FROM THE PRINCIPAL
PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent Teacher Interviews will take this place week and presents an opportune time for students to receive some feedback on their progress. Constructive feedback is sometimes difficult to take but is absolutely essential to the learning process. Students need to reflect on the advice they receive at this stage of the year, continuing good routines and learning habits where they have been established and altering those behaviours which are not assisting their learning. Staff will use this opportunity to reemphasise the need for students to take more responsibility for their learning, this is a gradual process from year 7 to year 12 but is integral to their ability to become lifelong learners and upon which their future success is based.

HARMONY DAY

On Tuesday of this week we celebrated Harmony Day under the theme of “Everybody Belongs”. This was a celebration of multiculturalism in appreciation of not only the many wonderful things that different nationalities bring to this country but also what our country provides in return.

Highlights of the day included an address by John Gulzari who immigrated to Australia as a refugee from Afghanistan some 10 years ago and is now running his own real estate business in Dandenong – Mogul Real Estate.

Other activities featured a fashion parade at recess showcasing a number of different National Costumes, the world game played between staff and students, a lunchtime concert and food stalls packed with tempting treats from a variety of different cultures. All funds raised on the day will assist the Catholic Social Justice organisation Caritas provide much needed resources to Japan in the wake of its recent earthquake and Tsunami.

EASTER

Finally I wish all of our students and their families a safe and holy Easter Holiday. With so much tragedy witnessed over the term through the National disasters in New Zealand and then Japan it is important to stop and reflect on our Christian story of Hope, centred on the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our existence and purpose in life are sometimes challenged by such tragedies, the experience of Easter confirms for all of us God’s eternal promise of new beginnings and new life.

Tim Hogan
PRINCIPAL

End of Term

In this very busy final week of term, I would like to acknowledge and thank all staff for their fantastic work with students throughout the term. This has been through the daily business of teaching and learning to provide students with the best opportunities to learn and grow. It has also been evidenced in a number of camps, retreats, excursions and extra curricular activities which have extended students experience of life here at the college. I wish all staff a relaxing and peaceful Easter break.

Parent Teacher interviews conducted this week provide all parents with the opportunity to meet with teachers to discuss student progress. This is a final reminder to parents to enter the college website and arrange appointments, using the details forwarded via mail last week. Any parent unsure or unable to use this process, are invited to contact the college reception for assistance.

I trust that the interviews will be a useful summary report for first term and a springboard for ongoing and optimal learning in term 2.

ADVANCE NOTICE:
SCHOOL PHOTOS TUESDAY 3 MAY
(Week 2 next term).
Order packs will be sent home in the first week back.

Elizabeth Hanney
Deputy Principal

JAPAN STUDY TOUR 2011
PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Date: Wed 6th April
Venue: Library Seminar Room
Time: 7 - 8pm

Refreshments provided
Please note that the start of Term Two means the College Uniform changes from Summer to Winter. Please refer to page 14 of the Student Record Book for the specific details of the Winter Uniform. The main changes are the wearing of the tie for both boys and girls, and the wearing of the skirt and shirt for the girls, replacing the summer dress.

Please note that the tie is to be pulled up to the top-button and the top button is to be buttoned up. The holiday period is a good opportunity to ensure that students have the appropriate sized shirts and also top buttons sewn onto the shirts.

**SPORTS/PE UNIFORM**

With the colder weather approaching, a reminder to students wearing the PE sports uniform that they are not permitted to wear “hoodies” or long sleeved t-Shirts underneath the College Polo Tops. If worn, these may be confiscated by staff. If the students are cold, they are permitted to wear the College Rugby Top or the College Sports Jacket as an outer garment.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank families for “getting on board” with the purchasing and wearing of the College Polo Top. They look fantastic and are a welcome alteration to the College Uniform.

**CROSSING THE TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT CRANBOURNE FRANKSTON RD**

For your own safety and the safety of others, students are required to cross at the pedestrian crossing when getting off the bus at Cranbourne Frankston roads in the mornings.

If you fail to do this you put your own safety at risk and cause disruptions to oncoming traffic flow. This in turn can be extremely dangerous.

Anthony Banks  
Deputy Principal, Students

**CRANBOURNE EAST UPDATE**

**END OF TERM**

As Term One comes to an end, many students have settled in well and are comfortable with the increase in responsibility and the requirement to become more independent in their learning. There have been some students though, that are still coming to terms with the transition into high school and this is OK too. The key is to continually strive for improvement on a daily basis. As I reflect on how students entered into St Peter’s College at the start of the year, it is clear to me that all students have grown as individuals and are eager for their next challenges. I look forward to their safe and eager return in Term Two.

**PARENT – TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Parent – Teacher Interviews will be conducted tomorrow night and Friday morning in the Multi-Purpose Hall. A request for interview does not necessarily signal a teacher concern. The interviews are set up to allow two-way communication about the progress of your child and how they have settled into high school. It is important that where possible for students to be in attendance at the interviews with their parents and that they bring their Record Book. Additionally, it is advisable to bring a copy of the Interim Report to clarify questions and concerns and will assist individual subject teachers to gain a global perspective on how students are going across all subjects.

**CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

Construction at the Cranbourne East site is progressing well, with both buildings nearing lock-up stage. This will be an important stage as the progress of the buildings will no longer be at the mercy of the wet weather that has been with us for much of the construction. Work has commenced on the design of landscaping of Stage One that will see both passive and active recreational facilities for students as well as shaded areas and areas for students to take their learning out of the classroom. Work will also commence shortly on the designing of Stage Two buildings that will give us the facilities to deliver the curriculum up to the end of Yr 10. The timeline for Stage Two is to commence construction early in 2012, ready for use in 2013.

I hope all have enjoyable break and a happy, safe and holy Easter.

James Roberts  
Head of Campus – Cranbourne East

**CSIRO VISIT TO ST PETER’S COLLEGE**

On Monday the 28th March, the CSIRO visited St Peter’s College to perform a ‘Polymers and Nanotechnology’ workshop for the Year 11 VCE Chemistry students. In the interactive workshop, the students investigated the properties of materials, the nature of polymer chains and recent applications of materials chemistry.

It was a fun and hands on workshop where the students learnt about a range of different polymers. One of the students, Katherine Li, stated “Overall it was a rewarding class that really gave an insight into Nanotechnology and its applications in all fields of science in the world today.”

Students Elise Gale, Cory Willshire and Katherine Li had a fantastic time in this workshop as the photo shows.

**YEAR SEVEN SCIENCE FAIR 2011**

The St Peter’s Annual Year Seven Science Fair will be happening on Thursday 26th May in the Hall. Students have been given the relevant information from there Year Seven Science teachers this week so they can start planning and working on this task over the Term One break to prepare for this upcoming and fun day event.

Further information regarding the St Peter’s Science Fair can be located via the e-learning moodle portal, Year 7 Science area.

**ROAD SAFETY – YR 11 MEDIA**

The Yr 11 Media class asks that everybody takes care on the road over the school holidays!!

Ms Gina Goss – Yr 11 Media Teacher

“There are many dangers to be aware of when driving and the passengers in your car is one of them. It may be fun to drive your friends around and have a laugh however it is not fun when they are distracting you from your main focus, which is driving. Many people do not know that traffic crashes are the number one killer of 15-24 year olds, being 18 doesn’t make you invincible. Everything’s different when friends are around, are your mates a distraction?”

By Paige, Emily and Alex – Yr 11 Media
**Career News**

**Upcoming Events:**
- **LA TROBE UNIVERSITY – ‘Talk and Tour’;** Year 10-12 students/parents; check courses, see the uni, ask questions. Fri 15 April, La Trobe, Bundoora; **Register:** [www.latrobe.edu.au/talkandtour](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/talkandtour)
- **ART AND DESIGN AT SWINBURNE – Art and Design Discovery Day (Prahran),** 9am-3.30pm, 21 April; **Registration:** [www.swin.edu.au/artanddesign](http://www.swin.edu.au/artanddesign); Questions: Montana Daknach, 9214 8904.
- **‘ACCESS ALL AREAS’ AT MELBOURNE UNI’ - Year 12’s - admission requirements, course info. 15 April; **Registration:** [www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/explore/events](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/explore/events); **Info:** 8544 6543
- **THE AGE VCE AND CAREERS EXPO 2011** - collect information, ask questions, explore options at **one location;** 10am-4pm, Fri 6, Sat 7 and Sun 8 May; Caulfield Racecourse

**Work Experience**
A last minute reminder to all year 10 students and parents that ALL work experience forms are due in by the end of this week!

Melbourne Aquarium is offering two holiday programs:
- **Aquarist for a Day** gives secondary students interested in a career in marine sciences a chance to experience a day in the life of an aquarist. **Includes:** behavioural observation of live animals, interaction with animals, food preparation and animal feeding; **Cost:** $99.
- **Aquarist for a Week** includes the above activities plus: quarantine procedures, water testing and display maintenance, the new Shark Walker, and diving in the Aquarium’s Oceanarium; **Cost:** $1,300; **Age:** 14 and above.


Olympic Park Sports Medicine Centre is conducting its annual Careers in Sports Medicine Evening on **Wednesday 25th May.** If you are interested please see me for a registration form – as places are limited you must RSVP by 20th May.

Where: Olympic Park Sports Medicine Centre – within the new AAMI Park Stadium
Registration: 6.30pm-7.00pm
Starts: 7.30pm
Cost: $25 per student.

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**S.I.S. INTERMEDIATE BOYS CRICKET REPORT**

Despite having a large contingent of Year 9 boys the team performed very creditably with 3 wins out of 5. There were a number of outstanding performances and we were very close to winning the title. We used two captains Tyrell Lazarus and Mitch Bromley and both tried valiantly to inspire their charges.

Some of the outstanding performances with the bat included Mitch Bromley’s whirlwind 43 against John Paul. Mitch White’s punishing knocks against Francis Xavier, Padua and St James. Kayle Henderson’s power hitting against Padua and Francis Xavier and John Paul and this was supported by Brayden Roscoe’s solid opening efforts.

With the ball, Mitch White’s fearsome pace caused trepidation in the opposition and this was followed up with fine tight bowling by Jake Harrington 2/7 (Padua) and 2/8 (St. James), Adrian Russo 2/9 (Francis Xavier), Marty Lienmüller 1/6 (Padua), Shannon Wijeyutunge 1/3 (Francis Xavier) and Corey Milano 1/8 (St James).

The fielding was very solid with some fine individual efforts included Shannon’s direct hit runout against John Paul from 35 metres. Mitch White’s catches against Francis Xavier and Marty Lienmüller’s close in work.

It was a pleasure to be involved with such fine young men and the Year 9’s will be a formidable combination next year and in the future.

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**SIS SENIOR GIRLS SOCCER VS PADUA (3rd Place Play-Off)**

After the heartbreak of the Penalty Shoot Out loss, the girls travelled to Padua with some influential players missing. Feeling like I had entered a Time Warp with the music selection on the bus, all became clear as the girls were obviously taking inspiration from Arsenals French philosopher Arsene, as the Vengaboys "Boom, Boom, Boom, Boom" blasted out. Guest bus driver and special mascot for the day, Mr Brown, became particularly animated when the Village People’s classic “YMCA” kicked in, leading to a sharp brake at a mini-roundabout as he immersed himself in the lyrics. The game was an excellent contest with Padua pressing for large periods. The girls defended valiantly as a team, but eventually the pressure told and Padua scored with a scorcher from the edge of the area, beating Johnson in goals who had made some excellent saves prior to this. A 50-50 challenge in the 2nd half saw Mitchell carried from the field with an ankle injury which led to me missing much of the remaining action. The game ended 1-0. Despite the loss, it was perhaps the most pleasing result of the campaign as the girls battled on excellently in the face of adversity. The Year 12’s who have played their final game must be congratulated on their exemplary attitude, effort and positive way they have approached representing the College. So finally, a big Well Done goes out to “big hands” Johnson in goal, Lynch (solid in defence), Bellagamba (the hair will leave a lasting legacy), Katsimalias (performances will go down in Greek Mythology), DaSilva (dynamic out wide), O-O-O-O’Brien (always smiling-even when regularly featured in Newsletter), Brittingham (prone to ‘girly’ moments during game), May (surprise package this year) and Mitchell (what a gem!). Hopefully they will all continue with Soccer in some shape or form in their future adventures.

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**Mark Sinclair and Keith Carmody Coaches**

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**SENIOR CRICKET 2011**

The senior cricket team completed an enjoyable session with a win over Nazareth College last Thursday. We finished third overall in Division 1, with two wins, two losses and a walkover. The team was very well led by Todd Roscoe, who bowled his wrist spin with good results in the short over games that we played. He was a most unselfish captain. Ben Milano and Ben Ashkenazi were clearly the best opening bowling combination in the competition. Both contributed well with the bat as well. Tim Shepardson, Melford Barnes and Jordan Leinmueller were the experienced extra leaders of the team. Tim Boich added variety to our attack and enthusiasm on the ground. Sam Frawley showed promise as an all-rounder, and Zac Davis, Dayne DeMonte and Ethan McLean showed that they will be ready to form a strong team next year. Matthew Crozier was a valuable bowler who will bat higher up the order next year as well. Finally, Pat Beckham continues to impress with his batting, bowling and fielding skills.

This team has been a pleasure to work with, and I would like to wish the Year 12’s in particular all the best for their cricketing futures. I must also thank Mitch Bromley for his fine work with the scorebook.

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**Mr. Grant - COACH**
STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Will be held every Friday during Lent at 7pm in the Church.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC FAMILY GATHERING – You are invited to the National Catholic Family Gathering – Share the Dream, Friday 15th to Sunday 17th April at Xavier College in Kew. Includes a variety of talks, workshops, shared prayer, music and fellowship aimed to encourage us in our efforts to witness to Christ’s love through our family life. Topics covered ranged from developing virtue in young children to caring for the elderly in the home. From dealing with pornography and cyber bullying to pastoral responses to separation and divorce and responding to teenage pregnancy. With 7 keynote addresses and 36 workshops across the weekend you are sure to find something of interest. Collect a brochure after Mass.

Greg Nelson
ST. AGATHA’S PARISH REPRESENTATIVE

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Last Sunday’s gospel: John 9:1-41 is the story about Jesus healing a young blind man. I have been thinking about the gift of sight and how we see things. Sometimes we choose not to see what is happening. Other times we have become so accustomed to certain things happening that we do not ‘see’ or comprehend the extent or consequences of the ‘sight before our eyes’.

I invite you to take a fresh look at and enter into The Stations of the Cross. We are going to do this at St Peter’s on Thursday morning. We will not be spectators or simply an audience but we will be invited into this drama and encouraged to ‘see’ ourselves there. Will I be able to identify with Jesus? Will I be able to ‘see and comprehend’ in my mind how Jesus must have felt? Perhaps I am feeling so fearful in the crowd that all I can do is follow at a distance. Maybe I am one of the women who meet Jesus along the way or feeling so fearful in the crowd that all I can do is follow at a distance. Perhaps I am one of the faithful women disciples who stand beneath the cross of Jesus. If so we would love to hear from them!

This year our great commemoration of the Paschal Mystery (the death and resurrection of Jesus) falls towards the end of the holidays. It would be good to highlight at least one of these events in your life by attending your local parish celebrations. One word of advice, you need to be at the church very early in order to get a seat as the churches are packed out when it comes to celebrating the Easter events.

Awaken Me
Risen One, come, meet me in the garden of my life. Lure me into elation. Revive my silent hope. Coax my dormant dreams. Raise up my neglected gratitude. Entice my tired enthusiasm. Give life to my faltering relationships. Roll back the stone of my indifference. Unwrap the deadness in my spiritual life. Impart heartiness in my work. Risen One, send me forth as a disciple of your unwavering love, a messenger of your unlimited joy. Resurrected One, may I become ever more convinced that your presence lives on, and on, and on. Awaken me! Awaken me! (Joyce Rupp Out of the Ordinary p.84)

Mary B Murphy
Religious Education Leader