FROM THE PRINCIPAL

In the week where Jessica Watson has returned to Australia as one of the youngest to ever sail around the world it is important to remind our students of the lessons learned in her story. As Jessica said I am an ordinary girl who believed in her dream. Our job in schools is to always challenge our students to reach their full potential and the encouragement to dream big is an important part of that process. Bringing the dream to reality requires persistence, preparation and hard work, all important factors in Jessica’s success and lessons that can be easily lost amid the media celebration.

At the assembly this week we featured some of our own students both past and present whose outstanding efforts deserve recognition and applause.

- **Amelia Roper** (Vice Captain 2000). Amelia is the first Australian to be granted a scholarship to study theatre at Yale University in the Unites States. She will combine this with an Australian Council mentorship scheme to work with New York playwright Will Eno. Amelia’s play “Big Sky Town featured on the VCE drama syllabus last year, had two seasons at the Arts Centre, as well as a regional tour.
- **Angela Marciano** (VCAL 2009) has been nominated by her employer for the Australian Apprentice of the Year.
- College Captain **Glen Salter** was selected to represent Victoria in the Under 18 Victorian Rugby Union Team.
- Year 12 students **Luke Parker** and **Andy McInnes** who will be playing a trial game for Victorian Country as they seek selection in the Under 18 National Carnival.
- Our gymnastic students completed in the CVI Calisthenics Victoria championships recently and were awarded the following place getting’s in their age groups:
  - **Amber Medina** Year 12 (4th)
  - **Marissa Shami** Yera 10 (2nd & 3rd)
  - **Miranda Shami** Year 8 (4th and 5th)
- **Emily Oostveen** (Yr 11) received an Australia Day Study Tour Award
- **Michelle Molinari** (Yr 12 09) has two artworks selected for Top Arts
- **Lauren Halstead** (yr 10) overall Championn at the Interschool Show Jumping Event.
- **Daniel Green & Rachel McDonald** (both Yr 12 09) selected for ACU Early Achievers Program.
- **Scott Werkmeister** (Yr 7) has taken on a role in Opera Australia’s “Tosca”
- **Dayne De Monte** (Yr 10), **Shannon Wijeyatunge** (Yr 8), **Corey Milano** (Yr 8), **Ben Milano** (Yr 11), **Zac Davis** (Yr 10) have gained selection in the Aus Lanka Cricket Academy tour of Sri Lanka.
- **Laura Ryan** (Yr 12 09) received the Arch Bishop Darcy Prize for Religious Education
- **Jasmine Carroll** (Yr 8) – won U/13 Javelin at National Little Athletics Championships in Brisbane which made her the National Javelin Champion for that age group.
- **Brandon Manase** was selected in U/15 Victorian Rugby Team

Our young people are capable of doing some amazing things when they dare to dream, believe and persist with hard work. I congratulate them and give thanks to our God for the wonderful gifts he has given us all to use.

Condolences

I extend our condolences to the family of John Ramsden who was tragically killed in a car accident last week. John was a student at St Peter’s for 3 years, graduating in 2004. We extend our prayers and thoughts to John’s family and friends.

Mr Tim Hogan
PRINCIPAL
NAPLAN

Last week all Year 7 and 9 students participated in the NAPLAN testing which included five tests over three days. For the most part students are to be commended on the effort and diligence they displayed in completing these tests. Individual results of these tests will be posted to parents around September. St Peter’s College sees these tests as valuable diagnostic tools in ensure teaching practices reflect the learning needs of students. We have recently implemented software to assist us in this task as well as continuing inservicing of staff in the of use data.

VCE PRACTICE EXAMS

Next Monday and Tuesday there will be compulsory VCE Practice Exams for those Unit 3 subjects that are part of the June VCE Exams cycle. These exams will commence at 3.30pm and conclude at 5.15pm. Students involved will have received further details in class this week.

Monday 24th May 2010 Chemistry, Psychology and Accounting.
Tuesday 25th May 2010 Physics, Biology

MIDDLE SCHOOL EXAMS

Exams for all Middle School classes commence next week and run until the following Tuesday. Students should have developed and implemented a Study Plan and be working towards sitting their exams with confidence.

The inspirational feats and words of lone sailor Jessica Watson teaches us all that success does not necessarily come from having a ‘special ability’ but from having a goal, working single minded towards it and not allowing any obstacles to prevent you from achieving it. I hope all of our students take hope in what Jessica has accomplished and use that to pursue their dreams which start here, today.

James Roberts
Director of Learning

Sporting News

SIS INTERMEDIATE GIRLS SOCCER VS JOHN PAUL

The Nou Camp, the San Siro, Wembley, fortress Elland Road. Any of these icons of the world game would have been graced with the Epic encounter that took place last Friday as the Intermediate Girls once again went on the road, this time to John Paul College. The unchanged squad had a few alterations to the starting line up and were warmed up, briefed and ready to hit the board running at kick off time. The pedantic ref (kept asking me to stop encroaching on the field ... has he never observed the great coaches like Mourinho, Capello, and it pains me to say, Ferguson?) blew his whistle and within 5 minutes we again found ourselves 1-0 down! This now familiar predicament was how things stood after a dour first half performance in which the only memorable moment we produced was Shannon White getting her hair tangled in the goal netting. A few home truths were discussed at the interval and the team responded emphatically with 2 goals in quick succession – a Hannah Irwin fortuitous lob and a crisp Tayla Gillies strike following a Liana Marotta jinky dribble that Argentinian superstar Messi would have been proud of. An excellent long range effort levelled the scores before Lauretta Lekakis once again pounced to strike what turned out to be the winner.

In the dying seconds keeper Chelsea Faamausuli made a point blank save reminiscent of Gordan Banks denying the great Pele in the 1970 World Cup, to secure the victory. With one game remaining the girls are in with a chance of finishing top of the ladder and a huge, partisan home crowd is expected to cheer them on this coming Friday.

The final mention and most significant performance of the afternoon must go to netball coach Mrs Heijden who used her considerable charm to convince the bus driver to stop at ‘the golden M’, a decision that was greeted akin to the response of teenage girls at a Justin Bieber concert. The poor toddler in his Spiderman Costume on the next table may never recover however, following from the cries of ‘how cute’ as the team triumphantly departed (for one fleeting moment I thought they were directed at Mr Laurie and his basketball boys, but on observation I was quickly corrected!)

Mr Broadley
COACH

Japanese Exchange Visit

Change of dates - The dates which Sapporo Seishu High School will visit our school have changed. They still plan to arrive on Thursday 15th July, but now plan to depart on Wednesday 21st July. There will be 20 students visiting our school and we are still seeking families to host these students. If your family is interested in hosting a Japanese student for this shorter time, contact Miss Faulkner by calling the College office or by email on mfa@stpeters.vic.edu.au

Mr Broadley
COACH
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY CAREERS NIGHT 2010

If you are interested in an apprenticeship or a job in the building and construction industry this event will be an excellent opportunity to find out how to maximise your chances of gaining employment.

Listen to guest speakers from industry. Talk to builders, training organisations and staff from employment service providers and Australian Apprenticeship Centres. Find out about incentives, wages, work conditions and all of your training options.

Where: Frankston Arts Centre (corner Young and Davey Streets, Frankston)
When: Friday 20th May, 6.30pm – 8pm
Free entry.
RSVP: as soon as possible!! To Andrea Gaynor on 9784.1867 or Andrea.Gaynor@frankston.vic.gov.au

Reminders…..

- Herald Sun Careers Expo, Fri 30 July-Sun 1 Aug, Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre.
- Sports Medicine & Science seminar, 23 May, Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre, Regn: vic.sma.org.au; Info: Tamara, ph 9674 8707, tamara@vic.sma.org.au.
- ‘Focus on Melbourne’ University seminar series (various faculties); Register/ Information: ph 8344 6543 or www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/focusonmelbourne
- ‘At Monash’ University seminar series (various faculties); Book: www.monash.edu.au/atmonash
- UMAT – Register by the 9th June. Test date: 28th July; see http://umat.acer.edu.au

Shannon Maher
CAREERS COORDINATOR

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!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Earlier this month we celebrated a Mass at St Patrick’s Pakenham for Leaders in Catholic Education in the Diocese of Sale. The principal celebrant was Bishop Prowse and a number of teachers from St Peter’s College received awards for long and dedicated service to Catholic education. Of course the aim of Catholic Education is to reinforce and to build on the education and example given by parents and family in the home. Bishop Prowse mentioned several times that Catholic schools are indeed in partnership with parents and carers in the pursuit of an education in the faith. The size of the commitment of the Catholic Church to education is immense. We believe that a complete education is not possible without some understanding of God, His love and His teachings.

The following morning some of our staff and students attended a Mass in St Mary’s Cathedral in Sale, every Catholic school in the Diocese was represented and once again Bishop Prowse was principal celebrant. It was as Bishop Prowse said “a most prayerful Mass”. If there is such a thing as a highlight in a Mass, it was the beautiful sacred music provided by Lavalla College choir. This was truly something that I wished all our students could experience, Sacred Music in a Sacred Place!.
liturgy lifts our spirit to another level. In the words of the 23rd Psalm “...it revives our drooping Spirit” In order for us to maintain a healthy relationship with God, we need to acknowledge that we need to firstly experience times of quiet contemplation and then to allow Scripture, or Sacred music or both to lift our Spirits to God, to open us to His touch. I saw in today’s Herald Sun photos of an average teenagers bedroom and it’s electronic contents. I think it would be a fairly accurate description and the only comment one could make would be “AAARRGH!” Virtually every bit of equipment made noise and came with earphones for solitary use. I say again “AAARGH!” How as parents can we penetrate the electronic noise of our children’s world, how do we help them to hear the Word of God?. Our children are created in the image and likeness of God, as are we. Let us help them to know their Creator more closely as they grow. The role of parents and family in the faith journey of children can never be underestimated. In becoming more aware of that role and giving thought to how it might be fulfilled, parents can find that their own faith is enlivened or revived. The great feast of Pentecost is almost upon us, let us pray together “Lord send out your Spirit and renew the face of the Earth!”

Prayer: A Bridge between Longing and Belonging.
One of the most tender images is the human person at prayer. When the body gathers itself before the Divine, a stillness deepens. The blaring din of distraction ceases and the deeper tranquillity within the heart envelops the body. For a while they have become unmoored from the grip of society, work and role.

(John O’Donohue. “Eternal Echoes”)

Deacon Tony Aspinall
COLLEGE CHAPLAIN

ST. AGATHA’S NEWS

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.

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.

COME TO KNOW JESUS IN THE 4 GOSPELS: If you are looking for something to nurture your faith after the Parish Mission this is for you: a beautiful course to help you encounter our Risen Lord by looking at each of the four Gospels, who wrote them & why, and their vision of Jesus. Fri (night) 28th May – Sun 30th May. See brochures in foyer for more details or contact John 0417 558 650 for more info.

DIOCESAN MARIAN CONFERENCE will be held St Michael’s Church, Traralgon commencing at 9.00 – 3.30pm on Saturday May 22nd. Bishop Prowse will be the presenting Guest Speaker and the day will also include: Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary, Benediction, Confessions, Procession of Our Lady’s Statue and Divine Mercy Chaplet Eng. Pat Crozier 0400 218 417.

Greg Nelson
ST. AGATHA’S PARISH REPRESENTATIVE