OPENING MASS

I thank Fr Denis, Fr Joseph and Deacon Tony for leading our opening school masses for both the East Campus and West Campus last week. The launching of our Annual theme “How Many times must I forgive” by Deacon Tony was thought provoking but even more so by the tragic events that unfolded at Tyabb on Thursday afternoon. To hear Rosie Batty speak of the loss of her son Luke at the hands of his father and speak in tones not of condemnation but of forgiveness touched us all. We all probably asked where is God in all this but Rosie Batty desire to rise above the bitterness, anger and resentment gives us hope that God is with us in the pain and suffering. We pray for Rosie Batty, the Flinders Christian College Community and all those affected by this tragedy.

ANNUAL SWIMMING SPORTS

On Monday the 2014 St Peter’s College swimming Sports were held at the Dandenong Swimming centre. House spirit was certainly evident with the year 11&12 students sporting an array of costumes in the house colours and leading the House Chants. I congratulate the individual winners in each age category as I do all those who participated and achieved points for their house. The winners of the McGuigan Shield for House spirit this year was Romero and the overall Champion House was Avila for the third year running. I thank the Sports Coordinator Mr De Goldi, the PE team and all staff for assisting in the smooth running of our 2014 carnival.
Condolescence
I express our condolences to June Aspinall, the wife of school chaplain Deacon Tony, whose mother Mrs Alvena Rees passed away on Friday morning. Please keep June, Deacon Tony and their family in your prayers and thoughts at this sad time.

Settling into Secondary School
I include the following advice from parenting expert Michael Grose in regards to assisting your children settle into secondary school. I encourage you to visit his website listed below which contains a wealth of resources for parents of primary and secondary school age children.

Starting secondary school is a time of change and uncertainty, which places new demands on kids. Being at the bottom of the pecking order where they are unsure of the playground hierarchies is just one adjustment that they need to make. Getting used to new subjects and new teachers, as well as forming new friendships are just some of their challenges during this period. Some kids take these new experiences in their stride but it is natural to experience some difficulty, particularly as it's accompanied by the potentially unsettling transition from childhood to adolescence. It's no coincidence that children's learning levels out in the transition year presumably because the social tasks of adjustment take precedence over academic performance. It helps to remember the 3 P's to assist your young person to settle in:

1. Patience
Be patient and understanding in the early weeks. Brush up on your listening skills as you help your young person adjust. Talk to your young person about change and reassure them that it is normal to feel nervous in new circumstances. Let them know that many of the difficulties they face will be temporary.

2. Positive attitude
Confidence is catching so make sure you see this transition time as an exciting challenge that your child can handle rather than an event to be feared. Ask them about the new subjects or interesting activities they are doing, and try to shift their focus to the positive aspects of school. Discuss settling in problems with the appropriate person such as a year level coordinator, but give your young person time to handle them on their own before seeking help.

3. Process their day
Some young people may come home with fairly exaggerated accounts of secondary school and may not always paint a fair picture. They can be sensitive to many things, which they would have shrugged off in primary school. It helps if you can listen without judgement and show a real interest in their new school, while providing them with the space they need to get away for a while. Expect some behaviour blowouts as many kids let off some steam in the safe and stable environment of a loving family. If your eldest is starting, then secondary school will be a relatively new experience for you too. It will take some time for you to adjust to the school’s culture and communication methods. Although secondary schools may seem a little foreign for those used to the relative intimacy of primary schools one aspect is the same – outcomes for students is maximised when schools and parents work together in the best interests of the student. One way to support your young person's school is by actively promoting the schools' values. For instance, if respect is a prominent school value then you can discuss this in relation to the way your young person behaves around friends, relatives and family. Most importantly, talk your young person's new school up, rather than talking it down as kids of all ages take their cues from the most significant adults in their lives - their parents!

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For more ideas, support and advice for all your parenting challenges visit: www.parentingideas.com.au

Mr Tim Hogan
PRINCIPAL

YEAR 7 2015 ENROLMENTS

Enrolments are now open for Year 7 2015 - enrolment packs are available from the College Office. Enrolments close on Friday 7 March 2014. Please contact me on 5990 7777 or kelley@stpeters.vic.edu.au if you have any questions regarding enrolment.
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – HEAD OF WEST CAMPUS

HOUSE FAMILY WELCOME EVENINGS
Thanks to all the families who joined us at this year’s House Family Welcome Evenings. It was great to meet parents so enthusiastic about their child’s education and eager to meet their House Leader and Learning Advisor and learn what they can do to maximise their child’s educational outcomes. Forging those links is not just something that begins at Year 7, but is ongoing throughout the time your child is at St Peter’s. That is why parents of students of all ages and year levels being present was very much appreciated.

One of the points I conveyed to parents was that at St. Peter’s, we are educating your children not just for a job, but for life. We want your children to live life to the full and indeed, live a life worth living!

One of Australia’s leading social researchers, Hugh Mackay, has analysed his last 40 years of interviewing Australians about their views on life and presented it in a book called *The Good Life: What makes a life worth living?* In a recent interview he says that:

“The good life, good in this sense, is going to be about morally good. A person who is committed to the common good, a person who understands that love is the most powerful force for good. Therefore, the good life is going to be a loving life.”

Mackay concludes that a good life is not measured by security, wealth, status, achievement or levels of happiness. Instead it is determined by our capacity for selflessness and our willingness to connect with those around us in a meaningful and useful way. It really should not surprise us that secular research and the message of Jesus are at one. At St Peter’s we are proclaiming this same message to our young people. These are gospel values that help equip our students to behave well, be kind to others, respect others, and in turn develop self-respect.

YEAR 7 – VERBAL COMBAT
Last Friday, the Year 7 students experienced a dramatic performance called *Verbal Combat*. This hour long production allowed students to explore cyber bullying and consider their own behaviour. The combination of young and still developing teenage brains, minimal parental supervision and technology’s pervasiveness can be so dangerous for our children.

Mia Freedman (editor and publisher of the website Mama Mia) has 8 tips for parents to help their children manage Facebook:

1) Get to know Facebook including any potential weak spots.
2) Help your child set up their page. During this process, you can activate all the privacy settings and discuss “what’s appropriate and what’s not appropriate to write in status updates and comments.
3) Draw up a contract with clauses that clearly spell out the conditions of use. This should include time limits if you want your child to do homework!
4) Get their password and make sure yours is the notifying address for emails.
5) Check their page on a regular basis.
6) Give them clear guidelines about what photos can and can’t be uploaded.
7) Ensure that they chick with you before adding friends (age appropriate).
8) Ban adult friends.

YEAR 10 – REACH FOUNDATION
This Thursday, our Year 10 students will do sessions with Reach. This organisation, founded by the late Jim Stynes (Brownlow Medallist with the Melbourne Football Club), aims to encourage young people, no matter what their circumstances, to believe they can achieve. Take some time this week to ask your child about their dreams and ask yourself how you can support them to fulfil their potential.

Mr David Hansen
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – HEAD OF WEST CAMPUS

Deputy Principal – Teaching and Learning (Cross Campus).

The creation of a new position of Deputy Principal – Teaching and Learning (Cross Campus) is an exciting development for the College. The new position highlights the importance placed on 21st Century Learning and promotion of best practise teaching at the College.

As a young graduate I commenced my teaching in 1985 at Liverpool Girls College. A lot has changed since those days. The chalk and blackboards have gone, replaced by interactive whiteboards but what remains is a passion for teaching and learning. I feel privileged that I have been able to practice my vocation for almost 30 years now, in a variety of Catholic schools all over Australia, working with incredibly talented staff, devoted to the development of the whole person.

According to John Hattie, a leading Educational researcher, individual teachers in a classroom are one of the most influential factors affecting student outcomes. It is the relationship between students and teacher that has enormous potential to positively influence the lives of the young men and women in our care. St Peter’s College is privileged to have such a highly qualified staff who are dedicated to enhancing the individual outcomes of each student.
This year as we continue to grow as a Learning Community, the staff have chosen to focus on three key Teaching and Learning goals; Literacy, Formative Assessment and the use of data to enhance teaching practise. Through these three focus areas the College will continue to develop an authentic learning community striving to provide quality educational outcomes for each and every student.

I look forward to working with parents, students and staff to face the challenges of providing quality learning experiences and academic care for all our students.

Ms. Marlene Jorgensen

What’s in a name?

According to Shakespeare a rose by any other name would smell as sweet. We all know however that labels, names and first impressions can change a person’s perspective instantly. For this reason the Special Programs department has decided to change its name to the Learning Enhancement Centre (LEC). It is hoped that this name change will more accurately reflect the wide range of students whom staff in the previous Special Programs area assist each day.

The Learning Enhancement Centre will continue to be located in the far left hand side of the Terry Feely Learning Centre. Staff in the LEC offer support and assistance to our students who have English as an additional language as well as students with special needs and learning difficulties. The Learning Enhancement Centre also provides extension for students identified as high flyers in need of challenge. The Learning Enhancement Centre, as the name suggests, provides programs to enhance student achievement including –

- Homework club both at the East and West campus;
- Literacy and Learning Enhancement classes to work with students who may need assistance with Literacy Skills (small class assistance in reading comprehension, writing, spelling and grammar);
- Mentoring of our high achievers;
- LNSLN funding programs for students with particular learning or medical needs;
- Applications for special consideration in VCE and
- Programs that enhance the academic achievements of our ‘English as an Additional Language’ students.

We have a wonderful team of 10 support staff who work tirelessly with the students in and out of class to assist them with their academic studies and personal development.

With a little extra help, encouragement and guidance along the way, The Learning Enhancement Centre helps students achieve their full potential and provides the support for a successful journey not only at St Peter’s but beyond to an enriched and fulfilling life.

Ms Marlene Jorgensen
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – HEAD OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

CRANBOURNE EAST NEWS

Uniform

Some points of clarification with regard uniform:

- Students are required to wear blazers to and from school every day. This includes while they are at school before Tutor Group and after period 5.
- Students who have PE during period 1 or 2 are permitted to wear their PE uniform to school but must get changed into their day uniform at recess. Students who have PE in period 5 are permitted to wear their PE uniform home.
- Students who are not in their correct uniform are not permitted to attend classes and are placed in isolation as part of our Zero Tolerance Policy until the uniform issue is corrected. This can occur with a parent or guardian bringing in the missing item, or the offending item (such as jewellery) being removed.
- House Polo Tops are a compulsory part of the College uniform and must be worn to all House activities and Pastoral Periods with the first Pastoral Period occurring on the 27th of February. Students not in the House Polo Tops by this time will be place in isolation as part of our Zero Tolerance Policy.

House Swimming Carnival

On Monday all students attended Doveton Pool for our annual House Swimming Carnival with nearly 1200 students present under a blue sky it was a great day for the serious and fun competitors, as well as the spectators and supporters. Thankyou to everyone who got involved in the spirit of the day and to the PE staff for the organising and running the carnival.

House Family Welcome Evening

Tonight we will hold our House Family Welcome Evening here at the East Campus for all families commencing at 7pm downstairs in the Lyons Building. All families are encouraged to attend and we extend a special invitation to our new families.
**Year 7 Camp**
All Year 7s will be attending camp next week from Monday to Wednesday at Neerim South, camp forms are now well overdue. There will be no Yr 7 classes running at this time at the East Campus, with students not attending needing a medical certificate.

**Immunisations**
Immunisations Cards have been distributed to all Year 7 and 10 students and Yr 9 boys for the upcoming immunisation program commencing on the 13th of March. Regardless of whether students are receiving immunisations or not, ALL CARDS MUST BE RETURNED.

James Roberts
HEAD OF CAMPUS – CRANBOURNE EAST

**ORDERING AUSSIE SCHOOL PHOTO’S**
If you have not already ordered your child/children photo packs, you can still place an order. Simply visit [www.schoolphoto.com](http://www.schoolphoto.com) and use the unique on-line log-in code given to your child/children when their photographs were taken and place your order. Any Queries can be directed to Aussie Customer Service on Tel: 03 9707 6653

**Study Tour to Japan Saturday 20th September - Friday 10th October**
We are seeking expressions of interest from Year 9, 10 and 11 students who are interested in joining the study tour of Japan in the September holidays. The group will travel to Sapporo Seishu High School where students will stay with a Japanese host family, attend classes and experience Japanese everyday life. The group will also travel to other parts of Japan including Tokyo and Kyoto. This is an amazing experience to improve your language skills and learn Japanese culture.

If you are interested please collect an expression of interest form from your Japanese teacher or the College office and return as soon as possible.

**Exchange News**
St. Peter’s College will be hosting a 17 year old female Japanese exchange student from Sapporo Seishu High School from Monday 17th March for the last 3 weeks of term. If your family is interested in hosting an exchange student, please contact Ms Faulkner, [mfa@stpeters.vic.edu.au](mailto:mfa@stpeters.vic.edu.au)

**Secondary School Immunisation Program**
Immunisation is offered in secondary school to all students in Year 7 and Year 10 and to boys in Year 9. Students are eligible to receive the vaccines for free through a school based immunisation program.

As part of the secondary School Immunisation Program, students eligible for vaccination(s) take home immunisation consent cards for parents and carers to sign and return to the school. Without returning this consent card, your child may miss the opportunity to be vaccinated. It is important the consent cards are completed and returned to the school, regardless of whether your child is to be vaccinated or not in the school based program. There is a space on the form for you to decline the immunisation for your child through the school based program.

Recent changes to the Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2009 give authority to school to provide parent and/or carer and student contact information to local councils to enable them to communicate relevant immunisation information and ensure consent cards are correctly completed.

Every day immunisation saves lives and makes it possible for Victorians to live free from the illness and the disability caused by many infectious diseases. Immunisation not only protects those people who have been immunised, but also protects those in the community who may be unable to receive vaccines themselves, by reducing the spread of disease.

Immunisation is a proven and safe way to be protected against diseases that cause serious illness and sometimes death. This is an important partnership between schools and local councils that will ensure more parents and carers are informed about the Program and are able to access the immunisation services provided by the local council.

Should you have any queries relating to the Program, please contact your local council.

**LIBRARY CHAT**
2014 Readarama Roller Coaster Launch : I 📚 Reading

Surprised Year 7 students were ushered into the hall to the rousing tune of Everyone’s a Winner and delighted by the antics of colourful carnival characters including dashing cowboys, cowgirls, jugglers, acrobats and clowns at the Readarama ‘Rollercoaster Launch last Friday. The festive atmosphere included the handing out of bright heart-themed balloons by gracious library staff and the noisy arrival of Mr Brennan and Ms Gargano parading as students in rollercoaster carts.
Readarama is the reading program implemented by the English Department and Library as an alternative to the Premier's Reading Challenge. Everyone will be a winner with Readarama as every student will be expected to complete the Readarama Roller-Coaster Ride. All students have to do is read for 25 hours between now and the end of Term 3. Of course, many students will want to complete more than one Ride and have been encouraged to set themselves their own challenging goal. The biggest readers in each class and year level will receive some great prizes. The competitive streak in both students and teachers will most likely come to the fore as the Year 7 and 8 classes which read the most will win a free pizza lunch. Another great feature of Readarama is that students can read whatever they like: fiction, information books, magazines or newspapers.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to ask their student what they are reading and help them by regularly signing the Readarama Record Sheet in the Student Record Book.

Everyone's a Winner …Happy Reading!

Ms Angela Gargano
TEACHER LIBRARIAN

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Next Sunday's first reading is from the book of Leviticus. Our Yr 11 CSYMA class just happen to be studying that text at this moment.

"Say to all the congregation of the people of Israel, You shall be holy; for I the LORD your God am holy."

The text comes from the a section of the Torah often referred to as the Holiness Code. To be "holy" in this context is to honour God but also to care for those around us. When as a class, we go through all of the things the students are doing, there is a lot of "holiness" at St Peter's.

Somewhere in the 20 years of St Peter's people (staff, parents, students) enshrined into the culture of this place an amazing sense of those well off. May it always be so...

Stephen Nash
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION LEADER

ST AGATHA’S PARISH NEWS

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

A parents workshop will be held on Tuesday 25 February in St Agatha’s Hall at 7.30pm. This workshop is an essential part of the preparation process. Attendance is therefore vital for those parents who have enrolled their child for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation.

PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE

Our own parish Facebook page has now been launched and will be a valuable tool in evangelisation and for communicating information about our parish. To find us simply search for: “St Agatha’s Parish Cranbourne”. Share it with your friends and family; lets get as many "likes" as possible.

R.E CATECHETICAL PROGRAM

Religious education classes for children in government schools have resumed on Wednesday from 4pm til 5pm in the hall. All enrolments forms need to be returned to the office. Enq: Sr Mary 59961985

SALESIAN RETREAT CENTRE

Would like to invite you to ‘Taize Prayer’ Friday nights during Lent. This prayer will consist of Taize chants, scripture readings and a time for reflection and sharing. Fridays 7.30pm – 8.30pm beginning on 7 March to 11 April at Salesian Retreat Centre, 465 Lysterfield Road Lysterfield. Enq: please call Fr Martin 9752 2432

SALE DIOCESE YOUTH MINISTRY OFFICE

Need a break? Come and unwind! Are you in Yr 11 or 12 and currently undertaking your VCE studies? If you answer yes, then Unwind is for you! Unwind is an overnight retreat which focuses on helping students relax, reconnect with their faith, have some fun and take a break from the stresses of studying during VCE. It will be held during a relatively quiet period on the VCE calendar, away from any major assessments and exams, from 5pm on Friday 4 April to 4pm on Saturday 5 April at Rawson Village, Pinnacle Drive, RAWSON. So please join us, it promises to be a great retreat! For more info and to register visit www.trybooking.com/EECM
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE
This year’s theme ‘Streams in the Desert’ Guest speaker: Cr Sam Aziz. St John’s Anglican Church 27 Childers Street, Cranbourne. Friday 7 March at 10.00am morning tea provided. All welcome!

SOUTHERN CROSS CARE
(Vic) is seeking to employ a Pastrol Carer at Lynbrook aged care home for 2 days a week. Previous experience working in a pastrol care related role is preferred. Applications are to be made online at www.southern-cross.org.au Enquires to Michael Taylor, Manager Pastrol Care and Chaplincy on 8564 1872.

AUGUSTINE HOUSE REPORT

Hippo News
I am very happy to announce that the two 2014 House Captains for Augustine are Brooke Poulter and Liam Kissick. Our Form Leaders are Dylan Michael (A), Callum Gracie (B), Gemma Clover (C), Natasha Dakic (D), Deidre Peterson (E) and Avi Araneta-puyat (F). I am looking forward to working with them all this year.

Our year 12 students have returned from Retreat with a better understanding of their peers and with a better understanding of the importance of their faith within their daily activities. It is always very good to get away as a group and discuss issues that are not academic based but help us to ensure we are educating the whole person during their time at St Peter’s.

Monday saw us competing at the Swimming Carnival and I would like to thank all the students for their participation and good behaviour. We again sold chocolates and lollies to raise funds for Caritas and I would especially like to thank the students who gave up their time during the day to help with this.

Tuesday evening was our Family Night and I would like to thanks the parents and students that attended. It was a great opportunity to get to know each other a little better and a chance for parents and staff to discuss student’s needs. Well done and thankyou to all involved in the organisation of the night.

Greg Van Es
AUGUSTINE HOUSE LEADER

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PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

We would like to invite you to consider the opportunity of participating in one or more of the Parents & Friends Meetings and/or Activities in 2014. Our College Principal attends all meetings and it is a great opportunity to not only meet him, but to talk about and become involved in all issues relevant to the College, your family and our students.
You might not be able to attend all meetings, but we will be happy to welcome you when you can.

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.

MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES 2014
Meeting Schedule:
Tuesday 18th March, 7.15pm for Tea and Coffee with 7.30 start, Staff Room, West Campus. Usually finished by 9.00pm
Tuesday 6th May
Tuesday 10th June
Tuesday 29th July
Tuesday 2nd September
Tuesday 28th October

Other dates to note in your diary:
Saturday 19th July, Bunnings Cranbourne Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser
Tuesday 24th June St Peters Days Celebrations Sausage Sizzle Lunch

FUNDRAISING 2014
Various Fundraising Activities are also undertaken throughout the Year, with Bunnings Sausage Sizzles, Entertainment Book sales, Engraved Landscaping Paver Sales some of the recent years activities.

RITCHIES COMMUNITY BENEFITS CARD.

Your P&F Association receives donations from Ritchies Community stores when you present your card.

A Reminder that 1% of your spend will be donated to St Peter’s College P&F Association. Thank you for your support of this program.

Local Locations List:
Berwick, 2 Richardson Grove, Cranbourne, 47 High St. Carrum Downs, 1095 Frankston/Dandenong Rd.
Dandenong 141-145 Lonsdale St. Frankston, 207-211 Beach St. Hastings, High & Salmon St.
Mt Eliza, 89 Mt Eliza Way Narre Warren, 14 Webb St. Seaford, 280 Seaford Rd.
Somerville, 2 Eramosa Rd East Towerhill, Golf Links & Hastings Rd

For full address locations visit www.ritchies.com.au

Members of the Executive of the Parents & Friends Association may be contacted:
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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.
Recent updates include Graduating Class of 2013 last day, new House based Sports uniform, 2014 Five period day timetable rationale, 2014 College Dux announced.
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.