It is with great pleasure that I announce and congratulate our student leaders for 2012.

**College Captains** Tyson Tifere and Skye Brennan

**Social Justice Captain:** Kevin Noble

**Liturgy Captain:** Amanda Hajj

**Arts Captain:** Jessica Watt

**Environment Captain:** Danielle Xerri

Through the interview process last week I learned of their passion and dedication for the task ahead and I have great confidence that they will continue to build on the wonderful legacy of student leadership that has been established by the many fine student leaders who have gone before them.

Under the new House System 16 House Captains will be elected early next year and together with the Captains named above will form the Student Representative Council (SRC) charged with the responsibility of representing the other 1000 students over the two campuses.

I also wish to thank the many students who nominated for leadership positions but who were ultimately unsuccessful. One of the ways I measure the success of our student leadership program and the connection of our students to this school is by the number who are prepared to serve in a leadership role. In all 32 students from year 11 nominated for leadership positions and I thank them all for their willingness to serve.

**VALEDICTORIAN MEDAL**

The Valedictorian Medal is awarded at the Valedictory Dinner each year in acknowledgment of a staff member’s outstanding contribution to the St. Peter’s College Community. This year the medal is awarded in acknowledgement of excellence in teaching. Research is very clear on the impact that teachers have on student learning where teachers use their expert knowledge to provide experiences that inspire and facilitate student learning. The most important work we do happens on a daily basis in our classrooms and it requires great skill, enthusiasm and passion to develop in students a love of learning and persistence to learn.

The Victorian Institute of Teaching identifies the values that underpin the Teaching profession as Integrity, Respect and Responsibility. I congratulate this year’s Valedictorian Ms Jessica Chakman on the way she incorporates these values into her teaching and that her work each day makes a difference to student learning.
FININGS AWARD RECIPIENTS:
St. Peter’s College is lucky to have the support of Finning- First National Real Estate in Cranbourne, who sponsor an annual Endeavour Award given to one student from each of Years 7 to 11. The award is in the form of a $200 Bursary for each student nominated by their Year Level Coordinator. The essential criteria for the awards are academic effort and general overall attitude. This year, the award recipients (listed below) will be recognised at the final Year Level Assembly for their particular Year Level.

For 2011, the recipients are:
Year 7: Melissa Vezelici
Year 8: Charlotte Lampard
Year 9: Melanie Richards
Year 10: Jessica Hawkins
Year 11: Beth Gleeson

I would like to congratulate the award recipients and extend a challenge to them to use this as a launching pad for pursuing excellence next year. I would also like to extend our appreciation to John Tucker, Managing Director of Finning- First National Real Estate for their ongoing support.

YEAR 11 – FINAL ASSEMBLY AND LITURGY
The Year 11s (Year 12s in 2012) concluded their two week induction period with a Final Assembly and Liturgy on Friday, 25th of November. At the Assembly, final awards for Semester Two were give out by the Home Room Teachers and the students celebrated their individual and collective achievements. Thank you to Ms Goss (Year 11 Coordinator) and the Year 11 Homeroom teachers for their work with our Year 11s throughout the year. These students now become the leaders of the College.

We wish them a safe, restful Christmas Holiday period and look forward to them hitting the ground running next year as far as their Year 12 studies are concerned.

TERM DATES

YEAR 7 STUDENT FREE DAY
A reminder to all Year 7 students and parents that this Friday 2 December is a STUDENT FREE DAY – for Year 7 students only! This is due to the Orientation day for all 2012 Year 7 students. On this day, Grade 6 students will spend time with Year 7 staff, taking part in typical Year 7 classes and gaining a feel for life at St Peter’s. They will utilise the current Year 7 classrooms, necessitating this arrangement for our current Year 7s. We thank parents for their understanding in this regard.

Anthony Banks
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

GRADE 5- ST AGATHA’S AND ST THERESE’S ORIENTATION AFTERNOON
On Monday, 28th of November, grade 5 students from St Agatha’s and St Therese’s spent an afternoon at both the Cranbourne East and Cranbourne West Campuses to experience a little taste of what life as a secondary student is like. The students went to a number of “mini classes”, including information technology, art, design technology and science. At lunchtime, the students watched a three-part dance routine, performed by members of the St Peters Performing Arts Faculty. It was a pleasure to have the grade five students at the College who will hopefully become Year 7 students of St Peter’s College in 2013.

YEAR 11-2012 INDUCTION
This week, the Year 10 students are undertaking an induction phase into Year 11. Essentially, the students in the VCE and VCAL programs will start their classes for 2012. This started on Monday (28th) of November with an assembly, where a number of staff explained the expectations and procedures of the Year 11 program.

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Elizabeth Hanney
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
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 50 cents each or three for $1 from the College office.

SPORTS NEWS

SIS GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The Junior Girls Volleyball Team played their last game of the season against Saint John Paul College and beat them four games to one. The team has progressed significantly since the start of the season where we had only one team member who had played competition volleyball before. Jade Girvan our captain led the team well and was one of our strongest servers all season. She was ably supported in serving by Lauren Theodore, Molly Vogel, Stacey Corrigan and Iesha Clarke. Improvers over the season were Tegan Crowley, Rhiannon Ryan, Stephanie Clarke and Sioned Gorman. The success of the team was playing the game for fun and making a real effort to learn the game in their first season. Well done girls!

Roger Hampson COACH

SIS JUNIOR BOYS SOCCER VS ST. LEONARDS

The boys kicked off against St Leonards with an attacking formation, clear instructions to get the ball wide and be fully focussed from the word go. A minute into the game, we found ourselves 1-0 down !!! Having been awakened by this the boys sprung to life and dominated the rest of the half – Lange tapping in to equalise from a Noble centre. The game should have been in the bag at the interval with numerous chances being squandered ...... Albera managing somehow to miss a one on one with the keeper from the edge of the 5 yard box ! The second half proved to be the worst effort of the whole campaign with 2 individual errors leading to goals, resulting in a 3-1 defeat. This was by far the most disappointing game thus far as we clearly should have won. While Cetoupi and Schreurs could hold their heads high after their performances, some players must look to the final game at home next week to finish on a positive note. Chairman De Goldi has labelled this fixture as a "must win game”, so the pressure is on !

Mr Broadley COACH

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Our reflections today are about ADVENT and preparing for Christmas. The following reflection from Sacred Space www.sacredspace.ie caught my attention.

Seeking the joy of Christmas

Psychiatrists say they are at their busiest in the weeks coming up to Christmas. The feast stirs up anxieties linked to memories of childhood, and relationships within the family. It pushes us to difficult decisions about sending invitations or cards or gifts. No wonder people talk about “getting over Christmas.” But our real friends do not judge us by those decisions. They like us to be calm and contented in ourselves, with a clean emotional palate so that we can enter into and taste other people’s joys. (page VI)

One idea which caught my attention in this short reflection is ‘Yes, we do have our own baggage’. Perhaps Christmas reminds us of relationship fractures we have had to undergo in our past, things which possibly can still inhibit our freedom to be who we want to be. However I believe that Advent is the Church’s way of powerfully reminding us that we do not have to bear our burdens alone, we do not need to be crushed by others expectations but we do need to turn our attention to others, to God, instead of dwelling introspectively which saps our energy and life.

During these weeks in the RE classrooms we have these young people entering into the Advent spirit by making Christmas decorations; preparing Advent calendars and Christmas cards; and overall endeavouring to promote the true spirit of Christmas. In order to do this we must take time to create calm peaceful moments of waiting with hopeful loving hearts.

Provident God, the surest, strongest foundation we can find is in you. May we prioritize our lives according to our faith, trusting in you no matter what storms come our way. You are the rock of our lives, and our hope is in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Page 369 Daily Prayer 2011)

Mary B Murphy

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION LEADER
ST. AGATHA’S NEWS

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.

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 11.30pm). 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

Christmas Cards 2011

The third annual St Peter’s Christmas card drive has begun! Students at the College have once again designed delightful artwork for our School Christmas cards. This initiative is the start of an annual tradition that we hope will continue well into the future. Furthermore, it recognises the talent of our wonderful students who have designed the images. It will also provide funds for the school for small projects.

Ashley Abeyratne 7D  Breanna Wood 7E  Caitlyn Van Soest 8A  Fotini Tamvakis 9E  Jaiden Vanderlaan 8E
Jayden Sullivan 8F  Latisha Dalton 7B  Letisha Adams 10C  Natasha Xerri 7C  Victoria Hitchcock 7E

One pack of 10 cards has been sent home with each family. Families are asked to return the $5 per pack to the school office as soon as possible.

Additional packs at $5 (for 10 cards) are available from the College Office.

Many thanks
St Peter’s College Parents and Friends Association