Solomon Islands 2014

At the beginning of March the invitation was extended to both staff and students to participate in the 2014 Solomon Islands immersion program and it is pleasing to announce that staff member Ms Karissa Robertson has volunteered to assist tour leader Mr Greg Nelson this year. Alongside our staff members over ten year 12 students have nominated to participate in the immersion program which takes place at the end of the year 12 examinations in November.

Interviews will take place with the students over the next week with a view to ensuring that they understand the conditions and requirements of the program before they make their commitment. All those involved in the immersion program will be involved in fundraising in term 3 which centres on the St Peter’s College Trivia Night and we hope to commit all funds raised to the development of the Library facilities at Bishop Epalle College in Honiara.

Harmony Day

On Thursday this week we celebrate Harmony Day, a day in which we acknowledge the many cultures that make up our community. Our community believes strongly that all are entitled to dignity and respect because we are all made in the image of God. When we consider the theme of Harmony Day – “Everyone belongs” we take time to acknowledge the beauty of our cultural diversity and express our gratitude for the wonderful gifts and unique talents that God has given us part of his wonderful creation.

Preparation for Harmony Day has been going on for some weeks and we will be celebrating our different cultures through sport, dance, art, music, storytelling, cooking and sharing cultural meals with all funds raised going to Caritas. We also have the special privilege of having Fr Joseph with us for our whole school assembly. Having grown up in Nigeria we look forward to learning a little about his family background and culture.

Mr Tim Hogan
PRINCIPAL
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – HEAD OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

Lured by the promise of coffee and croissants a number of staff arrived at school in the early hours of Wednesday morning to take part in a teleconference provided as part of the College subscription to the Teachers Learning Network. The speaker – John Hendry, gave an insightful presentation entitled - Empathy, Gratitude and Forgiveness are essential to Positive Learning. For me there were a lot of “takeaways” from this succinct presentation, not least the dedication of staff who attend professional development continually in order to improve their classroom practice and model a belief in lifelong learning to their students.

One of the most memorable learnings for me came when Hendry posed the question – What is the difference between a RULE and a GUIDELINE? The answer is TRUST. Unlike Rules, guidelines have an element of trust and engender expectations and obligations. In my classroom I have never liked rules and have always determined roles and responsibilities of both teacher and student at the beginning of each term, rather than rules. This philosophy of positive classroom relationships sits well with the College key Rights and Responsibilities that are prominent in each classroom.

Key to Hendry’s presentation was the notion that students will make mistakes and will often be in need of forgiveness. As a College we provide opportunities for students who sometimes fail to live up to our expectations. It is an expectation that all homework is undertaken and that all assessment is completed to the highest standard and submitted on time. We know from experience some students fail at this. Redemption Classes are a learning opportunity which provide the staff, facilities and resources for all students to complete non submitted assessment tasks. As the name suggests, Redemption is an opportunity for forgiveness, rescue and deliverance from negative consequences. Students who are placed on Redemption will be expected to stay after school for one hour on a Tuesday night. Parents will be notified of any redemption requirements via a sticker in the Student Record Book. If work is submitted prior to the Redemption class, students are not required to attend the after school session. The process is not punitive but designed as a support for students who struggle with time management and a means of developing positive study habits.

Our early morning professional development sessions continue this Monday and I look forward to sharing further insights on ways to enhance learning with parents and students.

Ms Marlene Jorgensen - Deputy Principal - Teaching and Learning

SPORT

On Tuesday 11th March, the St Peters College Swim team competed in the SIS Division A Swimming Carnival at MSAC in the city. The team was depleted a little due to injury and other commitments, so it was always going to be a challenge to maintain the overall 3rd position that we achieved last year.

All students that competed put in fantastic efforts and are to be congratulated on their achievements. Overall the team placed 5th in Division A, only a handful of points behind 4th, which was a good result considering the circumstances and this will continue to see us participate in Division A next year. We had numerous students who placed 2nd or 3rd in events which is an encouraging sign moving into next year.

Congratulations to the following students in placed first in their events:

Tahlia Coates – U/13 50m Backstroke
Sam Russo – Open 50m Backstroke, 100m freestyle
Matt Shaw – U/16 50m Butterfly

Mr Justin De Goldi – Sports Co-Ordinator
ST PETER'S COLLEGE STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

TRAVELLING TO JAPAN...

An information night for students who have expressed interest in joining this year's study tour to Japan will be held on 31 March, 2014. All parents and students are invited to attend this information session which will be held in the Global Learning Centre at 7pm. Letters will be sent home in Japanese classes.

Japanese Study Tour 2014
Information Night
Monday March 31st
7pm
Global learning Centre

ARRIVING FROM FRANCE...

We have a group of 15 and 16 year old French students who will be arriving in July and a group arriving in August. They will be staying for 4 weeks and will be attending school at both St Peters East and West campuses.

We are looking for interested families to host a student during their 4 week stay. A fee for out of pocket expenses is offered.

Further information about this program can be obtained from French teachers or from Miss Olimpia Rosenblum, Exchange Coordinator.

Miss Olimpia Rosenblum – Exchange Coordinator

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 next meeting is scheduled for FRIDAY 28th 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.

ST PETER'S College Graduating Class of 2004

Ten Year Reunion ‘Save The Date’ Notice
Saturday October 18th, 2014
Spread the word to all of your 2004 Graduating Classmates.
Formal ‘Save The Date Notices’ will sent soon to be followed up by Invitations in early September.
To ensure we have yours and your classmates current contact details please contact:
April Hampson at the College College on athompson@stpeters.vic.edu.au
Earlier this month, the staff attended an in-service day whereby they worked on school renewal; a process that will enable St. Peter’s College to develop the next five year plan for the school. Part of the discussion that took place was a conversation regarding the Catholic Ethos of the school and how our patron St. Peter is a model for many aspects of the spiritual and social service component of the educative process of our students.

Christ’s initial call to Peter, a fisherman, was to come follow and ‘fish for people’ (Mk 1: 17). In Mark and Matthew’s gospel there is an immediate response by Peter: he gets up and follows. Luke’s gospel adds a dimension to Peter’s call and work as a fisherman. In Luke’s version, Peter is asked to cast his nets after a fruitless night’s fishing. He hesitates at first but then relents and catches so many fish that he needs assistance. His response to this is to acknowledge his sinfulness. Nevertheless, Christ calls Peter and Peter responds to the call. John’s gospel has a similar story of a fruitless night’s fishing.

Not only do these stories add a dimension to Peter’s character but they also appear in vastly different contexts in the gospels. Luke’s version sets the story at the beginning of Christ’s ministry (Lk 5:4-6) and is a call to Peter to be a disciple. John’s gospel sets the story after the resurrection (Jn 21: 6-7) and highlights the disciples’ recognition of the Risen Lord. In each case Peter was the hapless fisherman who had caught nothing until Christ intervened in his life.

Recently I was reflecting on this image of St. Peter as a fisherman and imagining what the fish in his net would look like once he followed Christ’s command.

Here at St. Peter’s College, the catch is certainly varied. With staff and students, I think I am safe in saying that each of the inhabited continents has some representation in our community. This is something that we, as a community, rightly celebrate on Harmony Day. This mixture of people is a great gift. It is also evidence that the love of God is for all humanity and that the continuing work of all in the Church to be ‘fishers of people’ is bringing more people into the loving presence of our Creator God.

St. Peter,
Pray for Us.

Mr Greg Nelson - Assistant Religious Education Leader

**ST AGATHA’S PARISH NEWS**

**HOURS OF GRACE:** 100 days of Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament offered across 8 cities in Australia, St Agatha’s will have a week of Perpetual Adoration from 9.30am on Saturday 29 March until Sunday 5 April. Parishioners are invited to place their name on the Adoration Roster to commit to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament during the week. There will be 7 focuses of prayer during this time. Please collect a flyer from the foyer after Mass for further details.

**NEW LIFE COURSE:** What do you do on a Monday afternoon? If you can spare 2 hours, then God may have a great surprise waiting for you. Immediately after Easter we will be holding a “New Life” course in the Parish hall. The course goes for 6 weeks on Monday afternoon from 1.15 to 3.00pm commencing 28 April til 2 June 2014. There are 6 topics presented by different speakers each week. This will lead us to come to know God’s love for us and why he sent us Jesus who in turn has made us promises that many of us have not yet embraced. Brochures with more details will be available in the foyer.

**YOUTH ABLAZE:** All young people in our parish from 16 – 35 are invited to join us every Wednesday night in the church from 7.30 – 9.00pm. Our meetings will include musicians song, as well as faith talks and discussions and prayer. We will join with the Wednesday Prayer Group for a time of inspiring music and singing and then meet separately for faith talks and discussion. For more info contact Gavin 0431 108 887 or Liz 0419 756 530

**INIVGORATE (Year 7 -12 Youth Group)** Please come and join us for some faith and fun on Friday 28 March at 7.30pm. We will start off with the Stations of the Cross in the church then proceed to the parish hall for the youth meeting. Newbies welcome! Enquiries contact Yani 0423 329 454 or Steve 0415 370 521

**ST AGATHA’S VOICE:** The editor is calling for articles, photos or announcements for the Easter Edition of our Parish magazine. Please drop off articles to the Parish office or email to stagathas@nex.net.au or contact Steve Bonsodi 0417 546 162

Mr Greg Nelson – Assistant Religious Education Leader
MARIAN HOUSE REPORT

It has been a very busy start to the year for Marian House. We welcomed 19 new Year 7s into Marian House in 2014. They were ably shown around the campus by Year 12 students who did a magnificent job in ensuring that the Year 7s were settled on their first day. It was also very pleasing to see the rest of the students return and settle quickly into the new year and begin on a positive note.

The Marian House motto and symbol “Strongest of Heart and Mind” is a part of everyday life and all students are encouraged to pursue their personal best with a strong heart and a strong mind as Mary of Nazareth did.

We have had an extraordinarily busy start to the term with Swimming Carnival, Year 12 Retreats and Year 7 Camp. This year the students and staff are being led by Marian House captains Jack Watson and Samy Subramanian. With the help of our Forum Leaders, Joshua O'Brien, Ashley Abeyratne, Darcy Uhlenberg, Tharushi Jayawardana, Bridget Warkartschuk, Lachlan Chua and Sarah Hamilton, Marian House is currently raising funds for Project Compassion and working towards encouraging students to wear cultural dress for upcoming Harmony Day on March 27th.

As we head towards the end of Term One and the Easter season – I wish all families in Marian House a wonderful and peaceful time spent with family and friends.

Above: Marian House Captains 2014: Samy Subramanian & Jack Watson

Ms Romi Bennett – Marian House Leader

St Agatha's Aerobics Club

Presents

Mark Andrews

As - Dean Martin, Tom Jones, Austin Powers and Elvis!!!

_In his LEGENDS showcase...._

Saturday 3rd May 2014

7pm

St. Agatha's School Hall

3 Scott Street, Cranbourne

$50 per person includes

2 course meal & show, BYO drinks

Deserrae Wilkins 0415 782 866

Kerryn Moore 0408 020 433

TERM 1 2014 CRANBOURNE WEST AND EAST CALENDAR

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CAREERS NEWS

The Growing Tall Poppies in Science Program in conjunction with the Tall Poppy Campaign is electing Junior Tall Poppies. 6 Victorian winners aged between 15-17 will be selected from Victorian schools and be working with world leading scientists at the Australian Synchrotron and in various university laboratories including University of Melbourne. Go to the website http://www.growingtallpoppies.com/growingjuniortallpoppies information wand applications ill be uploaded in the next weeks.

University of Melbourne Social Media Video Competition
Entries for video submission close 5pm Friday 25 July 2014
Competition involves creating a land/environment video of between 30 seconds and 3 minutes in length. The theme can be anything related to the land or environment. Students are encouraged to think of the increasing economic competition for scarce land, water, energy and nutrients, while challenging the preservation of biodiversity, social structures and spaces or the greatest issues relating to our time
For more information and for terms and conditions of entry, visit:

Swinburne University Skills Taster Programs
Taster programs are designed to introduce secondary school students aged 15 or over enrolled in years 9 or 10 to the types of skills developed in vocational training. Programs are available in a range of study areas, allowing students to complete introductory study in an area of vocational learning which may be of interest to them as a career. Study areas include:
Croydon campus:
- Carpentry
- Plumbing
- Understanding electrotechnology
Wantirna campus:
- Childcare and working for the community
- Health care and nursing
- Horticulture and landscaping
- Working in a science laboratory
- Welding, fabrication and machining
Taster programs are held on Wednesday evenings, from 4.30pm until 7.30pm, commencing Wed 30 April.
Applications close Fri 4 April

Chisholm Institute ICT Forum
Tue 13 May, 9:00am – 3:00pm
This forum is open to local school age students with an interest in ICT. The forum will explore a number of different ICT career options including Business IT, Games Creation, Networking, Security, Multi Media, Telecommunications and more.
Students are asked to email the Institute for more information about the forum. The link can be found at:
http://www.chisholm.edu.au/Why_Chisholm/Schools/Events_and_expos

Australian Superyacht Crew: Information Webinar
Tuesday 8th April, 7:30pm (AEST)
Have you got what it takes to work onboard a superyacht? This online Q&A session is an opportunity to get your questions answered and find out more about the programs on offer.
Register on the website

SAVE THE DATE

Futures Expo 2014
Monday 28th July from 2.00 pm to 8.00 pm at the West Campus
- See interactive displays from each of the teaching areas.
- Speak directly with Uni, TAFE and Employment Agency representatives.
- Attend workshops with key note speakers to ensure you have the most up to date information about the coming years for your children.
More information will be sent out early next term with a timetable for the workshops.
Due to the importance of the information available at the Expo it is anticipated that each family will attend
MEETING SCHEDULE:

Tuesday 6th May
AGM (Annual General Meeting)

7.15 Tea and Coffee
7.30-9.00 pm St Peter’s College West Campus, Staff Room
Cranbourne-Frankston Road, Cranbourne Enter via Navarre Drive

GUEST SPEAKER – MS MARLENE JORGENSEN – DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
TEACHING & LEARNING WEST & EAST CAMPUS
Workplace Training; Cert. II & Cert III Hospitality; B.Ed. (Home Economics)

Ms Marlene Jorgensen joined St Peter's College at the beginning of 2013 as House Leader for MacKillop House. This year she has taken up the newly created position of Deputy Principal Teaching and Learning across both the West and East Campuses.
A passionate educator Marlene will talk about our goals for Teaching & Learning at St Peter’s in 2014 and beyond.

Other dates to note in your diary:

Tuesday 10th June – Meeting- Parents Forum
Tuesday 24th June St Peters 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)
Tuesday 29th July, Meeting
Tuesday 2nd September, Meeting
Tuesday 28th October, Meeting
Tuesday 2nd December, Meeting

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

2014-15 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK SALES

We will again this year be fundraising via the Entertainment Book, where 20% of each sale value is donated directly to our fundraising efforts. LAUNCH DETAILS COMING SOON.........................

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

Members of the Executive of the Parents & Friends Association may be contacted:
College P&F Liaison April Hampson, Marketing Officer
Phone: 03 5990 7777
Fax: 03 5996 8277
Email: office@stpeters.vic.edu.au or athompson@stpeters.vic.edu.au

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.
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To pay securely online or order your Digital Membership visit:
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