FROM THE PRINCIPAL

GRADUATION MASS

On Monday morning of this week I spoke to the Year 12 class of 2010 on the theme of finishing well and outlined clearly our expectations for them so we may all join with them to celebrate the completion of their secondary schooling.

The final school day for year 12 students will be on Thursday 21st of October and will conclude with a whole school Eucharistic celebration in the multipurpose hall; beginning at 2pm. I especially invite the families of our year 12 students knowing that this is a special occasion for family celebration.

On the following day, Friday, year 12 students are invited to attend a breakfast from 7am onwards prepared by our year 12 staff and concluding with a Paraliturgy in the school Chapel. Over the years our students have indeed finished well and been exemplary in their behaviour and I believe that this year’s group will live up to that standard.

However incidents of inappropriate year 12 celebration are often publicised at this time of the year and it can take only a few individuals or individual actions to damage the reputation of a school and a group of students. I therefore want to make it clear to our students that behaviour which publicly detracts from our hard earned reputation will not be tolerated. Persons and property must be respected at all times and where students are deemed responsible for inappropriate behaviour then the school reserves the right to exclude those students from sitting their final exams at St. Peter’s College and other formal functions of farewell.

The expectations outlined are ones which parents must also be conscious of in the unfortunate event that sanctions referred to should have to be applied. I have also instructed staff as a matter of school policy not to attend year 12 celebrations outside of school hours as from a legal perspective staff in these circumstances would be seen as being in a supervisory capacity whether this was the intended arrangement or not.

Should parents choose to undertake supervision of any year 12 celebrations then I ask them to consider the adequacy of that supervision given that the numbers at such an event could swell to well over 100 young people.

Bearing all this in mind, I look forward to our students finishing well and I thank them wholeheartedly for their contribution to this community over the last six years.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

I thank our Religious education leader Ms Bernadette Tolan and School Chaplin Deacon Tony Aspinall for leading us through a beautiful celebration liturgy in honour of the Canonisation of Mary MacKillop on Monday. This historic occasion has filled everyone with great pride, not only the members of our own community but people from all walks of life. All have acknowledged the special life and faith of Mary MacKillop. She is a great Australian, a great Catholic and an inspiration to us all.

Tim Hogan
PRINCIPAL

STUDENTS LEAVING THE COLLEGE

Could parents of students not returning to St Peter’s College in 2011 please complete a Student Exit Form as soon as possible. This information will allow us to respond to students currently on our waiting lists particularly at Years 8, 9 & 10 for 2011.

Student Exit Forms are available from the College Office. Thank you for your assistance.

Kelley Cooper
REGISTRAR
Important Notice

We would like to ask the cooperation of parents in an important matter. One of our St Peter’s students is receiving vital medical treatment with drugs which lower resistance to infection. This treatment puts them at serious risk if they develop chicken pox, measles, mumps or shingles.

We ask that parents inform the school IMMEDIATELY if their own child develops any of these viral infections. This will ensure that the student concerned is not exposed to the virus. Your support is appreciated.

Anthony Banks
Deputy Principal

Uniform Shop News

VCE Jumpers are now available at the Uniform Shop $73
CLOSED MONDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

Helpers Wanted for Uniform Selling Days (dates below).

Trish Henry – Uniform Shop Coordinator

Year 7 – 2011 Uniform Selling Days

(Red & Blue House)
Monday 22nd November, 9am – 5pm
Tuesday 23rd November 10am – 6pm

(Green & Gold House)
Wednesday 24th November 9am – 5pm
Thursday 25th November 10am – 6pm

Please contact the Office Staff on 5996 6733 If you are available to help !!

Welfare News

Dear Families,

Raising Boys is a fantastic and rewarding journey a lot of the time, but it does bring with it special challenges at other times. In schools, we know that boys learn quite differently to girls. They can be more competitive in a group situation; they can hide or mask their true feelings; they can use aggression more frequently in a physical way, than girls. However!! Boys feel things very deeply and passionately. They are creative and hard working when they are fully engaged in an activity and they can be very solution – focused. How can a parent or family member bring out the best in their boys? How do we cope when they are having trouble coping with difficult situations?? How do we keep our sense of humour?? As teachers, these are key challenges for us at school and the work of Steve Biddulph has been well recognised in educational settings as providing great insight into how to maximise our relationships with young men and boys.

If you would like to gain some insight and discover new approaches to these issues, take the time to go along and hear an excellent Australian father and educator ABOUT BOYS.

Anita Carter
DIRECTOR OF STUDENT WELFARE

Sporting News

2010 SIS Athletics Carnival

On Tuesday 12th October, 130 students travelled to Olympic Park to represent the college in the 2010 SIS Division ‘A’ Athletics Carnival. All students are to be commended on their efforts and sportsmanship on the day. Congratulations to the following students who won their events:

Daniel Molesworth u/17 Shot Put, Jimi Johnson u/17 800m
Brandon Manase u/15 Long Jump, Emma Reedy u/17 Shot Put Deanna Parisi u/14 100m, Jess Hall u/16 100m, 200m
Jasmine Carroll u/14 Javelin, Brett Heskins u/17 Long Jump
Tegan Crowley u/13 200m, Aaron Bower u/17 200m Ben Ashkenazi u/16 Javelin, Female U/13 4x100m Relay Team
Female U/21 4x100m Relay Team

Well done to everyone on a fantastic effort!

Justin De Goldi
Sports Manager

SIS Official Opening

Featuring Art, Design and Technology works from students year 7 to 12
At- Cube 37 Gallery, Davey St, Frankston
When- Monday 25th October from 6.30pm
Any students who are interested in pursuing an apprenticeship in 2011 should visit the careers room to check out all of the positions currently available and to collect the paperwork to register with a Group Training Organisation (GTO). GTO’s assist students by matching employers and apprentices. To register with a GTO you will need to ensure you have an up-to-date resume.

MEGT have also provided the following advice for students looking for apprenticeships:

- **Stay at school** - The days where you left school early to take up an Australian Apprenticeship are long gone. The skills needed in today’s business and industry mean the longer you stay at school, the better your chance of successfully finishing your apprenticeship or traineeship. Trades like electrical and plumbing require good maths skills and a pass at Year 11 is usually a prerequisite. For electrical, some employers will be looking for a Year 12 pass in maths. So, whether you do VCAL or VCE, your best option is to finish school.

- **Do a Pre-Apprenticeship** - A pre-apprenticeship or ‘pre-app’ is a great way to prepare for an apprenticeship. This fulltime course gives you the basic OH&S knowledge to work safely on the job site, some hand tool skills and an overview of the trade you are entering. It gives you a better idea of what you are taking on and makes you a more attractive potential employee.

- **Get your Licence** - Most tradies travel all over the suburbs to get to their jobs. If you want to be an apprentice you must be able to get from job to job under your own steam. So don’t delay! Get your L’s as soon as you turn 16 then start getting the practice you need to be able to go for your full licence when you turn 18.

- **Get some experience** - Whether you get a holiday job or take on some work experience during school, it is important to get some first hand experience at the trade you are thinking of taking on. Not only will you be more realistic in your expectations of the job, but it will look great on your resume. Potential employers will be much more favourable towards your application if they can see that you have had some hands-on experience.

**Are you looking for work?**
A local business is looking for casual staff to conduct telephone market research. If you are interested and would like more details please contact me on 5996.6733.

**Upcoming careers activities:**

The Future Options – Disability Expo is relevant to students requiring assistance with the transition from school to employment or further training. When: 25th November, from 10am to 3pm at the Kingston City Hall, 979 Nepean Highway, Moorabbin. Further information is available via Sally Bailey, telephone 9784 0400.

Chisholm Institute is hosting a Liberal Arts Information Night, on 20th October from 6.30pm – 7.30pm at the Frankston campus. This course is a great pathways option for Year 12 students if they don’t gain the ATAR score they need for university entry in Bachelor of Arts degrees.

Chisholm is also offering a series of taster sessions for secondary students, to enable them to sample the TAFE experience. Taster areas include Automotive, Hospitality, Cisco (Data Networking), Health & Community Care, Hair & Beauty, Welding & Fabrication, Horticulture and more. Tasters involve students participating in hands-on activities in one or more industry areas. For more information, call 1300 244 746.

Chisholm TAFE is hosting a series of information sessions to give prospective students information about a range of courses. These info sessions are running between 17th October and 6th December. Please see the Careers site on Moodle or call the following number for more information 1300 244 746.

The Holmesglen Trowel Trades Department are offering Taster Programs in the areas of Bricklaying, Plastering, Stonemasonry and Tiling. This is appropriate for students in Year 9 and above and is designed to introduce students to all trades over a three day period. Dates are flexible and the program will take place at the Chadstone campus. Call 9564 1584 for further information and bookings.

Shannon Maher
CAREERS COORDINATOR

**YEAR 10 STUDENTS AND FAMILIES**
Some details and dates to inform of Term 4 arrangements.
All students are required to have the VCE jumper for their formal closing of Year 10. Please arrange for your student to try on and order their VCE jumper so that it is ordered in time. The uniform shop is open on Mondays between 1-5pm.

15th Nov-23rd Nov - Middle school exams
29th Nov-2nd Dec -10-11 Induction week (Yr 11 classes commence)
3rd Dec - Final Day for Year 10 students – VCE jumper to be worn

Annette Marschner (Mrs)
YEAR 10 CO-ORDINATOR
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

What a wonderful weekend! We have our first Australian Saint – Mary MacKillop. It was wonderful to see celebrations across the nation – Penola, Sydney and Melbourne. The streets of Melbourne were awash with blue as the Sisters of St Joseph lead the procession through the streets from Brunswick Street to the Royal Exhibition Building. At the Cathedral, many people gathered to celebrate Mary’s canonisation. At the end of the service, the bells were peeling, ringing in our first Saint. The energy and excitement in the city was palpable. My sister and I were in the city Sunday morning and an elderly lady came to ask us where the Cathedral was located. She went on to tell us that she has lived in Melbourne all her life but she had never been to the Cathedral. She told us that she just had to come in today to celebrate Mary’s canonisation. Such is the attraction and appeal of this wonderful Australian. It was great to hear her declared a Saint by Pope Benedict.

Our pilgrims in Rome were at St Peter’s square for the canonisation. What a wonderful experience! The College community are eagerly looking forward to hearing about their experience of the celebration. Bishop Prowse, who is also in Rome for the celebrations, met with the Sale pilgrims to show them around on their own private tour. They also celebrated Mass on Monday. As part of the pilgrimage they are also very fortunate to travel to Assisi, a most beautiful town!

On Monday morning, the school celebrated Mary’s canonisation. It was a very joyful celebration where we recalled Mary’s life and we all made a commitment to living out her mission in the world. We hope that when our Year 12 students leave on Thursday, they will be inspired by Mary to live out her mission in the world. We hope that when our Year 12 students leave on Thursday, they will be inspired by Mary to live out the Gospel and bring about a “new” Australia. Mary MacKillop’s motto was “Never see a need without doing something about it”. We pray that our Year 12 students will be inspired by Mary. Our Graduation Mass and Ceremony will be celebrated on Thursday afternoon starting at 2:00pm. All parents are invited to attend and celebrate Mary’s canonisation. Such is the attraction and appeal of this wonderful Australian. It was great to hear her declared a Saint by Pope Benedict.

We pray for people who are old and tired, especially those who don’t have a good place to live
Mary MacKillop pray for us
We pray for people who have to leave their own countries because of war and trouble
Mary MacKillop pray for us
We pray for people who live in families that are unhappy.
Mary MacKillop pray for us
We pray for the Sisters of St Joseph and all those whose lives and work are inspired by Mary.
Mary MacKillop pray for us
We ask God who cares for us in every way to listen to our prayers through the help of Mary MacKillop, who is a Saint of Australia. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen

Bernadette Tolan
Religious Education Leader

ST. AGATHA’S NEWS

STAR TREK: THE NEXT GEN – Drinks, nibbles and an episode of Star Trek the Next Generation + out of this world faith discussion!! Come and join us for a fun filled night. Friday October 29th in the St Agatha’s Hall. 7.00pm – 9.30pm Make it so!!! Contact John 0448 343 074 for more info.

PETITION: Our laws do not adequately recognize the loss of, or damage to, an unborn child as a result of violence of culpable driving. Nor do they properly acknowledge the mother’s pain and trauma. The Catholic Women’s League of Victoria is petitioning the Government to introduce a Bill to amend the Crimes Act to allow a charge of “Killing an Unborn Child” and an offence of culpable driving occasioning the death before it is born. Please support them by signing the petition in the foyer after Mass.

THE CATHOLIC FACTOR: Are you interested in growing your faith? Perhaps you need a chance to refresh, renew or build on your knowledge of the faith and teachings of the Catholic Church? The Catholic Factor is for you! This series of six talks and discussions about faith will be led by our Seminarian Chris AKeast and is part of our ongoing efforts for evangelization. These talks will be held on Thursday nights at 7.30pm starting 21st October in the hall. All welcome!

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP at St Mary’s Cathedral, Sale, on Sunday, November 14th 2010 at 2.30pm. The pilgrimage celebrates the Feast of the Patron of our Diocese, Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Prayers of Petition and or Thanksgiving can now be sent to; “Pilgrims Prayers” St Mary’s Cathedral, Box 183, Sale, 3850.

Greg Nelson
ST. AGATHA’S PARISH REPRESENTATIVE