National Literacy Week

As part of National Literacy Week our Year 7 Cranbourne East students have been involved in a variety of activities designed to promote literacy with the grade 3 & 4 students from St. Agatha’s Primary School. Under the guidance of Year 7 English Teacher Mrs. Marjorie Canal, the students worked in groups of three to select a book that celebrated cultural diversity and then develop subsequent activities to share with the primary school students.

The activities included sequencing of text, vocabulary, identification of characters, parts of speech, comprehension and writing. Each session ran for 45 minutes and was led by the Year 7 students who took on the different roles of Leader, reader and facilitator of group discussion.

The project took much planning and effort but had numerous positive benefits for our students including greater confidence in their literacy skills as well as the development of their leadership and communication skills.

The majority of the St. Agatha’s students will continue their secondary schooling at St. Peter’s College so it was pleasing to see the development of a stronger community connection between the two schools through an event which we hope will become an annual part of National Literacy Week.

I congratulate the students and their teacher Mrs. Marjorie Canal on this outstanding initiative.

Mr. Tim Hogan
PRINCIPAL

SUMMER UNIFORM

With only two uniform shop days left for Term 3 it's time to make sure you have all your Summer Uniform items ready for Term 4.

Students are expected to wear their full Summer Uniform from day one of Term 4.

Uniform Shop Open Monday from 1pm to 5pm

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.
COMMUNITY BENEFITS

St. Peter's College is registered with the Ritchies Community Benefits Scheme. You can help us to raise money for the College by ensuring that 1% of your expenditure will be donated to the school.

Cards are available at Ritchies stores, or you can contact the College Office for more information.

ST. PETER’S ATHLETICS CARNIVAL:
The annual Athletics carnival was held last Wednesday 31st August, and for the first time ever it was held off campus at the Casey Fields Athletics Track. These fantastic new facilities led to some great performances with many records being broken. The 4 houses battled throughout the day in 223 track and field events with Gold house coming out as the champion team for 2011.

1st Gold House 1826 points
2nd Red House 1751 points
3rd Green House 1565 points
4th Blue House 1476 points

Congratulations to everyone of their fine performances and we now look forward to the SIS Athletics Carnival held early next term.

Mr. Justin De Goldi
SPORTS MANAGER

SENIOR BOYS FOOTBALL

Last week the Senior Boys Football team travelled to John Paul College for a catch-up game in what was a very important match for us. The equation was simple, we win and we play in the finals and if we lose and it’s all over.

We got off to a great start kicking into the wind and lead by 6 goals at quarter time with Jake Rackham getting a couple of goals which helped to set up the lead. In the second quarter with the wind we were very wasteful in front of goal blowing multiple chances to demolish our opposition, but at half time we still had a 12 goal lead. In the second half we continued our ascendancy showing our dominance over our hapless opposition who didn’t give up all game long. We ended up walking away with a very convincing 127 point win. It was a great team effort with everyone doing their bit for the success of the team. As a result of our massive win we have qualified to play in the finals and on Thursday we play Padua in the semi-final.

St. Peter’s 24-17-161 def John Paul 5-4-34

Mr. Brown and Mr. Laurie – Coaches

BULLYING AND HARASSMENT PERFORMANCE

Last Thursday, Brendan and Chloe from Brainstorm Productions came to our school to preform 'The Hurting Game'.

The Hurting Game was about two people who were making a video game for a year 12 assignment, they then went back in time to relive some of the things that drove them to be the way they are.

Chloe’s character, Samantha was very self-conscious and compared herself to her friends and the people in magazines. Samantha tried to fit in, but her group spread rumours about her and pushed her away.

Brayden’s character Jimmy was treated as an outcast and uncool, he was desperate to fit in, eventually he gave in to peer-pressure and became the tough guy bullying other students and deliberately failing maths. Jimmy’s so-called mate, Luie, uses him to do dangerous jobs, such as buying alcohol underage. Jimmy began binge drinking and one night he got so drunk the punched someone and the police got involved. Later in his life the police charge and the bad grades restricted his options.

Eventually, both Brendan and Chloe’s characters realise that unrealistic expectations and peer pressure can have consequences that last for a long time.

Overall it was a very informative, interesting and enjoyable performance that we will all remember. Thankyou Brainstorm Productions.

Kareena McNeely 7C
Reminders

- **Swinburne Science Experience** – Years 9 and 10; 6-7.30pm, 20 – 22 Sept; ph 8288 1001; www.scienceexperience.com.au
- **Swinburne Parent Info Evening** – for Years 10 - 12 students/parents; 6-7.30pm, Wed 7 Sept; Hawthorn and Lilydale campuses: Info/Register: 9214 8904; mdaknach@swin.edu.au
- **Monash Engineering Information Evening** – 6.30-9.30pm, 8 Sept; LT C1, Building 63, Clayton; Register: sarina.kennedy@monash.edu
- **YEAR 12’s ~ Are encouraged to keep investigating their chosen University and TAFE courses and the complete their VTAC applications.** There is only 3 weeks left to enter your timely applications!!! Remember to check the extra requirements for your courses – no extra requirements=no entry!

CAREERS IN PSYCHOLOGY – The Student Committee of the Australian Psychological Society is running a ‘Careers in Psychology’ information session for aspiring psychologists. The purpose of the evening is to offer secondary and undergraduate students an insight into several specialist areas of psychology. When: 7.30-10pm, Wed 14 Sept; Where: Prince Phillip Theatre, Architecture building (building 133), University of Melbourne; Info: melbapssstudents@gmail.com; no bookings required.

CHECK THEM OUT....
- **DISCOVER DEAKIN** – this is a program for parents/students considering option; get an overview, do a tour. When: All Tues 27 Sept; Melbourne 6-8pm, Geelong 11am-1pm; Geelong Waterfront 6-8pm; Warrnambool 11am-1pm; Reg’n: www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/campus-tours/discover.php
- **LA TROBE UNIVERSITY** – ‘Talk and Tour’ gives secondary students/parents a chance to get to know La Trobe, its courses/facilities, and talk with staff/students. When: 9.30am – 12 noon, 27 Sept (Bendigo) and 28 Sept (Melb). Reg’n: www.latrobe.edu.au/talkandtour; Info: 1300 135 045.
- **SWINBURNE** – Join ‘Walk n’ Talk’ to meet current students, view facilities, speak to future lecturers and see what studying at Swinburne is really like. When: 10am-1pm, Wed 28 Sept; Where: Hawthorn; Info: www.future.swinburne.edu.au/events
- **MONASH** – has Parent Information Evenings covering VTAC application and selection process, scholarships, fees, course structure/options, graduate outcomes. When/where: Caulfield, 6pm Tues 13 Sept; Berwick, 6pm Tues 20 Sept; Register: onshore@monash.edu or call 1300 Monash.

APPLYING FOR NURSING? If you are applying for Division 1 nursing at university and are concerned that you may not obtain a high enough ATAR for the course, you are advised to consider studying Division 2 nursing at TAFE. Some TAFEs allow you to apply through the VTAC system (eg RMIT). Others require you to apply direct to the TAFE. In this case you are advised to apply soon, not when you find you have missed out on a university place.


FORENSIC SCIENCE – The Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine has a careers afternoon for Year 10-12s. When: 12.30pm, Fri 30 Sept; Where: Institute Lecture Theatre, Corinial Services Centre, 57-83 Kavanagh St, Southbank; Reg’n: www.vifm.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/Careers-Day-Registration-Form.pdf

KEEPER FOR A DAY – Werribee Zoo and Healesville Sanctuary have a Keeper for a Day holiday program for students wanting to work with animals; see www.zoo.org.au/Learning/Camps-Holidays.

APPRENTICESHIPS…

GROUP TRAINING – Group Training Organisations (GTOs) operate throughout Australia and can provide you with advice and the apprenticeship or traineeship opportunities that will get your career started. GTOs employ apprentices and trainees and place them with a host business for varying periods of time until the apprenticeship or traineeship is completed. The national network of GTOs employs up to 40,000 apprentices and trainees; over 100,000 businesses have used a GTO to find their apprentices and trainees. See: www.gtaltd.com.au for more information about group training.

APPRENTICESHIPS GROUP AUSTRALIA - AGA (a GTO), is looking to employ apprentices throughout Melbourne and Gippsland to commence in January 2012. To apply, fill out an on-line application form and upload a copy of your cover letter and resume at www.agaustralia.com.au. Application close on 9 September. Employment is guaranteed throughout the four year duration of the apprenticeship. AGA is a Registered Training Organisation (RTO), accredited to deliver industry based training, and has training sites in Melbourne in Deer Park, Croydon, Hallam and Bentley, as well as in Gippsland.

AUTOMOTIVE, TECHNICAL & PARTS APPRENTICESHIPS – Vantage Automotive P/L is a major provider of government funded vocational learning and outsourced services to major vehicle manufacturers with an extensive client list across Australia. To gain an understanding of what Vantage Automotive has to offer please visit www.vantageautomotive.com. If you are interested in joining one of the Vantage appren-teeneship programs, look at the Manufacturers and Dealerships listed on the website under ‘Apply Now’ area.

DO YOU WANT TO WORK IN THE NURSERY AND GARDEN INDUSTRY? The Nursery and Garden Industry of Victoria (NGIV) is offering 20 pre-apprenticeship scholarships to attract new entrants to the industry. This is a great career pathway for school leavers to enter the horticulture industry. For details: http://www.ngiv.com.au/Category?Action=View&Category_id=273.

Shannon Maher - CAREERS CO-ORDINATOR
It is not unusual at this time of year to have the feeling that things are crowding in. There seem to be more and more things, issues, people that need some of our time. Students can also feel this way in trying to get work in on time. As teachers we are keen that these young people learn constructive ways of coping and managing their responsibilities. Drawing up lists and numbering the items off in priority order can help. It is a great support to students if parents are able to assist with this simple exercise. As a religious education teacher I am keen that all the students in my classes allocate the time needed to complete these overdue tasks and I know that all the religious education teachers have similar hopes for their students.

There is a reflection in SACREDSPACE: the prayer book 2011 (www.sacredspace.ie) for September 4-10 which struck me as being particularly relevant. I now share this with you:

**Learning with God**

Jesus once quoted a strong phrase from the prophet Isaiah, “And they shall all be taught by God” (John 6:45)

How does God teach us? Usually without words, touching us by the encounters, pleasures, and pains of everyday living. Lord, as I pray, show me, in the movements of my heart, what you want me to learn from you. You are beyond all human imagining or language, and you teach me not so much in words as in the crises that stir my heart. Help me to read you in them.

Given experiences of late many have realised that in times of crises there is only one thing possible, to lean on the heart of God.

**Leaning on the Heart of God**

Accept the strength that comes from the grace of Christ Jesus (2Timothy 2:1)

I am leaning on the heart of God
I am resting there in silence
All the turmoil that exhausts me
is brought to bear on this great love.

No resistance or complaint is heard
as I lean upon God’s welcome.
There is gladness for my coming.
There is comfort for my pain.

I lean, and lean, and lean
upon this heart that hurts with me.
Strength lifts the weight of my distress.
Courage wraps around my troubles.

No miracle of instant recovery.
No taking away life’s burdens.

It is enough for me to know
that the heart of God is with me,
full of mercy and compassion,
tending to the wounds I bear.
(Joyce Rupp, Out of the Ordinary, p75)

There is just one more thing which needs to be mentioned. On September 11, 2011 our Sale diocese will mark 97 World Day of Migrants & Refugees with a Mass at 2:00pm in Our Lady Help of Christians Church Narre Warren. Let us pray for all people who seek safety in our land, Australia.

Dear God, our Father in heaven, we thank you for the sacred gift of the Eucharist which unites us in a single body.

We thank you for the gift of solidarity and the richness and beauty found in diversity,

Dear God, show mercy to those who travel in danger and lead them to a place of safety and peace.

We pray for the grace of hospitality and the courage to welcome those who come in search of refuge.

Through unity and charity, help us to attain justice and lasting peace in the world.

Mary, Mother of Migrants and Refugees, present our prayers to your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who is one with the Father and Holy Spirit, our God forever and ever. Amen.

Mrs. Mary B Murphy
Religious Education Leader

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**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.

**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