FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL RENEWAL

A highly successful school renewal day was held on Monday with its focus on Enhancing Our Catholic Identity. Led by Sr Rose Duffy, Ms Bernadette Tolan and Mrs Rosemary Copeland from the Catholic Education Office, staff engaged in the analysis of survey data reflecting perceptions from our community of their ideal Catholic School compared to our current practice. Overwhelmingly the responses feedback that our school provides many opportunities for our students to grow closer to God in an environment where Staff are committed to this fundamental purpose of Catholic Schooling.

The challenge remains in that we must continue to find ways of engaging our students in our Catholic story so that it is relevant in their lives and that of their families. The passing on of faith is a shared responsibility between church, schools and home however it is the family that is recognised in Catholic Teaching as the primary educator of their children with a mission to develop their cultural, ethical, social, spiritual, and religious values. As an outcome of school renewal we will continue to develop our Catholic ethos and programs so that the opportunity to experience a personal relationship with God is part of their journey through our community. We also commit to supporting our parents in their role as the first teachers of faith.

BEREAVEMENT

I extend our deepest condolences to Staff Members Mr Orwin De Kretser and Ms Catherine Blakeney whose father and father-in-law passed away last week.

CONGRATULATIONS

Two of our ex-students are continuing to make their way on the world stage and I offer our wholehearted congratulations and admiration for the inspiring way they are excelling in their chosen fields.
Ben Ashkenazi who completed Year 12 in 2012 is a young fast-bowler who has represented Victoria at the U/17 & U/19 National Championships and is now currently opening the bowling in the Australian U19 Team. Ben has taken 13 wickets to date in the month long U19 World Cup being held in Dubai. Cricket Australia National Talent Manager Greg Chappell who knows a little about cricket described Ben as “a strong fit right-arm fast bowler who bowls with a great deal of stamina and passion.” I don’t think this is the last time we will hear of Ben’s sporting achievements.

I also congratulate Amelia Roper who graduated from the Class of 2000. I have spoken of Amelia in these pages two years ago when she was awarded the prestigious Howard Stein Scholarship to Yale University to continue her study and passion as a playwright. Amelia recently graduated from the Yale School of Drama and is currently writing for Yale Repertory Theatre, Berkeley Repertory Theatre, Soho Rep’s Writer/ Director Lab and The Rose. Her work is currently featured in the 38th Humana Festival of New American Plays and her play “She Rode Horses like the Stock Exchange” will have its World Premiere at the Crowded Fire Theatre in San Francisco in May.

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 the College Registrar, Kelley Cooper on 5990 7777 or kelley@stpeters.vic.edu.au if you have any questions regarding enrolment.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – HEAD OF WEST CAMPUS

Year 7 Camp
As I chat with the Year 7 students around the campus I receive very positive feedback as to how well they have settled into life at St. Peter’s College. A strong house system that allows and encourages good relationships to be forged with Learning Advisors and older students is central to developing this sense of belonging. The work of our Transition Co-ordinator, Miss Rivonia Pereira, has been invaluable in enabling that move for our students from primary to secondary school as smooth as possible.

This week the Year 7 students will be attending Camp Rumbbug in Foster and it is important to acknowledge the work that Marian House Leader, Mrs Romi Bennett and Miss Pereira have done in organising this camp. I trust that it will be a wonderful opportunity for your child to strengthen some developing friendships at St. Peter’s and begin some new relationships. A strong sense of belonging will help your child to do well academically and thrive at school.

Ash Wednesday
Lent begins this week and it is an opportunity over the next 40 days for us all to take some time to reflect on our lives. I encourage all our students to not only consider what they might “give up” but also what they might do positively for others. Lent is not just about us choosing freedom from those things that tend to rule our lives, but developing a freedom for others. In this season of greater prayer and reflection, I would encourage us all to consider what positive acts we can do for family members, friends and indeed members of our human family that we do not even know.

Mr David Hansen
HEAD OF CAMPUS – CRANBOURNE WEST
CRANBOURNE EAST NEWS

Year 7 Camp
Last week the Year 7s enjoyed near perfect weather on their 3 day Orientation Camp at Forest Edge in Neerim East. The aims of the camp were: to assist students in developing friendship groups, build confidence to assist students in the challenges they’ll meet as they go through high school and interact with teachers outside of the classroom.

The activities engaged the students in a variety of ways and included, archery, river sledding, high ropes course and one of the biggest (300m) flying foxes I’ve ever seen, just to the name a few. In the evenings students enjoys a quiz night, talent quest, disco and movies. All parents should be proud as their behaviour and manners were exceptional. A special thank you to all staff who attended and especially Ms Connell for organising it.

Study Skills
By now all students should have set a homework and study routine to assist them in their success at school. Here are some tips and advice to assist students who are struggling with this part of their schooling.

- Ensure you have good environment to allow you to complete the tasks at hand uninterrupted:
  - It should be a quiet place away from other noise in the house
  - It should have good lighting, be comfortable and well ventilated
  - It should have all you need to access there at your fingertips
  - All devices should be switched off unless directly related to the task at hand
  - If music is to be played, it should be played down low and be of a genre that enhances your creativity

- Organisation is the foundation block for building a successful study and homework routine, your Record Book is a key element in this.

- Homework and study are different. Homework includes daily class activities not completed and assignments that are assessed and reported on. Study refers to developing deep understanding on the content, skills and processes learnt in class.

- Study must be active and involved doing something such as getting someone to test you or making notes.

- Manage your time (Less is more) – aim to do 30-40 mins and then break for 5-10mins. Repeat as often as needed to complete everything. One to two hours a night, every night is better than not doing anything all week and trying to do 4-5 hours in one sitting. Also plan and consider after school sport, activities and family commitments.

- Assignments should not be left until the last night – get organised and do 15-20 min each night when you get it and before you know it, it will be done.

- Homework and study is NOT about you being/making you brighter or smarter. It is about assisting you achieve YOUR potential.

- Don’t ignore you harder/more difficult subjects – it won’t make them any easier.

- Don’t forget Homework Club!

Mr James Roberts
Head of Campus – Cranbourne East

TEACHING AND LEARNING
Family holidays are a wonderful time to relax with family and friends. Away from the pressures of work, spending valuable time with sons and daughters, creating memories that last a lifetime. Too often we as parents can get caught up in chasing the dollar and forget that the most valuable gift we can give our children is our presence.

Having said this students are constantly told that balance is required in order to achieve a happy healthy and successful final year in VCE and beyond. With this in mind I would ask parents to assist us in maintaining the balance between leisure and study by not booking family holidays during the academic school year, particularly in the final VCE year.

The Academic year for senior students is very short. Examinations commence mid-October. Maximizing class time and contact with teachers is seen as vital in achieving optimum results for our students. Particularly in the final year of school, extended absence from a class can place extra stress on students and prove extremely difficult to catch up on work missed. It is requested that where ever possible family holidays and extended absence from school be scheduled for after the final VCE exams.

The College Attendance Policy requires students to attend 80% of their scheduled classes. Failure to provide suitable explanation for absences may result in an unexplained absence. Continued unexplained absence may result in a Not Satisfactory (N) result being awarded. This in turn may jeopardize VCE results and ultimately effect the ATAR score of a student. Regardless of these technical details, continued student absence places unnecessary pressure on both students and staff as both try to cover class work and content that has been missed.

It is understood that at times family emergencies occur. Student absence is sometimes unavoidable and may be out of parental control. For these emergency circumstances students may have no alternative other than to miss important contact hours. In this
circumstance a written letter from parents, explaining the absence is to be provided to the Learning Advisor, preferably before the absence.

**ADVANCE NOTICE – SAVE THE DATE**

Year 12 Practice Examinations will take place during the September holidays. Year 12 students or Year 11 students undertaking year 12 VCE subjects will be expected to attend all exams. These practice exams, taken from past papers are seen as an important step in preparation for examinations in October. They allow students to discover what they don’t as yet know or understand. Teachers are able to correct examination papers and provide valuable formative feedback to students. This knowledge is then used to determine last minute study requirements. Practice exams, taken under examination conditions also gives students valuable practice at exam technique. This instils confidence and breeds success. Please assist the College in its endeavour’s to provide the best possible preparation for your sons and daughters by *not booking holidays or extra work shifts during the September holiday period.*

Ms. Marlene Jorgensen  
Deputy Principal - Teaching and Learning

**ST PETER’S COLLEGE FAMILY PRAYER GROUP**

We are inviting each family to take the challenge to join us here at St Peter’s East Campus **ONCE A MONTH** on a Friday night to pray together. Our first meeting is scheduled for **FRIDAY 7TH MARCH 2014 AT 7.30 P.M.** in the Lyons Building, where the St Thomas Parish Mass is held every Sunday. We will have the opportunity to pray “*With the Family*” and “*As a family*”. Hopefully this will help to bring members of each family closer to each other and build stronger links among themselves and more importantly to put Jesus at the centre of each family.

**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.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

Married couples, we encourage you to prioritise your relationship. It underpins your family life. Please join us for a Marriage Encounter weekend. Our weekend helps you to remember why you married and gives you skills to maintain your love for each other.

Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around catholic values but you don’t need to be catholic to attend. There is no group sharing.

Our next weekends in 2014 are on: 4-6 April, 13-15 June and 15-17 August in Melbourne.

For further information and bookings contact Marianne & Marcel Van den Bronk (03) 9733 0997 or Email vicbookings@wwme.org.au

**COLLEGE PRODUCTION - FOR ART’S SAKE**

A School Production has an enormous capacity to not only entertain but also educate and elevate an audience. This year’s Production “For Art’s Sake”, written by Frank Carter and Phillip Helisma from Padua College.

It is about a character who is an outsider who eventually comes out of his isolation and goes out into suburbia but he encounters great difficulties and challenges before he gains acceptance and truly becomes himself. It could be anyone’s story. It could be yours. The play uses music and dance to convey some powerful messages. It is about empowering people on the margins to find their own voice, it tries to promote individuality over mindless conformity and the following of meaningless time wasting trends. The play is open to all actors, singers, rappers, dancers and musicians who want to be involved in something a little different, written for students. “For Art’s Sake” features many different styles of music, everything from techno to rap to progressive rock to ballads: many different dance styles can also be featured.

Auditions for the West Campus will be on Tuesday March 11 and Wednesday March 12 and the East Campus on Friday March 14.

Frank Carter **Musical Director/Producer** & Gina Goss **Director**
GLOWREY HOUSE REPORT

Welcome back and congratulations to all of the Glowrey students on a great start to 2014!

On the students first day back, we gathered in the Donnelly foyer for our first House assembly of the year. We presented the Year 7 and new students to St Peter’s with their Glowrey badges. We also welcomed back the Glowrey Learning Advisors: GLA – Ms Carla Edgerton, GLB – Ms Angela Gargano, GLC- Miss Karissa Roberston, GLD – Mr Justin DeGolding, GLE – Mr Barry Fisher and GLF – Ms Jacqui Gunovich. These teachers are the first point of call for students and parents, should you have any concerns or information to communicate.

Our recent House Swimming Carnival was an excellent example of how Glowrey students band together and display tremendous House spirit. We were “pipped” at the post by Avila, coming second on the day by the narrowest of margins. However, the fantastic team spirit and participation by all was truly a winning formula! Well done to our competitors, helpers and staff for making the day so enjoyable.

Congratulations to all of our students who received Academic, House Spirit and St Peter’s Award’s at the 2013 Presentation night.

A number of students also received certificate of merit throughout the year at House assemblies, and this will continue throughout the year.

I would like to acknowledge the achievements of Mikaela Tai (11 GLB). She received the Kwong Lee Dow Scholarship late last year (awarded by The University of Melbourne), which recognised her dedication and passion towards her academic and co-curricular life at St Peter’s. Earlier this year, Mikaela attended a morning tea with the CEO of Mitsubishi Australia, Mitsuyuki Takada, and members of the Australia Japan Society of Victoria. She presented a report on her exchange experience on the St Peter’s Japan tour in 2013. Congratulations Mikaela and your wonderful achievements.

Recently in Tutor Group, students have voted for their Forum Leader representatives, and I am very pleased to announce the following students as the Glowrey Forum 2014: Nicole Van Hamond (10GLA), Juliet Thomas (10GLB), James Toskov (9GLC), Vanessa Vong (10GLD), Lydia Takla (10GLE), Keely Upton (9GLF). They will be ably led by our House Captains Ke Besa (12GLE) and Brandon Thomson (12 GLB), and be a voice for Glowrey students at the SRC.

At the recent Glowrey House Welcome Evening, I spoke of Dr/Sr Mary Glowrey’s amazing work and how “great things come from ordinary people”. I am sure that the students of Glowrey House will become inspired by her good works and that we will see “great things” from them throughout the year.

Gina Goss
GLOWREY HOUSE LEADER

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This year is the first time I have had no involvement in the Ash Wednesday ceremonies either at St Peter’s College or St Agatha’s Parish since 2003. Ash Wednesday is particularly important this year in the light of the College focus, “How many times must I forgive?”

The ashes signify our human frailty before the Lord “Remember, you are dust and unto dust you shall return”. This is a really a huge wake up call to see how we are living our life, are we walking with God or strutting along our own way?, a great time to reflect.

However, this is the last time I will write for the Newsletter as my time at St Peter’s came to an end last Friday, 28th Feb. In light of many different pressures of time, family, health and in fairness to the College I felt the time had come to resign my position. The College is going great guns and it needs a level of ministry which I was increasingly unable to provide.

Our Principal, Tim Hogan has been aware of my struggles with all these things for some time and has done all that is humanly possible to accommodate me and indeed for me to remain as long as I have. I am most grateful for his support, his patience and his understanding. I cannot understand for the life of me why he does not support St Kilda!
Leaving St Peter’s is a difficult thing. I leave behind many wonderful and dedicated staff who genuinely care about education in the Catholic tradition and who frequently go the extra mile for students, sometimes it is really five miles. I admire greatly the commitment I see on a daily basis from staff despite setbacks, they are prepared to face the day and give of their best.

One of the little known gems in the College is Staff Prayer. Most people take a turn to lead this and there have been many beautiful and spiritual times in the staff room.

I am in a difficult but enviable position because I have so many people I would like to thank for friendship and support over the years it simply isn’t possible in this space. I have a lot to thank our student body for over the years, there have been and are today many great young people enrolled here. I have met many wonderful generous parents over the years.

Anyway, if I don’t stop this will be bigger than the “Age”.

Goodbye and God Bless to all.

Deacon Tony Aspinall
College Chaplain.

A Lenten Prayer:
Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation:
you make us hunger and thirst for holiness.
Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation:
you call us to true fasting:
to set free the oppressed,
to share our bread with the hungry,
to shelter the homeless and to clothe the naked.
Grant these things and all our prayers through Jesus the Lord.
Amen

ST AGATHA’S PARISH NEWS

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES:  8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am & 7.30pm at St Agatha’s church and 12 noon at St Therese’s School Chapel. PLEASE NOTE there will be no mass at Blue Hills this month.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place every Friday during Lent at 7.30pm in the church.

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.

MASS FOR FAMILIES INVITATION: A warm invitation is extended to people of all walks of life/faith who have been effected by the loss of a child (pre/post birth) regardless of circumstance of death, to a special Mass for Families which will be offered for them and in remembrance of their loved one/s and to celebrate the life of all God’s children. The Mass will be offered at St Mary’s Cathedral, Sale on Tuesday 25 March commencing at 7.00pm, proceeding with Rosary at 6.30pm. Everyone welcome.

For more information visit: www.stpeters.vic.edu.au
ALL YEAR 10 STUDENTS – WORK EXPERIENCE 2014

Thank you to those of you who have secured their Work Experience for this year and returned the forms. This message is for the many students who have not returned their forms and they are reminded again that these forms are now overdue.

An email was sent to all Year 10 students with an electronic copy of the Work Experience and Travel Arrangement Forms as well as a copy of the Excel spreadsheet that lists all employers students have previously used. Please note that not all of these employers may still be offering Work Experience Placements, but this is a great resource to use for ideas on industry areas of interest.

Please remember that Work Experience was introduced to students in June 2013 and many reminders have been sent out, including a letter home to parents at the end of 2013 with the new arrangement forms.

The dates for the 2014 Work Experience Program are from Monday 2nd to Friday 13th June and students are encouraged to undertake two separate placements during this time.

Please be aware that the later students leave it to arrange placements the more likely it is that such applications may be closed or employers could well have allocated their maximum numbers of Work Experience Student placements for the year.

If you have any questions about Work Experience please do not hesitate to visit me in the Careers Office.

Below are some internet links for Work Experience Placements.

Academy of Interactive Entertainment: Work Experience Program
The AIE is currently taking expressions of interest for its Work Experience Program. The program is for students in years 10-12 and aims to teach them about interactive entertainment and digital industries. Activities include 3D animation, programming, QA testing and more.
http://www.aie.edu.au/StudentInformation/workexp

Melbourne Rebels Work Experience Program
The online application for Work Experience with the Melbourne Rebels can be accessed on http://www.melbournerebels.com.au/club/work-experience

Melbourne Sports Hub
The Melbourne Sports Hub oversees the operations of the following Centres:

- Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre
- State Netball Hockey Centre
- MSAC Institute of Training
- Lakeside Stadium

If any of these organisations are of interest to you please use the link below to apply for Work Experience. Please note that they are filling up very quickly for 2014 and you are best to not delay if wanting to secure a placement.


Monash Health
If you would like to know more about the careers available in the Health industry register for a placement with Monash Health on the following website. https://www.monashhealth.org/page/Careers/Work_Experience/

Collarts MiX (Music Industry Experience) Days – This is only a one day placement.
MiX days provide an opportunity for students to gain hands-on music industry experience using Collarts equipment, facilities and engaging with the staff. The day is designed for year 10 students, VCE and VET students. The day is held at the Collarts campus in South Melbourne. Each day runs from 9:00am – 2:00pm and there are several dates available in every month of 2014.
To view the dates or to register, visit: https://collarts.edu.au/education-partners/mix-days/mix-day-registration/

The Annual Age VCE and Careers Expo will be held at Caulfield Racecourse, from Thursday 8th May to Sunday 11th May and is one of the earliest and most comprehensive Careers Expos for the year. Exhibitors include providers of VCE Resources, universities, TAFE and training colleges and gap organisations. More details can be found at www.vceandcareers.com.au.

The Plumbing Industry Climate Action Centre is hosting a Plumbing Careers Exhibition. This will take place on 11th March from 1 – 4pm at 6/306 Albert St, Brunswick. The goal of the exhibition is to give students considering a career in the plumbing industry, an insight into the training, entry and employment opportunities. For further information, contact Elaine Mathews at elaine@picac.vic.edu.au or 93568905.

TERM 1 2014 CRANBOURNE WEST AND EAST CALENDAR

| Year 7 - 12 WEST AND EAST CAMPUS UPCOMING DATES |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| MARCH           |                  |                  |                  |
| 5-7             | CW Year 7 Camp   |
| 10              | LABOUR DAY STUDENT FREE DAY |
| 29-15/4         | French Trip Departs |
| 3               | Parent Teacher Interviews 4pm – 8.30pm |
| APRIL           |                  |                  |                  |
| 4               | STUDENT FREE DAY Parent Teacher Interviews 9am – 1pm |
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
Mr David Hansen, has joined the College this year, to take up the newly created position of Deputy
Head of Campus at the West Campus. Formerly from Padua College, Mr Hansen has a strong pastoral
background in the House System and experience teaching the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning.
Mr Hansen will talk about the challenges and hopes for his new role.

Other dates to note in your diary:
Tuesday 6th May – Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 10th June – Parents Forum
Tuesday 29th July

Tuesday 2nd September
Tuesday 28th October
Tuesday 2nd December

MEETING SCHEDULE:

Tuesday 24th June St Peter’s Days Celebrations Sausage Sizzle Lunch – Volunteers required
(athompson@stpeters.vic.edu.au)
Saturday 19th July, Bunnings Cranbourne Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser – Volunteers required
(athompson@stpeters.vic.edu.au)

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.

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
New Families to the College since early 2013. Your Card will be posted to you in the very near future. If
you are not going to use it please send it back via your student to the College Reception. Thank You.

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.
Dandenong 141-145 Lonsdale St. Frankston, 207-211 Beach St.
Mt Eliza, 89 Mt Eliza Way Narre Warren, 14 Webb St.
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 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.

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.