Catholic Education Week
On Friday of this week we commence the celebration of Catholic Education Week in the Diocese of Sale. This year’s theme “Faith in Action” is a reminder that it is not enough just to be familiar with the message of Christ. In the words of our new Director in the Diocese Ms Maria Kirkwood “We must translate our faith into deeds. Jesus’ ministry was an active one, grounded in scripture and actively realised through his words and his relationships with all whom he encountered.” Celebrations for Catholic Education Week in the Diocese of Sale will commence with the Annual Catholic Education Leadership Eucharist which will be held tonight at St. Michael’s Church in Traralgon followed by dinner at the Premier Function Centre. Various activities will be held throughout the diocese including a Student Mass which will be celebrated by Bishop Prowse at St Mary Cathedral in Sale on the 30th of April.

Congratulations
Our students continue to work hard and excel themselves in the pursuit of their passions and I acknowledge some outstanding achievements in today newsletter. I firstly wish to congratulate Georgia and James Thornton who both received medals in the Australian School and University Championship for Kumite Karate. Georgia received silver and James a bronze medal for their age groups which is an amazing achievement in this National Competition.

Also last week two of our students received encouragement awards at the Casey Creations Youth Art Competition 2013. I congratulate Perri McLean and Bonni-Lee Hovey who were acknowledged respectively in the Year 10-12 Visual Arts and Year 7-9 Photography categories, indicating again the many talented and creative students we have at St. Peter’s College. Well done.

Funding for Catholic Schools
As the Federal Government’s response to the Gonski Education Funding Review becomes clearer in its detail I provide this analysis from Director of Catholic Education Melbourne – Mr Stephen Elder who is in on-going negotiations with the Federal Government on behalf of the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria.

Where are we at?
- Catholic education is still engaged in negotiations with the Australian Government on funding reform.
- Catholic education is yet to receive detailed modelling confirmed by the government that shows funding outcomes for education in Victoria under the proposed funding model.
- We do not yet know the Victorian Government’s final position on the proposed funding changes.
- Both the Australian and Victorian governments provide significant funding to Catholic education in Victoria. Therefore both governments are critical for Catholic education to determine a position on future funding proposals.
- The Prime Minister has set a 30 June 2013 deadline to reach an agreement with the states.

Capital funding
- We are concerned that the Australian Government is yet to announce a policy on capital funding for Catholic schools.
• Catholic education relies on public funding for capital works to meet the increasing demand for Catholic education in new and expanding growth areas.
• If the Australian Government does not provide capital funding, there may be little choice but to cancel plans for at least 12 new schools in the next few years.

Proposed additional funding
• On Sunday the Australian Government committed an additional $9.4 billion contingent on $5.1 billion from state and territory governments to increase funding for all schools over six years.
• We understand the proposal is estimated to provide $1.4 billion in additional funding to Catholic schools over six years which is around 10 per cent of the additional funding.
• 10 per cent is well below Catholic education’s existing funding share, and would widen the funding gap between Catholic and government schools.
• Catholic schools currently receive around 17 per cent of all government funding for school education.
• Catholic education raised the share of funding for Catholic education with the Australian Government privately on the day of the announcement.
• In response, the Prime Minister wrote to Catholic education with the assurance that the proposed indexation arrangements will bring the share of new funding for Catholic education into line with the current share.
• The Australian Government has proposed that minimum funding indexation would be 3 per cent for state and territory governments and 4.7 per cent for the Australian Government over the life of the six year funding proposal.
• A number of questions remain as to whether this will mean that funding for Catholic schools will keep pace with funding in government schools.

Needs-based loadings
• Catholic education welcomes the Australian Government’s commitment to equal funding for students with additional learning needs, regardless of the school they attend.

National Plan for School Improvement
• The additional funding is contingent on new measures and requirements through the National Plan for School Improvement and a National Education Reform Agreement.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Parent Teacher Follow up

Thanks to the many families who came to Parent Teacher interviews at the end of Term 1. We trust they were a useful opportunity to discuss student learning with teachers. I encourage parents to have regular discussions with their sons and daughters about the feedback provided at these meetings. Student learning is likely to be most effective when there is partnership between school and home and where there is real clarity around expectations and criteria for success. All students are encouraged to discuss their learning; research also tells us that learning is extended and consolidated when the learner has to articulate it to others, in other words, when the learner becomes the teacher of others.

Parents are further encouraged to make contact with the teachers of their sons and daughters, should they wish to do so before the end of semester. This may be done through the front office. It is important that all students are working toward a successful completion of their Semester One studies.

Immunisations

This Wednesday, all Yr 7 students will have the opportunity to receive the Gardisil and Chicken Pox vaccines. Yr 9 boys will receive the Gardisil vaccine. This has been administered to girls in previous years and is now being rolled out to all Yr 9 boys. As with all immunisations, students are asked to ensure they have eaten breakfast on the morning of their vaccine.
Stage Two

Nearly there! The internal fit out is nearing completion with most cabinet work completed, plasma TVs and pinboards progressing well and installation of interactive whiteboards to commence soon. All furniture had been ordered and has commenced arriving and being installed. We are hopeful to be in and using the classrooms by the end of week 3. The official opening will be towards the end of term 3, more details will follow closer to the date.

Bus Routes

There has been a couple of slight variations to the morning and afternoon bus routes. These variations were communicated in writing and sent home via the students. If you did not receive this information, please contact Ms Christie in the front office.

Winter Uniform

The changeover for the winter uniform will be next Monday the 29th of May. The requirements for the winter uniform can be found on page 17 of the Student Record Book.

Integrated Learning

Students in both year 7 and 8 will complete the unit “The Dreamtime” over the next week and commence their next unit “A Sustainable Future”. A powerful tool in checking to see whether learning has occurred is to ask the students what they have learnt and understood by studying the topic. I encourage all parents to extend the question “What did you do at school today?” to ask questions such as “What is the topic you’re learning in X or Y subject at the moment?” and “What can you tell me about that?” not just in Integrated Learning but in all of their subjects.

James Roberts

Head of Campus – Cranbourne East

Reminder to East Campus Families: to please make all payments at the West Campus.

There are no receipting facilities at the East Campus. Thank you

On the 16th of April, Max and Jimmy from Melbourne Football Club came down to visit some of the year 8 and 9 St. Peter’s students at the East Campus. They came down to teach us football skills and allowed us to ask questions about their football experience. During the clinic Max and Jimmy taught us basic skills of football, such as bouncing and kicking in a challenging yet fun series of events. Every students there (and teachers) took home with them new skills which can be used in the future. We all really enjoyed this experience and thank you to everyone involved in setting this up for us.

Tayor Crivari and Georgia Fox –Pollard
(Year 9 Students- East Campus)
SEEKING HOST FAMILIES

This year St Peter’s will be host to some French and Japanese students who are in need of families. The students’ length of stay will vary from one week to several weeks. Hosting an exchange student is an enriching experience for your entire family. By opening your home and heart to a student from overseas, you and your family will gain a new global perspective, many memories, and - quite possibly - a new family member for life! Not to mention some great private language lessons. If you are interested in hosting a Japanese or French student for any length of time please contact Miss Bonica at school or send an email to ybonica@stpeters.vic.edu.au.

Thanking you in advance for your hospitality.
Miss Yolanda Bonica
EXCHANGE COORDINATOR

JAPANESE STUDY TOUR INFORMATION NIGHT

St Peter’s College will be participating in a Japanese Study Tour in September this year. All students of Year 9, 10, 11 who study Japanese will be considered for the trip. The Information Night for the Japanese Study Tour will be on the 6th of May at 7pm in the Global Learning Centre. We welcome all to come and find out more about what the students will gain from this wonderful experience. All queries please email Miss Bonica: ybonica@stpeters.vic.edu.au

Miss Bonica
EXCHANGE COORDINATOR

Casey Creations Award Presentation

“Celebrating the artistic talents of Casey’s young people”
On Wednesday evening of April 17th the City of Casey Youth Services hosted an awards ceremony to recognise the Award Recipients in the 2013 Casey Creations Competition.
In January the competition was opened and students from the local area where given “Free Range to express their creativity”. Almost 350 entries were received this year, the 12th annual competition.
St Peter’s College was represented in the two age group categories as well as in both of the judging categories of Visual Arts and Photography. Congratulations to Year 7 Glowrey student, Bonni-Lee Hovey for her attainment of an Encouragement Award in the Photography (Year 7-9) for her photographic composition of the sunset over the Frankston Pier. Bonni-Lee’s family attended the evening to see her receive her Award. Congratulations also to Perri Mclean, Year 11 MacKillop student, for her attainment of an Encouragement Award in the Visual Arts (Year 10-12) category for her still life. Perri was accompanied on the evening by her sister, with her parents sending there congratulations and good luck wishes by telephone, due to them being overseas.
St Peter’s College staff member, Ms Vivian Hayes, Learning & Teaching Coach – Arts, attended the evening to personally congratulate the students on behalf of the College community.
“It was a wonderful evening, showcasing not only the artistic talent of the students within the local area but also has highlight performances from students who had previously won Casey Youth Awards in music and literature”.

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[Images of award recipients]
CAREERS NEWS

UMAT Test
All Year 12 students who are applying for Medicine, Physiotherapy, Dentistry or Optometry courses for 2014 must complete the UMAT. The results of this test in conjunction with your ATAR will be used by Selection Officers at Universities to determine entry. The practice tests are online and the College has paid the fee associated and has a Username and Password for you to use. If you need this information please see Ms Dillon at the Career Centre.

Melbourne Uni
Focus on Melbourne 2013
Prospective students and their families are invited to join our evening seminar series at our Parkville campus.

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To register to attend Focus on Melbourne, visit:
www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/focus-melb

Monash University Caulfield campus
For more details visit monash.edu/mada/workshops or contact artdes-enquiries@monash.edu or

Free VCE chemistry and biology development seminars – places still available
The Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences is pleased to support current VCE biology and chemistry students. The eight seminars have been designed to reinforce each term’s key learnings and will be delivered by expert VCE teachers. They will run on selected Wednesdays from 4.30 – 6pm at the Monash Parkville campus on the following dates:
Biology Series: 5 June, 28 August and 9 October
Chemistry Series: 12 June, 4 September and 16 October.
These seminars are free however registration is essential and places are capped.
To register simply visit www.monash.edu/pharm/about/events. For more information, please call Sarah Salter on 03 9903 9594.

Swinburne
Swinburne Software Development Day
Based on the subject’s curriculum, students will be guided through a range of activities including a computer game-based problem.
Tue 16 July, 9.30am - 2.30pm
Tue 23 July, 9.30am - 2.30pm
https://www.swinburne.edu.au/ict/schools/visit-us/vce-software-development-day/

Deakin
Deakin ‘So you want to be a doctor’ Medical Information Night
Wed 24 April, 7.00pm, Percy Baxter Lecture Theatre, Geelong Waterfront Campus
http://www.deakin.edu.au/

Apprenticeships/Traineeships

Trivett Apprenticeship Program
Trivett’s Apprenticeship Program is open to expressions of interest from people interested in undertaking an automotive apprenticeship. They represent 18 automotive brands (including BMW, Bugatti and McLaren) throughout Sydney and Melbourne.

Melissa Dillon
CAREERS CORORDINATOR
SACRAMENTS AND INNER HEALING FREE US TO EVANGELIZE: A regional weekend retreat, led by missionaries Philip & Margaret Maloney, will be held on Friday 26th April till Sunday 28th April. The retreat will begin on Friday 7.30pm at Our lady Help of Christians Church Narre Warren and continue on Saturday and Sunday from 9.30am till 4.30pm at Mary MacKillop Primary School Hall, 2 Ernst Wanke Road Narre Warren North. Please bring your own lunch or food to share. Enquiries Peter Schreurs 0419 328 211.

NEW CATHOLIC RADIO SHOW: “Catholic Connection” Run out of the Casey Radio studios at Cranbourne and aired at 11pm every Wednesday night on 97.7FM. A one hour call-in program which talks about all things Catholic, with a particular focus on apologetics (defending the faith) and related current affairs.

GUEST SPEAKER & MENS BREAKFAST: Parishioners are invited to hear Jonathan Doyle, a gifted communicator who has a passion and particular skill for educating people to make great choices in life. He will speak about the major trends and issues in youth culture and decision making and will provide concrete strategies for protecting, guiding and nurturing your children and grandchildren. His presentations are critical for parents and guardians of children who own and use one to one mobile technology. A presentation for parents will be held on Thursday 2 May 7pm at St Peter’s College Cranbourne West (Gold Coin Donation) and a Breakfast for Men, Fathers & Sons on Saturday 4th May 8am at St Agatha’s Parish Hall. Please pre-purchase tickets at the parish office ($20 a single or $30 for Father/Son double ticket).

Mr Greg Nelson
ST AGATHA’S REPRESENTATIVE

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

It seems incongruous to some that we celebrate ANZAC day during the Easter Season, but the reality is that they have a lot in common. The spirit of ANZAC is sacrifice for the common good in the battle against oppression. We read in Scripture the words of Jesus “A man has no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends”. Think also of the families of those who gave their lives, the parents, husbands, wives and siblings who lost a part of themselves when they received the terrible news “Killed in Action”. We should never forget the pain endured by those who are left behind, “They Also Serve who only stand and wait.”

In this Easter Season we have celebrated the election of Pope Francis and also the horror of the bombing in Boston. Indiscriminate killing at a time of fellowship and shared happiness in personal achievement. Easter was somewhat overshadowed by the belligerence of North Korea.

So where is Easter in all this? After the passion and death of Jesus came the resurrection, the new life in Christ where sin and death could no longer have the last word. We in Australia have lived in a country blessed by peace and prosperity which came out of the sacrifice of many in the horror of war. The men and women who have lived through wars have no difficulty in identifying the place of faith in their lives, they have no difficulty singing “O God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come.”

Let us recognise our need to give thanks to God for what we have received in ages past and to bring him our needs for what is to come, Lest We Forget.

Deacon Tony Aspinall
COLLEGE CHAPLAIN

ROMERO HOUSE NEWS

Romero house has had a brilliant start to 2013! With so much going on, students of Romero have really been phenomenal in their participation and their readiness to contribute to our house and school in every way they can. Term One was especially busy with year 7 camp, SIS sport, year 12 retreat, the Swimming Carnival, Project Compassion, the Romero bake sale and our annual ‘running of the bull’ house event. We had great participation in all these events especially in the bake sale, with Romero students and teachers raising a total of 350 dollars for Project Compassion in one day. For the annual ‘running of the bull’ we had great support from all houses, and a sell-out crowd there to cheer on the participants! With such a successful first term, it is assuring to know that the students of Romero will continue to set high standards for the year to come.

Letisha Adams and Tyrell Lazarus
Romero House Captains
The Parents and Friends Association undertakes numerous activities, including fundraising activities and the donation of such funds to various areas of College activity.

Meetings are held on a Tuesday evening, twice a term, and at most meetings a staff guest speaker comes to address the group on activities associated with their day to day life at the college, and our Principal reports on relevant College issues and activities.

NEXT MEETING

We still require a number of parents for each of our College Houses to commit to attending our meetings over the year. If you are able to, please contact April Hampson via the College Reception or your child/children’s House Leader.

TUESDAY 30th April
AGM (Annual General Meeting)
7.15 Tea and Coffee 7.30-9.00 pm St Peter's College East Campus
“55 MacKillop Way, Cranbourne East, 3977” Enter via Heather Grove please.

GUEST SPEAKER – ORWIN DE KRETSER - INTEGRATED CURRICULUM COACH
Learning Advisor, Yr 7 & 8 Integrated Learning, Yr 9 Math, Yr 9 English, Yr 9 History

Evening will include an East Campus Facilities Tour
Mr Orwin De Kretser is our new Integrated Curriculum Coach at St Peter's College. For the last 16 years Orwin has worked at Noble Park Secondary College and for the last 6 years he has held the position of Teaching & Learning Leading Teacher. During this time he introduced and oversaw the Integrated Curriculum which was offered as a Year Nine alternative program. The Parents and Friends meeting will be a good opportunity to introduce himself to our community and talk about the purpose of Integrated Learning, how it is being introduced into the East Campus and how the skills acquired by students should help them in all of their studies.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS 2013/2014

Unless you sent an OPT-OUT last term ……..Your Youngest student was given the 2013/14 Entertainment Book to bring home for you on Friday of last week. You now have 7 days to look through the book and decide if you will pay for the book or return to the College Reception. Payment details are on our website or contact College Reception.

Once the book is paid for you will be able to take advantage of all the offers for over 13 months, as you can start using discounts straight away.

Cost is again $65.00 with $13.00 going directly to the St Peters College Parents & Friends Fundraising Funds which are then distributed across numerous initiatives during the year directly supporting students activities.

RITCHIES COMMUNITY BENEFITS CARD.

A Reminder that 1% of your spend will be donated to St Peter’s College P&F Association. All new parents to the College will be sent the card for them to activate in the next week. Thank you for your support of this program.

ST PETER’S SCULPTURE & GARDEN FUNDRAISING PROJECT

We are again in 2013 giving families and individuals the chance to have their name as a permanent part of the landscaping of our Sculpture Garden at the West Campus. To order please see attached flyer or visit the College website in the Our College/Parents & Friends section. Order forms are available to download from our website or from the College Reception.

P&F Executive CONTACT DETAILS

Members of the Executive of the Parents & Friends Association may be contacted:
Phone: 03 5990 7777
Fax: 03 5996 8277
Email: office@stpeters.vic.edu.au

ST PETER’S COLLEGE WEBSITE

Visit our College website www.stpeters.vic.edu.au for all up to date information on the College structure and activities. Recent updates include students who have attained medals or awards whilst representing the College in local Art Competition and National Karate competition. You will also find details of the current P&F Fundraising initiative.

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

The 2013 Term 2 College Calendar is now available, it can be found in the News items and Events section of the site.

ST PETER’S COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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.
The Rotary Club of Berwick invites applications from eligible students to participate in the Rotary Youth Exchange Program.

Those eligible are secondary school students at years 9 or 10, who will be between the ages of 15 years and 16 years and 11 months on 1st January 2014. Applicants should be in the upper third of their year level and must have the support of their family and school principal.

We are seeking bright, mature and independent students who will be capable of living and studying in another country for a period of twelve months.

- Applicants must show a genuine desire to learn and to assimilate in the host family and in the social life of their host country.
- They will stay with host families and will expect to become one of the family, and to meet and to speak to many people and groups.
- Their parents will be expected to pay the cost of fares, clothing and insurance.
- The overseas host Rotary Club will provide full accommodation and pocket money, as well as supervision.

Countries of exchange may include Brazil, USA/Canada, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Sweden, France, Germany, Switzerland and Austria.

Successful applicants will depart in January 2014 and return in January 2015.

Interested students may obtain further information:

- from the Rotary District 9820 web site at www.distri9820.org.
- or by contacting the Rotary Club of Berwick through Rotarian Merv Clissold on phone no. 9707 3200, or mervclissold@optusnet.com.au.

Applications must be made by completing the Preliminary Application Form which is available from Merv Clissold, and by providing a personally hand-written letter. The letter should express the applicants' desire and ability to become an exchange student, and indicate the benefits the student might bring to the Program. This letter will form the first step in the assessment of the application. Our positive assessment of this letter is required for the application to proceed to an interview.

Applications close on Wednesday 1st of May.