World Youth Day

I include this image from celebrations in Rio as World Youth Day gets into full swing. Over 1 million young people from around the world attended the Papal Mass on Sunday to celebrate World Youth Day. Following these events, the pilgrims of the Sale Diocese including staff member Rebecca Crozier will head to the hills behind Rio for a few days of retreat and reflection together before returning to Melbourne next weekend to begin sharing their stories.

Congratulations
Under the guidance of music teacher Mr Matthew Sharpe the first “Open Mike” session was held in the music rooms at lunchtime. Open Mike will occur once a fortnight and has as its aim to provide an avenue for all students to engage in an explore excellence in performance. A number of musical performances were staged before an audience of about 30 students and staff and we hope that the Open Mike sessions will not only encourage greater participation in the life of the college but also build a stronger sense of connection to our college community for many of our students.

Victorian College Basket Ball Championship
Last week our Senior Girls took out the Victorian College basketball Championship for Senior Girls held at MSAC. This is the third year in a row that our senior girls have won this title and is a reflection on their talent, teamwork and dedicated coaching provided by Mr Justin De Goldi. Well done Girls.

Futures Evening
I thank all the parents who attended the highly successful futures evening last Monday. Parents and students were able to attend a range of information’s sessions on Subject Selection, VET and VCAL offerings as well as inquire about University, TAFE and a range of career paths from the guest presenters who attended the evening. I thank all of our staff members who assisted on the night and in particular our careers Co-ordinator Ms Melissa Dillon and Curriculum Executive Members – Mr Chris Denny, Mrs Debra Preston, Mr Barry Fisher and Mr Peter Brannan.

Federal Funding
Last week the National Catholic Education Commission reached an agreement with the Federal Government over funding for Catholic Schools over the coming years. This will see an increase of $1.6 Billion dollars to the National Catholic System over the next six years. One of the crucial points in this negotiation process has been the ability of the Catholic System to retain its autonomy in regard to how it distributes funds to schools within its system based on need. Thankfully this has been agreed to and we are hopeful also to see an increase in funding for students with learning needs in our system which has been for many years, underfunded in comparison to the levels of funding available to those in the Government School system. I congratulate the members of the CECV who have conducted negotiations on our behalf and in particular Stephen Elder the Victorian Director of Catholic Education.

Mr Tim Hogan
PRINCIPAL
TERM 3 FOCUS – LEARNING & PATHWAYS

The success of the Futures Evening last night indicated a great spirit of partnership between parents, students and College staff. It was wonderful to see the uptake of this opportunity by so many families and the generosity of staff in giving of their time and expertise in supporting students during this important time of decision making.

Much of what was presented to parents highlighted the importance of two critical things – the importance of learning and the realities of a changing world. Each of the presentations (and indeed the displays by tertiary and vocational pathway providers) highlighted the fact that options for our young people are vast. It reflects a world where the range of technologies and the range of choices available is inspiring and exciting or perhaps confusing and overwhelming. We are constantly seeing new possibilities for the way we learn, communicate, live and work. Many ideas, careers and technologies are still in the imagination – and it is and will be our young people who glimpse this future and whose responsibility it will be to shape and create that future. This in turn, emphasises the role of learning – now and into the future for each person within our community. Learning is about challenging.

The futures evening and the decision making ahead challenges our students to learn more about themselves, their hopes and aspirations, their strengths and areas for development. The educational experience of our young people is designed to equip them for our 21st century world and involves the five learning actions of accessing, interpreting, producing, disseminating and evaluating knowledge. These learning actions are actions used in the daily lives of all of us. To these, we bring skills in communicating, collaborating, creativity, problem solving and ethical citizenship to our students. Together these skills will enable students to sift and filter the vast range of options available to them. To do this, they need parents and teachers! I encourage all parents and students to access staff and have creative discussions around student options and pathways at this time.

A reminder that subject selection forms for students in Yr 9 -11 are due on Friday 9 August.

Elizabeth Hanney
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

CRANBOURNE EAST NEWS

Subject Selection
On Monday night, the Year 9 students and their families attended the Yr 10 – 2014 Subject Selection evening at the West Campus. The night consisted of a presentation by the Middle School Curriculum Leader, Ms Deb Preston. It was followed by displays from Learning Areas and External Providers. Information regarding studying a VET course or VCE unit in Year 10 was also discussed. Thank you to the staff who attended the evening to assist.
Completed Subject Selection Forms are now due by Friday 9th of August.
On Monday night coming – 5th August, the Subject Selection Evening for Year 8 (Year 9 2014) will be held at the East Campus, upstairs in the Lyons building. It will commence at 7.30pm and be finished by 8.30pm.

Enrolments
Enrolments continue to grow rapidly as not we as a campus expand but also the surrounding community. While we still have vacancies in all year levels for 2014, should you know of family or friends still considering to come here next year, I encourage you to get them to finalise their enrolment sooner rather than later. We are currently planning for additional classes and staff next year and as we get closer to 2014 our flexibility in adding additional classes based on additional enrolments disappears, meaning that some families may miss out.

Soup Day
On Monday we held a Soup Day for the SVDP Winter Appeal. Families were generous in their donations of items for us to make the pumpkin soup. That said, there wasn’t much left over, which is high praise for our budding student chefs. Thank you to all student helpers, Mr Antoine and Ms Connell for coordinating the event. Final monies raised will be known soon.

James Roberts
HEAD OF CAMPUS – CRANBOURNE EAST
YEAR 9 2014 SUBJECT SELECTION EVENING

The St Peter’s College annual Year 9 2014 Subject Selection Evening is being held on Monday August 5th from 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm. Students, families and friends are invited to attend what promises to be an informative evening and a worthwhile investment of your time.

This event will provide you with information relating to:
- Details of year 9 courses for 2014
- New and changed subjects in the College for next year
- Understanding the elective system at year 9 and 10
- Changes to the curriculum and timetable for 2014

YEAR 10 PATHWAY INTERVIEWS

Following on from the Futures Evening St Peters College is offering an opportunity for you and your year 10 student to have a meeting with a staff member, at the college, to discuss subject selection for year 11. This is an important opportunity because with the changes in the curriculum in VCE at the college, a great deal of care needs to be taken in selecting the appropriate subjects.

If you wish to take advantage of this opportunity and did not sign on for an interview time at the Futures Evening you may contact the office for an appointment.

The interviews will be available on Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th August between 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm, would last not more than fifteen minutes and will be held in the college Library. You are requested to bring the College Curriculum Handbook and a Year 11 Subject Selection form and Semester 1 Reports to the interview. There will be a number of staff available on each afternoon.

We would urge both Year 10 students and their parents to attend one of these interviews, particularly if there is any question or uncertainty regarding the subjects being selected or what is required to prepared for a students intended career. Both Mr Chris Denny and Ms Melissa Dillon will be attending at each of the afternoons to provide detailed answers on the curriculum or career advice.

FUTURES EVENING 2013

VCAL Students Daniel Sibberas and Michael Slailaty helping out on the VCAL stand.
EXCHANGE NEWS

After the excitement of the 15 Japanese students staying with us here at St Peter’s in June I asked some host siblings how they felt about hosting. Below are their comments.

Lavinia Year 8: Hosting an exchange student is a great experience. It gives you the chance to speak to someone that isn’t use to your daily language. You grow a sort of bond with them and start to think of them as a sibling. It’s surprising how someone staying with you for such a short amount of time could then turn out to mean a lot to you and become a friend so easily.

Brittney Year 8: We live in a world full of different cultures, and because of this, many people are curious to know other countries by travelling, researching and even going on exchanges given by schools to meet new people and visit new places. On the 22nd of June 2013, my exchange sibling, along with other Japanese kids, came to Australia for a 1 week holiday to learn the differences between Australian and Japanese schools. Her name is Mao Yamamoto, 15 years of age and came from Sapporo Seishu High school in Hokkaido. During her stay, she visited many places, like the City, Philip Island, saw kangaroos and played a sports event at school. She also enjoyed many Australian foods and learnt new things that were different for her in Japan. Even I learnt a bit about Japan and saw this as a great opportunity. This has changed my life, because not only did I have fun, but I learnt much more than I expected, made a best friend/sister and have a better understand of how hard English is to foreign students. I’d love to continue hosting in the future, as it means helping others getting to know Australia and also learning new culture.

Japan Tour September 2013:

There are six very excited students and two very excited teachers getting ready to visit Japan on the 15th of September. Beginning in August the students will meet together at lunchtimes in order to learn more about what they will see when they go to Japan and how to best communicate with their host families. Participating students and parents are asked to ensure all paperwork is now in and final payments are made by the 27th of August.

31st AUSTRALIAN-JAPAN RELATIONS ESSAY CONTEST 2013

1ST PRIZE IS A TRIP TO JAPAN

Years 7-8: Must submit an essay in English of between 700 and 1000 words. The topic is “You have been asked to select a person or character to be the new popular culture ambassador of Japan. Who would you choose and why would they be a good international representative for Japan? What features or characteristics of this character best represent aspects of Japanese culture?”

Years 9-10: Must submit an essay in English between 1100 and 1400 words. The topic is “Compare and discuss a social issue or challenge currently facing youth in Australia and Japan. How are both countries addressing the problem?”

Years 11-12: Must submit an essay in English between 1500-1800 words. The topic is “Both Australia and Japan are countries where many other people enjoy excellent life expectancy. Compare and contrast the factors in each country that influence life expectancy and discuss how these may change in the future. This is a great opportunity for students not only to win a trip to Japan but to do some extra research. Entries need to be submitted to Miss Bonica by the 15th of August.

Good luck.
VICTORIAN COLLEGE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS...AGAIN!

On Wednesday 24th July, the Senior Girls Basketball team travelled to MSAC to compete in the Finals Day of the Victorian College Basketball Championships. The team qualified for the Finals Day after winning their regional games at Dandenong Basketball stadium earlier in Term 2. Winning this regional tournament saw the girls given the number 2 seeding and high expectations for the day.

The day started off with a commanding victory over Carrum Downs Secondary, followed by a close victory over St Monica’s, Epping. These 2 wins saw the girls go straight through to the Semi Finals, where they would play CRC Geelong. The draw became that bit easier too with the early exit of Number 1 seeds – Box Hill Secondary. The game against CRC was won with ease, which saw the team qualify for the Grand Final with a chance of going back to back. The Grand Final was against St Monica’s who they had beaten earlier in the day. From the beginning it was evident that the girls wanted to go out on a winning note, with the defensive intensities at the highest it had been throughout the day. This effort saw the team come away with a 40 -9 Grand Final victory! And once again, St Peters were crowned Victorian College Champions yet again! It was a great effort by all involved and memories that will be cherished by all. A special congratulations to Jessica Lineham (Yr 10) who was crowned Most Valuable Player

Team Members: Jess Lineham, Cristin Daly, Kaitlyn Wakartschuk, Chloe McLaren, Haylee Lineham, Emily Simpson and Brooke Poulter

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 Gall. All welcome! For more information please call the Parish Office on 5996 1985 or Tina on 5996 3139.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Term 3 is a busy time (aren’t they all). This week we have the Futures Evening which is very important in the lives of students and families. Students are becoming very aware of how quickly the year is passing and exams approach. The Gospel of last Sunday, where the disciples ask Jesus to teach them to pray, strikes me as being very relevant at this time.

This Gospel speaks to all of us, parents, students and staff. Firstly as parents and staff we need to ask Jesus to teach us to pray. Jesus says be persistent in prayer, to be persistent we would need to be comfortable with the relationship. We also need to be able to bring anything, all aspects of life to prayer, and to be comfortable enough to sit and wait for a response. Prayer must always be a dialogue not a monologue.

As our students make preparations for the future, let us pray that they are able to see prayer as a part of that future. The prayer that Jesus teaches the disciples is one of the most earthy, ordinary prayers, it speaks about the ordinary basic things of life. If we are able to pray in this way without formulas, just about our lives, we are truly connecting with God.

Parents have the role of “First Teachers in the Ways of Faith” as seen in the Rite of Baptism. However, every member of this faith community has a responsibility to live and act in a way that recognises and respects the relationship that each person has with God.

The wonderful spectacle of young people at the World Youth Day closing mass is a great thing, but unless it translates into a lived and lively faith it loses its power and becomes just an “event”.

So it is with the faith which is passed on to our young people, if it is not seen in action in word and deed it is no longer a living faith. I would strongly recommend that you read Luke 11:1-13 and allow it to speak to you. It will if you spend some time both praying and listening. Next time we pray the Lord’s Prayer, think about what we mean when we say “Your Kingdom Come”.

A Prayer for Our Time.

Our Father in heaven,
the words of the Lord’s Prayer teach us to love and honour you.
From these words, we have learned to put
Our trust and hope in your care for us.
Grant us the reverence to pray the Lord’s Prayer,
So that its words may shape our lives.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Deacon Tony Aspinall
COLLEGE CHAPLAIN

ASSISI HOUSE REPORT

Semester Two started with every student reviewing his or her goals for the remainder of the year. Each spent time with their tutor reviewing their First Semester Report.
Students were advised to follow the words of Saint Francis of Assisi when he said:
“Start by doing what is necessary;
Then do what is possible;
And suddenly you are doing the impossible”.

We are asking students to reflect on the past, plan for the future and to accept that good academic results come with sacrifice and application.

In the last week of Term Two Assisi House farewelled Joshua Debaise who has left to go to Skills Plus in Frankston to do a VCAL Course. We wish Josh all the best. At the same time we welcomed Brandon Lever to Assisi House from Hillcrest College.

On return from holidays it was great to hear that Lauren Halsted (Class of 2012 and sister of Mitchell, Year Ten) had recovered sufficiently from a serious head injury and was at home continuing her recovery.

Assisi House welcomed Mrs Julie Banda to Assisi House as Tutor for ASC from the start of Semester Two. Julie is the Head of Humanities and comes with a vast amount of experience in teaching, as well as in life in general. We take this opportunity to thank Ms Kelly Larkin for her past contribution to Assisi House.

Also at the end of Semester One we launched a new charisma mural in the foyer of Assisi House. Our feature wall now displays photos of all six Tutor Groups on a vine with the scripture reading from;

John 15: 5-7
I am the vine, you are the branches.
Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit,
because apart from me you can do nothing,…..
If you abide in me, and my words abide in you,
ask for whatever you wish , and it will be done for you.

Thanks go to Alejandro Lelteir’s family who helped with presentation and installation of the display.

In closing, I look forward to the enthusiasm and respect students have shown for the Assisi House to continue throughout Semester Two.
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.

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 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.

TUESDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER
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 SPEAKER – JULIE BANDA – TEACHING & LEARNING COACH, HUMANITIES
B.Arts, B.Ed, CertIV Training and Assessment.
VCE Business Management, VCE Economics, Yr9 RE, Yr8 SOSE, Yr7 Maths

Mrs Banda has been teaching for 28 years and joined the College in 2012 as Humanities Teaching and Learning Coach. Prior to this she had spent seven years at Chisholm Institute of TAFE at the Frankston Campus teaching in VCE, and Diploma Courses. With 8 years experience teaching in Zimbabwe, holding a variety of senior teaching positions, she brings to the College a wide range of experience and knowledge. Julie is working closely with the Humanities staff on two major projects:
• Introduction of the Australian Curriculum.
• The College Coaching 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 use attached order form or 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:
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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 College Champions go Back to Back, and East Campus Students Cook Up A Storm for fundraising.

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.
RICE DAY 2013

In order to show solidarity with impoverished people throughout the world, St. Peter’s conducted its annual Rice Day last Wednesday 24th July. Students and Staff purchased a bowl of rice for $1 and had this as their lunch for the day. Nearly $140 was raised, as well as a heightened awareness as a world issue of poverty. This money will be donated to the St Vicent de Paul Winter Appeal.

Andrea Polydor
SOCIAL JUSTICE CAPTAIN

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