World Youth Day

This week we welcome back our pilgrims from World Youth Day. Rodney Pasura, Braeden Johnson and staff member Ms. Natasha Le Noel have spent the last 10 days at World Youth Day in Madrid with more than a million other young people from around the world who gathered together to celebrate their Catholic Faith.

In his homily at the final Mass in Madrid, Pope Benedict XVI challenged the young people present to take that faith, make it grow and share it with the world always looking to transform their personal relationship with Jesus into action, service and love for others.

The next World Youth Day will be held in 2013, in Rio de Janeiro and as our three pilgrims would attest it is an event not to be missed.

Athletics Carnival

In a break with tradition, the St Peter's College Athletics Carnival will be held this year at the Casey Fields Athletics track. This is an exceptional sporting facility and one we believe will provide an environment which will bring the best out of all competitors. My thanks to Sports Manager Mr. De Goldi and staff for the organisation required for the day and we now pray for some good weather to make it an enjoyable day for both athletes and spectators.

Winter Sleep Out

My thanks to Social Justice Captain Brittany Hay and Deacon Tony Aspinall for the organisation of the Winter Sleep out which took place in the College Hall last Friday Night. Over 40 students and 10 staff members were present to raise money for two worthy causes being the St Vincent De Paul appeal for the homeless and the caritas appeal for Somalia. Action, service and love for others were shown in the commitment of these students and staff. Well done.

Mr. Tim Hogan
PRINCIPAL

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

EMA Cheques are available for collection from the College Office until 16th September.
Any uncollected cheques will be receipted to fee accounts.
Cranbourne East

Last week parents, students and staff were informed that building works at the Cranbourne East Campus are nearing completion, with landscaping work well underway. This will allow us to commence operation at the campus from the beginning of Term 4. It is an exciting and busy time as we now prepare for the move to the campus. It is also tinged with sadness, as while we have only been at the West Campus for a short period many friendships have been formed – which I’m sure will continue after we have made the move (we are only 10 mins down the road). I have included a recent photo and more updates can be viewed on the College website.

Mr. James Roberts
Head of Campus – Cranbourne East

DIGITAL STORIES

Over the past 2 weeks, the East Campus students have been creating digital stories as part of the upcoming Literacy and Numeracy week. A digital story is “A short, first-person video-narrative created by combining recorded voice, still and/or moving images, music and other sounds.”

Our digital stories inspired by the book “Pharaoh” by Jackie French. We had to write a narrative based on one of these themes from Pharaoh such as betrayal, friendship, leadership, courage and determination. The first step was writing a narrative, then storyboarding it, looking for images and using the program Audacity, to record and edit sounds and music. We then put the sounds and the images together in Windows Movie Maker and shared the story with our peers.

I found making a digital story fun and interesting we got to experiment with images and sound. Learning to use the programs Audacity and Windows Movie Maker was engaging, challenging and enjoyable. Everyone loves a good story - digital stories combine the ‘old’ world of telling stories with the ‘new’ world of digitized photography, art and sound which makes it enjoyable for all.

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PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

As previously advised, Parent Teacher interviews will be held on Thursday 15 September between 9.30am – 8.30pm. Over the next week, all families will receive their login details in order to make bookings via the college website. As always, all parents are encouraged to meet with the teachers of their sons and daughters for an update on progress at this mid point in the semester.

Next week, all parents will receive Interim Reports which, like Semester 1, provide students and parents with a brief indication of student performance and progress. Within these reports, teachers may have made particular requests for parent meetings where they have particular matters to discuss with parents. We do ask parents to follow up with these teachers in particular and, in addition, to avail themselves of any other teacher.

Please take the time to note the Interim report and use it as the basis for discussion with your son or daughter prior to interviews. You are then most warmly invited to discuss this face to face with teachers. These meeting times provide parents, staff and students with a great opportunity to enhance student learning and success; they also send a strong message of support to students at this important time of the year.

Please be on the lookout for the Parent Teacher information to be mailed out shortly and contact they college for any further information or assistance. I look forward to seeing many parents at these sessions.

PLEASE NOTE: Thursday 15 Sept is a STUDENT FREE DAY, Friday 16 Sept is a NORMAL SCHOOL DAY

Mrs. Elizabeth Hanney
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

VET Building & Construction students completing their Scaffolding unit last week. (Joshua Dodgson, Jake Rackham & Dayne DeMonte)
**CAREER NEWS**

**ENGINEERING INFORMATION EVENING** – for future students/parents to hear from staff and students at Monash.

**When:** 6.30-9.30pm, 9 Sept; **Where:** Lecture Theatre C1, Building 63, Clayton campus; **Register:** sarina.kennedy@monash.edu.

**SWINBURNE NEWS** - Swinburne is both a university and a TAFE. The Swinburne Guaranteed Entry Scheme gives students a guaranteed spot in an undergraduate degree when they successfully complete their diploma or advanced diploma. Students who complete a Swinburne diploma will be exempt from at least one year of study in a degree, or one and a half years for a Swinburne advanced diploma. See: www.swinburne.edu.au/ges.

- Parent Information Evening at Swinburne – Year 10-12 students/parents are invited to find out about the VTAC application process, courses and pathways. **When:** 6-7.30pm, Wed 7 Sept; **Where:** Hawthorn and Lilydale campuses; **Info/Register:** 9214 8904; mdaknach@swin.edu.au.

- Science Experience – This is a fun three days of science activities for Year 9 and 10 students hosted by Swinburne. Participate in hands-on workshops and interactive demonstrations across all sorts of science activities, under the guidance of university scientists and students. For example, understand forensic investigation, how to make slime (and the chemistry involved), how to build an electronic die. **When:** 6-7.30pm, Tues 20 – Thurs 22 Sept; **Where:** Hawthorn; **Info:** ph 8288 1001, www.scienceexperience.com.au

Swinburne Lilydale - offers a 5-point ATAR bonus, applicable to selected schools. See: www.lilydale.swinburne.edu.au/atarbonus. You ATAR will be adjusted automatically during VTAC selection period if you apply for a Lilydale course and attend a nominated school.

**Parent Information Evening at Monash University.**
Caulfield Campus – Tuesday 13th September, 6-8pm
Berwick Campus – Tuesday 20th September, 6-8pm
Targeted at parents of Year 11 and 12 students to discuss topics such as: VTAC applications, Scholarships and fees, Course options, Graduate outcomes.

If you are interested please register at www.monash.edu/study or call 1800 MONASH

Mrs. Shannon Maher
**CAREERS CO-ORDINATOR**

**SPORT NEWS!**

**WANT TO BECOME A FOOTY UMPIRE??** - AFL Victoria is offering the opportunity to run an Umpires Academy here at St Peters College, beginning early 2012.

- Earn great $$$$$$ being a field/boundary umpire
- Free uniform!
- Training once a week after school here at St Peters (no need to travel to Dandenong) beginning early 2012
- Open to Males or Females of all ages!
- Umpire at local grounds in local competitions
- Get fit, learn a new skill, earn $$$$$$ and a free umpires uniform!

To register your interest, get in contact with Mr. De Goldi ASAP!

**INTERMEDIATE GIRLS FOOTBALL** - The Intermediate Girls football team have continued their dominant form over the last 2 games with strong wins coming against Padua-Rosebud and John Paul College. After the long drive to Rosebud, the girls came out firing kicking 2 goals in the first 5 minutes. Despite a lopsided free kick count in Padua’s favour, keeping the ball in the forward line for most parts of the match paid off with St Peters coming away with a comfortable 55 point victory. Last week the girls played at home against John Paul and displayed great skill in coming away with a massive 112 point victory. Everyone had the chance to get on the scoreboard with defenders being moved up forward and players playing in different positions than usual. We now look forward to playing against Padua-Mornington in a couple of weeks.

**St. Peter's:** 8.19.67 def Padua Rosebud: 2.0.12
**Goal Scorers:** B.Sutton 2, J. Cottrell 2, J. Edwards 1, T. Gillies 1, K. Warkerstchuk 1, B. Mc Inness 1

**St. Peter's:** 17.12.114 def John Paul: 0.2.2
**Goal Scorers:** K. Warkerstchuk 5, B.Poulter 3, L. Nguyen 3, J. Edwards 2, C.Parisi 1, H.McLean 1, N.Manase 1, B.Sutton 1

Mr. Justin De Goldi
**SPORTS MANAGER**

**SENIOR BOYS FOOTBALL** - Last week we played St. Francis Xavier in what was a hotly contested match. Coming into the match we were confident of winning following on last week's win, but those thoughts quickly evaporated as St. Francis got off to a great start leading by 8 points at quarter time. In the second quarter St. Francis continued to have the ascendancy and built on their quarter time lead to have a 22 point lead at half time. Once the third quarter began, we managed to bring ourselves back into the game and if it wasn't for some inaccurate kicking we would have had the lead at 3 quarter time, but we only trailed by 5 points, with a rushed kick on the siren hitting the post. We began the final quarter confident in our ability to over run St. Francis but unfortunately it was not the case as they held for a 7 point win, a disappointing result for all of us. Throughout the course of the game we were once again well serviced by ruckman Jordan Campbell, who didn't lose a ruck contest all day long, and provided plenty of ball for on-ballers Chris Biviano, Michael Russo and Aaron Bower who ran hard and gained plenty of the footy. Down back Jimi Johnson and Tom Cotton provided a solid base which rebounded attack after attack and we well serviced down forward with Jordan Liehnmueller leading hard at the ball and kicking the goal of the season so far with a left foot snap from the boundary line in the last quarter. This week we play John Paul College, in what will be a very important match if we want to play in the finals.

**St. Peters 8-12-60 def by. St. Francis 9-13-67**
**Goals:** Liehnmueller 2, Milano 2, the only multiple goal scorers
**Best:** Bower, Campbell, Biviano, Russo, Minton.

Mr. Brown and Mr. Laurie
**COACHES**
Our Pilgrims have arrived back from World Youth Day in fine form. Whatever lies ahead for them, they will never forget this experience. They have been touched spiritually in a way that brings a transforming joy to their lives. This happens at a deep level, it does not transform them into people who jump about creating a great disturbance. It probably does the opposite, they have found a place of quiet, a place of peace within themselves and they know this is of God. We thank God for what will be given to the College community by virtue of these Pilgrims and their experience.

The Gospel for last Sunday gives us an idea of what it means to follow Jesus. It will not be an easy road. In the same chapter as when Peter is given the keys of the Kingdom, Jesus calls him “Satan” he calls him “an obstacle to me”. This comes about because Peter tries to convince Jesus that he should not go to Jerusalem and thereby avoid the passion. It was through Jesus’ life, death and resurrection that we come to share in the gift of eternal life. The glory of Easter comes after the darkness of the suffering, death and burial of Jesus.

The glimpse of joy that is felt by the Pilgrims, is a glimpse of what Jesus is offering when he says “whoever loses his life for my sake will find it”. What Jesus asks of us is to let go of what we hang on to which is ultimately of little value and receive in return a new life that is eternal. This Gospel passage invites us to focus on “The cost of Discipleship”. Our senior students particularly are asked to look at these questions as part of the ethics class and also in religion and society. It is important for us to consider the issues and emerging standards of a rapidly changing society to gauge where they may ultimately lead us.

Last Sundays’ reading from Romans (12:1-2) tells us “Do not conform yourself to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect”. It is one of the characteristics of society today that we are being transformed by various technologies, social networking and the like. People create virtual worlds, virtual alternate lives. The freedoms created by these virtual situations are of course illusory and lead nowhere.

Within each of us is that place which our Pilgrims have entered into which is not illusory. Each of us is invited to find that place and consider where we are headed in the light of that place, may the grace of God lead us to that light.

Deacon Tony Aspinall
COLLEGE CHAPLAIN

A prayer for all people.
May God’s blessing be upon us.
Amen

May divine light lead us in the way of righteousness.
Amen

May our lives be patterned on Christ Jesus.
Amen

ST. AGATHA’S NEWS

BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR OLDER CHILDREN: Parents seeking Baptism for older children can enrol for the preparation sessions beginning on Sunday 11th September. Please contact Sr. Mercy – 5996 1985 for further details on enrolment.

CAKE & MYSTERY BOTTLE STALL: Voice For Life members will be having a cake and mystery bottle stall on Father’s Day, 4th September, after the 9am & 10.45am Masses. Proceeds go to building our Memorial Garden for babies (see VFL noticeboard). Donations of cakes, slices, etc. will be gratefully accepted and can be dropped off at these Masses. A Father’s Day Hamper will be raffled this same weekend. Tickets on sale after all Masses leading up to Father’s Day.

MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY: The Diocese of Sale is celebrating the 97th World Day of Migrants and Refugees with a special Mass celebrated by Bishop Christopher Prowse and the clergy on Sunday 11th September at 2pm at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Narre Warren.

ST. THERESE’S MARKET FUN DAY: Monday 19th September 2.30 – 5.30pm. Book a table for $10 to advertise your Party Plan/Handicraft/Beauty Products or other small business. All benefits will go towards the St. Therese’s Care Group. Contact Jennie - 0409 937 270 or Lindy – 0400 907 894 or the School Office – 5996 7525.

Mr. Greg Nelson
ST. AGATHA’S PARISH REPRESENTATIVE

CENTRAL AUSTRALIA TRIP 2011
INFORMATION NIGHT
Monday 5th September 7.00pm
Upstairs Benedict