WELCOME BACK
I extend a warm welcome back to all of our students as we move into the all-important final term of the year. Our prayers and thoughts will certainly be with our Year 12 students as they approach their final exams in the next three weeks. The Graduation Mass and Valedictory Dinner will take place on the 22nd of October and will mark the end of formal schooling for these young men and women. This week I will address our Year 12 students so that they are clear on the expectations we have for them as individuals and as a year level. This will ensure that the events which celebrate their final day of school are ones which are not only respectful of the dignity of all members of our community but also recognise the contribution these students have made over their time at St Peter’s College.

I also welcome back our travellers from Japan and Central Australia. Under the leadership of Ms Bonica & Mr Denny (Japan) and Mr Gyulavary, Ms Lucarelli, Mrs Brown and Ms Lockley (Central Australia) our students have participated in the enriching cultural and educational experience that journeys like this bring. I thank our staff for not only their professional supervision but also the way they have made this trip such an enjoyable one for our students. The sensational blog of our Japanese trip can be accessed at the address below and photos of the central trip can be found on our school website.

CONGRATULATIONS

I congratulate Mrs Elizabeth Hanney on her appointment to the position of Principal at Ave Maria College in Aberfeldie. Mrs Hanney has been a wonderful Leader and supporter of staff and students over the last 7 years at St Peter's College. She will be missed but know that she will continue her outstanding work in Catholic Education in her new role as Principal. The college will advertise in this week’s Age for the role of Deputy Principal Teaching and Learning.

STAFFING AND RECRUITMENT

A number of staffing positions for 2014 have been finalised and I congratulate those staff who have been appointed to new positions at the College.

NEW POSITIONS OF LEADERSHIP 2014:
House Leader – Ms Caroline Passagne (ex-West Campus)
House Leader – Mr Greg Furlong (ex-West Campus)
7-9 Curriculum Leader – Mr Justin Dee
10-12 Curriculum Leader – Ms Janine Dissenga (ex-St. Margaret College, Berwick)
Assistant Religious Education Leader – Peter Woodhouse (ex-Newman College, WA)

NEW TEACHING POSITIONS 2014:
LOTE/Art – Ms Olympia Rosenblum (ex-Kilbreda College)
ART/TECH/RE – Miss Jana Nichols (ex-Kolbe Catholic College, WA)
PE/SCI – Mr Daniel Green (Graduate of ACU and former student)
Food Tech – Miss Carol Whimpey (former staff member)

In all I welcome 8 new staff members to the East Campus for 2014 and I look forward to the contribution they will make to this dynamic community.

YEAR 7, 2015 ENROLMENT INFORMATION EVENING

A reminder that Information Evenings will take place this week for all those seeking enrolment for a Catholic Secondary Education at St Peter's College in 2015. The Information Evenings will take place on Wednesday the 9th of October at 7.00 pm in the Multi-purpose Hall at the Cranbourne West Campus and on Thursday the 10th of October at 7.00 pm at the Cranbourne East Campus of St Peter's College. The evenings will cater for those wishing to enrol in either the Cranbourne West or Cranbourne East Campus of St Peter's and provide an opportunity for families to discuss with senior staff the educational and pastoral needs of their children.

As a result of the continued expansion of our Cranbourne East Campus opportunities still exist for enrolments for both the East and West Campus for 2014 and all enquiries in this regard should be directed to the school registrar Mrs Kelley Cooper.

STUDENTS EXITING THE COLLEGE

Could parents of students not intending to return to St Peter’s College in 2014 please complete a Student Exit Form and return it to the College as soon as possible. This information assists us in responding to incoming enrolment applications for all year levels. Student Exit Forms are available from the College Office.

Please contact me if you have any queries in relation to enrolment on 5990 7777 or kelley@stpeters.vic.edu.au

Kelley Cooper - REGISTRAR

Mr Tim Hogan
PRINCIPAL
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL-STUDENTS

YEAR 12 END OF YEAR DATES
As you will be well aware (especially of you have a daughter or son in year 12!) the end of the year is fast approaching for them. In fact, the last day of formal classes is less than two weeks away.
St Peter’s College has a fine history of the Year 12s finishing their formal studies at the College in a respectful, dignified manner.
The relationships established with staff over the student’s time here allows the final few days to be ones of celebrations and gratitude.
Here is an outline of the final few days of classes for the Year 12s, before they embark on the final preparations for their end of year exams:

THURSDAY 10TH OCTOBER
• Address by the Principal, outlining the expectations of the Year 12s over the coming weeks

MONDAY 21ST OCTOBER
• House Assemblies (House farewell to Year 12s)
• Year 12 Morning Tea with staff in the staffroom
• Year 12 Presentation (Senior Constable Dave Smith from Cranbourne Police on Safe Partying/Schoolies)

TUESDAY 22ND OCTOBER
(Final Day of classes Year 12 Graduation Mass and Dinner)
• Year.12 Final blessing in the (Chapel), address by Deputy Principals.
• WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY (parents invited, please arrive by 10.40 am) to farewell the Year 12s
  o Year 12s sing “Be Not Afraid”
  o Final ringing of the Bell, releasing of Balloons
• BBQ on basketball courts (Parents most welcome to attend ), Year 12 students to leave by 1.00pm
• Graduation Mass: Arrive St Agatha’s 5.45 for 6pm Mass
• Valedictory Dinner: At the College (7.00 for 7.30 dinner)

A letter will go home to Parents/Guardians of Year 12 students this week outlining the above matters.
I would like to wish the Year 12s all the best for the final two weeks of their formal studies at the College.

Mr Anthony Banks
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL STUDENTS

STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY

On Monday 7 October, all staff engaged in professional learning and activity in furthering curriculum documentation in compliance with the Australian Curriculum. In addition, teachers were engaged in professional dialogue in preparing for the implementation of our student device program for Years 7 & 8 students in 2014. This important and exciting initiative has ramifications for teachers at each year level as we work to ensure that every student has access to technology to enhance their learning; and that every teacher is equipped to integrate technology in their teaching. Over the coming months, teachers will continue their preparations to ensure readiness for this program in 2014. We were pleased to welcome two teachers from Killester College who provided insight into their experience of student lap tops in all classes.
There is indeed great potential for St Peter’s students to enhance their learning as we work to facilitate this implementation.
A reminder that the final round of immunisations will take place for Yrs 7 & 9 students on Wednesday 23 October.

Elizabeth Hanney
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
CRANBOURNE EAST NEWS

YR 7 2015 INFORMATION NIGHT
Tomorrow evening – Thursday 10th Oct, we will be holding the Year 7 2015 Information Evening upstairs in the Lyons Building. If there is anyone that you of that has not received information about this but is looking to come to the East Campus, could you please pass this onto them. The evening starts at 7pm.

2013 PRESENTATION EVENING
This year our Presentation Evening will be held on the 28th of November. This is a significant event on our calendar and one we look forward to sharing with you.

James Roberts
HEAD OF CAMPUS CRANBOURNE EAST

ST PETER’S JAPAN TOUR 2013
From the 15th of September to the 30th of September six St Peter’s students and two teachers participated in the annual immersion trip to Japan. They were able to see four main cities of Japan; Kyoto, Hiroshima, Tokyo and Sapporo. The students were determined to improve their Japanese and take in as much of the culture and customs they could in the short trip. They were excellent ambassadors of their country and school and they did us all proud.

The St Peter’s students left paper cranes at the Children’s Memorial in Hiroshima. The cranes were made in the library at lunch times by student volunteers.
Front: Patrick Shute, Ryan Trost, Nathan Curcio, Mikaela Tai, Stephanie Barnes, Varun Dinesh.

Genbaku Dome.
The only building left standing in Hiroshima after the first ever Atomic Bomb destroyed the city on the 8th of August 1945. The Dome has been left as a memorial.
Left: Ryan Trost, Patrick Shute, Nathan Curcio, Mikaela Tai, Stephanie Barnes, Miss Bonica, Varun Dinesh.

Miyajima
Just outside Hiroshima is the Island called Miyajima. On the island is a floating shrine and the most photographed object in Japan the spiritual gate.
Left: Nathan Curcio, Ryan Trost, Varun Dinesh, Stephanie Barnes, Patrick Shute, Mikaela Tai, Miss Bonica.
ARE YOU EX NAVY, ARMY, OR AIR FORCE?

Then Carry On (Victoria) may be able to help you with education costs if you meet our eligibility criteria.

If you have served in the Australian Defence Forces or Allied Forces and you wish to apply for a Secondary Education Grant for 2014, please telephone Carry On on (03) 9629 2648 to establish eligibility and request an application form.

Carry On (Victoria) assists Secondary School students in Years 7-12 with grants for expenses such as fees, books, uniforms, excursions etc. For those students going on to Tertiary Education a grant may also be available.

Children whose Parent/s or Legal Guardian/s have a need for financial assistance and comply with our eligibility criteria may apply.

All grants are income tested and the closing date for applications is 7th November 2013.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

The final term has arrived and the school is hopping! Plans are being finalised for the Graduation Mass which is to be held on 22nd October at St Agatha’s. There can be no more fitting conclusion to a Catholic secondary education than to come together as a community of families and teachers to celebrate Eucharist together. When our students leave St Peter’s they take with them many prayers and good wishes, and also the benefits of six years of Catholic formation.

The benefits of the House System are many for our students, not least of these is the added dimension to College prayer life. As each House remembers and celebrates the life of their Patron students are involved in various ways and they absorb a little more from the treasure house which is the lives of the Saints. The Patron Saint of each House is celebrated not only within their respective House but when we come together as a whole school. They will indeed be a significant part of the Graduation Mass.

As a generation we have lost touch to some degree with the tradition of devotion to the Saints. The feast days of Saints are nowhere near as prominent in daily life as they used to be. This is a shame because young people are not only fascinated by the stories of the Saints but find them encouraging. Some of the stories of Saints are definitely not for the faint hearted! It is interesting to note that in the era of what is virtually unlimited access to information of all sorts, we have a generation of young (and not so young) people who are not at all familiar with the rich traditions of the faith which they are heir to.

Let’s hear it for Augustine, Assisi, Avila, Glowery, Kolbe, Mackillop, Marian, Romero, St Peter and St Agatha! St Peter and all the Saints, pray for us.

A Prayer For The Saints

Heavenly Father, we honour the cloud of witnesses
That surround your heavenly throne, as we look to these saints’ lives
For a model of holiness.

May the saints accompany us as we journey toward our heavenly home.

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 Aspinal
COLLEGE CHAPLAIN
University of Melbourne Virtual Fair
Wed 16 October, 7:00pm & Thurs 17 October, 11:00am (Melbourne & Sydney time zone)
Registered participants of this online expo will be able to:
- Get information about the University, our courses and admission requirements
- Get information about Melbourne, as well as accommodation options, and student support
- Chat online with University of Melbourne staff and current international students to really get an understanding of what it's like to study in Melbourne
- See and hear video presentations from leading academics and current international students
Register your interest at: http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/explore/events/virtual-fair

RMIT Science Experience Holiday Program 2014
Tue 21 January – Thurs 23 January 2014
The Science Experience is a school holiday program allowing students commencing year 10 in January 2014 to sample the world of science and technology. Students will perform experiments, participate in field trips, attend university lectures and experience three days of student life on campus.
Contact: Sarah Morley, Ph: +61 3 9925 9750, E: sarah.morley@rmit.edu.au
For registration details visit: http://www.rmit.edu.au/scienceexperience

Whitehouse Institute of Design ‘Day in the Life of…’
Sat 19 October, 10:00am – 3:00pm: Melbourne Campus
Cost: $30 (including lunch)
Experience a day in the life of a designer in three areas of specialization; fashion design, interior design and creative direction.
Register Online: http://whitehouse-design.edu.au/courses/workshops/day-in-the-life.html

University of Melbourne ‘Population and a Sustainable World’ Photo Competition
Entries close Wed 30 October, 5:00pm AEST
This is a photography competition for high school students themed ‘My Population and a Sustainable World.’
The aim is for students to express issues of population and sustainability and how they are being addressed in a photograph and a 200 word caption. For competition rules and submission information visit: http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/info/international/photo_competition

WetlandCare Australia 2014 Photography Prize
Entries close Fri 7th December.
This competition organised by wetland care Australia awards photographs depicting wetland flora, the changing face of Australia’s wetlands, wetland fauna & local or regional wetlands.

TAFE Clips Imagine Video Competition
Entries due by Midday 12th October.
This competition is open to all TAFE NSW and TVET students enrolled in 2013. Videos must be within 40 and 80 seconds long and must deal with the theme “Oppositeness”. Prizes include portable external hard drives and work experience at the ABC.

Labour Market Information Portal
This resource provides up to date labour market information to help better understand which industries are employing in your local area. http://lmip.gov.au/

LIVE FACEBOOK CHAT WITH ADFA CADETS
Join ADFA midshipmen and officer cadets online and ask any questions which you have about ADFA live on Facebook.
THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2013 FROM 6:30-8PM (AEDT)
JOIN OUR FACEBOOK EVENT AT facebook.com/DefenceJobsAustralia

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 29th OCTOBER**

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 – ANTHONY BANKS – DEPUTY PRINCIPAL OF STUDENTS**  
B.Bus.;G.Dip.Ed.; Post Grad.Dip.Ed.(Student Welfare); Cert IV Assessment & Workplace Training; Cert.III Fitness; M.Ed. VCE Accounting

Mr Banks is in his 23rd year of teaching in Catholic Education in Victoria. He joined St Peters College in 2009 and has been the Deputy Principal of Students since 2010.

A major focus for Anthony has been the planning for and introduction of the House System at St. Peters College and the overseeing of the Pastoral Care programs here at the College.

Anthony will speak about the importance of the College Uniform and possible changes to the uniform from 2015.

**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

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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.

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.

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**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.
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