FROM THE PRINCIPAL

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

Our school, along with other Catholic Schools in the Dioceses of Sale, Sandhurst and Ballarat, will celebrate Catholic Education Week from Friday 29th of April – Friday May 6th.

The theme for this year’s celebration is Building on Firm Foundations.

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid: that foundation is Jesus Christ. (1Cor 3:10-11).

As a Catholic community, we build daily on the firm foundation of Christ in the way we respect others, the environment and ourselves.

Catholic Education Week is an opportunity for all Catholic Schools to celebrate our distinctive mission and share things that are special about our school and ethos with families, parish and the wider community.

Some of the key celebrations of Catholic Education Week have included the Diocesan Students Mass at St. Mary’s Cathedral, Sale, last Thursday which a number of our student leaders attended and the annual leadership Mass and Dinner in Traralgon at which our own Mr Greg Nelson was honoured with a Spirit of Catholic Education Award.

In his 10 years at St Peter’s College, Mr Nelson has not only been a passionate and dedicated teacher but has also been an authentic witness to the faith that he teaches.

Assistance with Soup Vans, fundraising for Caritas and attendance at World Youth Day are all examples of Greg’s faith in action. As a member of the Parish Council he has also taken every opportunity to strengthen the link with our Parish of St Agatha’s through preparing welcome dinners with our students and arranging for local Thursday morning mass to be held at the St Peter’s Chapel to allow both parishioners and students to celebrate mass together.

Greg has been instrumental in the laying of a firm foundation for our faith community and I congratulate him on this most deserving recognition of his contribution to our school.

Tim Hogan
PRINCIPAL
WELCOME BACK TO TERM TWO

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome students back to what will be a very busy Term Two. Hopefully the Term One Holidays saw you enjoying the time to rest, catching up with family and friends and coming back refreshed for the start of Term Two.

I often find that many students find Term Two challenging. This is because they often start the year full of energy and with good intentions with regards to study habits and behaviour, but find these standards and enthusiasm difficult to maintain.

Keeping this in mind, I would like to challenge you to reset your goals for Term Two and build on the efforts you have made in Term One.

WINTER UNIFORM

Students are now in full winter uniform. A noticeable part of the Winter Uniform is the correct wearing of the College Tie. The tie needs to be pulled up over the top button of the shirt and this top button needs to be done up. When worn properly, the tie looks very smart, but unfortunately, it looks messy and untidy when the top button is not done up and the tie is not pulled up. It is something that is easy to get right, yet it goes a long way to improving the look of the uniform.

SPORT SHOES

When wearing the sports uniform, students are expected to wear appropriate and suitable sporting shoes. These should be ones that offer enough support and cushioning for their feet when partaking in sporting activities. For this reason, students are not permitted to wear canvas sand shoes (lace ups or slip ons) that do not provide this support and cushioning.

In the attached photo, the shoes on the left are not suitable for sporting activities, and the ones in the middle and on the right are suitable.

Anthony Banks
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL-STUDENTS

CRANBOURNE ANZAC DAY

The official Anzac Day Service was held in Greg Clydesdale Square on the 25th of April. St. Peter’s College was represented at the Wreath Laying by our school captains, Todd Roscoe and Bronwyn McInnes. Both Todd and Bronwyn can be very proud of the respectful manner in which they observed Anzac Day, represented the school and gave freely of their time to attend the service. It was also pleasing to see some current and ex-students either march in the parade or lay a wreath. The Anzac Spirit is alive and well when there are young people such as these students.

Greg Nelson
ASSISTANT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION LEADER

Thank You to our Host Families!!

The following families have done a wonderful job welcoming our 3 Japanese Long-term Exchange students into their homes and introducing the girls to the everyday life of a High School student in Australia for the past 6 weeks:


We are very fortunate at St. Peter’s to have so many willing and generous families each year volunteering to host our exchange students from overseas.

We are now seeking families to host approx. 10 students from our Sister School in Sapporo Japan. They will be visiting the College from June 18th – 24th.

If interested in hosting, please email Mrs. Kugimiya: skugimiya@stpeters.vic.edu.au

Japanese Festival 2011

Where:  Box Hill Town Hall and TAFE
When:   Sunday, 15th May 2011

!! THE BIGGEST JAPAN-RELATED EVENT IN AUSTRALIA !!

Highlights of the Japanese Festival will include:
- Taiko Drums
- Japanese Dances
- Kendo
- Karate
- Shakuhachi
- Kimono Contest
- Cosplay Contest
- and lots more!

Demonstrations will include: Tea Ceremony, Go, Origami, Traditional Games

There will be approx. 110 stalls selling: Sushi, Takoyaki, Yakitori, Fairy Floss, Japanese Cakes, Tea, Japanese Toys, China, Books, Craft, Kimono,
The TAFE Car Park will be the location of the food court.

EMMA CHEQUES
are ready to be picked up and if not collected by the 6th May will be receipted to family accounts.
NAPLAN Tests

These will be held next week for all Years 7 and 9 students during periods 1 and 2 on the following dates:

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Please note that all students sitting the numeracy tests will be required to have their own calculator.

Debra Preston
Middle Years Curriculum Leader

SiS Performing Arts Concert

Every year SiS puts together a concert featuring talented Music and Dance students from the SiS Schools. It is the only SiS event which is not a competition, but rather a night full of entertainment. This year was no exception! St Peters college students were involved in many of the items and did the school proud performing in the SiS Choir, Hip Hop Dance, Contemporary Dance and Show Dance. Brant Paul represented the school in an individual item. If the standing ovation after his performance of John Butlers ‘Ocean’ is anything to go by, Brant stole the show.

This year Miss. Karissa Robertson, the new drama and dance teacher at St Peters, choreographed the Hip Hop Dance. Her group was full of energy, Krumping and all the flyest moves. Another highlight of the concert was the use of art work by Leroy Sorrell, a year 12 student in 2010, in the promotion for the event. Miss. Carla Edgerton used her exemplary design skills to incorporate all the necessary information into the poster without losing the effect of Leroy’s creativity.

Thank you to all the students and teachers who helped make the night a great success.

Mr. Matt Sharpe
MUSIC TEACHER

Career News

Reminders:
- UMAT – Registrations: 1 April till 3 June; test date: 27 July; see http://umat.acer.edu.au
- 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

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT MONASH UNIVERSITY DEGREES – The ‘At Monash’ Seminar Series is an opportunity to hear from staff/students, get your questions answered, and collect information. All seminars commence at 6.30pm; Information: 9903 4810.

- Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Tues 10 May at Parkville
- Berwick Campus Showcase, Wed 11 May
- Business and Economics, Tues 17 May at Caulfield
- Architecture, Wed 18 May at Caulfield
- Engineering, Thurs 19 May at Clayton
- Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy, Mon 23 May at Peninsula
- Science, Thurs 26 May at Clayton
- Health Science and Social Work, Mon 30 May at Caulfield
- Information Technology, Tues 31 May at Caulfield
- Law, Wed 1 June at Caulfield
- Nursing, Midwifery and Paramedics, Thurs 2 June at Peninsula
- Education, Sport and Outdoor Recreation, Tues 7 June at Peninsula
- Gippsland Campus Showcase, Thurs 9 June
- Medicine, Biomedical Science, Radiography & Nutrition and Dietetics, Wed 15 June at Clayton
- Arts, Humanities and Performing Arts, Thurs 16 June at Clayton
- Psychology and Behavioural Neuroscience, Tues 21 June at Clayton
- Design, Fine Art and Multimedia, Wed 22 June at Caulfield


Shannon Maher
CAREERS COORDINATOR
STAFF VS STUDENT SOCCER MATCH
A huge crowd gathered at the famous St Peters Oval (marked out to meticulously match the dimensions of the old Parkhead Ground in Glasgow by the former Principal) in the hope of seeing the teachers get a whipping by the all star student line up. Portly Year 7 Co-ordinator O’Hara struck the first Psychological blow with his pre-match warm up …… vigorously scoffing 5 samosas en route from the Courtyard, as he prepared for the Viduka role up front. The students, led by “Sparrow” (presumably in reference to his legs!), made a strong start and a long ball over the top saw Broadley end up on his backside after a slip, only to watch Jimena steal in to fire the opener past “Banger” Banks in goal. Dee, sniffing like a “fox in the box” levelled before the staff played their trump cards - bringing on the experienced Partonator to sure up the midfield, Goss to add some fire power up front and McGrath to play the ‘wandering’ role. With Couty’s aqua blue boots glistening in defence for the staff, the pressure on Dunlop’s goal became immense and it was only a matter of time before the winner came – DeGoldfish being “Right here, right now” like “Fatboy Slim” (no offence intended to any members of the staff line up) to poke home from close range. Forget the Lisbon Lions, this performance by the staff was an awesome testament to their fitness, skills and determination! With the students also humbled in Cricket’s Mitch Rabot the night before, as well as in the Swimming Carnival Relay, the challenge goes out to next year’s representatives to “be not afraid” and rise to the occasion !!!

ST. AGATHA’S NEWS

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION – An information night was held Tuesday this week, 3rd May in the hall. Attendance was vital for those parents who wish to prepare their child for Confirmation. If an URGENT SITUATION that prevented your attendance, we require notification up to 2 days after the meeting. For further information please contact Sr. Anna on 5996 1985.

CONFIRMATION DATES
Commitment Weekend on 7th/8th Mat at all Masses.
Program will run from 7th/8th May until 19th June 2011.
Parent Workshop – Tuesday 24th May at 7.30pm.
Parent/Child Workshop – 7th June at 5pm & 7.30pm.
Ceremonies will be on 29th July at 7pm.

MUM’S MOVIE NIGHT – LAST CHANCE! – As a part of Mother’s Day celebrations we would like to honour all Mums in our community with a free movie night, (for Women only, no children). A screening of “Faith like Potatoes” followed by a fancy supper will be held this Friday 6th May in the new school Hall at 7.30pm. If you would like to attend please place your details on the clipboard in the foyer.

RE 4 THE RABBLE – A series of catechesis sessions for young people will be held on Sunday 15th May at St. Ita’s Hall, 50 Victoria St, Drouin from 12.30pm – 2.30pm including lunch with the Bishop. Guest speaker will be Fr. Brendan Hogan discussing the WYD theme “Planted and built up in Jesus Christ, firm in the faith”. See notice board for further details.

Greg Nelson
ST. AGATHA’S PARISH REPRESENTATIVE

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to Tayla Gillies who competed in the Flinders College Equestrian Combined Training on the 8th April. She came 1st in the Grade 2 combined training and 4th in the Dressage. Well done Tayla!!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

The weekend just passed was the Second Sunday of Easter, the Gospel of this Sunday includes Jesus’ words to the Apostles regarding the forgiveness of sin and the revelation to “doubting” Thomas. The late Pope John Paul 2nd had a great Devotion to Divine Mercy which he linked with the Second Sunday of Easter and it is now celebrated widely. Billions of people worldwide were caught up in the excitement of the Royal Wedding and about a million people travelled to Rome for the Beatification of Pope John Paul 2nd.

Although the Royal Wedding was a great historic spectacle, it was also very respectful of both state and religious tradition. The liturgy surrounding the beatification of the late Pope, indeed the whole process of beatification is faithful to Catholic tradition. The practice of working our way through the Scriptures via a cycle of readings is now a firmly established tradition in the Church. We need tradition, we need the base it gives us for what we do and how we live. So often tradition is dismissed as living in the past when in fact without it we would have no frame of reference for our way of life today or in the future.

For instance, without the weekly cycle of readings at mass on Sundays, most people would not be nearly as familiar with the teachings of Jesus in the Gospels. That this tradition is carried worldwide, week after week is essential to maintaining a relationship with God. It is a tradition at St Peter’s College that all year eleven students take part in a retreat, and that happens this week beginning on Wednesday evening. This retreat aims to give the students time to reflect on our traditions, the teachings of God through His Word. We are proud of our students and we hope and pray that the grounding that they receive in the traditions of faith will give them a lifelong desire to continue seeking God through Word and Sacrament. We pray that all students and staff who take part in retreat this week will find the time and space to connect or reconnect with the God of our past, present and future.

Prayer for God’s Mercy
Risen Jesus, you are tender and merciful. You comfort us in our pain and are with us in our sorrow. You reveal to us the mercy of God, teaching us that those who are merciful will themselves obtain mercy. Draw near to us as we pray for our world, help us always Lord to be faithful to your teachings.

We pray through Jesus the Son of Mercy.
Amen

Deacon Tony Aspinall
College Chaplain
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