Catholic Education Week
CALLED TO BRING HOPE – YEAR OF THE PRIEST

A recurring theme in our celebrations during Catholic Education Week has been our focus on the role of the Parish Priest in bringing hope to our community. Pope Benedict XVI in this the year of the Priest has declared Saint John Vianney as the Universal Patron of Parish Priests. Saint John Vianney lived 150 years ago in France and was canonised in 1925. He was accredited with miracles in three categories: first in the obtaining of money for his charities and food for the orphans; secondly, the supernatural knowledge of the past and the future and thirdly healing the sick, especially children. He was also renowned for his commitment to the sacrament of reconciliation, hearing up to 300 confessions a day and becoming an integral part of village life through visiting homes and helping villagers with their daily chores.

Our Parish Priests have given much to support the growth of Catholic Education at St Peter’s since its inception in 1987. Firstly Fr McGuigan, then Fr Hengel and now Fr Wise. Each has made sacrifices in order that this community continue to grow and be true to its aim and mission as a Catholic school. I thank our Priests on behalf of this community, for continuing to bring Christ’s message of hope into our lives.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME FOR CANONISATION OF MARY MACKILLOP

As part of the celebrations of Catholic Education Week, Peter Ryan Director of Catholic Education has announced that two students from each secondary school in the diocese will attend the canonisation of Mary MacKillop. The pilgrimage for our two students will be jointly funded by the CEO and St Peter’s and will take place from the 14th to the 23rd of October. Over the next week students in year 10 & 11 will be given information as to how to formally apply for this trip of a lifetime. The 9 day pilgrimage will include accommodation in Rome, a day trip to Assisi and the opportunity to represent St. Peter’s College at the Canonisation of Australia’s first saint.

PRAYER FOR MOTHERS DAY

As mother’s day approaches I wish all our mothers a relaxing and enjoyable day with their families, and thank them for the sacrifice they make in putting the needs of family before their own.

Loving God,

We thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us, whose love is so precious that it can never be measured, whose patience seems to have no end.

May we see your loving hand behind them and guiding them. We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love or time, or patience.

We ask you to bless them with your own special love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our brother.

Amen.

Mr Tim Hogan
PRINCIPAL
Transport Assistance
We currently have a student who requires transportation to and from school each day from The Chase in Berwick. If there are any families who would be willing to assist please contact the College Registrar, Kelley Cooper on 5996 6733 or office@stpeters.vic.edu.au. Thank you.

VALUABLES
A reminder that valuables should not be left in lockers or change rooms, and where possible should not be brought to the College. This includes mobile phones, IPods and money. Whilst every precaution is taken to ensure the safety of valuables, these items remain the responsibility of the owners.

LOCKS ON LOCKERS
Every student at St Peter’s is allocated a locker at the beginning of the school year. Each student is then required to provide a lock to secure the locker. A number of students still have not attended to this. Year Level Coordinators and Homeroom Teachers will be checking this week to see whether students have attended to this matter. Therefore, please ensure that your child has purchased a lock for their locker.

LANGUAGE ON BUSES
Students are reminded that when they are travelling on the Public buses, they are representing the College. A member of the public rang me this week and reported that a number of our students were using inappropriate language on a bus. Whilst this is offensive to the people who hear the language, it is also damaging to the reputation and good name of the College. It is one of our four core Rights and Responsibilities to benefit from the good name of the College.

CAR PARK ON CRANBOURNE- FRANKSTON ROAD
A reminder to parents who are picking up students after school from the car park on Cranbourne-Frankston Road to please allow for traffic to move through. This means that cars should not be blocking the movement of cars by being double parked.

NAPLAN
A reminder to parents that NAPLAN (National Assessment Program, Literacy and Numeracy) testing for Yr 7 and 9 students will be held next week on Tuesday 11th May, Wednesday 12th May and Thursday 13th May 2010. The results of these tests provide diagnostic information for parents and teachers about a child’s performance in Literacy and Numeracy. This information can be used to support teaching and learning programs and improve student achievement. It is important that all students are present on these days to ensure we are able attain high quality information. Should you require more information about these tests, please visit the VCAA website at www.vcaa.vic.edu.au or the NAPLAN website at www.naplan.edu.au

STUDY SKILLS
This week all Year 11 and 12 students participated in a second series of seminars on Study Skills run by Elevate Education. These seminars are always well received and are seen as an important element in the success of our students in their studies. Like any skills, for them to be perfected, they need to be practiced often. I would ask parents to take the time to talk to their young people and ask them what they learnt from the seminars.

JUNE VCE PRACTICE EXAMS
This year we will again be conducting practice exams for June VCE Exams. These include Accounting, Biology, Physics, Psychology and Chemistry. We will also conduct a Practice GAT Exam. These practice exams will occur after school from 3.30pm-5.15pm on the 24-26th of May. They are seen as vital preparation for students sitting VCE Exams in June and all students involved are expected to attend. The dates of the June VCE exams are the 8-10th of June.

James Roberts
Director of Learning

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Sporting News

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CONGRATULATIONS
Now that all the SIS swimming carnival results have been finalised and confirmed, we have some great news for the efforts of one student. Congratulations must go to Skye Brennan who broke the Southern Independent Schools record for the female U/17 Freestyle with a time of 1:07.45. Well done Skye!

Justin De Goldi
SPORTS COORDINATOR

SIS INTERMEDIATE GIRLS SOCCER VS PADUA
On a gloomy, overcast afternoon on Friday 23rd the team took to the field for their first fixture full of enthusiasm and anticipation. Having had 30 players expressing an interest in being on the team, a squad of 23 was selected making it a logistical nightmare on the touchline revolving the subs. The game could not have started any worse with Padua scoring twice in the first minute – things did not bode well! Captain for the game Chelsie Selleck was moved into Central Defence to steady the ship and the team settled down and became much more competitive. At 3-0 down in the second half Chelsie grabbed a deserved goal back and a dramatic comeback was on the cards. Unfortunately a golden opportunity went begging as 2 forwards managed to both run past the ball with only the opposition keeper to beat and Padua responded with a fourth goal. The comedy moment of the game came courtesy of Caitlin Machaya being struck on the head by a defensive clearance – fortunately she wasn’t hurt and played on without fuss. Chelsie Selleck and Shannon White must be commended on their outstanding performances and with no fixture the next round of matches, the squad will be cut down and better drilled for the next game. The effort and attitude of the girls was exemplary making them a joy to coach and I am sure results will improve.

Mr. Broadley
COACH

SIS INTERMEDIATE BOYS FOOTBALL
The Year 7 and 8 boys took on a talented team from John Paul College. It was our first hit out but the team linked well with good use of handball and run. John Paul College had some fine players who displayed a high level of skill enabling them to outscore our team.

St Peters College 7.8
John Paul College 12.8

Goals: K.Newland 3, K Salter, A Russo, M Powell, A Anthony

Next Game is against St John’s Dandenong Thursday 6th May at St.Peters College

SIS INTERMEDIATE BOYS BASKETBALL
The Year 9 and 10 boys fought out a tough win against St Francis Xavier last Friday. The St Peter’s boys, despite having a clear height advantage were pushed right to the end by the skilful St Francis team. It was a close match and St Peter’s lead for the majority, only to see the lead slip away half way through the second half. To their credit, the boys were able to compose themselves and stage a mini comeback, thanks to Adam Rankin’s big three pointer under pressure. St Peter’s running out the game 6 point victors in a low scoring affair (25-19). Ryan Davies was the standout with an excellent defensive game.

SIS INTERMEDIATE NETBALL
Congratulations to the Intermediate Girls Netball team who had a convincing win over Padua Mornington in round one of the competition. All girls played well with some outstanding work in defence from Jessica Caarels, Cristin Daly and Shauna Williams.

Final Score: St Peters College 43 defeated Padua 1

SIS JUNIOR TABLE TENNIS
Well done to the table tennis team who travelled to St Leonard’s last week for the first match of the round. We won all of our matches in the C grade and D grade divisions. Congratulations to the boys in those divisions. The players in A and B division came up against tough opposition but still fought out the matches to the end.

Final score: St Peters 2 drew with St Leonard’s 2

STUDENT SUCCESS
Once again we need to congratulate Jasmine Carroll in Year 8 for her success at the recent National Little Athletics Titles in Brisbane. Jasmine won the U/13 Javelin with a throw of 36.90m. This makes her the national champion for 2010 in this event.

Also, we need to acknowledge the efforts of Brandon Manase of Year 9. Brandon has been selected in the U/15 Victorian Rugby team. Congratulations on this fine achievement.

Cathy Heijden
COACH

On Wednesday 28 April, the Year 8’s participated in Medieval Day. This was a part of the SOSE curriculum where a group of outside medieval presenters ran various activities with the students such as dance, crime and punishment and the types of weapons and armour used in the medieval period. Staff members Greg Van Es and Shaun Parton also ran activities of medieval storytelling and Courtball. The day finished off with a grand tournament where the students were able to use medieval armour and equipment. It was a great day and many students took the opportunity of dressing up and getting into the spirit of the day. A big thank you goes to all of the staff involved, as without them it would not have been possible.

Mrs. Rhiannon Clark
SOSE Coordinator
**St. Peter’s College Performance Night**
Where: St Peter’s College Hall
On: Wednesday 12th May at 7.00pm
Cost: $5.00 single, $15.00 family of 4
Tickets available from student reception from Wed 5th May
NO DOOR SALES – TICKETS MUST BE PRE-PURCHASED
Special Guest Performances

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**WORK EXPERIENCE.**
A reminder that work experience is fast approaching with the first week beginning on the 7th June. Congratulations and well done to all of those year 10 students who have organised their placements. For those who are still working on finding their placements, I am available to help before and after school as well as during recess and lunch.

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**CHANGE TO THE SCHOOL LEAVING AGE**
Recently changes to legislation have occurred which affect the school leaving age for secondary school students. The school leaving age has now been raised to 17yrs, with the aim that all students will achieve a year 12 education, this can be achieved through VCE, VCAL and VET.

The minimum education level which must be achieved before a student can leave school is now year 10. After that students must be engaged in full-time education, training or employment, or a combination of these until they are 17 years of age.

For those students who have not completed year 10 an exemption from education may be granted by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, as long as the students is entering a course such as a pre-apprenticeship or apprenticeship delivered at a Certificate 2 level or above.

If you have any queries regarding this please contact the school, or DEECD directly on 9637 2000.

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**OPEN DAYS**
A reminder that there are several open days and expos in the coming months to help students either decide on a possible career path or to find out more information about those they are interested in.

Sat 8th May: JMC Academy (Melbourne),
www.jmcacademy.edu.au
Sat 21st-22nd May: Careers and Employment Expo,
www.eocexpo.com.au
Sat 19th June: Qantm College,
http://melbourne.qantm.com/en-gb/home

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**ST. AGATHA’S NEWS**

**MUM’S MOVIE NIGHT:** As part of Mother’s Day celebrations we would like to honour all Mums in our community with a free movie night. A screening of ‘Something the Lord Made’ followed by a fancy supper and other treats will be held on Friday 14th May at 7.30pm in St. Agatha’s Hall. If you would like to attend please place your name on the clipboard in the Church foyer & look forward to a great night out!

**PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL’S OPEN DAYS:**
*St. Agatha’s:* Wednesday 19th May 9.30am – 10.30am, Thursday 25th May 5.00pm – 6.00pm & Thursday 3rd June 9.30am – 10.30am.
*St. Therese’s:* Tuesday 25th May 9.00am – 11.00am.
2011 Enrolment forms will be available on these days. For further information contact the school. St. Agatha’s on 5996 2724 or St. Therese’s on 5996 7525.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:** The workshop for Parents whose children are preparing for Confirmation will be held in St.Agatha’s Hall on Tuesday 11th May at 7.30pm. Attendance by all parents is an essential part of the preparation process. Children please collect your 2nd worksheet from the table in the foyer after Mass. Please contact Sr.Anna on 5996 1985 if you have any questions or concerns.

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**RAISE THE ROOF:** A special Night Of Mystery & Murder is happening on Friday the 21st May in the Parish Hall starts 7.30pm sharp. "Nanna says if you are not on time you will not be admitted”. We would appreciate pre-purchase of tickets. Adults $12.50 or $20.00 for a couple. Tickets on sale after all Masses next weekend.

Greg Nelson
ST. AGATHA’S PARISH REPRESENTATIVE

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**UNIFORM SHOP**
VCE Jumpers, should be in next week. Please enquire at Uniform Shop on Monday between 1-5pm if you still require one.

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**SEEKING HOST FAMILIES**
Want to experience Japanese culture without even leaving your house? There will be a group of 20 students from Sapporo Seishu High School visiting our school from July 15th to July 30th and we are looking for families to host these students. Even if your children don’t study Japanese, hosting a Japanese student is a great opportunity to learn more about another country and make new friends. If you’re interested, contact Miss Faulkner by calling the College office or by email on mfa@stpeters.vic.edu.au

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Shannon Maher
Careers Coordinator