WELCOME BACK

I hope all families enjoyed the Easter Holidays and our student’s return refreshed and ready to tackle the challenges of Term 2. Looking back over the events of Term 1 on our school website http://www2.stpeters.vic.edu.au/, it is amazing to see how much can be fitted into a term of 9 weeks. The visual story provides a great summary of school life over the term and reflects very accurately our desire to provide for our students the opportunities to reach their full potential as a human being made in the image of God. There is much on offer at St Peter’s but as I have stated before they are only opportunities, it requires our students to take them up if they wish to live their life to the full.

YEAR 11 RETREAT

This week our Year 11 students will participate in their retreat program over 4 different sites and I thank Mr Nash, the RE Team and Mr Hampson for their preparatory work along with the teaching staff who will attend these important retreats over the next few days. At the Stations of the Cross just before Easter I stated to our students that all people at some stage in their life will reflect on the questions: Who am I? Why am I here? How then shall I live my life? Our retreat program gives our students the opportunity to take time away from their busy lives to reflect upon what gives them meaning and purpose in what they do.

ACTING PRINCIPAL

From April the 27th to May the 18th I will be attending a study tour with the Diocese of Sale to Canada and Rome. The tour will present an opportunity to visit some of the high achieving school systems in Ontario and a pilgrimage to the foundational sites of the Catholic Church in Rome. In my absence Mrs Elizabeth Hanney will take on the role of Acting Principal and Mr Greg Van Es will take on the role of Acting Deputy Principal in Charge of Students. Mr Banks our current Deputy in Charge of Students will move into the Deputy in Charge of Staff for the 3 week period.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

Our school, along with other Catholic schools in the Diocese of Sale, will celebrate Catholic Education Week from Friday 27th April—Friday 4th May.

The theme for this year’s celebrations is ‘Year of Grace: the Year of Opportunity.’

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. (2 Cor 13:13)

As Catholic schools, we recognise and proclaim that we are dependent on God and God’s gifts to us and we are challenged to use them to develop each and every one to their full humanity and to contribute to the task of building God’s Kingdom on Earth. Catholic Education Week is an opportunity for all Catholic schools to celebrate our distinctive mission and share things that are special about our schools and ethos with families, parish and the wider community.

Student representatives from our school will attend the Diocesan Students’ Mass at St Mary’s Cathedral, Sale, on Tuesday 1st May, while members of our staff will be part of the Leadership Mass and Dinner held in Pakenham to celebrate Catholic Education across the Diocese of Sale.

Mr. Tim Hogan
PRINCIPAL
The College provides ongoing education to our students on these issues, however, we are often dealing with the fallout of the inappropriate use of Social Media (Cyber Bullying). What would be better, would be that the issues were not allowed to take place in the first place.

**What can parents/guardians do at home?:**
- Talk to your child about the use of the internet and cyber bullying - understand the way they are using their computer or mobile phone.
- Be aware of what your child is doing on the internet - your child might be a victim or they might be the person cyber bullying
- Use the in-built internet safety features on your computer
- Locate any shared computer in a visible space
- Keep records of offensive conversations - notify the College, the Service provider and in serious cases, consider contacting the Police.
- Help your child ‘block’ anyone who is sending offensive content

**Tips for students and young people using technology**
- Always respect others
- Think before you send
- Keep your password to yourself
- ‘Block’ the bully/delete them as your friend
- Don’t retaliate or reply
- Save any evidence of bullying
- Make sure you report bullying behaviour to a trusted adult, eg. Parent, Learning Advisor or House Leader.

The matter of Cyber Safety and Cyber Bullying is the responsibility of the entire St. Peter's Community, we all need to work together to prevent it from becoming normalised behaviour in our College.

Below are some useful websites for parents to access for further information regarding the area of Cyber Safety.

- www.acma.gov.au
- www.cybersafetysolutions.com.au
- www.netalert.gov.au
- www.iSafe.org
- www.bullying.org
- www.net safe.org.nz
- www.ceop.gov.uk
- www.CyberTipline.org
- www.digital.a us
- www.netsafe.org
- www.copysafe.com
- www.netalert.org.au
- www.wiredsafety.org
- www.digizen.org.uk
- www.GetNetwise.org

**E.M.A CHEQUES**

Are available for collection from the College Office, all cheques not collected by Friday 27th APRIL will be receipted to family fee accounts.

Jo Hotchin

Assistant Business Manager

**NEW UNIFORM SHOP SELLING HOURS**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Monday</th>
<th>1pm to 5pm</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday</td>
<td>1pm to 5pm</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Trish Henry

Uniform Shop

**FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - STUDENTS**

**ANTI BULLYING FOCUS AT ST PETER’S**

On Tuesday 27th, all students at St Peter’s College were involved in a Pastoral Period that focused on the issue of bullying, how to prevent it and how to stand up against it.

Each Age Group/Year Level had particular focus areas relating to issues that are specific to their age.

As Cyber-bullying has become prevalent in today’s society, especially for our young people, each group session had this area included as its main focus.

Another important message that was addressed in each of the groups’ sessions was the role “The Innocent Bystander” has in helping to stop bullying from happening and/or escalating by “speaking out”.

The Year 7 and 8 Groups had their sessions run by the College Senior students.

This gives the two fold benefit of having the College Junior students hear messages from their fellow students, giving a more credible impact, as well as giving the College Senior students an opportunity to display their Leadership skills and qualities.

**CYBER SAFETY AND SOCIAL NETWORKING**

I would like to make a few general comments about the use of:

(a) mobile phones for texting, and
(b) Facebook

When used for their intended purposes, both of these technologies are a wonderful tool for us to communicate with each other.

However, far too often, I have seen the students at our College using these technologies as a way of making negative comments about another. At times, they have also used the technology to make threats to another student.

The problem is that we allow our young people to access these powerful technologies, but they lack the emotional maturity to realise the seriousness of what they are saying in a text or on Facebook, especially when using these to communicate in a negative way.

Also, having a conversation over cyberspace takes away the human interaction factor and therefore there is no social checking mechanism.

When talking about the use of social media as a form of communication, I refer to the Three P’s in relation to Facebook. It is:

Public- there for everyone to see (not just the person you are communicating with)

Permanent- often people print out a conversation highlighting abusive or threatening language, and in the printed form it is permanent.

Personal- quite often the comments are of a personal nature and really should be kept out of the public domain.

The College provides ongoing education to our students on these issues, however, we are often dealing with the fallout of the inappropriate use of Social Media (Cyber Bullying). What would be better, would be that the issues were not allowed to take place in the first place.
DERMAL PIERCINGS
(PIERCINGS UNDER THE SKIN)
This latest "trend" to have permanent piercings under the skin in various parts of the body (eg. neck and arms) is of some concern.
Firstly, the exposed part of the piercing (above the skin), breaches the College Uniform Policy if it is visible. This means that students will be asked to remove the piercing or having the College Zero Tolerance Uniform Policy apply.
Secondly, these piercings have a high risk of infection as they are subcutaneous (under the skin).

FREE DRIVING LESSON
keys2drive - an Australian Government-funded program - is providing learner drivers and their parents/supervisors a free driving lesson with a keys2drive accredited professional driving instructor.
Please see the website below for further information:
www.keys2drive.com.au

Mr. Anthony Banks
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL-STUDENTS

Many of the Easter stories see Jesus speaking words of Peace. We see words of peace as the first greeting of Jesus to his disciples as they try to comprehend his Resurrection. Peace. As we begin a new term, still in the Easter season, may peace be with each of us! Staff took part in an Easter prayer to begin our Professional Learning Day on Monday, led by Deacon Tony Aspinall. This set the scene for a great day of professional planning, particularly around Assessment & Reporting. A new reporting package and the forthcoming NAPLAN tests for students in Year 7 & 9 ensured that our focus on Monday was about teaching and learning, with an emphasis on assessment. At the mid-point in the semester, it is a useful time for staff and students alike to reflect on how they are making the most of the teaching and/or learning opportunities they have. Assessment is critical in identifying learning achieved and pointing to areas to improve – whether in teaching approach or student learning. Always, the two go hand in hand and should inform the other. This partnership of teacher and student effort in on going improvement is vital to success and is greatly enhanced by parent support and involvement.
I thank the Director of Learning Mr Chris Denny and his team, Debra Preston, Barry Fisher, Shannon Maher and Vaughan Anderson for preparing and presenting our Professional Learning day. I would also like to thank all parents who attended the Parent Teacher Interviews conducted at the end of last term. I trust they were useful conversations in assisting on going success in learning for the remainder of the semester.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
A reminder to all families that PHOTO DAY is Tuesday 1st May. Information packs and ordering procedures will go home with students over the coming days. Please make note of these procedures and be aware of the requirement of FULL WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM on this day.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hanney
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

SIS SPORTS wrap up:

TERM 1 was a very successful term for the College in SIS sport. The Seniors had a fantastic season with all 4 teams making it through to the Grand Finals. 3 out of the 4 teams went on to win – Congratulations to the Senior Boys Soccer, Senior Boys Cricket and Senior Girls Basketball teams. The Intermediate Girls handball team were also Premiers for Term 1, going through the season undefeated and were a standard above all the other teams.

Further to this success, the SIS held its first ever golf tournament at Mornington Golf Club. Congratulations to Jake Harrington, Brayden McNabb and Brayden Roscoe who represented the College and came away with a win! The competition was a Stableford competition, and the boys combined to have a score of 75 points. These boys will now go onto to compete in the State Finals to be held at Metropolitan Golf Club later in the term.

Mr. Justin De Goldi - SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR

2012 STAFF VS STUDENT SOCCER MATCH
– THE POMS PERSPECTIVE!

Buoyed by their victory the previous night in the Cricket, the Year 12’s were full of confidence as their star studied line up took to the field hoping to see a ‘Riverrdance’ like performance from ‘twinkle toes’ Methakul. Deputy Principal Banks set the tone for the staff as he strode onto the pitch with an uncharacteristic show of petulance saw him toss the new boots away, akin to a baby throwing it toys from the cot! With O’Harra quick to assign himself the ‘Viduka Role’, he turned to me and uttered “You’re a Pom and know what you’re doing – you’d better go in defence”, a role I was happy to accept given current fitness levels. After some words of encouragement from his team mates, an uncharacteristic extra swagger carrying his newly purchased, gleaming white boots. After some words of encouragement from his team mates, an uncharacteristic extra swagger carrying his newly purchased, gleaming white boots. After some words of encouragement from his team mates, an uncharacteristic extra swagger carrying his newly purchased, gleaming white boots. After some words of encouragement from his team mates, an uncharacteristic extra swagger carrying his newly purchased, gleaming white boots. After some words of encouragement from his team mates, an uncharacteristic extra swagger carrying his newly purchased, gleaming white boots. After some words of encouragement from his team mates, an uncharacteristic extra swagger carrying his newly purchased, gleaming white boots. After some words of encouragement from his team mates, an uncharacteristic extra swagger carrying his newly purchased, gleaming white boots. After some words of encouragement from his team mates, an uncharacteristic extra swagger carrying his newly purchased, gleaming white boots. After some words of encouragement from his team mates, an uncharacteristic extra swagger carrying his newly purchased, gleaming white boots. After some words of encouragement from his team mates, an uncharacteristic extra swagger carrying his newly purchased, gleaming white boots. After some words of encouragement from his team mates, an uncharacteristic extra swagger carrying his newly purchased, gleaming white boots. After some words of encouragement from his team mates, an uncharacteristic extra swagger carrying his newly purchased, gleaming white boots. After some words of encouragement from his team mates, an uncharacteristic extra swagger carrying his newly purchased, gleaming white boots. After some words of encouragement from his team mates, an uncharacteristic extra swagger carrying his newly purchased, gleaming white boots. After some words of encouragement from his team mates, an uncharacteristic extra swagger carrying his newly purchased, gleaming white boots. After some words of encouragement from his team mates, an uncharacteristic extra swagger carrying his newly purchased, gleaming white boots. After some words of encouragement from his team mates, an uncharacteristic extra swagger carrying his newly purchased, gleaming white boots. After some words of encouragement from his team mates, an uncharacteristic extra swagger carrying his newly purchased, gleaming white boots. After some words of encouragement from his team mates, an uncharacteristic extra swagger carrying his newly purchased, gleaming white boots. After some words of encouragement from his team mates, an uncharacteristic extra swagger carrying his newly purchased, gleaming white boots. After some words of encouragement from his team mates, an uncharacteristic extra swagger carrying his newly purchased, gleaming white boots. After some words of encouragement from his team mates, an uncharacteristic extra swagger carrying his newly purchased, gleaming white boots. After some words of encouragement from his team mates, an uncharacteristic extra swagger carrying his newly purchased, gleaming white boots. After some words of encouragement from his team mates, an uncharacteristic extra swagger carrying his newly purchased, gleaming white boots. After some words of encouragement from his team mates, an uncharacteristic extra swagger carrying his newly purchased, gleaming white boots. After some words of encouragement from his team mates, an uncharacteristic extra swagger carrying his newly purchased, gleaming white boots. After some words of encouragement from his team mates, an uncharacteristic extra swagger carrying his newly purchased, gleaming white boots. After some words of encouragement from his team mates, an uncharacteristic extra swagger carrying his newly purchased, gleaming white boots. After some words of encouragement from his team mates, an uncharacteristic extra swagger carrying his newly purchased, gleaming white boots. After some words of encouragement from his team mates, an uncharacteristic extra swagger carrying his newly purchased, gleaming white boots. After some words of encouragement from his team mates, an uncharacteristic extra swagger carrying his newly purchased, gleaming white boots. After some words of encouragement from his team mates, an uncharacteristic extra swagger carrying his newly purchased, gleaming white boots. After some words of encouragement from his team mates, an uncharacteristic extra swagger carrying his newly purchased, gleaming white boots. After some words of encouragement from his team mates, an uncharacteristic extra swagger carrying his newly purchased, gleaming white boots. After some words of encouragement from his team mates, an uncharacteristic extra swagger carrying his newly purchased, gleaming white boots. After some words of encouragement from his team mates, an uncharacteristic extra swagger carrying his newly purchased, gleaming white boots. After some words of encouragement from his team mates, an uncharacteristic extra swagger carrying his newly purchased, gleaming white boots. After some words of encouragement from his team mates, an uncharacteristic extra swagger carrying his newly purchased, gleaming white boots. After some words of encouragement from his team mates, an uncharacteristic extra swagger carrying his newly purchased, gleaming white boots. After some words of encouragement from his team mates, an uncharacteristic extra swagger carrying his newly purchased, gleaming white boots. After some words of encouragement from his team mates, an uncharacteristic extra swagger carrying his newly purchased, gleaming white boots. After some words of encouragement from his team mates, an uncharacteristic extra swagger carrying his newly purchased, gleaming white boots. After some words of encouragement from his team mates, an uncharacteristic extra swagger carrying his newly purchased, gleaming white boots. After some words of encouragement from his team mates, an uncharacteristic extra swagger carrying his newly purchased, gleaming white boots. After some words of encouragement from his team mates, an uncharacteristic extra swagger carrying his newly purchased, gleaming white boots.

Mr. Andy Bradley - COACH

SIS SWIMMING CARNIVAL
A small squad of 37 students recently represented the College at the Division A Swimming Carnival held at MSAC. The students were fantastic in their endeavours and sportsmanship, and came away with a fantastic result of 5th overall. This result will see the College remain in Division A for 2013.

There were fantastic achievements on the night, in particular the following 2 students who broke SIS Records:
Sam Russo U/16 100m Freestyle – 56.41s
Matthew Shaw U/14 50m Butterfly – 29.22s

The following students also did exceptionally well in winning events on the night:
Matthew Shaw – 50m freestyle, 100m freestyle, 50m butterfly
Liam Trebilo – 50m freestyle, 50m breaststroke
Sam Russo – 100m freestyle

The College also had countless 2nd and 3rd placings, Oliver Coates coming 2nd in the U/13 100m freestyle, one of the other highlights. Congratulations to all students and we look forward to more success next year.

Mr. Justin De Goldi - SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR

2012 STAFF VS STUDENT SOCCER MATCH
– THE POMS PERSPECTIVE!

Buoyed by their victory the previous night in the Cricket, the Year 12’s were full of confidence as their star studied line up took to the field hoping to see a ‘Riverrdance’ like performance from ‘twinkle toes’ Methakul. Deputy Principal Banks set the tone for the staff as he strode onto the pitch with an extra swagger carrying his newly purchased, gleaming white boots. After some words of encouragement from his team mates, an uncharacteristic show of petulance saw him toss the new boots away, akin to a baby throwing it toys from the cot! With O’Harra quick to assign himself the ‘Viduka Role’, he turned to me and uttered “You’re a Pom and know what you’re doing – you’d better go in defence”, a role I was happy to accept given current fitness levels. Alongside me was ‘The Land Man’, who turned out to be an unmovable ‘Land Mass’ as the game progressed. With the youth of ‘DeGoldfish’ and ‘Marty McFly’ (turning the clock back and going Back to the Future) in Midfield, the female staff members Heid,
Drummond and Samawi added a much needed touch of class to proceedings. A large crowd gathered and after a bright start by the students, Viduka struck up front, sniffing out a half chance in the box to open the scoring. This should have been doubled after I ghosted into the area to smash a DeGoldi corner into the roof of the net – only for the ‘impartial’ ref to rule the strike had gone over and leaving me dumberfounded! With the students unable to withstand the avalanche, Laurie struck the second – his left foot thunderbolt as smooth as any Latte he’ll ever sample.

To rub salt into the wound, Social Justice Captain Noble, was made to eat the turf after a typical bustling Viduka challenge. Taking pity on the Year 12’s, the ‘BangDaddy’ in goals decided to roll the ball to their centre forward to gift a late consolation – then claimed (wrongly) that this was not in the rules ….. perhaps he should have spent more time studying these than shopping for those flashy white boots!

A 2-1 victory to the staff was only an aside to an excellent bit of fun that was played in great spirits and no shortage of humour (although I must say we were pretty good – especially me ….. a bit like Cannavaro leading Italy to World Cup glory in 2006!!!). Soccer (I have come around to calling it this now) is truly the ‘World Game’ and this Harmony Day event epitomises and celebrates all that is great about Australia’s multicultural diversity (you only have to look at some of the Year 12 names to celebrate the many backgrounds – Lekakis, Culanic, Pap, Letelier, Methakui, Davies, Jakupi, …etc). Well done to all who took part, condolences to the Year 12 team and bring it on for next year!

Mr Broadley

TECH TALK

Did you know?

A nun is credited for establishing a degree program for computer applications in education?

Sister Mary Kenneth Keller

(Sister Mary Kenneth Keller, from Cleveland, Ohio, entered the Sisters of Charity, a Catholic religious order, in 1932 and professed her vows in 1940. Later, she studied at DePaul University, where she received a B.S. degree in mathematics and physics. In 1965, she received a Ph.D. degree in computer science. “Keller felt that women should be involved in computer science and especially in the field of information specialist. In her words, ‘We’re having an information explosion, among others, and it’s certainly obvious that information is of no use unless it’s available.’


We’ll probably never know how many women inventors there were?

That’s because in the early years of the United States, a woman could not get a patent in her own name. A patent is considered a kind of property, and a woman’s property would be in the name of her father or husband.

Applications for patents were made by a male relative or the government. Sometimes, if the woman was married, the husband would be listed as the inventor, even if the wife actually did the work.

Factmonster.com accessed 19/3/12

In 1942 America women took on male dominated trades?

One government advertisement aimed at women used the wording “Can you use an electric mixer? If so, you can learn to operate a drill.” Successful job campaigns used the identity, ‘Rosie the Riveter’. The individual who was the inspiration for the song was Rosalind P. Walter, who worked on the night shift building the F4U Corsair fighter. Rosie the Riveter became most closely associated with another real woman, Rose Will Monroe, who worked as a riveter at the Willow Run Aircraft Factory in Ypsilanti, Michigan, building B-29 and B-24 bombers for the U.S. Army Air Forces.

Wikipedia.org see women in the workforce accessed 19/3/12

Mrs. Annette Marschner

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

As I prepare this page we are making preparations for the Year 11 Retreat. A retreat experience can be something that lasts a lifetime. We hope that the programme that is offered gives each student the opportunity to evaluate their own spiritual journey. A well known prayer

...perhaps he should have spent more time studying these than shopping for those flashy white boots!

"Father, you call us to be your sons and daughters through our union with Jesus Christ. Give us the gift of your Spirit, that we may live that Easter Joy with an open heart and a cheerful countenance.

An Easter Prayer

We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen

Deacon Tony Aspinall

ST. AGATHA’S NEWS

PARLIAMENTARY ONLINE SURVEY ON MARRIAGE: The Federal House of Representatives is holding an inquiry into two bills which would legalise same-sex marriage. They have invited Australians to respond via an online survey before Friday, 20 April. To respond to the survey, please go to www.lifemarriagefamily.org.au and click on the link on the front page of the website. Thank you for encouraging our parliamentarians to continue to recognize marriage as the mutual love of a man and a woman that is open to the gift of children. Copies of the Pastoral Letter on the True Meaning of Marriage are available in the foyer.

CRANBOURNE EAST: Parishioners in the Cranbourne East area are invited to give their names forward if they are willing to work towards supporting the new Sunday Mass at St.Peter’s College at Cranbourne East and working towards the establishment of the new parish. In particular, we are seeking interest from people who live to the east of Narre Warren Road. Please place your name and details on the clipboards in the church foyer at St.Agatha’s.

YOUTH MEETINGS: The Agape Youth group (18-35) meets on the 1st & 2nd Monday’s of the month in the hall and the Invigorate Youth group (Yr 7-12) meets on the 2nd & 4th Friday’s in the hall. Contact Sr.Mercy for further details on 5996 1985.

Mr. Greg Nelson

St Agatha’s Parish Representative