ST PETER’S DINNER

I congratulate the following staff who received their 10 year service awards at the St Peter’s Dinner on Friday Night. 10 Years is a long time to devote yourself to one workplace and our fine school reputation in this community is a reflection of the commitment to excellence these staff have made over that time. I congratulate:

Vicki Young  
Anthony Beutelschiess  
Michelle Drummond  
Chris O’Hara  
Anna Gebbing  
Louise Forrester  
Viv Hayes  
Gina Goss  
Tony Aspinall

On the night a portrait of our Foundation Principal, Mr Terry Feely was unveiled. This portrait was produced by a former student of Terry’s and current staff member Ms Carla Edgerton. All present who knew Terry were in agreement that Carla has done an amazing job in capturing Terry at his best. This portrait will be hung in the Terry Feely Learning Centre in memory of his great stewardship of St Peter’s, his love of learning and the arts. Mrs Dorothy Feely could not be present on the night but expressed her thanks to Ms Edgerton and the Board and conveyed that the Feely Family are very proud that Terry is honoured and remembered in this way.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS FROM JAPAN

This week we host a touring party of 15 students and three staff members from Sapporo High in Japan. Our visitors will spend the week visiting classes, touring the city and sightseeing at Phillip Island before they depart next Sunday. Our exchange program provides great opportunities for our students to immerse themselves in another culture through the study of language as well as making friends for life. I thank the many families who are hosting students this week as well as Ms Bonica and the members of the LOTE department who are ensuring that our visitors make the most of their learning opportunities. Later this year Ms Bonica will travel with students from St Peter’s to Sapporo for a 3 week exchange visit. Each year students have the opportunity to visit either Japan or France as part of our International Exchange Program.

ST PETER’S DAY

I thank the Student Representative Council, assisted by Mr Banks, the House Leaders and Learning Advisors for the wonderful St Peter’s Day celebrations which we held on Tuesday of this week. Beginning with our St Peter’s day mass celebrated by Fr. Denis, Fr. Joseph and Deacon Tony, the students thoroughly enjoyed the range of activities on offer and the BBQ provided by the Parents and Friends Association. All monies raised on the day will assist the Bishop’s Family Foundation in providing much needed assistance to families in the Diocese of Sale.

EDUCATION FUNDING

The Australian Government has passed legislation through the House of Representatives to enact school funding and regulatory reforms for Australian schools.

In recent weeks, letters from Catholic school parents to their local Members of Parliament have made a positive difference to how the Government has responded to Catholic education’s requests for more information.

The Senate is now considering the legislation. As a Catholic school parent you can influence this process by writing to Victoria’s 12 Senators.

Questions you may wish to ask, and contact details for the Victorian Senators can be found at http://web.cecv.catholic.edu.au/structures/fairfunding/write.htm.

To make sure your message to the Victorian Senators has the most impact, you will need to email them by Wednesday 26 June 2013. The vote on the legislation is likely to occur the following day.
Government funding for Catholic schools must keep pace with the increasing costs of education. School leadership teams must also continue to be free to make decisions in the interest of their school communities. A suggested letter to the Victorian Senators is attached to this newsletter.

**END OF TERM**

In this final newsletter of the semester I wish all members of our community a safe and happy holiday. The holidays are well deserved after a long 11 week term. Reports will arrive home in the first week of the school holidays and will provide some good opportunities for family discussion on the learning that has taken place in semester 1 and the goals that students need to be set for semester 2.

Mr Tim Hogan
PRINCIPAL

**SEMESTER REPORTS**

Over the coming week, all students will receive their Semester One report. These reports give details of student learning and progress over the last two terms and offer recommendations for improvement in learning. I thank all subject teachers and Learning Advisors for the time and care taken with the report writing process. The teaching staff of the College commit themselves to providing parents and students with an accurate indication of student learning and achievement. We congratulate all students who have given of their best thus far. I encourage all parents and students to consider these reports closely; to celebrate achievement and success and also to identify areas of renewed effort in Semester Two. All families would be aware that Semester Two has begun and this marks an opportune time to reflect on efforts to date and note where improvements need to be made. Semester Two then provides students with the chance to give evidence of this renewed effort before the end of the year.

At this time, I extend every best wish to all families for a safe a happy holiday.

Elizabeth Hanney
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

**EXCHANGE NEWS**

*Welcome to St Peter's*

We have welcomed 15 Japanese students and 2 teachers from our sister school in the north of Japan. They attended their first day at school on Monday the 24th of June. Our Year 11 Japanese students gave the group a tour of the school and our Year 12 Japanese class got to know the group via interview style. St Peter’s Year 10 Japanese class did some “speed dating” with the Japanese students. Unfortunately no perfect matches were found but lots of fun was had by all trying to communicate with limited language. Our wonderful host brothers and sisters will take the students to class with them and also attend some sightseeing excursions for the rest of the week.

It is truly wonderful to see friendships in the making despite the use of a lot of language. Our own students are becoming so much more empathetic to the plight of those arriving in Australia without English because of this experience.

The host families of the Japanese students come from our school and community and are much appreciated for their generous hospitality. There were other families offering much help and support, which is also appreciated.

A group of our students will visit our sister school in Japan in September. There are still some places available for Year 9, 10 and 11 students who are studying Japanese to participate in the tour. Final date for inclusion in the tour is the 10th of July.

Please contact Miss Bonica on ybonica@stpeters.vic.edu.au with any inquiries or to sign up for the study tour.

“Speed Dating” with Year 10 students

Above: Japanese student, Ai and host sibling
MARIAN HOUSE NEWS

What a semester! Marian House has accomplished many great things. Giving us nothing but a reason to smile and to be proud. I couldn’t ask for a better start to the year. As a house we have managed to grab hold of two shields that are now hanging proudly in the Clancy Building. The “House Showdown” shield, a triumphant win against Glowrey House where we Marians fought hard in a show down of tug of war, receiving our first shield late last year. Our enthusiastic energy that shone among the rest of the 7 houses, earned Marian the “Spirit Shield” at this year’s Swimming Carnival. As the year progresses, we have encountered many enjoyable events. Year 12 Retreat took place on Wednesday the 6th of February, making this the last school activity for the Year 12 students as a whole. Marian joined Kolbe and Assisi, and headed to Belgrave Heights. Students were able to get to know each other on a deeper level, sharing memories and experiences in times of hardship and challenges but also in good times. These activities allowed the Year 12 students to bond with one another as well as their teachers.

Year 11 Retreat took place at Dromana on Wednesday the 8th of May. Students prepared for the year ahead, where they faced their biggest challenge as senior students in the College and to prepare for leadership and the VCE.

MACKILLOP HOUSE NEWS

Term Two has been another busy time for MacKillop House with staff and students participating once again in a number of activities. Valiantly led by our House Leaders Bec and Jack, MacKillop students were out in force to represent our House in the College Cross Country. Each of the year levels were well represented with a particularly large number of years 7 and 8 students stepping up to compete. The huge participation rate and the athletic talents of MacKillop students resulted in a decisive victory with MacKillop House taking out the Annual Cross Country Trophy. Our House leaders also lead an enthusiastic team of spellers in the InterHouse Spelling B.

The focus for MacKillop House Learning Advisors this term has been to increase both student and staff awareness of the charism of our House Patron, Mary MacKillop. Born in 1842, Mary was the eldest of eight children. Her father , although a learned scholar , lacked financial awareness which often lead to the family being without a home, separated from siblings and reliant on friends and family for shelter. From the age of 16 Mary became responsible for the financial support of her family. Despite her tough childhood Mary remained hopeful at all times and continued to think of those around her rather than herself. One of her most well-known sayings “Never see a need without doing something about it” has been lived out this term by students of MacKillop House. Danielle Ellis has been successful in gaining a position on the newly established Casey Youth Council. Danielle has chosen as her project establishment of parkland and green areas amongst the rapidly developing housing estates in the Cranbourne area. Her motivation and enthusiasm are an example of the lived expression of Mary’s ideals.

Caitlyn Machaya, Taylor Hutchins, Jordyn Ralls and Gracia Lokeni together with other students of the College participated in the Frankston City Life Café. The group served a hot meal to over 80 people and cheerfully assisted with washing dishes and mopping floors. Michelle Pask spent a cold Monday evening walking amongst the boarding houses of North Melbourne with St Vincent dePaul staff offering hot soup and a chat to those less fortunate. Blake Baynes, Chris Jones, Sarah Hayes and Chloe Patrick are currently competing in an InterHouse photographic competition with the theme “ Walking in the steps of our Patron”. These are just a few of the many ways in which the students of MacKillop House are living out the Charism of our patron Mary MacKillop.

Marlene Jorgensen
MACKILLOP HOUSE LEADER
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Last weekend, the Gospel at Mass was especially significant for us here at St Peter’s. It was from Luke’s Gospel and was what we know as the “Confession of Peter”. This was when Jesus asked the disciples “Who do people say that I am?” and he was told “Some people say John the Baptist, others Elijah; and others say one of the ancient prophets. Then Jesus said “But you, who do you say that I am?” Peter said “You are the Christ, of God”. Jesus went on to say that if anyone believed in him and wished to follow him, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily. There is absolutely no intention in these words that our days are to be filled with sorrow if we are to follow Jesus. Rather, it is saying that we are to judge carefully what life offers us and to leave behind anything that will not lead us closer to God. These choices can be a real cross for some. It can be unthinkable not to join in what everyone else is doing, to be “different”. This is the case when being “different” really means being our true self. It is when we are willing and able to be our true self and do what we know is right that we can be at peace and find happiness.

This year, we have as a focus the words of Jesus to Peter in Matt 16:18-19 “…. You are Peter, and upon this Rock I will build my Church…..” Each of us is Peter if we are a solid example of a follower of Jesus. Such an example is given by someone who will not look the other way when someone is being mistreated, will not join in with something that disrespects another person. Such an example is given by someone who works to help the homeless, the refugee and the migrant.

So if we want to be a “Rock” for Jesus, someone who fits the words “you are Peter” we must honestly answer the challenge from Jesus when he asks “But you, who do you say that I am?” It is easy to say “oh well of course, you are the Christ” But if we say that, are we willing to make the hard choices? Do we need to change in order to confess that Jesus is truly the Son of God?

A Prayer to Heed God’s Call

You are the God who upholds us in our weakness; be with us when we were in trouble.
You are the God who blesses us in our strength; be with us when we are full of joy.
In all circumstances, may we open our ears to hear as you call us each by name.
We place our trust in you and ask for courage to heed your call.
We pray always and forever through the power of your Spirit. Amen

Deacon Tony Aspinall
COLLEGE CHAPLAIN

The PERFECT School Holiday Planner!
So many savings to be made with the new Entertainment™ Book

With the school holidays approaching, now is the perfect time to buy an Entertainment™ Book and take advantage of the many valuable offers the kids can enjoy.

Selling for only $65 the 2013|2014 Melbourne Entertainment™ Book is packed with over $15,000 worth of valuable offers you can use right away, valid up until 1st June 2014!

Plus, $13 of your Book purchase goes towards fundraising – so please forward this email to your family and friends, as the more Books we sell, the more funds we’ll raise!

Thank you for your continued support.

Why Should I Buy a Book?

“The movies, fun parks and bowling kept the kids happy during the holidays, and by the end we’d saved more than the cost of the Book!”
Louise, Melbourne

To Purchase Your Copy or a copy as a GIFT please:
Contact staff at College Reception or
Email office@stpeters.vic.edu.au
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(12 - 18 year olds)  
3 - 5 July 2013

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BOOKINGS OPEN NOW
For more information and to book your place, visit www.oasey.vic.gov.au/artsprogram or contact City of Casey Customer Service on 9705 5200.

Day and Date
Tour of the Beautiful portrait of the young actor provided by the artist.  
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Year 10 Independence Day provides current Year 10 students with an excellent opportunity to come onto campus and experience university life.

You will also get specific information on how to choose your Year 11 and 12 subjects; meet representatives from Monash faculties to provide you with course information; and participate in faculty workshop sessions. This will take place on 7th August, 9am – 3pm at the Clayton campus. Register for this free event at www.monash.edu/year10-day.

The Computer Games Boot Camp (CGBC) is a seven-day event run by Monash University for Years 9 – 12 students to experience everything connected to computer gaming and information technology. Students can learn from experienced professionals, talk to like-minded people and expend their networks through workshops, tournaments, presentations and activities. This will take place from 6 - 12 July at Monash's Clayton campus. Registrations fill up fast; so get in quickly at https://cgbc.infotech.monash.edu.

Monash University is hosting three-day workshops for Year 11 and 12 students interested in studying creative Art Design and Architecture. These programs are aimed at assisting students with developing their university entrance folios and giving them an insight into specific course areas. The workshop choices are Communication Design Folio; Industrial Design Folio; Fine Art Folio; Interior Architecture; and Architecture Foundation. These will take place on either 2 - 4 July or 1 – 3 October at the Caulfield campus. For more details visit www.monash.edu/nda/workshops.

RMIT

Chisholm Institute – School Holiday Try a Trade Program
Chisholm is offering students the option of accessing ‘hands-on’ trade programs during the term breaks, from Monday – Friday, 10am – 3pm. The programs are designed to be engaging, practical and provide a full understanding of the apprenticeship system, expectations of the industry and real live work experiences using practical Workshops and Labs. Students can choose from IT, ICT Game Development, Building and Construction, Automotive, Telecommunications, Welding and Water Chemistry. Further information and enrolment is via phoning 1300 244 746.

RMIT

Back by popular demand, is a range of Experience Day programs aimed at Years 10, 11 and 12 students to get a hands-on and interactive experience of courses at RMIT. The choice of free programs is:

- Accounting and Finance 1st July
- Electrical and Computer Engineering 2nd July
- Fashion and Textiles 1st July
- Community Justice 2nd July
- Aerospace, Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering 3rd July
- Health and Medical Sciences 3rd July
- Media 2nd July
- Advertising, Marketing and PR 4th July
- Environment 4th July
- Computing, Animation and IT 5th July
- Art and Design 5th July

Places are limited. To register and learn more go to www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays.

Melbourne University

Students interested in studying Law at The University of Melbourne are invited to the Melbourne JD Showcase on 3rd July. At this one day workshop, expert teachers will hold master classes on legal issues and at the same time gain a taste of life in Law and studying the Melbourne JD. More information is available at www.jd.law.unimelb.edu.au/schools.

Access All Areas is specially designed for Year 10 to 12 students and their families to gain an insight into the University of Melbourne. It is a chance to learn more about degrees and postgraduate study, exchange and study abroad options, scholarships and accommodation options. This will take place on 12th July. Register online at www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/accessallareas.

ACU UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE DAY

University Experience Day is a free program for high school students. Students have the opportunity to get a taste of life at ACU by meeting academic staff and current students, as well as trying out the courses they are interested in studying.

Melbourne

ACU University Experience Day

- Tuesday 9 July 2013
- 9.00am – 2.30pm
- ACU Melbourne Campus
- Daniel Mannix Building,
- 8-18 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy

Courses offered*: Arts, Business, Creative Arts, Early Childhood Education, Education, Exercise Science, Public Health, Psychology, Speech Pathology & Occupational Therapy, Law

* Please note that Nursing, Midwifery and Paramedicine sessions are full

Please note that places are limited so it is important to encourage your students to register online as soon as possible. Due to a large number of registrations, priority will be given to year 12 students.

Holmesglen’s new Bachelor of Sports Media is designed to meet the growing needs of the sports media industry with an emphasis on journalism, media, broadcasting and the business of sport. The degree provides students with a broad base of technical skills and the knowledge required to work in a variety of roles in sports media. Go to www.holmesglen.edu.au/careers/arts_and_design_courses/bachelor_of_sports_media?utm_source=Holmesglen&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_c91f345e46-7f4f25b56c-

DAS_midyear2013_sportsmedia&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_c91f345e46-7f4f25b56c-410005983.

Zoos Victoria Work Place Opportunities

If you are passionate about working with animals, you are invited to see what it takes to work at the zoo. The Conservation Careers at the Zoo will take place on 2nd August for Years 9 – 11 students and will assist students to understand the breadth of employment opportunities within Melbourne Zoo. The full day program costs $46 and bookings can be made by phoning 9285 9406. Zoos Victoria are offering students the opportunity to participate in programs designed to help them learn about various jobs in zoos, the work involved and the relevant training required. Vet for a Day and Keeper for a Day programs will take place at either Healesville Sanctuary or Werribee Open Range Zoo during the July holidays. More information and bookings are available at www.zoo.org.au/holidays.

Melissa Dillon

CAREERS COORDINATOR

Preparing for the onslaught......Parents and Student Alumni

The Parents & Friends Association have undertaken their annual support of the St Peter’s Day celebrations at the College by supplying and cooking a sausage sizzle, which along with a soft drink was supplied for the lunch of all students & staff. Thank you to all Parents and Alumni Students who helped on the day. It was greatly appreciated.
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.

Parents & Friends Committee and Members wish all parents and students a Safe and Happy Holiday.

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TUESDAY 30th JULY
7.15 Tea and Coffee
7.30-9.00 pm St Peter’s College West Campus
Frankston-Cranbourne Road, Cranbourne, 3977
Enter via Navarra Drive Gates

GUEST SPEAKERS – MR ANTHONY BEUTELSCEISS & MS TRACY ALLES

-MR ANTHONY BEUTELSCEISS - TEACHER
Learning Advisor, Maths, Science, Carbon Management, Applied Science

-MS TRACEY ALLES – TEACHER
Dip.Ed.; B.Science; Cert 111 Carbon Management
VCE Psychology, Life Science, Environmental Science, Science

NEW COURSE: CARBON MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATE 111

In 2011 Mr. Anthony Beutelscheiss and Ms Tracy Alles completed the Cert 111 in Carbon Management course with a view to introducing this course into our Curriculum in 2012. In its first year Anthony had eight students from year 10 who are completing the first year of this two year program which covers the following areas of study:
- Climate Change & Greenhouse Gases
- Measuring Carbon Emissions
- Carbon Reduction Options & Emission Factors
- Carbon Action Plans
- Implementation of Environmentally Sustainable Work Practices

Anthony and Tracy will give an update on the progress of this course into 2013 and the potential career pathways a course like this provides.

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 visit the College website in the Our College/Parents & Friends section.

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.

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 St Peters Day celebrations, Japanese Students & Teachers St Peter’s College Visit.

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.
The Education Maintenance Allowance is paid to parents of eligible students under 16 years of age, and the student is enrolled in a Government or non-Government School in Victoria on census day, 28 February 2013 for installment 1 and 2 August 2013 for the second installment.

The Education Maintenance Allowance will be paid in two instalments and to be eligible you must be enrolled on the first day of 1st Term (29 January 2013) for the first installment and on the first day of 3rd Term (15 July 2013) for the second installment:

Parents who were paid the EMA at the school that their children are still attending for the first installment of 2013, are not required to complete a new application for the second installment.

Parents who were paid EMA at a different school for the first installment of 2013, or parents who are claiming EMA as they have just become eligible will need to complete an application form at the new school for the second installment.

EMA applications forms may be collected from the College office

Applications must be submitted to the College by 2 August 2013 with copy of eligible Health Care Card.

Ms. Alison Scandurra

ACTING ASSISTANT BUSINESS MANAGER

Solomon Islands Fundraising Trivia and Silent Auction

What can you do to help?

Auction Items:

We are now collecting items for use as prizes on the night and as items for the Silent Auction. Does your business have anything they can donate?

Anything of any value is most welcome. Check out those cupboards for unused items, ask your local hairdresser, restaurant, chiropractor, or anyone else you think will support these endeavours for a voucher. Please phone or drop into the college for April Hampson who is co-ordinating the Auction items. Or you can simply email athompson@stpeters.vic.edu.au

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS - On the Holidays – Closed
Re-opening: Monday 15th July 10am – 4pm (Student Free)
Tuesday 16th July – 1pm – 5pm

OFFICE HOURS DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS:
East Campus – Closed
West Campus – Monday – Friday 9am – 4pm ph. 5990 7777

LOST PROPERTY

All Clothing and books etc.in Lost Property will be donated or disposed of over the holidays, if students have LOST any items please check.

Office Staff
Dear Senator

I am a parent of one of 200,000 students attending a Catholic school in Victoria, making up close to a quarter of the total school population in our state.

The Senate is likely to debate the Australian Government’s school funding and regulatory reform legislation during the last two scheduled sitting weeks of this parliament.

When you consider the Australian Education Bill 2013, there are three questions I would like you to think about:

1. How will school fees be affected?
2. How much of the new funding will be allocated to future increases in teacher and staff salaries?
3. What will it cost Catholic schools to implement the red tape being imposed by Canberra and will it duplicate existing accountability mechanisms?

Despite the fact that, on average, each Catholic school student in Victoria receives around 20 per cent less funding than a government school student, my Catholic school provides an outstanding education that develops well-rounded young people and helps them to reach their full potential. As a parent, I need to be sure that I will be able to afford to choose a Catholic education for my child in the future.

I would also be very concerned if my principal was forced to run our school according to rules set by Canberra which risk standardising education rather than responding directly to the unique needs of our community.

I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely

Parent
Address
Suburb