Pursuit of Excellence

At last week’s assembly the following Year 12 students were recognised for their pursuit of academic excellence and the attitude they have brought to their studies over the course of the year.


The students were nominated by their Year 12 teachers and what stood out in these particular students was their determination to make their studies their number one priority, their ability to listen and take constructive feedback and their persistence in overcoming the inevitable setbacks along the way.

I congratulate them on behalf of the St. Peter’s College community and extend to them every encouragement to finish this year in the same manner that they have started.

World Youth Day

We farewell this week our World Youth Day Pilgrims Rodney Pasura and Brayden Johnson from Year 11 who will travel to Spain with staff member Ms. Natasha Le Noel for the 10 day celebration of World Youth Day. World Youth Day isn’t just another big event, says Benedict XVI, but rather a “privileged occasion” for youth to encounter the love of Christ. Over 1 million young people from all over the world are expected in Madrid and our pilgrims will travel with a party from the Diocese of Sale lead by Bishop Prowse. We pray for a safe journey for them all and look forward to their reflections on how other young people from around the world live out their faith.

Cyber Safety Awareness Activities

Last Friday our students leaders and staff joined together to run activities for the whole school on the issue of Cyber Safety. New technology has great advantages but one of its downsides is the ease with which it can be used to harass or bully another person. The activities on the day centered around keeping safe when using technology but also our responsibilities to treat people with dignity and respect at all times. Our belief in the dignity of the human person made in the image of God motivates us to ensure that all in our community have a shared responsibility to build the type of school community where relationships are built on this basic respect for one another.

I was particularly pleased with the way our leaders in Year 12 and our Peer Support Leaders in Year 11 conducted the sessions for our junior students, taking ownership of the issue and using their undoubted influence on our younger students to assist in building a positive student environment.

Mr. Tim Hogan
PRINCIPAL
NEW SUBJECT 2012

St. Peter’s College is proud to be one of only two schools in Australia to offer the Certificate III in Carbon Management in 2012. This is a new VET subject that runs over two years and aims to develop in students, the ability to become a Carbon Manager. Students are taught critical green skills needed that will allow them to analyse the source and size of an organisation’s greenhouse gas emissions. Students are then taught how to identify possible energy efficiency improvements and offer advice on carbon reduction strategies. This will be a growing requirement for all organisations in the next few years.

This is an intensive, two year course, with a nominal 180 hours of work each year. It is available to students in Year 10 or Year 11 to start in 2012. We are awaiting confirmation that students who successfully complete both years will be eligible for a 10% increment to their ATAR score (equivalent of one Unit 3 / 4 subject).

For more information please contact Mr. Beutelschiess or Ms. Alles.

Mr. Anthony Beutelschiess

YEAR 7 BULLYING AND HARASSMENT

As part of the Bullying and Harassment session on Friday, students were asked to bring home information regarding the session and discuss this with you. There was also a section where parents were requested to complete some information regarding Cyber Safety. This was then required to be returned and checked by your child’s homeroom teacher. The information covered and the “Cyber Safety Tips” can be accessed through the College website under “Latest News” – “Anti Bullying and Harassment Week”, if the information has been misplaced or if you have not received it.

Please feel free to contact me with any follow up concerns.

Mr. Chris O’Hara
Year 7 Co-ordinator.

CAPTAIN’S CORNER

I am Chris Brooking, a current Year 12 student and Sports Captain for 2011. Also known as ‘Sparra’ I have stepped up to the challenge of leading the College and representing the student body as a whole, to younger students and outside our school.

I am passionate about art and currently study Media and Visual Communication also Health and Human Development. My passion for sport and particular dedication to the mighty Richmond Football Club along with love and support to the mighty ‘Richo’, it shows how loyal and dedicated I have been and I show with my role as Sports Captain. Juggling sport, work and school has been a challenge but an enjoyable one, Year 12 has provided many challenges but much enjoyment and success.

As the Year 12s step into their final term at St. Peter’s we must challenge ourselves and finish with success. I wish all fellow Year 12s the best in this term and they enjoy every last day as there is not many left. So to all enjoy Term 3 and to all Year 12s good luck and enjoy as time is running out fast!

Chris Brooking
SPORTS CAPTAIN

Homework Club

Educational research is inconclusive regarding controversial debate about the benefits of homework. If you have a son or daughter who is happy to quietly do their homework without a fuss, the issue most likely won’t be of particular interest to you. If however you have a child who groans about homework, who finds homework a challenge or who thinks that if they are working at school all day they should not have to work at home as well, then I imagine you will have very definite ideas on the subject! No doubt you will agree that there are times when homework can be a major source of family conflict and anxiety for both children and parents in the home.

St. Peter’s College may have a solution to your problem... Homework Club!

Situated at the rear of the Library, the Homework Club is a place for students to study and to receive 1-1 help with their homework and assignments. Students are encouraged to do their best in a helpful, positive and friendly environment. Attending Homework Club once or twice a week can enable students to take personal responsibility for managing their schoolwork commitments, to develop a study routine, self discipline, organisational and time management skills.

The Club runs from Monday to Thursday, 3:30-4:30pm and is available for all students, Years 7-12.

Ms. Kay Anderson
Special Programs Coordinator
**SIS Intermediate Girls Basketball**

The girls had a home game at the Sport for All centre last Friday and played a very closely contested match against John Paul College. The team got off to a great start with Rachel Watson winning the jump and quick goals coming from Jess Lineham, Haylee Lineham and Chloe McLaren early in the match. However, John Paul College regrouped and managed to peg back the early lead and at half time the girls were down by two points. The second half was close and despite a great effort, the St Peters College girls went down in the end by 6 points.

The final score was JPC 23 – St. Peter’s College 17

Goal Scorers: Jess Lineham, Hayley Lineham, Laura O’Brien, Chloe McLaren, Taylah Davidson and Alex Woods.

Mrs. Cathy Heijden
COACH

**Intermediate Girls Football**

St. Peter’s took on St. Francis Xavier in Round 1 of the SIS competition. All the girls were eager to get the first game under way, and were keen to get a first up win. The first quarter demonstrated the girls’ determination with St. Peter’s kicking 3.3 to 0.1. The team continued on this good form in the second and third quarters kicking another 3 goals in each quarter to set up a commanding lead. The last quarter was a tighter affair with St. Peter’s kicking only the one goal, but it did not matter as the defence held strong and rebounded nearly every St. Francis Xavier attack. St. Peter’s were convincing winners and got the season off to a great start.

St. Peter’s 10.9.69 def St. Francis Xavier 2.4.16

Goal Scorers: Brea Sutton 3, Linh Nguyen 2, Brooke Poulter 2, Marlee Tatham 1, Kaitlyn Wakartschuk 1, Jenna Edwards 1

Mr. Justin De Goldi
COACH

Senior VCAL boys making the new bike shed which is located just behind the Year 11 building.
Monday was a special day for the Australian Church in fact, all Australians. We celebrated St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop’s first feast day. I suppose all saints are amazing but it is wonderful for us to have our own ‘down to earth’ ordinary woman who showed such courage of conviction in the face of opposition. Mary and was able to ‘get on with it’ in a driven way. She was so convinced about God’s love of herself and God’s great desire to draw all together in God’s love that, I guess Mary could do no less than give herself entirely to this cause.

St. Peter’s College had another reason this week to be pleased about our articulated identity. Last Sunday’s Gospel Matthew 14:26-31 is one of the seminal metaphors which urge us to pay greater attention to God’s love for us and our love for God. In this gospel passage we hear of our patron Saint Peter’s attempt to walk over the waves to Jesus. While Peter kept his eyes on Jesus he actually did walk on water but once he let his attention be deflected, he began to sink. Our eyes must be kept on Jesus. We need to be totally overcome with the person of Jesus. In St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop and St. Peter we have models in this way of being. There is a very engaging teaching about this attitude of being motivated by and led by Love in the following:

Nothing is more practical than finding God that is, than falling in a love in a quite absolute, final way.
What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination will affect everything.
It will decide what will get you out of bed in the mornings, what you will do with your evenings, how you spend your weekends, what you read, who you know, what breaks your heart, and what amazes you with joy and gratitude.
Fall in love, stay in love, and it will decide everything.
Pedro Aruppe S.J. 1907-1991

Ms. Mary B Murphy
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION LEADER

ST. AGATHA’S NEWS

“RAISE THE ROOF” – Our next fundraiser will be the return bout for the Trivia night on Friday night 19th August 2011, please look out for ticket sales signs in the near future. God bless you all for your continuing support.

MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY – will be celebrated on 11th September at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Narre Warren. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Prowse at 2pm followed by a Multi-Cultural Cuisine. We are looking for an Aboriginal Parishioner who can represent the Indigenous Community and also any National Flags (any country – size needs to be around 1 – 1.5metres) that we can use for the day. Please contact the Parish Office if you can assist.

WORLD YOUTH DAY – They WYD Pilgrims for Madrid 2011, Brayden Johnson, Rodney Pasura and Ms. Natasha Le Noel, were blessed and commissioned at the 10.45 MASS on Sunday August 7th. The Pilgrims from St. Agatha’s and St. Peter’s are showing their faith in a practical way. Please remember them in your prayers.

Mr. Greg Nelson
ST. AGATHA’S PARISH REPRESENTATIVE

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Student Free Day!
15th September 2011
9am – 8.30pm
More information regarding appointments to follow.