FROM THE PRINCIPAL

FAREWELL YEAR 12

My thanks to all who gathered to celebrate the graduation mass for the class of 2010 last Thursday. I am particularly proud of the way our senior students have lived up to our expectations to “finish well” in all that they entered into over their last week of school. Dignity and Respect are two key Gospel values that we aim to enlighten our students with as they begin their journey with us here at St. Peter’s College. It is pleasing to say that this group of young men and women leave this college having understood and embraced their meaning.

WORLD TEACHERS DAY
FRIDAY 29TH OF OCTOBER

On Friday of this week we celebrate World Teachers’ Day. A day created by UNESCO in 1994 with the aim of acknowledging the efforts of teachers in an increasingly complex, multicultural and technological society. It is a day on which students, parents and community members can demonstrate their appreciation for the contributions that teachers have made to their community. I leave you with a quote from a thank you card given by our year 12 students to each of our teaching staff last week.

“A good teacher is like a candle – it consumes itself to light the way for others”

CONDOLENCES

Over the weekend I was informed of the passing of a former student of St Peter’ College, Mitchell Hunter. Mitchell was a close friend to many of our current Year 12 students indicated by the large number of students who attended a memorial service for him at the College on Monday. I extend our prayers and thoughts to his sister Kate in Year 10 and the entire Hunter family at this sad time.

Details of the funeral service once established will be posted on our school website at www.stpeters.vic.edu.au

BREEN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are invited for the Breen Family Scholarship 2011 – 2012. The scholarship is in memory of Mr James Breen, a long time and active parishioner. It is made available throughout the generosity of Mrs Margaret Greaves and Mrs Bernadette Thomas. Details of the Breen Family and the late Mr James Breen appear overleaf.

The conditions for the award of the scholarship are as follows:
1. The scholarship will be awarded to a Catholic student of St. Agatha’s Parish, Cranbourne who is completing the final two years of secondary education at St. Peter’s College Cranbourne.
2. The scholarship will pay for all fees and texts books.
3. The scholarship will be awarded by a panel consisting of: the Parish Priest of St. Agatha’s, the Principal of St. Peter’s and a nominee of the College Board.
4. Selection will take place during the latter part of the Year 10 year of the student concerned.
5. Selection criteria will be as follows:
   a) Involvement in Catholic education and the parish community by the student and his/her family.
   b) Evidence of a desire to complete the VCE expressed in terms of diligence and co-operation in his/her own education as presented in official school reports.
   c) Evidence of financial need.
6. The scholarship is for a 2 year period but will be reviewed at the end of the first year, subject to the stated criteria.

Application forms are available from Mrs Cooper, the Principals’ Secretary, and must be completed and returned by 5th November 2010.

Tim Hogan
PRINCIPAL
THE BREEN FAMILY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is an endowment of the relatives of the late Mr J Breen.

Mr & Mrs Breen Snr became parishioners of St. Agatha’s Parish, Cranbourne when they moved from Sunbury in 1929 and commenced dairy farming on a property at the corner of Evans and Breen’s Road. Over the years until their death James and Ellen Breen were well known for the parish involvement, as well as for their integrity and generosity.

Jim Breen Jnr arrived with his parents at the age of two and was educated at the Cranbourne State School and Dandenong High School. He was an Altar boy at St. Agatha’s Church and was known and admired as he grew up for his gentle but strong character. He was also an excellent athlete, playing football for Cranbourne and earning many honours in that field.

In later years he was appointed Catholic representative on the Cemetery Trust and could be seen always at early Mass on Sunday acting as a collector. He was a man of considerable gentle charm always willing to lend a helping hand. He was in fact, a true Catholic gentleman.

He passed away suddenly on January 17th, 1994.

ST PETER’S COLLEGE

YEAR 7 2012 INFORMATION EVENING

An Information Evening regarding Year 7 2012 will be held on Wednesday 17 November at 7.00pm in the Multi Purpose Hall. Tours of the College will be conducted following the information session.

The 2011 Prospectus and Application Forms will be available on the night. Enrolments for 2012 at both the Cranbourne West and Cranbourne East campus of St Peter’s College will close on March 11, 2011. Please contact our Registrar, Mrs Kelley Cooper, for more information.

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

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Last week we farewelld the Class of 2010. To the parents of these fine young men and women we thank you for entrusting St Peter’s with a share in the education of your sons and daughters. Whilst an education at St Peter’s is coming to an end we know that as adults their education is still at the beginning: all our lives we continue to learn. I trust our graduating class have made the most of the learning opportunities afforded them at St Peter’s and can acknowledge the great work of staff and fellow students who assisted in this regard. We thank all Yr 12 students for their unique contribution to the life of the college over the last 6 years.

In reflecting on my own hopes for the Class of 2010, I shared with them an excerpt from something I had read recently:

Teach love to those who hate and let that love embrace you as you go out into the world. May the teachings of those you admire become part of you, so you may call upon them. Remember, those whose lives you have touched, and whose lives have touched yours, are always a part of you. Find time each day to see beauty and love in the world around you. Realise that each person has limitless abilities; what you feel you lack in the present may become one of your greatest strengths in the future. May you see your future as one filled with promise and possibility. Learn to view everything as a worthwhile experience so that you can face each new situation with courage and optimism. May you know how God loves you and delights in you now and always – celebrate and share that love.

Elizabeth Hanney
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
VCE JUMPERS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE UNIFORM SHOP $73

HELP WANTED

Helpers Wanted for Uniform Selling Days
(dates below).

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!!

Trish Henry
Uniform Shop Coordinator

TERM 4 CALENDAR

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ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Scott Jeffrey, a Year 10 student at St. Peter’s College was recently recognised for his acting ability at an Awards Ceremony conducted by Ad-Lib Entertainment, Berwick.

Scott received three awards,
Trophy – Best Youth/Male
Medal – Outstanding Senior/Male
Certificate – Best Ensemble in which he portrayed a homeless youth.

Congratulations Scott on an outstanding result!!

Clare Ziino

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

On Thursday 21st we celebrated the Yr 12 Graduation Mass and the handing over of the College Banner and Candle. This is always a very significant time in the life of the school community. The students always offer a theme for the mass which is important to the year level. This year they offered a combination, ‘Planted, grown, ripened’ and ‘To go where there is no track and leave a trail’. I spoke about these two themes in conjunction with the Scripture readings of the mass which spoke very much about going into the world to spread the Good News of the Gospel. Jesus said “The Harvest is rich but the labourers are few.” The invitation clearly is to go into the harvest and be a labourer for God. Equally, the theme of ‘Planted, grown, ripened’ speaks of maturity, a readiness to bear fruit. This is the challenge that is there for our graduates as it is for all of us, to bear fruit from the many gifts God has given us.

In the midst of all the anxiety and hard work in preparation for exams we hope that time is found for some quiet time with God. We hope also that expectations are not so high that they are not realistic. We heard over the weekend of the untimely death of a former student of St Peter’s and many of our present students are shocked and saddened by this. The family still has a strong connection with the College with another student still enrolled here. Our thoughts and our prayers are with the family as they struggle through this time of deep grief.

A service of remembrance was held at the College on Monday and was well attended by past and present students and friends. The students then gathered in the Chapel and spent time in quiet reflection and wrote tributes to young man who had died. Although the grief was very evident the whole occasion was treated with...
great respect by the students and heartfelt prayers were offered. We pray for the repose of the soul of this young person who has gone from us to soon. We also pray for his family and friends who mourn his passing. Eternal Rest Grant Unto Him O Lord, May He Rest in Peace.

Prayer for Reassurance

O God, gather me now to be with you as you are with me.
Soothe my tiredness; quiet my fretfulness; heal my grief.
Let me be easy for a moment, let me be loved.
Lord, release me from the fears and guilt’s which grip me so tightly;
From the expectations and opinions which I so tightly grip,
That I may be open to receiving what you give,
To risking something genuinely new,
To learning something refreshingly different.
Lord, love me, guide me, hold me. Amen

Deacon Tony Aspinall
COLLEGE CHAPLAIN

ST. AGATHA’S NEWS

STAR TREK: THE NEXT GEN + WINE TASTING?– Fancy sampling some fine reds, whites & sparkling wines & an episode of Star Trek the next Generation? Please come and join us for a fun filled night. Friday October 29th in the St.Agatha’s Hall. 7.00pm – 9.30pm Perhaps Capt Jean-Luc Picard & the Crew may even help us answer some basic faith questions!!!Contact John 0448 343 074.

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 Keast and is part of our ongoing efforts for evangelization. The 2nd talk on “How do Catholic’s read the Bible?” will be held this Thursday at 7.30pm. It’s not too late to join us!

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.

ANNUAL ROSARY & BLESSING OF THE GRAVES at Cranbourne Cemetery will take place next Sunday 31st October at 2pm.

OUR VOTIVE CANDLE STAND is very popular but needs replacing. If there is a family or families in the Parish who would like to donate a new stand and have a suitable plaque attached in prayerful remembrance please contact Fr.Wise. the cost would likely to be between $2000 - $3000.

THE REGIONAL "MISS CANTATA" (Traditional Sung Latin Mass) now held on the First Sunday of each month at 4pm. The next Mass will be November 7th. If anyone would like to be part of the Choir to gradually learn this beautiful form of liturgical music please meet in the Church at 3.30pm on November 7th.

PETITION: Our laws do not adequately recognize the loss of, or damage to, an unborn child as a result of violence or culpable driving. 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 of a child before it is born. Please support them by signing the petition in the foyer after Mass.

A DIOCESAN CELEBRATION of the Canonisation of Mary of the Cross MacKillop will be held on Friday 12th November with Mass at 11am at St.Mary’s Cathedral Sale, followed by light refreshments.

AN ECUMENICAL EVENT is being included in the diocesan celebrations marking the canonization of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop at St.Mary of the Cross MacKillop Hall, Church Street Traralgon on Saturday 13th November at 1.30pm.

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Greg Nelson
ST. AGATHA’S PARISH REPRESENTATIVE