FROM THE PRINCIPAL
CRANBOURNE EAST CAMPUS OF ST PETER’S COLLEGE

The first sod was turned on the new Cranbourne East Campus of St Peter’s College by the Canonical Administrator Fr Wise last Wednesday. Construction of stage one will be complete during term 2, 2011 allowing students to use the facilities at the beginning of semester 2.
Fr Wise has also received approval from the Bishop of Sale Christopher Prowse and the Western Region Development Committee to begin a new Catholic Primary school on 10 acres adjoining the secondary campus site in Cranbourne East.

This primary school opening in 2013 will also coincide with the construction of a new church on the site and together form the heart of a new parish for Cranbourne East. With expected increases in population of 30’000 in Cranbourne East over the next 15 years it is expected that within 10 years of opening that both the secondary and primary schools in Cranbourne East will be at full capacity.

YEAR 11 MEDIA STUDENTS – WINNERS OF THE RACV TRANSMISSION FINAL.

Congratulations to our Year 11 media students who have won the final of the state-wide RACV Transmission competition. Joel Walker, Sam Qualizza and Adonis Bitanga will now have their concept of the RACV road accident awareness theme “Whatever it takes, he’s your mate” produced as a TV commercial in term 4 this year. Congratulations also to their teacher Ms Goss who has prepared and supported these students throughout their media studies this year.

JAPANESE EXCHANGE

Last Friday Mr James Roberts and Ms Karyn McMenamin set off with 13 students for a three week exchange to Japan. The students will attend Sapporo Seishu High School and stay with host families during the length of their visit. The exchange will include visits to some of the cultural highlights of the local region before spending some time in Kyoto and Tokyo prior to their return to Melbourne. Over the holidays we hope to have regular updates of our visits to Japan and Central Australia (see below) on our website.

CENTRAL AUSTRALIA

This morning 40 year 11 students and 4 staff from St. Peter’s will set off on a 10 day tour of Central Australia. Both students and staff have eagerly anticipated this trip which is an important part of the extra-curricular program on offer at St. Peter’s College. The experience of Aboriginal culture and the natural beauty that this region is renowned for is not only a formative educational experience for our students but one that they will remember for years to come. My thanks to the staff members who have volunteered to supervise this trip; Ms Louise Forrester (tour leader), Mr Gerard Brown, Ms Jessica Chakman and Ms Shannon Marr. We wish them all an enjoyable and memorable journey and pray for their safe return.

END OF TERM

It was pleasing to see so many parents and students attend the parent teacher interview sessions over the last week. The ability to receive and act on constructive feedback is a lifelong skill that students at all year levels need to be continuously encouraged to develop. The process of receiving and acting on feedback develops in students the very important ability to listen but also gives them a strategy they can utilise in the future as they strive to be the best they can be. I encourage all parents to continue to coach their children in this regard. I wish all students and their families a safe and happy holidays.

Tim Hogan

PRINCIPAL

EMA CHEQUES

Are now available for collection from the College Office. Cheques that are not collected by the end of Term will be credited to your fee account.

Please note students are not permitted to collect cheques on your behalf.
TERM 4 SUMMER UNIFORM
Students are reminded that from the beginning of term 4, the summer uniform must be worn. The requirements for this can be found on page 13 of the Student Record Book. Please note that students are not permitted to wear the winter uniform during term 4.

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY-PAGE 12 OF THE STUDENT RECORD BOOK
There have been a few questions from families of late regarding the College’s Zero Tolerance Policy. Families are reminded that this policy means that only on medical grounds will students be excused from wearing the uniform of the day.
This includes students who have Year Level Sport on a particular day. These students are required to wear the College Sports Uniform on that day. If a student is not participating in sport for a particular reason (eg. sickness, injury), they are still required to wear the College Sports Uniform for the day.
Students who have a note from home as a reason for not having the correct uniform will also still have the Zero Tolerance Policy applied.
Students deemed to be out of the correct uniform of the day, by their Year Level Coordinator will be excluded from classes until the correct uniform can be worn.

I thank families for their support of this policy. It enables the College to maintain high uniform standards.

YEAR ELEVEN STUDENT LEADERSHIP SEMINAR DAY
There will be a change this year to the way we elect our Year 12 Student Leaders.
On the first Tuesday of Term 4 (5th October), all Year 11 students will be involved in a Student Leadership Seminar Day. Essentially the students will attend school as normal on the day (in full school uniform) and will be involved in a number of activities relating to the election of our Student Leaders for 2011.
In previous years, the Year 12s have been introduced to the Student Leadership process at the Year 12 Retreat (in the first two weeks of Year 12) and then go through the speeches and voting process in the week after the Retreat.
The Year 12 Leaders for 2011 will be elected during Term 4 of 2010 (ie when the students are in Year 11). This will enable the Student Leaders to start planning activities and events for the next year.
The elected Leaders will be presented to the College Community at Speech Night and will undergo a Leadership Training Day at the end of Term 4.

Please note the Year 12 Retreat will still take place during the first few weeks of 2011.

LAST DAY OF TERM- FRIDAY
Anthony Banks
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL, STUDENTS

Year 12 Practice Examinations:
All students sitting Units 3 & 4 subjects will have a practice examination in the period 4th – 6th October. These examinations are to be supervised by the VCAA examiners in the hall to provide the students with best possible preparation for their actual examination. Students are to come in full school uniform and are to arrive 15 minutes before reading time commences. Students should also check their Exam Navigator for examination rules and approved material for their examination.

Mark Barnes
VCE COORDINATOR

YR 7 STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
Scott Werkmeister has been cast to be part of Opera Australia’s “Midsummer Night’s Dream” to be presented in December. The show will be directed by Baz Luhrmann and rehearsals start early October. Scott has already performed in “Tosca” by Opera Australia this year along with our College Production of “The Time Machine”. He also featured in a short film along side Tom Long called “Abraham” for a Victorian College of the Arts student. Scott is a member of the Children’s Performing Company of Australia based in Hawthorn, where he does singing, dance and drama every Saturday.
Scott has demonstrated the ability to undertake these outside commitments as well continuing his focus on his academic studies and we wish him well with his performance in December.

Mr Chris O’Hara
YR 7 CO-ORDINATOR

SPORTING NEWS
MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL
Over the past weeks the middle school girls have represented St. Peter’s in a fierce and competitive competition. Undefeated in their first four games the girls showed strength and skill to defeat St. Frances Xavier, St. Johns, and Beaconhills. Last week, in the do or die match against similarly undefeated John Paul College, it was impressive to see Michelle Lelele putting it all on the line, diving for the ball on numerous occasions despite the unforgiving concrete floor of the John Paul venue. Jade Gregory went out hard and despite being not well, Rhiannon Kyberg showed dedication to the team and an always fierce competitive edge. Strength and determination was clear from Kathy and Helen Faamausili, Samantha Georges showed her focus on the scoreboard, driving hard for the ring. Chelsea Faamausili showed great ball carrying skills and a fiery attitude on the court. Emily Barker and Chloe McLaren were invaluable on the court, displaying great skills and teamwork. Zara Fisk Gibso and Erin Larcombe were strong in defence and fabulous in defence. Unfortunately, John Paul got the better of us, but finishing 2nd in offence and fabulous in defence.

MS Forrester
COACH
On Wednesday, the senior boys netball team headed to the State Netball and Hockey center at Royal Park to contest the 2010 State Championships after finishing first in their pool in the preliminary rounds earlier this year. With a few late replacements, the boys began well, winning their first game, defeating Lavalla College convincingly. This was made possible through strong shooting from Ryan Wilson, Brandon Paletemps and Josh Lemi. Melbourne High School proved too tough for us, although valiant efforts in defence from the always fierce Jordan Faamauisli and rebounding from Brett Heskins put the pressure on. St Pauls Anglican Grammar School was easily defeated, again through great goal scoring, this time assisted by a move to GA for Aaron Bower, and the fast drive of our mid court: Cameron Hall, Jimi Johnson, Nick Travaglia, Will Pask and Alex Brett. The boys proved to be versatile and highly skilled, with Will Pask moving into GA in the game against Christian College Geelong, and Josh Lemi playing a fine defensive game in GD against MacKillop College Werribee. Meeting Melbourne High again in the finals, despite a gallant effort, unfortunately saw us finishing a strong and noble fourth in the State. Congratulations to the team and thankyou to Mr DeGoldi for driving us to the comp. A special mention should also go to Luke Parker, Jace Henderson and Craig Thorne, who played in our preliminary team and were unfortunately not available to play in the finals team. Thanks to Will Pask, Aaron Bower and Brett Heskins for stepping up to ably and convincingly take their place at the last minute. All players represented the college with pride.

Ms Forrester
COACH

RECOMMENDED READING

'If we really want to love, we must learn how to forgive'. - Mother Theresa.

The Gospel last Sunday was the three Parables of the Lost. The three parables are unique to the Gospel of Luke. They are used by the gospel writer to further highlight a theme that runs throughout this gospel: the release and acceptance of those who are oppressed and afflicted. More than any other gospel, this one portrays Jesus as having a special care and compassion for those who have been rejected by society.

In each parable the focus falls upon a person who loses something precious to himself or herself and responds in a foolish and extravagant way. The end result in each case is a summons to friends and neighbours to share the joy of getting back what they had lost in a communal celebration.

The final parable is the Parable of the Lost Sons. The previous two parables are needed to recognise the extravagant reaction and celebration of forgiveness by the Father. The son’s actions brought great shame to the Father and himself. Instead of rejecting the son on his return, the Father welcomes him back with open arms, rejoices at his son's return and claims him as his own. To welcome him back, as the Father did, would have been unthinkable to Jesus’ audience. This Gospel does remind us of God’s unbounded loving forgiveness and unconditional love.

Sin and Reconciliation have been part of the curriculum this term. Year 8 students completed a whole unit on this theme while the Year 7 students have completed a unit on the Sacraments. They have explored the signs and symbols of the Sacrament, related Gospel passages and the need for forgiveness in our lives.

Our Year 12 students are busily preparing their Graduation Mass. Students have been preparing prayers, readings, music and Powerpoint presentations. It has been wonderful experience to work with these students who have taken on this task with eagerness and respectfulness.

Last Monday twelve students from Year 10 travelled to Sale to participate in the Diocesan Youth Gathering. Students from all the secondary schools in the Diocese participated in the event. Year Eleven students were the leaders for the day. Three of our Year 11 students travelled to Warragul the previous week for training in the events of the Day. The theme for this event was “Mary MacKillop”.

On October 18th, the College will be celebrating the canonisation of Mary MacKillop. All schools in the Diocese will be celebrating that day. It will be a time of great joy not only for our school but for the whole Australian Catholic Church. Our two representatives travelling to Rome for the Canonisation, Joshua Dodgeson and Alicia Mas, have been busy preparing for their pilgrimage. Caitlyn and a number of Year 12 students have been busy preparing McKillop crosses for each homeroom leading up to this celebration – servant leadership in action. Their contribution has been greatly appreciated.

Jesus,
through the power of the Holy Spirit,
Let every hurt that has ever been done to me...heal that hurt.
Let every hurt that I have ever caused to another person...heal that hurt.
Let all the relationships that have been damaged in my life...heal those relationships.
I choose to forgive, and I ask to be forgiven.
Remove whatever bitterness may be in my heart, Lord, and fill the empty spaces with your Love.

Amen

Bernadette Tolan
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION LEADER

CAREER NEWS

Reminders:

- September holidays; Keeper for a Day - Healesville Sanctuary;
  Bookings: 9285 9406; Info: http://www.zoo.org.au/Learning/Programs/HSKeeper_for_day.
- September hol; Aquarist for a Day; Melb. Aquarium;
  Bookings: www.melbourneaquarium.com.au
- 24 Sept; Forensic Science Info; Reg’n: http://www.vifm.org/careers_info.html.
- 28 Sept; Monash Peninsula Information for Year 10 - 12 students and parents; Registration: www.monash.edu/study/events/experience/.

DID YOU MISS THE OPEN DAYS? Several Universities and TAFE’s are holding additional information days over the coming weeks. If you missed any please visit the following websites for more information.

- La Trobe University: www.latrobe.edu.au/talkandtour or call Future Students on 1300 135 045.
- Victoria University: Ashley.siewwright@vu.edu.au.

Shannon Maher
CAREERS COORDINATOR
ST. AGATHA’S NEWS

THE ANNUAL ITALIAN MASS & PROCESSION will take place on Sunday 10th October at 2.30pm at St.Agatha’s Church. Enquires Teresa 5996 1845 or Filomena 5996 4803.

CARITAS PAKISTAN FLOODS APPEAL: Donations to provide desperately needed emergency relief to the 20 million people affected by flooding in Pakistan can be given online at www.caritas.org.au or send to GPO Box 9830 in your Capital City or call 1800 024 413.

MUSIC MINISTRY: We have an urgent need for assistance in our Parish with our music ministry. Do you play the keyboard and are willing to learn to play at Mass? The Sisters Choir especially needs an organist/keyboard player as do other Parish choir/singing groups. Please contact Sr. Mercy if you can help through the Parish Office on 5996 1985.

SOLEMN HIGH MASS (The Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite) will be offered in the presence of Bishop Prowse in our Parish on Sunday 3rd October at 4pm followed by afternoon tea. This will be the inaugural Mass for a monthly “Miss Cantata” at St. Agatha’s to be celebrated on the first Sunday of each month at 4pm. All Welcome!

RAISE THE ROOF – PET SHOW: on Saturday 18th September in the Parish grounds. Registrations open at 10am. Competitors start at 10.30am. Categories will include: Best dressed, Most talented, Most like owner, most unusual, cutest, ugliest, smallest, largest. Competition entry fee $2. Sausage sizzle, Devonshire teas and much more. All pets must be on a leash or in an enclosure. If anyone is able to make a batch of scones for the Devonshire teas it would be greatly appreciated. Please drop off at the hall on the morning.

HEAVY LIFTING/TRANSPORT HELP NEEDED! A beautiful carrara marble altar was previously situated in St.Ita’s Church Drouin has been offered to us as an altar for St. Thomas Cranbourne East. The altar is currently with stonemasons on the Korumburra Wonthaggi Road and weighs 4 tonnes. A suitable truck (no larger than 12 ton) with a crane and much man power required for transport to Cranbourne. Please contact Fr. Wise at the Parish Office if you can assist.

BISHOP PROWSE has chosen a Patron Saint for the new Cranbourne East Parish and School. The three Saints names submitted to the Bishop after the last Parish Pastoral Council meeting were: Mother Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop), St. Thomas and St. Paul. The Bishop has chosen St. Thomas. So the new name will be St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Cranbourne East. St. Thomas acknowledged the faith and devotional life of many of our migrant parishioners. At the same time many also relate to Thomas’ struggle to believe until making the breakthrough to heroic faith in the risen Jesus.

Greg Nelson
ST. AGATHA’S PARISH REPRESENTATIVE