St Peter’s Day

Over the coming week we will celebrate the feast day of our patron St. Peter in what is always a very special time for our school community. Our school identity and ethos is drawn from Christ’s much loved friend and disciple. His undoubted strengths and weaknesses captured in the Gospel stories remind us of what a rollercoaster ride the journey in faith can be. One of the goals for our 5 year strategic plan is to look at ways we can enhance not only the identity of our school as St. Peter’s College but also our understanding of what Peter’s life means then and now. It is pleasing to announce that as part of that strategy a sculpture of St. Peter has been commissioned by artist Bart Sanciolo. The sculpture is being produced with the generous assistance of the St. Peter’s College Parents and Friends Association and will be installed between the Tarraville Building and the front entrance to the college in February of 2012. Artist Bart Sanciolo has met with staff and senior art students to discuss the design brief and will have two further visits with senior art students before the sculpture is finalised for production.

In this newsletter focus on the feast of St. Peter I also include these images from some of the sacred sites associated with St. Peter provided by Ms. Bernadette Tolan who visited the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu recently. This church is located on the eastern slope of Mount Zion, just outside the city of Jerusalem in Israel and is built on the site of the House of the High Priest Caiaphas. The house of Caiaphas is considered the site of the denial of Jesus by Peter with the term Gallicantu meaning “cock crow”. It is also believed that this was where Jesus was taken after he was arrested and incarcerated in a cave below the house.
As the semester draws to a close, it is fitting to comment on the great work of so many in ensuring that semester end is both productive and positive. All middle and senior students are commended on their approach and application during the assessment period completed recently. Teachers commented on the way students undertook examinations in a focused manner and with appropriate respect for the learning rights of others.

What has followed has been a hectic time of marking and report writing for teaching staff and I thank them for their utmost professionalism in this regard. Parents will receive written reports at the end of the term, via mail. I encourage all students and their parents to reflect on the learning summary within each subject report. In addition, it is expected that each student will reflect on comments and grades regarding their attitude, behaviour and study habits in Semester One. We know that best learning takes place when a student is organised and attentive in class. It is therefore important that both aspects of student progress are considered, hand in hand with one another.

As students are aware, Semester 2 commences this week. This is being implemented for the first time this year and is being done so to ensure that students have an equal number of study weeks across both semesters and that learning time is not lost in these final weeks of Term 2. I trust that students will embark on Semester 2 studies with enthusiasm and commitment, particularly in light of the recommendations put forward by teachers within reports.

Thank you for your support of this day.

Mr. Anthony Banks
Deputy Principal

St. Peter's Day!

Next Tuesday (28th June) we celebrate the Feast Day of our Patron Saint Peter. This is one of the most important days on our College Calendar as our whole Catholic Ethos is recognised and celebrated through the recognition of Saint Peter.

The SRC have been planning and organising activities for a number of months to ensure the success of the day.

- The day commences as normal with homeroom at 8.45am, followed by a whole College Mass to be conducted in the Multi Purpose Hall. The Mass is a very important part of the day’s celebrations and is therefore a compulsory event.
- After the Mass, the day will consist of a number of activities; including a bucking horse, gladiator challenge, human football, sponge throw, golf competition, footy challenge, amazing race, face painting, apple bobbing competition, minute to win it and talent quest.’
- The Parents and Friends Association will kindly provide out students with a BBQ lunch and a can of soft drink on the day.
- The day will conclude with dismissal at 3.00pm.
- Some of the events are free, whilst others will cost a small amount of money. Students are advised to bring loose change.
- This is a compulsory school day, and students should not be arriving late or departing early for anything else other than a medical reason.
- Students are permitted to wear casual clothes on the day. Please wear sensible clothing and be prepared for cold weather.
- No students except for St. Peter’s Students are permitted on the premises during the day.

This really is a day of celebration and an opportunity for the whole student and staff community to enjoy each other’s company in a relaxed atmosphere.

Thank you for your support of this day.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hanney
Deputy Principal

Mrs. Simone Kugimiya
Exchange Co-ordinator
LUNCH TIME SPORTS

The final two rounds of the junior school lunch time sports were played out over the last two weeks. With the rain belting down in round two holding green and blue house game less and having to spilt the match points, meanwhile the following day the sun was shining giving us perfect match conditions (good old Melbourne weather). Gold and Red House couldn’t wait to take the court, with Red House continuing their dominance on the court keeping Gold House goalless defeating them 4-0.

The third and final round of the lunch time sports, Red House again showed their dominance in the goal ring with Maddie shooting goals left, right and centre, to hold off a Green House fight back in the second half, to hold on and win 11-7. In the other match played in the final round, blue and gold house took to the court, with a convincing display from Gold House taking the win 13-4.

Well done to every single student who had a go and participated you all should be very proud of your efforts. Congratulation also goes out to Red House who were undefeated. Now let’s hope the senior school students can get involved and have a bit of fun with their games starting in week two next term.

Miss. Rebecca Stewart
Student Teacher

SIS Int Girls Soccer vs Nazareth (away)

The girls travelled to undefeated Nazareth for the final game of the campaign knowing a positive result could see them take the honours in the overall competition. The game began with the team sufficiently psyched up to 'be not afraid' and immediately Wakartschuk, Tatham and Jakupi took control of the vital midfield battle. With the Parisi twins no-nonsense approach, ably assisted by Machaya (her hair and make-up immaculate as ever) and Mclnnes, in defence keeping the lively Nazareth Strikers quiet, we soon began to dominate proceedings. Waka, Waka, Waka struck the opener after a bustling run, Nguyen took her chances and bagged a brace, Gilles toe-ended a belter but the accolades must go to Tatham - whose first time strike from close to the halfway line is a contender for goal of the century. What was most pleasing to see was the will to win, ruthlessness and competitiveness of all the girls involved as the 5-0 victory was completed. Due to some results not been submitted we still nervously await the news from Chairman DeGoldi as to whether we are VICTORIOUS! Either way the girls can be incredibly proud of their performances and the way they have represented the college throughout the Term.

Mr. Andy Broadley
Coach

JUNIOR BOYS FOOTBALL

Congratulations to the team after their victory in the final game played at home against Nazareth. The boys remained undefeated for the duration of the competition and we are expecting confirmation that they have won this year’s Pennant. The victory was not without incident, however, and prolific ball-winner, Kailum Newland was a late withdrawal after rolling his ankle at the Melbourne Football Club training session.

Kailum was rushed to our high-altitude training and recovery facility but was unable to complete the full program. Those teaching upstairs in Benedict apparently found his presence too distracting for their students – we in the football department had received assurances that all classes would be cancelled for the duration! A thorough investigation is underway.

The wet and slippery conditions at SPC ensured the game was tight as players grappled with a slippery surface and ball. In a game where there were never more than a couple of goals between the sides, a seven goal haul by James Doria was a standout and he consequently featured among our better players. Other players of note included Logan Hillman and our returning skipper, Jayden Sullivan, who both established their supremacy early in the game and continued to contribute for the duration.

St. Peter’s College won the day kicking 10 goals 10 behinds (70) to Nazareth 8 goals 8 behinds (56). Other players of note include Stephen DePaoli, Zack Atkinson and the other three goal scorers Joel McLean, Joel Bate and Hayden Harvey.

My thanks and appreciation are extended to all players for their on and off-field behaviour, to Mr. DeGoldi for his organisation of venue, transport and attire, and to Mr. Grant for his valuable advice and assistance throughout.

Mr. Justin Dee
Coach
Trinity Sunday is a wonderful feast which encourages us to think a little on the nature of God and the action of God in our daily life. One of the striking and completely incorrect images of God that is preferred by many is the severe, judgemental angry God. Those who see God this way proclaim that everyone should be free to do what they like and the Church should be quiet. There are of course many groups and individuals who object to religious principles entering into the laws and regulations of society, they object to morality being introduced into public debate.

The Gospel for Trinity Sunday and the two following verses from John are very telling in this debate. Firstly, we see God’s purpose for humanity, his creation. “For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but have eternal life.” (Jn3:16) God acts out of love for us....”God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.” (Jn3:17) Jesus says later in this Gospel “.......if you love me you will keep my commandments.” (Jn 14:15) So, far from living in fear of a judge, we respond to a loving God by loving in return. We show our love by keeping God’s commandments. The two following verses I mentioned (Jn3:20-21) speak of those who prefer to live in the dark rather than the light for fear that their deeds are exposed. These are the people who want nothing that they do to be looked at in the light of moral teaching. When we see the mindless violence that occurs so frequently, the question is asked “where is that leading us?” when we see governments that kill their own people rather than let them have a voice, where is that leading us?

These actions cannot bear the light of scrutiny or the test of morality or justice. Jesus calls us to live in the light and to love one another as He has loved us. He did not come to condemn but to save, He came to love.

Deacon Tony Aspinall
College Chaplain

A Prayer of St. Benedict
O gracious and Holy Father, give us wisdom to perceive you, Intelligence to understand you, diligence to seek you, Patience to wait for you, eyes to behold you, A heart to meditate upon you, and a life to proclaim you; Through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ Our Lord.
Amen.

ST. AGATHA’S NEWS

CALL & RESPONSE YOUTH CAMP - A 2 night school holiday camp for teens, invites young people to open up to God’s call in their lives and to consider the many ways we can respond. 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

RAISE THE ROOF COMMITTEE
FRIDAY 17TH JUNE 2011
AT 7pm
ST AGATHA’S PARISH CENTRE
WE ARE PLEASED TO PRESENT
FR DENIS SPEAKING ON
“TAKING MY LIFE FOR A WALK”
The Camino de Santiago de Campostela, also known in English as The Way of St James, is a collection of old pilgrimage routes which cover all Europe. They all have Santiago de Campostela in northwest Spain as their final destination. For more than 1000 years pilgrims have been walking along the Camino de Santiago. According to this tradition St James the Greater, having preached Christianity in Spain, returned to Judea and was put to death by order of Herod; his body was miraculously translated to Iria Flavia in the northwest of Spain, and the later to Compostela. This town, especially during the Middle Ages, became one of the most famous places of pilgrimage in the world.
ENTRY COST: GOLD COIN DONATION

Mr. Greg Nelson
ST. AGATHA’S PARISH REPRESENTATIVE