Catholic Education Week
At last week’s Catholic Education Leadership Eucharist and Dinner, Mr Roger Hampson was awarded a Spirit of Catholic Education Award in recognition of the significant contribution he has made to the social and emotional health of students at St Peter’s College. Roger is a great community builder and has played a lead role in our school’s development of its Cultural Immersion and Exchange program to the Solomon Islands as well as the development of the charisma of Assisi House inspired by the active faith of St Francis. His ability to work with and inspire young students who are struggling at various times in their school life is exemplary. Many a student who have at times struggled with their commitment to school have stated that without the support and challenge emanating from Roger’s words of wisdom they may not have stayed the distance and graduated. Giving meaning and purpose to the lives of young people is what defines us as a Catholic School. In this work Roger finds great joy and passion.

Appointment of Foundation Principal to St Thomas the Apostle
I congratulate Mr Brendan Marrinon on his appointment as the Foundation Principal of St Thomas the Apostle Primary School in Cranbourne East. Mr Marrinon is a former Principal of St Agatha’s Cranbourne and will take up his appointment in term 3, 2013. St Thomas the Apostle is currently taking enrolments for 2014 and will become the major primary school feeder for the East Campus of St Peter’s College.

Farewell & Welcome
I farewell Fr Darek Jablonski who has been appointed to the Morwell Parish as assistant priest and thank him for his contribution to our community over the last few years. At the same time I extend a warm welcome to Fr Joseph Abutu who has been appointed assistant priest to the Parish of St Agatha’s. We hope to see Fr Abutu on a regular basis at both our East and West Campus of St Peter’s.

NAPLAN
I attach the following information and Advice from the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) in relation to the upcoming NAPLAN Tests:

*The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008.

On Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 May, students will take the 2013 NAPLAN tests.

NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target effort and support to help all students achieve their potential and acquire the basic skills to help them build successful and happy lives.

All students are expected to participate in the tests. Students with disability may qualify for reasonable adjustments that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom. Some students with very specific circumstances may be exempted from participating in the tests. For information about participation in NAPLAN, you can go to: http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html

NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content, and as such is not a test for which students can study or drill. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child’s results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at www.nap.edu.au."

Annual General Meeting
At the annual general meeting of the College Board on the 24th of April, Mr Ken Barnes was reappointed as the parent representative for the East Campus for the next three years. As Mr Barnes has been the only nomination for the position of Cranbourne East Parent Representative no election was required and I congratulate him on his appointment.

The term of Staff Representative Mr Ian Ellwood also expired at the April AGM and I wish to acknowledge and thank Mr Ellwood for his great service to the board over the last 3 years. I congratulate Ms Tracy Lockley, the successful candidate at the staff election held in term 1 and who now begins her two year appointment to the College Board as Staff Representative.
YEAR 7 2014 ACCEPTANCES
A reminder that all signed Acceptance Forms and Enrolment Deposits for Year 7 2014 are due back by Friday 10 May.
Applications for Year 7 2014 are still being accepted for both the Cranbourne West and Cranbourne East campuses.
Application forms are available from the College Office or contact me on 5990 7777 or kelley@stpeters.vic.edu.au.

Kelley Cooper
Registrar

NAPLAN Tests – all students in Years Seven and Nine should have a working calculator with them for the Numeracy tests on May 16th. The NAPLAN rules do not permit students to share calculators during this test. Students should also ensure that they have pencils and pens, an eraser and a pencil sharpener for each test.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK AT ST PETERS

As a Catholic Faith Community, St Peter’s College is proud to celebrate and participate in Catholic Education week for the Sale Diocese.
This year, the theme for Catholic Education Week is “Faith in Action” and St Peters has/will celebrate this in the following ways:

- A special prayer will be read out each morning in tutor group throughout the week
- Each of the Eight Houses will have a special House Liturgy
- Students and staff have been asked to articulate the importance of faith in their lives. Please see the contributions of staff and students below
- The Staff will have a morning tea to acknowledge and celebrate the fact that we are a Catholic Faith Community
- The College participated in the Diocesan Catholic Education Mass at Sale yesterday. Mr Nelson took 4 of our student leaders to join in the celebrations.
- Staff and students will be invited to attend a Morning Prayer Service in the College Chapel

Our College Annual Theme “YOU ARE PETER” connects beautifully with the theme of Catholic Education Week, Faith in Action. Jesus’ words to Peter affirm him for who he is and invite him to live out his calling; to put his faith into action. Jesus’ likewise calls us by name, to be who we are, the very best of ourselves for others. This living out of who we are, our God given gifts at the service of others, is Faith in Action. Just as Jesus encouraged Peter to be fully himself as God intended, we celebrate Catholic Education week in encouraging students to be fully alive.

From the Deputy Principals of Cranbourne West and East Campus’, Mrs Hanney, Mr Banks and Mr Roberts

My Faith
I have known my faith my whole life. It has been an important part of my life. I go to church every Sunday to celebrate my Catholic Faith. Living the catholic way has never been easy, but we are here to serve God. My faith has given me the ability to get the fullest from life, the good times and the bad. Having a faith helps me through any situation. I can’t imagine my life without God and my faith.

Dominic Williams – Kolbe House

Being social justice captain this year allows me to appreciate everything that I have. By living through the gospel and doing as Jesus did you don’t only have self-satisfaction but the ability to create change and create awareness

Andrea Polydor - Romero House and Social Justice Captain

What is faith to me? This question begs some thought. Faith by definition is a complete trust or confidence in someone or something, but to me it is not so easily defined. Faith requires a belief, a belief in anything at all. I have faith in people around me because I believe in them. To me this is the essence of my journey of faith. This journey isn’t straight forward it is a road full of twists and turns, it’s ongoing.

A faith in God is a stretch for some people. I myself have had my doubts along the way. But at this time in my life a faith in a higher power just works for me. I would urge people to find a little something for them to belief in, something they can have faith in, and see where the road takes them, who knows it could be a place of faith in god.

Sharnie Morris- Marian House and Liturgy Captain

Faith
How do you live your faith?
Faith is a gift. It is both a personal and communal act. Faith plays a significant role in my life, it is part of who I am and influences my actions and behaviour. I live my faith by praying, reflecting, participating in the Eucharist, making a conscious effort daily to live the Gospel’s values and teachings in thought, word and action and most important, serving others with humility. Living out what I believe is a daily challenge but I believe ‘… the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead’ (James 2:26), therefore a challenge worth striving for.

Ms Marjorie Canal

The most amazing grace in catholic education is to experience the power of being led by the holy spirit on our learning journey

Jean-Paul Antoine
Faith Journey
The Gospels for me are the roadmaps or instructions books that give us direction in our lives as Catholics. Why the four were included in our bible while many more were not, points to their significance and importance in our faith. Reflecting on the Gospel stories of 2000 years ago and their still relevant messages today with others continues to add new dimensions to my faith.

James Roberts

Being involved in the education of young people is one of the most rewarding vocations a person can have. To think that you can help shape someone’s life and pass on your experiences and knowledge is very empowering.

Being an educator at a Catholic School takes this to another level. This is because all of our interactions with young people allow us to pass on our faith to them and hopefully strengthen their faith journey.

Anthony Banks

“Faith In Action” to me exemplifies the day to day attitude I try to live by…..”I find that if I focus on others needs first, that mine get taken care of when and where I need them”.

April Hampson (Thompson)

When I was at high school I experienced the mercy of God in a most profound way. It completed changed my understanding of faith. Before that, God was something “out there”, an abstract thing. When God entered my life I personally experienced how incredibly intimate and merciful He is. I find prayer is one thing that nurtures this relationship.

David Lawrence

Catholic Education is such a privilege and a blessing to be part of. Each day, our students show me that God’s grace and love is alive and well. I experience God’s presence in our community in the daily example of staff and students living justly, loving tenderly and walking humbly with each other and with God (Micah 6.8). Jesus’ words to St Peter, “You are Peter” (our theme for 2013) encourages me to nurture students to be who they truly are. They too have been named and loved and are called by name to love, serve and thrive.

Elizabeth Hanney

My faith is based on the fact that you can find God in all people and things. Working in a Youth Ministry affirms this everyday.

Roger Hampson

East Campus News

Winter Uniform
This week sees the changeover from the summer to winter uniform. I would like to reinforce the following points:

- Ties are to be worn by all students with the top button done up. If this cannot happen the button needs to be moved or a new shirt purchased.
- Girl’s skirts are to be knee length.
- The PE and regular day uniform cannot be mixed and matched. This means that the blazer and College jumper cannot be worn as part of the PE uniform. If students are cold when wearing the PE uniform they can wear the College rugby top or tracksuit or St Peter’s sports jacket. The reverse also applies with wearing PE clothing items with the regular day uniform.

NAPLAN
All students in year 7 and 9 will sitting the annual NAPLAN tests on the 14th, 15th and 16th of May. It is important that all students are present on these days as these tests provide the College valuable information to ensure that our programs are addressing the specific needs of our students and will also give you feedback on how your child has progressed since their last round of testing.

Study Tips
As we enter into the busy part of the semester with tests and exams looming, it is timely to remember that success in exams is usually a result of good study habits as opposed to “natural ability”. Like all good routines, these take time to establish, so I include some tips to assist parents reinforcing good study habits at home.

Why Should I Study?
Ø Because otherwise you will forget
   Studies show the effect of revision on memory. An average person forgets - 25% of information after a day, 40% after a week, 55% after a month and 80% or more after 3 months. However, if you revise what you learn you are able to recall information better.
Ø To improve your marks
Ø To make school easier and more enjoyable
Ø To improve your memory and make you less stressed during exams
Ø It will help you develop one of life’s greatest skills – self-discipline

Where should I study?
Ø Ideally in a quiet place, away from family, noise, mobile phone and the TV
Ø It is best to have a regular spot with a desk, chair, good lighting, a shelf and a storage space for your notes
Ø You can use any spare time available to catch up, such as in the car, on the bus, waiting for someone, at the library or during lunchtime

How can I revise?
Revision should be divided into sessions of at least 20 minutes and be active – you must do something in addition to reading the information. You should try to revise each night what you did in class that day. Read class notes, assignments, handouts or previous test and textbooks AND make revision summaries.

This can be done by:
Ø Skim reading fast to get a general idea
Ø Reading more slowly so that you actually understand it
Ø Making notes and special summaries to memorise

How Can I Memorise?
Plan short periods (between 5 to 10 minutes) for every subject each week: note that major subjects need more than one period. Start to memorise important information by:
Ø Re-reading and testing yourself on summary cards
Ø Reading aloud to yourself or someone else
Ø Recording summaries to replay before you go to bed

James Roberts
HEAD OF CAMPUS – CRANBOURNE EAST
Things are getting busy in Terms 2 & 3 in the Exchange Department!! Please see below for details.

Host families wanted!!
We are seeking host families for twelve Japanese students. The students will arrive on the 22nd of June and stay a week. During this week they will attend school here at St Peter’s and participate in some excursions. Host families would only need to do their regular routine as these students are interested in being part of an Australian family. If you are interested in hosting one or two students please contact me on the school number (03) 5990 7777 or email ybonica@stpeters.vic.edu.au.

Japan study tour September 2013
Japan Study Tour Information Night 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.

Shota: Japanese Assistant Language teacher
Shota sensei has settled into classes and has been warmly welcomed by the students at St Peters. He has started a Japanese club on Friday lunchtimes at West and second Tuesday lunchtime at East. This is a great opportunity for students to use their language skills with a native speaker and also to find out more about Japanese culture and of course Anime. All students are welcome.

Yolanda Bonica
Exchange Coordinator
ybonica@stpeters.vic.edu.au, or 5990 7777

LOTE NEWS

- **French Study Tour**: Our French Study Tour participants are back safe and invigorated from their experience. One comment from our Tour Leader “What a sweet sweet group of students, so enthusiastic about everything (even the bitter cold at the beginning of their trip!), well behaved and educated and - it struck me - so caring and gentle with each other. There was a very good group dynamic and the 2 escorts were of course key elements in this, between caring/supporting everyone and instilling fun and enthusiasm.” Stay tuned for a catch up session for all participants.
- **Japanese Study Tour Information Night**: On Monday the 6th of May in the Global Learning Centre we will have an Information Night for students of Japanese wanting to go to Japan in September.
- **Host Families Wanted**: In June St Peter’s will be host to 15 Japanese students from our sister school in Japan. We are currently looking for host families for these students. They arrive on the 22nd of June and depart the 29th of June. All excursions will be organised by the school and host families would only need to provide a friendly family environment, meals and a bed. Looking forward to hearing from you all in regards to hosting.
- **Japanese Word of the Week**: Thankyou=ありがとうございます (arigatougozaimasu)
- **French Word of the Week**: Thank you=Merci(mersi)

Welcome Back to our Students & Staff from France.
The Final Blog from – France and Mr Steve Nash

This trip has been a grand experience. Grand for a whole variety of reasons. The buildings in France are grand. The art is grand. The food is grand. We began our journey as a group of 9 students and 2 staff who knew little of each other as individuals and very little of each other as a group. Others have created this opportunity for us; our families, Abbey Travel, Mr Hogan and St Peter’s and Ms Bonica, Virginie at the school in France and Sarah our guide. Most of all, Simone Kugumiya who did all the hard work planning. We worked our way through some small challenges, and difficulties to become a group that looked after one another, celebrated with one another, and just shared the journey in a delightful a way.

Initially, the trip was all about orientation and seeing the great city of Paris. Although only observers, what great observations were to be had in this wonderful city. The school part of the trip was essential as it was way into French culture and life. The Arc de Triomphe and the Eiffel Tower are never to be taken for granted but it was nice to see them as just part of the landscape which we now live (if only for a week). Without the school experience we would have stayed observers of somebody else’s world. We saw magnificent sights, we were exposed to a culture much older than the one we live daily, we walked lots, we laughed lots, we were challenged in many different ways, we lived as Parisians if only for a short time.

The next part of the trip was to Normandy. There was a contrast to Paris in terms of space and noise. The countryside was delightful. We loved our time here and it broadened our experience of France as a whole, as distinct from the hectic Parisian daily life.

A final day in Paris. Appropriately it was to the Eiffel Tower where we were able to have a panoramic view of Paris. Then a little shopping and then off to the airport and to home.

And thus it was… The end. (find the full blog at www.stpeters.vic.edu.au News and Events)

“What a sweet sweet group of students, so enthusiastic about everything (even the bitter cold at the beginning of their trip!), well behaved and educated and - it struck me - so caring and gentle with each other. There was a very good group dynamic and the 2 escorts were of course key elements in this, between caring/supporting everyone and instilling fun and enthusiasm”. Sarah (the Abbey Travel Agent who organised our trip)
The first term concluded with Project Compassion being supported by the members of the House with a contribution of over $700. The contributions came from personal donations and an Assisi Raffle. Winners were Nathan Martens, Samantha Gatto, Elysia Morris and Marissa Magias. A special thanks goes to Julie Banda who kindly donated a large hamper of Easter Goodies. Students, in giving, echo the words of Saint Francis “That in giving we receive.”

Our final assembly for Term One saw our House Leaders Nick Leekakis and Jasmine Jakupi report on the term and they asked the students of the House to reflect and make new goals for Term Two. Awards were given for contributions to the House and excellence in sporting, social justice and endeavour in studies. A highlight of the assembly was the Year Sevens reporting on their first term at Saint Peter’s College.

We farewelled Tyler Joll and Samantha Gatto at the end of term one who have shifted schools. We wish them well for the future.

Assisi House is fortunate to have Polo Ralph Lauren Lacantienta who is our IT Specialist and plays a big part in putting our House Assemblies together.

In the last week of the term the House competed in the Running of the Bull’s Competition where we were very successful in most divisions and had a very large turnout of House Members. Special mention goes to Seth Gregory who has been in a winning team in consecutive years.

At the beginning of this term we welcomed the news that James & Georgia Thorton won silver and bronze medals at the Aust. Schools & University Karate Titles. These Year Seven students have gained a special respect in the House.

Assisi House now has the prayer of Saint Francis in each Tutor Room and in our entrance foyer. We have also now placed some fun words and phrases which we believe reflect the spirit of the House within the House.

In two weeks’ time we host the Annual Paper Plane Competition. This is an opportunity for students of all Houses to test their aeronautical engineering skill.

In closing we have shifted to winter uniform and we look forward to members of Assisi House wearing their school uniform with pride. First day of Winter Uniform saw a lot of students seeking the support of others to learn how to tie a full Windsor Knot!

**SPIRIT OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION AWARDS 2013**

Assisi House Leader Roger Hampson, was presented with his ‘Spirit of Catholic Education Award’ acknowledged on Wednesday night at the Dinner and Awards Presentation, held in Traralgon, to launch Catholic Education Week in the Diocese of Sale.

Roger was acknowledged for his significant contribution to the social and emotional health of students. This Award is considered for those individuals who have demonstrated exemplary practice in pastoral care, wellbeing, and/or partnerships with parents, parish and the community. In announcing the Award to the College Staff, Mr Tim Hogan, Principal of St Peter’s College stated, “Giving meaning and purpose to the lives of young people is what defines us as a Catholic school. In this work Roger finds great joy and passion”.

Roger has shown over his years at St Peter’s College great commitment to his students wellbeing and well as their academic studies - as one of his past students, Dan Martens, College Dux 2012, states “Mr Hampson, you are an extraordinary role model; you picked me up when I was down. You helped me through it all, you taught me about leadership and how sometimes a simple smile can do an awful lot more than what you think. Your passion for St Francis of Assisi and Assisi House is responsible for making it what it is today”.

Roger was acknowledged for his work, not only in the general teaching and day to day life and St Peter’s College, but also in developing the College Immersion Program and Fundraising with a school in the Solomon Islands, both here at St Peter’s but also in developing relationships with individuals and the school community in the Solomon Islands.

Also highlighted was his work with the South East Juniors, where he gives many hours as Chairman working to ensure that thousands of local boys and girls can compete in the local AFL football competition. He was also instrumental in the setting up of the AFL Victoria’s Junior Umpires Academy at St Peter’s College, now in its second year.

But it is his particular passion to work with and inspire young students who are struggling at various times in their school life that is exemplary. Many a student who has, at times, struggled with their commitment to school has stated that “without the support and challenge emanating from Roger’s words of wisdom that may not have stayed the distance and graduated”. Tim Hogan sums it up when he says “Roger is a giver. He has given a lot to the College community and the wider community of Cranbourne and he would be the first to say that he has received much in return. The college is enormously thankful for what Roger brings to the College each day and know that he is a worthy recipient of the Spirit of Education Award”

Roger in his reply stated “there are some people I need to thank, but in particular, I thank the students of St Peter’s College and Assisi House, who bring me great inspiration and enjoyment. For as St Francis of Assisi said “It is in giving, that we receive”. Catholic Education Week, activities and celebrations continue at the College throughout this week, some activities include, Daily Prayers, House based Student Liturgy, and a St Mary’s Cathedral Mass for Student Leaders on Tuesday, with a morning tea for all staff on Wednesday Morning, to name a few. You will also find staff and student reflections of ‘Faith In Action’ and what it means to them in this Newsletter and on our website.

**LIBRARY CHAT**

At an ANZAC Library Event last Wednesday lunchtime, students and staff moved the audience when they shared extracts from films or books dealing with the theme of War. Kynan Strachan recited the famous World War One poem, *In Flanders Fields*, whilst Mr Sinclair showed a tense scene from the film *Gallipoli* where the qualities of courage and mateship were evident. Kara Stafford read a soldier’s reflection on war and Ms Banda discussed the Vietnam War and the damaging effect of conscription on young men and families during the time. Ms Gallagher told us how she felt she was honouring the life of a relative, Private Frederick Malmgren, by finding evocative records of witnesses to his death in the trenches in 1917. Thank you to all the participants and audience.

Watch out for future Library Events!

Angela Gargano - LIBRARIAN TEACHER
CAREERS NEWS

Courts Open Day
Tour the Supreme Court, County Court, Magistrate’s Court and Children’s Court when they are open to the public.
Sat 18 May, 10.00am – 3.00pm, Supreme Court of Victoria, County Court of Victoria, Magistrates Court of Victoria, with displays from VCAT and the Coroner’s Court of Victoria
Children’s Court of Victoria, Melbourne

Legal Studies and Australian Politics Workshop
An intensive program aimed at developing students’ confidence in the different skills needed to succeed in the legal profession, including, communication, teamwork and leadership.
Available to students in years 10 – 12
Sat 4 May, Sat 18 May, Victoria University, Melbourne
Sun 28 July, Sun 11 August, Sun 25 August, Victoria University Melbourne

Australian Centre for Moving Image Hollywood Costume Exhibition and Careers Forum
ACMI will present the Hollywood Costume exhibition exploring the central role costume design plays in cinema storytelling. In conjunction, ACMI Education will provide a number of careers and educational opportunities for secondary students.
Exhibition: Wed 24 April – Sun 18 August, 10.00am – 5.00pm
Careers by Design: Thu 9 May, 10.00am – 1.00pm
Hollywood Costume Exhibition Talk: Wed 5 June, 10.00am – 10.45pm
Hollywood Costume Exhibition Talk: Thu 13 June, 10.00am – 10.45pm
Costume, Character and Collaboration Edith Head and Alfred Hitchcock: Tue 13 August, 12.00pm – 1.00pm
Costume, Character and Collaboration Colleen Atwood and Tim Burton: Tue 13 August, 10.00am – 11.00am
Costume, Character and Collaboration Edith Head and Alfred Hitchcock: Thu 16 May, 10.00am – 11.00am
Costume, Character and Collaboration Colleen Atwood and Tim Burton: Thu 16 May, 10.00am – 11.00am
Federal Square/Pinders St, Melbourne

Monash Art Design and Architecture Workshops
The three-day workshops for year 11 and 12 students aim to assist students developing their university entrance folios and introduce them to studies in various disciplines.
Tue 2 July – Thu 4 July, 10.00am – 5.00pm
Tue 1 October – Thu 3 October, 10.00am – 5.00pm
MADA studios, Monash University Caulfield Campus
P: 03 9903 1517
E: artdes-enquiries@monash.edu
http://artdes.monash.edu/#/mada/events/MADA%20Workshops.html

Law Week
Learn about the range of opportunities available in Law and participate in one of the available programs and workshops.
Mon 13 May –Sun 19 May

The ConocoPhillips Science Experience
The Science Experience is a multi-day science program for students in Years 9 or 10. Students will get to meet and share ideas with students from other schools while they learn more about the future in science, technology and engineering.
Tue 24 September – Thu 26 September, Swinburne University of Technology, Hawthorn
Sun 22 September – Tue 24 September, University of Ballarat
Wed 2 October – Fri 4 October, Volcanoes, Discovery Centre, Penhurst
December, dates TBC, The Gordon, Geelong

Young ICT Explorers Competition
The competition requires students to apply what they learnt in the classroom to develop a technology related project. Each project is assessed on the criteria of creativity, uniqueness, quality, level of difficulty and project documentation.
http://youngictexplorers.net.au/cms/

IT Security Shortage Demands Hiring Rethink

Focus on Ability 2013 Short Film Competition
Film makers are invited to create a short film that has a focus on the abilities of people with a disability. The competition offers a wide range of prizes, including cash prizes, entertainment packages, and a trip to Hollywood.
Entries due by Fri 26 July,
P: (02) 9833 2500

Keeping the Spirit Alive Competition
Submit a poem, story or photograph that shows a link to the ANZAC spirit and be in the running to win a $25,000 trip to Gallipoli in 2015.
Entries close Thu 25 April, 5pm

Interview with Chief Creative Officer of DDB New York
Matt Eastwood, the Chief Creative Officer of DDB New York talks about his pathway into the design industry and he gives tips to people interested in getting a career in the industry.
http://www.giantthinkers.com/2013/03/an-intimate-interview-with-matt.html

The Australia Institute’s National Youth Writing Competition
People aged 17-25 are invited to write a 1000 word opinion article about which government policy they would change. The winning entry will be sent to all Federal MPs, Senators and The Australia Institute members, and the writer will be awarded a prize of $500.
Entries due by Fri 17 May, 5pm
Contact: (02) 6206 8700
http://www.tai.org.au/nyw

Juilliard Jazz School at Trinity College
The Juilliard Jazz School is an intensive, one-week residential program covering instrument master classes, listening classes, and special topic classes. The renowned Juilliard School in New York will send its top jazz teachers to work with enthusiastic Jazz musicians from around Australia.
Open to high school students aged 14 – 17 years
Sun 30 June – Sat 6 July, Trinity College, the University of Melbourne
Applications Close Fri 24 May

Young Writers’ Program: Signal Writing Intensive for Under 25s
One off intensive workshop on how to take your first steps to being a published writer.
Sat 1 June, 11.00am, Signal, Flinders Walk, Northbank Melbourne

Digital Masterclass
The session will cover strategic planning, content creation, social media, ebook crash course and more.
Fri 24 May, 10.00am, City Library, Seminar Room 1, 253 Flinders Lane

24 Frames per Sentence: Screenwriting Intensive
24 Frames per Sentence will explore collaboration, compromise and creativity, revealing how writers work and thrive within the screenwriting industry.
Wed 29 May, 6.45pm, Australian Centre for the Moving Image, Federation Square

Signal – Everyday Life Can be Pretty Interesting Stuff
Young Illustrators and writers have the opportunity to work alongside Australia’s most diverse comic book community. Learn about storytelling with illustrators and comic book timing using traditional and modern techniques.
Every Saturday through May, 11.00am – 4.00pm

People aged 17-25 come from around Australia.
Entries close Thu 25 April, 5pm
http://www.tai.org.au/nyw

CAREERS CORORDINATOR
Melissa Dillon
PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

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
TUESDAY 11th June
7.15 Tea and Coffee 7.30-9.00 pm Staffroom St Peter’s College West Campus
Frankston-Cranbourne Road, Cranbourne, 3977
Enter via Navarra Drive Gates Please

GUEST SPEAKER – MR STEVE NASH – RELIGIOUS EDUCATION LEADER
Cert.IV Assessment & Workplace Training; M.Arts (Theology)
Religious Education Leader, Learning Advisor, VCE RE, RE

Steve joined us at the beginning of 2012, for the previous 13 years Steve held the position of Religious Education Leader at Sale Catholic College and before that taught at De La Salle College and Salesian College in Sunbury. The parents and friends meeting will be a good opportunity for Steve to introduce himself to our community and talk a little about his role and the Catholic Youth Ministry Program which is in its fourth year of operation at St Peter’s College.

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. Thank you for those who have supported this significant fundraising effort. You are now asked to either 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.

Members of the Executive of the Parents & Friends Association may be contacted:
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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 Anzac Day activities, Catholic Education Week Spirit of Catholic Education Award Recipient, Ongoing Catholic Education Funding Position, Rotary Club Youth Exchange Offer, 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.

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.

ANZAC DAY FOCUS
St Peter’s College as part of its Integrated Learning Curriculum has a joint study of History and RE, with the focus on ‘Life and Death’ with particular emphasis on ‘Finding Hope from Dark Places’. In this study they are covering the Anzac tradition, what formed it, where it is today.

Students during the week undertook several activities to honour the Anzac tradition. As has been done in previous years St Peter’s College Student Leaders, Jayde Kelly and Jake Uhlenberg and staff member Mr Greg Nelson attended the 11.00 am Anzac service in Cranbourne and laid a wreath at the Anzac Day laying a wreath on behalf of all staff and students at St Peter’s on the Thursday morning. Jake also attended the Dawn Service at Cranbourne RSL on behalf of the students of St Peter’s.

A Display of Army photo’s and uniform pieces was positioned in the Learning Centre, including a focus on an Australian Peace Keeping mission in recent history, in East Timor. This was enhanced by book readings to students of war related literature pieces during lunch break.

During the week, students sold Anzac biscuits and Anzac Appeal badges at recess and lunchtime raising funds for the Cranbourne RSL.
On Tuesday 23rd April, all Year 9 and Year 10 students from both the West and East Campus were involved in an interactive thought provoking initiative, to educate them further about the Anzac tradition and its important role, in not only Australia’s past history but, in our future in relation to world conflicts. This was part of their Semester focus in their History classes on ‘The Anzac Tradition’
**UPCOMING DATES**

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DISABLED PARKING BAYS are for parents only who have a student holding a disabled pass during the drop off and pickup times, please keep these spaces FREE.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

During this week we Celebrate Catholic Education in all Catholic schools. If you receive this Newsletter or simply have the opportunity to read it you have an interest in Catholic education. Certainly we attract financial support from Government but we would not be where we are without the generous support of parents, parishes and staff. At this time, as parents it is good to reflect on why we choose Catholic Education for our children.

As you may be aware I am a married member of the Clergy but I was not ordained until the last of our children had almost finished school. Therefore we experienced Catholic primary and secondary schooling as any other parents would. There was never any question in our minds about our choice. My wife and I wanted our children to have a grounding in the faith which we could build on. As parents we took an interest in support activities at the various schools which linked in with parish life.

My own faith journey has been linked to Catholic Education in one way or another in many ways for many years. When the term “Parish Family” is used, for me it has always included the school community. It may be a reality that for many that their faith community is the school and they don’t connect with the Parish. As I say, this may be the reality but it means that something else has taken the place of Parish. Faith does not grow in isolation or without nourishment. Jesus describes us as branches of the true vine and we will be judged by the fruit we produce. To draw nourishment from the true vine our students need to live a life in connection with the Word and Sacraments of God. When we as parents drift away from the practice of our faith, our children will follow.

I have encountered many outstanding young people at Catholic schools over the years along with many dedicated staff and parents. We do and must continue exist as a faith community. We often hear it said that a Catholic is counter cultural and we gain our guidance not from trends in society, but from God and his teachings. This of course is not the case when our list of priorities does not include joining with the Parish family to be nourished in Word and Sacrament. Our priority list can be edited, but only by ourselves, by our decision.

**A Prayer for Catholic Education**

God,
You are the supreme teacher
Who illuminates human beings with truth.
Make me your echo and allow me to sow
truth and goodness.
Let me be passionate about truth and justice
and warm my heart with your commandments.
Grant me the gift of conveying, teaching, leading
and indicating your ways.
Direct my mind to your truth and my hands to kind acts.
I am small and frail in your light,
but allow me to fulfil my difficult mission.
We ask this through Christ Our Lord.
Amen

Deacon Tony Aspinall
COLLEGE CHAPLAIN

Mary Glowrey’s Feast day – Sunday May 5th. The Patron of Glowrey House.

**St Agatha’s News**

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:** Children preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be making their commitment along with their parents at all Masses this weekend. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers. Parents please ensure you have handed in your child’s commitment/enrolment form and collect their 1st worksheet from Sr. Anna after Mass. Please contact Sr. Anna on 5996 1985 if you have any questions or concerns.

**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
St Peter's College
VCE Performance Night 2013

where: St Peter's College Hall
on: Tuesday 14th May 2013 at 7.00pm

cost: $5.00 single, $15.00 family OR group of 4
tickets available from student reception from Wed 1st May

LIMITED TICKETS!!!
PRE- PURCHASE SO YOU DON'T MISS OUT!

*with special guest performers!!!
Do you hope for success and happiness for your children?

Would you like some tips how to shape their attitude and behaviour to enable them to make the right choices in life?

Jonathon Doyle is a gifted communicator who has a passion and particular skill for educating people to make great choices in life. He presents his material in a dynamic and cutting edge way that makes him a popular speaker in Australia and internationally.

Parents of the above schools will have had the opportunity to hear him speak about the major trends and issues in youth culture and decision making **NOW IT IS YOUR TURN**.

He will provide concrete strategies for protecting, guiding and nurturing your children and grandchildren.

You will also get the opportunity to hear the renowned speaker mentor and author Rita Hartney. Read her book “It’s time for women to take control”

“EMPOWERING AND EQUIPPING YOUNG PEOPLE TO MAKE GREAT CHOICES IN LIFE”

**WHERE:** Cranbourne Park Primary School
Tucker Street, Cranbourne

**WHEN:** Friday 3rd May

**TIME:** 7.00 pm

**COST:** Gold coin donation

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**BOOKING ESSENTIAL**

Phone Merinda Park Learning and Community Centre on **5996 9056** to book your tickets

Sausage sizzle and soft drinks to purchase before the presentation.

$1.00 sausage in bread