ST. PETER’S COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 14th July, 2010
Term 3 Issue No. 20

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome Back Term 3
I welcome back all students to term 3 hopefully refreshed and recharged after some enjoyable time with their families. Semester 2 begins this week giving all students the chance to start anew. For some this will mean a continuation of the routines and approach to studies that brought them good results in semester 1 for others it is an opportunity to try something different.

What we ask of our students is the willingness to try their best and then sustain that commitment to achieving their best. This is not only about their attitude to their studies but also to many of the challenges they will face in life. It is something that we encourage all of our students to take ownership of. As a school we strive for excellence, this journey begins with a reflection on our attitude because experience tells me that fundamentally “excellence is not a skill. It is an attitude”.

Funding for Language Centre
In recent weeks we have been advised by the Minister for Education Bronwyn Pike and the local member for Cranbourne, Jude Perera that we have been successful in securing $345,000 in Capital Grants under the Brumby Government’s Needs-Based Capital Funding for Non-Government Schools initiative.

The funds will be used to support the construction of classroom spaces for the teaching of languages and will assist us in the development of our exchange school relationships with Sapporo Seishu High school in Japan and St. Michel De Picpus in Paris.

Initial planning and design work will take place in term 3 with a view to construction beginning in term 4.

Exchange Program
In this week that we announce funding for our new language centre it is most appropriate that I welcome visitors from our two exchange schools, St Michel De Picpus in Paris and Sapporo Seishu High School in Japan. The 15 person touring party from Japan lead by Mr Miyake, will be here for one week while our students from France will be here for four weeks in total. Our visitors will take in some of the local tourism highlights as well as experiencing education in the Australian Secondary school Setting.

I thank all of our host families for their generosity in opening up their homes for our visitors and my thanks also to LOTE co-ordinator Ms Melissa Faulkner, Ms Tracy Lockley and all members of our LOTE department for their co-ordination and support of our very successful exchange program.

Parents & Friends Association Meeting
The next meeting of the Parents and friends Association will take place on Tuesday the 20th of July at 7.30 pm in the staffroom. At the last meeting President Karen Walker, Secretary Helen Schwieger and Treasurer Ellinor Allen were all re-elected and I congratulate them and thank them for their on-going contribution to this school community.

The guest speaker for next’s weeks meeting will be Ms Tracy Lockley who will talk about the recent exchange trip to St Michel De Picpus in Paris. All parents are welcome to attend.

Mr Tim Hogan
PRINCIPAL

St. Peter’s College new Website
Can be found at
www.stpeters.vic.edu.au
**Subject Selection for 2011**

All parents are asked to mark in their calendars the two Subject Selection nights that will occur early in the term. These are important nights where valuable information is given out regarding the selecting of subjects and career pathways. The dates are listed below:

**Middle School Subject Selection** – for Year 8 & 9 students  
Monday 26th of July, commencing at 7pm

**Futures Evening** – for Year 10, 11 & 12 students  
Wednesday 28th of July, commencing at 7pm.

James Roberts  
*Director of Learning*

---

**SCHOOL PRODUCTION**

**“The Time Machine”**

ALL cast are required for rehearsals on Thursdays afterschool (3.30pm – 6.30pm sharp) and SUNDAYS (10.00am – 2.00pm) until our opening week at the end of August. Please bring any items of costume that you have collected over the holidays to rehearsal this THURSDAY. All costumes will be stored in the drama dept until our dress rehearsals in August.

**PARENT HELPERS REQUIRED** - if you are able to assist with sewing costumes and/or building sets, please contact Ms Goss at the college. We would love your help!!

**TICKETS:** will be on sale soon. Stay tuned to the Newsletter in coming weeks!

From the Production Team: Frank Carter, Gina Goss and Kate Williams

---

**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*

---

**French Exchange Students**

This week we welcome seven students from our sister school in Paris, St Michel de Picpus. They will be staying in the homes of their pen-friends here at St Peter’s for four weeks. When they are not attending classes with their host brothers and sisters, or assisting members of the French department with oral practice in the Senior and Middle school, they will be going on various excursions to places of interest. We wish them a very happy and busy stay with us here at the college.

Tracy Lockley
VTAC Guide
The 2011 VTAC guide is now available online. Hard copies will be provided for all year 12 students in late July, but if you would like to access a copy before this time please go to: www.vtac.edu.au.

Open Days
A reminder to all Year 10, 11 and 12 students that there are still quite a few open days and information days available for you to attend if you would like information about courses or entrance requirements.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>DATE</th>
<th>LOCATION</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Sat 31st July</td>
<td>Monash Uni (Berwick, Gippsland, and Peninsula campuses)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sun 1st Aug</td>
<td>Monash Uni (Caulfield, Clayton and Parkville campuses)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sun 8th Aug</td>
<td>Deakin Uni (Geelong); RMIT Uni/TAFE; Gordon TAFE; Victoria Uni/TAFE (Footscray)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sat 14th Aug</td>
<td>Holmesglen TAFE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sun 15th Aug</td>
<td>Australian Catholic Uni (ACU) (Melbourne); Deakin Uni (Warrnambool); La Trobe Uni (Bendigo); Swinburne Uni/TAFE; Melbourne Uni; Sunraysia TAFE (Swan Hill)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sat 21st Aug</td>
<td>JMC Academy (Melbourne)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sun 22nd Aug</td>
<td>Box Hill TAFE; Deakin Uni (Melbourne); La Trobe Uni (Albury/Wodonga)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sun 29th Aug</td>
<td>ACU (Ballarat); Ballarat Uni; La Trobe Uni (Bundoora)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Apprenticeships and Traineeships
There are several opportunities which have come up recently for students who are interested in apprenticeships or traineeships. Please visit the careers room for more info.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>EMPLOYER</th>
<th>FOR MORE INFO</th>
<th>APP’S CLOSE</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Jayco Caravans School Based</td>
<td>Dani on 9706 8711 or <a href="mailto:dwest@sellen.org.au">dwest@sellen.org.au</a> or visit the website for the application form: <a href="http://www.sellen.org.au/workplace-learning-coordinators-program/jayco-applications">http://www.sellen.org.au/workplace-learning-coordinators-program/jayco-applications</a></td>
<td>Fri 22nd Oct</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Apprenticeships</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>370 degrees group - Sport and Rec</td>
<td><a href="http://forms.370degrees.com.au/forms/asba/default.aspx">http://forms.370degrees.com.au/forms/asba/default.aspx</a> or call Leanne on 9389 9962</td>
<td>Contact employer for details</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SBA’s</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Berwick TEC
Are holding info sessions across a range of study areas are being held for February 2011 intake over the following dates:
- Wednesday 21 July start 6.00 - 7.30 pm
- Wednesday 18 August start 6.00 - 7.30 pm
- Wednesday 8 September start 6.00 - 7.30 pm
- Saturday 16 October start 10.00 - 11.30 am
- Wednesday 10 November start 6.00 - 7.30 pm

Call 1800 THE TEC or 9212 4577 to register your interest.

Shannon Maher
Careers Coordinator
Welcome back to term three! To begin I would like to thank the St Peter’s Community for their support of the Winter Appeal at the end of last term. These goods were collected by the local St Vincent de Paul to be distributed to the needy in our own local community. Once again the St Vincent de Paul Society was very grateful for the goods we collected. A big thank you goes to all the families who donated food and blankets for this collection. Also, we are very grateful for the contribution made by the community for the Ozanum House Appeal. Many clothes and blankets have been donated and were willingly accepted by Ozanum House. Both are fine example of the Petrine Ethos at work – service to others.

This term will be a big term for our recipients of the Pilgrimage to Rome for the Canonisation of Mary MacKillop. They will be meeting with the other pilgrims from the Diocese along with preparing for this great event. The school community will also be involved in the preparation for the celebrations of this wonderful occasion.

Next week two of our Year 10 students will represent the College at the Justice camp at Rawson. Year 10 students from the Catholic Colleges in the Diocese will meet and participate in a number of seminars and activities all based on Justice. The CEO Sale and Caritas Australia are organising the two day event. The students who have attended this camp in the past have returned energised and empowered to make a difference in the world. Consequently, our School community have benefited from these experiences. We are very grateful to Ms Le Noel for giving up her time to accompany our students on this important event.

During this semester, our students will be studying a wide range of topics in their Religious Education classes. This shows the diversity of our Religious Education curriculum and our adherence to the Guidelines for the Diocese of Sale.

Year 7 – Old Testament, Sacraments, Prayer and Advent.
Year 8 – World Religions, Sin and Reconciliation, Prayer and Advent.
Year 9 – Christian Decision Making, Religious Diversity and Advent.
Year 10 – Church History, Prophets and Advent.

St. Agatha’s News

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

ROCK & ROLL DANCE: The Raise the Roof Committee have organized a fundraising Rock n’ Roll Dance to be held at St. Peter’s College Hall, Navarre Drive Cranbourne, on Sunday 24th July at 7.30pm. Tickets: $15 single, $25 double. Family ticket 2 Adults & 2 Children $30, additional children $2.50 & Pensioners $12.50. BYO nibbles & Drinks. Coffee & Tea provided. Tickets on sale after all weekend Masses. Come rock your socks off with dancing and fun for all the family!

R.C.I.A. PROGRAM – CATECHUMENATE 2010-2011: St. Agatha’s Parish will soon begin a new journey in faith to share the richness of the Catholic Church and our Parish family. An inquiry night will be held for those who are considering becoming a Catholic on Thursday 5th August at 7.30pm in the St. Agatha’s Hall. For further information contact the Parish office on 5996 1895 or Tina on 5996 3139.

TRANSPORT REQUIRED: A parishioner is looking for a lift to Sunday morning Mass, 9am or 10.30am, from Botanic Gardens Retirement Village, 41 Craig Road Cranbourne. If you can assist please contact the Parish Office on 5996 1985.

INVIGORATE (12-17yo) YOUTH GROUP will meet next Sunday at 7pm (after the 6pm Mass) in St .Agatha’s Hall. For further information contact Yani on 0423 329 454.

MUSIC MINISTRY: Sr. Mercy is seeking an assistant to help her with music ministry in the Parish. The person would need a love of the liturgy and of liturgical music. Please contact Sr. Mercy on 5996 1895.

God, bless our new semester,
Giving us
Time for the task,
Peace for the pathway,
Wisdom for the work,
Friends for the fireside,
Love to the last.
Amen.

Bernadette Tolan
Religious Education Leader

Greg Nelson
ST. AGATHA’S PARISH REPRESENTATIVE

TERM 3 CALENDAR

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event/Activity</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Thurs 15th Jul</td>
<td>Japanese Exchange Students Arrive</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>22nd – 23rd Jul</td>
<td>Year 10 Justice Camp</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mon 26th July</td>
<td>Middle School Subject Selection</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wed 28th July</td>
<td>Year 10, 11 &amp; 12 Futures Evening</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fri 6th August</td>
<td>French Exchange Students Depart</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>31st August</td>
<td>Athletics Carnival</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thurs 2nd Sept</td>
<td>Parent Info Night - Central Australia Trip</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thurs 9th Sept</td>
<td>Parent Teacher Interviews (4 – 8.30)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fri 10th Sept</td>
<td>Parent Teacher Interviews (9 – 12.30)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fri 10th Sept</td>
<td>Japan Tour Departs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mon 13th Sept</td>
<td>Year 12 Dance &amp; Drama Performance – 7pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wed 15th Sept</td>
<td>Central Australia Trip Departs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fri 17th Sept</td>
<td>End Term 3</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>