End of Term
I take this opportunity to wish all members of our community safe and happy holidays over the next two weeks. For our Year 12 Students who face a very short term when they return I encourage them to seek a strategic balance between study and some relaxation time so that they are mentally refreshed and ready to hit the ground running when they return. I also wish to acknowledge and express my thanks to the many Year 12 Teachers who have committed time over the holidays to prepare our senior students for their exams.

Cranbourne East
This week we farewell our Cranbourne East Staff and Students who will be moving to the new campus for the beginning of Term 4. It is an exciting and historic period for St. Peter’s College and one which our staff and students are eagerly anticipating after some unexpected building delays over the course of this year. Enrolments for the new campus continue to grow and I encourage those wishing to tour the new facilities to contact the College Registrar Mrs Kelley Cooper who will arrange tours over the coming term with the Head of Campus, Mr James Roberts.

Japanese Exchange & Central Australia
I extend our prayers and good wishes for a safe journey to those travelling to Japan and Central Australia over the school holidays. These tours will provide some great educational experiences for our students along with some fun filled times with friends and teachers that they will remember for the rest of their lives. I thank the following staff who will accompany these students over the holiday period: Japanese Trip - Mr Anthony Banks and Mrs Simone Kugimiya; Central Australia - Ms Jessica Chakman, Mr Glenn Collings, Mr George Bassett and Mrs Carla Edgerton.

Solomon Islands
As a precursor to our Solomon Island Exchange in late November staff member Mrs Shannon Maher will take part in the Annual Solomon Islands Teacher Conference over the school holidays. She will present a number of workshops to teachers from various parts of the Solomon Islands with other staff from the Catholic Education Office in Warragul. Mrs Maher will also take some time to visit Bishop Epalle School in Honiara, the school she will return to in November – December of this year with 5 of our year 12 students to begin a relationship of exchange which we hope will be on-going and benefit both of our school communities.

Staffing
I wish to acknowledge those staff who will be departing at the end of this year and publicly thank them for what they have given to our community. Some have been here for a short while, others for a longer period of time but I am always appreciative of the generosity of their service, knowing that we are a better place for what they have invested in our community.

Mary Murphy – Religious Education Leader
Gerard Brown – Physical Education
Vincent Falzarano – Design Technology
Carol Whimpey - Food Technology
The process of advertising and recruiting for replacement staff has begun and will be announced in Term 4.

Mr Tim Hogan
PRINCIPAL

SUMMER UNIFORM
It’s time to make sure you have all your Summer Uniform items ready! Students are expected to wear their full Summer Uniform from day one of Term 4.
NOT Open during the School Holidays
Open on Monday 10th October 11am – 4pm
(Student Free Day)
Student Leadership Structure and Election Process for 2012

With a change to the Vertical House System for 2012, there has been a few changes to the Student Leadership Structure. The following leadership positions will be available and will be elected in Term Four of this year (from the current Year 11 Students) in order to present these leaders to the College Community at Speech Night and also to allow these leaders to have some formal training at the end of the year:

- College Captains (one female, one male)
- Liturgy Captain
- Social Justice Captain
- Arts Captain
- Environment Captain

These six leadership positions will be Year 12 students (current Year 11s) and these students will also be a part of the Student Representative Council (SRC)

Alongside this structure, each of our 8 Houses will have the following leadership:

- House Captain (one female, one male)- Year 11 or 12. These will also sit on the SRC
- Year 10 House Representatives (one female, one male)
- Year 9 House Representatives (one female, one male)
- Year 8 House Representatives (one female, one male)
- Year 7 House Representatives (one female, one male)

These House Leadership Positions will be elected at the beginning of next year as part of the initial House Formation activities

**Term 4 Summer Uniform**

Students are reminded that from the beginning of Term 4, the summer College uniform must be worn.

The requirements for this can be found on page 13 of the Student Record Book.

Please note that students are not permitted to wear the winter uniform during Term 4.

Mr Anthony Banks
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

CONGRATULATIONS!

After two years and nine months of Chemotherapy and Physiotherapy, Chantelle Bates is stronger, healthier and looking forward to the future.

(Pictured Right: Ms Trudy Perkins & Chantelle Bates)

WITH THANKS

We close another term of learning and life at St Peter's College, mindful of the many blessings and challenges we have encountered. I include at this time an excerpt from the papal encyclical, *The Catholic School on the Threshold of the Third Millennium*, which reminds us of the essence and ethos of our community:

Attention is rightly given to the importance of the relations existing between all those who make up the educating community. During adolescence a student needs to experience personal relationships with Outstanding Educators, and what is taught has greater influence on the student’s formation when placed in a context of personal involvement, genuine reciprocity, coherence of attitudes, life styles and day to day behaviour. While respecting individual roles, the community dimension should be fostered, since it is one of the most enriching developments of the contemporary Catholic school.

I thank all of the teaching and support staff, who each in their own way, have lived out and modeled the words in this passage with our students and colleagues this term.

Mrs Elizabeth Hanney
Deputy Principal

SENIOR SCHOOL PRACTICE EXAMS

Your son/daughter will be involved in the VCE examination process in all of their Unit 4 subjects this semester. In Preparation for this assessment a compulsory Practice Examination Period has been scheduled on the following days. Monday 10th, Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th October.

Attendance is compulsory for all eligible students, as adequate preparation is vital to success in the VCE. If your son/daughter has a Study Hall or English in the Morning and Afternoon sessions of the exam blocks on day two and three, they may continue to complete their studies at home, alternatively the Year 12 Study Hall will be provided at school. (Year 11 students will return to normal classes after a practice exam).

Students will be required to remain in the Multipurpose Hall for the entire allocated time and will not be able to exit the Practice Examination room prior to the conclusion of their Examination. Full College Summer Uniform will apply and formal VCAA Examination conditions will be trialed for the students benefit. Students will need to attend with the correct approved materials such as pens pencils and calculators (where appropriate)

For details of the official procedures for Examinations and dates for the official VCAA Examinations please refer to the VCAA web site indicated below.


Mr Barry Fisher
Senior Years Curriculum Leader

STUDENTS LEAVING THE COLLEGE

Could parents of students not returning to St. Peter's College in 2012 please complete a Student Exit Form as soon as possible. This information will allow us to respond to students currently on our waiting lists for 2012. Student Exit Forms are available from the College Office. Thank you for your assistance. Mrs. Kelley Cooper - REGISTRAR
CRANBOURNE EAST NEWS

This week marks the last week that the Cranbourne East students will be at the West Campus. We will be moving in during the school holidays ready for students to start at the beginning of Term 4. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff and students at the West Campus in welcoming us and helping instill in us a strong sense of St. Peter’s identity.

Mr James Roberts
Head of Campus

Goodbye and Thank You

I would like, in my own name and on behalf of all Cranbourne East Staff and Students, to thank all the Cranbourne West Staff and Students for your warm welcome for the last three terms. We have really enjoyed your company and support and wish you all the best for the rest of the year.

Goodbye for now and looking forward to welcoming you in the new Campus.

Mr Jean-Paul Antoine
Cranbourne East Teacher

ARE YOU EX NAVY, ARMY, OR AIR FORCE?

Then Carry On (Victoria) may be able to help you with education costs if you meet our eligibility criteria.

Carry On (Victoria assists Secondary School students in Years 7-12 with grants for expenses such as fees, books, uniforms, excursions etc. For those students going on to Tertiary Education a grant may also be available.

Children whose Parent/s or Legal Guardian/s have a need for financial assistance and comply with our eligibility criteria may apply. All grants are income tested and the closing date for applications is 25th October 2011.

If you have served in the Australian Defence Forces is Allied Forces and you wish to apply for a Secondary Education Grant for 2011, please telephone Carry On on (03) 9629 2648 to establish eligibility and request an application form.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

The Parents and Friends Association are planning their Annual Bunnings Sausage Sizzle event and would appreciate some help behind the BBQ or serving customers. If you can spare any time on Sunday 25th September, between 9am and 4pm, please call Helen Schwieger on 0400574103. This event has the potential to be a great fundraiser for our school and by contributing some time you can be of great help.

Helen Schwieger – PRESIDENT OF THE PFA

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.

THE TIME MACHINE CD STUDIO RECORDING

The Time Machine CD Studio Recording is finally available. The album has been meticulously recorded, professionally mixed and mastered over the last 8 months and looks and sounds amazing. The CD contains all of the music featured in last year’s original St Peters College Production, but it contains much more, including extended or re worked versions of some songs and some new material in order to create a fully realized concept album. The album is the result of a lot of hard work from a talented group of people, musicians, singers, actors, studio engineers and graphic designers. Thanks must also go to St. Peters College for the funding of such an ambitious project.

Most of this project was created in-house, by students (singers, actors, musicians), staff members, teachers Matt Sharpe and Frank Carter (musicians), Luisa Jakubicki (artwork) and instrumental teachers Bryce Ewing and Dan Richardson. The album features the vocal talents of Stacy Blackburn, Taylor Piggott, Lossie Letele, Pam Barhoum, Katherine Li, Isabelle Bangard, Gabby Harrison, Kālītn Schweiger, Hannah Kyberd; the voices of Alex Brett, Tyson Tifere, Brooke Clarke, Tim Bolch and Scott Jeffries and the musical talents of Matt Blackburn, Matt Sharpe, Bryce Ewing, Dan Richardson, Chris Laidler and Frank Carter.

The CD comes with a beautiful 20 page colour booklet featuring all lyrics and some stunning photos from last year’s stage version. All artwork has been done by Luisa Jakubicki. We hope to promote this recording on radio and in the local media (our last CD recording, Gatsby, became part of the Victorian Jazz Archives). The CD also serves as a great promotion for next year’s production because it features so many of the talented individuals who will be part of next year’s extravaganza (to be announced at a later date). The album also contains a special dedication to the late Terry Feely, St Peters College foundation Principal who initiated and encouraged the concept of a professional CD recording as a permanent record of original achievement in school productions.

The CD is available from the front office from September 19 for $20

Mr Frank Carter – PRODUCER

Panorama Theatre Company Presents!
Disney’s
My Son Pinocchio – Gepetto’s Musical Tale
FRANKSTON ARTS CENTRE
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We are preparing to farewell two groups of staff and students from the College on trips to Japan and Central Australia. At the same time, we see students solidly preparing for VCE exams. All of these things in the life of the College give an opportunity to see the values that we stand for in action. The way each participant, either staff or student approaches the journey will affect the enjoyment of others. The way each student approaches the exam period will affect not only themselves but their family and friends.

We teach that our relationship with God is a whole of life experience, and more. The experience of travelling to a foreign countries and receiving hospitality can be a wonderful enlightening moment. Our faith tells us that all are created equal and yet very often fear and ignorance prevent us from seeing that. If we can find God in places and people that are completely unfamiliar, then we can begin to understand what is meant when we speak of “Finding God in All Things”. The staff and students who go to Central Australia find the journey worthwhile and also spiritual. They find that many things and places they encounter touch them at a deep level, where the Spirit dwells.

As has been said many times, the aim of the Catholic school is to educate the whole person. If education was only an academic pursuit, a lot would be lacking. To deny the spiritual side of our makeup would be a tragedy. It is our spirit that is touched by and responds to the things of God. It is our spirit that is nourished by encountering God in Word and Sacrament. It is our spirit that is nourished when we encounter God in the people we meet, when we can see the spirit at work in those who treat us with respect and who love us for who we are, not where we come from.

The Gospel for last Sunday ends with the words “So the last will be first, and the first will be last.” (Matt20:16) These words are also said in chapter 19 and are certainly contrary to modern secular culture. It is these “counter cultural” messages from scripture that are vital to the growth of the “Whole Person”. It goes to the heart of why we expect our students to be considerate of each other in the outback or here at St Peter’s. It is why we expect to see our students acting with courtesy and consideration in overseas encounters.

I think that we can go a long way to understanding Jesus’ words in last Sunday’s Gospel about the last being first etc if we recall the words of St Francis of Assisi “….it is in giving that we receive…” When we put ourselves second, we are practicing the selfless love that Jesus shows for all people, we make the love of Jesus present by our response to the stirring of the Spirit within. It is in this way that the first become last, because they are not responding to the urging of the spiritual nature that is at the heart of all.

Deacon Tony Aspinall
College Chaplain.

Prayer to The Spirit.

Jesus, we know you in various ways – as food and fulfillment, as Word and Saviour.
May your Holy Spirit dwell in us, helping us to understand the meaning of your life and encouraging us to pattern our lives on you.
Through this grace, we hope to recreate your presence in our world.
We ask this, confident that you will hear and respond to our prayer. Amen.

ST. AGATHA’S NEWS

We WARMLY WELCOME Fr. Francis Otobo & Fr. Joseph Abutu from Nigeria, who arrived on Tuesday. We hope they enjoy their stay here before they travel to Sale on Monday 19th September to begin their work in the Diocese. Please keep them in your prayers as they settle in.

INVIGORATE (Year 7 – 12 Youth Group) – Youth Meetings will now be on 2nd & 4th Friday nights of the month. Please join our meeting next Friday 23rd September 1.30pm at the Parish Hall. Newbies Welcome! Enquiries: Yani 0423 329 454.

THE ANNUAL ITALIAN MASS & PROCESSION will be on Sun 9th Oct at 2.30pm at St. Agatha’s Church. Please see the flyer on the notice board or contact Teresa on 5996 1845 or Filomena on 5996 4803.

THE YOUTH GROUPS are involved in organising the 10.45am Mass, including the music & collections on the 4th Sunday of every Mass.

THE DIVINE MERCY YOUTH GROUP invites young people to join them in playing volleyball which is held every Friday evening from 6.30 – 10.00pm at St. Peter’s College Hall. Families also welcome! For further enquiries contact Tony on 0406 732 323.

Mr. Greg Nelson
ST. AGATHA’S PARISH REPRESENTATIVE