FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Japanese Earthquake & Tsunami
Our hearts and prayers go to the people of Japan as the horrific news and images of the natural disaster reached us over the weekend. We await correspondence from our sister school Sapporo High School situated on the Northern Island of Hokkaido some 500 kilometres from the epicentre of the Earthquake. News reports indicate that Sapporo has escaped the damage afflicted on those located on the Eastern Seaboard. Parents who were providing accommodation for students arriving from Sapporo next week will be contacted shortly in regard to the on-going status of the exchange.

A Lenten Message
During the course of last week students from all year levels attended an Ash Wednesday Para liturgy to mark the beginning of the Lenten period and the lead-up to Easter the most important event on the Christian Calender. I include an extract from Jim Quillinan’s “Along the track” which provides some reflective thoughts on this period of renewal and recommitment.

Lent is a time in which we pause so that our hearts might discover again just how much we are loved by God. When we know we are loved, that gives us confidence, that knowledge gives us courage. Because of that we have the courage for honest self-appraisal. We have the courage to change our minds, to change our hearts. We cannot grow as Christians and we cannot even be truly happy unless we gain freedom from the things that bind us and those actions that diminish us. Each of us in our own way is imprisoned by attitudes, habits, compulsions, that bind our hearts and our wills so that we are living a diminished form of Christian life. We love less, we resent more, we do less and avoid more than we would if our hearts and our wills were freed from these things that bind us. True repentance gives us the capacity to receive what the Father wants to give us.

Modern life is so busy, the world seems to be moving so fast, there are so many pressures upon us to succeed, to achieve, to pay the bills, to find work, to just hold it all together, that we can get lost in it all. Our lives are so crowded and full, and our world is so noisy that we cannot hear the voice of God calling to us and speaking to us of his love for us. We need to find ways this Lent for ourselves to hear that voice and to be moved by God’s love. During Lent, we look to foster a change in mind and heart within ourselves, to find ways to welcome God’s Good News, to find ways that we might love more. In that way we try to turn from habits that may be destructive toward actions that mould us into the person God has created us to be.

Jim Quillinan
IMMUNISATIONS

Once again, the City of Casey will be providing immunisations for students in 2011. Please note the following dates and immunisations which may involve your sons and daughters.

**Tuesday 22 March**
Year 7: Hepatitis – Boys & Girls – First dose
Year 10: 1st Gardasil – Girls only

**Tuesday 17 May**
Year 7: Chicken Pox – Boys & Girls
2nd Gardasil – Girls only

**Tuesday 20 September**
Year 7: 2nd Hepatitis B – all
3rd Gardasil – Girls only

**Tuesday 22 March**
Year 7: Hepatitis – Boys & Girls – First dose
Year 10: 1st Gardasil – Girls only

Students in Yrs 7 & 10 have now received their Consent Cards. We ask that all parents complete these cards, even if your child will not be receiving the vaccine, and return them to your child’s Home Room teacher by **Tuesday 15 March**. Please ensure that you sign the card as vaccines cannot be administered without your consent.

Please note, this consent card will cover each round of vaccine.

If you have any concerns regarding immunisations, please do not hesitate to contact the college.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Please note that Parent Teacher Interviews will take place on the final two days of Term 1, Thursday 7 April (4.00 – 8.30) and Friday 8 April (9.00 – 1.00pm). More details will follow over the coming weeks with regard to this important opportunity for Teachers and Parents to discuss student progress.

Elizabeth Hanney
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

UNIFORM SHOP

Due to the Labour Day Holiday the Uniform Shop will be open an additional day next week.
Monday 21st March  1-5pm
Wednesday 23rd March  1-5pm

Captain’s Report

This year as College Captain, I hope to create a vibrant and exciting 2011 for every student and staff member at St. Peters College, along with the support of Co-captain Todd Roscoe. The Year 12 leadership team has made a great start to the year with several fundraisers having been held and the planning for Harmony Day in the last week of term, well underway. The SRC representatives have been selected and we looking forward to our first meeting with them next week.

As for myself, I am currently studying English, French, Biology, Physical Education and Further Mathematics, and have completed Dance in 2010. In my spare time, I like to relieve myself of the stress of year 12 through dancing and spending time with my family. I am a very enthusiastic and energetic person who looks forward to the adventures that each day brings. I believe I am an approachable person and would like to encourage any student who may have any questions or problems to not be afraid to come and speak with me.

Bronwyn McInnes
COLLEGE CAPTAIN

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SIS Senior Girls Soccer vs St Johns
With the news of a visit from Wills to these shores before his Royal Wedding to Kate, the girls stepped out with a spring in their step to take on a team with a full quota of players (and even substitutes). As the referee went AWOL there was plenty of time to devise a masterplan, and thus the pre-match instructions were kept simple: kick the ball forward as hard as you can!”. All the players took this on board (except Culanic who herself was also missing in action, instead choosing to catch up with an acquaintance…. “it’s a good job he was fit” justifying her absence). Returning midfielder dynamo Katsimalis ran the show in the 1st half, scoring herself after a mazy run and then setting up O’Brien, who was snipping in the box to pick up the scraps after the keeper spilled a shot on goal. The half time interval saw official Linesman and team mascot Derek Ramnuth move the quickest he has ever done on a soccer pitch… as he scrambled to be involved in the team huddle! Not long after the break the opposition grabbed a goal back, before May popped up in the area to rifle a crisp strike into the roof of the net. At 3-1, more goals should have followed but instead a lapse of concentration made for a nervous final few minutes. The defence held as firm as Bellagamba’s hairstyle, the full-back once again not putting a foot wrong throughout, and the win was delivered with far more style then the rendition of ‘When the Saints go Marching In’ on the bus afterwards. A positive result in the final fixture against Woodleigh will see the girls qualify for the knock-out stages.

Andrew Broadley
COACH

SENIOR BOYS SOCCER
In round 1 we travelled to Padua Mornington to begin our defence of the title that we secured last year. We worked hard in the first half of the match and put ourselves in a winning position when we were two goals up early in the second half. St. Peter’s looked to be controlling the tempo of the game with the wind at our backs, however we suffered a meltdown in defence and Padua netted 3 times in the space of 10mins. Thanks to a late equaliser from Frank Licata we were able to salvage a 3 all draw.
Last week we were on the road again playing at Flinders Christian College, Tyabb. We started strongly and for the second week in a row we found ourselves two goals up early in the second half. Unlike our defensive capitulation in round 1 we were able to consolidate on our lead and show our dominance over Flinders across the park. Cam Bryden and Jimi Johnson were both lethal in attack scoring twice in our 6-2 victory.

Gerard Brown
COACH

Career News
Upcoming events:
- **National Careers & Employment Expo**, 9am-4pm, Fri 25 March & 10am-4pm, Sat 26 March; discuss study options, source information from industry and employers, speak to major employers; Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, Southbank; www.eocexpo.com.au, 1300 667 121 for information.
- **University of Melbourne Veterinary Science Open Day** - Sun 27 March, (see 2. below)
- **2011 Engineering Careers Expo**. Engineers Australia, Victoria Division invites you to attend the Engineering Expo. Attend seminars, 70+ exhibitors, careers and professional advice. **When**: 2-7pm, Thurs 31 March; **Where**: Etihad Stadium, Melbourne; **Cost**: Free; **Register**: www.engineeringexpo.org.au; **Enquiries**: Noel Dos Santos, 9321 1726.
- **The Age VCE and Careers Expo** – will be held from Friday 6th May to Sunday 8th May at Caulfield Racecourse. More details can be found at www.vceandcareers.com.au.

Yr 12 students
A list of open days has been published and is available on Moodle. There is a chance that other dates will be added as the year progresses, so keep an eye on the Moodle site and newsletters. Most open days seem to be scheduled in August, so check out the uni’s, TAFE’s and courses you would like more info about and pencil the dates in. Please feel free to pop in and see me if you need more info about where certain courses are offered.

Shannon Maher
CAREERS COORDINATOR

Year 10 students
As you know work experience is coming up towards the end of next term, from the 13th – 20th June (week 1) and 20th – 24th June (week 2). We ask that all forms are complete and submitted by the end of Term 1 to ensure students all have work placements to attend. As several other schools in the area also run work experience programs, getting in early will make your work experience much easier to organise and will minimise the chances of you being knocked back. Please see me if you are having trouble organising your work experience, I am happy to assist where I can.

Shannon Maher
CAREERS COORDINATOR.
Last Thursday a group of our students attended a day at St Kevin’s Richmond Campus to hear about setting up a College Conference of St Vincent De Paul. There were about 200 students from Catholic Colleges throughout Victoria. One of the key themes that came through the day was “God has no hands on earth but ours”.

The Keynote speaker was an inspirational young woman who had excellent tertiary qualifications and had held great positions in the world of forensic science. She told of the influence that her involvement with St Vincent De Paul had on her throughout her secondary schooling and her time at university. Even when she was in the professional work force she maintained her involvement. Eventually she realised that she was being called to devote her life to this work and she is now a full time employee of SVDP.

We have no expectation that many of our students will follow in her footsteps and devote their life to the poor. However, one of the big differences with Catholic education is that students will be exposed to this work and are invited to participate in it. The young speaker said that it became clear to her that she was seeing the face of Christ in those she served. This is key to our beliefs, we don’t do what we do because it makes us feel good we do this in the name of God and in the knowledge that every person is made in the image of God. Our Social Justice cornerstone is that every person has the right to their Human Dignity, no one deserves to be forgotten, looked down on or treated as an outcast.

Today we had a whole school assembly and the prayer focus was the disaster in Japan. As a community St Peter’s has many ties to Japan and we pray that the global community will reach out to the Japanese people in this their time of great need. It is indeed a great time to reflect on those words “God has no hands on earth but ours” We pray that our hearts will always be open to those who need our help and prayers.

Our focus for Project compassion will include the situation in Japan, there are of course many places which need help so we encourage everyone to give as generously as possible to Caritas Catholic Aid through project compassion.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY
I arise today blessed by all things,
Wings of breath, delight of eyes,
Wonder of whisper, intimacy of touch,
Eternity of soul, urgency of thought
Miracle of health, embrace of God.
May I live this day compassionate of heart,
Gentle in word.
Gracious in awareness, courageous in thought
And generous in love.
Amen

Deacon Tony Aspinall
COLLEGE CHAPLAIN

ST. AGATHA’S NEWS

ST. AGATHA’S COMBINED SCHOOL FETE CARNIVAL: Will be held on St. Patrick’s Day, Thursday 17th March in the St. Agatha’s School grounds 4pm-8pm. Come along for an enjoyable St Patrick’s Day!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Will be held every Friday during Lent at 7pm in the Church.

LENTEN PROGRAMS: are beginning this week. If you would like to join a group please place your details on the chart in the foyer you will be contacted with further details. The Monday Prayer Group will not be meeting this Monday.

COMBINED PARISHES CAR RAFFLE – There are 4 cars and 11 further Prizes of Coles Myer Gift cards on offer in the amazing raffle! Tickets on sale after all Masses this weekend. $2 each or $20 per book. Drawn 20th May. Vic Permit number 11605/10

RAISE THE ROOF COMMITTEE – The Garage Sale will be help on Saturday 26th March (not the 19th March as previously advertised) in the hall from 9am – 3pm. Donations can be given at the office or if they need picking up ring the Parish Office on 5995 1985. Also we need giftware suitable for prizes in our raffles, these can be handed in at the Piety Stall.

INVIGORATE – (YEAR 7-12 YOUTH GROUP): Please join our meeting on 20th March, 7pm (after the 6pm Mass) at the Parish Hall. Newbies welcome! Enquiries please call Yani on 0423 329 454.

Greg Nelson
ST. AGATHA’S PARISH REPRESENTATIVE