Parents & Friends AGM
On Tuesday 1st May, the Parents & Friends AGM was conducted at the College. I extend sincere thanks and appreciation to the following parents who have once again taken on these roles for 2012.
President: Mrs. Karen Walker
Secretary: Mrs. Helen Schwieger
Treasurer: Mrs. Ellinor Allen
The Parents & Friends Committee continues to give generously of their time and talents, for the benefit of our students. They deserve the support of all families in the work of supporting the life and facilities of St Peter’s. One practical way other parents can support this group is in their work on St Peter’s Day. Please see details within this newsletter. Also present at the meeting was Mrs. April Hampson, our Marketing Officer and Mr. Chris Denny, Director of Learning who gave an excellent presentation of his professional and personal journey. My thanks to all those present.

NAPLAN
This week, all students in Year 7 and Year 9 will undertake the NAPLAN tests. These National tests are compulsory and assess students in reading, writing, spelling, grammar & punctuation and numeracy skills. Students in these levels will complete NAPLAN testing on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week and we wish them well.

Assessment & Reporting Period
In forthcoming weeks as Semester One draws to a close, all students will undertake formal and informal assessment. This will be taking place in many subjects with structured exam blocks for all students in Years 9 – 12. I would encourage all parents to discuss forthcoming assessment tasks and exams with their sons and daughters in the lead up to this time. It is also important that discussions and arrangements are put into place to ensure that regular and routine home study can be a focus. All students inherently wish to succeed and all students need to know that we have faith in them. Some students need reminding that success comes in many forms but that it always comes with concerted effort and sheer hard work. Others may need additional support and encouragement from both staff and parents in order to remain positive and believe in themselves. Please see within this newsletter some handy hints for study, provided by Mr Chris Denny, Director of Learning.

Student Artwork
The 13th Annual Japan Festival will see students artwork submitted into an Art Competition organised by the 2012 Japan Festival Organising Committee. Mrs. Simone Kugimiy will be submitting a painting by Ryan Pola Y11 (pictured above) as well as drawings by Paige Stueven Y7, Quincy Canceran Y8 East, and Kirra Harris Y9 into an Art Competition organised by the 2012 Japan Festival Organising Committee. This year the theme is simply ‘Japan’. Ryan’s artwork will be put on display this Sunday at the 13th Annual Japan Festival at the Box Hill Town Hall. Visitors will vote for their favourite entry and Winners will be announced at 3pm on the day.

BEST OF LUCK!

Mrs. Elizabeth Hanney
ACTING PRINCIPAL
Uniform – It has been a good start to Term 2 and the Winter Uniform is being worn correctly by most students. Mr. Banks and I have done a Uniform Blitz over the last two weeks and all Houses have come through very well. Students are reminded that only scarves in maroon are acceptable and at no time do they replace ties. The School Uniform Shop is open Monday and Tuesday from 1pm to 5pm. Jewellery, hair and nail polish rules are in the main meeting the expectations of the College with most students following the guidelines set out in the Student Record Book and only a few needing reminders about what is acceptable.

Road Safety – With the wet weather it is timely for a reminder about road safety for students. Those who have to cross roads to enter or exit the College grounds must wait for directions from crossing guards or use traffic signals as appropriate. Those dropped off and collected by parents at the entrance opposite Amstel are asked to be careful, with works being carried out at the top car park and the danger of students moving around trucks etc.

Energy Drinks – Energy drinks are still being consumed by students, some using them as a breakfast substitute whilst others are drinking them at recess and lunch breaks. These drinks are not recommended by the College with major concerns regarding their actual performance value for students. The negative outcomes associated with these drinks, due to excess caffeine and sugar, of possible agitation, anxiety, irritability, insomnia, dehydration, nausea and abnormal heart rhythms far out way any possible positive effects. A well balanced diet started with a proper breakfast is a much better option for all students.

Mr. Greg Van Es
Acting Deputy Principal - Students

NAPLAN Tests

Our Year 7 and Year 9 students are sitting the NAPLAN tests this week. Parent Information brochures were sent home with students last week. Students also received Student Information sheets outlining important information that they needed to know in relation to the tests, including the test timetable and what materials they need to bring to each test.

The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. They also provide schools with information about how education programs are working and which areas need to be prioritised for improvement.

The Mathematics and English teachers have worked over the past month or so, as part of their regular teaching and learning program, to prepare our students for these tests. The aim is to familiarise the students with the format of the tests, and also to practice persuasive writing in preparation for the Writing Test. While we do not want to overly stress students in relation to their performance on these tests, it is important that students are adequately prepared so they can complete the tests confidently.

STUDY SKILLS

Success in the exams will depend on how well each student prepares for those exams. A good set of study skills will prepare students for exams more effectively.

Study Skill suggestions:

- Review and summarise your notes for the semester. Don’t just copy out the summary from each relevant chapter of the text book.
- If your subject allows you to bring prepared reference material into the exam then preparing this during your revision is a good method of preparing for the exam as well. (Your teacher will tell you if the subject you are studying allows you to do this)
- Practise with old exam papers or exam type questions and have them assessed by your teacher.
- Prepare visual learning tools such as flow charts, diagrams on posters so that you may be able to hang around the house or in your room. Another idea is to prepare these as screen savers for your computer so that you see them often.
- Record your notes as a sound file and then listen to the notes on your mp3 player or phone.
- When you discover parts of the course that you do not understand ask your teacher for an explanation.
- Form a study group with other students doing the same subject and discuss the parts of the course you need to understand for your exams. You could do this as an actual group or share ideas and material using media such as facebook or a wiki.

Mr. Chris Denny
Director of Learning

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL UPDATE

So far in the SRC this year we have had a very busy start to the year.

With Term 1 flying by, and Term 2 is almost half way there! We have been focusing on the main upcoming event for the school calendar which is St. Peters Day. We are planning all of the behind the scenes stuff that attributes to create such a wonderful day!

We are also looking ahead to the rice day, which is an exciting tea, for all of those concerned with the Social Justice area.

Now we have just completed our Assisi house competition, holding a paper plane competition which was met with great success! It saw an array of competitors from all the houses which was a fun and competitive way to spend a lunchtime!

We and all of the other House Captains and members of the SRC continue to look forward to upcoming events and giving our best to the school.

Thank you.

Ms. Debra Preston,
Middle Years Curriculum Leader.

Dan Martens and Jade Gregory
Assisi House Captains
ANZAC Day
On April 24th, the day before the official ANZAC Day we commemorated ANZAC Day with a student led ceremony in the breakout space upstairs due to the inclement weather. Our theme for the ceremony was ‘mateship’ and how that aspect of the ANZAC spirit is relevant to each of us today. Our two SRC members - Natasha Pineda and Bailey Kilmartin laid our wreath to give us our focal point for the Ode, The Last Post, Rouse and National Anthem. The solemnity and respect shown by all students highlighted that the ANZACs and ANZAC Day are a very important part of Australian life.

After School Supervision
Please be aware that student supervision on Monday to Thursday concludes at the end of Homework Club – 4.30pm and at 4pm on Fridays. Please ensure that your child is picked up by then.

Building Works
As I write, stage two works are commencing – our Year 7 and 8 building. May Constructions have been retained to complete the building, our hope is for it to be completed early in 2013, allowing us to commence using the facility at the beginning of the school year. Additional landscaping will also be completed during this time. Work on the design phase of Stage 3 will commence shortly with our architects from Hayball. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their wonderful work to date on Stage Two.

2013 Enrolments
Enrolments for Year 7, 2013 have well exceeded where we were at this time last year. We are still taking enrolments for all year levels –Year 7, 8 and 9 and enquiries can be made through Mrs. Kelley Cooper our College Registrar.

NAPLAN - (National Assessment Program – Literacy And Numeracy)
This week our Year 7 students are sitting NAPLAN tests here at the East Campus. These tests provide invaluable feedback to us on how we are progressing with student literacy and numeracy. While these tests are considered very important, they are only one tool among many that we use to monitor and improve student outcomes in these areas. Results are usually published around September and parents will receive individual results shortly after this time.

Head Lice
There have been reports of Head Lice amongst students here at the Campus. Could I ask all parents to check their child’s hair and treat appropriately. Should you require any additional information on Head Lice, please contact Ms. Christie in the office.

Mr. James Roberts
HEAD OF CAMPUS

Cranbourne East News

Cranbourne East Environment Club News

The East campus vegie garden is going very well so far and it’s been an opportunity this term to get the year 7’s involved by adding a few more plants to the garden bed. Hopefully, we will be having our first harvest during this term, which will surely be of use to our Food Tech department. I wish to thank all the Environment Club members for volunteering to water the crops on a daily basis and Will Veenman for setting up the roster for both recess and lunch. Well done.

Our Club members, as well as some year 7 students, have also been planting a lemon tree last week. I extend my thanks to Mr John Toffolon and Mr Adam Bonnici for their keen interest and support.

Here are some snaps of our vegie garden and lemon tree planting taken last week.

Environmentally yours,
Mr. Jean-Paul Antoine
Environment Club Coordinator
SIS Performing Arts Concert

The SIS Performing Arts Concert is a yearly event, bringing the best of what the SIS community has to offer, in Music and Dance.

The concert was in Term One, involving students from various SIS schools, coming together for only three days of rehearsals before the big show. In 2012, St Peter’s students were involved in the SIS Choir, Hip Hop Dance, Contemporary Dance, Show Dance, and the Ukulele Group. The students were able to demonstrate excellent skills and professionalism, as they worked extremely hard to learn various parts, or choreography, enabling them to work effectively as a team. In the School Item, St Peter’s own Dance crew ‘Most Rekuested’ amazed the audience with their high energy Hip Hop routine. This item also featured Isabelle Bangard, who is studying Voice in Year 12 this year. She was able to effortlessly sing and keep up with the boys, even proving to be a fine Hip Hop dancer herself.

This year there were also teachers from St Peter’s College involved in the show. Miss. Karissa Robertson choreographed and taught the Show Dance group, performing to the song ‘live in living colour’ from the musical ‘Catch Me if You Can’. Meanwhile Mr. Matt Sharpe ran and arranged music for the Ukulele Group, including songs such as Party Rock Anthem and Karma Police.

The SIS Performing Arts Concert is a fantastic event showcasing the many talents gifted young people possess. St Peter’s College is full of these students and the SIS Performing Arts Concert is only the tip of the iceberg. Thank You to all the students involved this year.

**Choir:** Avi Araneta-Puyat, Breeanne Ashwood, Iesha Clark, Latisha Dalton, Kira Dickie, Hannah Kyberd, Stephanie Li, Emily Moroney, Nyamut Peterpal, Shona Tulloch, Will Veenman and Renee Wood. **Show Dance:** Mikaela Giaquinta and Katie Saliba. **Contemporary Dance:** Emma Horsfield and Miranda Shami. **Hip Hop Dance:** Rebekah Benton and Rachael Watson. **Ukulele Group:** Caitlyn Beckham and Tameeka Robinson **St Peter’s Item:** Isabelle Bangard, Brandon Fernandez, Sebastien Legaie, Brandon Moncur, Kevin Alwis-Seneviratne and Constantin Vezelici.

Mr. Matt Sharpe
MUSIC TEACHER

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**VCE Performance Night**

**Where?** St Peter’s College Hall

**When?** Thursday 17th May at 7.00pm

**How Much?** $5.00 single, $15.00 family of 4

tickets available from student reception from Wed 2nd May

**NO DOOR SALES – TICKETS MUST BE PRE-PURCHASED**

Come along and support our VCE Dance, Drama and Music students in their outstanding performance assessments. If you’re interested in studying the Performing Arts in senior school...DON’T MISS OUT on this show!!

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**SIS Intermediate Girls Soccer vs Padua (at home)**

With low numbers signing up, key players out on Excursion and a struggle to find a Keeper, the opening fixture against bogey team Padua did not bode well. However, after the promotion of some Year 8’s, a few late inclusions and careful thought given to the best formation, the team was sent out with confidence in the blustery conditions. After the early shock of falling behind, Maina like a rabbit caught in the headlights as a low shot beat her, the defensive trio of the Parisi twins and Stevens soon got a grip on the opposition forward line. At the other end young gun Dakic took control, ruthlessly burying a quick fire hat-trick with class and precision. This steadied the nerves and laid the foundations for an encouraging performance – Gubic, Pallant (2) and another Dakic effort sealing the 7-2 victory. Captain Tatham was busy as ever in midfield and other positives included the lively Certoma on debut up front and the solid performances of both Clelie and Laviolette off the bench. With the returning Year 10’s, competition for places will be tough for next week’s away trip to historically a very strong Nazareth side.

Mr. Andrew Broadley - COACH

**SIS Intermediate Girls Netball**

**Round 1:** St Peters defeated SFX 18-16
**Round 2:** St Peters defeated St Johns 37-29

On Friday the SIS Intermediate Girls Netball team played against St Johns College in the second round of the fixture. After a win in the first round of competition, the girls were determined to put in a solid performance. The team set up an early lead in the first half of the match. St Johns fought back but they were unable to bridge the gap. Great performances in the centre court from Talesha Neill, Taylah Davidson and Maddi Brown set up the win whilst Laura O’Brien and Maria Celona finished off the mid court efforts with great scoring in goals. Not to be outdone, Alex Wood and Stacey Corrigan were strong in defence despite being up against much taller opponents. Well done to all the girls. We look forward to round 3 against Nazareth.

Mrs. Cathy Heijden – COACH

**CONGRATULATIONS!!**

Congratulations to Naomi Miller (7I Cranbourne East) for coming first in the V.E.C interschool equestrian challenge late last term and also for her 1st place in the I.S.J show jumping last Friday. Well done Naomi on your amazing efforts.

Miss. Rebecca Stewart
Teacher - Cranbourne East
PARENTS & FRIENDS

FUNDRAISING Term 2

This is the first year that Parents & Friends have had the support of funds raised via the sale of ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS.

A reminder that your current edition of the Entertainment Book expires on May 30th, so you will need to purchase the new edition in the next 2 weeks ready for the June 1st start date.

Both campuses have sample books available at Reception where you can order from the office staff directly or visit the Parents and Friends section of the college website, www.stpeters.vic.edu.au to place your order and pay online. They make a great gift idea!

COLLEGE SUPPORT

June 26th St Peter’s Day Student BBQ Volunteers required to help prepare, cook & serve BBQ. Please register your ability to help now. It would be greatly appreciated.

Contact April Hampson on 5990 7777 or ahampson@stpeters.vic.edu.au

June 30th St Peter’s College Cranbourne Officeworks Sausage Sizzle fundraiser. This event is supported by the St Peter’s Student Representative Council, and they will be seeking volunteers from Parents & Friends as well as students to help man this booth in the coming weeks. Please jot details in your diary, if you feel you will be able to volunteer some time on the day to help out.

PARENTS & FRIENDS MEETING

TUESDAY 12TH JUNE - 7.30-9.00 pm
St. Peter’s College - West Campus Frankston-Cranbourne Road, Cranbourne, 3977
Enter via Navarra Drive Gates
Location: Cranbourne West Staff Room

GUEST SPEAKER: MR STEVE NASH – RELIGIOUS EDUCATION LEADER
Religious Education Leader, Learning Advisor, VCE RE, RE

Mr. Steve Nash is our new Religious Education Leader at St Peter’s College. For the last 13 years Steve has held the position of Religious Education Leader at Sale Catholic College and before that taught at De La Salle College and Salesian College in Sunbury. The parents and friends meeting will be a good opportunity to introduce himself to our community and talk a little about his role and the Catholic Youth Ministry Program which is in its third year of operation at St Peter’s College.

Mrs. Karen Walker
President of PFA

LIBRARY NEWS

VCE Quiet Study Library Lunchtime Every Tuesday! Students are encouraged to come to the library to study any lunchtime but in particular on Tuesdays which was launched as the VCE Quiet Study Library Lunchtime at a scrumptious Year 12 Luncheon last term. Keep an eye out for special Lunchtime workshops where students may be given hints and suggestions for good study and research habits.

Year 8 Book Buying Bonanza: the atmosphere in the library has been one of excitement and anticipation as Year 8 students took part in the Readarama Book Buying Bonanza. Each student was given the opportunity to choose a new book for the library. Selection was not easy as the range of spanking new books was huge and tantalising. Books on offer included the latest teenage novels and many gorgeous looking non-fiction books dealing with topics of interest to our students, including pop stars, cars and fashion. Library staff has been frantically preparing the books so that they are ready for students during next week’s Readarama sessions. Meanwhile eager Year 8 students have regularly popped into the library to check whether they can have their book now!

“Why are Twilight and other books featuring ‘other worldly’ creatures popular with teens?” This was the topic debated by the College Book Club and interested audience members at a lunchtime forum last Thursday. During a scintillating discussion led by Mikaela Tai, Olwyn McKenna, Katherine Atkins, Kirra Harris and Kara Stafford students concluded that there were various reasons why the ‘paranormal romance’ genre is popular, including the element of forbidden love and the fact that often these books explore the themes of tolerance, self-respect, morals and the fight between good and evil. Allowing readers to escape reality also made these books popular. It was great to have the audience participate enthusiastically in the debate.

Happy Reading!

Mrs. Angela Gargano
Teacher Librarian
The typical energy drink contains guarana, taurine, caffeine and sugar. Guarana (pronounced: gwa-ra-NAH) is obtained as a seed from the fruit of a creeping shrub native to Venezuela and northern Brazil in the Amazon rain forest. Guarana seeds are rich in caffeine, containing three times the amount of caffeine as coffee. But unlike coffee, the amount of caffeine doesn't have to be listed on guarana drinks. Guaraná is reputed to be a stimulant and increase mental alertness, fight fatigue, and increase stamina and physical endurance but can also result in abnormal heart beats, increased blood pressure, irritability, dizziness / headaches and dehydration. For these reasons, people with heart conditions, diabetes, high blood pressure, epilepsy, overactive thyroid, anxiety, insomnia, and kidney disease should only use guarana under the supervision of their doctor.

Taurine is an amino acid that supports neurological development and helps regulate the level of water and mineral salts in the blood.

Caffeine is a stimulant which acts on the central nervous system to speed up the messages to and from the brain so that a person feels more aware and active. Adverse effects associated with caffeine consumption in amounts greater than 400 mg include nervousness, irritability, sleeplessness, increased urination and abnormal heart rhythms. Consumption also has been known to cause pupil dilation when taken with certain antidepressants. In addition, Caffeine in energy drinks can excrete water from the body to dilute high concentrations of sugar entering the blood stream, leading to dehydration. If the body is dehydrated by 1%, performance is decreased by up to 10%.

This is the caffeine content (in milligrams) of some popular energy drinks and soft drinks per 250ml of drink:

- Impulse 88 mg
- Red Bull 80 mg
- Naughty Boy 80 mg
- 'V' 78 mg
- Coca-Cola 48.75 mg
- Diet Coke 48 mg
- Diet Coke Caffeine-Free 2 mg
- Pepsi 40 mg
- Diet Pepsi 44 mg
- Pepsi Max 44 mg

Have you heard the names Impulse, Rockstar, Red Bull, Mother, Naughty Boy, V, Duff, Wicked, Nos or Superman? Some sound somewhat like a fragrance. In fact all of these are just of few of the names of drinks marketed as 'energy' drinks available to us today. In many cases, individuals consuming these will use them to replace skipped meals, make up for late nights or poor diets. But what are these, what is their place in the diet and what do they contain?

Sugar is a simple form of carbohydrate and provides energy in the form of kilojoules. Unless we are at exercise, the glucose from sugar is converted by the body to glycogen and stored. Consuming more energy than we use, results in gaining weight and developing associated health conditions.

It is a reality that children and teens have different physiology to adults due to variations in growth and hormone production. When thinking about whether or not to allow your student to consume energy drinks, it is useful to consider the following factors:

- **Would you be comfortable with your child drinking a cup of strong coffee?** Most energy drinks contain around the same amount of caffeine as a strong cup of coffee, and nearly twice as much as in a cola drink.

- **Are you concerned about your child's sugar intake?** Some energy drinks, such as Red Bull, contain high amounts of sugar (equal to around 5 teaspoons per 250 ml can).

- **Will the drink enhance your child's well-being, or is it potentially harmful?** There is little (if any) evidence of nutritional value in most energy drinks. Some energy drinks are said to include natural vitamins and minerals, but these can be easily obtained from simple foods such as fresh fruit and vegetables.

- **How old is your child?** Very little is known about the health effects of caffeine, so it is best to avoid giving children under age 10 products containing caffeine, especially energy drinks. Older children and young people should be careful, too. The human brain continues to grow up to about age 16 (some say age 21). We know that caffeine can affect a growing brain, but we don't as yet know how.

What are the effects on behaviour of consumption of energy drinks that may be evidenced at school? Increasingly it is observed that students who regularly consume energy drinks can display mood swings, irritability, dizziness, headaches, delayed work concentration or inability to concentrate all resulting in the interrupting of their own learning as well as the learning of students in their class.

Mrs. Annette Marschner
**C a r e e r s N e w s**

**Melbourne University Update** - Join our evening seminar series at our Parkville campus for prospective students and their families. Take a closer look at the options for pursuing university study and your dream career. 

- **Tuesday 22 May** - 7.00pm—8.30pm (Focus on IT and Engineering) 
- **Thursday 24 May** - 7.00pm—8.30pm (Focus on Biomedicine - including the Bachelor of Oral Health) 
- **Tuesday 28 May** - 7.00pm—8.30pm (Focus on Agriculture) 

**Future Cities Student Forum - What will Melbourne look like in 50 years?** When: Friday 22 June 2012 - 9.30am—2.00pm
Where: Parkville campus, University of Melbourne. The Future Cities Student Forum offers Year 10—11 students an opportunity to explore the wide range of professional areas in the built and natural environment, such as Architecture, Construction Management, Engineering and Landscape Management, through a day of interactive and engaging workshops and seminars. This multidisciplinary forum highlights the realities and challenges of cities now and the possibilities for the future.
For further information and to register please visit: [www.benvs.unimelb.edu.au/futurecities.html](http://www.benvs.unimelb.edu.au/futurecities.html) Application deadline: Friday 8 June 2012

**Free Employment Packs at Cranbourne Youth Information Centre**

Packs contain information about employment agencies, resume writing, job searching, job interviews, apprenticeships, higher education courses and current job vacancies. Available between May 14 and May 21 [http://ncdw.com.au/aardvark/events/view_event/909](http://ncdw.com.au/aardvark/events/view_event/909) or contact Madelein Collins on mcollins@casey.vic.gov.au or 5996 7667

**At Monash Seminar Series - Upcoming Seminars:**
- 17 May - Law - Clayton Campus, South 1 Theatre
- 23 May - Berwick Campus Showcase - Berwick Campus
- 30 May - Gippsland Campus Showcase - Gippsland Campus
- 28 June - Engineering Information Evening - Clayton Campus, Lecture Theatre C1

For further information and to register please visit [http://www.monash.edu.au/study/options/schools/at-monash.html](http://www.monash.edu.au/study/options/schools/at-monash.html)

**Deakin University Faculty of Health Course Information Nights**

Nursing and Midwifery Information Nights:
- **10 July**, 5.30pm - Lecture Theatre 2, Melbourne Burwood Campus
- **12 July**, 6pm - Percy Baxter Lecture Theatre, Geelong Waterfront Campus
- **13 July**, 7.30pm - Percy Baxter Lecture Theatre, Warrambool Campus

Medicine and Optometry Information Nights:
- **15 May**, 6-8.30pm - Peter Thwaites Lecture Theatre, Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus
- **16 May**, 6-8.30pm - Education Resource Centre, Corner of Sturt and Drummond Street, Ballarat

**T17 May**, 6-8.30pm - Lecture Theatre 13, Melbourne Burwood Campus

For further information and to register please visit [http://www.deakin.edu.au/health/future-students/course-info-nights.php](http://www.deakin.edu.au/health/future-students/course-info-nights.php) or email health-enquire@deakin.edu.au or call 03 9251 7777.

**NAB Schools First Student Award** - Applications open 5th March, close 29th June. The 10 best student-initiated ideas from across Australia will receive an awards pack for themselves and their school, including $5,000 to help turn their original idea for a partnership in their local community into a reality.

**agIdeas 2012 Futures** - Wednesday 23rd May – 4:00pm to 8:00pm, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Center, **Tickets cost $40 each.**

Explore pathways to a career in a broad range of design disciplines including film and television, graphic design, industrial and product design, animation, illustration, photography, architecture, interactive media and advertising. [http://www.agideas.net/coming-event/secondary-school-forum](http://www.agideas.net/coming-event/secondary-school-forum)

**The Age VCE and Careers Expo 2012** - 3rd and 4th May, 9:00am – 3:00pm, 5th and 6th May, 10:00am – 4:00pm - Caulfield Racecourse (opposite Caulfield Station) Cost: $10 per person and $25 for families (3 or more including an adult, children 14 and under free). Admission covers all 4 days and includes seminars plus a copy of The Age. School group discounts are available. [www.vceandcareers.com.au](http://www.vceandcareers.com.au)

Ms. Melissa Dillion
**Careers Co-ordinator**

**TECHNOLOGY**

Year 9/10 Electro Basics Students in class Making their Nerve Tester.

(pictured) Mitchell Powell, Kyle Daly, Scott Werkmeister & Ebzon Masih

Mr. Glenn Collings
**Technology Teacher**
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Mother’s Day was celebrated on Sunday which was also the sixth Sunday of Easter. The Gospel reading from St John has Jesus giving us the most difficult commandment he has ever given, “Love one another as I have loved you.” (Jn15:12) We often have this sort of discussion with our older students where we ask what is meant by the term “love” in the world of music video clips and movies compared to Jesus’ words. It is important to note that just as there are all sorts of overlays from many cultural influences and attitudes in the video clips, there is a huge amount contained in Jesus’ command to love.

What has this got to do with Mother’s Day? One of the Catholic cultural overlays concerning mother’s Day is Mary. Mary the Mother of God, Mary Mother of the Church, and Mary the Mother of us all. It is not fanciful to reflect on Mary on such a day. Whilst not an awful lot is written directly about Mary in scripture, what we do know is telling. Mary is never the centre of attention, rather she is presented as a quiet person of faith who accepts what God foretells for her life. At the same time there is a great courage behind that faith, a great strength to endure the suffering that comes in her life.

Whenever we reflect on motherhood we can see so often the quiet strength of mothers who place themselves second to the family when it comes to their own needs. One of the memories that stay with me about my own mother is that I don’t remember her ever buying anything for herself. It is only later in life that it has struck me how often and how much she went without. At the same time she always made sure that we would help those who in her words “are worse off than us”.

Jesus’ command to love as he has loved us calls for a level of unselfishness and a deep respect for all that is not present in the culture of casual sex, binge drinking and gratuitous violence etc. There was an episode of “Insight” on SBS last week about the problems being caused by the “normalising” of pornography on virtually all methods of communication which are accessed by young people. Let us all do our best to teach our children what is meant by the selfless, respectful love that Jesus urges us to emulate.

Deacon Tony Aspinall
College Chaplain

A Prayer for Families

Father, through the prayers of our Blessed Mother Mary,
open our hearts to receive the gift of your Spirit of truth.
Convict us of the truth and bring us to everlasting life through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen

ST. AGATHA’S NEWS

INVIGORATE YOUTH GROUP – 2nd & 4th Fridays. 7.30pm in the Hall. Yanni – 0423 329 454

NEW MISSALS: The St. Paul’s Sunday Missal Complete Edition and a Gift Edition are now available from the Piety Stall. The Sunday Missal will cost $39.99 and the special Gift Edition will cost $49.99. If stocks are sold out, we can order more in. The daily Missal is not due for publication until June.

HOLY SPIRIT MISSION: The power of the Holy Spirit and the Charisms. The Holy Spirit is the Lord, the giver of life – he gives us what we need in order to fully live the Christian life. The promise of the Holy Spirit is for YOU. This week come and listen to Fr. Francis Otobo assistant Priest at Morwell speak to us about this subject. All are Welcome! Wednesday 16th May, 7.30pm in the Church with Adoration from 9 – 9.30pm. Contact John on 0448 343 074.

CHILDREN’S CHOIR GROUP: Children aged 5 years and over are invited to join the new Children’s Choir which will sing on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturday of every month at the 6.30pm Mass. Please contact Anita Hughes on 5995 5545 or 0450 782 558.

Mr. Greg Nelson
St. Agatha’s Parish Representative

ST PETERS COLLEGE WEBSITE

Visit our College website www.stpeters.vic.edu.au for all up to date information on the College structure and activities.

Recent updates include fortnightly updates from St. Peter’s Student Representative Council, Year 11 Retreat News and Catholic Education Week News.

You will also find daily and weekly updates of ‘News and Events’ from around the College and pictures of the ‘Day to Day’ College life’s of our students.

CALENDAR AMENDMENT

STUDENT FREE DAY Monday 18th June
(Report Proof Reading Day)
ST. PETER’S COLLEGE
Parents and Friends Association

Requesting Your Help!

St Peter’s Day BBQ. June 26th 2012

Your Parents & Friends Assoc. (PFA) needs volunteers to spend an hour or so helping out at our St Peter’s Day BBQ

Each year, the PFA provides a sausage sizzle and drink to the students and teachers on this special day

St Peter’s Day is an all day event at the West Campus and is attended by all teachers and students from both the West and East Campus

The PFA need helpers from 10am – 2pm to set up, organise the food & drinks, cook the BBQ and serve

Please come along, help out your PFA and meet some other new parents while watching the students have a great day of fun activities!

If you are able to provide some time, ........even an hour would be greatly appreciated
please phone April or Leah 5990 7777
or email ahampson@stpeters.vic.edu.au
and choose a time suitable to you on the roster.

Your help would be most appreciated, as many helpers will make the task much easier and avoid lengthy waiting times in the queue!
So far we have looked at Stewardship as a way of life in which we  
...go to Mass and the Sacraments, and  
...grow in faith and service to others  

This weekend we look at the third trait of the Christian Steward - generous giving. To be a Christian is to be a giver. God is the ultimate giver. He gave us all that we have and all that we are - and He gave us the ultimate gift, His Son Jesus who died on the Cross for us so that we might have eternal life. What is the Steward’s response? Each one of us is challenged to accept God’s gifts of Time, Talent and Treasure, to use them wisely and in tune with God’s will and in service to Him and to others and to return them with increase to the Lord. That, in a nutshell, is what Christian Stewardship is all about.

So today we make our decision about our level of financial support for the parish over the next few years. Will we be generous or will we find reasons not to be? Will our giving be cheerful as St Paul suggested or will it be grudging? Will we measure it against the parish’s basic needs or will we see it as our thanksgiving to God for our many blessings?

The parish does have needs and challenges that must be met and in justice, those needs should be met by all parishioners. The parish does need your generous support—but your giving represents much more. Your journey of generosity is an adventure not measured in kilometres, but in personal transformation and growth, “…just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving..” (2 Corinthians 8: 7,13-14)

**Stewardship Prayer**

Lord, we thank You for calling us to be Your Church  
Through our Baptism we are called to ministry and to witness.  
In the Eucharist we sustain and strengthen that call.  
By serving others we follow Your example and proclaim your beliefs.  
By our Christian generosity we demonstrate our love and caring.  
Help us Lord to always worship You as You deserve, to grow in faith and service and to give without counting the cost.  
We ask this through Christ, Our Lord  
Amen
ST AGATHA’S PARISH - CRANBOURNE

GIVING with love

Dear families,

During this past month our parish has been conducting a Parish Stewardship Program. The Program gives us all the opportunity to review our parish achievements, our finances and our future plans. In the light of these we renew our own support and how we participate in our parish. A special thank you to all school families who contribute to the parish both financially and by participating in the groups and ministries available. It is your on-going generous support that enables the parish to continue to provide services and quality education.

As parents, we have a special role to play in educating our children. By sending them to a Catholic school, we are showing that our faith is important to us and that we want to share it with them. Everything we do gives example to our children. By joining with others in planned giving, we are giving practical expression to our faith. We are also teaching our children to share by giving. This is important because habits of giving are not instinctive but need to be taught and acquired.

HOW CAN WE CONTRIBUTE?

There are 3 ways of contributing to the Parish Stewardship Program as follows:

- Stewardship Envelopes
- Credit Card
- Direct Debit

Traditionally our Parish, like all other Parishes has offered the Envelope system as a way of contributing. Envelopes are available on a weekly, monthly, quarterly or yearly basis. Alternatively the Credit Card and Direct Debit options are also available.

If you are currently contributing we kindly ask you to complete a new pledge card.

We ask you to consider as a guide…ONE HOUR’S INCOME as your STANDARD OF GIVING.

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Please return your pledge slip and Time & Talent Sheet

Last week all families received a letter from the parish which included a Parish brochure and a “Time & Talent” sheet. All parents are kindly asked to complete and return the Pledge Card/brochure slip and Time & Talent Sheet to the Parish or School Office by the morning of Monday May 21st.

There will also be an opportunity to complete pledge cards at all Masses this weekend, 19th & 20th of May.

Help us to keep our Follow-up to a minimum by returning your Pledge slip and Time & Talent sheet by the date listed above.