FROM THE PRINCIPAL

ELECTION NEWS
I include the following media release from the Director of Catholic Education Stephen Elder in regard to the announced funding commitments from the two major political parties.

LABOR FUNDING COMMITMENT DELIVERS CERTAINTY TO 2013
The Director of Catholic Education in the Archdiocese of Melbourne, Stephen Elder, today commended the Prime Minister’s decision to extend the current funding arrangements for Catholic schools until the end of 2013.
“The Prime Minister’s decision to continue funding to 2013 is a clear endorsement of the great work in Catholic schools by parish priests, principals, teachers and parents,” said Mr Elder.
“Catholic school communities know this commitment delivers funding certainty through to 2013.
“Labor’s decision to continue the current funding arrangements, however, will not bridge the 37% government funding gap between needy Catholic schools and better resourced government schools.
“Catholic schools will be pleased there is now bi-partisan support from the Liberal/National parties and the ALP for Catholic school funding through to 2013.”
Mr Elder said the Prime Minister should disregard the Australian Education Union’s (AEU) position on this issue as the union has repeatedly misrepresented Catholic school funding.
“The reality is that Catholic schools operate on 93% of the funding of government schools, even when school fees are included,” Mr Elder said.
“Australia needs a government that provides sufficient resources to all students whatever school they attend, not one designed to satisfy the AEU’s ideological agenda.”
In next weeks newsletter I will include a summary of the Education Policies of the Greens Party who may become influential in the shaping of Government policy in the future.

PARENTS & FRIENDS MEETING – VCAL PRESENTATION
At the Parents and Friends Association Meeting on the 17th of August our VCAL students will be conducting a short presentation on the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning. They will explain the structure of the course, the pathways it opens up for them and the benefits they see for themselves in this style of learning. Parents and students interested in the VCAL program are most welcome to attend. The evening begins in the staffroom at 7.30pm.

Tim Hogan
PRINCIPAL

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

The Time Machine
Don’t miss the world premiere of the new musical version of “The Time Machine” (script and lyrics by Frank Carter, Music by Frank Carter and Bryce Ewing) at the George Jenkins Theatre Monash University, Frankston August 25th - 28th August. Directed by Gina Goss and choreographed by Kate Williams, this show has everything- great acting, singing and dancing a live band, incredible artistic design, amazing costumes and a great story with a contemporary message.
The show has its serious and poignant moments but also has a lighter side and is always entertaining. “The Time Machine” provides a great vehicle to showcase the diverse range of talents of our students and staff.

Frank Carter
PRODUCER/MUSICAL DIRECTOR
“The Time Machine” On-Line Ticketing

Tickets for all performances of the College Production “The Time Machine” are now available through Monash University’s on-line ticketing system. Tickets can be purchased by credit card through a secure site by either clicking on the link which will be located on the St Peter’s College 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.

Ticket prices are $18 for adults and $12 for children/concession. Performances are as follows:

Thursday 26 August evening performance at 7.30pm
Friday 27 August evening performance at 7.30pm
Saturday 28 August matinee at 2.00pm and evening performance at 7.30pm

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.

CAN YOU HELP??????

The following props and materials are still needed for the “Time Machine” school production.

• 3 antique style wooden chairs
• 1 antique style tea trolley
• Wooden park bench
• Artificial flowers
• Artificial ivy/vine
• Wooden crates (that can be painted)
• Polystyrene or foam rubber (any size that can be painted)
• Wooden goblets / cups
• Cane baskets/plates

If you are able to donate (or point us in the right direction) then please contact Ms Goss at the college. We would like the materials / props by the beginning of next week (Monday 16th) for our final rehearsals. All items borrowed will be looked after and returned immediately after the production.

Ms Gina Goss
DIRECTOR

INFORMATION EVENING FOR PARENTS

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg is one of Australia’s highest profile psychologists. He will be running this information evening titled “What kids are doing online and how to keep them safe”. The information session will discuss the latest research into cyber bullying, social networking sites, internet addiction, filtering software and online games.

Details:
• DATE: Monday, 30 August, 2010
• VENUE: Novotel, 16 The Esplanade, St Kilda
• TIME: 7.00pm -8.00pm (Presentation), 8.00pm-9.00pm (drinks and finger food)
• COST: $49 (all inclusive)
• CONTACT: Danielle Lord on (03) 8591 2280 or email: admin@criticalagendas.com.au

CAREER NEWS

OPEN DAYS STILL TO COME

• Sun 8 Aug – Deakin Uni (Geelong); RMIT Uni & TAFE; Gordon TAFE; Victoria Uni & TAFE (Footscray); William Angliss TAFE
• Sun 15 Aug – Australian Catholic Uni (ACU) (Melbourne); Deakin Uni (Warrrnambool); La Trobe Uni (Bendigo); Swinburne Uni & TAFE; Melbourne Uni; Sunraysia TAFE (Swan Hill)
• Sat 21 Aug – Holmesglen TAFE
• Sun 22 Aug – Box Hill TAFE; Deakin Uni (Melbourne); La Trobe Uni (Albury/Wodonga)
• Sun 29 Aug – ACU (Ballarat); Ballarat Uni; La Trobe Uni (Bundoora)

INTERESTED IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY?

Then Explore Occupational Therapy as a Career by attending an information/demonstration evening. Hear from occupational therapists in a range of areas, see demonstrations, ask questions. When: 6.15-8.00pm, Thurs 2 Sept; Where: Education Precinct, Level 4, Austin Tower, Austin Hospital, Studley Rd, Heidelberg; Parking: $9 in Austin Tower – collect voucher on the night; Register: Loretta Hanson, ph 9496 5105 or Melissa.whitten@austin.org.au.

WHAT IS ENGINEERING?

Engineering is involved with many aspects of our lives, from the cars we travel in, the roads we travel on, the technology we use, the buildings we enter and the power we consume to name a few. The Australian Engineering Week for Victoria is Mon 2 – Fri 6 August. Find out more about engineering events and the different types of engineering by visiting the website www.makeitso.org.au.
INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY

- **Navigating the Journey:** a workshop for parents, carers and support networks of students with a disability. Rights and responsibilities, legislation, services, needs and hopes, person-centred planning. Confused about what to do? **When:** 6.30-8.30pm, Wed 4 Aug; **Where:** Room 5, Federation Estate, 32 Greenwood Ave, Ringwood; **Cost:** Free; **Registration/Info:** Sue Dixon, 9895 7041, sue.dixon@yooralla.com.au

- Two sessions for students with a disability or chronic medical condition on VTAC and SEAS. Hear from VTAC, TAFE’s and universities how to maximise successful entry of students into tertiary education. Learn about the Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS), how selection officers interpret the application form, and about support services.

  1. **When:** 6.00-8.30pm, Thurs 19 Aug; **Where:** Darebin Arts & Entertainment Centre, Cnr Bell St and St Georges Rd, Preston (Grevillea Room); **Cost:** Free; **Info:** Effie Kapsalos, ph 9686 2354, ekapsalos@imvc.com.au; Auslan interpreters; **Register:** [http://www.imvc.com.au/new_site/NDCO_Booking_Request.asp](http://www.imvc.com.au/new_site/NDCO_Booking_Request.asp) (NDCO event) OR

  2. **When:** 6.15-8.30pm, Wed 25 Aug; **Where:** Building HD3.008, Deakin Uni, Burwood; **Register:** [http://www.trybooking.com/FYJ](http://www.trybooking.com/FYJ), Info: jill.sears@rmit.edu.au; Auslan interpreters and live remote captioning will be provided and the venue is wheelchair accessible. Brought to you by NDCO and Deakin Uni.

INTERESTED IN STUDYING MUSIC AT MONASH UNIVERSITY?

The Music Faculty at Monash is holding an **Information Session** for interested school students. Hear from staff about study options and entry requirements, and get your questions answered. **When:** 7.30-9.00pm, Tues 17 Aug; **Where:** Music Auditorium, Building 68, Clayton; **Parking:** Free (blue zone); **Info:** Emily Williams, ph 9905 3231.

WORK EXPERIENCE

During Term 2 all Year 10 students complete 2 weeks of work experience. Some of the more popular locations are currently opening up applications for work experience for 2011. If any students are interested in work experience at the following locations they will need to visit the careers room for more details asap:

- Zoos Victoria, MCG, Police Force, Melbourne Aquarium or Melbourne Museum.

All Year 9 students are encouraged to start organising their work experience placement now to avoid disappointment as there are several schools in the area which also run work experience at the same time.

Shannon Maher

CAREERS COORDINATOR

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**Sporting News**

**INTERMEDIATE BOYS SOCCER**

Intermediate Boys Soccer Vs Flinders

With a few changes to the squad that drew the first game, expectations were running high ahead of the away fixture against Flinders. Due to a waterlogged pitch the game was moved to St Peters whose lengthy covering of grass had help to soak up the recent rain more effectively. Word spread like wildfire during the morning lessons and a partisan, bumper crowd was expected to pack the boggy touchline. Alas, it was not to be. After an in depth team talk and warm up (in a torrential downpour), the message filtered through from the always delightful Office staff that Flinders had indeed cancelled due to “bus issues”. Disappointed was felt all round - particularly as the boys were sent off to their normal period 4 lessons.

Mr Broadley (COACH)

**INTERMEDIATE GIRLS FOOTBALL**

Last Friday St Peters played host to St Francis Xavier for round 2 of Intermediate Girls Football. Once again the girls got off to a flyer, scoring 2 goals within the first 5 minutes. After that the game became a battle, with a heavy downpour making things a bit more difficult. The girls went in at halftime with a one goal lead. At halftime the team was asked to put in one mighty effort for the 3rd quarter with the emphasis being on running and tackling, and this is exactly what the girls did and they were able to kick 3.3 to SFX 0.2. A special mention must go to Jasmine Jakupi and Rachel Clark who completely shut down 2 of SFX key players. The last quarter was end to end football with no team able to kick a goal, which led to St Peters coming away with their first victory.

St Peters 6.4.40 def St Francis Xavier 2.2.14
Best Players: The whole team!!

Justin De Goldi

(SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR)

**SENIOR BOYS FOOTBALL**

The boys football team travelled to Padua in Mornington to play their first game of this SIS competition. Coach Hampson was upbeat about his team’s chances. Unfortunately, the weather was bitterly cold and the ground was like a swamp.

Our boys showed tremendous determination and great teamwork in these terrible conditions to run out 30 point winners. We just kept pushing the ball forwards, even against the tide, and eventually broke Padua’s resolve.

The game was played in excellent spirit, with all of our 24 team members giving their all and ensuring that we were on running and tackling, and this is exactly what the girls did and they were able to kick 3.3 to SFX 0.2. A special mention must go to Jasmine Jakupi and Rachel Clark who completely shut down 2 of SFX key players. The last quarter was end to end football with no team able to kick a goal, which led to St Peters coming away with their first victory.

SCORES: St. Peter’s 9-9-63 def. Padua 5-3-33
GOALS: Bivioni (2), Molesworth, Mann, Thorne, DeMel, Roscoe, Bower, Faamaua.
BEST: Bivioni, Johnson, Roscoe, Bower, Boland, Harbour, Bice, Thorne.

Mr Grant

(ASSISTANT COACH)
SENIOR GIRLS’ SIS NETBALL

Our enthusiastic Senior Girls’ Netball team have played two rounds this term against strong opposition from Padua Mornington and St Francis Xavier College. Round 1 saw the team make a number of rotations and position changes to find a successful combination of players. We had particularly impressive performances from Larrissa Marotta in goals and Brooke Farrelly in defence. Sharni Francis and Madeline Tatham also provided drive in the midcourt. Thank you to the girls who were late inclusions to the team who contributed to the team’s performance on the day. Round 2 against St Francis Xavier was a very tough game. With SFX’s very accurate goaling and tight defence, our girls had to work very hard to deliver the ball to our goalers and ultimately score. We experimented with some positional changes and rotated players on and off the court, but were unable to slow their scoring. Credit should go to Elouise Johnson and Brooke Farrelly, who had the main goal ring defence responsibilities, as they kept applying pressure to their goalers. Amy Cunliffe had an outstanding game, continually driving through the mid-court and delivering the ball to our goalers. Caitlyn Van den Elst and Anitia Phillips also provided passing options through the mid-court and attacking third. It was pleasing to see Rochelle and Emerald continue to make position for passes, particularly against the pressure being applied by their opposing players. Once again Sharni Francis and Madeline Tatham contributed well against the strong opposition. I am confident that our team play will improve in the coming rounds and we will experience greater success.

Robyn Young
(COACH)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Childhood memories can be a wonderful thing. Sometimes they make for some interesting reflection. For instance, I can recall celebrating a number of Holy Days of Obligation whilst at primary school in the 1960s. They were usually days of great joy. The reason was not as honourable as you might think. The joy was often because, as a student of a Catholic primary school, I was given a class free day.

Of course, the expectation was that you attended Mass and that you honoured the day in an appropriate manner. I remember, for instance, that on the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin we would have a procession around the school grounds behind a statue of Our Lady, process into the Church and celebrate Mass in honour of the Virgin Mary.

Sadly, I think, the way we celebrate Holy Days of Obligation has changed greatly since the 1960s. So much so that in Australia, there are now only two Holy Days of Obligation that are celebrated on the actual feast day rather than the closest Sunday. The two days are Christmas Day on December 25th and The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15th.

As a happy circumstance, this year the feast day also falls on a Sunday. This coming Sunday, being August 15th, is the Feast of the Assumption. A day when the Church remembers and celebrates that Mary, the Mother of God, did not suffer bodily decay when she died but was taken to heaven body and soul.

This understanding is one of the two infallible dogma, or authoritative and binding teachings of the Catholic Church, concerning the Blessed Virgin. I think that it is interesting that whilst this particular devotion to the Virgin Mary was part of the worship of the universal church for many centuries, it was only in 1950 that Pope Pius X11 declared it to be an infallible teaching of the Catholic Church when he said,

"We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory."

We give thanks that God gifted His people with the Blessed Virgin Mary. She is not only an example of obedience and devotion for us but also someone who we understand can intercede on our behalf with our heavenly Creator.

So we are brave enough to pray: “Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen"

Greg Nelson

ST. AGATHA’S NEWS

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 Bishops. 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.

WE WARMLY WELCOME Sr. Theresa Nazan the Superior General of the Sisters of the Nativity to our Parish. Sr. Theresa will be with us for four weeks. We pray she will enjoy her time with us in Australia.

CALL OF GUADALUPE – THE MUSICAL will be held on the weekend of the 11th, 12th September at the Cardinia Cultural Centre Pakenham. Tickets on sale now! See notice board for further details or contact 9561 3784 for tickets.

Greg Nelson

ST. AGATHA’S PARISH REPRESENTATIVE