The Class of 2013

Yesterday we celebrated the final day of school with the Class of 2013. It’s always pleasing to see so many of our parents join in our final school assembly as our students sang “Be Not Afraid” for the last time. A variety of school assembly items gave away to the ringing of the final school bell which saw the celebrations begin in earnest for our graduating class.

The Graduation Mass and Valedictory Dinner staged later in the evening gave the opportunity to reflect on the days and events that make up their secondary school years and to give thanks for all they have given to this community and for all they have received. We pray for their every success and remind them that our God will be with them every step of the way.

“Go out and nourish the soul of the world,
Because there is a force within you,
Born of this place,
Everything you need to know,
You have learned from your journey,
Now live it…”

God Bless – The Class of 2013.

Staffing and Recruitment
I would like to announce Mr David Hansen as the successful candidate for the position of Head of West Campus – St Peter’s College. Mr Hansen has taught previously at Mazenod College, St Bede’s Mentone, Lavalla College and is currently at Padua College Mornington as Pastoral Care Co-ordinator in charge of the House system at their 7-10 Campus. He comes to us with a wealth of experience and passion for teaching and working in Catholic Schools. We look forward to him joining our school community in 2014.

Class of 2003 – 10 Year Reunion
On Saturday Night the class of 2003 held their 10 year reunion at St Peter’s College. It was a wonderful night with over 60 students returning to share memories and reflect on their journey since leaving the college. I thank current and former staff members Mr Grant, Mr Guylavary, Mr Carmody and Mr Jensen-Schmidt who shared their stories with our ex-students and Ms Louise Schultz – President of the Past Pupils Association, Mrs Hampson (St Peter’s Marketing Officer) and Admin Officer Ms Kerrie Birrell for organising the evening.

World Teachers Day - ‘A call for teachers’
Australia celebrates World Teachers Day on the last Friday in October of each year. The day provides an opportunity to draw attention to the important role of teachers within our communities. It is celebrated in over 100 countries and is a day on which students, parents and community members can demonstrate their appreciation for the contributions that teachers have made in the classroom and to their community. The 2013 theme ‘A call for teachers’ highlights that teachers are the most powerful force for equity, access and quality education, and therefore a call for teachers means calling for quality education for all. It was pleasing to see that at our class of 2003 reunion quite a number of ex-students had gone onto a career in teaching which they are finding both challenging and rewarding. I thank our teachers for the great work they do.

Mr Tim Hogan - PRINCIPAL
FROM OUR DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

This week we farewelled the Class of 2013. To the parents of these fine young men and women we thank you for entrusting St Peter’s with a share in the education of your sons and daughters. Whilst an education at St Peter’s is coming to an end we know that as adults their education is beginning a new phase: all our lives we continue to learn. We pray as they leave that they will flourish as young people and go out in love and service to others. I trust our graduating class have made the most of the learning opportunities afforded them at St Peter’s and can acknowledge the great work of staff and fellow students who assisted in this regard. We thank all Yr 12 students for their unique contribution to the life of the college over the last 6 years, they have extended great friendship and great character to our community and certainly enhanced the 2013 school year with their presence. They go now with our praise and our blessings for their future.

We pray a blessing from John O'Donohue Anam Ċara: Spiritual Wisdom from the Celtic World (Bantam Books: London, 1997:p.60) on and over and all around our Yr 12s.

A Friendship Blessing

May you be blessed with good friends.

May you learn to be a good friend to your self.

May you be able to journey to that place in your soul where there is great love, warmth, feeling and forgiveness. May this change you.

May it transfigure that which is negative, distant or cold in you.

May you be brought in to the real passion, kinship and affinity of belonging.

May you treasure your friends.

May you be good to them and may you be there for them; may they bring you all the blessings, challenges, truth and light that you need for your journey.

May you never be isolated;

but may you always be in the gentle nest of belonging to God.

Elizabeth Hanney
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

CRANBOURNE EAST NEWS

Inaugural Arts and Technology Exhibition - East Campus
I am happy to announce that the inaugural Arts and Technology Exhibition for the East Campus will be held on November the 7th of November commencing at 7pm with presentations at 7.30pm. It will include student work from Integrated Learning, Technology, Music, Art and Drama, as well as selected pieces of work from the West Campus. Please keep the evening free as it promises to me a memorable event.

Year 9s
Next week the Yr 9 students head off on the annual Yr 9 camp and it again promises to be very successful event allowing and promoting students’ personal growth. Following on from that are the end of semester exams in the week beginning the 18th of November. A busy time of the year for them and I’m sure they’ll rise to the occasion.

James Roberts
HEAD OF CAMPUS – CRANBOURNE EAST
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Our Year 12 students are farewelled from their respective Houses today at a special House Assembly. As with any year 12 farewell it will be with mixed feelings. Real relationships are made amongst house members and farewells are hard, even though “freedom” beckons. The students receive good information and advice on resilience in life during their time here, it is necessary. A good thing to keep in the armoury of resilience is prayer. The Gospel of Sunday 20th was the passage from Luke (18:1-8) where Jesus is telling his disciples to pray continually, pray without ceasing and never lose heart. Of course, and very unfortunately, at times we do lose heart. It is important for all of us to know deep in our heart that prayer, in whatever form is the lifeblood of our relationship with God. For our young people it is important that they are willing and able to build and maintain a relationship with God that is based in prayer.

God’s role in our life is not that of a sort of complaints manager to whom we address all that goes wrong in life. If we are to have a meaningful relationship it will include all our life, everything that happens. We don’t just “Petition” God, we “thank” God for all that is good. It is good to “Praise” God for his Glory and creation. While all this prayer is happening, it is important to remember it is a relationship, we need to let the “other” speak. This can be difficult for all of us not just younger people, it requires quiet time, silence. God moves and speaks in the silence and gently heals and guides. If we bring our wants and needs to God in prayer it is important to leave quiet time to discern His response. It will not be a wordy response but rather a movement of the Spirit, a deep certainty of which direction to go. I have often told students that is not usual for the Holy Spirit to bash the door down, but if we open it, even slightly we allow the Spirit into our hearts and minds and souls.

Let us pray for our Graduating Students that they will always keep the door of their hearts open and they will respond to the movement of the Spirit in their Lives. Maybe parents could share this prayer at home with their graduand and the family.

A Prayer for and with our graduating students

God of wisdom, we thank you for all the gifts you have given us in our schooling.

We praise you for the good things you have done in us and for the life you give us.

We thank you for all who have shared in your work at St Peter’s College. We ask you to bless them in your love and give them refreshment and peace.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Amen

Deacon Tony Aspinall

COLLEGE CHAPLAIN

ST AGATHA’S NEWS

Sr. Anna Abba has been elected head of the Sisters of Nativity and will return to Nigeria to take up her position. Her farewell will be held next Sunday after the 10.45am Mass in the School Hall. Donations for Sr. Anna can still be given at the Parish Office. Sr. Anna has requested that parishioners do not give gifts as she cannot take them home because of excess baggage. Thankyou.

SACRAMENTS FOR OLDER CHILDREN: Classes for children in Secondary School have started today in preparation for all sacraments. Since Mass is a vital part of our faith, we start classes at 9.30am in the parish office and leave to the church for 10.45 Mass. Enquiries contact Sr. Mercy on 0403 423 021.

FAREWELL MASS: As Bishop Prowse prepares to take up his appointment in Canberra a Farewell Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady Help of Christ, Narre Warren on Sunday 3rd November at 11.00am.

ST.THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL: There will be an Information Night for all families regarding St.Thomas the Apostle Primary School at 7.30pm Thursday 5th December in St.Agatha’s Primary School Hall. The meeting will finish at approximately 8.30pm. Most teaching staff have been appointed and these appointments will be formally announced at this meeting. With the dry weather, work at the site has continued and soon the slab will be poured. Regards Brendan Marinon.

YOUTH MEETINGS: Invigorate Youth Meeting will be on this week Friday 25th October. Members are encouraged to attend so we can plan towards the big event happening in December. Newbies welcome. There will be no Agape meeting next Sunday 27th October. Further inquiry: Chrisanne: 0411 164 250

Greg Nelson

ST AGATHA’S PARISH REPRESENTATIVE

LIGHTS, HOLLY, PRESSIES!

Represents the theme of this year’s St.Peter’s Chaplaincy Fund Raffle. The Chaplaincy Fund supports students and families of the College who experience hardship throughout the year.

If you are looking for that special colourful and festive table centrepiece for Christmas this year and have a sweet tooth our Hand Decorated Gingerbread Christmas Tree could be your answer.

Made as a demonstration piece for our Year 10 Catering Students this semester by one of our Food Technology Teachers, the tree stands at 40cm tall and consists of three independently decorated gingerbread side panels. The tree is on display between the College Front Office and Library Main Desk. A full ingredient list is supplied.

Tickets may be purchased at the College Office: 50cents each or 3 for $1. The Raffle will be drawn on Friday 22nd November.

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ART AND TECHNOLOGY EXHIBITION

The Arts and Technology exhibition held last Wednesday was a very successful evening and was a celebration of the amazing and unique talent that we have at St. Peter’s. The House awards were a new initiative this year and I hope it will become a tradition of the college.

The winners of the house awards for 2013 are as follows:

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Congratulations to all these recipients. I would also like to thank the Arts and Technology staff for all their dedication and efforts and I think this is reflected in the quality and the standard of work that our students achieve. Lastly I would like to thank the students, parents and members of the community who came along the evening. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sample of students Artwork

Art work by Jacqueline Mina

Art work by Letisha Shute

Art work by Quincy Canceran

Art work by Daniel Mehegan

Ms V Hayes

ARTS COACH
CIVIL CONSTRUCTION  School Edition

RII30809 CERTIFICATE III IN CIVIL CONSTRUCTION (PLANT OPERATIONS)
This training is delivered with Victorian & Commonwealth
Government funding.
People with disabilities are encouraged to apply

COURSE CONTENT
This course is designed to be full training in the purpose of
achieving the CERTIFICATE III IN CIVIL CONSTRUCTION
(PLANT MACHINERY) - RII30809 certificate.

OUTCOMES OF THIS TRAINING COURSE Components of this
course that can be used outside the direct civil construction industry in
related industries in context:

- Construction Induction Card
- Traffic Controllers Ticket (Stop slow bat) National certificate of
  competency for Excavator National certificate of competency for
- Skid Steer National certificate of competency for Front End Loader
- National certificate of competency for Backhoe
- National certificate of competency for Roller
- National certificate of competency for Dozer

ELIGIBILITY
Applicants for this course must be eligible, & apply according to the
eligibility guidelines stipulated by the Victorian State Government,
under the Victorian Training Guarantee.
The current requirements are:
Meet one of the following citizen/residency status:
- Australian Resident
- New Zealand Resident
And are any of the following:
Seeking a higher qualification than one you already hold
(if any) Under 20 years old

And
- Have not Commenced or are not scheduled to commence more than
two government subsidised courses in 2013; or
- Are not currently undertaking training in two or more Government
  subsidised courses
*Plant/Machinery units can not be undertaken until you reach the age of
17

COURSE DURATION
This course is offered in a full time capacity. Monday 9.00am to
Friday 5.00pm over a period of 4 weeks.

COURSE DATES
1. Monday 25th Nov 2013 to Friday 20th Dec, 2013
2. Monday 9th Dec 2013 to Friday 20th Dec, 2013, then
   Monday 6th Jan, 2014 to Friday 17th Jan, 2014

BOOKINGS
Applicants must attend an application session to determine eligibility
& to attend a course briefing session. This can be held at your school
to be organised with the Careers Advisor.
Phone Leanne on (03) 97764466 To arrange an information session

UNITS COVERED IN THE TRAINING
The following units must be completed in order to be issued with a certificate

- RIIIMPO318B Conduct skid steer loader operations
- RIIIMPO319A Conduct backhoe/loader operations
- RIIIMPO317A Conduction roller operations
- CPCCOH501A Work safely in the Construction Industry (White Card)
- RIIOHS204A Control traffic with a stop slow bat
- RIIAM204B Operate small plant & equipment
- RIICCM205A Carry out manual excavation
- RIICCM206A Support plant operations
- RIIIS201B Conduct Local Risk Control
- RIICOM201A Communicate in the workplace
- RIIOHS201A Work safely and follow OHS policies and procedures
- RIIAM201A Handle resources & infrastructure materials &
safety dispose of non toxic materials
- RIIAM203B Use hand & power tools
- RIIEF201B Plan & organise work
- RIICCM201A Carry out measurements & calculations
- RIICCM202A Identify, locate & protect underground services
- RIICCM203ARead & interpret plans & specifications
- RIICCM207A Spread & compact materials manually
- RIICCM208A Carry out basic levelling
- RIICMG203A Drain & dewater civil construction site
- RIICCM211A Erect & dismantle temporary fencing & gates
- RIIIMPO323A Conduct civil construction dozer operations

COURSE COST
$10.00
Concession fees apply to eligible students

MORE INFORMATION
About the Victorian Training Guarantee can be found at
www.education.vic.gov.au, or by calling our office on (03) 9776 4466.
*These dates are available for school leavers only. For other
available dates please call (03)9776 4466

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Cove Training (TOID 21386)
Postal Address: PO Box 5645, Cranbourne,
Victoria, 3977
Phone: 9776 4466 Fax: 9776 4200
Email: info@covevtraining.com.au Web:
www.covevtraining.com.au
Year 12 News

Year 12 Change of Preference Support at the College

Firstly Congratulations to all of the Year 12 students who have completed their final year of secondary school. We wish you the very best of luck with your next journey. The College will be providing Change of Preference Support on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th December from 10 am to 3 pm. You do not need to make an appointment to come and see me. I encourage all students to access support during this time either through the College or from the Institute you wish to study with.

Healesville Sanctuary Keeper for a Day

Come and work as a keeper at Healesville Sanctuary these school holidays and get up close to some of our most precious and endangered animals. Be the first to go behind the scenes and meet our dedicated keepers caring for animals such as Platypus and Mountain Pygmy Possums. Get up close to amazing predators such as Tasmanian Devils, snakes and birds of prey.

Keeper for a Day allows participants to work in the sanctuary for the day, helping out our keepers and learning about one of the most rewarding jobs!

You will go behind-the-scenes, taking part in many daily duties of a threatened species keeper, which could include:
- Food preparation, Animal enrichment, Health checks, Animal contact
- Vet for a Day allows participants to work in our vet hospital for the day, helping out our vets and learning about one of the most rewarding jobs!
- You will go behind-the-scenes, taking part in many daily duties of a vet which could include: Animal contact, Diagnosis, Suturing, Health checks, Rehabilitation, Post mortem
- Vet times: 9:30am to 3:30pm Dates: January 14, 15, 21 & 22 Location: Healesville Sanctuary Cost: $103.00, $92.70 zoo members
- Vet the hospital.

Vet for a Day participants must agree to follow Zoo educator instructions.

Vet for a Day

Date: January 16
Location: Healesville Sanctuary
Cost: $125, $112.50 zoo members
Restrictions: For Year 7 - 12 students. Covered shoes must be worn. All participants must agree to follow staff instructions.

What to bring: Drink bottle, snacks & lunch. Bring your camera to capture the moment.

Please call 9285 9406 to reserve your place.

Payment is required at time of booking. Strictly limited numbers Bookings are not refundable

Werribee Open Range Zoo Keeper for a Day

If you are keen to find out what it takes to work in a zoo, caring for the amazing array of different animals, then come out to Werribee Open Range Zoo next school holidays. Come and discover what a keeper’s day really involves!

Keeper for a Day allows participants to work in the Zoo for the day, helping out our keepers and learning about one of the most rewarding jobs at a zoo!

You will go behind-the-scenes, taking part in many daily duties of a keeper, which could include:
- Animal enrichment, Exhibit maintenance, Animal encounters
- You will also get to go on a safari tour with a difference and have the opportunity to speak with Zoo keepers about their jobs and experience.
- Be prepared for the smell, sweat and of course, the fun of it all!

Times: 9:30am to 3:30pm Dates: January 15, 17, 21, 22 & 24 Location: Werribee Open Range Zoo
Cost: $103.00 (includes morning tea); $92.70 zoo members
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What to bring: Your own lunch and Bring Your Own Digital Device

SIS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL:

On Monday 14th October, St Peter’s competed in the Division A Athletics Carnival at Lakeside Stadium in Albert Park. It was an early start for the team with buses departing at 7.30am for the drive into Albert Park. Overall, the team competed well and placed 6th overall which means we will continue to compete in Division A next year. Our aim is to place higher than this position next year, which serves as a reminder to students that when they are selected in these teams it is expected that they turn up and compete on the day.

Congratulations to the following students who put in fine performances to finish 1st in their events:

Ryley Byl - U/13 Shot Put
Mikalea Dakic – U/14 90m Hurdles
Hayden Olman – U/14 Discus
Austin Faamauaii – U/15 Shot Put
Martin Martin – U/15 High Jump
Herman Felise – U/17 Discus, Shot Put
Nick Lekakis – U/21 Triple Jump
Damon Constable – U/21 100m
Kayle Henderson – U/21 Shot Put
Kiesha Pauline – U/21 Shot Put

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YATZ Member benefits

Unlimited free entry* to Melbourne Zoo, Healesville Sanctuary and Werribee Open Range Zoo

Free reciprocal entry to five interstate zoos: Taronga Zoo, Perth Zoo, Adelaide Zoo, Western Plains Zoo and Monarto Zoo

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15% discount at zoo shops and 10% off selected ‘Behind the Scenes’ experiences

But wait! There’s more...

You’ll have exclusive YATZ benefits and Invitations to special events and holiday activities including:

- behind the scenes special access, education and animal focus workshops, key note lectures, a YATZ t-shirt and ID badge

If you are 13-18 years old and want to help fight extinction join Youth at the Zoo!

Contact our sales team on 1300 966 784 or email us at yatz@zoo.org.au for a Membership Form. If you would like any further information regarding the Youth at the Zoo program please email us at yatz@zoo.org.au

Melissa Dillon - CAREERS COORDINATOR

Justin De Goldi - SPORTS CO ORDINATOR
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

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.

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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HUMAN POWERED VEHICLE (HPV) COMPETITION FULL ROUND-UP

On Saturday and Sunday 12th and 13th of October students and staff from Saint Peter's College attended Round 4 of the Victorian HPV Series at Casey Fields in Cranbourne. This was the first HPV race for the College and was the culmination of several months of planning, training and construction as students and staff prepared for the event. Members making up the team were:

East Campus: Tejay Lebon, Michael Miller, Sarah Newlands, Tameaka Shanks, Mikayla Hardy, West Campus: Liam Smith, Wil Shoppee, Jett Clancy, Nicholas Duane, and Supporting Teachers: Mr Zygmunt Wolinski (Coordinator), Mr Stephan Stergiadis and Ms Glenys van Drossen.

Saturday began as a beautiful day with no wind and the sun rising in a clear sky. Teams began arriving at Casey Fields at 8am in the morning. After a few technical hitches and a rising wind, the pavilion and equipment were set up. The morning was then taken up with scrutineering (checking the vehicle met safety standards), practice and qualifying. The qualifying period was designed to give each team its placement on the starting grid for Sunday's race. The team did very well and were placed 23rd out of a field of 81 teams.

As Saturday moved into the evening, the track was prepared for the Obstacle Course. The course involved each member completing a lap of the track which included riding through a gravel car park, over a narrow ramp, through grass, over a rumble strip and around several hairpin bends. The team did very well and placed 13th out of 20 competitors, having completed 37 laps in 1hr57min. This was only two laps from a top 10 placing.

Sunday morning began with a beautiful sky, but it quickly darkened and threatened to rain. Fortunately the rain held off and the race began with a parade lap of 81 vehicles following the pace car. As the pace car accelerated across the start line, the race was on. The track became crowded with human powered vehicles jockeying and pushing to move to the lead. The Saint Peter's vehicle held its own and maintained its position in the field. The team worked well, swapping riders as each in turn became tired. Jett Clancy showed himself to be the team's strongest rider and covered the 2.2 kilometre track in 3.59 minutes with an average speed of 33km/hr.

All was going well, until one hour into the race, disaster struck. One of the pedals had stripped its thread and had fallen off the crank. The recovery vehicle brought the HPV in and a mad race to repair the pedal ensued. Several attempts were made to reattach the pedal but nothing worked. We even had help from other teams trying to get us back in the race. After an hour the team was ready to give up. It was at this time that the Berwick Grammar/Saint Margaret's School approached us and offered to lend us one of their human powered vehicles. Gratefully accepting this offer the team was riding again. We had lost over an hour and were now 7 laps behind the slowest vehicle but the riders were determined to do their best. In the next 4 hours they had not only caught up the 7 laps to the last vehicle, but also passed the next two teams as well.

Overall, the team competed with passion and are ready for next year's competition. Finally, a special thank you to the parent that assisted on the two days, especially Peter and Sharon Miller who not only helped the team for the two days, but also undertook Marshalling duties during the competition.