COLLEGE CAPTAINS 2014

It is with great pleasure that I announce and congratulate our student leaders for 2014.

College Captains: Mitch White and Jessica Cottrell

Social Justice Captain: Taryn Johnson

Liturgy Captain: Tim Schreurs

Arts Captain: Melanie Richard

Environmental Captain: Danielle Ellis

Many activities that our students are involved in give me great pride but none more so than to listen to our students complete their nomination speeches for positions of leadership. It is wonderful to hear of their pride and love for their school and their commitment to serve as an act of gratitude for the wonderful opportunities that this school has provided for them. It affirms three important things for me, the comprehensive leadership program with its emphasis on service conducted by our teaching staff, the manner in which our school focuses on educating the whole child and the wonderful job our parents are doing in raising fine young men and women. In all over 20 students from year 11 nominated for the above leadership positions and I thank them all for their willingness to serve.

LAUNCH OF SHARED STORIES ANTHOLOGY - 2013

On Monday of this week 44 of our students from Year 7 to Year 12 attended the launch of the 2013 Shared Stories Anthology at Xavier College. First produced in 2006, the Shared Stories theme this year “Express Yourself” saw over 200 students from 14 Catholic Schools produce works of art and literature with great creative depth and diversity. A special mention goes to Year 10
student Nathan Merin who received an encouragement award from organiser Peter Farrar for his sketch of the Benedict Building. I wish to acknowledge the work of the three staff members involved, Mrs April Hampson – Marketing Officer and our Teaching and Learning Coaches from English and the Arts, Ms Jacqui Gunnovich and Mrs Viv Hayes for providing this wonderful opportunity to have the inspiring work of our students published.

PAPAL SURVEY – CATHOLIC FAMILY LIFE

Pope Francis continues to surprise and inspire us through his consultative approach to matters impacting on family life. I include this promotion from the Bishops Office in the Diocese of Sale in regard to the worldwide questionnaire being distributed to collect the views from Catholic Families on a range of issues in preparation for next year's Extraordinary Synod on the Family, which Pope Francis announced earlier this month.

The responses to the questionnaire will be analysed as part of the preparation for the synod, to take place from 5 to 19 October 2014 on the theme "Pastoral challenges of the family in the context of evangelisation".

Pope Francis calls for views of Diocese of Sale Catholics on the family

Pope Francis has invited parishioners from every diocese in the world, including the Diocese of Sale, to participate in a worldwide Catholic questionnaire on the many challenges facing the family today. It covers: faith in family life, marriage, divorce, annulment, same sex unions, natural family planning and the participation in sacraments as part of family life.

To participate: Visit www.sale.catholic.org.au and click on the link or speak to your parish priest for more information.

Due date: Friday 6 December

Further information: Bishop's Office Diocese of Sale pa@sale.catholic.org.au

Mr Tim Hogan
PRINCIPAL

YEAR 7 2015 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

Enrolment packs are now available from the College Office for Year 7 2015. Please contact our Registrar Kelley Cooper on 5990 7777 or kelley@stpeters.vic.edu.au if you have any enquiries or would like to book in for a tour of either campus.

STUDENTS LEAVING THE COLLEGE

Could parents of students not returning to St Peter's College in 2014 please complete a Student Exit Form available from the College Office and return ASAP. This will assist us in responding to enrolment enquiries for 2014.

Parents are reminded all school fees are to be paid by Nov 30, unless an arrangement has been previously made with our Finance department.

FEE LETTER AMENDMENT

Further to the Education Fee letter that was sent out last week, please note that St Thomas the Apostle Primary School, is to be included for calculation of Family discount against St Peters fees.
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL-STUDENTS

Year 11s Finishing Day and Time:
The Year 11s will conclude their two week induction period for Year 12 (2014) this Friday, 29th of November. This will be a normal morning of classes for periods 1 and 2, followed by a Year Level Liturgy, brief assembly, cleaning out of lockers and a BBQ. The students will be dismissed at approximately 1.00pm. Full College Uniform is to be worn on this day.

All students are to be congratulated in the way they involved themselves in the Leadership Day and the Induction Period.

It is important that all work set by Year 12 teachers is completed for the beginning of 2014 to give the students the best start possible for Year 12.

Year 10s Finishing Day and Time:
After a week of induction classes to prepare the Year 10s for Year 11 in 2014, the students last day of classes will be Monday 2nd December. Periods 1 and 2 will be normal classes, followed by a Year Level Liturgy, brief assembly, cleaning out of lockers and a BBQ. The students will be dismissed at approximately 1.00pm. Full College Uniform is to be worn on this day.

It is important that all work set by Year 11 teachers is completed for the beginning of 2014 to give the students the best start possible for Year 11.

Year 7-9 Finishing Day and Time:
The last day of formal classes for year 7 to 9 students will be on Wednesday 4th of December. This will be a full day of classes, with a Liturgy in the morning to finish off the year.

In the afternoon on the day, students will participate in the annual House Tug of War. This means they will be allowed to wear the Sports Uniform to school on this day.

On Thursday 5th of December, all students have been invited to attend a House Activity off Campus. The details of this activity have been put in a letter sent home last week. On this day, the students will be dismissed at approximately 2.45pm.

Regards, Mr Banks

ST AGATHA’S NEWS

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 Marrinon.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: TYPHOON HANYAN AND RESPONSE: Millions of people are now in need of emergency aid relief in the Philippines. A special collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend to support Caritas Australia who is responding to the disaster. You can also give generously to the Appeal by calling 1800 024 413 or donate online at www.caritas.org.au or send donations to GPO Box 9830 in your Capital City.

SECONDARY COLLEGE YOUTH MINISTER: The Director of Catholic Education in the Diocese of Sale is seeking to appoint a Secondary Colleges Youth Minister. It is envisaged that the appointee will be a recent school graduate seeking to spend 12 months working in Youth Ministry as a gap year experience. A Position Description & Application Form may be downloaded from www.ceosale.catholic.edu.au

Greg Nelson- ST AGATHA’S PARISH REPRESENTATIVE

The VET Building Dept. have available two sheds $600 each this is half the cost of the materials.
And One smaller shed $300

The Sheds are 1900 wide X 2500 long
You would need to get a big trailer into your yard.

If you are interested please let me know ASAP
Glenn Collings- VET Building & Construction

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

House Sports Polo Shirt Orders, that were placed with the College Uniform Shop are now ready for pick up. Students are to go to the Uniform Shop on Monday 2/12 and Tuesday 3/12 between 1pm – 5pm to collect their polos. Payment of $35 all credit cards/cash or cheques accepted.

Uniform Shop will be open after the Holidays on Tuesday 28/1 and Wednesday 29/1 between 9am – 4pm

Trish Henry- Uniform Shop Manager
CAREERS

ACU: The Difference between High School and University
This article provides a basic comparison for students to see the major differences between high school and university to help prepare them for what to expect in the transition.

Swinburne University Parent Advice Night
Wed 11 December, 5:00pm: Hawthorn Campus
Parent Advice Night is an opportunity for parents (and students) to learn and understand more about the VTAC preference and offer process, ATARs and courses, and the role parents can play to advise their child. Dr. Ben Robinson from Swinburne’s Psychology Department will present a session on managing expectations and emotions. For more information and to register, visit:

Melbourne Flight School 2014 Enrolments
Enrolments are now being accepted for MFS Cert. IV in Aviation, as well as VET in Schools course. For more information visit:

Melbourne Fashion Institute Information Evening
Wed 11 December, 6:30pm: Fitzroy Campus
Register your attendance online at:

Australiap College of Massage: Pre-Christmas Special – Save up to 55%
All enrolments received during the last 20 days of November will receive 20% off the total fee. This is in addition to discounts already applied taking the total discounts for some courses to 55% off.

Women in the Air Force Q&A
Ask Corporal Samantha Bartlett and Flight Lieutenant Natalie Pietrobon questions about working in the Air Force.
Thursday 28th November, 6:30pm (AEDT)
Register now by visiting,

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – BURBANK HOMES
Earlier this year Burbank hosted a group of VCAL students from Hallam Senior College for an industry tour of their residential development in Dandenong. Burbank are now keen to offer an opportunity for a school leaver to join their organisation from the beginning of next year.

Burbank are looking for a young person keen to become involved in the construction industry from the management side rather than the trade side. Working in their commercial arm, the successful applicant will commence as a site labourer on the newly developing project in Cheltenham Rd opposite Dandenong station and have the opportunity to develop and train from that base. VCAL students who are exiting school in 2013 are ideal applicants and those with a passion for the construction industry are encouraged to apply.

Resumes should be forwarded to frankp@burbank.com.au and identify that the information about the vacancy came from SELLEN. Can you please circulate this opportunity to networks and other contacts who may be interested.

Melissa Dillon - CAREERS COORDINATOR

TERM 4 2013 & TERM 1 2014 CALENDAR

| Year 7 - 12 WEST AND EAST CAMPUS UPCOMING DATES |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| **NOVEMBER** | **DECEMBER** | **JANUARY** | **FEBRUARY** |
| 28 | **Year 7 Student Free** | **Year 7 & 12 Students Start** | **CE Students Photos** |
| 29 | **Year 7 Induction Concludes** | **Year 8,9,10 & 11 Students Start** | **CW Student Photos** |
| **Year 11 Finish** | **Year 10 Finish** | **Year 12 Retreat** |
| 2 | **Year 7 Orientation Day** | **Year 7 & 12 Students Start** | **Year 12 Retreat** |
| 5 | **Year 7-9 Finish** |
| **Year 11 Finish** | **Year 12 Retreat** |

ST PETER’S COLLEGE 20TH ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE

In September/October 2014 St Peter’s College Staff, Students, Parents and Parishioners from St Agatha’s and St Thomas the Apostle Churches are invited to participate in what could be your ‘Trip of a Lifetime’, when the College celebrates its 20th Year with a Pilgrimage ‘Walking In The Footsteps Of St Peter’ to be led by Father Denis O’Bryan.

Information Evening:
When: Wednesday December 4th, 7.00 pm
Where: West Campus, Staff Room, enter via Navarre Drive.
Expressions of Interest: Close Thursday December 5th.

For more information: Please contact the College via Mr Roger Hampson at ahampson@stpeters.vic.edu.au