YEAR 12 END OF YEAR

The final school day for year 12 students will be on Wednesday 26th of October and will conclude with a whole school Eucharistic celebration in the multipurpose hall; beginning at 2pm. I especially invite the families of our year 12 students knowing that this is a special occasion for family celebration.

On the following day, Thursday, year 12 students are invited to attend a breakfast from 7 am onwards prepared by our year 12 staff and concluding with a Paraliturgy in the school Chapel.

On Monday afternoon of this week I spoke to the Year 12 class of 2011 on the theme of finishing well and outlined clearly our expectations for them so we may all join with them to celebrate the completion of their secondary schooling. Over the years our students have indeed finished well and been exemplary in their behaviour and I believe that this year’s group will live up to that standard.

However incidents of inappropriate year 12 celebration are often publicised at this time of the year and it can take only a few individuals or individual actions to damage the reputation of a school and a group of students. I therefore want to make it clear to our students that behaviour which publicly detracts from our hard earned reputation will not be tolerated. Person’s and property must be respected at all times and where students are deemed responsible for inappropriate behaviour then the school reserves the right to exclude those students from sitting their final exams at St. Peter’s College and other formal functions of farewell.

The expectations outlined are ones which parents must also be conscious of in the unfortunate event that sanctions referred to should have to be applied. I have also instructed staff as a matter of school policy not to attend year 12 celebrations outside of school hours as from a legal perspective staff in these circumstances would be seen as being in a supervisory capacity whether this was the intended arrangement or not. Should parents choose to undertake supervision of any year 12 celebrations then I ask them to consider the adequacy of that supervision and also the new laws regarding alcohol for those who are less than 18 years of age as outlined below.

Under the laws, a person who supplies alcohol to a minor without a parent’s consent could be subject to the same penalty faced by licensees who supply alcohol to minors in licensed venues – a maximum of $7000. More information can be found at the following website: www.justice.vic.gov.au/alcohol

Bearing all this in mind, I look forward to our students finishing well and I thank them wholeheartedly for their contribution to this community over the last six years.

Mr. Tim Hogan
PRINCIPAL
THE CLASS OF 2011

It has been a privilege and delight working with the class of 2011. What an outstanding group of young men and women. Our College captains Bronwyn McInnes and Todd Roscoe, have been a joy to work with and I have been most impressed with the leadership and fine modelling they have brought to their roles. Together with every captain, our leaders this year have never failed in their service to the college and their commitment to the pledges they made before the college community in February this year. Each has developed lifelong skills and is indeed worthy of the highest praise.

I have loved watching the entire Yr 12 cohort learn and grow throughout the year – being challenged, striving for personal best, supporting one another through thick and thin and ultimately upholding and building upon all that is good about St Peter’s. I thank each student for what they have brought to our school year; a sharing of abundant musical talents, a sharing of creativity and initiative, a pursuit of excellence, a sharing of great school spirit and sporting achievement, a sharing of great humour to name a few special gifts across the year level.

I close with my prayer for the departing class of 2011 – a group of people I will miss and wish only the very best for.

All that is true,  
All that is worthy of reverence,  
All that is good,  
All that is lovely to look at and beautiful to hear,  
All that has virtue and all that deserves praise:  
Let that be the content of your thinking.

St Paul
Elizabeth Hanney
Deputy Principal

UPDATE FROM OUR LONG STAY EXCHANGE STUDENTS IN JAPAN!!

Two Year 10 students Alyssa Goodman and Sharnie Morris, stayed in Japan after the rest of the group returned from the Japan Trip during the September Holidays. They are participating in a long term exchange at our Japanese sister school. I received the following email message from the girls this week. It certainly seems that they are settling in well to their new lives as Japanese High School students! They will return to school at the end of November, and we look forward to hearing about their many and varied experiences then!

It is so unbelievable that we have been in Japan for over 3 weeks already. The time spent travelling was amazing, mixing old Japanese customs with the modern hustle and bustle of the city. Now in Sapporo with our host families it is even more fun because we have an even bigger extended family. On a recent school sports day, Sharnie was able to participate in a volleyball game helping the girls to a victory! We have been set to work helping with English classes and some days it really makes us wonder if we really understand English at all! Japan is the most fulfilling experience of our lives so far, and we can’t wait to continue with a new adventure tomorrow.

Sharnie and Alyssa
Simone Kugimiya
EXCHANGE CO-ORDINATOR

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Due to School Closure on Monday 31st October (Cup Weekend) the uniform shop will be closed.

It will be open on Wednesday 2nd November from 1pm to 4pm.

Trish Henry - Uniform Shop
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.

Kelley Cooper
REGISTRAR

CYSMA RETREAT

Catholic Schools Youth Ministry Australia is a new approach developed for Religious Education in Catholic schools and is currently in its second year at St Peters. As part of this program thirteen Year 11 students ventured down to Cranbourne East to help the forty one Year 7 students take part in a Retreat. For many of the Year 7 students this was their first Retreat experience, but for the CSYMA class this was their second opportunity to run a Retreat. The Year 11 CSYMA students displayed the Christian Leadership skills which they had developed throughout the year. They successfully lead students through drama, art and prayer/meditation sessions, focusing on the ideas of leadership, new beginnings and stewardship for their new environment. The Cranbourne East students showed a willingness to involve themselves in the event, including presenting their dramas to the rest of the group and even being able to remain quiet for 30 minutes during the meditation. Many of the CSYMA students had worked through their lunch times to ensure the day was a success, and all those in attendance should be proud of their efforts. They showed themselves to be true servant leaders and it was great to see the theory of Christian Leadership and peer to peer spirituality put into practice. Hopefully this event will see a continual relationship between East and West through future CSYMA lead events.

Mr. David Fini
CSYMA TEACHER

ST PETERS WIN SIS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

A team of 115 students travelled to the new Lakeside Athletics Track at Albert Park to compete in the 2011 SIS Division B Athletics Carnival. It was an early start, with students arriving at school at 7.30am. The students were fantastic in their efforts winning pennants in the following age groups: U/15 Females, U/16 Females, U/17 females, Senior Girls and Senior Boys. St Peters were crowned Senior Section champions and more importantly Overall Champions for 2011! A list of students who won their events will appear in the newsletter in the next upcoming newsletter. Well done everyone!

Justin De Goldi
SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR

STAV: SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH
YEAR 7

For the first time at St Peter’s we entered three entries in the STAV, Science Talent Search. The three students assignments entered were judged by their teachers to have work of outstanding scientific knowledge and experimental design. Two students, Brad Irvin 7A and Cooper Lorraine 7I were both awarded Acknowledgement Certificates from STAV. Karena McNeely, 7C, was awarded a Certificate of Merit from STAV. These students are to be congratulated on their outstanding science fair projects.

Mrs Tania Brown
TEACHING AND LEARNING COACH – SCIENCE
The end of a school year can be a time of ambivalent feelings, especially for Year 12 students. They are pleased that their college days are coming to end and at the same time there can be feelings of trepidation and sentiments of ‘how will this all work out’? Those of us who perhaps have been through these kinds of experiences many times know only too well that the only sure way of proceeding is to step out in the trust, confidence, and hope.

We pray a blessing from John O'Donohue Anam Ćara: Spiritual Wisdom from the Celtic World (Bantam Books: London, 1997:p.60) on and over and all around our Yr 12s.

A Friendship Blessing

May you be blessed with good friends.

May you learn to be a good friend to your self.

May you be able to journey to that place in your soul where there is great love, warmth, feeling and forgiveness. May this change you.

May it transfigure that which is negative, distant or cold in you.

May you be brought in to the real passion, kinship and affinity of belonging.

May you treasure your friends. May you be good to them and may you be there for them; may they bring you all the blessings, challenges, truth and light that you need for your journey.

May you never be isolated; but may you always be in the gentle nest of belonging

with your anam Ćara*

*Anam Ćara is an Irish expression for soul friend.

Mary B Murphy
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION LEADER

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.

CASEY YOUNG TRIVIA NIGHT: Are hosting a Trivia night on Saturday 5th November 7pm at St. Francis Xavier College, Beaconsfield. Contact 0407 881 206 for tickets. All money raised will go towards the Assist-a-Student education program.

MACKILLOP YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY (MACYAC) “COME AND SEE”: MacKillop Young Adult Community (MacYAC) is a network of young adults and Sisters of St. Joseph centred 155 Melbourne Avenue, Glenroy. It provides an opportunity for young adults (18-35 year old) to ‘live in’, share life, prayer, reflection, vision and outreach to those in need. MacYAC is offering a “Come and See” Session on Saturday, 29th October at 2pm. Come on Friday night and stay from Friday evening, 28th October to Sunday afternoon 30th October to find out more about the young adult community. For more information contact 9306 8903 or Sr. Rita Malavisi 0419 299 065 or email: macyac@sosj.org.au

Greg Nelson
St Agatha’s Parish Representative