FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Wednesday 4th December, 2013
Term 4 Issue No. 38

Presentation Night

I think all those present at the St Peter’s Presentation Night last Thursday would have marvelled at the wonderfully talented students we have at the college. To tell the story of our Year in one evening is a very challenging task and I thank Mrs Elizabeth Hanney, Mr Frank Carter, Mrs April Hampson and Mr David Stretch and the many other staff who assisted in capturing and reproducing the many highlights for us to reflect on, to admire and to be proud of. Congratulations to all students who were acknowledged with awards or performed on the night.

House Captains

Our House Captains for 2014 were announced at Presentation Night and I congratulate the following students on their appointment and offer them every support and encouragement as they take on the role of servant leader for each of their houses in 2014.

Assisi: Deanna Parisi and Dylon Perera
Augustine: Brooke Poulter and Liam Kissick
Avila: Ashley Swamy and Peter Zanetti
Glowrey: Kapungwe (Ke) Besa and Brandon Thomson
Kolbe: Nathan Dodgson and Eliza Tatham
Mackillop: Emma Williams and Jake Harrington
Marian: Samy Subramanian and Jack Watson
Romero: Marlee Tatham and Edward Bourke

Solomon Islands

I welcome back Mr Greg Nelson, Mr Roger Hampson, Adam Spiers, Alexandra Fagan, Shama Lukavsky, Robert Schreurs, Tameeka Robinson and Andrea Polydor from their tour of the Solomon Islands. Our relationship and friendship with Bishop Epalle College grows stronger each year and with each visit we gain a greater insight into the beauty of their culture and the ways we can provide assistance. Unfortunately Mr Hampson on his return had to be admitted to hospital with a leg infection and we keep him in our prayers for a speedy recovery.
The Rock

The school year book the Rock has been completed for 2013 and will be made available to students over this final week of school. I congratulate Mr David Stretch and his team for again capturing the vibrant life of our community through many beautiful pictures and carefully crafted words. The team of Students and Mr Stretch always find ways to add new creative touches to surprise and inspire us and you will not be disappointed with this year’s wonderful edition.

Year 7, 2014 Orientation Day

On Monday over 250 year 7, 2014 students experienced their first taste of life at St Peter’s College. The Orientation day was conducted at both the East and West Campus and I thank in particular Ms Rivonia Pereira, Ms Jodie Connell all the House Leaders, teaching staff and Peer support leaders who provided a comprehensive program and warm welcome to our students and parents.

Staffing and Recruitment

The final staffing positions for 2014 have been finalised and I congratulate Mrs Amanda Kerr on her appointment to the staff in the role of Mackillop House Leader (West Campus). Mrs Kerr has recently arrived from the UK and has many year experience in curriculum and pastoral leadership and will teach in the area of Food Technology. I also welcome Mr Phillip Cooper to our VCAL Department where he will focus on teaching Literacy and Numeracy. Mr Cooper is currently at Islamic College in Preston. We have made several Maternity Leave Replacement appointments for 2014 and I welcome back Ms Selena Keswani who will replace Ms Melissa Faulkner in early 2014, Ms Meghan Atkins who will replace Ms Rebecca Stewart in early 2014 and Ms Leah Murphy who will fill the role of Ms Kollarics while she continues her maternity leave.

Farewells

As previously mentioned in this newsletter we will farewell our two Deputy Principals Mrs Hanney and Mr Banks this year and we wish them a final “Be Not Afraid” as they move into their new roles of Principal in 2014. I thank them both for their fine dedication, service and leadership at St Peter’s College. I also thank Ms Deborah Round whose contract expires at the end of this year and thank her for her contribution to the college over the course of this year.

Mrs Pat Ellis who has been on leave for this year has announced that she will retire at the end of this year. Mrs Ellis has been an outstanding teacher and leader in the St Peter’s College Community over the last 20 year and we will formally acknowledge her retirement and contribution to this school at the St Peter’s Dinner in 2014 as part of our school 20 year celebrations.

End of term

As we draw to the end of a very busy school year I extend Jesus Christ’s wish of Peace and Joy for all members of our community as we move into the wonderful celebration of Christmas and the Holiday season ahead.

Mr Tim Hogan
PRINCIPAL
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL OF STUDENTS

Year 11s End of Year Liturgy and BBQ
At the end of The Year 11 Induction period, a final Assembly, Liturgy and BBQ were held to celebrate the end of a very busy year and to give thanks for all that has happened throughout the year. This occurred last Friday
The Liturgy was celebrated by Deacon Tony, after which, the students enjoyed a lovely BBQ, coordinated by Romero House leader, Ms Chakman.
We wish the year 11s a happy, holy and safe holiday period and urge them to complete all Holiday Homework set during the induction period, so they “hit the ground running” at the beginning of 2014.
A photo from the final Liturgy is attached.

Year 10s End of Year Liturgy and BBQ
Similar to the Year 11s, the Year 10s finished with a Liturgy, Assembly and BBQ at the conclusion of their Induction Period. This occurred on Monday of this week.
The Year 10s are also urged to complete all Holiday Homework set for the beginning of 2014.

Years 7 to 9 Final Liturgy
The Years 7 to 9 Students finished their last day of formal classes on Wednesday of this week.
On this day, a thanksgiving Liturgy was celebrated, with the emphasis on giving to those in need. Each House have been collecting items of food for the past few weeks, which were offered at the liturgy and will be passed on to those in need.
The day also included House Assemblies and finished with a House Tug of War Competition.

Finnings Real Estate Awards
Each year, Finnings First National Real Estate offer an award of endeavour to a student from each House, consisting of a framed certificate and a bursary of $150. The awards take into account academic efforts, attitude and contribution to the life of the College. I am pleased to announce the Finnings Award Recipients for 2013 are:

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Congratulations to these students.
Attached is a picture of Kynan Strachan from Mackillop accepting his award from Dean Tucker of Finnings Real Estate

Mr Anthony Banks
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL, STUDENTS
FROM OUR DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - STAFF

I have been richly blessed in being the Deputy Principal at St Peter’s for the last 7 years. I give thanks to the wonderful staff, students and leadership colleagues who have inspired me each day and whose influence I take with me; I am deeply grateful and indebted. I thank in a particular way Mr Tim Hogan, Mr Anthony Banks, Mr James Roberts and Mrs Kelley Cooper who have shown me the way, brought me joy and brought so much to their work for our young people. I have loved my teaching of St Peter’s College students, what a joy they are! As DP – Staff, I take with me precious memories of incredible staff so very committed and talented, a joy to work with.

I can but offer this blessing as my gesture of thanks and farewell:

As this year draws to an end
We give thanks for the gifts it brought And
how they became inlaid within us Where
neither time nor tide can touch them

The days when the veil lifted And
the soul could see delight When a
quiver caressed the heart
In the sheer exuberance of being here

Surprises that came awake
In forgotten corners of old fields
Where expectation seemed to have quenched

The slow, brooding times
When all was awkward
And the wave in the mind
Pierced every sore with salt

The darkened days that stopped
The confidence of the dawn

Days when beloved faces shone brighter With
light from the granite of some secret sorrow A
stream of buried tears loosened

We bless this year for all we learned,
For all we loved and lost
And for the quiet way it brought us
Nearer to our invisible destination

John O’Donohue

Grace and blessings to all families this Christmas

ELIZABETH HANNEY
CRANBOURNE EAST NEWS

Yr 7 2014 Orientation

On Monday approximately 100 new Yr 7s attended the East Campus to prepare for their high school journey which will last 6 years and see them graduate in 2019 in front of student body of almost 1000 students. I would like to thank Ms Jodie Connell for coordinating the day, along with the 2014 House Leaders and teachers who ran a mixture of fun and getting to know you activities, as well as starting to unpack life at high school.

Presentation Night

Last Thursday we held our annual College Presentation Night at the Frankston Arts Centre in front of a packed auditorium. I would like to congratulate all students who collected awards – the reward for working hard and consistently throughout the year or constantly striving to improve. I would also like to congratulate the students who exhibited work in the foyer or performed as part of the East Vocal and Instrumental Group. I also thank Ms Molesworth and teachers in getting the artwork ready, along with Ms Corcoran for leading the musicians this year.

Staffing 2014

I am again happy to be able to announce that all of the current East Campus teachers will be returning in 2014. They will be joined by 8 new teachers, who I look forward to introducing next year. I would like to thank all of the teachers this year who have worked exceptionally hard at raising standards and challenging students to constantly work at achieving their potential. I would also like to thank all of the support staff who ensure everything within the school runs smoothly and whom without the teachers would not be able to achieve as much success as they do.

End of Year

As the year draws to a close, I would also like to thank our Principal Mr Hogan and fellow Deputies Mrs Hanney and Mr Banks for providing so much support. I would like to farewell and wish the best of luck to Mrs Hanney and Mr Banks as they move on to their respective Principalships at new schools and look forward to catching up with them in the future.

Finally, I would like to say on the whole, how impressed I’ve been with our students this year with the way they have approached their learning and the way they have conducted themselves. As parents you should be very proud. The reward for working hard and constantly striving to achieve your goals is time off to relax and celebrate. That time has come and I wish all St Peter’s College families a happy and Holy Christmas and a safe and fun filled holidays.

James Roberts
HEAD OF CAMPUS – CRANBOURNE EAST

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
Augustine House
Hippo News

I am very happy to announce that the two new 2014 House Captains for Augustine will be Brooke Poulter and Liam Kissick. I am looking forward to working with them and the other members of the House Forum next year. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Georgia Adamson and Jordan Creef for all the fine work they did this year as our House Captains.

Our year 12 and 11 (2014) students have completed their induction classes with the year 12s finishing on Friday and our year 11 students finishing on Monday with year level Liturgies and a bbq. They should all have plenty of Holiday Homework to keep them busy and ensure they come back ready to tackle VCE or VCAL.

Thursday evening was our Presentation Night and I would like to commend our students that were taking part either as award recipients or performers for their excellent behaviour on what was a fantastic night. Well done to all involved in the organisation of the event.

Monday saw our year 7 (2014) students having their Orientation Day and it was great to welcome new families to Augustine House as well as siblings of existing House members. The students got to try out Design Technology and Sport on the day and got lots of information as well as a chance to spend a day at their new school. I would like to thank Rivonia Pereira for her organisation of the day and the teachers that helped out during the day.

Finally can I thank all the Augustine Learning Advisors for their great work this year and wish them and all the Augustine families a safe and merry Christmas.

Mr Greg Van Es
AUGUSTINE HOUSE LEADER

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<td>The Year 11 Formal has become an exciting tradition at St Peter’s College. The formal is an opportunity for students, staff and parents to celebrate together the commencement of the VCE/VCAL Academic year for students. The evening consists of a three course meal and entertainment and provides an informal setting to build community and establish important relationships with staff and parents.</td>
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St Peter’s Year 11 students and their parents are invited to contact the Office up until 12th December to book a ticket. A deposit of $20.00 per person is required upon booking.

For further details please contact Ms. Jorgensen at the College.

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<td>Enrolment packs are now available from the College Office for Year 7 2015. Please contact our Registrar Kelley Cooper on 5990 7777 or <a href="mailto:kelley@stpetersonline.vic.edu.au">kelley@stpetersonline.vic.edu.au</a> if you have any enquiries or would like to book in for a tour of either campus.</td>
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Solomon Islands Trip

Thursday November 21st saw nine intrepid travellers from St Peter’s College fly out of Tullamarine, journeying to the Solomon Islands via Brisbane. We were met by a blast of heat that stayed with us for the duration of our eight night/nine day stay and the smiles of our islander hosts. We visited Bishop Epalle Catholic School and joined in classes, assemblies, graduations and masses. We also journeled to many places on Guadacanal. These included War Museums, War Memorials, a school for deaf and dumb, a trade school for girls, a volcano and a two and a half hour walk to Tenure Falls, crossing a river some fifteen times, often in water waist deep and a two and a half hour return walk. At the end of our trip, the over- riding emotion was one of satisfaction. We had immersed ourselves in the Solomon Island culture for a week and experienced life in an environment that was vastly different to our own. We thank God for the experience and pray for our Islander brothers and sisters.

Greg Nelson on behalf of Roger Hampson, Magaret Nelson, Alex Fagan, Andrea Polydor, Tameeka Robinson, Shama Lukavsky, Adam Spiers and Robert Schruers.

CAREERS

Our Patch The Main Event -
Chance for young people from different cultures to come together to learn from each other and share experiences of living in the City of Casey.

Featuring:
• Panel of social change-makers
• Interactive activities & performances by various cultural groups
• Special guest performance by Culture Crew
• Yummy food (taste and try new things). Halal options.

SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2.00 - 5.00PM
NARRE COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTRE
1 MALCOLM COURT, NARRE WARREN
(NEAR NARRE WARREN TRAIN STATION)

FREE ENTRY
AGE 16 - 25 YEAR OLDS
MORE INFO SARAH WILLIAMS ON
0411 284 033 OR
SWILLIAMS@CMY.NET.AU
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UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
House Sports Polo Shirt Orders, that were placed with the College Uniform Shop are now ready for pick up.
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

TERM 4 2013 & TERM 1 2014 CALENDAR

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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

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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: It’s that time again and St Vinnie’s are getting ready to prepare our Christmas Hampers and gifts for children aged between 1 to 12. We would like to invite our Parishioners to donate a gift for a child. Gifts may be placed in the baskets at the side of the sanctuary, please write the card if it’s for a boy or a girl and the age range is suitable for. We are also running our Christmas Raffle to raise funds for Christmas and would appreciate help from anyone who could spare 2 hours to help us sell raffle tickets. If you can help, please contact us on 5996 1758 and leave your name and phone number abd we will contact you to discuss the times you can help. Thank you.

Greg Nelson
ST AGATHA’S PARISH REPRESENTATIVE