In this the final newsletter I wish to acknowledge and thank all who give so generously to our community. To our families, especially those who are leaving us at the end of 2012, I thank you for the great support you have given us this year and throughout your time at St Peter’s. To our staff, both teachers and non-teachers, they who continue to work with professionalism and passion to create a wonderful learning environment and I hope they have a wonderfully restful and relaxed holiday period because they deserve it. To our fantastic students for the joy and enthusiasm you bring through the gates each day which is the essence of our vibrant community and places us as teachers in the privileged position of working with you, as you discover the world around you. I wish one and all a safe, happy and Holy Christmas.

Presentation Night
Congratulotions to all students who were acknowledged with awards or performed at the 2012 Presentation Night last Tuesday night. It was a wonderful celebration of how we live out the nature and purpose of our Catholic School and I was particularly pleased that so many parents could attend and celebrate with us. I extend my thanks to the many staff who assisted with the preparation and running of the evening, in particular Arts Co-ordinator Mr Frank Carter, Deputy Principal Mrs Elizabeth Hanney and Marketing Officer Mrs April Hampson.

Student Leaders for 2013
It is with great pleasure that I announce and congratulate our student leaders for 2013.

College Captains: Jayde Kelly & Jake Uhlenberg
Arts Captain: Ryan Pola
Environment Captain: Eryn Larcombe
Liturgy Captain: Sharnie Morris
Social Justice Captain: Andrea Polydor

Assisi: Jasmine Jakupi & Nicholas Lekakis
Augustine: Georgia Adamson & Jordon Creef
Avila: Dannika Newland & William Percy
Glowrey: Audrey Lon Ho Kee & Matthew Blackburn
Kolbe: Haylee Lineham & Brenton Harbour
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Through the interview and election process last week I learned of their passion and dedication for the task ahead and I have great confidence that they will continue to build on the wonderful legacy of student leadership that has been established by the many fine student leaders who have gone before them.

The Rock 2012
Our students received The Rock magazine last week and will enjoy spending some time over the summer reflecting on the many highlights of the 2012 school year. Mr David Stretch and his team have managed to surpass once more the very high standards set in previous years through hard work, creativity and great collaboration. I thank him and Natasha Rahilly, Grace Taylor, Ebony Hay, Emily Lace, Britney Passe, Tatiayna Kann, and Hayley Tisdale and congratulate them on the inspiring and entertaining record of school life that they have produced.

Solomon Islands
Our staff and students have returned from the Solomon Islands this week having spent the last 14 days with the Bishop Epalle Community in Honiara. The Hospitality and generosity of this community never ceases to amaze me. Our students were made to feel very welcome in the family homes they were billeted in, often being given the prime accommodation while other extended family members relocated for the duration of the visit. Nothing was too difficult for the hosts of our students and I look forward to the time when we can welcome members of their community to St Peter’s. Attached below is the presentation of monies raised by our community to Principal Jackson Meke which will be used for the purchase of a much needed mini-bus. I thank Mr and Mrs Hampson for their great work in co-ordinating and supervising this year’s trip and also to our students for their generosity, passion and enthusiasm which has made this immersion and cultural exchange program such a great experience for both our communities.
Staffing and Recruitment
The final staffing positions for 2013 for the West Campus have been finalised and I congratulate Mr Greg Furlong on his appointment to the staff as senior Geography and Religious Education teacher. Mr Furlong has been on staff at St Francis Xavier for the last 12 years and brings with him a wealth of experience in senior curriculum.

Farewells
I also thank Ms Natasha Le Noel who will be leaving us at the end of 2012. Ms Le Noel has been a great contributor to curriculum development at St Peter’s and I wish her well as she moves on to the next stage of her career. I also announce that Mrs Patricia Ellis will be taking 12 months Long Service leave next year so for the first time in 25 years St Peter’s College will not have the fine services of this dedicated and professional teacher. We wish her well for a most deserved year of relaxation and travel and look forward to her return in 2014.

Congratulations
I extend our congratulations to Mrs Angela La Riccia and husband Nathan on the arrival of their beautiful baby daughter Sienna. Christmas is a special time to bring a new baby into the world and we look forward to catching up with the growing La Riccia family early next year to celebrate.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL OF STAFF
Our final newsletter for the year provides me with an opportunity to acknowledge St Peter’s College Staff. We are indeed fortunate to have such professionalism and commitment within the staff at the College. This Advent time of waiting and preparing for the arrival of Jesus encourages us to reflect and acknowledge our blessings as individuals and as a College community. Added to this, in this Year of Grace and Faith, we are invited to pause and again acknowledge....where have been the moments of Grace in our days at St Peter’s this year, who have been the people of Grace in our midst, how have I been an carrier of God’s Grace to our students. St Peter’s has been filled with such moments and people of Grace throughout this year. I thank our students who continue to energise and renew our world. I thank our staff who continue to nourish and extend our students, and support each other. I thank the many parents who have shared so closely in the great work of educating our young people. Finally, Christmas affords us the opportunity to then give thanks to God for the gift of new life, the gift of education and at this time, the gift of rest and recreation! I wish all families a very peaceful, safe and Christ filled Christmas.

Mrs Elizabeth Hanney
Deputy Principal - Staff

Cranbourne East News
As I reflected on the year with the students as we were putting together our video for the Presentation Night, I was amazed just how quickly we came up with a list of the things we were involved in - and most outside of the classroom. These things do not happen without the support and hard work of fantastic staff. I would like to take this opportunity to publically thank them: Mr Jean-Paul Antoine, Ms Marjorie Canal, Mrs Jodie Connell, Ms Jennifer Corcoran, Ms Rebecca Crozier, Mr Justin Dee, Ms Leah Christie, Ms Jaclyn Barr and all the wonderful staff from the West Campus who, without their encouragement and support we would struggle to do what we do.

Bus Service 2013
Expressions of Interest were sent out last week regarding the bus service for next year. If you are planning to use this service it is vital that you return the reply slip by the end of the week. Should you not have received the letter, one can be collected from Ms Christie in the office.

Cranbourne East Office Christmas Office Hours
Please note that the Cranbourne East Office will be closed from Monday 10th of December until Wednesday 29th of January. Please direct inquiries to the West Campus Office during this time - the West Campus Christmas office hours appear on the next page of this newsletter.
Finally I would like to thank all the families for their support this year. I wish you a happy and holy Christmas and hope that you have a safe and relaxing holiday, whether you are going away or staying close to home. I look forward to seeing you in 2013.

Mr James Roberts
Head of Campus - Cranbourne East
STUDENT EXITS - Could parents of students not returning to St Peter’s College in 2013 please complete a Student Exit Form available from the College Office and return as soon as possible. Your prompt attention will allow us to respond to incoming enrolment applications for 2013. Thank you. Kelley Cooper, Registrar

From the Deputy Principal of Students

I would like to wish all members of the St Peter's College Community a safe, holy and happy Christmas and holiday period. We have much to celebrate and be proud of as a community and I look forward to seeing everyone in 2013. On that note, please see below:

STARTING DATES FOR 2013
Students please note the following starting dates for the 2013 school year:
- Year7’s - Thursday, 31st January, 8.45am
- Yr 12’s - Thursday, 31st January, 8.45am
- All students-Friday, 1st February, 8.45am

UNIFORM FOR 2013
All families and students should be aware that St Peter's has a Zero Tolerance Policy with regards to uniform. This means that certain standards are set and if a student fails to meet these standards, they are then either placed in isolation (Years 7 to 10) and/or given the option of going home (Years11 and 12), until the standards are met. If this does happen, parents will receive a phone call to notify them of the situation at the earliest possible time.

At this stage, I would like to focus on a few of these standards:
- **Facial Piercings** - Facial piercings (eg nose, lip or ear) are not permitted. This includes clear piercings of the above. Students who present with these piercings at school are given the choice of removing the item or having the Zero Tolerance Regulations applied. Please note that it is not an excuse for students to say they have just had the piercing done and it needs to stay in for a period of time to prevent it from closing over.
- **Hair styles** - hair styles or colours deemed to be “extremes of fashion” by the Principal or his representatives, are not accepted. This includes patterns shaved into the hair on the side of the head. If in doubt with a hair colour or cut that could be deemed to be extreme, it is always best to err on the side of caution.
- **Girl’s shoes** should be **black lace up**. T Bars are not permitted.
- **Boy’s shoes** must be **black lace ups**, therefore, **slip ons are not permitted**
- **Dress Length** - As of next year girls **dresses will be required to be at least knee length**
- **Sports Uniform** - with the introduction of the new House System and House Mottos, all new Sports tops purchased for next year will have the House Colour and House Logo. Students with the existing College Sports top will have be asked to purchase a House Logo to be sewn on to the top. More details of this process will be provided early next year.
- **Black socks** are not permitted to be worn with the PE/Sports uniform
- **Shoes to be worn with the PE/Sports Uniform**
  - Runners should be proper sports shoes that support the feet and facilitate the playing of sport.
  - No skate shoes/Vans/Globes permitted

COUNSELLING/MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS OVER THE HOLIDAY PERIOD
Parents and Guardians who have a need to get advice from someone regarding mental health concerns for a child under their care, please note the following contact details, given that you will not be able to contact the Counselling Service at the College:
- **Casey Youth Services** - ph 5996 7315
- **Monash Mental Health Crisis Triage** - ph.1300 369 012
- **Headspace** - ph 97696419
- **Beyond Blue** - ph 1300224636
- **Child first** - ph 9705 3939

Mr Anthony Banks
Deputy Principal-Students
LOST PROPERTY
A number of lost property items are in the black tub in Sick Bay 2, if you are looking for anything please check before 14th December, any uncollected items will be donated or disposed of.

Office Staff

OFFICE & LIBRARY HOURS OVER THE HOLIDAYS
East Campus – will be closed as of Monday 10th December 2012
And will re-open on Wednesday 29th January 2013
All enquiries may be directed to the West Campus.

West Campus – Monday to Friday – 9am to 4pm
From the 10th December to 12pm on Thursday 20th December 2012
Office and Library will re-open on Wednesday 16th January 2013 - 9am to 4pm

Ms Angela Gargano and Ms Rebecca Alford
Head of Library and Office Manager

UNIFORM SHOP
The Uniform Shop will be closed now for the remainder of the year 2012.
Reopening Tuesday 29th January and Wednesday 30th January 2013 from 9am – 4pm
Then open school terms on Monday and Tuesday from 1pm – 5pm

Trish Henry
Uniform Shop

The St Peter’s College Yearbook: The Rock 2012 – Now available!
The Rock was distributed on Friday the 30th of November to all Year 7 to 11 students. The already graduated class of 2012 will need to come to the Office to collect their copy. A very special congratulations and thank you to all the student members of the 2012 Rock Committee: Natasha Rahilly, Grace Taylor, Ebony Hay, Emily Lace, Britney Passe, Tatiayna Kann, and Hayley Tisdale.

Mr David Stretch
Editor of the 2012 Rock

Transportation Required
Families living near Marriot Waters, Lyndhurst…. Can you help?
A boy in Year 9, 2013 is in need of a lift home after school each day.
If you think you can help, please contact the College Office on 5990 7777.
TECH TALK

CAKE DECORATORS AT ST.PETERS!

Each semester each Principles in Catering class group is asked which preferred topic, from a nominated suggestions list, they would like included in their course of study as a particular area of interest. This semester, with the Art and Technology Expo included in events, the group nominated for a unit of work on formal cake decorating. Over a period of 3 weeks the students worked through various stages. Firstly, they constructed individual designs to feature in their decorations and chosen theme, prepared cake boards and prepped a store bought fruit cake (filling in all imperfections with almond icing). When they were set to begin students then needed to coat their cakes with almond icing, smooth and then coat with Royal icing to obtain a smooth decorating surface and finally attach to cake boards. Then the fun started! Designs were transferred to cakes and various decorating techniques such as marbling, piping, floodwork and modelling were trialled. When students were confident to unleash their creative talents onto their cakes they mixed cake decorating pastes into thinned Royal icing and away they went. The result was the sixteen beautiful cakes that were proudly displayed throughout this year’s Art and Technology Expo. As you can see designs varied considerably but all were of fine quality to draw gasps from many who suggested the students could sell them!

Congratulations to Ashlea Solomons (‘Thank You’ cake), Aimee Falzon (Hand-formed flowers), Savannah Adams (‘Ponyo’ cake), Fiona Abbey (‘Batman – Gotham City’ cake), Jordyn Ralls (‘Sponge-Bob’ cake), Alexandra Wood (‘Masquerade’ cake), Claudia Parisi (‘Simba – Lion King’ cake), Andrew West (‘Inky’ Pac-Man cake), Laura O’Brien (‘Happy Birthday’ Floral Design cake), Jessica Cottrell (‘Sponge-Bob’ cake), Taylor Hutchins (‘Christmas Tree’ cake), Taylah Davidson (‘Rabbits and Flowers’ cake), Georgia Atkins (Hand-made Rose cake), Angela Cayley (‘Happy Birthday’ cake), Louise Redford (‘Duckling’ cake) and Taryn Johnson (Ballerina themed cake).

Mrs Annette Marschner
10 Principles in Catering Teacher

PAKENHAM PICNIC RACES - PICNIC CUP
FAMILY DAY OUT – NEW YEAR’S DAY

TUESDAY 1st JANUARY 2013
GREAT FAMILY DAY …. CHILDREN’S ACTIVITIES, CAMP AUSTRALIA, PONY RIDES!

FASHIONS ON THE FIELD – LADIES, GENTS & CHILDREN
ENJOY YOUR PICNIC AT: THE PAKENHAM RACECOURSE
DEVONSHIRE TEA
61 RACECOURSE ROAD, PAKENHAM
GATES OPEN AT 11AM
1ST LOCAL RACE AT 1.45PM
MEMBERSHIPS $25 DOUBLE
MARQUEES AVAILABLE FOR HIRE

Admission Gate
Adults $15
Children $FREE !!

Proceeds to St Patrick’s School.

enquiries to Marlene 0419 883 243
The Peter Young Award for Technology Excellence presented at last week’s presentation night went to Tom Birt Year 11. Congratulations again to Tom! Well Done.

FOR SALE

The VET Department have available one shed $500 and one Picnic Table $350 *both pictured*. This is a substantial saving on the cost of the timber.

The Table, (pic attached) is made of cypress pine and will not need painting, it will last your lifetime. The Shed is 1900 X 2500 long

If you are interested please contact Mr Collings ASAP. First in best dressed.

Mr Glenn Collings
Head of Technology

“Wishing all Augustine students and their families a Happy and Safe Christmas and looking forward to their return next year”
From Mr Greg Van Es and all Augustine Learning Advisors

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM BISHOP CHRISTOPHER PROWSE, BISHOP OF SALE

Dear People of God in the Diocese of Sale,

We are celebrating Christmas during the Year of Grace and the Year of Faith.

Christmas is surely where Grace and Faith meet. The Grace of God sends us Jesus, God-with-us. The Faith of Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and the Magi all “contemplate the face of Christ” resting in the humble stable of Bethlehem. Even such great Faith is an initiative of Grace. We too join in this profound contemplation of the Saviour.

Thank you for your Faith and strength during these dark times where the issue of child sex abuse is for all to see. May the star of Christmas lead us in this darkness to the light of the child Jesus.

May you all be blessed by the Lord at this Christmas time.

Bishop Christopher Prowse
December 2012
**St Agatha’s Parish**

**Reconciliation:** The Parish Communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation with visiting priests will be held on Tuesday 18th December at 7.30pm in St Agatha’s Church.

**Christmas Masses:** The Christmas Masses are as follows:

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

On Tuesday evening the College celebrated a wonderful presentation night. It is hard to imagine what might make a presentation / speech night better than previous occasions, they have all been good. This year will be memorable for the richness that was brought by the inclusion of the various House Charisms. Each of the House Leaders presented the crest and motto of their House Patron and described how these images illustrated the life and vision of the patron. Each House will draw on the life and example of their patron as a basis for their house activities and goals.

Excellence and commitment were also on display in the performances of students and in the work of many staff who brought the whole occasion to life. It was truly a celebration of the God given gifts of this school community.

This weekend we begin both Summer and the season of Advent. There is a tension between how we live during this period and how Advent invites us to live. Of course our students will rejoice in the freedom from study and timetables and we will be invited to work breakups, barbecues etc. We are being bombarded by the advertising world and the shopping centres go in to overdrive.

Although Christmas as we have come to know it means different things to different people, not many give any thought to what Advent offers and what challenges it brings. The figure of John the Baptist looms large in the scriptures, “A voice crying in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way of The Lord! Make straight his path’. We suggest this to our students at various times of the year, stop, listen, reflect. This is the invitation of Advent, it is in this way that we can hear the voice that cries Prepare The Way of The Lord! We do not live in a literal wilderness but our spiritual self can find the season barren if we don’t take time to prepare for the celebration of the birth of Christ, the Word made flesh.

May our hearts and minds be open to the wonder of the Incarnation and may God continue to bless us all over this time and during the coming year.

**The Presence of God.**

*Bless all who worship you, almighty God,*  
*From the rising of the sun to it’s setting: *  
*From your goodness enrich us,*  
*by your Spirit guide us,*  
*by your power protect us,*  
*in your mercy receive us, now and always.*  
*Amen*

Deacon Tony Aspinall  
College Chaplain
Dear Colleagues

RE: CEOSale WEBSITE REVIEW

For the past three years the Catholic Education Office website http://www2.ceosalen.catholic.edu.au has been a source of information for teachers and parents about Catholic Education in the Diocese of Sale. It is important that we periodically evaluate its content to ensure that this resource remains relevant to the needs of the school communities we serve.

As teachers and parents are the primary users of this public website it is necessary to consider their views in this evaluation. We are therefore inviting them to complete the attached short survey http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Q2TQFXV by Friday, 14 December, 2012.

It would be appreciated if the survey link could be brought to the attention of your staff, School Board members and Parents and Friends members via the school newsletter.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely

Maria Kirkwood
DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION
DIOCESE OF SALE