students, Miss Rino Nakamura and Miss Madoka Uemura from Sapporo Seishu High School arrive next week to begin their short stay at St Peter’s. My thanks to the families who have generously offered to host our exchange students and our LOTE co-ordinator, Miss Melissa Faulkner for ensuring that this vital educational program runs in a successful manner.

Parents and Friends Association
I have attached to this week’s newsletter the program of staff guest speakers who will attend the Parents and Friends meetings throughout the year. A broad range of topics are presented and they provide an opportunity for parents to meet some of our teachers as well as be informed of some of the key issues effecting education. The meetings are open to all parents and begin at 7.30 pm in the staff room. The Parents and Friends Association has a fundraising focus with our students being the ultimate beneficiaries of their hard work, new parents are warmly welcomed.

National Curriculum
Parents will be aware through the media of the new national Curriculum which is now available on the ACARA website at http://www.acara.edu.au/. The Draft Curriculum for K-10 which includes Maths, English, Science and History will go through a consultation phase from March 1st to May 23rd of this year. The National Curriculum is being targeted for implementation in 2012 and I encourage parents to view the new curriculum and provide feedback through the appropriate channels.

Tim Hogan
PRINCIPAL

YEAR 7 2011
APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON FRIDAY 12TH MARCH.
For both the Cranbourne West and Cranbourne East campus’.
Please contact the Registrar, Mrs Kelley Cooper, on 5996 6733 for further information or to receive an Enrolment Pack.

Please visit our new website:
www.stpeters.vic.edu.au
PARENT & TEACHER PARTNERSHIP

It is hoped that all students have now settled into their studies for 2010. Successful learning requires concerted effort on the part of each student, backed up by support and encouragement from teachers and parents. This year, all Home Room teachers have made contact with families either by phone or personal contact. Added to this, we thank the many parents who attended the Parent Information Nights for each year level. Together, these opportunities for teachers and parent to communicate about our students enable an optimal start to the school year. We thank parents who have supported these opportunities and I thank all Home Room teachers for their great pastoral commitment to the students in their care.

In addition, this term, all parents are invited to attend the Parent Teacher Interviews to be conducted on the final two days of Term. All teachers welcome the opportunity to provide parents with a verbal progress report on student performance in each subject. It is also most useful in identifying and discussing ways in which students can improve and excel. Please note the following dates and times and mark your diaries as they form a very important aspect of the value we place on two way communication, in respect of the education of your son and daughter at the start of their new year level:

THURSDAY 25 March : 4.00 – 8.30pm
FRIDAY 26 March : 9.00 – 12.30pm  (Please note this date is a STUDENT FREE DAY. Normal classes will not be conducted. However, students are asked to accompany their parents to any Parent/Teacher Interviews scheduled for this day).

Once again appointments for these interviews will be arranged through our College Website. Details will be included in the newsletter next week as well as a mail out to all families outlining the process and the password required.

Please note these dates and contact the school with any queries. I look forward to seeing many families at the end of term.

ELIZABETH HANNEY
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

HINTS FOR PARENTS part 1
Some simple but important ways to assist your children with the demands of school, learning and study.

1. Take an active, supportive and positive interest in your children’s education. Enquire about marks and results for the various pieces of assessment such as written assignments, research topics, essays, class tests and examinations. Your enquiry and support of the good results, as well as the inevitable few disappointing results, can help to set goals and encourage a positive overview of strengths, and weaknesses to be corrected. This type of enquiry helps to keep you in touch with progress and removes the drama of shocks, surprises and excuses. It also helps to facilitate positive discussion with Teachers, when or as required.

2. Get to know the subjects they are studying - students especially in senior school receive course outlines at the beginning of each semester or new section of work etc.

3. Read through their file occasionally - encouraging neatness and organisation. Remember to encourage quality not perfection or doing it exactly your way.

4. Encourage them to develop good study habits. For example, a study plan, revising for tests, completing work on time and use of the School Record Book. Most students find setting up study plans quite difficult, whereas adults generally are good time managers. Once study/homework plans have been set up they must constantly be revised as circumstances change. Discuss the plan regularly with your child more out of support and positive advice and to ensure there is a plan to work the required number of hours a night at the home level.

On Monday 1 March 2010, the Australia Curriculum, assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) published draft K-10 Australian Curriculum in English, Mathematics, Science and History for a period of national consultation from not only teachers but also parents and students. The consultation period closes on 23 May 2010. The draft curriculum and all the resources required to provide feedback are published at: www.australiancurriculum.edu.au. At this address, you will find the curriculum which you can comment on, a survey which you can complete and other resources such as videos, information sheets and frequently asked questions. On visiting the website, you will need to register your details in a simple process that will provide you with an ongoing login and password and ensures you the opportunity to save and return to your feedback over time if you wish. The draft curriculum in the same four learning areas, for the senior secondary years, will be published online and available for public consultation between April and June 2010. More details on consultation on the senior years’ curriculum will be provided during March. ACARA will refine the curriculum in response to feedback and publish a final version of the K-12 Curriculum in English, Mathematics, Science and History in September 2010.

Parent Seminar Series 2010
A PROGRAM FOR PARENTS, CARERS AND GUARDIANS OF STUDENTS IN CATHOLIC PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

TOPIC: EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE
Presenters: Cathy O’Brien, Michelle Miller and Anna Ricciardello
Date: 17th MARCH 2010 7pm-9pm
Where: Our Lady of Victories, Camberwell
All seminars cost $10 per person
Registration/Further Information Contact Mrs Shirley O’Sullivan on 9464 5225 or email shirley@stclaresthomastown.catholic.edu.au
**BEHAVIOUR ON SCHOOL BUSES**

Students need to be aware that poor behaviour on our school buses reflects poorly on them and the College. Students are required to act in a polite courteous, non-disruptive manner whilst travelling on our buses. Any breach of these standards will result in consequences.

Continued breaches of these standards may result in the student being prohibited from travelling on the bus.

Students should note that inappropriate behaviour will invariably result in the school being informed.

Mr Banks
Deputy Principal

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**Career News**

**WORK EXPERIENCE** - A reminder to all year 10's that your work experience forms are to be completed, signed and returned to the school by the **19th March**. This means you have just under 3 weeks to contact employers and get the forms organised.

**MOODLE** - There is quite a bit of information on the school's Moodle site about upcoming careers events. Please feel free to access the site for career news.

**OPEN DAYS** - University open day dates have started to be released. These provide students with insight into uni life and gives them access to staff members and students, who they can ask directly about their chosen courses. Please contact the careers room for more info about open days.

**UMAT** - The Undergraduate Medicine & Health Sciences Admission Test will be held on 28 July, 2010 (registrations open April). The UMAT is used in selecting students for some courses, such as, medicine, biomedical science, health sciences, physio and dentistry. Please check in the VTAC guide or with myself if you are unsure if this test applies to you.

Shannon Maher
Careers Coordinator

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Andy Broadley – COACH
Congratulations on another great win. The girls remain undefeated and are currently in first place on the ladder.
Scores: 25-19, 25-14, 15-25
Best Players: Tayler Banks, Cathy Faamausili and Rachel Clark

Cathy Heijden – COACH

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Superb bowling by Ben Milano and Todd Roscoe, outstanding catching by Andrew McInnes together with Adam Hanger (56 not out) guided SPC to an Excellent win. Sean Hinkely also played a steady role with runs under pressure.
SPC now are in the SIS finals.
Paul Gyulavary and Pat Grant - COACHES

And a voice came from the cloud saying, ‘This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.’ This line came from the Gospel on Sunday which was the story of the Transfiguration. All three Synoptic Gospels record this story with very little variation indicating the significance and impact this event had on the lives of the disciples. God’s voice from the cloud claims Jesus as His Son and that we must listen to what Jesus was saying. This is still true for us today. The Transfiguration is not a once off event for Jesus alone. It is a moveable feast for all of us who have become God’s sons and daughters. We must listen closely to the message of the Gospel and allow it to transform our lives.

The transfiguration of Jesus is a reminder of the transformation of attitude and action required of us to deepen our relationship with God. We are called to place our trust in God’s transforming love. We are asked to transform our vision and values and use our generosity however big or small to bring about transformation for those who are oppressed. We are to be Christ to those who suffer extreme poverty, injustice and violence. We can do this by generously supporting the work of Project Compassion.

Project Compassion is Caritas Australia’s major annual fundraising and education campaign which began on Ash Wednesday. Every student was given a Project Compassion box to take home and collect money over the season of Lent. One of the three pillars of Lent is Almsgiving. This is a wonderful opportunity to be the transforming love of God in our world.

2nd Week of Lent
(School week beginning 1st March)

Project Compassion, Week 2, brings you the story of Teneille from Derby, Western Australia.

Poverty, low family literacy levels, poor health and limited job opportunities are some of the known issues impacting on the school attendance and academic performance of Indigenous children. Teneille is 9 years old and attends the Kids Future Club, an initiative supported by Caritas Australia. Through involving the whole family, this program is empowering children to attend primary school, have healthy and nutritious food, and improve their literacy and numeracy skills.

Your donation to Caritas Australia’s Project Compassion helps to work towards achieving universal primary education for all children.

PRAYER

Father of light,
in You is found no shadow of change
but only the fullness of life and limitless truth.
Open our hearts to the voice of Your Word
and free us from the original darkness
that shadows our vision.
Restore our sight that we may look upon Your Son
who calls us to repentance and a change of heart,
for he lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

Bernadette Tolan
Religious Education Leader