FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SPEECH NIGHT
Speech Night is an opportunity to reflect and celebrate the many and varied achievements of our student body through the course of 2010. I extend a warm invitation to all members of our community to be in attendance on this very special evening. Through a variety of performances and awards we will acknowledge the growth, development and excellence achieved by our students in all facets of school life, thus reflecting our mission within Catholic Education of educating the whole person.

A feature of Speech Night this year will be the display of Student Art and Technology work in the foyer of the Frankston Arts Centre. I encourage Parents and students to arrive early and view the many fine pieces of work exhibited by our talented students.

Speech Night is to be held on the 24th November, at the Frankston Arts Centre. Students receiving awards and/or parts of groups performing will shortly, in all cases, be informed. Tickets are now available on request through the College.

The criteria for our three major student awards are outlined below and they give an indication of what we value but also aim to develop in our students as they journey through St. Peter’s College.

SCHOOL SPIRIT: For students who have consistently supported, contributed to, and been involved in multiple activities of the College throughout the school year eg. St. Peter’s Day, College Production, Debating, Choir, Music, SIS sport, SVDP, Social Justice Group.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE: For students who receive an average ‘A’ grade across the subjects in mid year and the end of year reports. Students achieving outstanding results in specific areas of the curriculum could also be considered eligible for a specific award eg. In Technology Studies, Languages Other Than English.

ST. PETER’S AWARD: Students as they grow in maturity will experience at times a great reorientation or improvement in their attitude to school and to work. This often (though not always) will result in improvement in their grades. It deserve acknowledgement regardless since it speaks of redemption and notes that negativity and failure are not terminal.

Allocation of seating on the night is by complementary ticket and tickets are available from the College Office now. Students receiving awards do not need a ticket ordered for them as they will be allocated a seat with their year level.

As mentioned, families of the St. Peter’s College community are cordially invited to attend the St. Peter’s College Speech Night. To order tickets for the night, please complete the form below and return it to the College Office by 19th November.

Tim Hogan
PRINCIPAL

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REPLY SLIP – SPEECH NIGHT
The ___________ family would like to attend the Speech Night on Wednesday 24th November, 2010.
Name of student ________________ Homeroom ______ Number Attending _______ (do not include award recipients)

Please return to the College Office by 19th November, 2010
**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

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**St. Peter’s College**

**Year 7 2012 Enrolments and Information Evening**

Enrolments for Year 7 2012 at both the Cranbourne West and Cranbourne East campuses are now open. Enrolment packs are available from the College Office.

An Information Evening will be held in the Multi Purpose Hall on Wednesday 17th November at 7.00pm

Tours of the College will be held at the conclusion of the information session. Please contact the Registrar Kelley Cooper for further information.

Enrolments close Friday 11th March 2011

Kelley Cooper
REGISTRAR

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**St. Peters College Speech Night**

This year St. Peters College Speech Night will be held at the Frankston Arts Centre on Wednesday 24th November 2010 at 7.30pm.

This year’s Speech Night will be a great showcase of the academic and artistic talent at St. Peters College. The night will feature a number of items from this year’s production of ‘The Time Machine’ as well as some solo performances.

There will be a rehearsal for all cast members of the Time Machine on Thursday 18th November from 3.30pm – 5.30pm to prepare items for Speech Night. The rehearsal will take place in the Music Room.

Tickets are available for FREE at the school front office.

Frank Carter
PRODUCER

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**The St. Peter’s College Arts & Technology Expo**

Thursday 18th November 3.30pm to 5.30pm in the Multi-purpose Hall.

Featuring student works from Years 7-12

Art, Media, Design Tech, Systems Tech, Vis Com, Photography

Please join us.

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**Student Wellbeing News**

"What Really Matters"

This week, I write to the Parents of Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 in particular. When Spring arrives and the Senior students enter their Exam period, a certain restlessness can start to affect our younger year levels. They can lose sight of what really matters, both at school and at home.

And what is that, you might ask. I think it can be summed up by the words: “Being the Best We Can Be”.

Like all expressions of commonsense, it sounds easy, but can be difficult. This is because it asks something from the young person and the adults in their life, that society often ignores. These things are the things that stand the test of time such as:

- positive relationships and interests,
- meaningful goals and life-long development of our unique skills and abilities.

The good parent and the good school must not lose sight of these things. They are exactly what young people need in order to live a good life. This is what ‘Wellbeing’ means and we all have a part to play in it.

It is easy for kids to be distracted. It is easy for them to be carried away by gossip, rumours and shifting relationships. Easy access to media and technology, make it increasingly difficult for young people to have time out from these things.

Students need us to say "No" sometimes. They need us to remind them to focus on what will be helpful to them.

Young people need parents to put limits on activities that cause them stress or distract them from being their best.

It is not the end of the world for your son or daughter to have a break from Facebook, Cyber Games, Text Messaging... or any other activity that you think may be causing them to lose sight of what is positive or useful in their life: in other words what really matters.

At St. Peter’s College, we take the education of the whole person seriously, because we are educating them for life outside and beyond school. We know that when Adults are firm and clear about setting boundaries, they provide young people with much needed security in a world that often makes them insecure. Always remember that your child will benefit from you being strong. They will thank you one day... when they have finally figured out for themselves what really matters!!

For the final half of this Term, we encourage all of our students to turn their attention to all aspects of their Education, as this will be an immediate benefit now and in the years to come.

We encourage Parents to remind young people about what is good in life and to make sure they give them the opportunity and time to find the right balance.

Mrs. Anita Carter
Director of Student Welfare

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**YEAR 7 – 2011 UNIFORM SELLING DAYS**

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

Trish Henry
Uniform Shop Coordinator
JUNIOR BOYS VOLLEYBALL

We played our first game against Casey a fortnight ago at Dandenong stadium. Despite having an inexperienced team, we were able to gel quickly and take control of the match. Mitch White was dominant up front and Matthew Pola proved he had a consistent serve in his debut game. We ended up being convincing winners 3 sets to 0 (25-9, 25-13, 25-16).

Our match last week was against the skilful St John’s outfit. With 3 of our players out due to super 8s cricket we knew we would be in for a challenge. St John’s are a well drilled unit and they took an early 9 point lead in the first set. However the tide began to turn and it soon turned into a tsunami! With growing confidence we won the set 28-26. Having won the first set this piled the pressure on our opposition and we were able to force mistakes. We rallied well as a team and eventually ran out winners 3 sets to 0 (28-26, 25-12, 25-16). This week’s game is against St Leonard’s. Good Luck.

Mr Brown - COACH

JUNIOR BOYS SOCCER VS ST. JAMES

Following the lacklustre first performance, 4 changes were made to the squad which travelled to St James’ for what promised to be another tough encounter. In order to become more competitive in the middle of the park, a defensive 4-5-1 formation was adopted with the plan to soak up the pressure and hit the opposition on the break. In the first half, against skilful, quick, well organised opponents, the boys lifted their performance and displayed a much more committed approach. Rohan and Weinholz were strong in the heart of the defence and DeBaize led the forward line excellently – including a well struck, rasping strike from over 30 yards that brought the score back to 2-1. It stayed this way until just before the break, but even at 3-1 down we were still in the game as the 2nd half kicked off. Unfortunately the wheels fell off somewhat thereafter as St James raised their performance another level and the boys were unable to respond. The game ended 8-1 for the second successive week but the players can take many more positives out of this performance into the challenges ahead. With another away fixture coming up, more changes can be expected as I take an approach similar to “the Thinkerman” Claudio Raniere in his time at Chelsea as we continue to search for the magic formula.

Mr Bradley (feeling the pressure having been given the dreaded “vote of confidence” from Chairman DeGoldi)

SUPER 8’S CRICKET

Last Thursday a squad of 12 Year 7 and 8 boys travelled to compete in the Super 8’s tournament for the region. Game 1 was against Hampton Park and we bowled first and on a sticky pitch kept them to a total of 75. In reply St. Peter’s passed their total in the last over to win by 9 runs. Game 2 was against Minaret College who have had recent excellent performances in the competition. St. Peter’s batted first and amassed 116 runs but with too many outs we gave Minaret too many bonus points. Minaret got off to a flying start but with wickets taken regularly we were able to apply pressure to the opposition. The game came down to the wire but unfortunately Minaret just passed us in the last over of the game.

Our third game was against Lighthouse Christian College and St. Peter’s dominated to score 203 runs. In reply wickets tumbled regularly restricting Lighthouse to 27 runs.

In the final, St. Peter’s was again damaging with the bat to amass 200 plus runs and were destructive with the ball to win by over 100 runs. St. Peter’s ended up in third position but played with excellent spirit and sportsmanship throughout the day.

Excellent leadership: Jake Harrington
Team Morale: Adrian Russo, Kyle Saltner, Corey Milano, Mitch Halstead, Marty Leinmueller
Blazing Bats: Brayden Roscoe, Matt Pola
Blasting Bowlers: Mitch White
Ferocious Fielders: Shannon Wijetunge, Cory Machaya
Catch of the Day: Allen Antony

Mr Chris O’Hara - TEAM MANAGER

SIS JUNIOR GIRLS SOCCER

In the first round of the Junior girls soccer, St Peters College came up against a strong opponent in Nazareth College. Despite holding a 3-1 lead at the half time break, our runners tired in the second half to go down at the final whistle. Our team showed great athleticism throughout the match, but inexperience and a penalty shot to Nazareth in the dying minutes resulted in a 3-4 loss.

Goal Scorers: Aliesha Pallant, Silvana Methakul and Samantha Galik
Best Players: Aliesha Pallant, Jasmine Carroll Claudia Parisi and Bec McNees

SIS JUNIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The Juniors Girls Volleyball team travelled to St Francis Xavier Berwick for the second round of the fixture. They won the match against John Paul College 2-0. Although the first set was tight, they took the lead early in the second set and they never looked liked losing. All the girls contributed well and they thoroughly deserved the win.

Best Players: Brooke Forbes, Jessica Cottrell and Theresa Manase

TRACK AND FIELD SUCCESS

Congratulations to Jasmine Carroll of year 8 who competed at the Victorian All Schools track and field championships at the weekend. Jasmine won the Under 15 Girls Javelin event with a throw of 30.77m. She beat her nearest rival by 3 metres. Congratulations Jasmine on being state champion for this event.

Cathy Heijden – COACH
CAREER NEWS

WORK EXPERIENCE: As the year 9’s head towards their exams and the end of the year I would like to remind them about work experience in 2011. Some students have been hard at work organising some very interesting work experience placements and I would like to congratulate them on their efforts. A lot of the places for popular work places like the zoo, aquarium and police force have already closed.

I encourage all students to start looking at possible places to do their work experience and to make contact with them. As several schools in this area run work experience around the same time if students leave this process to the last minute they will find it difficult to get into their chosen industry.

If students need assistance with this process they are more than welcome to pop in during homeroom, recess or lunch, or to make an appointment. Parents are also welcome to attend meeting or call for more info.

So remember, if you have not thought about work experience, now is the time to consider industries and businesses you would like to see in more detail and begin applying, especially if it is a popular one!

APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRAINEESHIPS: - There are several apprenticeships and traineeships being advertised by both LINK and MEGT at the moment. These two companies, along with Apprenticeships Group Australia can assist young people to find and apply for apprenticeships. There is a display of current positions they are hoping to fill in the library, or students can come to the careers room for a list. Students can also collect application forms from the careers room. These forms can be used as a general expression of interest form or as an application for a specific position.

I would encourage all students considering an apprenticeship in 2011 to have a look at the list of apprenticeships available and put in applications ASAP.

Shannon Maher - CAREERS CO-ORDINATOR

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

The College is in a busy period at present, VCE is in full swing and coursework is being finalised. This Friday our Canonisation Pilgrims will join in the Diocesan Celebration Mass at Sale Cathedral with Bishop Prowse and many other students and leaders of the Diocese. Our year eight students are studying topics that lead them to discuss the differences between religious traditions and how they compare with the Catholic tradition. They also look at how religion and science intersect.

The year 9s are also looking, in a different way at diversity in religious belief. Both these year groups conclude their topics with a Liturgy in the Chapel. This made me think how lucky we are in this country to be able to discuss religion and faith so openly and to be able to worship so freely.

In recent times we have become aware of the many places in the world where Catholicism or indeed any form of Christianity is simply not tolerated. In the Middle East there have been brutal incidents recently where priests and congregations have been killed by extremists whilst at Mass. This has happened in several countries, Iraq, India, The Phillipines to name but a few. A Josephite sister from Australia was murdered in Peru a few years ago because of her charitable work in the name of Christ.

All this is dreadful of course, but does it really make us think? People who die for their faith generally know they are in danger because of what the believe, but they see their faith as a wonderful gift from God and they will not be stopped by terror. Of course, thank God, we do not face death for our faith, we are not at risk from extremists.

We are at risk from more subtle enemies, “Dying with Dignity” (Euthanasia) The legalisation of Abortion (Even Full Term) “Availability of the “Morning After” drug, legalisation of drugs of addiction and so on. Worst of all is the danger we all face from growing Apathy! Most Christians in our society are not interested enough in their faith to be against it. It has become a non issue. Here at St Peter’s we try to encourage exploration of faith, to gain an understanding of this great gift of God. We try to foster an understanding of the need each of us has for God and how that creates signposts in our lives.

Let us all pray, not only for tolerance and understanding of all faiths but for an active desire to know and love our own faith. To know it creates signposts in our lives.

A Prayer of Desire For Faith
Thankyou Lord, for all that I forget are gifts, not rights.
Forgive me for all the grievances I remember too well.
Save me from the self pity, the self-seeking,
The fat-heartedness which is true poverty.
Help me to make beginnings:
To begin going out of my weary mind into fresh dreams,
Daring to make my own bold tracks on the journey of faith.
Help me to be a beginning for others, especially my family.
Teach me your ways Lord, that I may praise you for your many gifts.
Amen

Deacon Tony Aspinall - College Chaplain

ST. AGATHA’S NEWS

DURING NOVEMBER Parishioners are invited to write the names of their deceased loved ones on the cardboard provided and place them on the cross near the statue of Our Lady.

ADVENT PROGRAM: This year for our Advent Program we will be running small group discussions on the Bishop’s Pastoral Letter – “Finding Home in Jesus”. The program will run for 4 weeks starting the week beginning 22nd November. If you are interested in joining a group please place your name & phone number on the clipboards in the foyer. If anyone would like to form a group please contact the Parish Office.

ADVENT WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP: If you would like an Advent Wreath for your family home we will be having a session on Thursday 25th November at 9.15am in the Hall for you to make your own from fresh natural flora, which can be watered and kept fresh. Cost $6 (or $5 if you bring your own plate – 30cm diameter). If you are interested please ring Sue in the Parish Office by Thursday 18th November so that supplies can be purchased.

THE CATHOLIC FACTOR: Are you interested in growing your faith? The Catholic Factor is for you! This series of talks and discussions about faith will be led by our Seminarian Chris Keast, is part of our ongoing efforts for evangelization. The 4th talk on “Mass Evangelisation” will be held this Thursday at 7.30pm. It’s not too late to join us!

DIOCESAN EVENTS 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’s of the Cross MacKillop Hall, Church Street Traralgon on Saturday 13th November at 1.30pm.

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.

Greg Nelson - ST. AGATHA’S PARISH REPRESENTATIVE