FROM THE PRINCIPAL

St Peter’s Dinner
Our community gathered together on Friday night to celebrate the feast day of our Patron St. Peter. It was pleasing on the night to be able to acknowledge the many different people and groups that play a role in making this such a vibrant and dynamic community. Those that attended include both current and past College Board Members, the executive of the Parents & Friends Association, our Canonical Administrator, President of the Graduates Association, the Principal of St. Agatha’s Primary School, the ladies who run the Uniform Shop and last but not least our staff and their partners. On this special night we also take the opportunity to acknowledge those staff members who have given ten years service to the college and I congratulate Ian Elwood and Caroline Passagne who have both given generously to this community through teaching and involvement in extracurricular programs. Chairperson Mr. Robert Carboon also presented retiring Parent Representatives Pauline Hunt and Peter Dam with a plaque to acknowledge their service to this community.

St Peter’s Day
My thanks to Mrs. Mary Murphy and Ms. Marjorie Canal for their organisation of our St. Peter’s Day thanks giving Mass which was celebrated by Fr. Denis yesterday. Our hall was transformed into a sacred space for this liturgy using many of the symbols we associate with Peter’s faith journey. The liturgy also provided an opportunity to kick-start our St. Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal with its focus on helping the less fortunate and encouraging them to not only see a better future but realise that their dreams are still within reach.

The day’s events were well organized by the Student Representative Council under the supervision of Deputy Principal Mr. Anthony Banks and included the Talent Quest, the Amazing Race, Sponge Throw and many other activities which require our school motto “Be Not Afraid” to be put to good use. I also wish to thank the Parents and Friends Association who provided all students and staff with a BBQ lunch on the day.

International Student Volunteers Abroad
Congratulations to Natasha Solomons and Lauren Benton of Year 11 who have been accepted into the International Student Volunteers Program. Both girls will travel to Thailand in January of 2012 for a three week placement where they will assist at an Orphanage and with various conservation projects. Natasha and Lauren are funding the costs of their trips themselves and while St. Peter’s will look to assist them in their fundraising for this trip any assistance from the community in this regard will be most helpful. If you are able to do so please contact the administration at St. Peter’s.

End of Term
The Semester 1 Reports will arrive home in the first week of the school holidays and will provide an assessment of where students are at with their academic progress and some advice as to how they can improve their performance in this regard. I wish all members of our community a safe and happy holiday and I look forward to seeing our students refreshed and ready to take on the challenges of term 3 on their return.

Mr. Tim Hogan
PRINCIPAL
Cranbourne East - Semester One

The transition to high school from primary school is such a big a change that even the most prepared student takes a while to settle into their surroundings and the daily routine involved in being at high school. This transition for the Cranbourne East students has had the added complexity of having to temporarily be located at the west campus. As the their first semester of High School draws to a conclusion, the Year Seven students should be both pleased and proud of their accomplishments. Most students have made the transition well and are now enjoying the challenges that Year 7 brings.

Semester One Reports will be posted home tomorrow – Thursday. Please take the time to sit down and discuss the report with your child. The report not only highlights the learning that has been achieved in Semester One but also describes recommendations for Semester Two. The report provides valuable information for the setting of achievable goals for success both in the short and long term.

Building works are progressing well, with the Discovery Centre expected to be completed in the next two weeks. In the Science/Technology Classroom building, plastering is nearing completion with joinery installation expected to commence straight after that. Our landscaping plan is at council awaiting final approval, with landscaping works due commence in the coming weeks. Updated photos of the progress can be viewed on the website.

Enrolments for the Cranbourne East Campus in 2012 for both Year 7 and Year 8 are continuing, with much early interest being shown. There are places still available at Cranbourne East and I would encourage parents that if they know of friends or acquaintances considering enrolling the children at St. Peter’s College that they contact the College Registrar, Kelley Cooper.

Finally I would like to thank our Cranbourne East teachers; Ms. Canal, Mr. Antoine and Mr. Dee for their first semester. There has also been a number of LOTE and elective teachers from Cranbourne West that have been invaluable to our curriculum program; as has been the support from all of the Cranbourne West staff. Enjoy your holidays and I look forward to seeing your safe return in Term 3.

Mr. James Roberts
Head of Campus – Cranbourne East

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)
Second Installment 2011

The Education Maintenance Allowance is paid to parents of eligible students under 16 years of age, and the student is enrolled in a Government or non-Government School in Victoria on census day, 28 February 2011 for installment 1 and 5 August 2011 for the second installment.

The Education Maintenance Allowance will be paid in two instalments and to be eligible you must be enrolled on the first day of 1st Term (1st February 2011) for the first installment and on the first day of 3rd Term (18th July 2011) for the second installment:

Parents who were paid the EMA at the school that their children are still attending for the first installment of 2011, are not required to complete a new application for the second installment.

Parents who were paid EMA at a different school for the first installment of 2011, or parents who are claiming EMA as they have just become eligible, will need to complete an application form at the new school for the second installment.

EMA applications forms maybe collected from the College office

Applications must be submitted to the College by 5th August 2011.

Mrs. Lynda Coombs
Assistant Business Manager
REMARKS:
• ‘Focus on Melbourne’ – Booking: Info: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/focusonmelbourne
• Engineering, Science & Health at RMIT holiday events: www.rmit.edu.au/sch/experience; Ph: 9925 3699
• Melbourne Uni ‘Access all Areas’ - 15 July; Register: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/explore/events
• Burnley Open Day – Sun 17 July; www.land-environment.unimelb.edu.au/info
• Nursing at Deakin Uni Info Sessions - Info: 9251 7777, hmnbs-support@deakin.edu.au
• Nursing/Paramedicine at ACU (Melb) - 8 July; Register: www.acu.edu.au/universityexperience
• Deakin – Parent Night – Tues 26 July; www.deakin.edu.au/parents
• Careers Expo – Herald Sun; 29-31 July; www.careerexpo.com.au
• Architecture, Fine art and Design Workshops – Monash (Caulfield); Tues 5 – Thurs 7 July; Apply: www.artdes.monash.edu.au/study/workshops
• Computer Games Bootcamp – RMIT (Clayton), 9-15 July; www.it.rmit.edu.au/cgbc
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EXPLORE CAREERS IN PUBLIC RELATIONS AND ADVERTISING - Get a realistic up-to-date overview of these industries, and the employment opportunities by attending careers days at RMIT. Students who are interested in pursuing careers in either of these areas are encouraged to attend. When: Advertising: 10am-3pm, Sat 27 August; Public Relations: 10am-3pm, Sat 10 Sept; Cost: $55 (incl lunch); Where: Building 108, level 9, lecture theatre 16, 239 Bourke St; More Info: 9925 8111, businessevents@rmit.edu.au. See: www.shortcourses.rmit.edu.au.

WHAT ABOUT AN ELECTRICAL OR ELECTRONICS CAREER? The electrical contracting industry conducts a pre-selection assessment for students interested in these careers. The assessment is highly regarded by employers as it provides one common assessment of all candidates from an industry standpoint. A successful result will greatly enhance the entry prospects of those interested in electrical apprenticeships because undertaking the assessment provides employers with evidence the applicant has knowledge and assists with entry into the industry. The assessment will be conducted in Melbourne in the second week of October and in eight regional centres. Cost: $55; Info: www.neca.asn.au; go to NECA Victoria, then to Careers and Apprenticeships.

CAN YOU BE GUARANTEED A PLACE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE? Access Melbourne can help you gain a place in your chosen course, even if your ATAR is below the published Clearly-In rank. In some cases Access Melbourne applicants are even guaranteed a place in their preferred course. For details see: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/access-guarantee, For information about other Access Melbourne categories see: www.access.unimelb.edu.au.

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED THE AUSTRALIAN MARITIME COLLEGE? AMC (in Tasmania) offers courses in naval architecture, ocean engineering, marine environment, maritime and logistics, and many more. If these appeal to you, why not consider studying at AMC? Prospective students can find out more at the Open Weekend. Visitors have the opportunity to tour the world-class facilities, talk to current students and view hands-on demonstrations. Where: Beauty Point Campus (11am-3pm, Sat 20 Aug); Launceston campus (10am-4pm, Sun 21 Aug); Info: www.amc.edu.au.

YEAR 10 VCE INFORMATION EVENING AT LA TROBE UNIVERSITY –Year 10 students/parents are invited to attend. All faculties will be represented, providing opportunity for you to ask questions, collect information and discuss courses with course advisors. The Information Session will cover resources, scholarships, career paths, the issue of ‘heart versus head’ when choosing a university course, and general support for children in VCE and beyond. When: 6-7.30pm, Thurs 28 July; Where: Union Hall, Bundoora; Register: www.latrobe.edu.au/year10; Info: 1300 135 045.

Ms. Shannon Maher
Careers Coordinator

Junior Girls Footy
The Junior Girls Footy team played a great game on Friday 10th of June, lead by Captain Iesha Clarke and Vice-Captain Ashley Edwards.

We started by kicking the first point of the match. Then John Paul got ahead by kicking 2 goals by the end of the first quarter. It was a very close match during the 2nd and the 3rd with many great tackles taken by Hayley Wallace-Certoma, Ashley Edwards, Iesha Clarke and Molly Vogels. Tegan Crowley ran most of the game. There was great team work shown throughout the game. Sioned Gorman was assisted with kicking 6 goals.

Scores: St. Peters 6-3-39 and John Paul 5-4-34
Well done girls it was a great game. Thank you to the Year 9 girls for helping out. A very big thank you to Mr. Landman for being a great coach and supporting us all the way!

By Iesha Clarke (8A) and Ashley Edwards (8C)

Library News

Years 7 & 8 Book In A Day: Extension of Time to Read and Evaluate Novellas!!!
Evaluation Sheets need to be submitted by Friday, August 12. They can be collected from the Library. Novellas are available for borrowing during the holidays and are also accessible on-line via Years 7 & 8 English Moodle.
You don't have to read all of the novellas. Just comment on those you have read. Remember the time you spend reading the novellas can be counted for Readarama

Happy Readarama Rollercoaster Reading
Ms Angela Gargano
Head of Library
There is a pleasing synergy about the feast of Corpus Christi (The Body and Blood of Christ) happening around the same time as our College feast: Saint Peter.

As we know Peter was one of Jesus’ disciples. Jesus invited Peter to share in some very special moments that only his closest friends witnessed. If we follow the gospel story carefully we soon realise that close following of Jesus takes some working out. For Peter this faith journey did not come easy. Peter seriously got it wrong many times. Yet Jesus continued to call him and reassure Peter that he wanted him to be ‘with him’.

There is no more intimate way we can be with Jesus today than by accepting The Body of Christ as food for our journey into life with God. The following reflection from the Madonna Magazine (May-June 2011 www.madonnamagazine.com.au) clearly makes this point.

John 6:51-58 ‘I am the living bread …’ Relatives and close friends often bequeath to us some precious item of theirs, to serve as a wonderful reminder of their place in our lives. However, Jesus went further than that. Not only did he give up his life for us, he left us his very self ‘as a memorial’. What a mind-blowing gift this is!

We have his word for this: ‘Anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life.’ In contrast to the sense of loss we experience after the death of a loved one, we can never feel that about Jesus. He has left us not just a ‘thing’ as a keepsake but his very self. He is always with us spiritually and sacramentally.

Who but our God of unconditional love could provide such a gift – such a mystery?

Let us thank God this week that we have Saint Peter to lead us to Jesus and that we are given Living Bread to nourish and strengthen us along our journey.

Mrs. Mary B Murphy
Religious Education Leader