FROM THE PRINCIPAL

French Exchange Returns
God was certainly smiling on us as our students and Mrs Jacqui Gunovich left Paris on one of the last flights before all flights were cancelled due to the volcanic eruptions in Iceland. It is pleasing to have them all home safely. Our students have thoroughly enjoyed their exchange and St Michel De Picpus has looked after them well as they explored and sampled some of the highlights of French culture, including trips to the Notre Dame Cathedral, the Eiffel Tower and Aux en Provence.

Aside from taking in the highlights of Paris our students attended regular classes across the curriculum at St Michel which is a Catholic Secondary school of over 3000 students. A number of students from St Michel who hosted our students in France will visit St Peters in term 3 this year. This photo and others from the three week exchange will be available on our school website over the coming weeks.

My thanks to Mrs Gunovich for her work on the exchange and to French Teacher Ms Lockley and Ms Faulkner our Exchange co-ordinator who have worked diligently to ensure this program marks the development of a strong educational relationship between the two schools.

Catholic Education Week
Catholic Education Week will be celebrated in the Diocese of Sale from April 30th to Friday May 7th. As part of the celebration a number of staff members from across the Diocese of Sale will be honoured with 25 year service awards for their contribution to Catholic Education. 25 years of service is a remarkable achievement and the commitment and support these individuals have given to Catholic Education has allowed it to grow into the fine Education System that it is today.

I congratulate the staff members from our school receiving 25 year service awards: Anita Carter & Frank Carter, Eileen Selfridge, Barry Fisher, Annette Marschner, Shaun Parton and Greg Nelson.

College Board Representatives
At the close of nominations for the two Parent Representative positions on the College Board, nominations were received from current chairperson Mr Robert Carboon and Mr Stephen Van Der Velden. Both nominees are duly elected for a two year term.

Mr. Ian Elwood has been elected as Staff Representative on the College Board for a two year term.

I congratulate all elected nominees and thank the outgoing members of the College Board Ms Melissa Faulkner and Mrs Lorraine DeMello for their contribution over the last two years.

Mr Tim Hogan
PRINCIPAL
UNIFORM REMINDERS

- Wearing the College tie becomes compulsory with the winter uniform. The top button must be done up and the tie should be pulled up to the collar.
- Approved College scarves may be worn with the uniform. However, they are not to hide the incorrect wearing of the tie (as mentioned above)
- The blazer should be worn to and from school (including to morning homeroom)

ANTI BULLYING SESSIONS

As mentioned in the last newsletter, our student body participated in anti bullying sessions last Thursday and Friday.

The fact that every student in the College was involved in these sessions indicates how seriously we, as a College community, view the issue of bullying.

The sessions consisted of the students completing a survey on Thursday, as well as talking about our Bullying Policy.

On Friday, each year level did various activities to raise the awareness of the bullying issue and point out the importance of the Role of the Bystander.

Studies have shown that if someone from within the peer group stand up against bullying, then in more than half of the occasions, the bullying will stop.

It would be appreciated that the policy (sent home in the last newsletter) is also talked about on the home front, to reinforce the points and strategies mentioned.

A special thanks to the Year 11 Peer Support Leaders who conducted the sessions with the Year Seven’s and to the Year 12 Students who conducted the sessions with the Year Eight’s (on a volunteer basis).

Also a big thank you to our Director of Student Welfare, Mrs Anita Carter, who oversaw the entire programme, as well as the other staff who played an important part in conducting the sessions.

Mr Anthony Banks
Deputy Principal

Study Skills

On May the 3rd our Yr 11 and 12 students will be participating in follow up study skill seminars from Term 1. The skills learnt in these seminars are valuable not only for their immediate studies but also for their future study regardless at what level that may be.

NAPLAN

Year 7 and 9 students will undertake NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy) testing from May 11 to May 13. The data from this testing provides us with information on the learning of our students, both individually and as a larger group. We see this testing as providing us a valuable tool to improve outcomes for all students. As such, attendance and participation in this testing program is compulsory for all students.

National Curriculum

A reminder to all parents, students and interested members of our learning community, the consultation (opportunity for feedback) period for the Draft National Curriculum K-10 closes on the 23rd of May. Currently, the Subject Coordinators and Curriculum Committee are reviewing the National Curriculum and as a school we will provide feedback to ACARA who are the body responsible for its development. I encourage everyone to make a personal response on this significant development in Australia’s education future. Documents can be viewed at australiancurriculum.edu.au

James Roberts
Director of Learning

CAREER NEWS

Year 12 Career Information

There are a range of revision classes and information sessions coming up to assist Year 12 students with their VCE studies and career choices for the future.

Mid Year Exam revision lectures

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<td>Access Education</td>
<td>Accounting, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Psychology.</td>
<td>$37 per subject or $31 for group bookings (5+)</td>
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<td>The School for Excellence (TSX)</td>
<td>Accounting, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Psychology. Also Mastering the Exams</td>
<td>$95 per subject</td>
<td>Sessions run between 22nd May and 30th May</td>
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*Please see me for more details and enrolment forms.

REMINDER: The Age VCE and Careers Expo is on this weekend!!

From Friday 23rd – Sunday 25th April at Caulfield Racecourse. It is attended by a majority of the major TAFE’s and Universities and is the first major careers event of the year. There will be over 100 seminars running during the 3 days, including subject specific presentations and presentations from individual institutes. Tickets are
$10 and are valid for all 3 days of the expo. For more info please visit the careers room or contact the school.

**Interested in a career in Sports Medicine?**

There are several information sessions coming up in the next few months.

- **Olympic Park Sports Medicine Centre** – Friday 28th May
  Registration from 6.30pm-7pm, Starts at 7.30pm
  Located within the new Melbourne Rectangular Stadium,
  Olympic Park Boulevard, Melbourne.
  Cost $25.

- **Careers in Sports Medicine and Science Seminar** – Sunday 23rd May
  9.30am – 1.30pm
  Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre
  Aughie Drive, Albert Park
  Students $35, Parents $25

- **Student Careers Night** – Wed 16th June and Wed 8th September
  7pm – 8.30 pm
  The Sports Injury Clinic,
  Nepean Highway, Frankston

Remember to check Moodle each fortnight for the Career News update!

Mrs Maher
Careers Coordinator

**Thank You**

St. Peter’s College would like to thank the following families who recently opened up their homes and hosted a Japanese exchange student.

- Emily and Tom Cope’s family
- Jysica and Jack Keen’s family
- Braedan and Tarryn Johnson’s family
- Elouise Johnson’s family

These families went to great lengths to make Rino and Madoka feel welcome. They cared for and watched over the exchange students and allowed them to become part of their family life. The success of the exchange programs depends on the generosity of families such as these. Our community greatly appreciates the kindness that these families extended to our visitors. Thank-you very much.

Melissa Faulkner
LOTE 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

**Student Achievements**

Congratulations to Dayne De Monte who was also selected to play cricket for the Aus Lanka Cricket Academy squad that toured Sri Lanka for 12 days over the Term one holidays. Dayne joined fellow St Peters College team members, Corey Milano, Ben Milano, Shannon Wijeyatunge and Zac Davis. The team had a successful tour and a very fulfilling experience playing at the top international grounds in the country. They played 5 one day matches over the tour. Congratulations to all of the boys.

Cathy Heijden
Sports Teacher

**Equestrian News**

On March 27th, Brittany Jubb, Jessica Dexter and Tayla Gillies represented St Peters College at the Dressage and Combined Training Equestrian event held at Flinders Community College. Both Brittany and Tayla finished 1st in their events, and the college finished 2nd overall. Congratulations girls on a fantastic effort!

Justin De Goldi
Sports Co-Ordinator
Friday, 2nd July 2010 at 7.30pm.
St. Peter’s College Hall.
Cranbourne Frankston Road, Cranbourne
(entry vis Navarre Drive. Melway 133 C4)
 Introduced by Bishop of Sale, Bishop Christopher Prouse.
Immaculée has a dramatic and moving story relating to her survival of the Rwandan holocaust.

ST. AGATHA’S NEWS


PARISH MISSION: We are fortunate once again to be having a Parish Mission conducted by the Fathers of Mercy from the USA from 2nd May till 6th May. Please mark this date on your calendar! This event is a spiritual highlight for our year! Please make every effort to be present throughout the week – normal parish meetings will not take place during this special time for our Parish.

Greg Nelson
ST. AGATHA’S PARISH REPRESENTATIVE

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Bishop Christopher invites YOU to Spain!
World Youth Day 2011 Madrid information sessions for potential pilgrims (and their friends and supporters) will be held at:

- BAIRNSDALE: St Mary’s Parish Centre, 7pm Monday May 3
- LEONGATHA: St Laurence’s Parish Centre, 7pm Monday May 10
- BERWICK: St Michael’s Parish Hall, 7pm Monday May 17
- MORWELL: Sacred Heart Primary School Multi-Purpose Room, 7pm Monday May 24

Anyone who is even just considering being involved in this WYD pilgrimage is encouraged to attend. Each session will be presenting the same information so you can choose the date and venue that suits you best. Any questions give the diocesan Youth Ministry Office a call on 5126 1063. See you there!

As I write this we are preparing for the year 11 retreat. This retreat is an opportunity to look at relationships, with God and with others. It is an opportunity to experience quiet time to think, to reflect, to pray. In the last couple of weeks I have been involved with the year 7s, 8s, 9s & 10s in liturgical responses to their study of Scripture. Each class comes to the Chapel for a Service of The Word and is given the opportunity to ‘Reflect’ on the Word in their own situation. This time given to God to listen to His call, is essential for each of us if we want to grow in relationship with Him. The Gospel of John that we heard on Sunday told of the disciples looking at Jesus but not knowing him.

Jesus did not so much appear to the disciples as reveal Himself to them. As He did at Emmaus, they did not recognise Him on the road but He was revealed to them in the breaking of the bread. This is at the heart of our hopes for our retreat, that the students will be able to encounter Jesus as they reflect on where their life’s journey is taking them. The call to discipleship is a call to each of us, it is our response to that call that is so important. As parents we have an obligation to give our children the opportunity to experience the call of Jesus by occasions of prayer or discussion of Christian values. These opportunities may not always be welcomed but in living what they believe parents can be a very powerful example and guide in the lives of young people.

The choice of Catholic Education for our children is great! The Pope and Bishops describe Catholic Schools as being at the forefront of Evangelization. Indeed they are, but nothing has the same impact on a child in matters of faith as the lived experience of an actively Catholic family. The fact that modern life is so busy means that “Church” has to compete for a spot on the agenda at weekends. The truth of course is that usually it doesn’t get a spot. After years of not getting a spot, it is no longer considered. This is the same as the disciples looking at Jesus and not knowing Him. We need to take every opportunity to develop eyes of faith to recognise Jesus in their life and to know that He truly is a Companion on the Journey.

Reflection
‘Therefore, everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a sensible man who built his house on rock. Rain came down, gales blew and hurled themselves against that house, and it did not fall: it was founded on rock.’
(Matthew 7:24-25)

So Lord we pray, that we continually keep your Word as our foundation. We pray that our families grow with your Word as their guide. Grant us the wisdom and courage to be an example of faithfulness in our daily lives. Help us to value time spent in prayer, especially in our homes.

We ask this through Jesus the Lord.

Amen

Deacon Tony Aspinall
College Chaplain