Welcome Back

I hope all families have enjoyed a wonderful Easter Holidays together and our students come back refreshed for the challenges of term 2. No doubt many discussion have been held at home over the last two weeks after reflecting on the feedback from interim reports and parent teacher interviews. Recent research conducted by the National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) highlights how critical parental influences are in driving young people’s educational and occupational aspirations. Parents expecting their children to go on to further study is one of the primary factors in determining whether a child completes their year 12 studies.

These findings complement prior research which identified parents as the primary information resource for discussing career and post-school transition options. This reinforces the importance of the conversations that are held after parent teacher interviews which will focus on both the long term aspirations of students but also how this can be achieved in the short term by improving work habits and study routines and ultimately their ability to learn new skills and knowledge.

ANZAC Day

In remembrance of ANZAC day, reflective services will be held at both the East and West Campuses on Thursday morning. April 25th historically recognises the anniversary of the landing on Gallipoli in 1915. Since that time ANZAC day has grown in terms of its national significance and is a day on which we remember Australians who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations. The spirit of Anzac, with its human qualities of courage, mateship, and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity. Our College Captains and Mr Greg Nelson will represent our school community at the Cranbourne ANZAC day ceremony held on Friday.

Staffing

I sadly announce that Mr Kevin Cooper will be retiring from St Peter’s at the end of term 2. Mr Cooper has taught Japanese and SOSE at St Peter’s for the last 10 years but also concludes a fine career in education totalling 40 years. We wish him all the best in his well-earned retirement.

I also announce that Mr Matthew Sharpe will be leaving us at the end of term 2 as he takes up an overseas position in Indonesia. With his young family Mathew will spend the next two years working and living with the local Indonesian people in an educational setting. Our prayers and good wishes go with him.

I welcome back to the East Campus Mr Greg Furlong who has been on extended sick leave during term 1 and at the same time thank Ms Karyn McMenamin who admirably filled the position of House Leader for the last term.

I also warmly welcome the following to the staff in replacement positions:

Ms Emma Van Rens (Replacing Ms Tracy Lockley – Term 2)
Dr Kathleen Dauguet (Replacing Mr Pat Grant – Term 2)
Mr Michael Mulcahy (Replacing Mr Jeremy Howe – Term 2)
Ms Chiara Margariti & Ms Catherine King (Replacing Ms Luisa Jakubicki – 12 months)
Mr Alec Hu – Literacy Specialist (12 months)
Easter Joy
In the lead up to Easter we had some wonderful news with two of our staff member giving birth to new babies. I congratulate from the East Campus, Rebecca Stewart and Trevor on the arrival of Sloan Louise and from the West Campus I congratulate Melissa Faulkner and Nick on the arrival of Lachlan John. Both mums are doing well and looking forward to showing off their new arrivals.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – HEAD OF WEST CAMPUS

What makes Friday good?
Just before the Good Friday service, I was asked that perennial question: “Dad, just why is Good Friday called good?” It was a question worth reflecting on as I sat in a church that had significantly less people than previous years. Sociologists are telling us that there are numerous reasons for this decline in attendance at Catholic Churches in Australia. They cite the sexual abuse crisis - the terrible harm it has caused to children and the manifestly inadequate failure of church leadership to compassionately respond. They note the exclusion of women or married men from leadership roles and the alienation of various minority groups from full participation in the Eucharist. Others simply put it down to an increasing irrelevance of the church for a busy, secular and scientifically literate society. Whatever the causes, it is true that the faith filled Catholic of today could certainly feel a sense of abandonment and disillusionment. It is an experience that resonates strongly with the words of Jesus on the cross. “My God, my God. Why have you abandoned me?” is a statement of faith because while it expresses the deepest pain, it is still a prayer of one believing that God is still with us.

The God of Jesus Christ is with us even when all seems hopeless. It is the resurrection of Jesus, the return of hope to what appeared hopeless and life to what was dead that makes Friday good.

Hope
How is this Easter message practical for us all? I suppose it should remind us all that there is always hope no matter how despondent we may feel. The VCE students who may think they have squandered the first term or wasted the holiday period by not catching up on work can still turn things around. The child who may feel lonely or perhaps bullied at school can speak to parents or a learning advisor to determine strategies to deal with these issues. The student who feels trapped by their present circumstances may find an education at Saint Peter’s can be a pathway to a better life. Trust like it all depends on God, and work like it all depends on you. That is what gives us hope.

ANZAC Day
Friday, 25 April is a public holiday and an opportunity for us to remember the men and women who paid the supreme sacrifice in the effort to keep our country peaceful and free. Mr Greg Nelson will accompany our College Captains, Jessica Cottrell and Mitchell White to the ANZAC Day march and ceremony in Cranbourne to lay a wreath on behalf of the Saint Peter’s community. We can also honour these soldiers by ensuring that we work for peace and freedom in our society. Peace is not just an absence of war, but a way of life that begins in our hearts and is practiced in our family and our school.

Keeping Children Safe Online
Tuesday May 6th, 2014 7pm to 9pm
Strathcona Baptist Girls Grammar School
34 Scott St, Canterbury

OR
Monday May 12th, 2014 7pm to 9pm
Lowther Hall
17 Leslie Rd, Essendon

The presentation will cover:
• Simple measures to create a fun, educational, positive and SAFE online experience
• Understand the real life dangers and responsibilities
• The importance of a parent’s or teacher’s role in keeping children safe online
• The grey area between school and home

SOCIAL NETWORKING
THE LAW ONLINE
IDENTITY PROTECTION
CYBER BULLYING
SEXTING
ONLINE GAMING

$15 per person (at the door) NO EFTPOS
Includes Free Tea/Coffee from 6.30pm
Please note that this is a public event – all welcome
Teachers will be issued with a Certificate of Participation (2 PD hours)

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. 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. The uniform shop is open on Monday and Tuesday each week.

CRANBOURNE EAST NEWS

Staffing

We welcome back Mr Greg Furlong after being away for a period of time recovering from a knee injury. I ask you keep Ms Janine Dissegna in your thoughts and prayers. She was unfortunately in a bike accident over the holidays and will be away for several weeks as she recovers from her injuries. We are fortunate that Ms Karen Williams who has been with us for much of term one is available to continue with us and will take Ms Dissegna’s classes.

Uniform

Term Two marks the start of the wearing of the winter uniform for all students as per page 17 of the SRB. This includes the winter skirt for girls and ties for all students. All students are reminded that the PE uniform and regular day uniform cannot be mixed and matched to combat the cold and wet weather. Additionally, if students need to wear a rain jacket, then the College Kea Waterproof Jacket is the only option.

Mr James Roberts - Head of Campus - Cranbourne East

Solomon Islands Immersion Program 2014

Congratulations to the following Year 12 students who applied for and have been accepted for the 2014 Program and Trip, Jordyn Ralls, Jaide Collins, Dylon Perera, Micaella Dy, Rebecca Mclnnes, Trent Bower, Perri McLean, Melanie Fly and Taryn Johnson. They will be supported by teachers Mr Greg Nelson and Miss Karissa Robertson and Fr Joseph Abutu from St Agatha’s Parish.

As in previous years the students will be hosting a Trivia Night and Silent Auction which is scheduled for Friday evening 8th October to raise much needed funds for the New Library being constructed and fit-out in our host school and will be leaving to visit the Bishop Epalle Catholic School, once their Year 12 Exams are complete, usually around 21st November.
St Peter’s College 20th Year Celebrations Pilgrimage September 2014

We are well on our way with all the organisation and bookings for the ‘Walking in the Footsteps of St Peter Pilgrimage’, which includes and audience with Pope Francis and visiting the many places that are associated with St Peter in and around the Vatican and city of Rome. Our trip will also include a visit to the Italian town of Assisi, where we will undertake the Perugia to Assisi Peace Walk on behalf of our College Community and then a 7 day Pilgrims Walk on St James Way, Camino in Northern Spain, before finishing up in Barcelona.

We have a group of 25, comprising, students, staff and parishioners from St Agatha’s who are all out walking to increase their fitness for the ‘Walks’.

We will be putting together a Pilgrimage Blog, for all of you who are interested in being able to track our progress and will publish the link closer to the date.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Pope Francis has echoed the theme of World Youth Day 2013; “Go and make disciples of all nations: when he used his Easter message to urge Catholics to bring the message of God "to the very ends of the Earth" He said the core of the Easter message was about returning to the basics of faith and asking: "Have I gone off on roads and paths which made me forget it?"

The Pope went on to say there was a need to recover "the fire which Jesus has kindled in the world and to bring that fire to all people, to the very ends of the Earth".

The message reiterates his previous calls for a Roman Catholic Church that is closer to ordinary people, more international and less "Vatican-centric".

Likewise, here at St. Peter’s College students are always encouraged to be disciples by giving good example and by trying to live up to the gospel values that are central to our philosophy of education and our desire to educate the whole person.

As well as the Easter message, Pope Francis is using the Octave Sunday of Easter on April 27th, commonly called Divine Mercy Sunday to canonize popes John Paul II and John XXIII as saints in the first double papal canonisation. The reinvigoration of the Catholic Church owes much to these two popes. Pope Francis is currently also doing much to return the Church to its roots and paying attention to the needs of the poor in body and spirit.

As always, there is much to celebrate at this time of the liturgical year.

May the joy of the Risen Christ be with all members of the St. Peter’s community: students, staff and families.

Mr Greg Nelson – Assistant Religious Education Co ordinator - Cranbourne West
ST AGATHA’S PARISH NEWS

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 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 – St Agatha’s Parish Representative

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

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**

#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
Movellis, 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.movellis.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.

**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

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PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES 2014

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 (athomson@stpeters.vic.edu.au)
Saturday 19th July, Bunnings Cranbourne Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser - Volunteers required (athomson@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 athomson@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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