FIRST DAY AT CRANBOURNE EAST CAMPUS
OF ST. PETER’S COLLEGE
On Tuesday morning of this week, excited year 7 students took parents for a firsthand look at the new facilities that will be their home for the next 6 years of their journey through St. Peter’s College. In all 41 students along with Head of Campus, Mr James Roberts, teachers Mrs Canal, Mr Dee and Mr Antoine and Administrative Assistant Ms Christie form the first group of pioneers that have the responsibility of building on the traditions and reputation of St Peter’s College within this modern 21 century learning facility. The facilities are state of the Art and both staff and students are eager to make the most of the flexible learning spaces and technology which will provide a very engaging learning environment. Landscaping will be finalised within 3 weeks thus completing stage 1 of the campus with stage 2 of the building program commencing early in 2012. Enrolment opportunities are available in both year 7 & 8 at the Cranbourne East Campus and tours of the facility with Mr Roberts can be arranged by contacting the school registrar Mrs Kelley Cooper at the Cranbourne West Campus.

OUR PRAYERS
Our prayers and deepest sympathies go out to Jessica Hawkins in year 10 whose mother Mandy passed away suddenly over the school holidays and also to Mr Stergiadis whose grandfather passed away last weekend at the age of 91 after a short illness.

CONGRATULATIONS
Year 11 student Jess Hall has been awarded a prize in the City of Casey “Fresh Words Young Writers Competition for 2011. Jess was also part of the Book In a Day short story writing competition held early this year and obviously has a great talent for creative writing and will be presented with an award at the Cranbourne Community Theatre on the 19th of October. Jess is the second student from St Peter’s to win an award in this competition following on from year 8 student Michael Kirmi who was recognised in 2010.

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION:
BUNNING’S BBQ FUNDRAISER
Congratulations to the Parents & Friends who organised a very successful BBQ at Bunning’s on the first weekend of the school holidays and raised over $2000 for the students of the college. I express my thanks to the following families, students and Mrs Hanney whose generous donation of time allowed this fundraiser to be a great success.

Families: Walker, Anderson, Schwieger, Allen
Students: Jackson Barfoot, Nathan Martens, Meg Horlock, Alisha Mascurine and Michael Russo

Look out for the next Parent and Friends fundraiser later this term which will consist of student designed Christmas Cards which will be distributed to each family in the school. The next meeting of the P&F will be held at the new Cranbourne East Campus on the 18th of October at 7.30 pm. Mrs Marjorie Canal, a staff member from Cranbourne East will be the guest speaker and all parents are welcome. The Cranbourne East Campus is located at 55 MacKillop Way in the Selanda Rise Estate.

WELCOME BACK
All of our student and staff travellers have arrived home safely and we will place some photos on the school website this week to showcase their adventures in Japan, Central Australia and the Solomon islands. I thank all the staff who were involved in supervision during these trips and our students who from all accounts were fantastic ambassadors of St.Peter’s during their time away. I encourage our younger students to set their sights on participating in these trips in future years as they present not only a fantastic learning experience about a different culture but also a unique opportunity to develop independence, confidence and social skills which will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

Mr. Tim Hogan
PRINCIPAL
Tuesday marked a new, exciting era for St Peter’s College with 41 Year 7 students commencing at the East Campus. While there is still a lot to be done with landscaping, work is progressing well with every day. Students are excited with their new environment and are looking forward to all of the challenges the coming years will bring.

A number of staff worked hard over the holidays to ensure we were ready for day one. A big thank you to: - John Toffolon, Adam Bonnici, John Phillips, Stephen Bloomer, Glen Studd and Tim Keegan for your efforts. Thank you to Leah Christie and the office staff for all of their lead up preparation work and setting up of administration systems that allow us to operate, also to the library staff for their efforts. To our wonderful Homeroom Teachers Marjorie Canal, Jean-Paul Antoine and Justin Dee who also gave up some of their holidays to help set up. Finally, to the Principal’s Representative Group, our Principal Tim Hogan and Business manager Phil Mustey whose hard work and support over many years has seen the Cranbourne East dream, born in 2003 become a reality.

As you can see this has been a real team effort with many people working towards the one goal. It has set us up for a very bright future.

James Roberts  
Head of Campus – Cranbourne East

**“Excellence is not a skill. It is an attitude.”**

Welcome back to Term 4. In the final term of the year, this quote speaks to us. We challenge all students to apply an attitude of excellence to their studies. This attitude will provide them with the best opportunity to persevere and excel over the coming months until the school year concludes. An attitude of excellence is certainly the expectation that teaching staff will have of students and we encourage parents to support students and staff in this regard.

Fourth term is a perfect opportunity for students to both consolidate their learning and amend work habits to ensure they achieve their best. At the end of term assemblies, all students were invited to reflect on their work at this mid point in the semester. Following on from feedback given at Parent Teacher interviews last term, students were encouraged to reflect on their learning and what they needed to do this term to see out the school year successfully. I encourage all parents to have this discussion with your sons and daughters.

Elizabeth Hanney  
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

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**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.

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**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.

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**TALKING TEENS AND ALCOHOL/DRUGS SEMINAR**

**When:** Thursday 27 October, 3, 10, 17, 24 November & 1 & 8 December  
**Time:** 7.00-9.00pm  
**Where:** Karingal Neighbourhood House, 103 Ashleigh Ave, Frankston  
**Cost:** Free (Bookings Essential)  
**Contact:** Helena on 5991 2225 or 0488 550 490
It is really an important time for current students of VET and VCAL as they are now in their last few weeks of study for 2012. Students doing a VET course must have all assignments or other pieces of assessment submitted on time as the assessment of these courses will be completed in almost all cases by the end of October. Late submitted work may not be assessed which will mean some competencies may not be achieved and this will have an effect on students either completing and receiving their Certificate or being able to continue into the second year of the course.

The Intermediate Year 11 VCAL classlist for 2012 has been finalised with remaining students now on a waiting list. The Senior Year 12 VCAL candidates will undergo interviews and selection process very shortly as well.

There are a number of School Based Traineeships or Full Time Apprenticeships and Traineeships on offer and students interested in these should see Mr Sinclair or Ms Maher (Careers) to obtain more information on them. The Victorian Automobile Chamber of Commerce have sent out a package about their offerings, Chisholm Institute are offering VET Programs especially in the Building, Automotive and Hair and Beauty trades at Dandenong Campus in 2012. MEGT have a range of Apprenticeships and Traineeships on offer from Office Administration to Landscaping. Selmar Institute of Education is a Training/School Based Traineeship Company who can help to organise suitable applicants into School Based and Full Time Traineeships in Child Care, Aged Care, Business, Retail and Hospitality. Smart Connection Co. offers SBTs in Sport & Recreation, Fitness and Business Administration. There have recently been a number of TAFEs sending information about VET Courses at their campuses closer to the centre of Melbourne. For more information see Mr Sinclair.

Mark Sinclair
Vocational Pathways Coordinator

STAFF VS STUDENT VOLLEYBALL

Having dominated every sport previously in the year, the staff went into the game looking to complete a clean sweep against a strong looking Y12 side. Psyched up by Brown’s “win at all costs” team talk and the clear height advantage offered by Hogan’s 4ft 11inch frame, the staff began well forcing errors from the seemingly disjointed and leaderless Y12’s. The slimmed down O’Hara drew comparisons to Tom Cruise in his heyday during the beach volleyball scene from ‘Top Gun’ – earning him the new nickname “Maverick”. Before they could blink, the Y12’s found themselves a set down – Katsimalis being felled to a rare student winner. Before they had paused for breath, the Y12’s found themselves on the receiving end of a 3 set to zero hiding – sending Mr Brown off happy to “Go West” in true Village People style.

Andrew Broadley
COACH
ST. AGATHA’S NEWS

GODSTART PROGRAM - Sr. Grace is asking for interested parishioners to join the GodStart team. GodStart is a post Baptism program which involves visiting families to deliver a birthday card each year after their child’s Baptism. The aim of Godstart is to remind parents how much they, and their children, are loved by God, that they are important members of the Church community and that they belong to it. If you can assist or would like further information please contact Sr. Grace on 5996 1985.

AGAPE GROUP (18-35): Will now meet on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month. 7pm (after the 6pm Mass) in the hall. Please also pray for a Holy Hour every Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Adoration Chapel. Contact Sr. Mercy for further information on 0403 423 021.

NEED TO RECHARGE YOUR YOUTH MINISTRY BATTERIES? Youth ministry leaders and volunteers are invited to “Recharge” with a day of prayer, reflection and skill-building. “Recharge” is an opportunity to meet others involved in youth ministry in the diocese and to nourish your youth ministry vocation, with prayer and professional development. Fr. Christian Fini OMI, the director of Oblate Youth Australia, will be our guest speaker. The day will include practical youth ministry workshops and lunch will be provided 9.15am-4.30pm Sunday October 23 at the St. Ita’s Hall, 50 Victoria St, Drouin. This event is open to all those working or volunteering in youth ministry and will cost $20 per participant, RSVP jessd@sale.catholic.org.au.

Greg Nelson
St Agatha’s Parish Representative

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

The Staff Liturgy in St Peter’s chapel to embark on Fourth Term centred on the theme of Communion: Belonging. This was a timely reminder as we farewelled the teachers of the West Campus and jogged our memories about ‘being one Body in Christ’. (1 Cor. 12:12). We all need reminders about the privilege and ensuring responsibility which results from claiming our oneness.

The ritual expressing our communion was highlighted by inserting representative shapes for each of our new Houses: Avila, Kolbe, Marian, Glowrey, MacKillop, Augustine, Romero, and Assisi into one central image around a symbolic Peter.

After this ritual and prayers the following Blessing was prayed over all. I invite you to pray this Blessing on yourself as we all face the final weeks on this year.

For Belonging
May you listen to your longing to be free
May the frames of your belonging be
generous enough for your dreams.
May you arise each day with a voice
of blessing whispering in your heart.
May you find a harmony between
your soul and your life.
May the sanctuary of your soul
never be haunted.
May you know the eternal longing
that lives at the heart of time.
May there be kindness in your gaze
when you look within.
May you never place walls between
the light and yourself.
May you allow the wild beauty of
the invisible world to
gather you, mind you and embrace
you in belonging.


Mary B Murphy
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION LEADER