Upcoming Exams
Over the next two weeks students from Year 9 through to Year 12 will be sitting for exams to complete formal assessments for Semester 1. I wish them well and pray for their success in what can be a stressful period for them. Teachers have been working diligently to complete courses of study and provide opportunities for revision but as always it is up to students to ensure that they devote adequate time to their exam preparation. Students lead busy lives, balancing sport, part-time work, social lives as well as family time however priority at this time of the year should be given to their studies. Parents can support this through encouragement, eliminating distractions, helping to establish a good routine and environment for study and discussion of the ultimate life-long benefits of perseverance and self-discipline which are ultimately behind our students’ future success.

Cranbourne East Delay
I informed the families of our Cranbourne East Students last week that due to bad weather and delays in the provision of infrastructure our new campus will not be completed for the beginning of Term 3. The Discovery Centre and two storey Science and Technology classroom complex will be at lock-up stage shortly and the builders are hopeful of having our students and staff in the new facilities in the latter half of Term 3 once landscaping has been completed. At that time we aim to have a Basketball court and other recreational facilities available to our students. Visit the school website to view the latest development pictures and landscaping master plan for stage 1.

Mr Tim Hogan
PRINCIPAL
EXAM PERIOD

Middle School Exams
All students in Year 9 and 10 have begun a two week cycle of exams. These exams will take place within their normal classes over this time. Students will be aware when these exams will be held and the topics that will be covered.

All students can expect a form of assessment in each subject and have been encouraged to prepare for this with revision and preparation. For some students, this is their first experience of several exams in a single block of time. Students and parents may find the following tips useful in preparing for exams:

- Revision is more effective if done regularly in short block of approximately 40mins. Take a short break and focus for another 40mins on a new topic.
- Homework and revision should be completed to a high standard; be focused and to produce high quality work within timeframes.
- Revision must always include application of knowledge. This means a student should DO tasks rather than reading information.
- The study environment should be clear of clutter and distractions.
- Routine is important. For revision to be effective it needs to be regular and some revision should be done every night! This builds motivation and enhances retention of information.

We wish all students well during this important time.

Year 11 Exams
Please find included in this newsletter a timetable for Year 11 Exams. This is important information for all Year 11 students, including Year 10 students undertaking a Yr 11 subject. Parents and students are urged to make note of the amended timetable, concerning correct dates. It is vital that students are punctual and prepared for their exams. Please make special note of the starting times for exams and ensure that you arrive well in advance of this time, ready to enter the College Hall.

Please also be aware of the expectations of all students as outlined beneath the timetable. Once again, we encourage students to make the best possible use of their time in revision and preparation for these exams. Please strive to do your best and keep a positive frame of mind.

Elizabeth Hanney
Deputy Principal

PARENTS & FRIENDS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Parents and Friends Association invite all parents to their next meeting on 14th June at 7.30pm in the Staff Room. Our Guest Speaker is Mr Anthony Banks. After our guest speaker we will have a short Annual General Meeting where our committee for 2011/12 will be elected (most likely re-elected, so don’t worry about being put on the spot) and then we will have our usual meeting which, will involve planning for the St. Peters Day BBQ. We warmly welcome anyone to come along, all ideas and suggestions are appreciated and new blood is always needed.

ST PETER’S DAY – The Parents and Friends Association is calling out for volunteers to assist with the preparation and delivery of a BBQ lunch for all students on St. Peters Day. If you can spare an hour or so around lunchtime on Tues 28th June, we would love to see you. The only required skills are to turn a snag on the BBQ and to serve the students their sausages and drinks. Please call Helen on 0400574103 if you would be able to help.

Helen Schwieger – PFA secretary

Year 7 Science Fair 2011

The Year 7 Science Fair held last Thursday the 26th was a huge success! There were many wonderful experiments conducted by many different people. All the classes, A-I, were told about the Science Fair 2 weeks before the holidays. In the classes leading up to the holidays, we researched and collected background information on our chosen topics. During the holidays we each conducted our own practical experiments involving variables.

For the past 2 weeks, we have been working on our posters and oral presentations. We then presented our posters at the science fair.

There was a lot of work done by both teachers and students alike. I would also like to thank Mrs. Brown, all the science teachers on behalf of all the Year 7’s, for the hard work and effort they put in. Overall, it was a very informative day, which everybody enjoyed.

Karena McNeely - Yr 7C SRC Rep

The winners on the day were:
- 7A - Lauren Stewart, Hayley Sturzaker, 7B - Latisha Dalton, Beth Dodgson, 7C - Karena McNeely
- 7D - Vanessa Vong, Minoli Gallage, 7E - Keeley Strachan, Taylor Buchan, 7F - Chyan Wattii, Grace Turnbull
- 7G - Lachlan Buckanen, Edeser III Monserrate, 7H - Jake Shrimpton, Will Veenman
- 7I - Cooper Lorraine
**SIS Intermediate Girls Netball**

Congratulations to the Intermediate Girls Netball team who continued their winning streak in a tightly contested match against SFX last Friday. After a tough battle throughout four quarters of netball, the girls secured the victory by three goals at the final whistle. The final score was St. Peters 22 - SFX 19. The win ensures that the girls will take out the pennant for their division. Well done to all the team players, the scorers and our umpires for a great team effort. All of the girls involved are listed below.

**Team Players:** Cristin Daly (Capt), Teegan Armstrong, Chantelle Phillips, Maria Celona, Teagan Ryan, Emily Simpson, Laura O'Brien, Caitlyn Langdon, Georgia Manning

**Scorers:** Sharna Lukavsky and Ellie Rampling

**Umpires:** Jessica Caarels and Shanna O'Dwyer

**Cathy Heijden - Coach**

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**Career News**

This is a busy time of year for trying, researching and deciding on careers, with Year 10 work experience beginning soon. University and TAFE open days are coming up, and Year 12 students entering their VETAC preferences next term. As a result, there are lots of events occurring to help with these decisions. Please contact me if you have any questions about these upcoming events.

**Reminders**

- **UMAT** – Registrations: close 3 June; test date: 27 July; see [http://umat.acer.edu.au](http://umat.acer.edu.au)
- **Accounting Cadetships:** Ernst & Young by 22 June (www.ey.com/au/careers); Info: 8 June, www.ey.com.au
- **‘At Monash’ Seminars** – various faculties and campuses: Info: 9903 4810. Bookings/dates/locations: [www.monash.edu/atmonash](http://www.monash.edu/atmonash)
- **‘Focus on Melbourne’** – 7-8.30pm; Commerce, 31 May; Arts, 21 June; Law, 23 June; Science, 28 June; VCA, 30 June; Booking: [www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/focusonmelbourne](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/focusonmelbourne)
- **Melbourne Uni ‘Access all Areas’** - 15 July; Register: [www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/explor/events](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/explor/events)

**VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OPEN DAY** – Take the opportunity to see why you might want to include VU in your future study considerations. Tours available. **When:** 10am-3pm, Sun 26 June; **Where:** Footscray Park campus, Ballarat Rd; **Info:** [www.vu.edu.au/openday](http://www.vu.edu.au/openday)

**NEW AT VICTORIA UNIVERSITY** - VU is offering new degrees in 2012:

- **Sports Coaching** – gives students the coaching skills to influence people of all ages to join in community sport from recreational to elite level in a variety of environments.
- **Careers:** sport coach, personal trainer, coaching director, private sport coaching consultant.
- **Youth Work** – The course will build on past experiences of students and link their learning in the workplace to gain employment in the Youth and Community Industry or Education.
- **Youth Work/Sport and Recreation Management** – this will appeal to those interested in a career in youth work and recreational management and other professions such as teaching. **Possible outcomes:** government and non-government youth and recreation services, youth and recreation settings such as YMCA.


**ENGINEERING EXPO AT MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY** – Find out more about the Melbourne engineering and IT graduate courses. Speak to staff/students. **When:** 6-7.30pm, 29 June; **Where:** Master Seminar Room 2, Level 1, Old Metallurgy Building; Details: [www.eng.unimelb.edu.au/events](http://www.eng.unimelb.edu.au/events)

**NEW TO MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY? UniExperience** is for students from regional and rural areas, with Year 11 students from metropolitan Melbourne who are First in the Family to consider attending university also invited. The 2-day program gives you the chance to go on-campus and experience the uni. **When:** 14-15 July; **Applications:** [www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/unixexp](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/unixexp)

**EXPERIENCE NURSING/PARAMEDICINE AT AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY (ACU)** - Year 10-12’s are invited to enter a day in the life of a student nurse or paramedic, participating in hands-on workshops, talking to students and staff and discovering what these careers are all about. **When:** Fri 8 July (Melbourne campus); **Register:** [www.acu.edu.au/universityexperience](http://www.acu.edu.au/universityexperience).

Shannon Maher
Career Coordinator
The readings we had at this Sunday’s liturgy remind us that God is always close, yearning for encounter with us. This invitation for intimacy and closeness is particularly true for the Gospel reading: John 14:15-21.

To lead us into reflecting on this message the Priest presiding at our Sunday Eucharist told us a story.

A friend of his was displaying a very beautiful watercolour she had just completed. This was a painting of a homestead by the ocean. The friends who had gathered to view this painting remarked that it was unfinished; there was a space where presumably there should have been a fence. The discussion that followed concluded that this painting was exactly the way it should have been. This painting reflected the artist’s own life. She put up no fences. She accepts all. This woman is always ready and willing to do what she can to encourage and invite connection amongst people.

In this reading John has Jesus reassuring us of God’s Advocate: God’s Holy Spirit. I have been reflecting on times when I have needed an advocate, someone to speak for me, a sponsor, a backer, a supporter. Perhaps the difficult part today is to recognize when we need this kind of help. This chapter in St John’s gospel is about human interaction, human encounter; the way God wants to be intimate with us. I am certain when Jesus looked at his disciples his concern was always that they were supporting, caring, loving one another, Jesus was the one that modelled this ‘way of being’ to them and, in turn to us. Can you imagine Jesus and his disciples sitting in a circle, not talking but the ear phones in and texting one another?

I guess we are tempted to think today that there are alternatives to personal encounter. Communication amongst followers of Jesus tops the list of qualities needed to be his disciple. Social networking has its place in our world and our church is not slow in employing these means even from the Vatican down! However it seems to me that the big challenge of today, if we want to take this gospel of love of God and love of one another to heart is to take the time and care needed for personal encounter with God and with one another.

Are you brave enough to take up a challenge for one week? For every person you text or send an email to why not take time for a conversation?

Mary B Murphy
Religious Education Leader

“T hey who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”


ST. AGATHA’S NEWS

A PARENT/CHILD WORKSHOP – will be on Tues 7th June in St. Agatha’s Parish Hall at 5pm & 7.30pm respectively. This Workshop will be facilitated by Anne Taylor, the diocesan Sacramental Co-ordinator. Parents, please come to this important workshop with your child.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY – Will begin Sun 5th June. To assist in your daily prayer, a guide will be available in the Church foyer next weekend.

YOUTH RETREAT – The youth of our Parish will attend a Retreat at Casa Palloti during the Pentecost long weekend in June. The aim is for Youth to be filled with the Holy Spirit and to reach out to the needy. If Youth would like to have a deeper relationship with Jesus, this retreat is for you. For info contact Sr. Mercy: 5996 1985.

THE MAN WHO WALKED ACROSS AMERICA WITH A SIX FOOT CROSS IS COMING! On Sun 19th June from 2-5pm in St. Agatha’s Church, Jim Murphy from the USA will be visiting and ministering in our parish. In 1992, inspired by the American Bishops’ letter Heritage and Hope, Jim undertook a 4200 mile journey on foot across America, carrying a 6ft. cross in an effort of prayer and evangelization. The journey took 18 months and 14 pairs of shoes. Contact the parish office or Peter on 5998 1554 or John on 0448 343 074 for info. All are welcome!

CALL & RESPONSE YOUTH CAMP - A 2 night school holiday camp for teenagers, invites young people to open up to God’s call in their lives and to consider the many ways we can respond. Begins 7pm Wed 13th July, at St. Joseph’s Parish, Iona, concluding 2.30pm Fri 15th July. Young people in Year 7 – 10 are invited. Reg forms can be found at: www.sale.catholic.org.au/youth/youth-events.html. Senior secondary student and young adult volunteers are invited to act as small group leaders during this camp, volunteers please contact Jess on 5126 1063 or jessd@sale.catholic.org.au

Seeking Host Families

We have had a good response so far, but are still seeking families to host students from our sister school in Japan. For dates and other details please email Mrs.Kugimiya:
skugimiya@stpeters.vic.edu.au
**YEAR 11 EXAM TIMETABLE**  
**SEMESTER ONE 2011**  
*Year 11 & Year 10 Students studying a Year 11 Subject*

*LINE UP 8.45-8.55am (Report to your HRT at the Senior Canteen).*

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**EXAM RULES:**

1. Students are responsible for knowing when their exams are scheduled.
2. If students have a clash of exams it is **their** responsibility to inform their HRT as soon as possible to arrange another time to sit the second exam during the exam schedule.  
   *All exams will take place in the College Hall. (with the exception of LOTE).*
3. Students are required to wear full school uniform (including blazers) to exams.
4. No student will be admitted to the Hall once Reading Time has started.
5. Students will only be allowed to take biros, pencils, dictionaries (for English), calculators (when appropriate), rulers and erasers to the exam. No pencil cases or books will be permitted.
6. Once a staff member has called students to order outside the Hall, students will remain in silence until dismissed at the end of the exam.
7. Once students have entered the Hall, no student will be permitted to leave the exam room before the scheduled conclusion time of the exam.

**Students are NOT permitted to bring mobile phones or other electronic devices into the Hall.**

**MATHS METHODS STUDENTS SHOULD NOTE THAT THEY HAVE **TWO** EXAMS**