FROM THE PRINCIPAL

HUMANITARIAN TRAGEDY

The displacement of 20 million people in Pakistan due to the torrential rains and flooding is a humanitarian tragedy which gets worse by the day. The immediate need for food, water, sanitation and shelter are immense but the rehabilitation and long term assistance will need to continue for years to come.

The Australian Government so far has given assistance of $35 million dollars which is greatly appreciated but has fallen well short of funds pledged for those affected by the Tsunami in Indonesia in recent years. Caritas Australia is calling for the Australian community to show solidarity with people whose lives have been devastated, villages destroyed, crops and orchards ruined.

Over the coming weeks our student leaders and social justice groups will look to raise funds for the people of Pakistan to be distributed through Caritas Australia. Any assistance you can give in this regard will be greatly appreciated. As a community, we have always shown great compassion for human suffering; as a Catholic Community we have a responsibility to act when ever we see such suffering.

OPENING NIGHT OF “THE TIME MACHINE“

The excitement has been building for some weeks now and finally opening night is upon us. This Thursday night at the Gorge Jenkins Theatre will see the premiere of the St Peter’s College Production “The Time Machine”. Students and staff have been working hard in preparation for Thursday Night and they deserve to have a full house in recognition of their dedication and enthusiasm over the last three months involving many hours after school and at weekends for rehearsals.

My thanks to a dedicated and professional staff led by Frank Carter (script,lyrics and music) , Gina Goss (Director), Kate Williams (Choreographer), Matt Sharpe (Voice Coach) and Bryce Ewing (Music) who continue to maintain a culture of excellence in the performing Arts at St Peter’s College. I also extend my thanks to the many staff who have volunteered over the coming nights to ensure that make-up, staging and lighting all work seamlessly to ensure a spectacular performance.

Tickets are still available (See details in this newsletter) for an event in the school year which should not be missed.

YEAR 11 MEDIA STUDENTS

Congratulations to our Year 11 Media students who have won through to the final of the RACV Transmission competition. Joel Walker , Sam Qualizza and Adonis Bitanga will have to pitch their concept of the RACV road accident awareness theme of “Whatever it takes, he’s your mate” to a judging panel at the Chanel 7 studios on Tuesday the 24th of August. Congratulations also to their teacher Ms Goss who has had students reach the finals of this competition in consecutive years.
**REFLECTION:**

As Teachers we are inspired by the words of Mother Teresa who said to a group of De La Salle Brothers in Rome in 1979, the year in which she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize:

> My prayer to you Brothers... I beg for you, be faithful to the gift of God that has been entrusted to you to teach. You are the light today amongst young people.

> The future of the whole world depends on what you make them. You can make them and you can break them. You are the only one that can, as teachers, stand before them as a presence of Christ. May the young people entrusted to you be able always to see Christ in you and be filled with his purity and goodness, with his justice, because today, especially, the young can be misled and you are the people who have to lead them.

> Be that light to them. Be the light that will lead them to God. People are hungry – especially young people – hungry for God, and you are there to satisfy that hunger. Be faithful to the great gift of God to you... to be teachers, to be the light: his light in the world amongst young people’

As parents and as teachers we are called to be the light of the world, a calling and privilege.

**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

St. Peter’s College Athletics Carnival will be held on Tuesday 31st August at St. Peters College. This event is compulsory for all students. Students are required to wear full College Physical Education uniform. Students should bring their lunch and plenty to drink. There will be a bbq available on the day.

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**TERM 3 CALENDAR**

- **26th – 28th Aug** School Production - “The Time Machine”
- **31st Aug** Athletics Carnival
- **Thurs 2nd Sept** Parent Info Night - Central Australia Trip
- **Fri 10th Sept** Parent Teacher Interviews (4 – 8.30)
- **Mon 13th Sept** Year 12 Dance & Drama Performance – 7pm
- **Wed 15th Sept** Central Australia Trip Departs
- **Fri 17th Sept** End Term 3

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**PARENTS AND FRIENDS BUNNINGS BBQ**

“ The Parents and Friends Association is holding its annual Bunnings BBQ day at Bunnings, Cranbourne on Saturday 11th September. This is our major fundraiser for the year, and the beauty of this one is that it doesn’t involve our wallets, just an hour of our time. If anyone in your family is a Whizz on the Barbie, or can lend us an hour anytime between 8am and 4pm on the day, we would really appreciate it. This is a great way to promote St. Peter’s to the Cranbourne Community and we are hoping we will sell plenty of snags to all the Dad’s heading in to cash in their Father’s Day vouchers. If you can help us out please call Helen on 0400574103, or 97757780 and we will put you on our timetable.”

Helen Schwieger
SENIOR FOOTBALL

The second game was played against John Paul College on our home ground. Once again the weather was unkind to us, with cold winds and a water-logged oval to contend with. Nevertheless, we made an excellent start, keeping up with JPC while kicking into a strong breeze. The mid-field was very strong, lead by captain Jessie Bice and new-comer Chris Biviano. Tom Cotton and Patrick Boland stood tall in defence and Jimi Johnson continued his great form from last week in attack.

The first quarter effort, and a lot of determination in the last quarter, was enough to get us over the line in a game that could have easily gone either way. This exciting win was especially pleasing considering that we had a few players unavailable for this game. Again we got contributions from all 21 players in a very even team performance.

St. Peter’s 8-11-59 def. JPC 7-12-54
Goals: Johnson(2), Bower, Faamausili, Biviano, Travaglia, Harbour, Thorne.

Patrick Grant
COACH

INTERMEDIATE BOYS SOCCER

Intermediate Boys Soccer vs Padua (away)
With the last minute withdrawl of defensive linchpin Pap, the long journey to Mornington was spent contemplating how to approach the final fixture of the Pool. Cornelio was drafted into the starting eleven to add some physical presence to the back line and a more traditional 4-4-2 formation was adopted. The game started well with an early goal from Rammuth – a poachers finish as he sniffed an opportunity inside the box following a well delivered corner. Padua soon struck back to equalise before perhaps the telling moment of the game arrived. The twinkle-toed Methakul weaved his magic in the box to draw the opposition defender into a rash challenge and a penalty was rightly awarded. Captain Lekakis strode forward and struck undoubtedly the worse penalty I have seen since the fine received a few months back for doing 69km/h in a 60 zone! Worse was to come as the rebound fell invitingly to the usually reliable skipper whose reactions were like that of a startled rabbit caught in the headlights of an oncoming car ....the chance went begging. As a storm lashed the pitch in the second half, sending Chairman DeGoldi scurrying to the bus for cover, the players responded with Prosser quickly getting on the end of a through ball to slot home. This prompted the most bizarre moment of the afternoon – a strange ‘fish’ style goal celebration from pacy forward Willshire. The team defended gallantly against a strong wind and were harshly denied victory due to a dubious penalty decision and some dodgy offside calls. The point however should hopefully be enough to see us qualify for the Finals – a deserved reward for the commitment and effort displayed by all the squad so far.

Mr Broadley
COACH

CAREER NEWS

Year 12 students:
All year 12 students are encouraged to keep entering their VTAC applications. Remember that applications close on the 30th September, but assistance at school is only available until 14th September. If you are considering submitting a SEAS application (see below) as well, you must enter your VTAC application first, then your SEAS application.

Students are encouraged to enter their applications by the end of August! This allows them plenty of time to make any necessary modifications, but also ensure that something has been entered by the cut-off date. Any students who requires assistance with the VTAC application process is encouraged to come in and see me and complete this application at school.

SEAS applications ~ Category 7: Under-represented schools.

What is this?
Some universities offer additional places to students from schools which are under-represented at their campuses. In some cases this means that they may consider your application even if you do not get the required ATAR score. This is because they understand that the ATAR score does not always truly reflect a student’s ability to succeed in further education.

How do I apply?
When you are putting in your VTAC application you should also fill out a SEAS application – category 7. The school then fills in its evaluation and sends it directly to VTAC.

If you are considering putting in a SEAS application please check both the university website and the prerequisites carefully before you apply as you cannot get into these courses without completing the minimum requirements.

For further information about VTAC applications or the SEAS process please visit the Careers room,

Shannon Maher
CAREERS COORDINATOR
The month of October this year is going to be an historical occasion and it has nothing to do with the possibility of a Hung Parliament in Canberra!
On October 17th Blessed Mary of the Cross Mackillop, a Melbourne woman, born in Fitzroy in 1842, will be canonised by his Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI in St. Peter’s Square, Rome. Hundreds of thousands of people are expected to be in Rome to see Blessed Mary and five others canonised. Many more people around the world will hold celebrations for the various saints and thousands will celebrate Blessed Mary’s canonisation around Australia.
So, what is canonisation? The short answer is that it is the Church formerly recognising a person’s life of service to God and acknowledging that they are able to intercede with God on our behalf. The Church does not create saints. The life that was lived by the person has made them a saint already. Canonisation affirms that the positive lifestyle of the person enables them to intercede with God on our behalf. Therefore, it is not a step that the Church takes lightly.
Along the path to canonisation, the Church required evidence of two miracles as a sign that Mary now intercedes with God. The proof of these miracles was rigorously studied and presented to the Vatican. When the miracles were accepted, the Pope issued a decree for canonisation- for the title of “Saint” to be granted.
On October 17th, Mary Mackillop will become Australia’s first canonised saint. Her canonisation means that she will be recognised world wide as a saint for the whole Church. She will be known as St. Mary of the Cross (her religious name used when she was a Sister of St. Joseph).
The Catholic Education Office Melbourne says that her feast day will be August 8th. This will be listed in the universal Church calendar and Catholics the world over will be able to pray to St. Mary of the Cross for intercessions.
We look forward to be able to pray: Saint Mary of the Cross-Pray for Us.

Greg Nelson
ACTING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION LEADER

ST. AGATHA’S NEWS

MIGRANTS SUNDAY CELEBRATION: All are invited and urged to join together for a joyful Mass celebrated by Bishop Christopher Prowse with Priests of the Diocese; followed by food and fellowship next Sunday 29th August at 2.00pm at St Patrick’s Church Pakenham. Almost everyone in Australia has a migrant background, as such, we would love to use this avenue to celebrate our diversity and unity. Please bring your smile, your traditional dress (if you have one) and a plate to share. Any questions contact: Fr Jacob Thadathil 5185028, 0438 345 436.

ST.AGATHA’S VOICE: Would you like to submit an article for the September edition of our Parish Publication “St.Agatha’s Voice”? Articles and photos can be dropped into the Parish Office or emailed to stagathas@nex.net.au. For further enquires contact the Editor, Steve Borsodi on 5996 6978. (A.H) or the Parish Office.

UPCOMING EVENTS: A Pet Show will be held on Saturday 18th September at 10am as a fundraiser for Raise the Roof. Categories will include: Best dressed, Most talented & Most like owner. Further details will follow in the coming weeks.

THE ANNUAL ITALIAN MASS & PROCESSION will take place on Sunday 10th October at 2.30pm at St.Agatha’s Church. Enquires Tereseea 5996 1845 or Filomena 5996 4803. See notice board for further details.

RE 4 THE RABBLE- “A GLIMPSE INTO THE LIFE OF MARY MACKILLOP”: “Mary MacKillop; A very human & ordinary woman” facilitated by Sr Rita Malavisi rsj, 4.30pm – 6.30pm, Sunday September 12, Don Bosco Primary School Hall, 496 Prices Hwy, Narre Warren.

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