School Closure Day – School Renewal

On Monday the 3rd of March, the East and West Campus of St. Peter’s will be closed to allow staff to attend the first day of our school renewal process. The school renewal day will be led by Sister Rose Duffy csb Assistant Director in the Diocese of Sale and Bernadette Tolan a former staff member of the college who is now the senior religious education consultant for the Diocese. The focus of the day will be the review of survey information collected last year from parents, students and staff as part of the Leuven Catholic Identity Project. Enhancing our Catholic Identity calls us to be faithful to our Catholic traditions and goals of Catholic Schooling through engaging our students and wider community in our Christian Story. In a growing secular world this is not an easy task but the process of reflecting deeply on our moral purpose as Catholic Educators and our successes as a community of faith over the last 5 years gives us hope that we can continue to grow our community as one inspired by the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Retirement

Sadly Deacon Tony Aspinall our school Chaplain has announced his retirement from St Peter's College. Deacon Tony has worked for St Peter’s over the last 10 years and has been a rock of support for both staff, students and families during this time. His ability to lead and challenge us as a community of faith will be sorely missed as will his unique sense of humour. Deacon Tony will continue his pastoral work within the Parish of Koo Wee Rup and be able to devote more time to his wife June and his numerous grandchildren. Tony will complete his duties at the end of February and will be formally farewelled from our community at the St. Peter's Dinner as part of our 20th Year Celebrations.

Year 7 Camps

Over the next two weeks all of our Year 7 students from the East and West campus will participate in our camps program. The 3 day camp gives them the opportunity to meet other students and staff, have fun and learn some new skills in the outdoors. Our West Campus students are venturing to Camp Rumbbug near Foster and our East Campus students are trialling a new camp facility at Neerim South. I thank Ms Romi Bennett, Ms Jodie Connell and Ms Rivonia Pereira for their organisation of 260 year students and 30 accompanying staff which is quite a logistical feat. I also thank the staff who will be supervising and making this a special time for our new students to the college.
Parish Education Mass

On Sunday at St Agatha’s Fr Denis acknowledged all the Catholic Schools and their staff through a formal blessing to begin the new school year. The primary schools of St Therese’s, St Agatha’s and St Thomas the Apostle alongside St. Peter’s provide education for over 2000 students and connect with approximately 800 families on a daily basis. Church, school and family provide the foundation for passing on the faith and we look forward to the ways we can work with our families, our primary schools and our Parish so that by our words and actions, Jesus is a visible presence in our community.

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

Student Record Book

By now, you would have had an opportunity to look through your child’s Student Record Book. This is a valuable tool to keep in touch with your child’s Learning Advisor and the school. It will give you some insights into what is happening in your child’s school life. In particular please note and sign off on:

- the Computer Usage and Cyber Safety Agreement (pages 20-22)
- the Social Media Etiquette and Guidelines Agreement (page 23)
- homework that is written down weekly and
- your child’s Semester One goals (page 24).

Goal Setting and Imagination

These goals are particularly valuable in encouraging our students to strive to be the best people they can be academically and socially. Our Religious Education Co-ordinator, Mr Steve Nash recently challenged us about the power of imagination:

“Let anyone picture in his or her imagination the kind of person they long to be, and view that picture frequently and steadily enough, and they will be drawn towards it. Within the imagination resides much of the power to control our health, achieve our goals and develop our characters.”

From A Canopy of Stars: Some Reflections for the Journey by Fr Christopher Gleeson SJ [David Lovell Publishing 2003]

Let’s feed, encourage and nurture our children’s imagination and help them believe in attaining their goals.

Developing Positive Adolescents

Is it more important to fix a weakness or improve a strength? The answer to this and many other important questions when parenting and teaching adolescents can be found in a presentation by Greg Mitchell. Greg will lead you through the major resources available to help adolescents become positively successful adults.

Tuesday, 11 March, 2014 7pm to 9pm
Strathcona Baptist Girls’ Grammar School
34 Scott St, Canterbury

Wednesday, 12 March, 2014 7pm to 9pm
Salesian College
10 Bosco St, Chadstone

$15 per person (at the door) NO EFTPOS
Includes Free Tea/Coffee from 6.30pm

Email rick@criticalagendas.com.au
Include your NAME and No. Tickets required and Venue attending. (No obligation)
Collect and pay for tickets on the night.
The presentation explores the forty elements of adolescent development in terms of the internal resources and external assets available for raising and educating children.

Internal resources include…
• How to create a positive support network between family, school, neighbourhood and positive adult role models.
• How to develop a child’s positive outlook through community involvement
• How to set clear rules, boundaries and expectations.
• How to create constructive time management strategies.

External assets include…
• Creating a commitment to learning.
• Imparting the positive values of care, fairness, integrity, honesty, responsibility and restraint.
• Crafting adolescent social competence; from planning and decision making to resisting the negative peer group.
• Developing a positive identity, positive personal power, self-esteem, a sense of purpose and hope for the future.

Visitors to the College
All visitors must report to reception. Visitors are not permitted to drop off anything to students in the car parks or at the gates. This ensures the safety of all our students. Thanks for your cooperation.

Mr David Hansen
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – HEAD OF WEST CAMPUS

CRANBOURNE EAST NEWS

House Family Welcome Night
Last Wednesday we held our House Family Welcome Night at the East Campus with approximately 180 people in attendance. It was great to see some familiar faces as well as welcome new families to the St Peter’s College community. The main purpose of the night was to allow families to connect with key personnel at the campus – House Leaders and Learning Advisors and begin to understand what we are about as a Catholic Learning Community.

Setting up Routines
All students by now should have settled into the year and established good routines to ensure their success at school for 2014. This not only includes study habits and the regular completion of homework but also organisation at school including daily habits of eating a good breakfast (It’s now longer to recess), ensuring they are wearing their uniform correctly and being on time for the start of the day and all classes. Success is more a result of hard work, doing the simple (right) things consistently and learning from mistakes than ability or talent.

Education Mass
On Sunday I had the privilege to attend the Education Mass at St Agatha’s along with Mr Hogan, Ms Jorgensen and other leaders from the Catholic primary schools in the parish as well as many of the student leaders. Fr Denis reminded us of the important role we play and the special connection we have to the Catholic Church in Cranbourne. Fr Denis also connected the Gospel to our theme this year of “How many times must I Forgive” and stressed that compassion and mercy should always be at the front of our thinking.

Immunisation Cards
There are still a number of students in Yr 7, 9 and 10 who have not returned their Immunisation Cards. ALL students are required to return the cards even if they are not participating in this program.

James Roberts
HEAD OF CAMPUS – CRANBOURNE EAST

SPORTS REPORT

The annual College Swimming Carnival took place on Monday 17th February under sunny skies at Doveton ‘Pool in the Park’. 97 events were completed during the day, with students competing in freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly, relay and novelty events.

Competition between the top houses was as close as it has ever been, but once again it was Avila house who came away being champions for 2014 and making it 3 in a row. The gap however, between Avila and the other houses has closed dramatically, and we may see a new house crowned champions in 2015.


Congratulations to all students that competed and earned points for their house. Times from these events will now be collated and a team will be put together for the upcoming SIS Division A Swimming Carnival at MSAC, in which the college will be looking to improve on its overall 3rd position standing from last year.
TEACHING AND LEARNING

ST PETER’S COLLEGE STUDENT DEVICE PROGRAM

As you are aware, we have been rolling out student computer devices for year 7 and 8 students this year. Generally this has run successfully and we have now set up the vast majority of students with internet access at the college, Microsoft Office and Google resources. Subject area teachers are assisting students with the installation of e-books for the subjects in which they are available. This success would not have been possible without the hard work of Mrs Audrey Woodhouse and the members of the IT Technical staff.

Last year the college published specifications of the machines required to be able to operate in the college environment. By and large parents have provided devices that meet or exceed these specifications. However there are a few machines that have some issues, mainly in the area of battery life and operating system.

In terms of battery life, any machine that is more than two years old often demonstrates degraded battery capacity. This accelerates as the age of the machine increases. It was expected, from the specifications sent last year, that the battery on each of the students’ devices should last about 5 hours or to the end of the day. For new machines this is generally being met, however, the older devices that some students are using can have significantly shorter battery lives. In this case we are recommending the purchase of a second battery or a replacement battery. It is also important to keep in mind that the older machines do not have the advantage of the more economic power use of the newer machines and still may struggle with an all day work requirement. Some strategies to assist the battery lasting all day are the following:

- decrease the screen brightness so that you are still able to read the screen but it is not full on or close to full on
- shut down the machine at the end of each lesson
- don’t run a lot of programs that are resource hungry such as videos or games that are stored on the hard disk drive
- If at all possible replacing the old “mechanical” hard disk drive with a solid state drive

To purchase a new or replacement battery the company Battery World can be recommended because they stock and can acquire a large range of battery types. You would need to purchase a battery that is made specifically for the device being used. There is not a “one size fits all” battery for computer devices.

The other area of some concern is the machines that are running a non-Windows operating system such as Apple devices. Apple devices are not recommended by the college because we have no support available and the college is running a Windows operating system environment. To operate in the college environment Apple devices need to be running Windows and need to be fully “Boot Camped”. For further information one of our technical staff will be happy to explain the requirements or drop into your local Apple store or computer retailer to get further assistance with boot camping an Apple device.

Chris Denny
DIRECTOR OF LEARNING

ARTS REPORT

February the 14th, Valentine’s Day for most, but for us – the East Campus Art Blast group, it was a day of discovery, learning and the uncovering Melbourne’s true creative sense. Our class were luckily enough to receive the opportunity to walk around Melbourne’s inner backstreets to learn about street art and experience the impact it has on our modern-day society. Seeing all the images and remembering that they were created by hand was remarkable. The amount of effort that would have been applied to them is hard to express, it had to be seen to be able apprehend. Each piece would tell its own story and have its own unique personality, and when all placed together, they would give Melbourne an identity which is difficult to find in most cities. But these little secrets of Melbourne have to be well sought out, a person would need to know Melbourne well to be able to find them. Our tour guide had even shown us a genuine Banksy piece, surprisingly untouched.

Our first stop was in an underground subway for Flinders Street station. It had been turned into its own little art gallery, holding a few unique pieces of street art. We continued on to find alleys covered on both sides with art, representing problems in our society and the everyday conformity of our living. From hidden concrete pieces to enormous spray art drawings, they all meant something. Towards the end, we wondered around the National art museum, looking at ancient artefacts and the brand new exhibition, Melbourne Now. The entire experience was one that would be impossible to forget, it was inspiring and sparked curiosity in everyone, making us wonder, what will happen to it all in the future to come?

Prateeksha Prasad Year 10 East Campus
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 and 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.

YEAR 7 CAMP - WEST CAMPUS
Year 7 Camp for the students at the West Campus will take place on March 5-7 at Rumbug Foster North. Students have received their permission slips along with information related to the camp. All permission slips and medical/dietary forms should have been returned to the front office.

Students will need to assemble at 8.30am with their bags outside the hall. Any medication will need to be given to Ms Tracy Lockley with your child’s name clearly marked as well as the instructions for administering the medication.

Students should remember to bring long pants with them - this item is compulsory and enough changes of clothes to cope with wet/muddy activities. Please do not send your child to camp with new clothes - they will get wet and dirty. Please leave all valuables at home.

Students will return to St Peter's College on Friday March 7 at approximately 2.30pm.
If you have any queries please contact Mrs Romi Bennett or Ms Rivonia Pereira.

Mrs Romi Bennett  (Year 7 Camp Co-ordinator & Marian House Leader)
Ms Rivonia Pereira  (Year 7 Transition Co-ordinator)

LIBRARY CHAT
Readarama Launch at East 2014.. Happy Reading !

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Last Sunday's gospel (Matt 5:21-26) spoke of what it means to forgive other and offers practical examples of how we can implement this year's college theme: 'How many times must I forgive?'

The Old Testament gave the people licence to extract equal vengeance: ‘Eye for eye, tooth for tooth’. This retributive vengeance only encouraged more violence and one wonders if it escalated to more than ‘eye for eye’.

In Matthew’s gospel, Jesus refers to the Old Testament saying that He has come to fulfill the law not do away with it. However, He also gives a new set of rules to his followers. He encourages his listeners and disciples to ‘turn the other cheek’ when they are challenged by someone. In this way the cycle of violence, which was often continued in Old Testament times, could be broken.

In adopting the theme ‘How many times must I forgive?’ the entire college community, staff, students and parents, is asked to take up the challenge of Christ. We can show that we are forgiving people by being prepared to ‘turn the other cheek’, not once, not twice but as often as it is necessary.

Let us all pray for the patience and wisdom to put this teaching of Christ into practice in our daily dealings with those whom we come in contact.

St Peter, Pray for Us

Ms Angela Gargano
TEACHER LIBRARIAN

Greg Nelson
ASSISTANT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION LEADER
ST AGATHA’S PARISH NEWS

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 Parich Cranbourne”. Share it with your friends and family; let’s get as many “likes” as possible.

R.E CATECHETICAL PROGRAM
Religious education classes for children in government schools have resumed on Wednesday from 4.pm 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 breakfrom 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 Pastoral Carer at Lynbrook aged care home for 2 days a week. Previous experience working in a pastoral care related role is preferred. Applications are to be made online at www.southern-cross.org.au Enquires to Michael Taylor, Manager Pastoral Care and Chaplaincy on 8564 1872.

Greg Nelson
ST AGATHA’S PARISH REPRESENTATIVE

AVILA HOUSE REPORT
The year has begun splendidly for Avila House...welcome back everyone! We didn’t think it could be done, but after a tight contest between us and Glowrey House, Avila managed to take out the St Peter’s College 2014 House Swimming Carnival for the third year in a row...congratulations to all participants on the day, especially those students who got into the water and gave it their best. It was also wonderful to meet many of our new Avilionian parents at the Family Welcome Evening last week. Staff, students and parents took the time to get to know each other better and discuss the year ahead. We wish our Year 7s well as they head off to Year 7 Camp next week and look forward to hearing all about their adventures!

Mona Esmaty
AVILA HOUSE LEADER

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The Veterinary Science Open Day is an opportunity for future students and the community to go behind the scenes of our state-of-the-art Veterinary Hospital in Werribee.

Visitors will have the opportunity to speak with veterinary staff, meet current students and tour our outstanding facilities.

Course and career advice will be available throughout the day, giving prospective students and their parents the opportunity to learn about the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine graduate program.

Veterinary and community groups will be providing information about pet care and other special interests.

Date: Sunday 16 March 2014
Time: 10am – 3pm
Location: The University of Melbourne Veterinary Hospital, 250 Princes Highway, Werribee, Victoria
www.vet.unimelb.edu.au/openday

Key dates for Melbourne Uni in 2014
Events for future undergraduate students are listed below. For more information and to register please visit the website www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/events

MARCH
Sun 16 Melbourne Veterinary Science and Hospital Open Day (Werribee)

APRIL
Fri 11 A Day at Melbourne

MAY
Wed 14 Focus on Biomedicine
Wed 21 Focus on Arts
Wed 21 Meet Melbourne Frankston
Tues 27 Focus on Commerce
Wed 28 Focus on Environments

Monash Uni

The At Monash Seminar Series provides an opportunity for students and parents to gain an insight into courses and careers in a broad range of fields across the faculties and campuses of Monash University. This will include course overviews as well as perspectives from both current students and graduates. The program is as follows:

Faculty | Date
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Business and Economics | Tuesday 4 March
Nursing, Midwifery and Emergency Health | Thursday 6 March
Business and Economics | Wednesday 12 March
Science | Thursday 13 March
Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy | Tuesday 18 March
Information Technology | Wednesday 19 March
Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences | Thursday 20 March
Arts (Humanities and Social Sciences) | Tuesday 25 March
Design and Fine Art | Wednesday 26 March

To register for any of these sessions please go to the website www.monash.edu/seminars

Monash University Information for Parents
Monash University has dedicated a web page for parents to help their children in the transition from school to university. The site aims to help explain what students are experiencing, from choosing the right course to adjusting to university life. The popular ‘Monash Parent Guide’ has also now been translated into seven languages http://monash.edu.au/study/options/parents/

Defence Force
LIVE CHAT WITH ADFA CADETS
Join ADFA midshipmen and officer cadets online and ask any questions which you have about ADFA live on Facebook.

JOIN OUR FACEBOOK EVENT AT facebook.com/DefenceJobsAustralia

Zoos Victoria
The Zoo Day programs are valuable for any student wanting to work as a zoo keeper or Veterinarian in a zoo setting. To register for these programs please email GJohnson@zoo.org.au to express your interest.

Werribee Open Range Zoo’s Keeper for a Day program
April 8, 10 & 14
Are you thinking of a career that involves working with animals? Come and join us for a day and participate in a range of hands on experiences designed to provide you with an insight into the role of a Zoo Keeper. This is a great opportunity to find out first hand from keepers the skills and experience recommended to gain a position as a Zoo keeper amongst a competitive field of applicants.
Ages: 13-18 years. (Years 7-12)
Cost: $103.00; $92.70 zoo members
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. Normally finished by 9.00pm
Guest Speaker:
Mr David Hansen, Deputy principal – Head Of Campus, West.
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, Dandenong 141-145 Lonsdale St.
Mt Eliza, 89 Mt Eliza Way Somerville, 2 Eramosa Rd East
Cranbourne, 47 High St. Frankston, 207-211 Beach St.
Narre Warren, 14 Webb St. Towerhill, Golf Links & Hastings Rd
Carrum Downs, 1095 Frankston/Dandenong Rd. Hastings, High & Salmon St.
Seaford, 280 Seaford Rd.
For full address locations visit www.ritchies.com.au

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.
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.