FROM THE PRINCIPAL

St Peter’s Day

On Tuesday we celebrated the feast day of our patron Saint. Saint Peter was made the leader of Christ’s Church on earth. He led by example and worked tirelessly with people of all races and beliefs to bring the good news of the Kingdom of God. His journey in faith is an interesting one for he denied Christ 3 times and deserted him in his hour of need, yet he was the one chosen as the rock on which the church was built.

Many lessons can be drawn from Peter’s story including the possibility of a life lived through and with the power of the Holy Spirit if we are not afraid to place our trust in God. He is a great Saint for our time, a great saint for our school.

10 Year Service Award

I congratulate two of our staff members who received 10 year service awards on Friday night at the St Peter’s Dinner. Rahda Nadan and Martin McGrath have given generously to this community through teaching and involvement in extracurricular programs. On Friday night they were presented with 10 year service awards by the Chairperson of the College Board Robert Carboon.

School Assembly – Amelia Roper

Last Thursday former student Amelia Roper(2000) spoke to the whole school assembly of her achievement in being awarded a 3 year scholarship to Yale University to study playwriting. While enjoying her success she indicated that it has not been an easy journey and in fact she has a file full of rejection letters to support this claim.

She spoke of her passion for writing acknowledging that it had taken her some time to make this the focus in her life but ultimately following her passion has been an important factor in her success. I congratulate her and wish her well in the next stage of her journey.

End of Term

In this final newsletter of the semester I wish all members of our community a safe and happy holiday. The holidays are well deserved after a long 11 week term. Reports will arrive home in the first week of the school holidays and will provide some good opportunities for family discussion.

Reinforcing what was done well and indentifying areas for improvement from these reports will give many students the right starting point for semester two.

However to ensure that these improvements are sustained throughout the semester, students will need continued support and I encourage parents to discuss regularly with their sons and daughters issues like their approach and attitude towards their studies, their consistency in application and time management of homework tasks. I understand that they can be difficult conversations to have at times but they also contain lifelong lessons that if acquired have an impact on their success in the future.

Mr Tim Hogan
PRINCIPAL
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

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.

Office Hours During Holidays
Office hours during the school holidays are from 9am to 4pm Monday to Friday.

Career News

Reminders....

- Herald Sun Careers Expo, Fri 30 July-Sun 1 Aug, Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre.
- UMAT Test date: 28 July 2010; http://umat.acer.edu.au
- RMIT School Holiday Program, Info/bookings: www.rmit.edu.au/sez/experience
- 'Experience La Trobe', event for future students/parents: 6 July (Bundoora), 8 July (Bendigo); Register: www.latrobe.edu.au/study/events/experience
- Civil engineering careers seminar; 4 Aug, SKM Auditorium, 590 Orrong Rd, Armadale; Register: C5Baker@skm.com.au (numbers attending/school name); Info: Sandra, 9321 1725.
- 'Access all Areas' at Melbourne Uni, Fri 9 July for Year 10-12 students and parents; Registration: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/accessallareas; ph 8344 6543

CHECK OUT MONASH UNIVERSITY - 'Experience Monash' is an opportunity for Years 10-12 students to visit the Caulfield and Clayton campuses and participate in workshops, talk to students and get an idea of what it would be like to study at Monash. When/Where: 9.30am-2.30pm, Thurs 1 July at Caulfield and 9.30am-

INTERESTED IN HOTEL MANAGEMENT? The International College of Hotel Management has weeks where you will be introduced to hotel management and experience ICHM. Hear about the industry, careers, visit hospitality/tourism sites, and about the internship program. When: 5-9 July (full) and 27 Sept - 1 Oct; Where: ICHM, Adelaide; Cost: $595 (tuition, insurance, airport pick up/drop off, activities, accommodation/meals; deducted from 1st year fee if you enrol). See: www.ichm.edu.au.

ANIMAL KEEPER FOR A DAY! Healesville Sanctuary's 'Keeper for a Day' program is a day of animal keeper related activities for students Year 9 and above. Get career and course information, hear of possible pathways and talk with the keepers. The program runs in school holidays throughout the year. Term 2 holidays have vacancies! When: 30 June & 6 and 7 July; Cost: $99; Bookings: 5957 2818; Info: http://www.zoo.org.au/Learning/Programs/HSKeeper_for_day. (Also in September).

FIND OUT ABOUT AEROSPACE - RMIT's Aerospace Students Association, with other associations, are organising an evening to hear from employers and students about careers in the aerospace and aviation industries. When: 5.30pm, Thursday 5 Aug; Where: RMIT Storey Hall, 336-348 Swanston St, Melbourne; Bookings: Not necessary; Information: www.aerospacestudents.org/aerospaceindustrynight.htm.

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“Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all as any had need”.
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Shannon Maher
Careers

Uniform Shop
The Uniform Shop will be closed during school holidays.

Re-opening on Monday 12th July 1 – 5 PM

religious Education

Winter Appeal
The winter appeal has started this month. The aim is for each homeroom to collect food and money for a blanket which is then passed onto the local St Vincent de Paul Society. This collection is then used to help the needy in our own local community. This is a great opportunity to put our faith into action and be people of Justice. It would be wonderful if each student brought in one packet/can/ of food and a couple of dollars for a blanket. Our own Year Eight classes in Religious Education have been studying the early Christian Community. One of the distinguishing features of these communities was the care they gave to the less fortunate in their community. They shared everything in common – meals, possessions and prayer. No one went without.

Each year the Winter Appeal collects a large amount of food and blankets. Let us all aim for the same this year and that our care for the needy in our own community will be a distinguishing feature of this, the St Peter's Community.

This week was also the celebration of the feast of St Peter. It was a great celebration with many students volunteering to be part of the Mass as readers and part of different processions. St Peter is a wonderful Patron for our students. Peter was a fisherman and dear friend of Jesus. At times, Peter's stubbornness would result in him failing Jesus even to the point of betraying his friend. However, Peter would always realize the error of his ways and seek forgiveness. With Jesus, Peter always felt understood, accepted and forgiven. He was always so happy to hear the treasures from the
lips of the Master. Sometimes they would have made good sense, at other times they would have challenged him. May we also be so eager, like Peter, to hear the Lord and the treasures that pass from his lips.

Places are still available for students (Years 7 – 10) to participate in a two day retreat during the upcoming holidays. It is called “Cool 2 b Catholic” and it is being organised by the Youth Ministry Co-Ordinator for the Diocese of Sale. If you are interested in taking up this opportunity, the contact details are below or contact me at the school for an application form. There is also the opportunity for our Year 11 CSYMA students to assist as a group leaders if they are interested. Once again, contact Jess on the details below.

Cool 2 b Catholic

Cool 2 b Catholic is a two-night retreat during the school holidays that invites young people to celebrate their Catholic faith, learn a little more about what it means to be Catholic and to have a boat-load of fun along the way. The retreat begins at 7pm July 7 at St Joseph’s Parish Hall, Iona and concludes at 2.30pm July 9. Young people in year 7 to year 10 are invited to participate. The cost is only $30 and includes all meals and simple classroom accommodation. Give Jess a yell on 5126 1063 or jessd@sale.catholic.org.au to receive a registration form and all the details. We are also on the lookout for senior students and young adults to act as group leaders for this retreat. If you are interested please contact Jess.

Jessica Denehy
Youth Ministry Coordinator
Catholic Diocese of Sale

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PRAYER

Heavenly Father, our Lord and our God,
You have called us all to be holy.
Through the prayers and example of
St Peter, our patron,
help us to love you more fully and to serve you more faithfully.
Let the example of St Peter always remind us
to love you dearly.
We pray for your grace and Peter’s perseverance.
We ask these things through Christ Our Lord.
Amen

Bernadette Tolan
Religious Education Leader

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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 Rowandan 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