FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Pilgrimage to Rome for Canonisation of Blessed Mary MacKillop

I congratulate the two students who will have the honour of representing St Peter’s College at the Canonisation of Blessed Mary Mackillop in October this year. Alisha Mascurine (Year 11) and Joshua Dodgson (Year 10) will travel with other student pilgrims from the Diocese of Sale under the leadership of Bishop Christopher Prowse and Sister Rose Duffy.

I want to thank the 11 students who applied to represent St Peter’s on this pilgrimage. Our Religious Education Coordinator Ms Bernadette Tolan and College Chaplain, Deacon Tony made comment on the difficult task they had in selecting our representatives. All applicants were outstanding in their enthusiasm for the task, their understanding of Mary Mackillops own faith journey and their willingness to be a witness to their own faith. I sincerely thank them all.

Alisha and Joshua will attend the Canonisation ceremony on Sunday the 17th of October in Rome and a Eucharistic Celebration for all Australian Pilgrims the following day. Bishop Prowse will also lead the pilgrims on a tour of the significant Holy Places of Worship in Rome and Assisi during their 10 day stay.

St.Peter’s Day Celebrations.

Over the coming week we celebrate our patron St Peter in two ways. Firstly on Friday evening the annual St Peter’s Dinner is held in the Multi-purpose Hall. This presents an opportunity for staff members and partners to get together and celebrate what we give and receive from our community and in particular to honour those who have given 10 years of service to the College.

The second celebration of St Peter occurs on Tuesday of next week where we celebrate the life of our Patron Saint through a thanks-giving mass celebrated by Fr Wise and Deacon Tony in the Multi-purpose hall. The remainder of the day will see staff and students participating in a variety of activities from the St. Peters Day Talent Quest, the Amazing Race, sponge throw and many other activities which require our school motto “Be Not Afraid” to be put to good use.

The day’s events have been well organized by the Student Representative Council under the supervision of Deputy Principal Mr Anthony Banks and everybody is looking forward to this enjoyable day at the end of what has been a very busy term. All students are permitted to wear casual clothes on the day and I express my gratitude in advance to the Parents and Friends Association who will provide all students and staff with a BBQ lunch on the day.

Mr Tim Hogan
Principal
**Uniform Reminders**

As we aim to keep very high uniform standards at St Peter’s College, I would like family support with the following matters:

- Winter Shirts: top buttons need to be done up. This has not been possible at times because students are claiming that their shirts are either too small or they have no top button. Students need to have the correct size shirt and have a top button sewed to the shirt. This will facilitate the correct wearing of the shirt and tie.
- Scarves and Hair Ties: these should only be burgundy in colour.
- Boys should be wearing their shorts at the waist, not below the waist.
- Students are not permitted to get changed into casual clothes before they leave the College in the afternoon. They should be at the bus stop in their full school uniform.

**Valuables/Padlocks on Lockers**

- Students are encouraged not to bring valuables to the College. If necessary to do so, they are encouraged to leave them with the office or their Year Level Coordinator for safe keeping throughout the day.
- It is compulsory for all students to provide a padlock for their allocated locker.

**Record Book Usage**

The record book is a valuable tool for students and families. They assist in the organisation and planning of the students’ school day and greatly assist in communicating between the College and Home.

- Parents/Guardians should be checking their son/daughter’s record book on a regular basis (at least weekly) and then signing that they have checked it.
- The record book should be free from graffiti and have regular homework entries.
- Students may be asked to purchase a new record book (cost $15) from the office if the record book is been used inappropriately.

**Phoning in for Absences/Arriving Late to School**

Parents/Guardians are asked to phone the College in the event of students being absent. This should be made before 11am, otherwise an SMS will be sent asking you to phone the College to explain the absence.

In the event that you are aware beforehand that your son/daughter will be absent, you can still ring the College and leave a message on the answering machine.

**Ipods and Mobile Phones**

A reminder that these should only be used at recess and lunchtime. They will be confiscated if seen being used during class time.

**St. Peter’s Day**

Next Tuesday (22nd June) we celebrate the Feast Day of our Patron Saint Peter. This is one of the most important days on our College Calendar as our whole Catholic Ethos is recognised and celebrated through the recognition of Saint Peter.

The SRC have been planning and organising activities for a number of months to ensure the success of the day.

- The day commence as normal with homeroom at 8.45am, followed by a whole College Mass to be conducted in the Multi Purpose Hall. The Mass is a very important part of the day’s celebrations and is therefore a compulsory event.
- After the Mass, the day will consist of a number of activities: including a jumping castle, bungee run, bucking horse, jelly eating contest, sponge throw, student race, golf competition, amazing race, face painting, down ball competition, guitar hero and talent quest.
- The Parents and Friends Association will kindly provide our students with a BBQ lunch and a can of soft drink on the day.
- The day will conclude with dismissal at 3.00pm.
- Some of the events are free, whilst others will cost a small amount of money. Students are advised to bring loose change.
- This is a compulsory school day, and students should not be arriving late or departing early for anything else other than a medical reason.
- Students are permitted to wear casual clothes on the day. Please wear sensible clothing and be prepared for cold weather.
- No students except for St Peter’s students are permitted on the premises during the day.

This really is a day of celebration and an opportunity for the whole student and staff community to enjoy each other’s company in a relaxed atmosphere.

Thank you for you support of this day.

Mr. Anthony Banks
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

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

LOST PROPERTY
A reminder to students, please check lost property if you have misplaced any items of clothing. At the end of term any unnamed articles will be donated to the Second Hand Uniform Shop.

College Office

SPORTING NEWS

As the semester comes near an end, the weekly SS sports have concluded, with St Peters having some great results. Overall we had 4 teams announced as Premiers.

Congratulations to the following teams on their outstanding efforts:

- Intermediate Girls Handball
- Senior Boys Soccer
- Intermediate Boys Basketball
- Junior Girls Football

We now look forward to Semester Two and see what successes that can bring us.

Mr. Justin De Goldi
SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR

St. Peter’s College needs to ensure that every student is provided with a safe and secure environment. To do this the College has very clear guidelines for our senior students to follow.

The following guidelines are put in place for all of our senior students driving to school.

1. The College permits licensed students to drive cars onto College property ONLY as a means of transport to and from school.
2. Parents must give written permission for a student to drive a car to and from the College.
3. The student is to park the car down near the Technology Shed, not obstructing any access.
4. The student can only bring a passenger if written consent is given by both parents.
5. Vehicles must always be driven in a sensible and safe manner, abiding by the College speed limit of 10 km/hr.
6. The car is not to be accessed at all during the day.
7. Failure to abide by the above guidelines will result in the College withdrawing permission for that student to drive a vehicle onto the College property.

This information was mentioned at the VCE Information Evening in February and again reinforced when students get the application form for permission to drive to school.
The Importance of Hope

As the year moves along we follow the Gospel of Luke. The Sunday just gone was the eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time. The Gospel for the eleventh Sunday dealt with sin, forgiveness and faith.

The dinner invitation to Jesus was not an effort to learn from Jesus but an opportunity to watch him closely in an attempt to denounce him. Jesus was a target because his teachings did not fit with the Pharisaic way of life. The Pharisees were very ready to judge anyone that they felt did not measure up to their level of religious correctness. Whilst at the house, a woman, a sinner we are told, came to Jesus and bathed his feet with her tears, dried them with her hair and anointed his feet with ointment. The Pharisees could only see that Jesus was not only wrong to permit this woman to have anything to do with him, but could not be a prophet or he would have known her reputation before she ministered to him.

Jesus uses the story of the two debtors to illustrate his intentions towards the woman judged as a sinner. He asks the Pharisee who would be more grateful if both debtors had their debts forgiven. The Pharisee says the one who owed most I suppose. Jesus tells him he is correct, it is because she had sinned greatly that she treated Jesus with such great love. The Pharisee on the other hand had not done anything to greet Jesus and had not acknowledged his sinfulness or sought forgiveness. Jesus says, the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.

Where we find an unforgiving person we find a lack of love, a lack of knowledge of the love and forgiveness of God. St Paul said that anyone who says he loves God but hates his brother is a liar. This means that if we judge others, spread lies about them or try to ruin their reputation in any way, we cannot then say we love God.

None of us can claim to be perfect, but we can claim to be loved by God. We are people of hope, our sins do not mark us as people to be cast away from God. We are called to acknowledge our sinfulness and to seek ways of changing that which is sinful in our lives. An immense amount of damage can be done to people through what is called “Social Networking” e.g Facebook etc. This damage is done largely from our homes by our children and family members. This and many other things we take for granted can in reality be “The enemy within”.

Prayer for Wisdom

Lord of all hopefulness, we pray that you give us the gift of Wisdom in order that we may know what is right in our lives. We pray for the ability to discern how we should use your many gifts for the good of all, and that we may always treat others with the dignity which they deserve.

May we acknowledge that we have areas of our lives that we need to change and seek your forgiveness and love.

Amen

Deacon Tony Aspinall

COLLEGE CHAPLAIN

St. Agatha’s News

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.

GUEST SPEAKER IN OUR PARISH: On Friday 2nd July at 7.30pm at St. Peter’s College Hall Cranbourne Bishop Christopher Prowse will introduce, Immacule’e Ilibagize, a most remarkable woman from Rwanda. Immacule’e will share her dramatic and moving story on how her Catholic faith was instrumental in her survival of the Rwandan Holocaust. Seating is limited so be early. There is no admission fee but there will be a collection to cover expenses. Flyers available in the foyer.

Greg Nelson

ST. AGATHA’S PARISH REPRESENTATIVE