The year is fast coming to a close and I take this opportunity in this the final newsletter for the year to acknowledge and thank the many different contributors to our school community. At this year’s Valedictory dinner I was very conscious of the many families who will be leaving us at the end of 2010. In many cases this means the end of a long association with St Peter’s College. A respite from school fees will be welcome no doubt but I am very grateful to all those families who have supported us through many years of growth and expansion and in no small way have played a part in the fine school we have become.

My thoughts also turn to the members of our staff at this time, teachers and non teachers whose professionalism and hard work have allowed us to bring to life many of the facets of our school vision with its focus on Faith, Education and Service. I extend my sincere thanks to them all, especially to those who will leave us at the end of the year and who have given us such generous service in their time here.

SPEECH NIGHT

Congratulations to all students who were acknowledged with awards or performed at speech night last Wednesday night. I said to staff this week that our Speech night should not only be the culmination of the years work but also reflect all aspects of our Vision for school life at St Peter’s. Last Wednesday night was a great celebration of our commitment to that Vision and I was particularly pleased that so many parents could attend and celebrate with us. The Art and Technology Exhibition which was part of speech night for the first time was well received with many acknowledgements of the standard and breadth of student work on display. My thanks to the many staff who assisted with the preparation and running of the evening, in particular Arts Co-ordinator Frank Carter and Deputy Principal Elizabeth Hanney.

THE ROCK

Our students received The Rock magazine last week and will enjoy spending some time over the summer reflecting on the many highlights of the year. Mr David Stretch worked diligently and with great creativity to ensure that the story of this year’s Rock was told through students eyes. I thank him and the many students involved in the Rock’s production this year and congratulate them on the magnificent record of school life that they have produced.

CONGRATULATIONS

Luke Parker and Andy McInnes have become the first two students from St Peter’s College to be drafted into the AFL. Luke to Sydney and Andy to Carlton. We are very proud of them and congratulate them and their families on this fine achievement and wish them all the best for their future careers.

I also congratulate our Year 11 media students Joel Walker, Sam Qualizza and Adonis Bitanga who received their Road Safety Education award at the Channel 7 studios on Tuesday night. Their community service announcement promoting road safety was aired for the first time on the Channel 7 news last night and will be shown regularly during the course of this summer.

In closing I wish all of our students a relaxed and happy time with family and friends over the Christmas period. I pray that all will make the time to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of Jesus Christ who gives meaning and purpose to our lives. I look forward to and pray for the safe return of all in 2011.
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

CHANGES FOR 2011

SPORTS UNIFORM

As at the start of the 2011 school year, students will be required to wear the new St Peter’s Polo Shirt (as worn by Year 9 student Eugene Pelissier in the photo) as part of the PE uniform and the Sports Uniform. This replaces the grey T-Shirt that has been a part of the previous PE and Sports Uniform. This new polo shirt is a modern, breathable material which is far better suited to undertaking physical activity and it also has a collar to increase protection from the sun. Please note that this becomes compulsory for all students at St Peter’s College from the beginning of 2011.

The new Sports Shorts on display in the same photo will be phased in over time. This means that they will be compulsory for all Year 7 students of both Cranbourne West and Cranbourne East in 2011, but will be optional for Years 8 to 12 students. It is expected that students of years 8 to 12 will purchase the new version of the sports shorts when the old ones need to be replaced. The new shorts are also a modern breathable material which compliment the new polo shirt in both style and type of material used.

The Polo Shirt is on sale for $35 and the Shorts are on sale for $30. Both can be purchased from the College uniform shop.

Regarding the footwear worn by students whilst undertaking sports and Phys Ed classes: It is highly recommended by Sports and Physical Education Staff that correct sports shoes be worn. These shoes should have a cushioned sole that allows for high impact activities.

HAIR TIED BACK

At the start of 2011, girls with hair length below their shoulders are expected to have it tied back at all times when in school uniform. All hair must be tied back, by way of either a pig tail or ponytails.

COMBINATION LOCKS

At the start of 2011, all students will be issued with a combination lock, provided by the school. All students must have this lock secured to their locker at all times. This will ensure that each student has a secure locker and only needs to remember their combination. In the event that the student forgets the combination number, this will be provided by the relevant YLC who will have a copy of each student’s number for that particular year level. The cost of these locks will be $10, which will be added to the student’s school fees. If a lock is damaged or lost, it will be the responsibility of the student to purchase a new one at student reception.

THANK YOU AND BEST WISHES FOR THE END OF THE YEAR

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our students and families who have supported our College ethos throughout the course of the year. I hope the relationship between the College and home continues to be one of cooperation, communication and mutual respect.

Finally, I would like to wish our students and their families a safe Christmas break and I look forward to working with you all in 2011.

Anthony Banks
Deputy Principal of Students

From the Director of Learning

As 2010 draws to close it is important to reflect on the achievements and challenges of the year. Upon reflection, the achievements of the students were once again outstanding, whether that was in the classroom, on the sporting field, as part of our extensive Arts opportunities or through our many social justice initiatives. Additionally it was gratifying to see so many of our students meeting and conquering challenges throughout the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to the thank the parent community for their support and encouragement this year and look forward to the challenges and successes the Cranbourne East campus will bring 2011. I hope you all have an enjoyable and safe holiday and a Happy and Holy Christmas.

James Roberts
Director of Learning

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

**THE PROGRAM FOR THE LAST DAY OF YR 10 2010 IS AS FOLLOWS:**

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**SPORTING NEWS**

**JUNIOR BOYS SOCCER VS SFX**

As the curtain fell on the difficult campaign, all the squad members were given a run out in the final match at home to SFX. Dakic was recalled in goal and produced an excellent display, limiting the visitors to a solitary goal after the first half had ended 0-0 with perhaps our best display to date. Faamasuli was having a blinder in the heart of midfield until he lost his head and decided to pick on an opponent half his size ... he was swiftly substituted and told to "calm down, calm down" (perhaps he should have been born a Scouser!). The Defenders Lavery, Goudas, Rohan, Penny, Mikha and Wennholz all put in solid performances but unfortunately the Forwards were firing blanks and could not hit a barn door from 5 yards out! The game was thus brought to a close by "Guest" referee Ramnuth (can you believe he nicked off with the 10 cent coin I gave him for the toss .... and I thought Yorkshiremen were tight!) with a final 1-0 defeat. The team have improved a lot, must take heart from this and continue to look to progress as they move up through the school. We finally did score a victory after the game in the friendly kick about with the girls team whose game had been cancelled ...... amazing how the likes of Russo and Legaie suddenly upped their performance for that one! Even more of a miracle was the recoveries from injury by Lavery and Goudas having been virtually stretchered off only 30 minutes previously! I leave you to draw your own conclusions.

**SIS INTERMEDIATE GIRLS SOFTBALL**

After an amazing season, the Intermediate Girls Softball went into the Grand Final against Beaconhills, confident in their skills. Once again with Brea Sutton into pitch, we had a tight first innings with the score 3-2 (our way). The 2nd and 3rd innings saw a dramatic change, with Brea leading a double play in each innings, leaving Beaconhills without additional runs, and SPC scoring 10. The final innings saw Beaconhills making a last minute bid and scoring 8 runs. However the skills of SPC won out, with final score of 13-10, winning the SIS Intermediate Girls Softball pennant. Special mention goes to Brea (Pitcher), Skye (Catcher) and Jade (1st base) for awesome team work. Members of the Intermediate team were as follows: Brea Sutton, Kaitlyn Wakartschuk, Jade Gregory, Skye Brennan, Marjia Culanic, Emily Barker, Britanny Ralls, Jasmine Jakupi, Tayla Gillies, Isabelle Bangard, Stephanie Lukas, Taylor Banks, Sharni Robinson and Rebecca Theodore. Congratulations to all the girls involved.

**SIS SPORT YEAR WRAP UP!**

2010 has been a successful year for the college in SIS Sport. This year we have had 7 teams win pennants throughout the year.

The successful teams were:
- Intermediate Girls Handball
- Intermediate Girls Softball
- Intermediate Girls Football
- Intermediate Boys Basketball
- Senior Boys Soccer
- Senior Boys Football
- Junior Girls Football

Congratulations to everyone who participated in these teams, and to everyone who represented the college throughout the year in all SIS events. We look forward to more success next year!

Mr Broadley (at the time of writing the Pommes are not looking good ... how long before I can apply for Citizenship?)

Andy Broadley

COACH

Cathy Heijden

COACH

Natasha Le Noel/ Cathy Heijden

SOFTBALL COACH

Justin De Goldi

SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR
The two great feasts of Christianity – the Nativity and Easter – are each preceded by a period of preparation: Advent and Lent. The emphasis of these seasons is on the mental and spiritual preparation. In the Nativity, we celebrate God become human; God present in the world in a physical way. Advent is a time to remember the many and varied ways that God continues to be present in the world.

During this season, we are asked to reflect on the coming of Christ into human history as a small baby, the coming of Christ at the end of time and the coming of Christ into our own lives each day. Thus advent has past, present and future dimensions.

One of the major symbols of the Advent season is the wreath. The encircling wreath is symbolic of God without beginning or end and the green foliage represents our hope in God. There are usually five candles in the wreath, a central white candle representing the light of Christ that came into the world and then four outside candles that are usually purple and rose coloured. The first candle is generally symbolic of Hope and Expectation. The third candle – the rose or pink candle – celebrates the Joy that is anticipated in the coming of Christ. The progressive lighting of the candles marks the journey towards the Nativity.

As we approach the end of the school year, we are asking students and families to make a contribution to the St. Vincent de Paul food hampers. Any non-perishable food items or simple little gifts will be very much appreciated and indeed the people in the local community who will receive them. The hampers will also be used in the end of school year liturgies which take place next Monday, December 6th.

I would like to thank the generous contributions of magazines from all the members of the school community. This contribution will help enormously with the successful running of our retreats next year.

Finally, as this is the last newsletter of the year, I take this opportunity to wish all our families a very happy and blessed Christmas.

What is it that we are waiting for during Advent? The obvious answer is “Christmas!” But Advent is about more than just waiting for a holiday, and it’s even about more than just waiting for the birth of Christ. What we do during the journey itself is just as important as the destination. How will you spend your time of waiting this year?

Young adults & teenagers are invited to spend an afternoon in reflection, prayer & joyful preparation this Advent season with Father Hugh Brown.

When: 3-6pm Sunday December 5
Where: Lumen Christi Catholic Church, Williams Avenue, Churchill

For more info contact the Youth Ministry Office – phone: 5126 1063, Email: jessd@sale.catholic.org.au or kellyl@sale.catholic.org.au

PRAYER
In this season of expectation
We prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, Messiah
Into the bustle of our lives
and the hard to find moments of solitude

We prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, Messiah
Into our homes and situations
along with friends and families

We prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, Messiah
Into our hearts, and those often hidden parts of our lives

For beneath the surface of your story
is an inescapable fact
You entered this world
as vulnerable as any one of us
in order to nail that vulnerability to the cross.

Our fears, our insecurities and our sins
all that can separate us from God
exchanged by your Grace for Love.

We cannot comprehend the reasoning
only marvel that Salvation comes to us
through a baby born in a stable,
and reaches out to a world in need.

Amen.

Bernadette Tolan
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION LEADER

ST. AGATHA’S NEWS

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 this week. If you are interested in joining a group please place your name & phone number on the clipboards in the foyer and you will be contacted with further details.

ZUMBA NIGHT: A World Youth Day fundraiser. Please help send our youth to Madrid; come join us for Zumba Night. We promise you a fun-filled night with “Minute to Win It games” and something to keep both adults and kids busy! Come dressed up to Zumba those calories away on 3rd December at 7pm in the Parish hall! Tickets $6 each or $10 for two! Enter our competition in the foyer to guess the amount of lollies in the jar – 3 guesses for $2.

Greg Nelson
ST. AGATHA’S PARISH REPRESENTATIVE