Harmony Day

I thank Fr Joseph and all the staff and students who were involved in a wonderful celebration of harmony Day last Thursday. It takes time, effort and attitude to build a community of inclusion and welcome and this was very evident on the day. Fr Joseph gave an enlightening presentation about his cultural background at both campuses and our students and staff dressed in a variety of cultural costumes enjoyed the activities and cultural delicacies on offer.

A special note of thanks to the VCAL staff & students, our food technology staff, Mrs Nadan and Mrs Joseph whose efforts on the day raised over $2000 for Caritas.

As part of our Harmony Day school assembly, three girls from the Year 11 Catholic Youth Ministry Class, Maggie Smith, Grace Taylor and Katherine Atkins spoke about a pledge they had started to clean-up our school environment. In essence the pledge by a student would require them to voluntarily pick up a piece of school rubbish in the school grounds. Stewardship, is an important teaching of the church which recognises our role as stewards of the wonderful gift of creation and therefore our responsibility to ensure that we respect it and leave this world in a better place than we found it. Maggie, Grace and Katherine were inspiring in their passion and commitment to raising the concept of the pledge in our community and many students and staff have responded. As they say a journey of a thousand miles starts with one small step.

Staffing

I congratulate Mrs Louisa Jakubicki and her husband Paul on the arrival of their new baby. We also wish bon voyage to the following staff who will be on Long Service Leave next term, Ms Tracy Lockley and Mr Pat Grant. Mr Grant will be replaced by Ms Emma Van Rens and Ms Lockley by Dr Kathleen Dauguet.

Parent Teacher Interviews

The all-important first term parent teacher interviews will take place this Thursday and Friday. Based on the interim reports which will arrive home this week, the interviews present a vital opportunity for an information exchange. For parents to learn about the progress of their children and for teachers to gain insights into their students. Parent perspectives on student strengths and needs, learning preferences and out-of-school learning can help teachers’ planning and builds on the partnership between home and school. I look forward to meeting our parents over these two days.

Easter Celebrations

As we once more contemplate the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ as Easter draws near I include these words from Pope Francis:

“So this is the invitation which I address to everyone: Let us accept the grace of Christ’s Resurrection! Let us be renewed by God’s mercy, let us be loved by Jesus, let us enable the power of his love to transform our lives too; and let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation and make justice and peace flourish.

And so we ask the risen Jesus, who turns death into life, to change hatred into love, vengeance into forgiveness, war into peace. Yes, Christ is our peace, and through him we implore peace for all the world. “

Easter Holidays

I wish all members of our community a happy and Holy Easter Holidays and look forward to their return, refreshed and recharged to take on the challenges of term 2.

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

Time certainly flies when you are having fun! This first term has been a whirlwind of activity with so much happening. It seems like only yesterday Learning Advisors were working with students to set goals and plan for the year and here we are already, at the end of term one. It is timely then as we approach this end of term that we look over the past 10 weeks and evaluate how we went. Reflective Learners are able to look back at how they went in terms of their goals and to readjust for future improvement. Questions that help this reflection could include

Have I completed all my work?
How was my attitude?
Was my effort 100%?
Did I extend myself? Or was I happy with near enough?
Are there any areas I can improve?

Answers to these questions will lead students to make changes for term 2 and to achieve continual improvement in their studies.

By now all families should have received PTO online login information together with student progress reports. As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, Parent Teacher Interviews are an important opportunity for parents to communicate with teachers about student progress to date. While interview requests may be listed as Optional they could just as easily say Welcomed. All parents are encouraged to book appointments even if they were not requested by staff as urgently required. Parent participation sends a strong message to student’s regards the value placed on their education and should be taken up at every opportunity.

Holidays are also an important time to recharge the batteries and to enjoy some leisure time. For those who have worked hard throughout term one this down time is an opportunity to take time for ourselves and relax. What ever the activity may be it is important to take time out to re energise ourselves in preparation for our next ten weeks of study. I wish students and parents a restful holiday and a reflective Holy Week. May this special time in the liturgical year enable a renewal of both body and spirit during this life giving Easter Season.

Ms Marlene Jorgensen - Deputy Principal- Teaching and Learning

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – HEAD OF WEST CAMPUS

Harmony Day
Thursday, 27 March was a wonderful celebration of our College’s multiculturalism with Harmony Day. It was a day of celebration starting with a campus assembly that highlighted student talent in music, dance and sport. Father Joseph enlightened us of his home country of Nigeria and students who had travelled to Japan last year recounted their immersion experience. At recess, students participated in a fashion parade. Teenagers, who normally may like to blend in with the crowd, were courageous and proud in wearing their national costume or some clothing representing their cultural heritage. Just some of the countries on show included Egypt, Greece, India, Ireland, Poland, Scotland, South Sudan, Thailand and Zimbabwe. Lunch time was undoubtedly the greatest success with VCAL students and various house groups preparing delicious food from around the world. The central courtyard had a carnival atmosphere as students milled around to make their purchases. All money raised is going towards the charitable work of Caritas.

Year 8 Student Welfare Activity
On, Monday, 31 March, year 8 students were both entertained and challenged by a dramatic presentation called The Hurting Game. This explored some of the dangers of social media and challenged our students in its responsible use. Further unpacking of these ideas will occur in their English class and I would encourage parents to ask their child what they have learnt from this initiative.

Parents of Boys
Parents of boys may be interested in Dr Ian Lillico's evening seminar for parents and teachers on April 30th, 2014 at Whitefriars College (Healy/Wilson Theatre), 156 Park Rd, Donvale. (7 to 9 pm – Free tea/coffee from 6.30pm) This presentation covers boys at home and at school. It gives parents and teachers strategies to help boys in their growth into adults and compares childhood and adolescence. The role of parents and the teacher, nature and other factors impacting on boy's success are explained.

This is a public event and open to everyone! Cost: $15

Secure your place!
Email rick@criticalagendas.com.au
Include your NAME and No. Tickets required. (No obligation)
Collect and pay for tickets on the night (if you decide to attend).
Enquiries: 0433 616 771
Winter Uniform
Parents and students are reminded that the winter uniform is to be worn from the beginning of term 2. The holiday period is the appropriate time to ensure that this uniform is ready for use on the first day back. In particular, the winter skirt needs to be to the knees and shirts are to be buttoned to the collar to ensure the school tie is worn properly.
I wish all our students a very restful and enjoyable holiday after a busy first term. May Holy Week be a time of reflection and Easter be a genuine celebration of the Risen Lord.

Mr David Hansen - Deputy Principal

CRANBOURNE EAST NEWS

Harmony Day
Last Thursday we celebrated Harmony Day with a variety of activities during the day that included students dressing up to reflect their proud heritage and culture. Highlights of the day included our Assembly that started with a multi-lingual Our Father and featured our guest speaker Fr Joseph giving us a fascinating insight into his native country of Nigeria. Also, Ms Whimpey and her students made some sensational cupcakes and curry chicken and rice that raised over $300 for Caritas. Finally, the inaugural St Peter's College World Championship Teachers vs Students Dodgeball competition was convincing won by the teachers.

Parent / Teacher / Student Interviews
Parent/teacher/student interviews will be held tomorrow night, Thursday from 4.00-8.30pm and Friday 9.00am – 1.00pm, upstairs in the Lyons building. Students are encouraged to attend with their parents and can either wear casual clothes of College uniform – if attending in College uniform, then blazers are required. Please also bring your Student Record Book. Finally, if you have not yet made an appointment, it is not too late to do so. This can be done by logging onto PTO with you access details (via the College website link) to make a booking or by contacting the College Office.

SIS Performing Arts Festival
Last Tuesday I had the pleasure of attending the Drum Theatre for the SIS (Southern Independent Schools) Performing Arts Festival. It was a fantastic evening with a number of students from Yr 7 to 10 performing as part of vocal, instrumental and dance ensembles. The highlight however, came from the historical first ever item performed at this festival by the East Campus (the festival has been going for 17 years). Our vocal ensemble performed ‘Free’ by Rudimental and really demonstrated that our Performing Arts department is more than capable of shining on stage with the other schools. We were also lucky enough to have these same students perform for us at our Harmony Day Assembly. Congratulations to Ms Corcoran and all of the students who performed.

Lent and Project Compassion
Lent marks the preparation for the most significant time in the Church’s calendar. During this time Project Compassion occurs – our most significant campaign for the social justice initiatives run by Caritas. It is no mistake that these two occur at the same time as we continually ask how we can strive to BE more. I would like to thank all students, staff and parents for their efforts towards Project Compassion.

Term 2 Housekeeping
Term 2 commences on Tuesday 22nd of April. Students are required to be in FULL WINTER UNIFORM as per page 17 of the Student Record Book. Students are reminded that the College uniform (summer and winter) cannot be mixed and matched with the PE uniform. Therefore, College blazers and jumpers cannot be worn with the PE uniform and College rugby tops and tracksuit tops cannot be worn with the regular College uniform.

Mr James Roberts - Head of Campus - Cranbourne East

LOTE CHALLENGE
Attention all students, families and staff of St Peter's College. The LOTE department is running a Poster Competition to promote the learning of languages in 2014 at St Peter's. Your poster must promote language learning and incorporate our 2014 theme "Don't dream it, Speak it. Learn a Language today." All members of the community are welcome to be in our competition; students, junior or senior siblings, parents and staff. Please submit your poster to the Office by the 1st of May 2014.

Prizes will be awarded for originality and creativity.

Miss Bonica - LOTE Coach

UNIFORM SHOP
The uniform shop will be open on Friday 4th April between 9.00am to 1.00pm. Winter uniform is compulsory as of Tuesday 22nd April.
SPORT

Girls’ Rugby comes to St Peter’s

On 19 March our Junior Girls’ Rugby team travelled to Endeavour Hills for the Roo Rugby Gala Day. The tournament was played in tag format where each player wears a belt with two Velcro tags which opposing players try to pull off. A player can only score if she crosses the line with both tags still attached. The action is fast with the ball being passed frequently.

Although our girls were the only team never to have played a match before, they placed 4th out of 5 teams and they will represent the college again on Saturday, 26 April in an exhibition match during the lunch break at the prestigious Xavier 7s tournament at Xavier College in Kew. This will be the first time in the tournament’s 20 year history that girls will be participating.

Ms Tracy Lockley – Rugby Co-ordinator

SIS Performing Arts Concert

On the 25th of March, at the Drum Theatre in Dandenong, SIS presented the annual Performing Arts Concert. This year St Peter’s College students performed in the SIS Choir, SIS Guitar Group, SIS Concert Band, Contemporary Dance, Hip Hop Dance, and Show Dance. This was also the first year that the two St Peter’s campuses presented and item each. The West Campus item involved the Year Twelve Music Performance class, performing a John Mayer ballad called, ‘Slow Dancing in a Burning Room’. The students played it with a high degree of class and feeling, with soaring guitar lines and vocal harmonies. For their debut performance, the East Campus Vocal Group performed ‘Free’ by Rudimental. Even though this was their first performance at the SIS concert they showed great confidence with a number of students singing solo parts. Well done to all the students involved in the night, you representing the school very well with your professionalism and talent. A special thanks to Miss. Karissa Robertson, who choreographed the Show Dance item. Also Miss. Jennifer Corcoran who prepared and practiced the East Campus Vocal Group for performance.

Mr. Matt Sharpe – Music Teacher

For Art's Sake [by Frank Carter and Philip Helisma]

Congratulations to all students who auditioned for this year's Production For Art's Sake. The cast comprises students from both campuses and is one of the most talented casts we have seen. This production will be the largest St Peter's College has ever staged [over 90 students at the moment] and will showcase a wide range of talent in all fields of the arts. Rehearsals will take place on Mondays after school at the West Campus throughout Terms 2 and 3. The show will be at George Jenkins Theatre Monash University at Frankston from August 20-23.

Gina Goss - Director  Frank Carter - Producer/Musical Director

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

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
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

As we enter our final week for Term 1, 2014 we are reminded that we are only three weeks away from Easter. In Sunday’s Gospel Jesus speaks of himself as ‘the light of the world’. A central theme of John’s Gospel is the contrast of light and darkness. When we are in spiritual ‘darkness’, our focus is primarily on ourselves – and our ability to love is limited. As Jesus draws us into the light of faith, our horizon expands and we grow in compassion. We begin to see beyond ourselves, and are drawn by the example of Jesus to attend to people affected by disaster.

Over the past three weeks students and staff at St. Peter’s College have been raising funds for Caritas Australia’s Project Compassion appeal. Donations to Project Compassion allow Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work towards the creation of a more just and fair world for whole communities. This week Project Compassion brings us the story of Martina:

The Solomon Islands are often threatened by weather-related disasters such as earthquakes, floods, tsunamis and cyclones. Martina is a primary school teacher, and is teaching her students how to stay safe during disasters, which often happen when they are away from their homes. The program has had great success, and is soon to be expanded to other countries in the Pacific Islands which face similar risks, so that just like Martina and her students, others too are able to live without fear when disasters strike.

Your Project Compassion donation is saving the lives of children who are among the most vulnerable to natural disasters.

Mr Peter Woodhouse – Assistant Religious Education Co ordinator - Cranbourne East

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

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

ROMERO HOUSE REPORT

Wow! Hard to believe Term 1 is already coming to an end! It has been a great start to the year for everyone, particularly for those in Romero House. We had our first big win for the year at the Swimming Carnival with Romero winning the House Spirit Award. We are very thankful for everyone’s enthusiasm on the day and efforts towards both competing and supporting our competitors. We would also like to congratulate Tom Kelly ROD, who won first place for his age division. Romero Feast Day on the 24th of March saw the house acknowledge our Patron with a liturgy in the chapel to begin the day, and a pizza lunch together to celebrate. It was another great opportunity for us to acknowledge the life of a man who is such a source of inspiration to us all and we were able to continue our social justice work, raising money for project compassion in the process as well. This final week will see the Romero ‘running of the bulls’ inter-house competition take place. As always we are sure it is going to be lots of fun and we look forward to lots of students from all age groups getting involved!

Miss Jessica Chapman – Romero House Leader

Permission to Photograph/Video

As part of St Peter’s College Privacy Policy (in line with new legislation) we are required to collect permission from parents for all students to be photographed and/or videoed as part of our daily College activities. In addition all students over the age of 15 years need to give their permission by signing the same form.

We have sent home with each student the new form this week and we ask that you return it to the College as soon as possible with the student. In the main photographs and videos are taken as part of their daily studies, in general groups such as Assemblies and College and Valedictory Celebrations. They are also required for Student Identification cards and Class Photographs.

It should be noted that students are able at any time to refuse to have individual photographs/videos taken.
CAREERS NEWS

Free Career Test - ACU Discover the Right Career for You!
Students can enter their details via the link below and complete the career profile to find suitable careers and occupations based on strengths and personality. The report will be sent via email.
http://www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/mycareer

#2030 – A Writing Competition
The Expert Editor is offering $1000 in prize money to the best “idea” created on Ideapod related to the theme “2030”. In 200 words or less you must outline your vision for the world in the year 2030. We have an esteemed team of judges who will evaluate the ideas. This competition is open to people from all over the world.
Deadline for submission is Friday 16th May.

Sony Young Movellist Australia Writing Competition
Movellas, Random House Australia and the Sony Reader store have joined forces to find the best young Australian writing superstar. This is a free competition for young writers between 13 and 19 years. Prizes include a publishing contract, and a Sony Xperia Z Ultra Smartphone.
Entries close Sunday 4th May.
http://www.movellas.com/competition/show/201402241615137704/fancy-yourself-as-a-published-author

Young ICT Explorers
Young ICT Explorers is a non-profit competition, which has been created by SAP to encourage school students to create their best Information and Communication Technology (ICT) related projects.
Teachers must register their school by Monday 26th May.
http://www.youngictexplorers.net.au/cms/

YFU Student Exchange Online Information Session
Wednesday 30th April, 6.30pm (AEST).
Email yfuaus@yfu.com.au or phone 1800 654 947 to register.

Defence Force University Sponsorship
The Defence University Sponsorship allows students to study an accredited degree at any Australian university, and graduate with a career in the Navy, Army or Air Force.

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

Ms Mellissa Dillon – Careers Coordinator

TERM 1 2014 CRANBOURNE WEST AND EAST CALENDAR

| Year 7 - 12 WEST AND EAST CAMPUS UPCOMING DATES |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| **APRIL**       |                   |
| 3               | Parent Teacher Interviews 4pm – 8.30pm |
| 4               | STUDENT FREE DAY  Parent Teacher Interviews 9am – 1pm |
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.
Support our fundraising by purchasing the Entertainment Membership that suits you! $65.00 you’ll receive over $20,000 worth of valuable offers!

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