Book in a Day

The “Book in a day” competition was held for the third year at St. Peter’s College last weekend under the direction of Ms Tracy Lockley. Students from St Peter’s were joined by a team from Lavalla College in Traralgon in a spirited competition which saw the two teams plan and write a 10,000 word short story in a day. The end result of the competition will see the short stories voted on by students in the Diocese of Sale as one of the strategies to promote reading and literacy among our students. I congratulate students, Jake Uhlenberg, Mikaela Tai, Ryan Trost, Kirra Harris, Josh Dinuzzo and Erin McNamara who all performed brilliantly on the day and thank Ms Lockley, her husband Brian and the many staff who not only provided support at the weekend but also assisted with training and encouragement in the lead up to this event.

The Annual Report

The 2012 Annual Report to the school community will be available from Monday 6th of May. The report is an overview of the 2012 school year and reports on achievements in a number of areas. It can be downloaded from the College Website or a hard copy is available for reading in Reception at all campuses.

Year 11 Retreat

The busyness of school life continues this week albeit at a different pace and focus for our year 11 students as they participate in their retreat program over the next three days. Building a personal relationship with Christ is one of the fundamental purposes of a Catholic School and I thank our RE team and the assisting teaching staff for the openness, sharing and witness they will give on this retreat which allows and encourages the faith of our young people to grow.

VCE Performance Evening

I look forward to the VCE Performance Evening which will be held on May 14th at the St. Peter’s College Hall. The VCE students have been preparing diligently under the supervision of their teachers for the evening which will feature our senior students being assessed on their performances in Unit 3 of Music, Dance and Drama. Encouragement and support from family and friends is always much appreciated on the night and I encourage those interested in attending to get in early as limited tickets are on sale from student reception as from today.

Solomon’s Islands Immersion and Cultural Program 2013

At the end of term 1, I had the pleasure of interviewing our applicants for the Solomon’s Island and can confirm and congratulate the following students and staff who will be part of our 2013 program:

- Alexandra Fagan
- Sharna Lukausky
- Zoe Darville
- Tameeka Robinson
- Robert Schreurs
- Sharnie Morris
- Breannon Sutton
- Andrea Polydor
- Adam Speirs

The touring party will be accompanied by Mr Greg Nelson & Mr Roger Hampson on their weeklong visit which will take place on completion of their year 12 exams. The Immersion and Cultural Program reflects our desire to put our faith into action through service and will present a wonderful opportunity for our year 12 students to assist staff and students in the Primary school of Bishop Epalle College. As per last year a trivia night will be held in term 3 to raise funds for our friends in the Solomon Islands and anybody in a position to assist with donations for the night should contact Marketing Officer Mrs April Hampson at the College.

Tim Hogan
PRINCIPAL

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
From the Deputy Principal - Students

The smooth running of the College depends on the cooperation of the College Community with regards to certain procedures. Could I ask that you read the procedures mentioned below and play your part in ensuring they are adhered to please.

**Late Arrivals Procedures**
When students arrive any time after the 8.50am start to morning Tutor Group, they must sigh in at Student Reception and then take a late pass to their class. This practice helps to avoid the unnecessary sending of a text message to parents/guardians by the office who go by the morning roll in sending absent SMS messages home.

**Early Departures Procedures**
When a student needs to depart the College early with prior knowledge, then they must bring a note, signed by a parent/guardian in their student record book. This should then be taken to the student’s House Leader in the morning, who will authorise the early departure by signing the Record Book. The student then presents the note to the subject teacher (if leaving during class time) and goes to student reception to sign out (showing the note). Wherever possible, parents/guardians needing to get their children from the College during the day without notice/a note should be avoided. This practice usually results in the administration staff having to go and collect the student from class, which puts a strain on the Human Resources of the College.

**Sick students**
There has been a practice of late where students who feel sick are directly making contact with their parents/guardians (eg texting them during class) to come and collect them.

If a student feels sick, they should go to sickbay after seeing their subject teacher, where the first aid trained staff will call parents to pick up the child if needed.

If parents get a call/text directly from their child to come to the College to pick them up, it would be appreciated if you back up the College procedures by requesting that your child presents to sick bay before deciding to come and pick them up.

**Absent Students**
When a student is absent, families will/should call the College and let the office staff know the reason for the absence. This is great communication and is much appreciated.

However, please ensure that this communication is followed up with a note in the Student Record Book and/or a medical certificate, explaining the reason. When the student returns to the College this written explanation is important for the record keeping of the College.

**Redemption Classes for Year 7-10 Students**
This year, the College has implemented a system to ensure that Year 7-10 students are completing all Assessment Tasks, by the implementation of a Year 7-10 Redemption Class.

This class is similar to the SAC Resit Class for VCE Students.

Essentially, if a student (Year 7-10) does not complete an Assessment Task by the original due date, they will receive a “yellow sticker” in their record book, giving a new due date. This must be signed by a parent/guardian.

If this new deadline is not met by the student, they will then need to attend a Redemption Class (which runs on a Tuesday afternoon from 3.30 to 4.30 pm) in the Clancy Building. A “pink sticker” will be placed in the Student Record Book, giving the details of the redemption class. This must be signed by a parent/guardian.

This class will enable the student to complete the Assessment Task and therefore avoid getting a “not-submitted” on the Semester Report.

If a student misses a redemption class due to absence from school on the day of the Redemption Class, they will have the class rescheduled to the next Tuesday.

If a student misses a Redemption Class and they are at school on the day of the Redemption Class, they will meet with their House Leader, receive a Saturday Detention and have to sit the Redemption Class on the following Tuesday. If a subsequent Redemption Class is missed, the student will meet with their House Leader and face suspension from the College, as well as having to sit the Redemption Class on the following Tuesday. The only exception to the above will be with the provision of a medical certificate.

Essentially, the College is taking very seriously the non-submission of work and also the missing of the Redemption Class.

Thankyou in anticipation of your cooperation with the above matters.

Anthony Banks
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - STUDENTS
YEAR SEVEN AND NINE STUDENTS – NAPLAN TESTS:

The NAPLAN tests are being held for all students in Years Seven and Nine on the following dates:

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What students need to bring to the NAPLAN tests:
For all tests students are required to have HB or 2B pencils. The use of mechanical lead pencils is NOT permitted as it can cause issues with computer scanning of tests for correction. Students should also have an eraser and a pencil sharpener.
For the Writing test only it is recommended that students use a blue or black pen.
For the Numeracy (calculator) test students need to have their own scientific calculator. They are not permitted to share a calculator with another student during this test.

Debra Preston
MIDDLE YEARS CURRICULUM LEADER

LOTE NEWS/EXCHANGE NEWS

Host Families: Thank you so much for all the offers of hospitality to our Japanese students in June. We are still in need of 8 places. The students arrive on the 22nd of June and depart on the 30th of June. There is a mix of boys and girls, aged 15 to 17. The students will attend school during the day and St Peter’s will organise sightseeing activities. Host families are asked to provide a bed, meals and a friendly environment. Gaining a new international friend is beneficial for both student and family. Give it a go.
Register your interest via email ybonica@stpeters.vic.edu.au or call the school on (03)5990 7777. Miss Bonica

Ryusei Okamoto: is a 17 year old Japanese boy looking for a host family for one month. He is arriving with our sister school group, however he will stay on until July. He lives with his mum and his grandparents. He loves watching movies and speaks a little English. If you would like to give Ryusei a home while he studies here at St Peter’s please register your interest via email ybonica@stpeters.vic.edu.au or call the school on (03)5990 7777. Miss Bonica

Japanese Word of the Week: Good morning: おはようございます (ohayougozaimasu)

French Word of the Week: Good morning: Bonjour

Environmental News

Recycling doesn’t stop at the blue bin!
Why is it important to recycle? It helps reduce negative impacts on the environment and saves energy.
What can you recycle?
- Food scraps into compost bins
- General plastics and any product that displays the recycling symbol into the blue recycling bin
- Old clothes, blankets and house hold items to St.Vinnies and Salvos (Good condition)
- Return old shopping bags to your major supermarket. They normally have a green bin there for that purpose
- Some clothes and beauty shops now have bins that you can return some used containers or items! (Keep an eye out when shopping)

Eryn Larcombe
ENVIRONMENT CAPTAIN
We have completed our first term fund raising for Caritas and I am pleased to announce that we were able to raise $650 through our various lolly stalls at the swimming carnival and at both campuses during the term. The House Captains and all the Forum Leaders worked together to make this fund raising a success.

We have completed our second House activity with Romero House organising ‘Running of the Bulls’ competition and I was very pleased by the number and range of students we had representing Augustine House and working together to complete the course as possible. We didn’t win but we had the most participants.

The College Cross Country trials have been completed and Augustine House was placed fifth in the overall standings which is a good result with many students participating and hopefully some going on to represent the College at the S.I.S Cross Country event.

Our year 7 & 9 students will soon be undertaking Naplan testing and the important data gained from these tests will be used to help enhance their learning.

Birthday congratulations for April / May:
West Campus – C J Vezelici, Jasmine Whiteley, Lachlan Byrne, Marc Clark, Michael Prinzi, Derek Ramnuth, Aslea Solomons, Blake Craven, Eli Moss, Nicholas Prinzi, Airlie Robshaw, Mitchell Tharle, Jordan Bellagamba, Matthew Van Den Elst & Tayla Whedlock.
East Campus – Mikayla Hardy & Jamieson Carter

Mr Greg Van Es
AUGUSTINE HOUSE LEADER

SPORT NEWS

SIS JUNIOR GIRLS NETBALL
The Junior Girls Netball competition commenced last Thursday at St Peters College. The Year 7 and 8 girls played a tough encounter against SFX Berwick in a game that saw the lead changing numerous times throughout the match. After a lively start in the first quarter, the girls broke away to a 3 goal lead at half time. Hayley Tisdale and Chloe Harbour combined well across the centre court and Mikaela Dakic and Isabell Coller remained solid in defence. Despite our best efforts, SFX fought back in the second half and at the full time siren, the scores were locked at 17 goals all.

Final scores: SPC 17 drew with SFX 17
Best players: Hayley Tisdale, Tyler Vermay, Summa Wood and Chloe Harbour

Cathy Heijden
COACH

CRANBOURNE EAST SIS SPORTS
Last Thursday the 2nd of May our very first Cranbourne East SIS Junior Girl’s netball team took on Nazareth Secondary College at Casey Indoor Centre in our new look outfits. All the girls played well together and the court flow ran smoothly with great leadership skills from Hinemoa Collie. The shooters were on fire barely missing a goal, with the finally score being 28-14. Well done to all girls involved.

Rebecca Stewart
COACH

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Make Mum happy all year round
Let Mum choose what she wants to do and when she wants to do it!
The new 2013 | 2014 Melbourne Entertainment™ Book is packed with hundreds of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers from the best restaurants, cafés, attractions, hotel accommodation, travel and much more!
All for a Great Cause
Year 11 student, Allison Moran from Romero House, donned the wig and encouraged shoppers to buy last weekend as part of the Breast Cancer fundraiser.

Diocesan Students Mass
‘Faith In Action’ Celebration
St Peters College students from both the West Campus and the East Campus were part of more than two hundred students who gathered at St Mary’s Cathedral in Sale last week as part of the celebrations for Catholic Education Week.

Students from the 34 Catholic primary schools and the 7 Catholic Secondary colleges in the Diocese of Sale attended.

Many students like those from St Peter’s travelled between two and three hours to attend this special Mass, celebrated by the Catholic Bishop of Sale, Most Rev. Christopher Prowse.

The Mass featured the Lavalla Catholic College Choir, with St Peter’s College students, representing their College by carrying the College banner during the procession.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

This week our year 11s head off to various locations for their retreat. In keeping with the St Peter’s College goal of educating the whole person, the retreat experience is key. Hopefully this is an experience that will be recalled, revisited in years to come. When we look at the aims of a retreat, we are cognisant of the fact that many people, possibly the majority have not experienced a retreat and are not really sure what they are about or whether they are of value.

There have been many literary masterpieces written on the nature and purpose of retreats, but I believe a few points would be common to all retreats. It is of course necessary to stop doing what we normally do, to come away from the routine. Hence “Retreat”. This requires a conscious decision to spend this time in different way, to give it to God and to seek God. It is a decision to be open to God and to be still. In this stillness and quiet, which is definitely not the norm, we are encouraged to be aware of the movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives and how we use the gifts of this Spirit. We are asked to be open to accepting our relationship with the God who loves us, accepting that we are loved deeply by our creator.

It is important to realise that if we are a loved creation of God, so are our fellow students, families and staff. Each person has the dignity of a child of God. This knowledge is essential to build a supportive and life giving community. In the “extraordinary” situation of Retreat, the individual has the opportunity to reflect on the health of their own relationships with families and peers. Prayer is what sustains our relationship with God because by its nature prayer takes us out of the ordinary, it is like a mini retreat, time taken out of our day to be open and to connect with God.

We wish all our year 11 retreatants well and hope that they are able to use this time well and either become aware of their personal relationship with God or deepen it and take this experience with them as they continue their faith Journey.

A Reflection on Prayer
One of the most tender images is the human person at prayer. When the body gathers itself before the Divine, a stillness deepens. The blaring din of distraction ceases and the deeper tranquillity within the heart envelops the body. For a while they have become unmoored from the grip of society, work and role. (John O’Donohue: Eternal Echoes)

Deacon Tony Aspinall
COLLEGE CHAPLAIN

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.

Mr Greg Nelson
ST AGATHA’S REPRESENTATIVE
**CAREERS NEWS**

Victoria Careers News – mhsCareers.com

**Expos/Open Days/ Information Sessions**

**ACU Open Day Melbourne**
Melbourne Campus: Sun 11 August, 10.00am – 4.00pm  
Ballarat Campus: Sun 25 August, 10.00am – 3.00pm  
P: 1300 275 228  
E: futurestudents@acu.edu.au  
http://www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/courses/applying_to_acu/useful_links/events/open_day/programs_and_dates

**La Trebo Open Day**
Shepparton Campus: Fri 9 August  
Mildura Campus: Wed 14 August  
Bendigo Campus: Sun 18 August, 10.00am – 4.00pm  
Melbourne Campus: Sun 25 August, 10.00am – 4.00pm  
Albury Wodonga Campus: Fri 30 August, 4.00pm – 8.00pm  
P: 1300 135 045  
E: study@latrobe.edu.au  
http://www.latrobe.edu.au/openday/

**Monash Open Day**
Berwick, Gippsland and Peninsula Campuses: Sat 3 August, 10.00am – 4.00pm  
Caufield, Clayton and Parkville Campuses: Sun 4 August, 10.00am – 4.00pm  
P: 1800 666 274  
E: future@monash.edu  
http://www.monash.edu.au/open_day/

**Swinburne University of Technology Open Day**
Sun 4 August, Hawthorn Campus  
P: 1300 275 794  
E: study@swinburne.edu.au  
http://www.swinburne.edu.au/openday/

**University of Ballarat Open Day**
Sun 25 August  
P: 1300 225 527  
E: info@ballarat.edu.au  
http://www.ballarat.edu.au/future-students/open-day

**University of Melbourne Open Day**
Sun 18 August  
P: 13 6352  
E: 13MELB@unimelb.edu.au  
http://openday.unimelb.edu.au/

**VU Open Day**
Footscray Park Campus: Sun 25 August, 10.00am – 4.00pm  
P: 1300 842 864  
http://www.vu.edu.au/news-events/events/open-day-2013

**Try a Trade and Careers Expo**
Get hands-on experience and knowledge on a wide variety of careers.  
Tue 21 May, 9.30am – 3.30pm, Cranbourne Race Track  
P: 97946921  
E: mstevens@sellern.org.au  
http://sellern.org.au/2013/02/19/try-a-trade-2013/

**JMC Academy Information Session**
This session will provide detail regarding career opportunities in the areas of animation, film and TV, music, game design, entertainment management and audio engineering.  
Wed 26 June, 6.30pm, JMC Academy Melbourne  

Royal Military College (Duntroon) Live Facebook Chat  
An RMC Instructor and two cadets in their graduating year will be on hand to answer questions about the college and to discuss their educational experience.  
Wed 1 May, 6.30pm - 8.00pm  
https://www.facebook.com/events/368793496558812/

**Gap Year Medical Placements**  
Hospital work experience for students who are applying to medical or nursing school. Placements for students from age 16 upwards in Africa, India and the Caribbean.  
http://www.gapmedics.com/

**60 Second Science Video Competition**  
Create a short 60 second video that explains an invention, experiment, science concept or idea. $10,000 in cash prizes are on offer to entrants. Registrations close Thu 14 November; videos must be uploaded by Wed 20 November.  
P: 0498 591 046  
E: Obrien.brendan.p@edumail.vic.gov.au  
http://www.60secondscience.net/

**IT’s There for Life Competition**  
Create an image or video that promotes the message that whatever you post online, stays online, potentially forever. Entries close Wed 8 May  

**Foundation For Young Australians – Young Social Pioneers**  
A 12 month fellowships for young change makers aged 18 to 29 who work with purpose and passion for a social cause. The program which provides peer mentoring, rigorous learning and skills development aims to equip participants with the skills needed to make a difference in society. Applications are now open  
P: 03 9670 5436  
E: rhondah.whitaker@fya.org.au  
http://www.fya.org.au/yanapp/

**UNICEF Young Ambassador**  
UNICEF is looking for young Australians aged between 15 and 24 from each state and territory to become UNICEF Young Ambassadors. UNICEF young ambassadors have the opportunity to engage with young people and key policymakers to address important child rights issues both in Australia and around the world. Applications Close Sun 5 May  
P: (02) 8917 3212  
E: education@unicef.org  

**Melbourne Spring Fashion Week Volunteers Needed**  
Sat 31 August – Sun 8 September  
P: 03 9658 9658  
E: volunteers@melbourne.vic.gov.au  

**Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Skill Shortages**  
The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations releases information on national and state level skill shortages. It covers over 100 occupations and focuses on skilled occupations that usually require post-school education or training.  

Melissa Dillon  
CAREERS CORORDINATOR
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.

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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:
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 Catholic Education Week Activities. Important information for Year 11 Retreat Parents, French Trip Blog details. 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.
VCE Dance, Drama and Media teacher will be performing in an upcoming production of THE PRODUCERS with JYM Theatre Co at the Phoenix Theatre, Glenhuntly Rd, Elwood.

Shows:
Saturday 11/05 7:30pm, Sunday 12/05 8:00pm
Thursday 16/05 8:00pm, Saturday 18/05 8:00pm, Sunday 19/05 4:00pm
Tuesday 21/05 8:00pm, Wednesday 22/05 8:00pm, Thursday 23/05 8:00pm, Saturday 25/05 8:00pm

For tickets, go to www.jymtheatre.com

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!!!
GE13/0014

7 May 2013

CIRCULAR TO PRINCIPALS OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN VICTORIA

Outbreak of Cryptosporidium Infection

MAIN POINTS

• An outbreak of cryptosporidium infection (also referred to as ‘crypto’) is affecting Melbourne and many parts of regional Victoria.
• The Department of Health is requesting that parents and guardians of all children who attend swimming lessons or swim clubs in Victoria be provided with information on how to protect themselves and others when swimming.
• Crypto is a parasitic infection that causes gastroenteritis, with the most common symptoms being diarrhoea, stomach cramps and nausea. Symptoms may last for weeks and have serious consequences for people who have weakened immune systems.
• During swimming, people can become infected by swallowing water which has become contaminated by human faeces, usually from tiny amounts that cannot be seen. Crypto can also be spread from person to person, especially in settings such as childcare facilities and in households where there are cases.
• All swimming pool patrons are able to become infected if the pool is contaminated with crypto because crypto parasites are not killed by the normal levels of chlorine used in swimming pools. Without realising, people with crypto infection can contaminate pool water up to 14 days after their diarrhoea has stopped.
• Pool operators have taken steps including decontamination of water where appropriate as a protective measure, but this cannot break the cycle of crypto infection without the help of patrons.

ACTIONS REQUIRED

• Schools are asked to forward this information to parents to help prevent the spread of disease.
• Parents should ensure that they and their children take the following actions to protect themselves and others:
  - do not swim if you have diarrhoea or if you have had diarrhoea in the past two weeks
  - shower and wash thoroughly with soap before entering the pool
  - wash your hands with soap after going to the toilet or changing a nappy
  - avoid swallowing pool water.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

• For more general information on avoiding Crypto and other infectious diseases while swimming, please go to: http://www.health.vic.gov.au/water/recreational/cryptosporidium.htm.
CONTACT/ENQUIRIES

- If you have any concerns about your health or the health of your child, please consider seeking medical advice. A simple stool test is available to diagnose crypto infection if your doctor considers that crypto may be a cause of symptoms.

Stephen Elder
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR