FROM THE PRINCIPAL

ABORIGINAL RECONCILIATION WEEK
It has been more than two years since the Prime Minister Kevin Rudd delivered an apology to the Indigenous people of Australia. The mainstream media has moved on in its coverage of other issues deemed in the National interest.

Our Gospel talks of our entitlement to dignity and respect because we are all made in the image of God. Dignity and respect provides us with motivation to continue working on the process of reconciliation and it is also the goal of the indigenous people of Australia.

The challenge for us is in how we ensure that the indigenous people of Australia are treated with dignity and respect without promoting a culture of learned helplessness where they become reliant on handouts and suffer from a victim mentality. Indigenous people need support in discovering that dignity and respect within themselves. It will be a journey that they will need to claim responsibility for and our support is crucial along the way.

In this week of Aboriginal Reconciliation I include a message from the Bishop of Sale Christopher Prowse on behalf of the Bishops Commission for Relations with Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders.

Reconciliation with our First Australians is an unending task for all of us. It is to be in our hearts through frequent prayer and change of attitudes. It is to be in our actions that are genuine and on-going and never forms of superficial tokenism. It is to be in our communities and families that the future will not simply re-invent the tragic mistakes of the past in new forms. Surely, this would contribute to a real reconciliation with our dear Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. May this be our prayer and hope.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
On Tuesday of next week the 8th of June the AGM of the Parents Association will be held. Our parent’s association is made up of a committed group of parents who are always looking for new comers to join. The association looks to raise funds each year which can be spent on activities and equipment for student use at St Peter’s. Last year among other things the funds were used to purchase a giant chess set which is used by a variety of students in the yard at lunchtime. The parent and friends association meets twice a term to discuss fundraising activities and listen to input from a guest presenter from the staff of the College. It is a great opportunity to meet other parents, contribute to our school community and hear first hand of the activities and events being held at the school. The meeting will begin at 7.30pm in the staffroom.

CONGRATULATIONS CHANTELLE BATES
Chantelle Bates in year 8 has been confined to a wheelchair for much of this year as a result of her on-going battle with leukemia. Over the last few months she has been working hard to regain the use of her legs and as this picture shows, through determination and hard work Chantelle is overcoming this obstacle. I used the story of Jessica Watson at assembly last week as a story of inspiration for our students. Sometimes you do not have to look too far afield for those stories which inspire us to overcome adversity. I congratulate her and continue to pray for her full recovery.

Mr Tim Hogan
PRINCIPAL

St. Peter’s College new Website
Can be found at
www.stpeters.vic.edu.au
**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

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**SPORTING NEWS**

**CONGRATULATIONS TESSE COOK YR 12**

Tess competed at Ayr Hill School in the St. Margaret’s Interschool Equestrian Event on Sunday the 23rd May. The event attracted 49 schools. Tess competed in the A/B class of show jumping and won overall Champion, she received a beautiful horse rug and sash.

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**JUNIOR GIRLS FOOTBALL**

Our final game of the season was against the undefeated St. Francis Xavier at home. This would prove to be the grand final as we were sitting second on the ladder; a game and percentage behind SFX. However we knew prior to the game that if we were able to defeat SFX by a margin of 12 points or greater, then we would win the premiership. The game was close all day and there were many lead changes. Whilst we had the greater share of possession, our inability to convert scoring opportunities kept SFX in the game. At 3qtr time we were winning by only 5 points. We knew that this was not going to be enough to secure the S.I.S. flag so the girls would have to dig deep in the final term. With the wind at our backs we kicked the first goal of the last quarter and from there our confidence continued to grow. Through guts and sheer determination we eventually ran out 25 point victors, and in doing so became the inaugural S.I.S junior girls football premiers! Well done girls!

Best players: The whole team, R. Pereira.

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Gerard Brown
Coach

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**JUNIOR GIRLS NETBALL**

Last week was the final game for our S.I.S. Junior Girls' Netball team. The team for the season consisted of Laura O'Brien, Taylah Davidson, Madeleine Browne, Rhiannon Ryan, Caitlyn Van Soest, Taryn Johnson, Catherine Tharle, Fiona Abbey and myself.

Throughout the season, we played some astonishingly flamboyant netball competing in some very close games. Each member of the team did a great job trying their best and contributing their own unique skills and style of playing.

Season highlights included several amazing shots for goal from Maddie, great defensive intercepts from Laura, speedy court coverage from Rhiannon and furious attacks on the ball from 'yours truly'.

The highlight of the last game was Miss McMenamin's parking of the Thrifty bus - where would we have been without her awesomely straight and perfect parking (even if it did take her 3 goes)? She did a great job, and everyone in the team is proud and appreciative of her hard work and support of the team for the season's entirety.

Special thanks must also go to Jessica Caarels who assisted with umpiring and Shauna Williams and Nicole Abbey for coaching the team.

Claudia Parisi

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**JUNIOR BOYS BASKETBALL**

The Junior Boys Basketball team played St Francis Xavier in Round 4. St Francis Xavier were a much bigger and taller team, and our cause wasn’t helped when Nathan Dodgson, our tallest player hurt his ankle within the first 5 minutes. To the teams credit though, they never gave up and fought extremely hard to get rebounds. At half time we were only down 18 – 13. This margin stayed constant for the first 10mins of the second half, then the boys were able to find another gear in the last 10mins to come away with a fantastic 39 – 35 victory. It was by far the best game the boys had played, considering the circumstances.

In the last week of the season we travelled down to play Maranatha in Pakenham. At half time we were leading 24- 13. The team powered home in the second half to come away with a 62-15 victory. A great way to finish the season! This result will see us finish 2nd for the season.

Team members: Jared Schweiger, Daniel Allen, Riley Anderson, Joel Brennan, Brandon Moncur, Tim Reeves, Brad Pavey, Nathan Dodgson and Tim Schreurs.

Justin De Goldi
Sports Co-Ordinator
DEAKIN UNIVERSITY EVENT FOR YEAR 10’S – Deakin invites Year 10 students and families to an information evening to help you prepare for selecting VCE subjects and to provide information about courses and careers. Hear from people working in a range of professions and industries regarding career opportunities, faculty representatives and Deakin students discussing their university experience. When: evening of Thurs 10 June; Where: Melbourne (Burwood) and Geelong Waterfront campuses; Info/registration: www.deakin.edu.au/year10.

EXPERIENCE ENGINEERING BEFORE GOING TO UNI – RMIT is running ‘Experience Engineering’ in the holidays. Attend and you receive a gift bag from Dimension Data (sponsors) along with a 4 gig USB stick! You will also have a chance of winning an Ipad! Learn about iRobots, digital film, high voltage, radio bugs, micro-technology and satellite dishes on your roof. When: 9.30am-4pm, Wed 30 June OR Thurs 1 July; Where: RMIT School of Electrical and Computer Eng, Building 10; Contact: Ph 9925 2090. Register: Online at www.rmit.edu.au/seh/experience; Cost: Free (+lunch).

GAMES DESIGN COMPETITION – Imagine, design and create the ultimate arcade game! This competition is free to enter, open to individuals and teams of up to three, open to all secondary school students in Australia. 1st prize: $2,500 cash; 2nd prize: $1,000; 3rd prize: $500. Winners will be announced at Swinburne’s Open Day, Sun 15 August at Hawthorn campus. How to enter: (1) Fill in the online registration form; (2) Imagine, design and create your game using the SwinGame SDK; (3) Submit the deliverables by 5.30pm on Friday 6 August 2010. See: www.swingame.com.
The indigenous population should be able to live and grow and benefit from every help and opportunity that Australia has to offer. As parents we have to make ourselves aware of what is informing and forming our children. Is it violent or degrading video games, or is it music with violent or degrading lyrics? Or is it friends who do not respect themselves or anyone else? Parents have great responsibilities, and they also have rights. Parents are the first teachers of their children in faith, and in right living. This can lead to a lack of popularity. We are called to be parents who show love and leadership, not a friendship that does not question but simply accepts whatever happens.

Mr Gyulavary’s reflection ended with a realisation of injustice, a genuine apology and a commitment to be better in the future. We have had the apology to the Aboriginal people, but have we had a nationwide realisation of injustice and a real commitment to a better, fairer more equal future?

Matthew 25: 31 ff (A paraphrase)
When the Son Of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, He will sit upon His throne and all nations will be assembled before Him. And He will separate them as a shepherd separates sheep from goats.................Then He will say to those on His right “For I was Hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me to drink, naked and you clothed me” They will say Lord we never saw you to do these things. The Lord will say “Whatever you did to the least of my children, this you did to me.” Let us pray for the courage to lead those in our care to treat all people with the dignity , due to them as a child of God. May our example be true to our beliefs, and may our faith lead us to true happiness in our lives. Amen

Deacon Tony Aspinall
College Chaplain

ST. AGATHA’S NEWS

PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL’S OPEN DAYS:
St. Agatha’s: Thursday 3rd June 9.30am – 10.30am.
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.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION: Next Sunday June 6th we will hold a Eucharistic Procession in our Parish as a joyful sign of witness and faith in the Eucharistic presence of the Lord Jesus on the Feast of Corpus Christi. At the conclusion of the 10.30am Mass we will process along Sladen Street, down Lamb Street and back to the Church, concluding with Benediction and then light refreshments in the foyer. Even if you won’t be coming to the 10.30am Mass that day please come and join the procession at approx. 11.15am. It would be appreciated if Parishioners could bring a plate to share with a cuppa after the procession.

AN HISTORIC PARISH MEETING will be held in the hall on Tuesday 15th June at 7.30pm. This meeting is to discuss, inform and update Parishioners on the proposed new Parish and Primary School development for Cranbourne East. Parishioners who live East of the Cranbourne-Narre Warren Road are especially encouraged to attend this meeting. All Welcome!

WORLD YOUTH DAY IN MADRID: If any Parishioners are planning to attend WYD in Madrid please leave your details with Sr. Mercy so that information can be passed onto you.

ECCUMENICAL PRAYER SUMMIT: Parishioners are invited to join with other Christians from the Churches of Cranbourne to unite in prayer each evening at 7.30pm from Monday 7th June to Friday 11th June. Please pick up a flyer from the foyer after Mass for further details of the venue for each night.

ST. AGATHA’S PARISH REPRESENTATIVE

Greg Nelson