Over the last 12 months a working party lead by the Director of Learning, Mr Chris Denny has been reviewing the content and structure of our Curriculum to ensure we are keeping pace with the demands of 21st century teaching and learning for our students. Factors such as the new Australian Curriculum and the rapid developments in technology have been incorporated into a new curriculum structure which will be implemented over the next two years. I believe the changes in curriculum that are outlined in this newsletter and which will be further discussed for parents at the futures evening on the 29th of July will provide higher levels of engagement and interest for our students as well provide a greater level of focus on the foundational skills of literacy and numeracy particularly in years 7-10. A major objective of the review has been to improve the quantity and frequency of teaching time which subject teachers have with their classes. As a result all students but particularly our VCE students will have better access to assistance in their final years from their subject teachers than has been the case in the past. I thank the members of the Curriculum Review Working Party for their thorough and dedicated approach to this task and wholeheartedly endorse these recommendations to our community. I welcome parent feedback via email, interview or on the night of futures evening.

Mr Tim Hogan
PRINCIPAL

CURRICULUM CHANGES FOR 2014/2015

It has been said that there are two certainties in life … taxes and death. I would like to add a third certainty to that list as Change. In the 21st century we are witnessing a high rate of change in almost every part of our lives. This impacts on both students and teachers in the education domain. At present there is the Australian Curriculum descending upon us and there will be constant change in the curriculum content for the next few years. We, as teachers, are being asked to provide more student centred classes rather than the traditional teacher centred approach and with the development of technology, the access to information and the ability to create and communicate ideas with all the different media available is greater than ever before. It is in this current environment of change that St Peter’s College has performed a curriculum review over the last 12 months. After reflection on the current curriculum, one of the things we needed to consider was a change in our college timetable. The timetable changes were proposed and presented to staff resulting in a two year transition to the complete transformation. This means that there will be a transitional time table for next year, 2014, and then a final change in timetable for 2015. The main reasons for the changes in timetable included the following:

- The clash in subject times with year 10 subjects when a year 10 student is doing a VCE enhancement studies
- The ability to have flexible and creative approaches to the timetable such as the blocking of year 7 and 8 Maths classes and the setting up of flexible ability groups that students may move between by the results of their assessments.
- The loss of significant lessons of particular classes for students involved in VET studies
- Teachers wanting contact more often with the students in the classes they are teaching
- The opportunity for pastoral activities to have a specific timetabled period, rather than an overlay on the normal academic timetable
The increased directions from both the Australian and Victorian Governments and the Sale Diocese for the great focus on numeracy and literacy

The changes for the timetable for 2014 include the following

- St Peter's College will move to a five period day rather than a four period day but the two week cycle will be retained
- Most classes appear more often during the 2 week cycle than they do at present
- Maths and English will appear more often on the time table in years 7 and 9 in 2014 and then for all year levels in 2015.
- A gradual change in the middle school elective structure
- A focus on depth of study rather than breadth of study at VCE levels
  - This will mean that from 2014 year 12 students will have 9 periods per cycle for each of their subject. This means more time with their teacher and better opportunities to work towards completing their work during the school day.
  - It will mean that year 12 students will not have the traditional study period but will be able to have that "extra" time with their subject teachers
  - It will also mean that year 11 students will have 9 periods per two week cycle for each of their subjects. Again this will mean that year 11 students will have more time with their subject teachers.
  - This change in time will mean that year 11 students will be studying 5 subjects rather than six subjects in their year 11 year.
  - However, this change in no way prevents year 10 students taking on an enhanced VCE unit 1 and 2 subject or a year 12 student enrolling in an enhanced VCE unit 3 and 4 subject

All of these changes are being implemented to help improve both the quality and frequency of time which subject teachers have with their particular classes. It means that, particularly at VCE, students will have more frequent access to their subject teachers than has been the case in the past.

In these times of constant change it is important for us, as Teachers at St Peter's College to offer the best opportunity for students to gain a solid academic background as well as providing them with the pastoral care and faith development that Catholic schools do so well. We strongly believe these developments will be of benefit to all students. We welcome any questions or comments regarding our approaches to teaching and the curriculum and please feel free to contact myself or Mr Tim Hogan to arrange a meeting in regards to these developments.

Mr Chris Denny
DIRECTOR OF LEARNING

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
Third Term and Motivation
Researchers, like Andrew Fuller, tell us that motivation is a bigger struggle in Term 3. Motivation, Fuller tells us, has a lot to do with overcoming fears and fears tend to loom larger when we try to avoid them. For this reason, in the first week of Term 3, Learning Advisors have been having discussions with their students in relation to setting goals for the second half of this year. What we want for all students is their best.

Personal Learning Goals
This process involved a review of the First Semester Reports and a serious conversation with the Learning Advisor. It involved some reflection on what students were good at and wanted to get even better at. It also involved an honest look at areas of weakness that needed to be addressed. Students were also provided with a range of possible strategies that they might find useful that others have employed successfully. Hence goals have been written that endeavour to encourage progress for each student during this semester. One thing that will help in that process is that if parents can have the conversation with their sons and daughters about these goals. Learning is more successful when it becomes a more personal matter. The idea of these goals is to further awareness of what is an important development for each student personally.

PE Uniform
Please be aware that the Sports Uniform includes white socks and not black or grey.

Mr Steve Nash
ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
CRANBOURNE EAST NEWS

Uniform
As we move into the second semester I’d like to take this opportunity to remind students and parents of our Zero Tolerance Uniform Policy. Year 7 -10 Students in breach of the school uniform regulations will be excluded from classes until that item has been rectified. Parents are then contacted and informed of the situation. Parents have the option (if possible) of bringing in the item to allow the student to return to class or collecting the student (in the case of a haircut being needed for example). If this is not possible the student remains in isolation for the day and asked not to attend school until the uniform issue is fixed. Uniform regulations can be found on pages 14-17 of the Student Record Book. For the most part, I am happy with the way students are wearing their uniform on a daily basis and congratulate them on this.

Semester Two Goals
Last week all Learning Advisors sat down with the students in their Tutor Group and spent time setting Learning Goals for Semester Two. This was done in conjunction with reflection of their Semester One reports to ensure that the goals set are realistic.

Subject Selection for 2014
Subject Selection for Year 9 students (Year 10 – 2014) will occur next Monday, 29th August and will occur at the West Campus. The evening is titled “Futures Evening” to reinforce its importance as pathways begin to be discussed and the selection options broaden significantly. All of the Learning Advisors will be on hand, as will expert VCE teachers and External Education Providers. I encourage all parents and students from Year 9 to attend.

Subject Selection for Year 8 students (Year 9 – 2014) will occur on Monday, 5th August upstairs in the Lyons Building here at the East Campus. Invite letters were sent out last week detailing the evening. Again, this is an important event as students are given more ownership of their learning and the direction they want to go with their future learning.

Bishop Christopher Prowse visit
At the end of last term we had the pleasure of Bishop Prowse visiting our Campus. This was an informal visit, where he was able to spend time with staff and students talking about our school. Many of our Year 7 students were eager to catch up following on from him confirming them last year. We look forward to seeing him again later in the term when he returns to bless and open the Year 7 and 8 Building.

Stage Three Building
This week formal planning and designing started on our stage three building. This building will incorporate specialist facilities for Visual Arts and Technology, as well as classrooms for Year 10 and 11, staff offices and additional toilets.

James Roberts
HEAD OF CAMPUS - CRANBOURNE EAST

Exchange Opportunity to France

The Rotary Club of Berwick invites applications from eligible students to participate in the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. Those eligible are secondary school students at years 9 or 10, who will be between the ages of 15 years and 16 years and 11 months on 1st January 2014.

Students will have the opportunity to travel, learn a new language, and meet other students from around the world.
- Students will stay with host families and will expect to become one of the family, and to meet and to speak to many people and groups.
- Students are required to attend two preparation camps
- Their parents will be expected to pay the cost of fares, clothing and insurance.
- The overseas host Rotary Club will provide full accommodation and pocket money, as well as supervision.

Interested students are to contact the Rotary Club of Berwick through Rotarian Dan Kraan on 0408 305 009 or on Kraanie@bigpond.com or Caitlyn on Cait-Langdon@hotmail.com.

RUGBY UNION NEWS: THE FEARLESS SAINTS

The Fearless Saints go marching on! The St Peter’s U18 Rugby Union 7s team remains undefeated as they head to the State Championships on Friday 26 July. Only playing together since March, the team has had a Cinderella run, surprising everyone. The State Championships will be held at Box Hill Rugby Club, Sparks Reserve, Cnr Middleborough and Canterbury Roads, Box Hill, from 10:30 -2:30. Any parents or past students who are able to attend are encouraged to do so as the boys will really value your vocal support on the sidelines.

Tracy Lockley
Exchange News  A Stay at 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 took the students to class with them and they also attended some sightseeing excursions for the rest of the week.

It was truly wonderful to see friendships in the making despite the lack 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 these experiences.

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.

We thank the following families for their generous hospitality:
Lineham Family, Swamy Family, Bates Family, Passe Family, Le Grand Family, Beiruti Family, Harris Family, Popov Family, Higui Family, Watson Family, Bonica Family, Cortese Family, Barnes Family, Keni Family, Cottrell Family, Hampson Family, Ellwood Family

Friday 19th July Year 11 Art and Studio Art students went on an excursion to the National Gallery of Victoria to see Claude Monet’s exhibition of waterlilies. “It was amazing” was a common quote from students. This exhibition is a once in a life time experience and in Australia is only going to be travelling to Melbourne. This exhibition will be on until the 8th September.

Students also got to experience other areas of the gallery including the Robin Rhode exhibition where they got to draw on the gallery walls as part of an interactive space.

ROMERO HOUSE - CAPTAINS REPORT.

With Romero House students participating and competing in SIS Sport, SIS Cross Country, senior retreats, and many inter-house activities, Semester One was truly busy and exciting. Whilst Romero’s third place in the Marion House Spelling Bee was pleasing, the highlight was possibly St. Peter’s Day. Romero House held a pancake eating contest which drew extraordinary crowds and great participation. The crowd went crazy as competitors ate their way through the Romero House Specialty: ‘The Jam & Whipped Cream Double Stacker Tower!’ In the junior event, Zane Hyde took first place; Robert Lega took out the middle-school event in a breathtaking 2 seconds; and Daniel Pesek was victorious in the staff Vs. Senior Student Showdown. Mr. Banks was a close second, with Ms. Chakman impressively third! We’d like to thank everyone who participated, as well as all those who bought pancakes. We look forward to whatever Term Three has in store for us.

Letisha Adams & Tyrell Lazarus
ROMERO HOUSE CAPTAINS 2013

FIRST AID TRAINING FOR PARENTS OF TEENAGES (TPOT STUDY) AT MCCLELLAND SECONDARY COLLEGE, 3-4 AUGUST 2013
WWW.TPOT.NET.AU
Participants Needed! FREE 2-day courses in Youth Mental Health First Aid
Parents who have a teenager aged between 12-15 years (and the teenagers themselves) are invited to take part in the TPOT research study. Please see St Peter’s Website for more information.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS
As Victorian Pilgrims, including Miss Rebecca Crozier from East Campus and the CEO Sale group, head towards Rio de Janeiro for World Youth Day 2013 it is timely to stop and think about the significance of the event.

World Youth Day was initiated by Blessed John Paul II in 1985. For the first celebration of WYD in 1986, bishops all over the world were invited to schedule an annual youth event to be held every Palm Sunday in their dioceses. It is still customary to call Palm Sunday World Youth Day and it is meant to be celebrated at the diocesan level annually. At the same, at the direction of His Holiness, it is celebrated at the international level every two to three years at different locations. Pilgrims from all over the world gather in the designated city.

Large numbers of young Pilgrims have attended previous International World Youth Day, which, by the way, run for several weeks with arrival activities and departure activities carrying on the joyful spirit.

The highest attendance was 4,000,000 -5,000,000 at WYD Manila 1995. This is still recognized by the Guinness Book of Records as the largest crowd on record. WYD Sydney 2008 was significantly smaller than Manila with approximately 400,000 at the Papal Mass but pilgrims from St. Peter’s College completed a prayerful and joyful pilgrimage. Over 1,000,000 pilgrims are expected in Brazil this WYD.

Without doubt the highlight of the gathering will be the vigil prior to the Papal Mass and the mass itself. Pilgrims sleep outdoors Saturday Night and join the Holy Father at mass on Sunday. The voices of over 1,000,000 pilgrims raised in prayer and song should be magnificent.

For ourselves, may I suggest that this week we pray for all the pilgrims? Our prayer is that the time they have at WYD is reflective, joyful and that they are able to return to their own countries and ‘Go and make disciples of all peoples’. We also keep in mind Blessed Teresa of Calcutta and Blessed Pope John Paul II the patron saints of the event.

With God’s Blessing

Greg Nelson
ACTING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION LEADER

ST AGATHA’S NEWS
ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL: This week we welcomed the Principal Mr Brendan Marrinon to St Agatha’s School. Brendan will be based there until the move to the new school, overseeing the building, managing enrolments and staffing as well as the many other tasks and requirements associated with the establishment of a new school. Builders have been appointed and work should commence shortly. The uniform committee has just about finalised a very smart looking uniform.

THANKYOU: We thank the Invigorate Youth Group for singing at the 10.45am Mass last Sunday. We hope the Invigorate Youth Group will be able to sing at the 10.45am on the 2nd Sunday of each month. If you would like to join them please contact Chrisanne on 0411 164 250.

R.I.C.A. INQUIRY NIGHT 2013-2014: Are you a baptised Catholic Adult, but have not received the Sacraments of First Communion of Confirmation? Come and See this evening is for you. We urge all Parishioners to invite non-Catholics to the inquiry night on Wednesday 7th August at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. All welcome! For more information please call the Parish Office on 5996 1985 or Tina on 5996 3139.

FUNRAISER: Family Trivia Day! Be a hero and join the fight against breast cancer by coming to our family trivia day. St Agatha’s Hall, 2pm Saturday 27th July Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for children BYO drinks and nibbles- some food and drink will also be available to purchase on the day. All profits raised will assist with paying for cancer treatment for a St Agatha’s parishioner Robyn Griffiths. For more information or to book tickets call Melissa on 0419 180 675 or email sam@keatsaccounting.com.au Dress up as your favourite children’s character from books/TV/movies. Decorate a table in pink for breast cancer awareness (Donations of items for our auction would be greatly accepted.)

WORLD YOUTH DAY (WYD) RIO 2013 IN FRANKSTON: Young people ages 16 to 35 from all across the Peninsula: Are you ‘Called to Follow or Called to Lead’? Come join Bayside Young Disciples (BYD) as we explore what it means to be a disciple of Christ in celebration of WYD 2013 theme ‘Go make disciples of all nations’. A whole day event starting 10am on Saturday 27th July in St Francis Xavier parish Hall, 60 Davey Street, Frankston. This event, feat. Melbourne’s NET Team, will include talks, games and activities, group discussions. Eucharistic Adoration, ending with WYD Mass by 6pm. Dress in blue/green/yellow to get into WYD RIO 2013 spirit! See flyers, Like out ‘Bayside Young Disciples’ facebook page, or contact BYD on 9783 3484 for more details.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND
Married couples, we encourage you to prioritise your relationship. It underpins your family life. Please join us for a Marriage Encounter weekend. Our weekend helps you to remember why you married and gives you skills to maintain your love for each other.

Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around catholic values but you don’t need to be catholic to attend. There is no group sharing.

Our next weekends in 2013 are on: 9-11 August and 18-20 October in Melbourne.

For further information and bookings contact Marianne & Marcel Van den Bronk (03) 9733 0997  or Email vicbookings@wwme.org.au
**ST PETER’S FUTURES EVENING  MONDAY 29TH JULY From 6.30 pm**

*Please note the date listed on the letter families will have received is incorrect, the correct date is Monday 29th July, our apologies for any confusion*

**Invite for ALL Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 students and parents**

This event will commence with a tailored presentation, specific to the requirements and future development of each year level, with a topics relating to:

- **The NEW VCE Subject Selection Changes**
- **The NEW Middle School Curriculum Changes**
- Study Plans and Exam Preparation
- **VCAL (the alternative VCE)**
- **VET in Schools (TAFE Programs) and Vocational Options**
- Tertiary Course Options
- VTAC Application
- Study and ENTER Scores, Scaling of Study Scores
- Scholarships and SEAS (Special Consideration)
- Plus much more…

**Families can see displays from each of our Teaching Areas including**

- Art and Design
- English
- Food Technology
- Health and PE
- Humanities
- IT
- LOTE
- Maths
- Performing Arts
- Religion
- Science
- Systems Technology

**Speak directly with TAFE, University and Employment Organisations to see how they can assist with course and career goals.**

**Universities**

- Australian Catholic University
- Deakin
- Monash
- RMIT
- Swinburne
- Victoria University

**TAFE’s**

- Casey College of Beauty Therapy
- Chisholm
- Southern School of Natural Therapy
- William Anglies

**Employment Agencies**

- Apprenticeships Group Australia
- Defence Force Recruiting
- Engineers Australia
- LINK Employment and Training
- Sarina Russo Employment

Don’t miss out on this fantastic opportunity to receive the vital information relating to your child’s education and future.
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 TUESDAY 30th JULY**

1. 7.15 Tea and Coffee
2. 7.30 - 9.00 pm St Peter’s College West Campus Staff Room. Parking available outside the building.
3. Frankston-Cranbourne Road, Cranbourne, 3977
4. Front gates will be locked so please enter via Navarra Drive Gates

**GUEST SPEAKERS – MR ANTHONY BEUTELSHEISS & MS TRACEY ALLES**

- **MR ANTHONY BEUTELSHEISS - 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

**NEW COURSE: CARBON MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATE 111**

In 2011 Mr. Anthony Beutelsheiss 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 for our students.

**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 use attached order form or visit the College website in the Our College/Parents & Friends section. **Reminder that this opportunity closes in Term 4. So get your forms in ASAP.**

**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](http://www.stpeters.vic.edu.au) for all up to date information on the College structure and activities.

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.
TERM 3 2013 CALENDAR

| Year 7 - 12 WEST AND EAST CAMPUS UPCOMING DATES |
|-------------|------------------|
| **JULY** | |
| 29 | Careers Futures Evening |
| 30 | Parent and Friends Meeting |
| 31 | SIS Debating Round 1 |
| **AUGUST** | |
| 1-2 | Justice Camp |
| 9 | Solomon Island Immersion Cultural Program Trivia Night |
| 13 | Year 7 Science Fair (Cranbourne East) |
| 15 | College Assembly |
| 16 | Year 7 Science Fair (Cranbourne West) |
| 27 | Athletics Carnival |
| 28 | SIS Debating Round 2 |
| **SEPTEMBER** | |
| 3 | Stage 2 Cranbourne East Blessing |
| 10 | College Assembly |
| 11 | SIS Chess |
| 12 | Student Free |
| | Parent Teacher Interviews 9am – 8.30pm |
| | SIS Debating Semi-Finals |
| 16 | Year 12 Dance & Drama Performance Night |
| 17 | Lunchtime Concert/ Footy Colours Day |
| 18 | Central Australia Trip Departs |
| 20 | End Term 3 |

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)

Second Installment 2013

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

Would $500 assist you with Education costs?

You could receive up to $500 in matched savings to help pay for educational costs including:

- school uniforms
- text books
- excursions
- laptops
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire
- TAFE, traineeship and apprenticeship costs!

To be eligible you need to have a Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card and some regular income from work (you or your partner).

To find out more phone or SMS your name and postcode to 1300 610 355, or email saverplus@bsl.org.au