PRODUCTION
Congratulations to the Cast and Crew of the Little Shop of Horrors which completed its final performance last Saturday Night. At St Peter’s we always encourage our students to achieve excellence and the feedback that I have received from many parents and other guests to our show indicated that these students have indeed achieved excellence. As I said to staff last Friday morning the elements for achieving excellence in the classroom can be easily seen in the process of bringing this production to life. These elements include a high quality task for learning, continuous feedback on improving performance, engagement of students and the passion and drive of committed teaching staff. The pursuit of excellence is as simple and as complex as that and I congratulate all those involved for the excellence they have achieved in this college production.

INDUSTRIAL ACTION
As at the time of writing this newsletter Fair Work Australia has declared the industrial action planned by the Independent Education Union of Australia (IEUA) an Unprotected Industrial Action. Subsequently Debra James, the General Secretary of the IEUA has communicated that the planned stoppage for September 5th impacting on Catholic and Independent schools has been cancelled. Should this situation change prior to September 5th and arrangements for school closure are required on this date then we will keep you informed via SMS, email and our College Website over the coming week.

COMMUNITY BUILDING
Earlier this month Kevin Noble, Taryn Johnson and Mitchell Hovey assisted at the St Agatha’s Parish Welcome Dinner under the direction of Assistant RE Leader, Mr Greg Nelson. St Agatha’s is very much a growing parish and it is pleasing that our students can play a part in extending a warm welcome to new parishioners and reinforcing the important role that our school plays as part of this vibrant parish community.

Mr Tim Hogan
PRINCIPAL
PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Once again, Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Thursday 13th September between 9.30am and 8.30pm.

Over the course of the next week, all families will receive their login details in order to make bookings via the college website. As always, parents are encouraged to meet with teachers for an update on their son or daughter’s progress.

Also, parents will receive Interim Reports for Semester Two next week, which provide an indication of student performance at this mid-point of the semester. Within these reports, teachers may have made requests for parent meetings in order to discuss particular subject specific matters. We encourage parents to follow up with those teachers, and to also communicate with any other teachers necessary throughout the day if required.

Please take the time to read through the Interim Report and to use it as a basis for discussion with your son or daughter prior to the interviews. They are often an ideal springboard to discussing those same issues face to face with their teachers.

The Parent Teacher Interviews offer parents, staff and students a great opportunity to enhance student learning by working towards mutual goals and expectations. They also send a strong message of support to students, especially our seniors, about the importance of consistent communication between school and home.

In that regard, Thursday 13 September is a STUDENT FREE DAY.

Please feel free to contact the college for any further information or assistance in booking your interviews.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs Mona Esmaty
Acting Deputy Principal - Staff

TIPS FOR SOCIAL MEDIA USE:
- Check the privacy settings on your computer
- Talk about keeping personal details such as addresses, phone numbers, bank details, etc. private.
- Don’t be afraid to highlight the obvious – to some kids the cyber world is not “real”.
- Make sure your kids know and trust their online friends – it is not a competition to have the most number of friends.
- Be aware that seemingly harmless links can steer your kids away to other sites.
- When your kids “like” certain pages they connect with everyone else who “likes” the link. This can end up as an unprotected chat room for messaging, even when your kids have privacy settings on their own profile.
- People really do pretend to be someone they are not online – your kids need to be 100% sure they know who they are talking to at all times. There are options to block, delete, and ignore people online.
- We might ask our kids who they caught up with today – ask who they caught up with online as well!

STUDENT WELFARE ACTIVITIES
Over the past few weeks, a number of Year Level based welfare activities/programs have taken place.

The Year Nine students have been involved in two activities over the past few weeks. The first was a session conducted by The Brainstorm group. This session was called “Cheap Thrills” and focused on the education of risk taking behaviour. The second activity for the Year Nine students was conducted by the Class Act Group and this session separated the girls and boys and spoke about issues relevant to them.

The Year Eight students have also recently had two welfare activities. The first was a graffiti education session, conducted by the City of Casey. The second was a session called “Project Rockit”. This session was an interactive anti-bullying and leadership program.

Hopefully these sessions allow our students to build on their personal/social development skills over time, to ultimately help them mature into socially responsible young women and men.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - 6TH SEPTEMBER
The Annual House Athletics Carnival will be held next Thursday at Casey Fields Athletics Track.
As per the letter and permission slip that was sent home with students, please note the following:
- It is a compulsory school day and all students must therefore attend. Any student who does not attend, must have a medical certificate, otherwise consequences will occur.
- The day will begin with normal tutor group and conclude with dismissal from the College at 3.00pm
Students will need to bring their own lunch/drinks. A bbq lunch will be offered for students to purchase food.

Students in years 11 and 12 can wear an appropriate costume in their House Colour. Students in years 7-10 may wear a top in their House Colour, but must wear the PE/Sports shorts/pants. Any student who does not have a top in their House Colour must wear the St Peters PE/Sports top.

MCGUIGAN SHIELD
The McGuigan Shield recognizes the participation of students in extra-curricular events throughout the school year. Points are awarded to the house of any student who volunteers for any of the following events.

- Lunchtime Sports and House based activities
- SIS – Debating
- SIS Sports
- Volunteers for activities where students give up their own/free time
- College Production
- SDVP – Soup Vans
- Oznam House
- Any other event or activity where students are volunteering to represent or serve the school community

For Semester One, 2012 (the first time the Shield is awarded under the new House System) the winning House is MacKillop House. The House Captains (Rhiannon Kyberd and Ethan McClean) received the shield at this week’s Whole School Assembly from Mr Hogan.

WHOOPING COUGH
The College has had an isolated case of whooping cough over the past week. As whooping cough is highly contagious, we have included the Department of Health’s fact sheet below:

WHAT IS WHOOPING COUGH?
Whooping cough is a highly contagious disease caused by the bacteria *Bordetella pertussis* and is spread by droplets from coughing and sneezing to 70–100% of susceptible household contacts and 50–80% of susceptible school contacts. Susceptible people are those who are either unvaccinated or have waning immunity since childhood vaccines. Whooping cough is particularly serious in infants under 12 months of age, while older children and adults usually have a milder disease.

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?
Symptoms may vary for different ages but first symptoms are usually similar to a cold. Severe cases develop sudden attacks of repetitive coughing and often a characteristic ‘whoop’ as the person gasps for breath. Not all cases get the ‘whoop’. Babies may have pauses in breathing (apnoea). Vomiting often follows a coughing spasm. A person with whooping cough is infectious for up to three weeks after they start coughing. The cough may last for months.

WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS WHOOPING COUGH?
If your child has whooping cough, they should not attend school, pre-school, day care or similar settings where there are young children and infants for 21 days from onset of coughing or until they have received at least the first five days of a course of antibiotics. If your child has been coughing for more than 21 days, they are no longer infectious and can go back to school or child care. In these circumstances, antibiotic treatment is not usually needed.

WHAT ABOUT OTHERS WHO MAY BE IN CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS WHOOPING COUGH?
Household members and very close contacts of someone with whooping cough may also be infectious. If you think you or your child may have whooping cough please consult your doctor as soon as possible. There are tests available (either a swab taken from the nose/throat or a blood test) to determine if you have whooping cough.

Antibiotics are not always recommended and should only be given within 14 days after last contact with the infectious case (for infants under 12 months, within 21 days after last contact). Antibiotics rarely prevent other people from getting whooping cough and their use should be limited to household or institutional (eg hospital) contacts at high risk that have had direct contact with an infectious case. Examples of high risk contacts are infants under 12 months of age, women in the last four weeks of pregnancy and people with suppressed immune function.

CAN MY CHILD GO TO SCHOOL?
Children less than seven years of age who have not received three doses of a pertussis containing vaccine should be excluded from school/children’s services centres if they were in the same room with an infectious case. Exclusion is for 14 days after the last exposure to the infectious case, or until they have taken the first five days of a course of antibiotics.

For further information, please contact the Communicable Disease Prevention and Control Unit at the Department of Health on 1300 65 11 60. February 2010.

Mr Anthony Banks
Deputy Principal – Students
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.

ST PETER’S SCULPTURE & GARDEN FUNDRAISING PROJECT

Our NEW FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE FOR Semester 2. To Enhance the landscaping of the Sculpture & Garden area we have recently launched our ‘Buy A Paver’ with your individual or family name engraved on it for display in the St Peter’s Garden area. For further details on this exciting family focussed offer please see attached flyer.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS 2012

A big ‘Thank You’ to everyone who has supported this initiative in 2012. We will definitely be back on board with the Entertainment Book in 2013. Entertainment Book distributors have some copies left and you will have been sent a separate notice about how to purchase for FATHER’S DAY Gift. Free Delivery Included.

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 11th SEPTEMBER
7.30-9.00 pm St Peter’s College West Campus
Frankston-Cranbourne Road, Cranbourne, 3977
Enter via Navarra Drive Gates
All Parents Welcome

GUEST SPEAKER – MRS ANGELA GARGANO – HEAD LIBRARIAN
B.Ed.Library
Head of Library, Learning Advisor Glowery

Ms Angela Garga joined us last year from Mornington Secondary College where she held the position of Head Librarian for many years. In her short time with us she has introduced whole school initiatives to promote reading and literacy with our students through the Readarama program for year 7 & 8 students and the development of Research skills for all students. Angela will talk on the expanded role of Libraries in supporting 21 century teaching and learning.

Mrs Karen Walker
President of P & F

ST PETERS COLLEGE WEBSITE

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. Grandparents particularly love to keep up to date with your children’s school day to day activities.

Recent updates include EXCITING New Fundraising Project from the Parents & Friends Association, Science Week Wrap-up and competition winners, College Production… ‘Little Shop of Horrors’ Photo’s.

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

You will also find in ‘News and Events’ stories and pictures of the ‘Day to Day’ College life of our students.
Game On

One of the areas of the IT Curriculum is the Game On middle school elective. In this subject students have the opportunity of learning how to program simple computer games with specific computer software. This year there has been some great games produced by students in the course. Students have been solving the Rush Hour puzzle and then making and interactive solution using the Microworlds software. This solution to the most difficult puzzle was created by Mitchell Green earlier this year.

The students in the class have also been using the GameMaker software to produce interactive games with both visual and sound effects.

The quality and complexity of the games are a credit to the work that students are putting into their assignments. I am looking forward to some more great games that students will create this year.

Mr Chris Denny
Director of Learning

Pursuit of Excellence Awards

Ten St Peter’s Year 12 students family were invited to attend the College Assembly early this month, where the students were acknowledged for their demonstrated pursuit of excellence through a consistent work ethic.

Each student must also have displayed diligence in all of their studies and consistently completed work to a very high standard on all School Assessed Coursework and School Assessed Tasks submitted for formal school assessments.

Students were able to be nominated by their respective House Leaders and/or their Senior VCE teaching staff.

We wish to again congratulate the following students for attaining the 2012 Pursuit of Excellence Awards, Vanessa Curcio, Jessica Watt, Daniel Martens, Jessica Hall, Amanda Hajj, Stephanie Metz, Giselle Lazarus, Daniel Tocknell, Amelia Brown and Skye Brennan.

Pictured is Assisi House’s Daniel Martens with his mother and Grandmother who attended the assembly and morning tea.

Mrs April Hampson
Marketing Officer

Science Week 13 – 17 August 2012

Science week was celebrated at St Peters College for the whole week from the 13th to 17th August and was a successful event. We had daily prizes for the student who could answer the science question placed in the daily bulletin at both East and West Campuses, and the library staff put on a wonderful display to help the school celebrate science week. On the Wednesday we had mad scientist day, where teachers dressed up as crazy scientist and all science staff wore t-shirts all week to help celebrate science week.

The winners of the East campus daily questions were Adam Machnikowski, Jamie Carter, Emilyn Moroney and Chloe Shrimpton.

The winners from the West Campus daily questions were Jessica Hall; Nathan Cester; James Li, Taylor Piggott and Divya Benny.

I would like to congratulate all the student winners from both campuses for answering the questions correctly in the daily bulletin and all the staff at St Peter’s College, who helped make Science Week a wonderful successful week.

Mrs Tania Brown
Teaching and Learning Coach – Science
ATTENTION: CURRENT YEAR 7 JAPANESE STUDENTS

Please return ALL Tapis Volant 1 Student Books to the Library immediately as they are required for other classes.

Also, return your Tapis Volant 1 Workbook to the library NOW and you will receive a $5 refund off your school fees, paid directly into your account! Be sure to give your name to the library staff when you hand in your workbook so that you can receive your refund.

SUPPORTING LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK

In support of National and State initiatives to celebrate Literacy and Numeracy Week, students from Year 8H from St Peter’s College, East Campus will deliver Literacy Workshops to St Agatha’s Primary School Grades 3 & 4 students.

Last year the Year 7 students from St Peters College Cranbourne undertook Literacy Workshops over different days for select groups of students from St Agatha’s Primary School over both Grades 3 and 4.

Due to its success, this year it has been rescheduled with a major change. All four classes of Grades 3 and 4 will undertake the workshop in the school hall at once.

Ms Marjorie Canal, Learning Advisor at St Peter’s College – East Campus and Ms Rebecca Crozier, English and Literacy Enhancement Teacher at St Peter’s College – East Campus go on to explain how this will work, “students from Year 8H have paired up, chosen a picture book and created their own literacy lesson to do with their own group of 8 to 9 students”.

About National Literacy and Numeracy Week, August 27th to September 2nd

National Literacy and Numeracy Week (NLNW) is run by the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

NLNW represents a collaborative approach by all Governments and school communities to highlight the importance of literacy and numeracy skills for all children and young people, with a focus on school-aged children.

NLNW gives schools the opportunity to get involved in a range of literacy and numeracy activities. The Week aims to recognise locally the achievements of students and the work of teachers, parents and members of the community who support young people to develop stronger literacy and numeracy skills.

Mrs April Hampson
Marketing Officer

Little Shop of Horrors Crew Memorabilia Sales

Everyone is invited to share in the Little Shop of Horrors Memorabilia Opportunities now available.

To purchase the CD of all of Mike Fletchers wonderful Production Photo’s please contact Gina Goss by email ggoss@stpeters.vic.edu.au.

Orders can only be accepted up to the end of Term 3. $30.00 per disc.

Cast and Crew Jackets are available for sale to anyone who wants to show their support for the Production. For size details or to purchase contact your Campus Reception or email office@stpeters.vic.edu.au.

Get in quick as there are limited numbers in specific sizes. $40.00 each.

Ms Gina Goss
Producer
It is a busy period here at St Peter’s. The School Production (The Little Shop of Horrors) has just concluded. It was a wonderful success, a tribute to the giftedness and good will of many people. The enjoyment was obvious on the faces of the performers. The students had given generously of themselves and were enlivened by the spirit of giving without counting the cost. From conversations I have had with various staff, the same is true of the “back stage” mob! Staff and students gave of their time and talents more than generously. Students were seen joining together in prayer behind the scenes.

All this resonates with me in connection with the Gospel of last Sunday, John 6:60-69. In this Gospel, and the week before, people have heard Jesus speak of himself as the bread of life, the bread that has come down from heaven. They have heard him say that those who do not eat of the Son of Man, cannot have life in them, but those who do will have eternal life.

The response of a number of these people is to say “This is intolerable, how can anyone listen to this?” and they walk away. They make no attempt to understand Jesus’ words nor do they ask for an explanation, they walk away. I think we can imagine ourselves in this situation quite frequently today. We are frequently challenged by Church teachings and often the response is “This is intolerable, how or why would anyone listen to this? anyway, what right have they got?”

Our older students in particular are challenged to think deeply about the words of Jesus and the teachings of the Church. We endeavour to give them a forum where they can speak freely about how these things affect them, to state what their view is. This can result in students being asked to think again giving due consideration to relevant facts and teachings. Their view will always be their own, their decisions will always be their own, we hope that they will always be informed views and decisions.

When Jesus asks his disciples “What about you? will you go away too?” The disciples reply beautifully “Lord, where would we go? you have the words of eternal life”. If we were in that situation and were asked to make the same decision, hopefully we would realise that if we said yes, we are with you Lord, we are making a “Life” decision. We are saying that people will know where we stand by what we say, by what we do, by how we act. This is often why some walk away, because they are more concerned about fitting in than standing up.

Let us pray that the example we give to others, particularly our children shows us as people who would say “where would we go Lord? you have the words of eternal life”.

**Prayerful Reflection**

*Who would not revere and praise your name, o Lord? You alone are Holy, and all the pagans will come and adore you for the many acts of justice you have shown.*

* (Isaiah 29:24)

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**WORLD YOUTH DAY 2013 IN RIO:** Considering joining Pope Benedict XVI for World Youth Day 2013 in Rei de Janerio? Meeting at St Michael’s Primary School Meeting Room from 7-9pm on Tuesday September 4th; 129 High Street, Berwick.

**ZUMBA NIGHT!** “Ditch the workout, Join the PARTY!” are you ready to party yourself into shape? Then come and join us for a night of Zumba for the whole family. We will start out Latino moves at 7.30pm with a very exciting LIVE Zumba Instructor – MISS JULZ! Stay for some games and fun afterwards. Cost $5! St Agatha’s Hall on 7th September. Tickets on sale this weekend.

**SCHOOL-HOLIDAY CAMP:** Camp Micah 6:8 is a two-night retreat experience for teenagers that challenges young people to use Micah 6:8 as a framework for weaving the Gospel values of humanity, kindness and love for justice into our way of thinking

Deacon Tony Aspinall
College Chaplain

Mr Greg Nelson
St. Agatha's Parish Representative
INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE UPDATE

- **French trip 2013 — parent information evening**
  
  **Date:** Friday 14th September  
  **Time:** 6 – 7:30pm 
  **Venue:** College Language Centre  
  (next to main car park, Cranbourne-Frankston Road)

- **Japan trip 2012 — pre-departure evening!!**
  
  **Date:** Thursday 20th September  
  **Time:** 6 – 7pm 
  **Venue:** College Language Centre  
  (next to main car park, Cranbourne-Frankston Road)

- **Visit from Japanese sister school — postponed!!**
  Our sister school will no longer be visiting us at the end of this term. I’m very sorry for any inconvenience caused. They will now visit in late October – Early November for 1 week. If interested in hosting one of these students please contact Mrs Kugimiya skugimiya@stpeters.vic.edu.au

ARE YOU EX NAVY, ARMY, OR AIR FORCE?

Then Carry On (Victoria) may be able to help you with education costs if you meet our eligibility criteria.

If you have served in the Australian Defence Forces or Allied Forces and you wish to apply for a Secondary Education Grant for 2013, please telephone Carry On on (03) 9629 2648 to establish eligibility and request an application form.

Carry On (Victoria) assists Secondary School students in Years 7-12 with grants for expenses such as fees, books, uniforms, excursions etc. For those students going on to Tertiary Education a grant may also be available.

Children whose Parent/s or Legal Guardian/s have a need for financial assistance and comply with our eligibility criteria may apply. All grants are income tested and the closing date for applications is 25th October 2011

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