In this, the final newsletter of the year I wish to thank all the families who move on from the St. Peter’s College Community at the end of 2011. For many it will be the end of a long association with the College and I am very grateful for your support through both good and bad times that inevitably occur over the six years. I pray for the future success of our leaving students and look forward to hearing of their achievements in the years ahead.

I would also like to thank the members of our staff, teachers and non-teachers who continue to inspire me with their creativity, teamwork and desire to develop and improve their daily work in the best interests of our students. Our vision for a school community based on faith, education and service is something that we aspire to but I also wish to acknowledge its living reality in the great work that has been achieved this year in 2011.

**Year 7, 2012 Orientation Day**
Last Friday a very successful orientation day was staged for the 2012, Year 7 students at both the Cranbourne East and West campuses. In all 220 students attended the day and I thank Mr. O’Hara, Mr. Roberts, the House Leaders and other teaching staff who provided a comprehensive program to prepare the students for life at St. Peter’s in 2012.

**House Tug of War**
The first transition activity into the House system for 2012 took place with a light hearted tug of war on Monday afternoon. Students represented their House for the first time and thus began the process of building a connection to House which will grow in meaning, support and affection for these students next year and the years to come. As I said to our Year 7, 2012 students on Friday, the House Leaders will become the most important people in this school for them as they accompany them on their journey from Year 7 to 12.

**Speech Night.**
Congratulations to all students who were acknowledged with awards or performed at speech night last Wednesday night. The night was a great celebration of the excellence that students have achieved in all facets of College life over the course of the year. Whether it be the arts, sport, academic or cultural activities students were acknowledged for their pursuit of excellence and are to be congratulated for their dedication to being the best they can be. I also congratulate the winners of the Principal’s Prize for Art - Paige Bailey and the Peter Young Prize for Technology - Tyler Monaghan both of which were announced on the night. My thanks to all the staff that assisted with the preparation of the evening, in particular Mrs. April Hampson, Production Co-ordinator Mr. Frank Carter, Arts Coach Ms. Vivienne Hayes and Deputy Principal Mrs. Elizabeth Hanney.

**The Rock**
Our students received the “Rock” magazine this week and I wish to congratulate Mr. David Stretch and his team of students on their outstanding work this year. I receive many school magazines at this time of year and our Rock compares most favourably in the way it captures through word and pictures the essence of our school vision coming to life on a daily basis. Well done to all involved.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members of our community a safe, happy and Holy Christmas and look forward to our students’ safe return in 2012.

Mr. Tim Hogan
PRINCIPAL

**UNIFORM SHOP 2012**
Open Tues 31st Jan & Wed 1st February 2012
10am - 4pm.
Speech Night 2011 Award Recipients

**Academic Excellence** • Avi Tess Araneta-Puyat, Stephanie Duane, Lalitha Dalton, Bethany Doddson, Victoria Hitchcock, Alexander Iswahyudi, Georgia Knight, Shelby Saari, Lauren Stewart, Hayley Sturzaker, Rachel Williams, Troy Briones, Bradley Irvin, Conor Lange, Joseph Aranikathalith, Jake Shrimpton, Cristian Hernandez, Natasha Rahilly, Mikaela Tai, Devon Kaluarachchi, Olwyn McKenna, Natha Martens, Georgia Campbell, Mitchell Halstead, Abhimanyujeet Singh, Michael Curmi, Catherine Tharle, Grace Carboon, Fiona Ayna, Jenna Edwards, Schirrelle Gomes, Daniel Letelier, Kaya Saliba, Kyan Strachan, Ashley Smamy, Annette Depasquale, Brendan Dobie, Shannon Gomes, Madeleine Keirnan, Jayde Kelly, Matt Schwieger, Audrey Lon Ho Kee, Ryan Pola, Tameeka Robinson, Isabella Williams, Daniel Martens, Stephanie Metz, Vanessa Curcio, Elise Gale, Benjamin Ashkenazi Amanda Hajj, Divya Benny, Katherine Li, Tyson Tifere, Jessica Hall, Amelia Brown & Trista Tabuena,

**School Spirit** • Lauren Stewart, Natasha Dakic, Madeline O'Brien, Breana Wood, Lachlan Buckken, Will Veenman, Mikayla Hardy, Mikaela Tai, Stephanie Li, Hannah Kyberd, Nathan Martens, Devon Kaluarachchi, Olwyn McKenna, Jasmine Carroll, Jenna Edwards, Gracia Lokeni, Derek Ramnuth, Matt Schwieger, Breannon Sutton, Kaitlyn Wakartschuk, Skye Brennen, Benjamin Ashkenazi, Rhiannon Kyberd, Jessica Hall, Scott Jeffery, Bronwyn Mchunes, Mandy Magias, Alisha Mascurine, Christopher Brooking & Brant Paul

**St. Peter's Award** • Bryce Doyle, Jason Lisowyk, Mehak Gupta, Jordan Dempster, Quincy Canceran, Alexander Jones, Tom Van Hooydonk, Aimee Falzon, Bradley Jubb, Kane Spring, Scott Jeffery, Vincent Cameron, Kate Hunter, Tyler Monaghan, Luke Lynch & Emily Oostveen,

**Sporting Awards** • Mitchell Green, Benjamin Ashkenazi, Brett Heskins, Xavier Pauli, Jessica Hall, Daniel Methakul, Austin Faamausili, Tahlia Stevens, Daniel Rohan, Jasmine Carroll, Claire Rankin, Jimi Johnson, Matthew Shaw, Samuel Russo, Skye Brennan & Jordan Stewart.

**Terry Feely Award for Poetic Creativity** • Luke Lynch, Encouragement Award for Poetic Creativity • Malika Lobo, **Terry Feely Award for Prose** • Jessica Hall, **Community Service Award** • Matt Schwieger, **Debating Award** • Mikaela Tai, **Principal's Prize for Art** • Paige Bailey, **Keith Burns Award for Achievement** • Jessica Hall, **Graduates Award** • Pamela Barhoun, **Student Representative Council Award** • Alisha Mascurine, **Peter Young Award for Technology** • Tyler Monaghan, **CEO Living Witness Award** • Brittany Hay


**Student Uniform Expectations-2012**

I would like to remind students of a few matters regarding uniform for when they return for the start of the new school year in 2012:

- **Piercings:** The only piercings allowed are one plain gold or silver stud or sleeper in each ear lobe. No other visible piercings are permitted, including clear/plastic piercings. Often, students come back to the start of the new school year with fresh piercings, requesting that they remain until it has healed sufficiently enough so that the hole will not close over. This is not an excuse to have the piercing in once the student returns to school. Any extra piercings seen by teachers will be requested to be removed and confiscated and given to the student’s House Leader, for a return at the end of term. If this request is not met, the College Zero Tolerance Policy will apply and students will not be permitted to be at school until the extra piercing is removed.

- **Sports/PE Uniform:** Two matters for attention with regards to the PE/Sports Uniform are: students must wear white socks with the uniform and shoes must be appropriate sporting footwear. Again, if students are not responding to these uniform requirements, they can expect to have the Zero Tolerance Policy of the College applied to them.

**A thank you and well wishes for the Holiday Period:**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all students and parents who have supported the College Ethos this year. I would like to think that the relationship between home and the College will continue to grow and be one of mutual respect, cooperation and open communication.

Finally, I would like to wish all families a safe and happy Christmas Holiday and look forward to working with you in 2012.

Thank You- Mr. Anthony Banks
Deputy Principal, Students

**YEAR 11 STUDENTS AND PARENTS 2012**

Last week, a letter was sent home outlining the details of the Yr 11 Formal 2012. This is a celebration of the students beginning their senior studies at the college with their peers, parents and teachers.

The Formal will take place on Saturday 18th February 2012. Please note: ticket orders and payments must be made by Monday 6th February (first day back for Yr 11 students).

Payments can be made at the front office before the end of this year or during the holidays from 16th January. I look forward to seeing you at this wonderful evening in the new year!

Ms Gina Goss
YEAR 11 COORDINATOR
### Australian Maths Competition

In August approximately 30 students participated in the Australian Mathematics Competition. Students were challenged to solve a variety of text related problems, to simplify algebraic expressions and to determine measures of angles and complex shapes.

Devon Kaluarachchi in Yr 8 received a prize being in the top 0.3% of all participants. This is the highest award a St. Peter’s College student has achieved. Devon is in an elite percentile. Distinctions (top 15%) were awarded to Nathan Dodgson, Jake Shrimpton and Bradley Irvin. Certificates have been issued to recognise all student achievements.

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Mr. Paul Gyualavary  
Teaching & Learning Coach - Mathematics

### FROM THE HEAD OF EAST CAMPUS

This year has been an incredibly eventful year and as it comes to an end, it has been capped off by probably the busiest term of all. To consider where we were at the start of the term to where we are now and what we have achieved is immensely satisfying. Both students and staff have done an enormous amount of work and should be very proud of their achievements.

During the term a number of significant events were held. The Year 7 Parents’ Morning Tea and tour was the first with nearly all families represented. Our Open Day for prospective students was also fantastic with numbers attending exceeding expectations, with feedback on the facilities and student work glowing. The 2012 Year 7 Orientation Day saw 46 eager students attend and all were very excited as for what next year will have in store for them. We also hosted a number of meetings and events which included the P&F Meeting for Term 4, Catholic Education network meetings, Year 5 Orientation and a St Agatha’s Parish Mass.

Landscaping for Stage One is drawing to a close and will be completed and ready for day one in 2012. We are also just about to complete the design and planning for Stage Two and hope to tender early next year and commence building in late February or early March. The design and planning of this next stage has taken a long time but has been very rewarding to be involved in. We are proud of our efforts so far and are confident that the end result will exceed expectations.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank all families for their support over the last year and look forward to their continued support in 2012. I wish you all a Happy and Holy Christmas and hope you have an enjoyable and thoroughly deserved holiday.

Mr. James Roberts  
Head of Campus – Cranbourne East

### FIRST PARISH MASS AT ST. PETER’S EAST CAMPUS

Thursday the 24th of November was another day to be remembered in the History of St Peter’s East Campus. Our College community was pleased and honoured to welcome the Parish Priest of St Agatha’s Parish and our Canonical Administrator Father Denis O’Bryan as well as the two other Parish Priests, Father Darek and Father Joseph. Deacon Tony, our College Chaplain, joined the team for our first Eucharistic Celebration at the East Campus.

Among the people attending the Mass were our Principal, Mr Tim Hogan, the Head of Campus, Mr James Roberts, the Deputy Principal (Staff), Mrs Elizabeth Hanney, parents, Sisters, St Agatha’s Parishioners and some of our dear students and members of staff.

It was a memorable moment to celebrate the Holy Presence of our Saviour Jesus Christ in the midst of our school. Such events contribute to a large extent to enhance the Catholic Identity of the school.

Looking forward to our next celebration at the East campus.  
Mr. Jean-Paul Antoine

### GRADE 5 ORIENTATION- ST. AGATHA’S AND ST. THERESE’S PRIMARY SCHOOLS

St. Peter’s College Cranbourne East Campus was delighted to welcome the Grade 5 students from St Agatha’s and St Therese’s Primary schools. They had the opportunity to see our brand new Science Labs. While one group of students was having a Bull’s eye dissection demonstrated by Mr Fisher in one Lab, the other group had the opportunity to watch some of the experiments carried out this year and which were demonstrated by a few of our students themselves, namely Lachlan Buckanen (Station 1-Microscope), Amer and Shantelle (Station 2-Space), Prateeksha, Taisia and Lewis (Station3-Making Slime) and Mikayla and Aaron (Station 4- Electrical Circuits and electromagnets). Our students did amazingly well and we are very proud of the way they entertained the Grade 5 students from both schools, who surely enjoyed their orientation, although a bit short. I extend my thanks to Mr Fischer, Mr Dee and Mrs Rogers for their kind collaboration to make of our first Grade 5 Science Orientation Day at St Peter’s East Campus a success.

Mr. Jean-Paul Antoine

### SCIENCE TEACHER- EAST CAMPUS

ST PETER’S COLLEGE CRANBOURNE EAST CAMPUS  
ENVIRONMENT CLUB

All students of Cranbourne East Campus were invited to participate in a competition to design our logo for the Cranbourne East Campus Environment Club. This was done in collaboration with Mr. Sharpe in the Media classes. We had 13 logos submitted (all very creative) and both students and staff voted for their best three logos. We ended up with only one vote separating the first from the second place and I am delighted by the response and the quality of the logos we had for this competition. Finally, I am pleased to announce and congratulate the winner of the logo competition for our Environment club, Lydia Gillard (7H). The 2nd and 3rd places were to awarded to Lewis Johnson (7H) and Quincy Canceran (7H) respectively. Congratulations to all the participants and they all deserve a prize for their creative logo designs.

Mr. Jean-Paul Antoine  
ENVIRONMENT CLUB – COORDINATOR
SIS Junior Boys Soccer vs Woodleigh (at home) - With Chairman DeGoldi casting his eye over proceedings, the squad was depleted by 3 late withdrawals. This proved not to be as desperate a situation as the opposition who turned up with only 10 players .... surely we could not lose this one! After being the better team in the first half, we went in 1-1 (Noble bagging the goal) ... our ‘best’ moment surely was the slick execution of the short corner straight from the training ground. In the second half the Chairman turned to me and in true ‘Turnip’ Taylor fashion stated “Do I not like that!”, as Rohan took a wild swing and connected with fresh air to gift another goal to the opposition. A third followed before Stone’s point blank miss left me asking “Can we not knock it?” (more of the ‘Turnip’s’ best work). Ref Parton finally blew for full time after yet more chances went astray, condemning us to a win-less campaign. The boys are encouraged to play as much Soccer as possible, so that the skill levels can improve to match their effort levels for next year.

Mr Bradley
COACH

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

As our students finish at the end of the week we are almost in to the third week of Advent. The Gospel for the third Sunday is from John and it speaks beautifully about the coming into the world of the Word made flesh. Jesus is described as “The light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it” (Jn 1:1-5) When we light the third candle of the Advent wreath, that sense of the growing light is evident.

This Gospel also introduces what is called “The Testimony of John the Baptist” who proclaims that he is not the Messiah but rather “....the voice of one crying in the wilderness, make straight the way of the Lord”. The figure of John the Baptist is striking and confronting. He is filled with the Spirit of God and is truly a Herald of the Incarnation.

Despite the relative sophistication of young people today, sometimes we forget how impressionable they are. I think also we forget how big an impression parents can be on their children, particularly in matters of faith. We are all called to be heralds of the Gospel in our words and actions. At this time of year we see plenty of people who make themselves available to be “Santa” whether at work or a club or whatever. This is a good thing and is now equal opportunity and we can find lady Santas’ (with FALSE beards!)

A question that is worth asking is, how would we feel being John the Baptist in the home or in the community? Not only does the world need to hear the proclamation of the Baptist “Make straight the way of the Lord” but we need to hear this in our homes. it is essential for us to have a clear understanding of what the incarnation means for humankind. We are always ready to join in what is called “The spirit of Christmas” but we are not always ready to ask what are we really celebrating?

Do we follow the Advent journey with prayer and a special effort to get to mass? Do we have an Advent wreath at home as a prayer focus?, or some Advent CDs to play instead of the telly. There is a lot we can do at this time to be heralds of the coming of the light and to spread the message that the darkness can never overcome the light.

On behalf of Mary Murphy, Greg Nelson and myself I wish everyone a happy and holy Christmas, safe holidays and a great New Year!

Deacon Tony Aspinall
College Chaplain

Advent Prayer

Word Made Flesh, I can use my tongue to build up or tear down. Give me the gift of your wisdom so that I might choose my words wisely and know when it is best to hold my tongue. May my words encourage, inspire, and heal, rather than wound. May I always be a bringer of light, justice and peace.

We ask this through Jesus the Word Made Flesh.

Amen

ST. AGATHA’S NEWS

CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE: Christmas Eve: 6.30pm – Family Mass (Children are invited to come dressed as Angels, Shepherds etc); 9pm Mass & Midnight Mass (carols beginning at 11.30pm). Christmas Day: 9am & 10.45am Mass (No evening Mass on Christmas Day)
PARISH CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION- Tuesday 20th December at 7:30pm

Mr. Greg Nelson
St Agatha’s Parish Representative