COLLEGE CAPTAINS 2011
It is with great pleasure that I announce and congratulate our student leaders for 2011.
College Captains: Todd Roscoe and Bronwyn McInnes
Vice Captains: Mandy Magias and Jack Minton.
Social Justice Captain : Brittany Hay
Liturgy Captain: Fosio Dunlop
Arts Captain : Alisha Mascurine
Environment Captain : Jackson Barfoot
Sports Captains : Helen Katsimalis , Chris Brooking

They take on the responsibility of student leadership through service and will represent over 1000 students next year. Through the interview process last week I learned of their passion and dedication for the task ahead and I have great confidence that they will continue to build on the wonderful legacy of student leadership that has been established by the many fine student leaders who went before them. I also wish to congratulate all those students who put their hand up to take on a leadership position and serve our college community. One of the ways I measure the success of our student leadership program is by the number of students who are prepared to serve in a leadership role. 32 year 11 students nominated for leadership positions and I thank them all for their willingness to serve.

HISTORIC FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
The Premier and Minister for Education have this week announced that a re-elected Brumby Government will provide state funding to Catholic schools linked to 25% of the cost of education in a state school. This is a truly historic commitment to sustainable state funding for Catholic schools in Victoria. Only four years ago state funding made up only 15% of the income of Catholic schools.

Catholic education has now achieved bi-partisan commitment to fund Catholic schools at 25% of the cost of education in a state school. The Coalition previously committed to state funding for Catholic schools at 25% of the cost of education in a state school. This commitment is a result of the hard work of many Parish Priests, principals, teachers and parents in raising the issue of fair funding for Catholic schools with our political leaders. This historic achievement is a direct result of that strong advocacy. Thank you in particular to parents who have written to local MPs raising the issue of funding. Your work will have a lasting legacy in delivering sustainable funding to Catholic schools in Victoria. Never again should state funding for Catholic schools be a political issue at a state election.

ART/TECHNOLOGY EXHIBITION
I extend a warm invitation to all parents and students to visit our Art & Technology Exhibition which will take place on Thursday from 3.30 pm to 5.30 pm in the Multi-purpose Hall. This exhibition highlights the creativity and artistic passion of our students from year 7 to 12.Speaking to parents at this exhibition each year they are always delighted and extremely proud of the great work that our students have exhibited. Your sons and daughters may not let you know it, but they are thrilled when you are able to see their work on occasions like this.

STAFFING AND RECRUITING
At the conclusion of 2010 we will farewell two fine servants of St. Peter’s College in Ms Bernadette Tolan – Religious Education Leader and Dr Mark Barnes – Year 12 Co-ordinator . They have extended fine service to the college over many years and will be sorely missed by staff, parents and students. Ms Tolan will begin work as the Religious Education Consultant for the Diocese of Sale next year and Dr Barnes will be taking up an appointment with Peninsula Grammar School as a the Year 11 Co-ordinator. On the recruiting side a name familiar to some parents Mrs Debra Preston will be returning to the college after a number of years at Sale Catholic College. I also announce the appointment of Mrs Mary Murphy who will be taking up the position of Religious Education Leader next year. Mrs Murphy has worked in the role of Faith Development Co-ordinator for the last ten year at John Paul College.

Tim Hogan
PRINCIPAL
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

FINISHING WELL

At present staff are working solidly in ensuring our students finish well. Teachers in senior levels have been engaged in much revision and preparation for exams with senior students, followed last week with exam marking at Yr 11. I wish to thank all of the VCE staff for their wonderful commitment over this busy time. Equally, staff at Yrs 7 – 10 have begun a period of assessment with most subjects having topic tests and exams being conducted at the middle levels, in all subjects. Once again, I wish to acknowledge staff who are working to give every student the best chance of success with their learning as the year draws to a close.

We are grateful for parent support at this time in providing students with a home environment which is conducive to study. Students who have regular and healthy routines will be well placed to finish the year successfully. At this time, some students become anxious whilst others are flagging in their energy levels – together home and school can provide the support necessary to assist these students to get the best from this period. As always, our staff, whether Special Programs, Welfare or Homeroom/subject teacher are willing to assist in particular ways. I would ask any parent who is concerned about their son or daughter over this assessment time to contact the relevant Year Level Coordinator who will be able to direct your concern appropriately. We wish all students every success at this time.

Elizabeth Hanney
Deputy Principal – Staff

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

YEAR 12 INDUCTION

Year 12 induction has commenced this week for all students studying Year 12 subjects in 2011. All students are expected to attend all classes and where assessments and SACS are scheduled, they are required to complete them within the time frame set by the teachers. Additionally, all subjects will set holiday homework which will be due on the first lesson of that subject in 2011. Students wishing to alter their program for 2011 will able to do so after the completion of the induction process. Students wishing to this will be interviewed and required to produce written consent from parents.

MIDDLE SCHOOL EXAMS

Year 9 and 10 subject exams have commenced this week with Yr 9 and 10 having completed both their English and Maths exams and Yr 10s having completed their RE exam as well. The remainder of exams will be conducted during class time over the next week. Students missing exams will not be able to sit the exam at a later date and will be given an absent grade. The only exception to this is where there is a medical or pastoral concern as determined by the Deputy Principal – Students.

James Roberts
DIRECTOR OF LEARNING

Christmas Cards on Sale

During this term, St Peters will be selling Christmas Cards as part of a fundraiser for the Parents and Friends Association.

The cards will be sold in packs of 10 (with 5 original designs) and will cost $5 per pack. Each card will be designed by St Peter’s Students.

As you plan your Christmas presents over the next month or so, keep an eye out for the St Peters Cards that will be on sale at reception.
TERM 4 CALENDAR

Fri 19th Nov  Year 12 Exams Finish
Valedictory Dinner
Wed 24th Nov  Speech Night
Fri 26th Nov  Year 11 Finish
Mon 29th Nov  Year 11 (2011)
Induction Week
Fri 3rd Dec  Year 10 Finish
Year 7 2011 Orientation
Fri 17th Dec  END OF TERM 4
Reports Posted

SPORTING NEWS

VICTORY FOR CRICKETERS
For the last time, we presented a team in this twilight competition, which will become part of the normal SIS programme next year. After 16 years of games between five schools, we played our last game in a final at Beaconhills College. In a closely contested game, we came out on top for the eleventh time in 16 years. The team was captained extremely well by Jake Harrington, who also made runs and took wickets. His deputy, Brayden Roscoe, was our leading run scorer, while Mitch White made an impressive strike bowler. Corey Milano, Adrian Russo, Allen Anthony and Kyle Salter completed a successful bowling attack. Shannon Wijeyatunge, Marty Leinmueller, Cory Machaya and Matthew Pola all showed great promise as allrounders, making this a very well-balanced squad. Mitch Halstead was the only Year 7 player in the team, and he will be an important part of next year’s team. We would like to thank the parents for their support, especially in relation to transport for the boys. We look forward to watching this team represent St. Peter’s College in the future.

Mr. Grant and Mr. Carmody
COACHES

JUNIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL
The Junior Girls Basketball team played Casey in their 4th game of the season. The first half started quite slowly, with the girls unable to find their rhythm, and only holding a 12-8 lead. In the last 5 minutes of the first half, they started to get some momentum, being able to finally initiate and finish on some fast breaks to take a 23-8 lead at half time. The second half was played at a much higher standard, beginning at the defensive end with the girls coming up with numerous stops, and hitting some nice 3 pointers in offense. Another pleasing aspect was the fact every player got on the score sheet.

Final Score: St Peters 64 def Casey 19
Points: Brooke Poulter 14, Jess Lineham 14, Meg Horlock 11, Caitlyn Langdon 10, Nat Daly 8, Hayley Wallace Certoma 5 & Marlee Tatham 2.

Justin De Goldi
SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR

SIS JUNIOR GIRLS SOCCER
Last Thursday the girls played in the third round of the SIS soccer competition. After a slow start against John Paul College, the girls fought back to secure victory at the final whistle. The score for the match was a 3-1 win to the St Peters girls. Congratulations to the girls for their improved team play. They really worked together to achieve the result. Great work also by our girls in defence who fought hard to hold out the opposition forwards.
Goal scorers: Linh Nguyen and Bec McInnes
Best Players: Jasmine Carroll (Outstanding work as goalie), Angie Antonio, Bianca Hawkins and Claudia Parisi

Cathy Heijden
COACH

SIS INTERMEDIATE GIRLS SOFTBALL
Congratulations to the Intermediate Girls softball team who had a great victory over John Paul College last Friday. The final score of the match was 26-13. This means that they now play off in the Grand final this Friday. Great work in the field to Bree Sutton, Skye Brennan and Kaitlyn Warkschuck set us up for a convincing win. Good luck to all of the girls for next weeks final match.

Cathy Heijden
COACH

JUNIOR BOYS SOCCER VS JOHN PAUL
After successive heavy defeats it was a welcome relief to see the next fixture was to be against John Paul … surely we would have a chance against only 2 players, even if they turned out to be Aloisi and Gazza! We arrived full of hope on a sticky, hot afternoon which would prove to be real testing, energy sapping conditions to play in. Taking inspiration from “Mike Bassett: England Manager” we reverted to the traditional, tried and tested 4-4-2 formation and the clear instructions to “get the ball forward early” were given before kick off. 3 nil down at half time did not tell the whole story and was not a fair reflection of the teams relative merits. Weinholz put in a Man of the Match performance, marking by far the oppositions best player … unfortunately he allowed the striker to slip his attentions twice and we were punished on both occasions. In the 2nd half it was an even contest and we pulled one back after our most creative and dangerous player on the day, Galojlic, struck a long distance free kick which shook the timber. De Baize was on hand sniffing for any scraps and after initially completely fluffing his lines, managed at the second bite to scramble the ball over the line. The match finished 3-1 but the team are definitely going in the right direction and the only thing holding them back for the remaining games is a lack of self belief … they must look to develop the renowned German efficiency, arrogance and winning mentality that propelled them to 6 World Cup Finals in the latter half of the 1900’s. A home game next week will provide the perfect opportunity for the players to stand up and be counted in front of a supportive crowd.

Mr Broadley
COACH
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Last Friday I had the great pleasure of travelling to Sale, with our two pilgrims to Rome, to celebrate Mass with Bishop Prowse for the canonisation of Mary MacKillop. All the pilgrims from the seven secondary schools in the Diocese were there along with many members of the Sisters of St Joseph. It was filled with much joy and happiness.

The Josephites have had a long connection to the Sale Diocese. The Sisters of St Joseph first arrived in Traralgon in 1902 right through to the present day with Sisters in seven parishes across the Diocese. The Sisters have been involved in education, caring for the sick, feeding the poor by sharing the little they had and assisting those who suffering hardship from flood, fire and drought. Mary MacKillop’s spirit was and remains very much alive in the Diocese.

Our two pilgrims, Joshua Dodgson and Alisha Mascurine, have been wonderful ambassadors for our College. The passion and love with which they have spoken about their time in Rome has been inspiring for so many people. This same passion and love was evident last Friday when the fourteen pilgrims met up again. The way in which they spoke about their faith and how this experience touched their hearts, one just stands back in awe! If this is a glimpse of the future of our Church then we are indeed very lucky.

Last week, Joshua and Alisha spoke at our staff meeting about pilgrimage they made. It truly was a time of joy and they both willingly shared with us how this event has touched their faith. They spoke about the canonisation, the trip to Assisi, visiting the Vatican, the people they met including Bishop Prowse and Kevin Rudd. The highlight for me was how they would gather at night and talk about their faith with each other (yes, teenagers!). This was something the students organised and it contributed to developing the many great friendships they now have and the great enthusiasm for their faith. Joshua and Alisha will be presenting the story of their pilgrimage to all the other year levels over the next few weeks.

A very big thank you to all those families who donated magazines for the Year 12 Retreat programme. However, we are still desperately short of magazines for the Year 12 Retreats next year. As they occur in week one of the new school year, we get the Retreats organised and packed up before the Christmas holidays. With the change in the Retreat programme, we need magazines for our sessions. If you have any spare magazines – Woman’s Day, New Idea etc that you could donate to the College it would be accepted with much gratitude. Thank you very much for your support.

Mary MacKillop Prayer

God of the pilgrim,  
Mary Mackillop trusted your guidance in her journey of life,  
and deepened her confidence in your will.  
May we renew our trust in your Providence to lead us in hope.  
May we relish the sacred in the ordinariness of our lives.  
May we grow in the fullness of your love and the depth of your mystery.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ,  
the way, the truth and the life.  
Amen.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us.

Bernadette Tolan

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION LEADER

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 native 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!

Greg Nelson

ST. AGATHA’S PARISH REPRESENTATIVE