NEW DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOR THE DIOCESE OF SALE

I offer our congratulations to Ms Maria Kirkwood who was appointed to the position of Director of Catholic Education for the Diocese of Sale from the beginning of November in 2012. In announcing her appointment Bishop of Sale, Christopher Prowse acknowledge Ms Kirkwood as a teacher, Religious Education Co-ordinator, Principal of two schools and as Assistant Director of the Catholic Education Office Melbourne, where she has forged an outstanding reputation as a leader in Catholic faith, an educationalist and administrative leader.

I also take this opportunity to acknowledge the fine work of outgoing Director Mr. Peter Ryan who has held the position of Director over the last 5 years. He has worked tirelessly to ensure that the needs of all schools in the Diocese of Sale, both Secondary and Primary were heard at the highest level. As a Director of Catholic Education Commission of Victoria he was part of the team that secured increases in State Government funding for all Catholic Schools thus ensuring a strong platform for our future growth and prosperity.

serve their community. It will be a difficult job to select our College Captains this year as any number of those nominated would make an excellent choice for the role. The College Captains for 2012 will be presented to the College Community on Speech Night at the Frankston Cultural Centre on Wednesday the 30th of November.

VALEDICTORY DINNER

This Friday the Class of 2011 will celebrate their final function as students of St Peter’s College. After six years of secondary schooling the Valedictory Dinner gives us the opportunity to reflect on the positive contributions these students have made over their time here and also to give thanks to the many that have supported them along the way, families, friends, teachers and non-teachers of our College Community. I look forward to this wonderful celebration and remind them that our school motto “Be Not Afraid” speaks to them of God’s presence with them as they strive to be all they can be on the next stage of their journey.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Last week I had the pleasure of listening to those students who nominated for positions of leadership from the class of 2012. It was wonderful to hear of their passion for their school and their generosity in wanting to

Tim Hogan
PRINCIPAL
THANKS FOR FINISHING WELL

I take this opportunity to thank parents and staff for their ongoing partnership in ensuring that our students finish the year well. Our Year 11 & 12 students have completed their exams and have shown great perseverance and determination in bringing their best to this important time. I thank all of their support people for their vital role in sustaining and encouraging them. Year 11 and Year 10 students are now embarking on their Induction classes for 2012, once again calling on them to maintain focus and pursue excellence – to this end, our teachers of VCE and VCAL subjects have challenged senior students and in turn, commented on their application to this program.

Across Years 7 – 10, students are now engaged in the completion of courses of study and assessments and exams. To our parents, thanks for ensuring that your sons and daughters are prepared for this period and determined to see out the year to the best of their ability. This support is vital and very much appreciated. The staff at St. Peter’s recognise the lethargy and impatience for holidays that occurs at this time and very much rely on parents to promote persistence and resilience in their children; so parents, thanks!

Finally, we ask for full and ongoing attendance of students throughout these final weeks. This is an important aspect of teaching students to stay the course. It also ensures quite obviously that students complete all necessary course work.

Elizabeth Hanney
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

CRANBOURNE EAST NEWS

Bus Service
Due to the “lack of” and “difficulty” with public transport servicing Cranbourne East, as of today we have started a bus service directly between Lyall St and the East Campus. This service will pick students up from the Lyall St Bus Stop at 8.20 am in the morning and bring them directly to the campus. In the afternoon the bus will leave from the campus at 3.30pm and take the students directly to Lyall Street Bus Stop.

James Roberts
CRANBOURNE EAST - HEAD OF CAMPUS

LOSS PROPERTY

We have a number of lost property items in the Office including items from the Year 9 Camp and prescription glasses.

If you have lost any items please come and check at the Office.

Thank you
OFFICE STAFF

SPORTS NEWS

JUNIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Junior Girls Basketball team have continued their unbeaten run with a 36-29 victory over Woodleigh last week. The girls remained calm during the last few minutes of the match when the game got tight and this proved to be the winning factor. It was an even team performance with Beth Dodgson, Ebony Hay, Jess Lineham and Nat Daly all top scoring with 8 points each. This was an important win, as we will now play an also undefeated Padua-Rosebud team next week, and the winner of that game will nearly ensure they become SIS Premiers for 2011.

Justin De Goldi
COACH

TERM DATES

TERM 4
Fri 25th Nov Year 11 Finish
Wed 30th Nov Year 2012 Orientation
Fri 2nd Dec Year 7 Student Free Day
Wed 7th Dec Year 10 Finish
Thur 8th Dec Year 7-9 Finish

TERM 1 2012
Fri 3rd Feb Year 7 & 12 Commence
Mon 6th Feb Year 8-11 Commence

YEAR 7 – 2012
UNIFORM SELLING DAYS
Surnames beginning A-K
Mon 28th Nov, 9am – 5pm
Wed 30th Nov 9am – 5pm
Surnames beginning L-Z
Tues 29th Nov 10am – 6pm
Thu 1st Dec 10am – 6pm

Please contact the Office Staff on 5990 7777
IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP !!

Trish Henry
Uniform Shop Coordinator

WE HAVE A NUMBER OF LOST PROPERTY ITEMS...
**SIS INTERMEDIATE GIRLS SOFTBALL**

Last Friday’s hot conditions did not prevent the Intermediate Girls softball team from demonstrating a commanding performance against their opposition. Despite the loss of key players due to injury, they continued their fine form with dominant performances in the field by Chantelle Phillips, Breannon Sutton, Jessica Cottrell and Jasmine Jakupi. Paris Magius excelled in the batting to contribute to the high score and newcomers Jasmine Carroll and Alison Moran slotted in well to the team. Well done to all the girls on a fine result. The final score line saw St Peters College defeat Beaconhills 25-1.

Cathy Heijden
COACH

**SIS JUNIOR GIRLS SOCCER**

The Junior Girls soccer team played Woodleigh at home last Thursday. In the hot conditions the girls worked hard to score the first goal of the match within minutes of the kick off. However, the opposition responded quickly and at half time the St Peters College girls trailed by a goal. Despite some great running by Lauren Stewart and Sarah Hayes in the midfield, and the skill of Natasha Dakic on the wing, the girls went down to Woodleigh with the final score line of 3-2.

Goals : Natasha Dakic 2
Best Players: Natasha Dakic, Lauren Stewart, Tahlia Stevens, Caitlyn Van Soest, Bree Wood

Cathy Heijden
COACH

**SIS JUNIOR BOYS SOCCER VS MARANATHA (AWAY)**

The boys lined up in hot, balmy conditions against an unbeaten Maranatha side with jovial defender Pask predicting he would “score from the half way line”. As it turned out, he never actually crossed the half way line as we were forced to defend for much of the match. The opposition number 8 was the best player the boys had encountered so far and despite Schruers doing an admirable job in the unenviable man-marking role in the 2nd half, he still bagged a brace to condemn us to a 3-0 defeat. Our only meaningful strike on goal was a long, speculative Rohan effort that was tipped on to the bar by their keeper. With 2 games left it’s time to adopt the Keegan mantra from the 95/6 season and go on the all out attack. To quote King Kev “I will love it if we beat them. LOVE IT!”. Howay the lads!

Mr Broadley
COACH

**SANTA’S SLEIGH AND HIS FAVOURITE REINDEER – AT ST.PETERS**

Every year funds from the College Chaplaincy fund support the direct and immediate needs of the students and families of St. Peter’s College. These needs may be as simple as the provision of a meal or replacement uniform item, or involve more substantial support as is often needed in the weeks over Christmas and New Year. To directly support those in need in our immediate community we invite those who are able to assist, to purchase a raffle ticket or a number of tickets, to be in the draw to win a Christmas Centerpiece of a hand-made ‘Gingerbread Sleigh with Reindeer.’ This has been crafted by one of our Food Technology Staff to support this most important need and is on display (with full ingredients listing) at the College Office. Raffle tickets are 50cents each or three for $1 from the College office.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

Last Sunday, the Feast of Christ the King, marks the end of the Church’s year. Next week is the first week of the season of Advent, if you like, it is New Year’s Day in the life of the Church. The Gospel of the Sunday was the account in Matthew’s Gospel of the Last Judgement, the end of time. I dare say some students may feel that this dovetails beautifully with the exam season! We have had our final whole school mass, our students are preparing for final year level liturgies, so they will leave here on a prayerful note.

The season of Advent is a beautiful time in the liturgy of the Church. It is marked by prayerful anticipation, watching and waiting for the coming of the Light of The World, The Word Made Flesh. This season lends itself wonderfully to prayer and reflection in the home as it not only anticipates Christmas but it also encourages us to give time to reflecting on the year that is passing.
Something that is worth reflecting on is a recent article in Catholic Life by Peter Ryan, Director of Catholic Education. Peter was talking about how the goal posts have shifted for those engaged in Catholic Education. One of the elements of this shift is, as Peter said, in some or even many cases we are dealing with students for whom the seed of faith has not been planted at home or nurtured at home. This of course makes the teaching of faith a difficult task because faith is not a lived experience in their personal life.

It is often the case that people don’t know where to start, family prayer seems so strange and they don’t feel game to try. Prayer in the home will only be strange if it is not something that all can relate to. Keep it simple, speak to God in ordinary words about things to do with the family. Jobs, illnesses, birthdays, exams or whatever is happening in the family. At this time of year especially it is good to light a candle that everyone can gather around, maybe an Advent wreath? Prayer is not complicated, it does not need big words or big books but it does allow us time to be still, to bring to mind a spiritual sense of the season. It is a wonderful way of bringing our beliefs into daily life, a bit of seed planting or nurturing.

Deacon Tony Aspinall
COLLEGE CHAPLAIN

Advent Prayer

Jesus, coming Saviour, as we anticipate the celebration of your birth, remind us that you are already present in all the events and relationships that constitute our lives. Give us discerning hearts that we may find you wherever and whenever you come to meet us. We ask this in hope. Amen

ST. AGATHA’S NEWS

HOW TO RECEIVE MORE THAN YOU COULD WISH FOR: Come and experience the healing touch of God through the Spirit filled ministry of lay missionaries Phillip & Margaret Maloney as they present a program that will enrich your life. Similar to a ‘Life in the Spirit Seminar, at St. Agatha’s Hall on Saturday 26th after 9.30am Mass & Sunday 27th November after 9am Mass till 4.30pm in the hall. Bring own lunch or a plate to share. See brochure in foyer for details or contact Peter 0419 328 211.

ST.VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL- S.V.D.P every Christmas provides toys to needy children that would normally go without. We will be collecting presents up until 17/18 December. If you would like to donate a present please bring it along wrapped marked with the age of the child and if it’s for a boy or girl and place it in the baskets on the sanctuary or school office.

YEAR OF GRACE 2012-2013: This weekend Archbishop Philip Wilson, President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, has written to announce the forthcoming Year of Grace – Starting Afresh from Christ. “We invite you to join us in the journey of prayer”. Please take a copy of the letter (details), or visit www.yearofgrace.catholic.org.au.

POWER 4 LIFE - PHILLIP & MARGARET MALONEY are lay missionaries who bring a rich message of Love and Hope and Renewed faith to us. They will minister at St. Agatha’s Hall on Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th November.

CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE: Christmas Eve: 6.30pm – Family Mass (Children are invited to come dressed as Angels, Shepherds etc); 9.00pm Mass & Midnight Mass (carols beginning at 11.30om). Christmas Day: 9.00am & 10.45am Mass (No evening Mass on Christmas Day)

PARISH CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION- Tuesday 20th December at 7:30pm

GOD IS WITH US – AN ADVENT MINI RETREAT: Young adults and teenagers are invited to spend a day in reflection, prayer and joyful preparation this Advent season. “God is with us” is an opportunity for young people to take some time out together. The mini-retreat, on Sunday 4th December, will begin with Mass at St. Agatha’s at 10.45am, followed with a picnic lunch in the hall and concluding at 3pm. Participants are asked to bring a plate to share. RSVP to Jess at jessd@sale.catholic.org.au.

Greg Nelson
St Agatha’s Parish Representative