FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Our school assemblies during the course of the school year give us an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our students in the many facets of school life. Over their six years at the school it is my hope that all of our students will be recognised at some stage for their contribution to this community. They will have to earn this recognition but this is as it should be for feelings of pride in any achievement are directly proportional to the hard work that has been put in to get there. We educate the whole person therefore we will recognise a variety of contributions to college life including academic excellence, sporting achievement, excellence in the performing and visual arts and service for others through social justice and student leadership.

It is important to acknowledge all those who are striving to give of their best and when we as a community warmly acknowledge and say - well done - we give all of our students the freedom and encouragement to give of their best as well.

[We welcome our visitors from Sapporo Seishu High School at the school Assembly on Tuesday]

At this week’s assembly the following items were listed for the agenda:

- Welcome of our Japanese Exchange students
- Student Leaders fundraising initiative for Harmony Day
- Presentation of our SRC representatives for each year level
- Acknowledgment of students who designed Christmas Cards for the Parents & Friends fundraiser.
- Presentations of the Age group Swimming Champions
- Launch of the College Production – Time Machine

SCHOOL PRODUCTION “THE TIME MACHINE”

The Bi-annual school production for St Peter’s College was launched at this week’s School Assembly. The production titled “The Time Machine” is a musical adaptation of the H.G Wells novel of the same name. The creative team behind this year’s production includes Musical Director and Producer Mr Frank Carter, Director Ms Gina Goss, Choreographer Ms Kate Williams, Artistic Director Ms Carla Edgerton, Voice Coach Mr Matthew Sharpe and Mr Bryce Ewing assisting with music. The production will be staged over 4 nights from the 25th to the 28th of August at the George Jenkins Theatre at Monash University in Frankston. Going by the brief performance given by some of our senior students at this week’s assembly to promote the audition process, we have much to look forward to on opening night.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS

A reminder and invitation to all that the next Parents & Friends meeting is scheduled for Tuesday the 16th of March. The meeting will feature guest presenters Andrew Broadly and Rosalie Williams from the teaching staff, who will talk of their extensive teaching experience in the United Kingdom. The meeting begins at 7.30pm in the staffroom.

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.

Parents & Friends
Association
Next Meeting
Tuesday 16th March
7.30pm in the Staffroom
Guest Presenters:
Mrs Rosalie Williams & Mr Andrew Broadley

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Parent Teacher Interviews will take place on Thursday 25 March (4.00 – 8.30pm) and Friday 26 March (9.00 – 12.30pm).
By the end of next week, all families will have received instructions for making interview times with teachers, via the college website.

Please make a note of these dates as an important opportunity for parents, students and teachers to discuss learning progress at this mid point in the semester.

All students are asked to attend the interviews with parents. Students doing so on Thursday will be required to attend in full school uniform or change completely. To ensure that the uniform is worn correctly at all times, we ask students to wear either option FULLY! As Friday is a STUDENT FREE DAY, students may wear casual clothes.

Any parent unable to access the college website or with a query on our Interview process is invited to contact the college office for further assistance.

Elizabeth Hanney
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

HINTS FOR PARENTS
PART 2
Simple but important ways to assist your children with the demands of school, learning and study.

1. Keep in contact with your child’s teachers - the vast majority of teachers are only too happy to give extra help to students if they are struggling. If there is anything going on in their life that may affect performance at school, then consider letting their Home Room Teacher know.

2. Ensure that your child has the right equipment - paper, pens, pencils, ruler, dictionary and calculator. (An amazing number of students waste time borrowing these from classmates).

3. Provide a supportive study environment - ideally this should be in a quiet place away from the family, television, phones and computer/internet if not required where study can be done on a regular basis and where books etc. can be left safely.

4. DON’T LECTURE
It may be true that ‘in your day...’ but your child needs help not moralising.

5. EDUCATION HAS NOT BECOME EASIER
Even if courses had the same content as twenty years ago - they don’t, they have much more - there is so much competition for that job or that place in university or TAFE, that today’s student must work just as hard if not harder to achieve their goals.

Interim Reports
Teachers are currently writing Interim Reports which will be sent home next week. Part of this reporting cycle are the Parent/Teacher Interviews that occur at the end if the term. While in most cases teachers will request interviews where there is a concern, please do not hesitate to make a interview time if there is an issue you would like to discuss with them.

James Roberts
Director of Learning
Students from Years 10 and 11 who study Japanese are invited to participate in a three week Study Tour of Japan. The tour will be led by Miss Karyn McMenamin and will depart Australia on Friday 10th September. The group will then participate in a 2 week exchange program at Sapporo Seishu High School where they will be accommodated in home stays. After this they will tour Japan for one week and visit Tokyo, Kyoto and Hiroshima. The group will return to Australia on Thursday 30th September. The tickets have not been booked at this stage, so the dates which are published here may change slightly.

Additionally there is an opportunity for Japanese students from years 10 to elect to participate in a 3 month exchange at Sapporo Seishu High School. Students who choose to be a part of this program will travel with the 3 week group and accompany them on the first 3 weeks of the tour. When this group returns to Australia, the 3 month exchange students will stay at Sapporo Seishu High School for a further 9 weeks.

Both programs provide amazing opportunities for students to immerse themselves in Japanese language and culture. We ask students who are interested in participating in this program to pass their names to their Japanese teacher so that we can get an initial estimate of numbers.

There will be a information evening on Wednesday 14th April at 7.30 in Clancy 4.

Please visit our new website: www.stpeters.vic.edu.au

Sporting News

Senior Girls Basketball

Last Thursday the Year 11 and 12 girls played Flinders/Tyabb at the Casey Indoor Centre for SIS Girls Basketball. Despite the girls best efforts in the warm conditions, we were unable to come home with a win (scores 58-34). All girls played well and a special mention to Liz Tomkins who top scored on 7 points. Let’s hope we can take home a win in the final round next week. Team members: Laura Francis, Georgia McLaren, Elizabeth Tomkins, Caitlyn Van Den Elst, Chloe Simpson, Kristen Poulter and Meaghan Vander Ree.

Rhiannon Clark
Coach

Girls Handball

On Friday 26th Feb, the Intermediate Girls Handball team travelled to John Paul College for Round 3 of the competition. The team was previously undefeated and were looking to continue this run against a strong John Paul team. It was yet another strong start by the girls who shot out to a 6- 2 lead. They continued their form with a strong start to the second half to be leading 10 – 4, but then John Paul started to swing back the momentum. It probably could have been closer if it wasn’t for the great keeping yet again by Bree Sutton. St Peters were able to remain calm and stick to the game plan to come away with 13 – 10 win to remain undefeated and sit on top of the ladder.

Justin De Goldi
Coach

Congratulations:

Congratulations to the following 2 students who have achieved fantastic sporting results.

A couple of weeks ago Lauren Halstead represented the College and the Interschool Show Jumping competition. In the first round Lauren placed in 2nd position, and in the Grand Prix round, she placed 1st which meant she was crowned overall champion! Congratulations to Lauren, a fantastic effort!

Jasmine Carroll competed in the Victorian Track and Field Championships last weekend. She finished in 2nd place in the javelin and shot put, and 4th in the discus. She has now been selected in the state team to compete at the National Track and Field Championships to be held in Sydney at the end of the month. Congratulations Jasmine!

Justin De Goldi
Sports Coordinator
HARMONY DAY

Monday 22 March is HARMONY DAY. On this day, we will celebrate the rich and diverse cultures which exist within our community. The theme of the day is ‘Everyone Belongs’ and all students are invited to participate and celebrate. This day will form the basis of our major Lenten Fundraiser for Caritas.

So, what’s happening……

On Monday 22 March, come dressed in the National Dress of your country of Origin. Alternatively you may wish to wear the National colours from your family heritage. All students wearing National Dress are asked to make a Gold Coin Donation.

During the day there will be a costume parade, food sales, a Staff/Student Soccer match and a lunchtime concert. We will begin the day with an assembly, which will include prayer and reflections on multiculturalism, respect and an embrace of the many cultures who make our school such a vibrant community.

All students are invited to think about their National Dress on the day and ensure that they bring Gold coins to raise funds for Caritas.

Year 12 leaders will be promoting HARMONY day so stay tuned for more details.

ST. AGATHA’S NEWS

WE WELCOME Chris Keast to our Parish this weekend. Chris is a 4th year Seminarian for the Priesthood at Corpus Christi College in Carlton and will be with us this year on his Parish placement.

ALTAR SERVERS 2010: Those in Grade 5 or above who would like to be an Altar Server in the Parish this year, or present Servers who wish to renew their commitment for this year are asked to collect an enrolment form from the Sacristy. These completed forms must be returned to Fr.Wise in the sacristy or at the Parish Office.

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

FIRST RECONCILIATION: Our Parent/Child Workshops commence on Tuesday 16th March at 5pm & 7.30pm respectively. It is essential that children attend this workshop with their parents at your chosen time. Times are posted in the Church foyer, School notice board & St Agatha’s Hall door. A reminder to parents that levies are to be paid by Tuesday 16th March.


Greg Nelson
ST. AGATHA’S PARISH REPRESENTATIVE

COLLEGE UNIFORM SHOP

REMINDER
WINTER UNIFORM
FOR BEGINNING TERM 2

The College Uniform Shop is open
Monday from 1pm to 5pm.

Please note that the Uniform Shop is NOT OPEN during the school holidays

PARENT SEMINAR SERIES 2010

Raising Mighty Boys
Presenter: Michael Grose

This seminar will provide a better understanding of the needs of boys so you can adapt your parenting. You will get essential information and lots of strategies and some reassurance to help you raise your mighty boys into mighty fine men.

7pm-9pm
12 May St. Margaret Mary’s Brunswick North
25 May Our lady of the Southern Cross, Wyndham Vale
11 Aug St. Anthony’s, Glen Huntly
18 Aug St. Thomas the Apostle, Greensborough North
31 Aug Sacred Heart, Kyneton

Sugar & Spice
Presenter: Rhonda Briscoe

How to help girls grow up. Based on years of working with girls, teachers and parents, this seminar will address issues affecting girls today.

7pm-9pm
22 Apr St. Mary’s Williamstown
6 May Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove
11 May Marian College, Sunshine West
18 May our Lady of Perpetual Help, Ringwood
8 Jun St. Columbia’s, Essendon
17 Jun Sacred Heart, Newtown
4 Aug St. Mary’s Thornbury