OPENING OF CRANBOURNE EAST ESTATE

Last Saturday I attended the opening of the Selandra Rise Estate the future home of the Cranbourne East Campus of St Peter’s College. The estate was opened by the Minister for Planning the Honourable Justin Madden and was an important day for establishing our presence in this new community.

Our students under the direction of Frank Carter and Matthew Sharpe presented a performance from this year’s school production the “Time Machine” which was very well received by all who attended and was a strong testament to the excellence our students and staff strive for at St Peter’s College. My thanks to all those who assisted on the day, from setting up our marquee to presenting first hand to the public an insight into our philosophy and ethos as a Catholic Secondary school. It was a very successful day for our school and one which enhanced strongly our reputation in this new community.

The site of the new campus has now been marked by a large billboard on Cranbourne –Berwick Rd and construction work will begin in two weeks time. For further information on the new campus, its location and design please visit our website www.stpeters.vic.edu.au

Selandra Rise Estate Opening: Stockland Marketing Manager Kerry Griffin, Principal Tim Hogan, Minister for Planning Justin Madden and College Captain Glen Salter.

ELECTION ISSUES

Following on from the last newsletter I have attached a summary provided by the National Catholic Education Commission of the key commitments being sought from political parties prior to this Federal Election. Commitments from both political parties in this regard will ensure the sustainability of our Catholic Education System which at present educates 704,000 students or approximately 20% of all students in Australia.

Mr Tim Hogan
PRINCIPAL

“THE TIME MACHINE” ON-LINE TICKETING

This year tickets for all performances of the College Production “The Time Machine” will be available through an on-line ticketing system. As of Monday 2nd August, tickets can be purchased by credit card through a secure site by either clicking on the link which will be located on our website under “Latest News” (www.stpeters.vic.edu.au) or by going directly to the Monash University ticketing site www.monash.edu.au/monart. The advantages of this system are that parents can choose their own seats with an approximate view to the stage and tickets can be printed out immediately at home.

A phone booking service is also available through Monash University – the contact number is 9905 1111 and this service is available Monday to Friday 10.30am-6.00pm. The box office will be open at the George Jenkins Theatre one hour only before each performance for late ticket purchases. Please note that tickets will not be available for direct purchase through the College Office.

If any clarification of this process is required please contact the College Office on 5996 6733.
SUSTAINING CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN AUSTRALIA INTO THE FUTURE

ELECTION 2010 COMMITMENTS SOUGHT FROM POLITICAL PARTIES

PRIOR TO THE 2010 FEDERAL ELECTION, CATHOLIC SCHOOLS AND SYSTEMS ARE SEEKING COMMITMENTS FROM THE MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES TO ENSURE THAT CATHOLIC EDUCATION WILL BE SUSTAINABLE INTO THE FUTURE.

1. Catholic schools and systems have a direct relationship with the Commonwealth Government, underpinned by legislation.
   Catholic schools and systems are a large and genuinely national enterprise, educating one in five Australian children. They therefore require a solid basis for funding certainty - a direct relationship through Commonwealth legislation.

2. Catholic schools and systems from 2013 have, at the very least, access to the same funds, indexed to government school costs, as currently available.
   To allow schools and school systems to survive, general recurrent and targeted program funds for Catholic schools and systems in 2013 must be at least the same level of funds, indexed, as currently allocated.

3. Catholic systems have the capacity to distribute funds to schools according to need.
   Catholic systems must be able to retain their well-established structures to allocate funds in a flexible, responsive and transparent manner to best meet the needs of schools and students.

4. Funding levels must be indexed annually, using a transparent mechanism, to ensure that Catholic schools and systems are able to meet the rising costs of education.
   Indexation must be linked to government school recurrent costs via an index that measures rising costs and expectations.

5. Funding for students with disabilities must be increased towards parity with government school funding.
   The number of children with a disability enrolled at Catholic schools is rising substantially. Increased funding is required to ensure that these students are able to be educated to an excellent standard with appropriate dignity and respect.

6. Capital funding should be increased for educationally disadvantaged communities and areas of population growth.
   Catholic schools and systems are committed to serving students from educationally disadvantaged communities and from fast-growing communities, and so seek increased capital funding to provide facilities and resources in these areas.
FUTURES EVENING - TONIGHT

Yr 10 – Commencing 7pm in the Florence Williams Building, followed by Subject & Careers expo in the Hall
Yr 11 – Commencing 7pm in the Benedict Building, followed by Subject & Careers expo in the Hall
Yr 12 – Commencing 6.45pm in the Hall, followed by Careers expo in the Hall

SUBJECT SELECTION

Tonight concludes our 2011 Subject Selection nights for students. Parents are encouraged to take the opportunity over the coming days to talk through decisions regarding future study – 2011 and beyond with their children. It is important that options are weighed up and advice sought if unsure about any part of the process. In addition to student’s Homeroom teacher, the following people are able to assist:

James Roberts – Director of Learning
Jacqui Gunovich – English Coordinator
Mark Barnes – Yr 12 Year Level Coordinator
Shannon Maher – Careers Counsellor
Paul Gyulavary – Maths Coordinator
Gina Goss – Yr 11 Year Level Coordinator
Mark Sinclair – VET/VCAL Coordinator
Rhiannon Clarke - Humanities Coordinator
Annette Marschner – Yr 10 Year Level Coordinator
Barry Fisher – Science Coordinator
Shaun Parton – Yr 9 Year Level Coordinator
Frank Carter – Performing Arts Coordinator
David Bardi – Yr 8 Year Level Coordinator
Viv Hayes – Visual Arts Coordinator
Vince Falzarano - Technology Coordinator
Chris Denny – Information Technology Coordinator
Matt Laurie – Health & Physical Education Coordinator
Greg Nelson – Acting Religious Education Coordinator

James Roberts
Director of Learning

Debate News

Students from Year 7,8,11 and 12 travelled to John Paul College to represent St. Peter’s College in SIS Debating. The topics covered the issues of My School web-site, the Education Revolution, Physical Discipline and Censorship of Music Videos. The Two Senior Teams comprising Taylor Fagan, Shani Francis, Elouise Johnson, Kynan Strachan, Jake Spring and Kaitlyn Walker won three out of their four debates.
Taylor Fagan and Jake Spring were adjudged Best Speaker in two different Debates. Shani Francis, Elouise Johnson and Kynan Strachan were adjudged equal Best Speakers in their debate on music censorship.

Well done to all the students for the way in which they represented St. Peter’s College.

Elouise Johnson and Kaitlyn Walker
School Captain and Vice Captain

Career News

There are currently several traineeships and apprenticeships available to our students:

MEGT has two positions available to students who are looking to begin their career for a Certificate III Food Processing (Retail Baking- Bread). They will be working for an employer based in Dandenong, working in a warehouse with excellent baking hours 9am-5pm.
To be eligible for this position, interested candidates will need to submit their current resume and cover letter (cover letter must state that the application is for the Dandenong Baking Apprenticeship).

The Nursery & Gardening Industry of Victoria are looking for 20 participants for their intake into Certificate II Horticulture (Nursery) Pre-Apprenticeship (a 12 week intensive training program). This organization will be offering 15 positions into a Certificate III Horticulture (Nursery) upon successful completion of the Pre-App. The majority of jobs will be in the South Eastern suburbs; Dandenong and Mornington Peninsula.

Interviews will be conducted after exams finish, but students are being encouraged to register their interest as soon as possible.

For more info on both of these opportunities contact- Jo McCabe, 0404 824 570
To express your interest or apply submit your current resume and cover letter to:
Email: yip@megt.com.au
Mail: Attention: YIP
c/o MEGT
2/29 Princes Highway
Dandenong 3175
Fax: 03 9791 4460

Marine Mechanic and boat fit-outs:

Located in Dandenong South, this local business is looking for employees who are interested in working as a marine mechanic and undertaking boat fit-outs. On the job training will be provided. The employer is looking for a year 12 student or someone who completed year 12 last year, if you are interested please contact me in the careers room for more details.

Upcoming events:

30th July – 1st August The Herald Sun Careers Expo will be held at the Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre. This is an opportunity to investigate a range of career options as well as tertiary courses, all in the one venue.

Ongoing Open Days. There are still several open days for TAFE’s and Universities. All year 12 students are encouraged to attend and ask questions of the institutes to assist them with their VTAC selections.

Shannon Maher
Careers Coordinator
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Year 9 Sex Education**

Human beings are gifted with free will. This means that human beings have the capacity to make choices. Out of all God’s creatures on Earth, only human beings are capable of making a decision between what is right and what is wrong.

In order to make a decision based on listening to one’s conscience one must first have an ‘informed conscience’. A person when making a conscientious decision, therefore, needs to be informed of all the facts of the matter, the positives of the decision, the negatives of the decision, the ethical and moral implications of the decision and whether or not there is any official impediment to the decision.

St. Peter’s College offers a number of opportunities for students to gain an ‘informed conscience’. To this end, the Year 9 Religious Education classes are beginning a course of study that helps them understand how a person makes a morally correct decision and how our individual conscience is formed. Students are acquainted with the values found in The Ten Commandments (Ex. 20:17, Deut. 5:1-22), The Beatitudes (Mt. 5:1-12, Lk. 6:20-26) and the Great Commandment (Lk. 10: 25-28, Mt. 22: 34-40 and Mk. 12: 28-34) and how these values influence moral decision making in many diverse areas, including Sexual Activity.

The Christian Decision Making unit for Year 9 will use a program called “It’s Your Choice” when discussing moral choices in the area of Sexual Activity. This is a program that has been authorised by Bishop Prowse and CEO Sale. The program, which will be presented as the last four lessons in the Christian Decision Making unit, will focus on four main areas. These are Cultural and Media Pressures, The Value and Dignity of the Human Person, Every Choice has a Consequence and Building Healthy Relationships. Each session contains an Introduction by the teacher, a DVD Presentation, Facilitated Discussion and Group Work, Set Homework and distribution of Parent Information sheets. These units are scheduled to commence mid to late August.

As parents are the primary educators of their children, they will mail out more detailed material in regard to “It’s Your Choice” prior to the commencement of the program. When that time arrives parents should feel free to discuss any issues with the relevant St. Peter’s College staff.

“If a person is righteous and does what is lawful and right….they will surely live, says the Lord God” Ezek 18:5

**St. Agatha’s News**

**R.C.I.A. PROGRAM –CATECHUMENATE 2010-2011:**

If you’ve been coming to Mass for a while, but are not Catholic. Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith?

An inquiry night will be held for those who may be considering becoming a Catholic on Thursday 5th August at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

All welcome! For further information contact the Parish Office on 5996 1985 or Tina on 5996 3139.

**SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION:**

Children are preparing for First Communion. Please pray for the children and their families during this special time. Contact Sr. Anna at the Parish Office between 3pm-5pm during the week or on 5996 1985.

**CRANBOURNE EAST PARISH:**

We would like an architect to prepare a master plan for the new Cranbourne East Primary School and Parish in the light of the charisma of the Saint under whose patronage the new parish would belong. The name will be chosen in consultation with the new Parish & School development committees and the Parish Pastoral Council. From here a recommendation will be made to Bishop Prowse. Parish groups and individuals are invited to submit to the Parish Office the name of the Saint they would like to see chosen along with a paragraph or two on why they have chosen their particular Saint.

**ROSARY FOR THE BISHOP:**

Everyone is invited to join Rosary for the Bishop, a program organizing Catholics to pray the rosary for their Bishops. Catholics all over the world are praying for their shepherds through Rosary for the Bishop: visit www/rosaryforthebishop.org/join to sign up today!

**BOOK YOUR SEAT TO WYD2011:**

Bishop Prowse would like to invite YOU to join the Diocesan pilgrimage to Madrid, Spain 16-21 August 2011. To book go to www.wydtours.com, click on “WYD pilgrimages” and follow the links to the Diocese of Sale page. **WYD Pilgrim Boot Camp** begins 4pm Sunday August 1st, at St.Patrick’s Pakenham and will include formation, reflection, Mass and share dinner together. Attending is an ESSENTIAL element of being part of the WYD2011 pilgrimage and ALL pilgrims (those registered & those planning to register) are expected to attend. If, under extraordinary circumstances, you are unable to attend this Pilgrim Boot Camp session please let Jess (jessd@sale.catholic.org.au) know ASAP.

Greg Nelson
**Acting Religious Education Leader**

**St. Peter’s College new Website**

Can be found at www.stpeters.vic.edu.au

**ST. AGATHA’S PARISH REPRESENTATIVE**