Fitting Tribute

The funeral held last Thursday for Foundation Principal Mr Terry Feely was a fitting tribute to a man who had given so much to our school and Catholic Education. St. Peter’s was well represented with a large number of current and former staff members, ex-students and student representatives from Year 7 & 12 present to pay tribute to and celebrate his life. I thank you for the many messages of support and sympathy we have received over the last week, they have been greatly appreciated.

Solomon Islands

At the school assembly last week our school community was introduced to the 5 Year 12 students who will go to Bishop Epalle Catholic School in the Solomon Islands in late November of this year. Sarah O’Brien, Jake Spring, Bronwyn McInnes, Mitchell Fly and Adam Villante will join staff member Mrs Shannon Maher in a 10 day visit which will have an educational and cultural focus. Fundraising for the Bishop Epalle Community will take place over the next few terms but I am sure we will gain far more from this relationship than we expect to give.

World Youth Day

Rodney Pasura and Braeden Johnson from Year 11 will attend World Youth Day in Madrid this year along with staff member Ms Nastaha Le Noel. The students have already started their fundraising to assist their passage with a car wash held late last term. They will join an expected 2 million other young Catholics who will converge on Madrid in August for a weeklong celebration of their Catholic Faith. Look out for further fundraising initiatives in this newsletter in the coming weeks.

Congratulations

I bring to your attention two significant achievements by past and current members of our St. Peter’s College Community. Firstly I congratulate Luke Parker on his debut game for the Sydney Swans which took place on Saturday Night. We know it will be the first of many for Luke and we are very proud of the way he has worked to gain that achievement. He is a fine young man and a credit to himself, his family and our school.

I also congratulate Ms Tracy Lockley and the students who were involved in the book in a day program featured in this newsletter just recently. They have received the exciting news that the short story titled “Vision” which was the product of their writing day will now be published by the Victorian Association for Gifted and Talented Children (VAGTC) in the next issue of their magazine Vision.

Mr Tim Hogan
PRINCIPAL
**Homework and Study**

It is hard to believe that at the end of this week, we will be halfway through Term 2, with end of semester testing and exams commencing next week. By this point in the academic year a regular routine of homework and study should be established. It is a timely reminder though, that it is never too late to start studying for a test. For study to be effective, it needs to be active and done as part of a regular routine. The setting of realistic, achievable goals, is another important aspect of a good study plan.

As we come to the end of the semester, many assignments will finish to allow teachers to put assessments into the End of Semester Reports. In many cases the ‘completion’ of assignments will need to occur outside of the classroom. By planning and completing regular homework, the stress and work load of assignments is greatly reduced.

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**Mr James Roberts**  
**Head of Campus – Cranbourne East**

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**Years 9 & 10 Mid-Year Examinations**

Students in Years 9 and 10 will sit examinations in all subjects during the period Monday 30 May to Tuesday 7 June. The English and Mathematics examinations will be held in the Hall during the first two days of this exam period, as will the Year 10 Religious Education examination. All other exams will be held in classrooms. Students will be issued with a detailed examination timetable and a list of the examination rules. It is each student’s responsibility to ensure that they know when their examinations are being held. Students should already have begun revising in preparation for their examinations.

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**Ms Debra Preston**  
**Middle Years Curriculum Leader**

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**VET Update**

- During Year 10 Work Experience, students are still expected to attend their VET classes. It is the responsibility of Year 10 students to notify their employer(s) prior to the start of 14-24 June, they will be attending their VET course on the regular days and hence may not be attending their place of work.

- Students and parents are reminded that student absence from VET courses needs to be followed up by firstly contacting the TAFE or institution where they are completing their VET studies AND St. Peter’s College. A follow up note/medical certificate needs to be presented to the College so the student absence can be documented. Students who absent themselves from their VET course and are present at St Peter’s College will be withdrawn from VET classes and their VET enrolment may be terminated.

- We are keen to create a VETiS page with student photos participating in their VET courses in ‘The Rock’ this year. If student’s want to contribute a photo of themselves at their VET course, please forward a photo (preferably an electronic version) to Mr Sinclair at the College.

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**Mr Mark Sinclair**  
**Vocational Pathways Coordinator**

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**Annual St. Peters Science Fair**  
**Thursday 26th May 2011**

The Annual St. Peter’s College Year 7 Science Fair will be taking place this Thursday in the College Hall from 3.20pm till 4.30pm. Parents and Guardians are most welcome to come along and view their child’s work afterschool.

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**Mrs Tania Brown**  
**Teaching and Learning Coach - Science**
VICTORIAN COLLEGE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

On Tuesday 17th May the Intermediate Boys Basketball team competed in the Victorian College Championships at Dandenong Basketball Stadium. This is a full day of basketball, with the day consisting of qualifying games and finals if the school qualifies. The games are shortened so there was no time to make slow starts, otherwise it would be too hard to catch up.

The boys got off to a great start by winning their first game against Dandenong High, despite a nasty injury to Matt Allen who required 7 stitches. In the 2nd game against Oxley the boys found out how a slight lapse in intensity can determine the result and they went down to Oxley by 10 points. This was the wake-up call the boys needed though, and they stepped up their game, especially on the defensive end (Mitchell Zuijdijk coming up with some big blocks) and went on to win the remaining 3 qualifying games. This qualified them for a Semi Final showdown with fellow SIS school Flinders.

The game was tight throughout with the lead changing several times. The boys remained calm though in the last minute to hang on to win by 1 point, and make the grand final.

The grand final was played against Williamstown and the team got off to a flyer, leading 10-2, with Adam Rankin making some good drives and scores. Despite keeping their intensity up, Williamstown were able to fight back and level the scores. The game went into the nerve racking overtime. With a big crowd watching on, the boys kept their nerve and hit some crucial shots, led by the shortest player on the court Brad Pavey. The boys won by 2 points and were Premiers!

It was a fantastic result for the college, and I was very proud of the way the boys conducted themselves throughout the day. This win means the team is through to the State Finals to be held later in the year.

Game 1: SPC 13 def Dandenong 8
Game 2: Oxley 26 def SPC 16
Game 3: SPC 18 def Woodleigh 16
Game 4: SPC 18 def Aquinas 13
Game 5: SPC 50 def Isik 7
Semi Final: SPC 19 def Flinders 18
Grand Final: SPC 20 def Williamstown 18

Team Members: Jack Keen, Mitch Zuijdwick, Adam Rankin, Jordan Creef, Matt Schwieger, Matt Allen, Brad Pavey, Tim Reeves, Nathan Dodgson.

Mr Justin De Goldi
Sports Co-ordinator

SIS Intermediate Girls Soccer v John Paul

For regular followers of the column, the first 2 fixtures can be summed up briefly as follows: 3-0 away victory at Beacon Hills (Scorers = Wakartschuk, Nguyen, Tatham). 2-1 defeat in Monsoonal conditions away at perennial bogey team Padua (Wakartschuk).... controversial penalty given by young boy refereeing - was like we were playing Man United at Old Trafford - after we dominated first half and should have wrapped the game up.

This week’s encounter was akin to a leisurely stroll in the park. Midfield powerhouse Wakartschuk ran wild bagging a hat-trick, Nguyen poached a goal and a John Paul defender was panicked into scoring an oggy to result in a 5-0 thumping. In fairness it could easily have been 15...... Pallant challenging Marotta from last week for "miss of the season"! This performance should give the girls plenty of confidence for the 2 remaining crunch games ahead (vs SFX and Nazareth) after next week’s bye.

Mr Andy Broadley
Coach

Career News

UMAT – A reminder to all year 12 students considering medicine, dentistry, physiotherapy and some health science courses that the UMAT registrations will close soon - 3 June. The test date is 27 July; see http://umat.acer.edu.au

LEAP INTO LIFE with a CHRISTIAN CAMPING TRAINEESHIP CERT III in OUTDOOR RECREATION

Do you know someone who might be interested in a 12 month 'live in' Traineeship with ADANAC Christian Youth Camp? Applications are OPEN until May 30th 2011 as the program will start July 2011. * ONLY two positions available.

Mrs Shannon Maher
Careers Coordinator
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Last Thursday, the College farewelled Terry Feely at a Mass attended by his family, friends and colleagues. It was certainly a sad occasion as Terry was a pivotal part of St Peter’s for so many years. Many of Terry’s achievements were mentioned particularly his vision for the future of the College. Terry’s enthusiasm for building was recalled. This of course led to the beautiful facilities that we have today. The reading from 1 Corinthians spoke of the master builder who laid the firm foundation which was Jesus Christ and then left it to others to build on what he had begun. The Gospel spoke of the sowing of seeds which come to fruition by means not known to the sower. These readings and the whole lot of feelings around Terry’s death have given me a lot to think about. The Gospel for the weekend was from John 14:1-12. This led me to think of the work of a Catholic educator and Terry in particular, indeed it led me to think of the role of educator which is taken on by parents. Terry, like all Catholic educators had the responsibility of teaching and upholding what the Gospels teach and stand for. Many of the students who attend our Catholic schools would relate to Thomas, who in John’s Gospel says to Jesus “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” It is important that the Gospels are seen in the life of a school, in it’s decisions and not just in academic tasks.

Terry often said when he was faced with a difficult disciplinary issue, we have to believe in redemption or we are not true to our faith. Faith often entered into consideration of matters which had to be right. All of us, parents and teachers stand in the place of Jesus the teacher for our children. In John’s Gospel 14:11 we read “Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.” What do our “Works” words and actions teach our children? We can be certain that they do teach, do they teach good or do they teach bad?

Terry had a great love of the spirituality of the Celts. The understanding of the Spirit of God being caught up in every aspect of human life was very much at the forefront of this. Let us all dwell on this for a time and realise that God is never distant, He is never disinterested in our daily lives and wants us to learn from Him. Let our words and actions reflect this.

Deacon Tony Aspinall
College Chaplain

A Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

Breathe in me, Holy Spirit, that I may think what is holy.
Move me Holy Spirit, that I may do what is holy.
Attract me, Holy Spirit,
that I may love what is holy.
Strengthen me, Holy Spirit, that I may guard what is holy.
Guard me, Holy Spirit,
that I may keep what is holy.
St Augustine.

ST. AGATHA’S NEWS

YOUTH RETREAT – The youth of our Parish will attend a live in Retreat at Casa Palloti during the Pentecost long weekend in June. The aim is for all our Youth to be filled with the Holy Spirit and to reach out to all the needy. If there are Youth who would like to have a deeper relationship with Jesus this retreat is for you. Please keep this intention on your daily prayers. For more information contact Sr Mercy 5996 1985.

FR DAREK – Is going to Poland to visit his family. He will be absent from Cranbourne for 6 weeks.

A REMINDER – to pray for the Confirmation candidates.

Mr Greg Nelson
ST. AGATHA’S PARISH REPRESENTATIVE