FROM THE PRINCIPAL

YEAR OF GRACE

Last weekend, Pentecost Sunday marked the beginning of the Year of Grace. It is a year designated by the Bishops of Australia as one to celebrate and renew our faith and life as Catholics and to “start afresh from Christ”. It is only with the gift of God’s grace that we can ever hope to build God’s Kingdom of peace, justice and love.

Gracious God,

You have blessed this ancient land
with many gifts, especially its people.

We thank you for the Year of Grace,
a time to start afresh from Christ.

You invite us to contemplate the face of Jesus your Son,
that we may experience a new wave of grace,
and that the light of Christ may burn more brightly in our lives.

Attune our hearts and minds
to the presence of your Holy Spirit,
that our Church may be transformed,
our relationships be healed,
and our nation grow in compassion and justice.

With the intercession of St. Mary MacKillop,
who showed us new ways of living the Gospel,
we make our prayer
through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us.

STUDY TOUR — CANADA & ROME

After three weeks away in Canada and Rome with 12 other Principals from the Sale Diocese it is pleasing to be home amongst family and friends. It has been a great learning experience to visit schools in the Ontario Education System which is considered one of the most high achieving education systems in the world. I came away with a deep respect for their commitment to improve learning for all students but also a greater appreciation that our own schools within the Diocese of Sale are heading in the right direction. It was a privilege to work closely with some of the leading educators in charge of educational improvement in Canada including Michael Fullan and Ben Levin. Over the coming months the learning’s from the study tour will be discussed at both a Diocesan level and school level with the aim of identifying the most useful approaches and strategies that will allow us to move forward on our journey of continuous improvement with its focus on student learning.

The second stage of the study tour was a pilgrimage to Rome under the guidance of our Bishop Christopher Prowse and Sr. Rose Duffy. This was a wonderful experience in our development as faith leaders of our school communities and included visits to the foundational sacred sites of Christianity and the Catholic Church. For me personally it was a significant and moving experience to have mass at the grave of Peter, the first Pope of our church, a man who knew Christ personally and who our school is named after. I would encourage you if you get the chance to go to Rome to make that visit to Peter’s grave; it is indeed a holy place.

I thank the staff at the Catholic Education office for making this tour possible in particular Director Peter Ryan, Assistant Director Lorraine Barlow, Ms. Liz McQuade-Jones, Sr. Rose Duffy and our Bishop. This tour has allowed its participants to reflect deeply on our roles as both instructional and faith leaders and provided an enriching professional and spiritual experience that will shape us as leaders and members of our communities.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our Welfare team headed by Mrs. Anita Carter and Ms. Nadia Picinali who have been awarded a 2012 SenseAbility award. The 2012 SenseAbility awards recognise and acknowledge Australian schools and TAFE settings for their efforts and commitment to implementing the SenseAbility program as part of their approach to improving the wellbeing of young people within their communities. Mrs. Carter and Ms. Picinali have adapted the SensAbility program which aims to enhance and maintain the psychological resilience of students in secondary school to our Vertical House System with great success. Mrs. Carter and Ms. Picinali will be presented with their award at the 2012 Positive Schools Conference at the Melbourne Convention Centre on the 15th of June.

Mr. Tim Hogan
PRINCIPAL
ST PETER’S STUDENTS MEET GOVERNOR GENERAL!

St. Peter’s College teachers & students were joined by Australia’s Governor-General and her husband at their regular Tuesday night volunteer service for St. Vincent de Paul Society’s soup van service in North Melbourne and Fitzroy.

Each Tuesday students from St. Peter’s College in Cranbourne volunteer with St. Vincent de Paul Society’s soup van service in North Melbourne and Fitzroy.

On the evening of Tuesday May 14th they were joined and assisted in their work, of serving meals to those in need, by the Governor-General Ms. Quentin Bryce AC CVO and Mr. Michael Bryce AM AE. Also joining them was Victorian President of the St Vincent de Paul Society, Mr. Tony Tome, and Victorian Chief Executive Officer of the St Vincent de Paul Society, Mr. Brian Dalton.

Stephanie Puls, Public Relations Coordinator for St. Vincent de Paul Society Victoria, stated that “we’re really honoured that the Governor-General chose to come out on our North Melbourne & Fitzroy soup van and see the work that we do, with the help of volunteers, helping people in need”.

Mr. Greg Nelson, teacher at St. Peter’s College, said “it was a great surprise to us all, we had no idea until we were briefed at sign-in”. “It was an absolutely wonderful experience and although all our students who volunteer for the program enjoy each week, this week was extra special”.

Volunteers from St. Peter’s College were teachers, Mr. Greg Nelson & Mrs. Simone Kugimiya with College Social Justice Captain, Amanda Hajj, and students Abbie Feldman and Rodney Pasura are pictured with the volunteer group.

Pictures supplied by Casamento Photography.

Mrs. April Hampson
MARKETING OFFICER

FRENCH @ HOME

Parents of students taking Year 7, 9, 10, 11 and 12 French, did you know that your child can now access all the relevant listening materials from home and even download them to an iPod or similar device?

Your child should be listening to these audio tracks several times a week in order to improve listening skills and pronunciation.

Students in Year 8 can access the Year 7 and 9 resources as well as selected resources from the current Year 8 text which will be replaced in 2013.

Ms. Tracy Lockley
French Teacher

YEAR SEVEN SCIENCE FAIR 2012

The St. Peter’s Annual Year Seven Science Fair happened on Wednesday 16th May in the Breen building at the Cranbourne West Campus. The day was a celebration and showcase of the student’s hard work which made the day a success. Congratulations and thanks go to all the year seven students and staff from both campuses for all of their hard work and dedication to the science fair for this year. There were some wonderful posters and models on display and as usual the students work was outstanding. Well done to all who participated in the Year Seven Science Fair.

Mrs. Tania Brown
Teaching and Learning Coach – Science
PARENTS & FRIENDS

Each year the Parents and Friends Association undertakes both fundraising activities and the donation of such funds to various areas of College activity.

FUNDRAISING TERM 2 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS.

Your 2012 Entertainment Book is able to be activated for use from June 1st. For those of you who have not yet purchased your 2012 book you may do so via the College Reception or online via the quick link on the Parents & Friends section. The sooner you purchase your book, the sooner you can take advantage of all the savings! Visit www.stpeters.vic.edu.au to place your order and pay online.

Remember…….They make a great gift idea!

RITCHIES COMMUNITY BENEFITS CARD

All new parents to the College in 2012 should now have received their Ritchies Community Benefits Card. Please contact the College Reception if you have not or if you need a replacement.

REMEMBER 0.5% of your spend will be donated to St. Peter’s College P&F Association for use across numerous activities at both the West and East Campus.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

- June 26th. We are still seeking of Volunteers for St. Peter’s Day Student BBQ. Please register your ability to help now. It would be greatly appreciated.
Please contact the college via April Hampson on 5990 7777 or ahampson@stpeters.vic.edu.au
The P&F need helpers from 10am – 2pm to set up, organise the food & drinks, cook the BBQ and serve. Please come along, help out your P&F and meet some other parents while watching the students have a great day of fun activities!

- 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 fellow students and Parents & Friends to help man this booth in the coming weeks.
Please contact the college via April Hampson on 5990 7777 or ahampson@stpeters.vic.edu.au 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

ST PETERS COLLEGE WEBSITE

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

Recent updates include fortnightly reports 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 of our students.

CALENDAR AMENDMENT

STUDENT FREE DAY

Monday 18th June
(Report Proof Reading Day)

Library News

Year Book Bonanza Books Arrive!

Year 8 girls whooped with delight when they received the One Direction biographies they chose for the Book Bonanza program. Other students were equally delighted to receive eagerly awaited books ranging from jokes, cars and ponies to high fantasy and engaging Young Adult titles.

Students have borrowed the books and will be provided with the opportunity to share their thoughts about their Bonanza book in a Year 8 log or Forum on Moodle in future Readarama sessions.
NYR Lunchtime Readings by Students and Staff Olwyn McKenna, Deacon Tony, Ms. Le Noel, Mr. Beutelschiess and Mrs. Marschner enchanted a sizeable crowd when they read from their favourite books at our monthly lunchtime reading last Thursday. Watch out for further National Year of Reading Events.

READARAMA: Please support your child’s reading by regularly signing their Readarama record sheets. As we are half way through the program which requires students to read a minimum of 25 hours by the end of Term 3, students should have read about 12 hours.

ST PETER’S COLLEGE NEWSLETTER GOES ELECTRONIC!
The College is very excited to say that this newsletter is the first to be distributed by email! From now on, all newsletters will be emailed to all parents, staff and members of our College Community.
If you did not receive a copy via email please contact the College Office on 5990 7777 or visit the College Website to subscribe. Family and friends of the College may also subscribe, so please spread the word!
Should you have any feedback in relation to the electronic newsletter please feel free to let us know!
Many thanks!

Happy Reading!

Mrs. Angela Gargano
Teacher Librarian
VCE Performance Night

A spectacular event indeed!! We are so lucky to have such talented students here at St. Peter's! Over 200 people attended this entertaining evening which showcased the talents of the VCE Dance, Drama and Music students. Thank you to all of the Performing Arts Staff for their efforts in getting the students to such a high level of performance. Thank you also to Mr. John Phillips and his student helpers for transforming the Hall into a Theatre. If you missed out, make sure you get along to the school production “Little Shop of Horrors” in August.

Ms. Gina Goss
VCE DANCE AND DRAMA TEACHER

YEAR 7 2013 ENROLMENTS
Applications are still being taken for Year 7 2013 at both the Cranbourne West and Cranbourne East campuses. Contact our Registrar Kelley Cooper on 5990 7777 or kelley@stpeters.vic.edu.au for an enrolment pack.

Homework Club

Educational research is inconclusive regarding the controversial debate about the benefits of homework. If you have a son or daughter who is happy to quietly do their homework without a fuss, the issue most likely won’t be of particular interest to you. If however you have a child who groans about homework, who finds homework a challenge or who thinks that if they are working at school all day they should not have to work at home as well, then I imagine you will have very definite ideas on the subject! No doubt you will agree that there are times when homework can be a major source of family conflict and anxiety for both children and parents in the home.

St. Peter’s College may have a solution to your problem…Homework Club!

Situated at the rear of the Library, the Homework Club is a place for students to study and to receive 1-1 help with their homework and assignments. Students are encouraged to do their best in a helpful, positive and friendly environment.

Attending Homework Club once or twice a week can enable students to take personal responsibility for managing their schoolwork commitments, to develop a study routine, self-discipline, organisational and time management skills.

The Club runs at both campuses from Monday to Thursday, 3:30-4:30pm and is available for all students, Years 7-12.

Ms. Kay Anderson
Special Programs Coordinator
CAREERS NEWS

UNDERGRADUATE MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES ADMISSION TEST (UMAT)
Reminder: You must sit this test as part of the application process for Monash University medicine and physiotherapy degrees. You must register to sit this test by 5pm (AEST) Friday 1 June at www.umat.acer.edu.au. The test is on 25 July. NOTE UMAT changes: From 2012, UMAT scores can be used for admission to any of the UMAT consortium universities ONLY in the year following the test. Eg results from UMAT2012 can be used for undergraduate medicine or health science courses beginning in 2013 but NOT 2014. Do not register for UMAT2012 unless you plan to apply for a course commencing in 2013 AND you meet the eligibility criteria specified in the UMAT2012 Information Booklet. The changes will not affect candidates who sat UMAT2011 under the previous policy. UMAT2011 Scores will still be accepted for courses commencing in 2013.

MONASH PENINSULA CAMPUS TERTIARY OPTIONS EXPO
Several presentations available – tertiary study; parent information and special entry schemes; return to study and alternative entry pathways; When: starts 6pm, Tues 19 June; Register: www.monash.edu/peninsula.

MONASH ART DESIGN & ARCHITECTURE WORKSHOPS
Workshops for Year 12 students interested in studying creative disciplines. Aimed at assisting you develop your university entrance folio and introducing you to various disciplines; explore tertiary options. When: 10am-5pm, 3-5 July; Where: ADA studios, Caulfield Campus; Details: www.artdes.monash.edu/study/workshops.

NEW SPECIAL EDUCATION DEGREE AT MONASH
Monash (Berwick) has a new Bachelor of Education (Special Education) program (pending university and VIT approval). Commencing in 2013, it will offer studies for primary and secondary education. Information: edu-courseinfo@monash.edu.

YEAR 10 INFORMATION EVENING AT DEAKIN UNIVERSITY
Start to plan your VCE, university and career options. Find out about Deakin courses, hear speakers talk about their professions, meet students and enjoy pizza! Where/When: Melbourne (Burwood) campus Tues 5 June; Warrnambool campus Wednesday 6 June; Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus Tuesday 12 June; Register: www.deakin.edu.au/future-students (go to Upcoming Events)

YEAR 10 INDEPENDENCE DAY
You can support your independent educational decisions by spending time discovering a world of possibilities at Monash University. This event will give Year 10 students a chance to discover their options at Monash and life at university. When: Wed 4 July; Information (shortly) at www.monash.edu.au/study/options/schools/events.html.

FIND OUT ABOUT RMIT COURSES
Not sure what courses involve? Then, these will help: medical laboratory visits, sessions on art and design, computing, animation and IT, aerospace, mechanical and manufacturing engineering, electrical and computer engineering, advertising, marketing and public relations, community justice day, health and medical sciences and nuclear medicine lab visits. Information/register: www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays (aimed at Years 10-12).

CAREER WEEKS AT THE INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF HOTEL MANAGEMENT
Explore the hotel management industry and future career options by attending a career week at ICHM (Adelaide), the only Swiss Hotel Association school in Australia. Career weeks are 2-6 July and 24-28 Sept. Cost: $695; Info/register: www.ichm.edu.au or ph 08 8228 3636 or admissions@ichm.edu.au.

RMIT Medical Laboratory Visits
Tours available to interested Year 10, 11 and 12 students between 2 and 6 July http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=3qxxhnhmon1rz#_Medical_Laboratory_Visits

Whitehouse Institute of Design – Design Beginnings Winter Workshops

Ms. Melissa Dillon
Careers Coordinator
SIS INTERMEDIATE GIRLS SOCCER

Bolstered by the returning Year 10’s Nguyen, McInnes and Magias, the squad travelled to Nazareth under no illusions about the real challenge that would be thrown down by their opponents. Against equally determined players there was little space or time on the ball in the early exchanges and it took a piece of brilliance from Dakic, bursting through from the right before coolly slotting home, to break the deadlock. After somehow surviving a goalmouth scramble, the defence of the Parisi’s and Stevens were again outstanding in thwarting their opponents to ensure the lead was taken into the interval. Despite lots of second half pressure no further goals were added, mainly due to an excellent performance from the Nazareth keeper. Tatham worked tirelessly in the engine room, Nguyen and Magias impressed in their first run outs and McInnes was solid before going down injured towards the final whistle (cramp can be painful but forgetting how to breathe is not advisable!). Certoma improved further and provided the best trick of the day – getting her angles just right to volley the ball into her own face! The 1-0 victory was well deserved as the team now sweat on the efforts of Chairman DeGoldi to try to bring the final fixture forward and avoid the Year 10 Work Experience period.

Mr. Andrew Broadley
COACH

RACV TRANSMISSION

On Thursday 24th May, students from Year 11 Media ventured up to Melbourne Convention Centre for the Annual RACV Transmission Competition Semi-Final Workshop. Students spent the day hearing from RACV and media representatives and workingshopping their initial ad submissions with judges from RACV. They even had the opportunity to create a mock road safety ad, where they were commended for their creativity; no other school created a ‘talking car’ out of human bodies, or managed to make quite as much noise, however enthusiastic. Needless to say, the day was an informative, productive and thoroughly enjoyable one for all students… including the impromptu game of lawn bowls. Congratulations 11 Media on your work in the semi-finals and good luck for your re-submissions for the finals!

Miss. Karissa Robertson
VCE MEDIA TEACHER

ST AGATHA’S PARISH – CRANBOURNE STEWARDSHIP 2012

Dear Parents,

We are very grateful to all who helped or were involved in any way with the Stewardship Program. Thank you to all the parishioners and school families who completed a pledge card and signed on to financially support our Parish. We had a good response from the Masses on the weekend, and many more pledges have come in this week.

Our hard working teams of home visitors are out and about in the Parish contacting those parishioners who happened to be away last weekend. Please give them a warm welcome.

If you were away or missed out last weekend, it is not too late to complete a Pledge Card or a Time and Talent Sheet. Completed pledge cards and Time and Talent Sheets may be returned to the School or the Parish Office.

Anyone who has been involved or helped out in any way with the 2012 Stewardship Program over the past few weeks is invited to come along to St Agatha’s Hall on Tuesday 29th of May at 7.30pm, for the Final Reporting and Social night of the Program.

Thank you once again,

Fr. Denis O’Bryan
Parish Priest

TERM 2 CALENDAR

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Pentecost was celebrated last Sunday throughout the world. It is the celebration of the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles. This event liberated and empowered the Apostles who were virtually in hiding in fear for their lives as followers of Jesus. The power of the Holy Spirit enabled them to set about the mission which Jesus gave them “Go out to the whole world and baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.....” They were to become Jesus’ “Witnesses” and the Spirit would be with them as their “Helper and Guide”.

Certainly the Apostles were given courage and strength to begin telling the “Good News” of Jesus Christ and did indeed go out to the world as they knew it. The action of the Holy Spirit never leaves us the same when we experience it. The “Year of Grace” also began on Sunday in response to the declaration of the Australian Bishops. Grace is one of those words that can be either not understood or seen as a bit “Twee” these days. However, grace, which is the action of the Holy Spirit in our lives is experienced more often than we realise.

An example of this was seen last Thursday in our Chapel. I was not the only one who noticed this and it was marvellous. Besides the Mass at East Campus that morning I had liturgies for the whole of year 10 (two liturgies) and a part of year 8. At these liturgies the students lead the prayers and readings, some of which they have prepared themselves.

It was obvious from the beginning, and the feeling grew, that good things were happening that day. The only way to describe it was “There is a great spirit here”. The attentiveness and demeanour of the students was remarkable. They entered into the liturgies wonderfully. This was particularly so with the year 10s but also applied to the year 8s.

It would be very remiss of us to assume that all our young people are totally taken up by modern culture and don’t need or want a spiritual life. The opposite is demonstrated here quite often. The art works for instance which are produced by students often tell of a deep spiritual nature. The willingness to serve others in our outreach programmes is a response to the Spirit.

In this “Year of Grace” let us find opportunities to acknowledge the movement of the Spirit in our lives and indeed to share this with our children who (believe it or not) are “Spiritual” beings.

Deacon Tony Aspinall
COLLEGE CHAPLAIN

A Prayer for all the Baptised
“The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me,
For He has anointed me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor,
To proclaim liberty to captives
And to the blind new sight,
To set the downtrodden free,
To proclaim the Lord’s year of favour”.
(Luke4:18-19)

ST. AGATHA’S NEWS
CONFIRMATION PARENT/CHILD WORKSHOP -
There will be Parent/Child Workshops for CONFIRMATION preparation on Tuesday 5th June. It will be held in St. Agatha’s Parish Hall at 5pm and 7.30pm respectively. This Workshop is an essential part of the preparation process. Thus, all the children for CONFIRMATION are obliged to attend with their parents, at the preferred time you have chosen.

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.

Mr. Greg Nelson
St. Agatha’s Parish Representative