SCHOOL RENEWAL SURVEYS
In 2014, St Peter’s College will be involved in a School Renewal Process consisting of a review of our School Vision and Strategic Plan covering the period 2009-2013. Parents have completed surveys in relation to Enhancing Our Catholic Identity during term 2 and we are now sending surveys to 60 families to assist with feedback on other aspects of School Operation. These include the focus areas of:

- Your Child’s Education
- Your Child’s School
- Your Child’s Experience of Transition in their Education
- Your Child’s Religious Education

In the week beginning September 2nd, 60 families will receive a confidential and anonymous survey pack in the mail which can be completed online via the instructions provided or through completion of a paper copy provided. If choosing to complete a hard copy survey this survey must be returned to student reception in the supplied envelope by Friday the 13th of September. As always your feedback is vital to our planning for the next 5 years and will help us shape our Vision for our school community and our strategies for achieving that Vision. I thank you very much for your continued support of the College and re-emphasise that all surveys need to be completed by September 13th.

TRADE TRAINING CENTRE
Last week the Prime Minister Kevin Rudd announced that St Peter’s College had been successful in gaining a Commonwealth grant to the value of $1.26 million dollars to build a Trade Training Centre at the Cranbourne West Campus. We have also been advised that the Coalition has also agreed to not cancel any funding to schools that has been approved under the latest funding round for Trade Training Centres. This grant will allow us to build a centre which focuses on VET studies in Agriculture, Electro technology and Engineering and when completed in late 2014 will provide our students with significant learning opportunities in the area of Vocational Education and Training. I wish to acknowledge and thank the team of staff members who worked tirelessly on our successful application earlier this year: VET & VCAL coordinator Mr Peter Brannan, Director of Learning Mr Chris Denny, Head of Campus Mr James Roberts, Careers Coordinator Ms Melissa Dillon, staff member Mrs Shannon Maher and Business Manager Mr Phillip Mustey.

REFUGEE & MIGRANT SUNDAY
Refugee and Migrant Sunday is a celebration of the dignity of people who are refugees and migrants and the contribution they have made to life in Australia. It is celebrated by all Churches together on the last Sunday of August each year. At this time we keep in our prayers and thoughts those who are fleeing war and persecution in both Egypt and Syria. We pray that all countries and all peoples who can assist in providing asylum in a safe place, which is a human right under the United Nations Refugee Convention, will do so.

Mr Tim Hogan
PRINCIPAL
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL-STUDENTS

CROSSING THE ROAD AND CRANBOURNE FRANKSTON ROAD

Could I please put a strong reminder out to all students and parents to ensure that the pedestrian traffic crossing is the only way that students are crossing the busy Cranbourne-Frankston Road. I have been hearing about students taking the liberty of crossing the road as they see fit. This practice is very dangerous and is an accident waiting to happen.

PROCEDURES FOR STUDENTS ARRIVING LATE TO SCHOOL AND/OR DEPARTING EARLY FOR SICKNESS OR PRE-ARRANGED APPOINTMENTS

- Students are reminded that if arriving late to school (i.e.: after the morning Tutor Group starting time of 8.45am), they must sign in at student reception. This applies even if they arrive at recess or lunchtime. It is important that the College records are accurate and this will ensure that this can occur.
- Parents please note that if a student is leaving early due to a pre-arranged appointment, they must have written permission in their record book. This should be shown to their House Leader in the morning who will sign the record book. Then at the appropriate time, the student goes to reception to sign out.
- If a student is feeling ill when at school, they must report to sick bay, where the office staff will notify their parents. It is not acceptable for students to be ringing/texting parents directly to tell them to come and pick them up.

INCREASE YOUR MOTIVATION- ANDREW FULLER

Clinical Psychologist and Family Therapist
The Resilience Institute Fellow, Departments of Psychiatry and Learning and Educational Development
University of Melbourne Scientific Consultant for the ABC series "Whatever: the science of teens"
Ambassador for Mind Matters
Member, National Centre Against Bullying
Please see below for an article from Andrew on "Increase your motivation:

Increase your motivation – Andrew Fuller

More students find it harder to remain motivated in third term than in any other. So this is the time to give yourself a mid-year tune up and rev up.

The most important thing to know is that not feeling motivated hasn’t really got much to do with motivation. It has more to do with feeling anxious and worried. In fact this is the formula:

Fear + Worry = Loss of Motivation

Motivation has more to do with overcoming your fears than anything else. It feels much easier to not put in than to risk failing at something. Fears loom larger if we try to avoid them.

Let’s discuss the most powerful self-motivation techniques.

Set small goals and one large one.

For each subject that you do at school set a small goal each week. For example a goal might read and understand chapter one. Write the goal down somewhere. When you have achieved that goal give it a tick.

Decide to make your favourite subject at school the one that you will "go for broke in". In this subject your aim is to top the class. This is the subject that you will use to judge yourself by.

Get organised

If you are in the senior years of school disable your facebook page until after the exams. Get yourself up to date. If you have fallen behind in any subject, have a working bee to catch up. Ask others to help you. Ask teachers to help you by saying something like I lost motivation for a while in this subject but now I’d really like to catch up. If you have not been in the practice of taking notes, start. If you have become embarrassed about asking questions in class, set a goal of asking one question per class. If that is too embarrassing, ask the teacher after class. If you’ve missed notes, ask for copies of them.

Write a revision summary for the subject to date topic by topic.

If your study area has become a mess, clean it up.

Use post-it notes to organise the steps towards a successful outcome. On the first post-it note write the successful outcome you have in mind for that subject.

Write the step before that.

And the step before that.

And the first step you could take. You wouldn’t enter a marathon without doing a series of shorter training runs first and the same thing applies to doing well at school. Regaining your motivation is a step by step process.

Give up believing that you know how smart you are.

Most people who feel unmotivated think everyone else knows more, is more talented, is smarter and has a lot more brains than they do. My research shows that most students have absolutely no idea how well they are going to do at school.

It is highly likely that you are more intelligent than you realise. It is also highly likely that most of the people around you in class are not quite as clever as they appear to be.

Build on your strengths forget about your weaknesses
Success in life is about doing more of what you are good at and less of the things you are not good at. Serena Williams is not well known because she can do Maths, Einstein wasn’t well known because he played soccer. When you focus on the things you find more enjoyable and interesting at school, even the things you find harder become easier.

Use your time in school well. Many people muck around in school and then wonder why they have to do so much work outside of school. Consider sitting towards the front in class. If you can focus and listen well while at school you can save yourself endless hours. This is valuable time saved that you can use for hanging out with friends and having fun.

Be honest with yourself.
If you have felt unmotivated you may have done anything to avoid doing the study time. The world is full of excuses that you can make: “The dog needs a walk”, “I have to finish this game and then I’ll study”, “I’ll have a nap and study when I wake up”. You have to be tough enough on yourself to do the work BEFORE you do the computer games/ TV watching/ chat room messaging etc.

Also be honest enough to admit to yourself that lying in bed, with the computer on, listening to music, with a DVD in the background and messenger open to chat with friends, is not and will never be, studying. Have some study time sitting up at a desk or table with NO electronic distractions on.

Change your routine
If you’ve been finding it difficult to get yourself motivated, change your set pattern. For example, study in a local library rather than at home or change the room you will study in.

Just as you learn to surf best by surfing, you learn to succeed in exams and essays by giving your undivided attention to your study. Practice in the same conditions you intend to perform in. There won’t be electronics and music in the exam room.

Why should you care?
You might be able to dismiss all of the above points by saying “I can’t do it” or “I can’t be bothered” or “This sucks:” That is just the part of you that is scared that is talking you out of it. The scared part thinks that if you try and fail, it will be much worse than never having tried in the first place. Think about what would happen if you applied this type of thinking to the whole of your life. You wouldn’t learn music and start a band because U2, Pink and 50 cent have already done it. You wouldn’t talk to someone you like because they would reject you. You wouldn’t go to a place you would really like, because it would probably disappoint you. You wouldn’t live the life you could live because you would lack the daring and courage.

Give up fear and gain motivation
You know the No. 1 fear of all time?
Death? No.
Speaking in public? No.

The number one fear that people have is that other people will think badly of them.

And you know what the biggest and saddest joke about that fear is?

Most people don’t think about you at all. Most people are so busy or so focused on themselves that haven’t got the interest or the energy to judge whether you are good at something or not.

So, there is a chance that you could throw away a really successful, enjoyable life by worrying about something that doesn’t even exist. So as Yoda in Star Wars said there is only do or not do. It is up to you. But don’t make what other people might think of you if you stuff up, a reason for giving up on yourself.

So why listen to me?
I spend a lot of my time talking to adults who gave up on themselves at school and spend their lives doing boring jobs that don’t pay very well.

I also spend even more of my time talking to students who have done really well in school after not being thought of as clever, or talented, or gifted or smart in any way. These students have taught me the ingredients of success. Now you have them too. What you do with them is up to you.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Thursday 12th September 9.30am – 8.30pm
East & West Campus (Student Free Day)

Please note
- Interim Reports to be sent out late next week
- Please note Teacher REQUEST for interview – all other interviews are OPTIONAL for parents
- All families will be sent LOG IN details for setting of appointment times for Thursday 12th September. Please note booking deadlines.
- We hope to see many parents on this day as we work together to ensure all students succeed with their Semester Two studies.

Elizabeth Hanney
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – STAFF
YEAR 12 PRACTICE EXAMS

Unit 4 Practice Examination timetable:
The practice examination timetable is included below.

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To develop the required skills for the end year examinations, all students will be expected to follow full VCAA rules regarding their practice examinations. Students will be expected in full summer uniform with appropriate equipment as set out in the VCAA exam navigator instructions. All students will be required to stay seated for the entire length of their examination, and will not be dismissed until the end of writing time for their examination in that session. Student who have a clash in their Mathematics Examination 1 need to contact me to reschedule a second session in the practice examination week.

Barry Fisher
SENIOR YEARS CURRICULUM LEADER

CITY OF CASEY MEN’S MENTOR BREAKFAST

The Annual Men’s Mentor Breakfast was held at the City of Casey Civic Centre and the guest speaker was former Australian Fast Bowler, Melbourne Footballer, Television Personality and Novelist. Peter Boland, Kyle Salter, Jack Watson and Mr Roger Hampson attended the breakfast. Max Walker told his life story of a boy who came from Hobart to play football with Melbourne and ended up a test cricketer, architect and a popular novelist. He inspired all with his humble beginnings in Hobart and the many challenges he encountered along the way. He spoke of the many times he fell down and picked himself up and the need to grab every opportunity in life. His story was one of humility and simplicity and as one of the students said as we drove back to school, “He was not afraid to have a go”. Thanks go to the City of Casey for providing this experience for our students.

Roger Hampson
ASSISI HOUSE LEADER

KOLBE HOUSE NEWS

In Kolbe this term, we once again have had a great, and enjoyable term, with so much participation throughout the house. With a couple of close calls in house activities, coming second in both the spelling B, and the Photo challenge, and as they say, second the best. With so much excitement with the athletics carnival approaching, the house spirit has never looked better than ever before and it looks like it is going to show very strong at the carnival. Once again, could not ask for a better start to the term from Kolbe.

Brenton Harbour and Haley Lineham
ROMERO HOUSE NEWS

Romero House would like to congratulate two of our students who have been recognised for some amazing performances in sport recently. Zak Roscoe and Callum White, both from Romero C, have been awarded first places in the Frankston League’s Best and Fairest Awards. Zak won the Pat Rollo medal, placing equal first in the under 16s division in his first season playing with the Langwarrin Football Club. Callum won the Allan Wickes medal for placing first in the under 15s division with the Seaford Football club, having played midfield with the team for seven years. On behalf of everyone in Romero and across the whole College, we would like to say great work, what a fantastic achievement!

Jessica Chakman
ROMERO HOUSE LEADER

SPORT NEWS

SIS INTERMEDIATE BOYS SOCCER REPORT
St. Peter’s 4 – 2 Nazareth
It was back in 1966 that this scoreline delivered England’s first, and to date, only World Cup victory. This performance by the Y9/10 boys will now stand alongside that momentous victory. With a torrential downpour and strong winds battering the players, the previously unbeaten Nazareth side arrived with an air of smugness and gave the impression that they were expecting an easy afternoon. How they were wrong!
The conditions were ideal for our big defenders – Pask, Schruers, Rohan and Albera standing strong like majestic Red Gums, protecting the solid Tour/Dakic in goal. When they were under pressure, captain Bajwa was inevitably in the right place at the right time to bring a touch of class to proceedings and sniff out the danger. In midfield, Noble, Tabone, and subs Smith and Cetoupe, worked tirelessly. Kayambe provided the entertainment, his twinkle toes dazzling the opposition like a prima ballerina. Up front Doria linked brilliantly and provided a constant threat while Ndebele was his usual menace to the opposition defenders. Sub Martin upped his work rate and contributed to the all round team effort.
Goals from Ndebele, Doria and Martin had us in front, before, with the last kick of the game, Ndebele hammered the ball into the roof of onion bag…. Just as Mr Parton uttered the immortal line “They think it’s all over. It is now!”
One game remains – away to perennial champions St. James. Now a victory there would eclipse another England World Cup Victory.

Mr Broadley
COACH

ST AGATHA’S NEWS

R.C.I.A 2013-2014: Want a fresh start? Perhaps you are searching quietly and need some answers. Get all of your questions answered! It is not too late to join us Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. You do not have to journey alone! For more information please contact the parish Office on 5996 1985 or Tina on 5996 3139.
AUSTRIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL: The Australian Bishops invite young people from Year 9 to 25 years of age to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival to be held in Melbourne 5th – 7th December 2013. Early bird registrations close mid-September for more information go to the Festival’s website at www.youthfestival.catholic.org.au or contact Cassie Gawley on 5622 6693.
MEN’S BREAKFAST: A Breakfast for men of the Parish will be held on Saturday 14th September from 8am. Bishop Christopher Prowse will be giving a talk on “Christ’s Purpose – Societies Attack”. Cost $10 per person. For catering purposes please RSVP to the Parish Office by 7th September.
SALE YOUTH MINISTRY OFFICE will be hosting The Joyful Noise Retreat during September school holidays for young people in year seven to year ten. Monday 23rd September 7pm at the Summit, 21 Cemetery Rd, Trafalgar East and concludes at 2.30pm 25th September. The cost is $50 and includes all meals and activities and accommodation. For more info click the youth ministry on the diocesan website at www.sale.catholic.org.au applications close 9th September.

Mr Greg Nelson
ST AGATHA’S REPRESENTATIVE
IN 2014 STUDY WITH DEAKIN AT CHISHOLM DANDENONG OR THE MORNINGTON PENINSULA.

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Currently in Year 12 or mature-aged and returning to study? Want to combine working part time and study locally? Deakin at Your Doorstep currently offers two courses.

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(Studied with a Chisholm diploma)
• pathway to a Deakin degree (up to 18 months credit)
  • study one day a week
  • gain a dual qualification
• entry not based on usual prerequisites or ATAR.

BACHELOR OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
To find out more come along to our information sessions.

Session 1.
Monday 2 September, 6.30–7.30 pm
Chisholm, Dandenong Campus
Room DA-W107 (enter via Cleeland St)
121 Stud Rd, Dandenong

Session 2.
Tuesday 3 September, 6.30–7.30 pm
Chisholm, Mornington Peninsula Campus
Boneo Rd, Rosebud.

For further information or to register online visit deakin.edu.au/doorstep or call 1300 753 680
To contact Chisholm call 1300 244 746

Melissa Dillon
CAREERS COORDINATOR
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
Semester 2 Fundraising focus is on 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 contact College Reception for an order form or visit the College website in the Our College/Parents & Friends section to download the order form.

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 College Champions go Back to Back, and East Campus Students Cook Up A Storm for fundraising, Book-In-A-Day update, Student Personal Computer Device Introduction for 2014.

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.
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL CASEY FIELDS

Waiting to hear what they had all worked so hard to achieve throughout the day.

“The Winning House for the 2nd Year in a row. Assisi House!”

Mr Tim Hogan, Principal congratulates two Assisi House athletes on their 1st and 2nd place combination

MacKillop House won the House Spirit Award, judged as best participants in all areas of the day’s activities, including Participation across, costumes for the year 11 & 12 students and House Chants

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