Welcome Back to Semester 2
I hope all of our students and their families have had a relaxing break over the school holidays and return with enthusiasm to tackle the challenges of semester 2. During the course of this week our Learning Advisors will use the semester 1 reports as the basis for student discussions on goal setting and strategies to achieve success in semester 2.

One of the strengths of the new House System is that our Learning Advisors will work with the same students in their tutor groups over the six years they are at St. Peter’s which means that each year they will grow in their understanding of the students in their care. This puts the learning advisor in a position of being able to provide guidance at key times in a student’s life such as when trying to choose new subjects or contemplating a fresh approach to their studies in semester 2.

As parents look to school for guidance on matters concerning the educational progress of their children I strongly encourage them to make contact with their Childs learning advisor if they have not already done so this year. The on-going nature of the student and family relationship with a House and learning Advisor gives us a unique opportunity to strengthen the educational partnership between home and school which our students can only benefit from.

Solomon Islands Fundraiser
In November this Year Nine year 12 students will be taking part in the second cultural exchange with Bishop Epalle College in the Solomon Islands. The students accompanied by Mr. Roger Hampson and Mrs. April Hampson will be involved with various school and cultural activities as they stay with local families over the 10 days. A Trivia Fundraising Night is being organised by Mr. Hampson on August the 10th at St. Peter’s to raise $8000 for the purchase of a school bus for Bishop Epalle College. Anyone who can contribute items or services for the Auction on the night, no matter how big or small, please contact Mr. Roger Hampson or Ms. April Hampson at the College on 5990 7777 or email Roger - rhampson@stpeters.vic.edu.au or April - ahampson@stpeters.vic.edu.au.

St Peter’s College Production – Little Shop of Horrors
As term 3 begins the excitement is building toward the opening of the School Production which will take place in week 6 of this term. This production will be shown at the George Jenkins Theatre in Frankston and students and staff have been working hard over term 2 in preparation for their 5 performances during Production Week.

My thanks to a dedicated and professional staff lead by Mr. Frank Carter - Producer, Ms. Gina Goss - Director, Miss. Karissa Robertson – Choreographer, Mr. Matt Sharpe - Voice Coach and Mr. Bryce Ewing - Music who give so many hours at lunchtime and afterschool to prepare our students to the high standards that our College Productions are known for. Ticket sales will begin shortly through the front office.

Congratulations!
I congratulate past student Andy McInnes on making his debut for Carlton against Collingwood in front of 70,000 people during the school holidays. Andy was taken at pick 67 in the 2010 National draft and has worked his way into the senior side through some outstanding performances with Carlton’s VFL side the Northern Blues. We know it will be the first of many for Andy and we are very proud of the way he has worked to gain this outstanding achievement. He is a fine young man and a credit to himself, his family and our school.
From the Deputy Principal-Students

St Peter’s Day
On the last Tuesday of Term Two, we celebrated the Feast Day of our Patron Saint Peter. The day started with a Whole College Mass, led by Bishop Christopher Prowse (the Bishop of the Sale Diocese). Bishop Prowse then led an official party in blessing our St Peter’s Sculpture and Garden. These two events were the launching pad for what turned out to be a most enjoyable day for all staff and students.

Students enjoyed a number of activities, including a Bucking Bull Ride, Gladiator Challenge, Human Fuseball, Jumping Castle, Golf Challenge, Amazing Race, Pancake Eating Competition, Jelly Stall, Air Brush Tattoo, Teacher Targeted Sponge Throw, Drawing Competition and Basketball Challenge.

The Parents and Friends Association also provided a BBQ Lunch and a can of soft drink for each student, which was greatly appreciated!

The day concluded with the annual St Peter’s Day Talent Quest. As usual, this was a hotly contested competition and the talent displayed was amazing. The winning act belonged to Taylor Piggott and Isabelle Bangard, who sang beautifully together.

On the day, $1100 was raised for the Sale Diocese Cathedral Renovation project, as well as $1500 for the Bishop’s Family Foundation.

Congratulations and thankyou to all concerned with a most successful day.

Uniform Reminders
The start of the term is always a good time to re set the standards regarding the Uniform of the College. Please note the following:

- Blazers must be worn as the outer garment to and from the College at all times.
- Only one plain gold or silver stud or sleeper are permitted to be worn in each earlobe. No other piercings are permitted (including clear piercings).
- Appropriate, supportive sports shoes/runners must be worn with the PE/Sports Uniform.
- The only tracksuits that are permitted to be worn with the PE/Sports Uniform are the ones that are purchased from the uniform shop. These are the same material as the Sports Jacket, and have a gold stripe down each leg. Plain fleecy lined tracksuit pants are not part of the PE/Sports Uniform.

Thank you for your cooperation with these uniform matters.

Mr. Anthony Banks
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - STUDENTS

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)
Second Installment 2012

The Education Maintenance Allowance is paid to parents of eligible students under 16 years of age, and the student is enrolled in a Government or non-Government School in Victoria on census day, 29 February 2012 for installment 1 and 3 August 2012 for the second installment.

The Education Maintenance Allowance will be paid in two instalments and to be eligible you must be enrolled on the first day of 1st Term (1st February 2012) for the first installment and on the first day of 3rd Term (16th July 2012) for the second installment:

Parents who were paid the EMA at the school that their children are still attending for the first installment of 2012, are not required to complete a new application for the second installment.

Parents who were paid EMA at a different school for the first installment of 2012, or parents who are claiming EMA as they have just become eligible will need to complete an application form at the new school for the second installment.

EMA applications forms may be collected from the College office

Applications must be submitted to the College by 3rd August 2012 with copy of eligible Health Care Card.

Ms. Jo Hotchin
Assistant Business Manager
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 UPDATE Term 2 - OFFICEWORKS CRANBOURNE SAUSAGE SIZZLE FUNDRAISER.

Thank you to all of you who supported this fundraising activity. Particular Thanks go to Mr. Anthony Banks, Deputy Principal-Students and the Student Representative Council with their fellow St Peter’s College students for giving up their time to man the BBQ.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Who doesn’t want to save up to $750.00 a year on your grocery and petrol spend? For more information on this offers visit our website via Parents and Friends page to see how! Visit www.stpeters.vic.edu.au to place your order and pay online, then pick up from College Reception.

Remember…….When you don’t know what to buy someone, let them choose benefits all year round, by purchasing an Entertainment Book as a great gift idea!

ST PETER’S SCULPTURE & GARDEN FUNDRAISING PROJECT

Our commitment to the landscaping of the Sculpture Garden area will see us launch a NEW FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE FOR Semester 2. For further details on this exciting family focused offer please look out for full details later in the month.

EAST CAMPUS PARENTS & FRIENDS FUNDRAISING PROJECT

East Campus fundraising initiative also to be launched later in July.

RITCHIES COMMUNITY BENEFITS CARD

A Reminder that 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.

Please contact the College Reception if you have not or if you need a replacement.

NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY 31ST July - 7.30-9.00 pm
St Peter’s College West Campus
Cranbourne-Frankston Road, Cranbourne,
Enter via Navarra Drive Gates

GUEST SPEAKER – MS GINA GOSS – GLOWREY HOUSE LEADER & SCHOOL PRODUCTION

B.Ed.; Grad.Dip.Student Welfare; Cert IV Assessment & Workplace Training

House Leader, VCE Drama, VCE Media, Dance, Dramatic Performance

Ms. Gina Goss has held the senior position of Year Level Co-ordinator for the last 6 years and now moves into the role of Glowrey House Leader under the new vertical House System. She works closely with her students and her Learning Advisors each day and will give her perspective on the benefits of the House system for both students and families.

Gina also holds the role of Production Co-ordinator and will give an update on the progress of “The Little Shop of Horrors” which will be performed in term 3 at the George Jenkins Theatre, Frankston.

Mrs. Karen Walker
PRESIDENT OF PFA

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 includes Year 8 Medieval Day, Project Compassion House Fundraising competition results, Kakoda Trip for two St Peter’s College Students,

Find details on how to register to get your College Newsletter on-line. Remember anyone can register to receive the College Newsletter on-line, so sign up extended family members and friends.

You will also find in ‘News and Events’ stories and pictures of the ‘Day to Day’ College life of our students.
Work Experience 2012
From June 4th to June 15th our Year 10 students were out of the College undertaking the enjoyable Work Experience Program. It was a very busy period with students embarking on over 260 placements during the fortnight.

Our Work Experience program is a great opportunity for students to gain insight into Industries where a potential career interest may be and is a solid foundation to assist students make informed course and career decisions.

This year, like others, our students organised some terrific placements and have been presented with very exciting opportunities during this time. Georgia Lucas was co-pilot to a joy flight during her placement with Tooradin Air Field. Tim Schreurs was able to view a number of operations and procedures during his time with Cranbourne VET Clinic. Tom Van Hooydonk assisted the staff at Jim Stein’s Reach Foundation and Deanna Parisi produced a sensational piece of music during her time with Audio Visual Media and this was played during the College Assembly held at the end of Term 3. Students are not just restricted to undertaking placements within Victoria. Chantelle Bates has organised a placement with Bondi VET Clinic, Sydney for later in the year. I’m sure this will be a very exciting placement and we hope you are able to work with Dr. Chris Brown.

We thank our students for their dedication and respectability during this time, to the parents for their support and in many cases additional transport requirements in the morning and of course the employers for providing the vital support and placements to our students. We hope the students all benefit from this program and gain knowledge and insight that will assist them with future career decisions.

Our current Year 9 students have started researching Work Experience opportunities for 2013. If you own or work in a business that could offer a valuable Work Experience placement for our students please contact the Careers Centre and a suitable placement will be matched.

Ms. Melissa Dillon  
Careers Coordinator

Student Responses to Work Experience
Between the 4th - 15th of June, all Year 10s had work experience. During my 2 weeks I did concreting with my cousin, Pete. The first time I got there I had no clue what to do, but as I progressed I got to do more things. At the start I was pegging and marking string lines for kerbs, then we got into it more with Pete telling me why and how the job needed to be done. When I was trowelling I would make small mistakes, then they’d fix them, and tell me how to do it without the problems. They didn’t let me trowel at first because it’s something that can’t be messed up. I did what they needed and we had some laughs and a few funny arguments but nothing too major. Driving past where I was working, I wanted to go back to it, because it’s something I’d like to do.

Ryan Torelli

On the 4th of June the Year 10s took part in work experience. I was really looking forward to it. My first week was hairdressing at a salon in Dandenong. I must say it was amazing! The first day I worked so hard and at the end of the day my feet were so sore and I started to wonder, is this really for me?

The next day I got up and just had a positive feeling that it was going to be a good day. My employer treated me as if I was a hairdresser myself; I washed hair, swept floors, washed dishes, mixed colours and the second day in I felt this was the job for me. Hairdressing is something I want to do when I’m older and I am really
looking forward to starting to begin my dream. My dream is to own my own salon also with make-up, nails, hair and waxing. I know I will get there, because work experience has pushed me that bit more. To the Year 9s doing work experience next year, my message is to do work experience based on something you want to do when you are older, so you know if it’s for you or not.

Aimee Falzon

On the 4th of June to the 15th of June the Year Ten students went on work experience. For the first week I went to Holden. I really enjoyed it. Some of the things that we did were general services which included light checks, oil change, oil filter change, brake check, tyre tread and pressure check as well as brake and power steering fluid check. Some of the things that the customers requested while going for a service were bleed the new brake fluid, coolant flush and new brake pads. If we saw a problem with a car, we had to note it down and the service manager would contact the owner and ask them if they would like us to fix these problems or not. While I was there I learnt that it is not a rushed job and that you can take your time and work at your own pace. Something that I got to see was a 2007 VZ Mark Skafie signature edition HSV Senator and also a lot of Commodores and GTS Clubsports with Walkinshaw exhaust systems. I learnt that I really like it and want to become a Holden mechanic in the future.

Chris Litova

From the 4th to the 15th of June this year all Year 10s went on work experience. I spent my two weeks at a couple of building sites. At the jobs I did small things such as scraping paint off the floors and putting up doors. But I spent most of my time traveling from one site to another and watching the other tradesmen like electricians and plumbers do their jobs. From this experience I learnt that I am capable to do jobs by myself with no help. I learnt that this job is frustrating when your employees make mistakes and have to start again and slows down the whole job. In the future I would like to do a job along this line because this is what I’m interested in.

Antony De Pasquale
St Peter’s College Future’s Evening ~ Wednesday 1st August
For all Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 students and their parents/guardians.

Come along to find information about:
VCE subjects, VCAL and VET courses available.

VTAC applications and other tertiary options including apprenticeships.

Speak directly with College Teaching Staff about subjects areas and view samples of other student works.

Specific Universities and TAFE’s ~ there will be several institutes there to answer your questions.

Invitations will be sent home to parents with a program outline.

Full Time Work Opportunities
MEGT is a Group Training Company that matches employers with Trainees and Apprentices. There are two local positions currently available. All positions available are listed on their website www.megt.com.au For more information on the positions below please log onto the website and see Ms. Dillon in the Career Centre to apply.

- Business/Office Administration Traineeship Berwick - MEGT (Australia) Ltd has a Certificate 3 Business Traineeship position available, which is an excellent career opportunity.

- Business/Office Administration Traineeship Dandenong MEGT (Australia) Ltd has many fantastic career starting opportunities available to employ energetic & enthusiastic Warehousing Trainees to support a warehouse located in Dandenong.
Reflections on the Census

The recent census revealed some very interesting data. There are now over twenty one million of us, we are more multi-cultural than the time of the last census, we are getting older (I already knew that) and we are even a bit better off financially. Answers to the question on religion provide food for thought. The second most popular choice was “No religion”. I wonder what responsibility those of us who belong to faith communities, those of us who may have designated ourselves by some religion, must bear for that result. Have we made religion so unattractive that people no longer want to belong or perhaps have we made it seem out-dated, irrelevant, unengaged with today’s world and its issues and problems? Have recent scandals taken their toll and the Church or religion has lost credibility? Perhaps that is an unfair analysis but we should not just simply regard this result as an interesting phenomenon.

Having ‘no religion’ does not necessarily mean no belief in God. It is interesting, even challenging, to explore what many people consider to be ‘religion’ today. For many, “religion” is regarded as a private lifestyle choice, a personal option some choose to exercise to help them make sense out of life and death. We have, in their view, no right to impose our beliefs on others. Religion has no place in public debate. There is also a trend where people pick and choose religious beliefs, doctrines and practices - mixing and matching them, a “church-free spirituality” in the words of one popular American TV daytime talk show host. A number of publishers refer to the phenomenon as “private spirituality.” or as “spirituality without religion.” Religious pluralism is also popular, “an eclectic approach,” according to Lynn Garrett, who tracks religious books for Publishers Weekly. “People borrow ideas from different traditions, then add them to whatever religion they’re used to. But they don’t want anything to do with organised religion.”

These borrowed doctrines or practices or ideas are not generally regarded as anything more than helpful at a particular stage of life – they may be taken up or discarded when they are no longer regarded as relevant or useful. They are not seen as anything to do with an acknowledgement of anything which may be regarded “the truth”, something enduring which has had lasting impact on the lives of millions, something which has influenced the formation of civilizations and societies. Those Church rituals are not seen as something that embody religious truth in such a unique and extraordinary way that they link the believer to the very life of God.

Even those who profess atheism can even pick and choose ‘the good points’ in religious belief and practice. I recently read a book entitled Religion for Atheists in which the author, Alain de Botton says atheists like him ‘shouldn’t mock religions, they should steal from them.’ Rather patronisingly in my view, he suggests that religions have all kinds of helpful ways to help us improve our relationships, console us in grief and accept our limitations, and can help us enjoy and love music and art, build a sense of community, make our relationships last, overcome feelings of envy and inadequacy. It is true, as he writes, that religion has been used in the name of many atrocities but as De Botton romanticises the mystery, awe, and grace of religion, he misses the point that these are the very things that bring us into contact with God and are ways in which we respond to the action of God in our world. They are not just happy coincidences. The supernatural claims of religion which he argues are entirely false, are the very reason for the existence of these marvellous qualities which he praises so highly.

We gather together for religious rituals, not only to make us feel better, to feel more connected but because they bring us into the presence of God. Through them we encounter God’s forgiveness. God’s healing, and by that encounter bringing about reconciliation with each other. We admire and care for creation not just because it fills us with awe and wonder but because it brings us into contact with its Creator. We work to bring about justice, fairness and a better distribution of this world’s goods, not just because that makes people’s lives so much better, but because this is God’s vision for our world. We gather to listen to the scriptures not because they are beautiful poetry, not because they are historical documents that link us to past ages but because they express the history of God’s dealings with us – in the past and today. We admire religious art, buildings and go on pilgrimages not because we want to travel but because they remind us of the faith of those who have gone before and their attempts to describe the wonder of their beliefs and the presence of God in their lives and in their time.

Sadly, religion is finding it difficult to connect in our time – while people pick and choose to nourish their spirituality, the importance of enduring religious beliefs, traditions and values are not always understood. People will become curious about them when they see them well lived, when they see that people find them relevant, inspiring and that they transform our lives. These enduring religious beliefs have something to say to challenges our world faces today, to making our world a fairer and more just place, a more peaceful place. Such religious beliefs are not about controlling us, rather when properly understood and lived, rather they set us free!

That’s the challenge for those who ticked the census box indicating that yes, I do have a religion!

Regards
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Reflections on the Census

17 July 2012

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ST. AGATHA’S NEWS

R.C.I.A. INQUIRY NIGHT 2012-2013: An inquiry night will be held for those who may be considering becoming a Catholic on Wednesday 18th July at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. All welcome! For further information, contact the Parish Office on 5996 1985 or Tina on 5996 3139.

WORLD YOUTH DAY LAUNCH is happening in Melbourne on the evening of Friday 27th July and will include Praise & worship featuring Fr. Bob Galea & his band, Mass with Archbishop Hart and a Carnival party. There will be live Brazilian music and a chance to win a $2000 grant towards WYD. The festivities kick off at 6.30pm at St. Mary Star of the Sea, 33 Howard Street, West Melbourne. This is a free event and all young people are invited. If interested please contact Sr. Mercy on 0403 423 021.

LUNCH TIME SPORTS
Over the last couple of weeks during lunch time the Cranbourne East students have been participating in lunch time sport house activities, trying to earn points for their house. The sport that was chosen for this term by the students was netball. All students involved where highly motivated and very eager to get on the court on game day. The overall winner taking the points home for their house was MacKillop who snatched the win from Glowrey House in the grand final. Well done to MacKillop House. It was great to see so many students and teachers become involved in what is sure to become a much loved tradition here at Cranbourne East. Hopefully our mini Olympics running in Term 3 will be even a bigger success.

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE UPDATE

FRANCE TRIP 2013!! - MAR & APR 2013
In March next year we will be visited by a group of students from our new sister school in Paris, if you are interested in hosting one of these students please email Mrs. Kugimiya. Soon after, around the Easter Holidays next year, we are hoping to take a group of SPC students on a 2 week exchange to France. Get in early and register your interest by emailing skugimiya@stpeters.vic.edu.au today!!

HOST FAMILIES WANTED!! - END OF TERM 3 (SEPT) 2012
We are expecting 10 – 15 students from our sister school in Japan to visit the college for 1 week at the end of this term!! If you are interested in hosting a student, please email Mrs. Kugimiya skugimiya@stpeters.vic.edu.au asap!

Mrs. Simone Kugimiya
Exchange Coordinator

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