



ST. PETER'S COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

NEW CAMPUS FOR ST.PETER'S COLLEGE - CRANBOURNE

The Bishop of Sale, Christopher Prowse and Fr Andrew Wise, Parish Priest of St Agatha's Cranbourne, have announced that a new campus for St.Peter's College will be built in 2010 following the purchase of 20 acres on Berwick-Cranbourne Rd.



This exciting new school facility will meet the growing demand for Catholic Secondary education in the Parish of St. Agatha's Cranbourne. The construction and completion of Stage One of the Cranbourne East campus by November 2010 will allow a year 7 enrolment intake for 2011. The new campus is expected to develop into a year 7-12 school by 2016 with a student population of approximately 1000 students.

Features of the new campus will include state of the art facilities in the areas of science, technology, visual arts, performing arts and physical education all

underpinned by the use of modern Information technology resources. Classroom design will incorporate flexible learning spaces to allow for a variety of teaching and learning styles that will enhance the learning of the students so they have the knowledge, understanding, skills and confidence required to meet the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century.

The curriculum will mirror that of the Cranbourne West campus and reflect the rich traditions of Catholic Education with its focus on the belief in the dignity of the human person created in the image of God, nurturing student's spiritual relationship with Jesus as well as their academic, intellectual, physical and social needs.

It is an exciting and historic day for St Peters College. Many people including former Principal Terry Feely, Fr Wise and Business manager Phillip Mustey have worked tirelessly on this project for a number of years. Its presents a wonderful opportunity for St Peter's College to build on its fine reputation in the Cranbourne community and allow us to extend to an even greater number of families the invitation of an education for their children which is centred in Christ, always encouraging them to value effort and strive for excellence so that they are challenged to be the best they can be.

An information night school for prospective year 7, 2011 students will held on the 18th of November at St. Peter's College at 7.30pm.

Tim Hogan
PRINCIPAL

BREEN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are invited for the Breen Family Scholarship 2010 – 2011. The scholarship is in memory of Mr James Breen, a long time and active parishioner. It is made available throughout the generosity of Mrs Margaret Greaves and Mrs Bernadette Thomas. Details of the Breen Family and the late Mr James Breen appear overleaf.

The conditions for the award of the scholarship are as follows:

1. The scholarship will be awarded to a Catholic student of St. Agatha's Parish, Cranbourne who is completing the final two years of secondary education at St. Peter's College Cranbourne.
2. The scholarship will pay for all fees and texts books.
3. The scholarship will be awarded by a panel consisting of: the Parish Priest of St. Agatha's, the Principal of St. Peter's and a nominee of the College Board.
4. Selection will take place during the latter part of the Year 10 year of the student concerned.
5. Selection criteria will be as follows:
 - a) Involvement in Catholic education and the parish community by the student and his/her family.
 - b) Evidence of a desire to complete the VCE expressed in terms of diligence and co-operation in his/her own education as presented in official school reports.
 - c) Evidence of financial need.
6. The scholarship is for a 2 year period but will be reviewed at the end of the first year, subject to the stated criteria.

Application forms are available from Mrs Cooper, the Principal's Secretary, and must be completed and returned by 23rd October, 2009.

THE BREEN FAMILY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is an endowment of the relatives of the late Mr J Breen.

Mr & Mrs Breen Snr became parishioners of St. Agatha's Parish, Cranbourne when they moved from Sunbury in 1929 and commenced dairy farming on a property at the corner of Evans and Breens Road. Over the years until their death James and Ellen Breen were well known for the parish involvement, as well as for their integrity and generosity.

Jim Breen Jnr arrived with his parents at the age of two and was educated at the Cranbourne State School and Dandenong High School. He was an Altar boy at St. Agatha's Church and was known and admired as he grew up for his gentle but strong character. He was also an excellent athlete, playing football for Cranbourne and earning many honours in that field.

In later years he was appointed Catholic representative on the Cemetery Trust and could be seen always at early Mass on Sunday acting as a collector. He was a man of considerable gentle charm always willing to lend a helping hand. He was in fact, a true Catholic gentleman.

He passed away suddenly on January 17th, 1994.

Uniform Standards

As indicated in the last Newsletter, full Summer uniform is to be worn this Term. We are vigilant about correct grooming standards at St. Peters College. As a consequence, hair colour must be natural and no extreme style, including shaving of the head, is appropriate for school. With respect to the P.E. uniform, students may only wear *shoes which fasten*. Make up, nail polish and jewellery are not to be worn at school. One pair of ear studs or sleepers is allowed.

Pastoral Care and Safe use of Information Technology

Next week, all students will be involved in a session which raises awareness about safe use of mobile phones, social networking sites and the management of Cyber Bullying at school. It will be a very valuable session and each year level has developed a session unique to the needs of the students in that year level. All staff have been involved in discussion and learning around this issue and homeroom teams and year level coordinators have assisted in the development of the session. It is part of an on going educational agenda on the part of the College, to ensure that this technology is used to enhance the lives of our students and that they are educated as to the implications should it be used to harm themselves or others. With Mobile phones, Social networking sites and the Internet, many a word is said without full realisation of the consequences. The lack of contact and impersonal nature of texting, emailing etc. means that we can fail to fully appreciate the harmful impact we may cause. Our Catholic faith asks us to be more aware of the other, rather than be preoccupied with self interest.

In the words of St. Paul : *"Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish.....it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end."*

*Mrs. Carter
Acting Deputy Principal*

PREPARING FOR EXAMS

All students will experience exams of some form over the course of this term. Preparation plays an important part in achieving success in those exams. It is important that you (*students*) study in a calm, positive environment and sit the exams in a calm, positive frame of mind. Planning and preparation do make a difference, so use your study time effectively.

- When studying you should:
 - do active reading—such as highlighting, underlining or circling words to develop a comprehensive set of study notes; don't just reread notes
 - seek help from your teacher if you don't understand something
 - work with a partner or small group of friends to test your understanding.
- Don't just rely on the knowledge and skills you have learnt through completing class work and

assignments throughout the year. Practise writing answers in limited time periods. For VCE students, you also need to practise tackling a wide range of questions in case you do not get asked the questions you expected. These materials (available at www.vcaa.vic.edu.au) can assist your revision program:

- current syllabus outline for each subject—syllabus outlines describe the examination details and the knowledge that will be examined
 - past VCE papers—they show the style/type of questions that have been asked in the past and you can practise writing answers in a set time
 - examiners' reports on each subject—these reports provide feedback, including comments on mistakes candidates made.
- You should lead a balanced lifestyle. This means:
 - taking short breaks from study at least every two hours
 - having reasonably early nights
 - eating a balanced diet
 - engaging in some physical exercise and social activities.

James Roberts
Director of Learning

Parents & Friends Association

Next Meeting
Tuesday 20th October

7.30pm In the Staffroom
Guest Presenter – Mr Chris O'Hara
All Welcome!

Sports Report

St Peters College Athletics Carnival *Age Group Champions*

At this week's College Assembly, medals were presented to students for their outstanding performances at the St Peters College Athletics carnival. The following students gained the most points in their division and were awarded gold, silver and bronze medallions for their achievements.

U/13 Girls - 1st Jasmine Carroll, 2nd Deanna Parisii, 3rd Tayla Davidson

U/13 Boys – 1st Kyle Salter, 2nd Jayden Wennholz, 3rd Matthew Pola

U/14 Girls- 1st Dannika Newland, 2nd Kiesha Pauline, 3rd Breannon Sutton

U/14 Boys - 1st Derek Ramnuth, 2nd Matt Schwieger, 3rd Ryan Pola

U/15 Girls - 1st Jessica Hall, 2nd Katherine Li, 3rd Shannon White

U/15 Boys - 1st Lachlan Phillipson, 2nd Jack Minton, 3rd Sam Frawley

U/16 Girls - 1st Bronwyn McInnes, 2nd Natasha Grandsable, 3rd Helen Katsimalis

U/16 Boys - 1st Jimi Johnson, 2nd Brett Heskins, 3rd Daniel Molesworth

U/17 Girls - 1st Michelle Bowen, 2nd Kirstie Beck, 3rd Georja Johnson

U/17 Boys - 1st Christian Harbour, 2nd Jordan Faamausili, 3rd Brandon Wapshott

U/21 Girls - 1st Madeline Hodgson, 2nd Rebecca Comer, 3rd Melissa Perrins

U/21 Boys - 1st Daniel Green, 2nd Kim Looker, 3rd Brenton Phillips

Congratulations to all of the competitors and helpers who put in their best efforts on the day. Thank you to all of the staff for their contribution in making it such a successful day.

Cathy Heijden
Sports Co-ordinator

St Peter's Football Stars



The College would like to recognise the outstanding achievements of Elli Keatch (Yr 12), Andrew McInnes (Yr 11) and Luke Parker (Yr 11). Congratulations and best of luck for the future.

Elli Keatch - Elli recently represented the Victorian Under 18 Football Team in the Youth Girls National Championships in Coolangatta. She was part of the successful team that were undefeated, beating the Queensland team in the final. Elli is pictured proudly wearing her Championship medal.

Andrew McInnes - Andrew was part of the Dandenong Stingrays team that made it to the TAC CUP Grand Final. He represented the Stingrays in 22 games this year, which is an excellent effort for a "bottom age player" who plays in a key position. (Andrew is on the right hand side of the picture.)

Luke Parker - Luke was also a member of the Dandenong Stingrays team, playing in the Grand Final of the TAC Cup. He had an outstanding year, winning the Stingrays Best and Fairest, making the TAC CUP Team of the Year and placing 4th in the Morrish Medal (the Under 18 Competition's equivalent of the Brownlow Medal). Luke is pictured on the left hand side of the picture.

Anthony Banks
FOOTBALL COACH



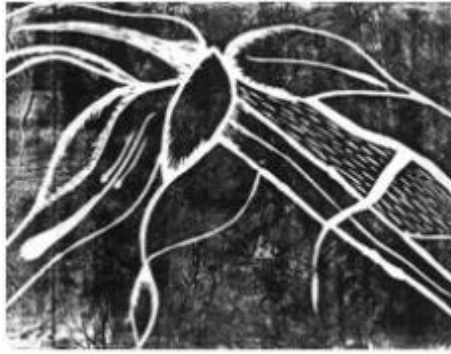
Yr 11 Dance and Drama **Performance Night**

Wednesday 14th October 7.00pm
St. Peter's College Multi-Purpose Hall

Come along and view the Yr 11 Group Dance and Solo compositions, and Yr 11 Drama Solo and Ensemble performances!!

A great opportunity for students who wish to study VCE Drama and Dance.

☺ **FREE ADMISSION** ☺



The St. Peter's College Arts & Technology Expo

This Monday 19th October at 7.00pm
in the Multi-purpose Hall.

Featuring student works from Years 7-12
“The Principal’s Prize for Art” and “The Peter
Young Award for Technology” will be awarded
at 7.30pm. Please join us.

Religious Education

Caritas means compassion

Caritas Australia is the Catholic agency for international aid and development. The Latin word Caritas means love and compassion: Qualities that are central to Caritas’ work.

Administration costs are kept low

Caritas helps people to help themselves, regardless of race, political beliefs, gender or religion. Caritas Australia works hard to make sure that as much aid as possible actually reaches those who need it. The administration/aid ratio of Caritas Australia is one of the best in the world. Administration and fundraising costs are kept at or below 10% of their income. 92% of all money raised by Caritas Australia during an emergency appeal is actually sent to that country.

Caritas Australia Communities in Crisis Asia Pacific Appeal

INDONESIA: The earthquake affecting West Sumatra caused extensive loss of life and damage in Padang and the outlying areas. Caritas is providing an initial 5,500 families in 23 villages with shelter and hygiene kits including tarpaulins, tools, ropes and blankets.

SAMOA AND TONGA: The tsunami which devastated the Pacific Islands of Samoa, American Samoa and Tonga, caused 176 confirmed deaths with 8 people missing. Caritas is providing food, safe drinking water, clothing, medical support and counselling.

PHILIPPINES AND SOUTH EAST ASIA: The typhoons in South East Asia have killed over 300

people and displaced thousands. In the PHILIPPINES, Caritas is assisting 50,000 with food, medical supplies, shelter, bedding and utensils.

In VIETNAM 4,000 people are receiving medicine and water purification kits whilst in CAMBODIA, Caritas is supporting local partners with their relief and recovery programs.

INDIA: Heavy flooding has caused the death of 250 people and 2.5 million people are homeless. Caritas Australia's partners are assessing needs for temporary shelter, access to clean drinking water and medicine.

Further information about Caritas’ support programmes, and ways in which you can contribute, can be found by visiting www.caritas.org.au

For reflection

God is our refuge and our strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,

Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

*Though it's waters roar and foam,
Though the mountains tremble with it's tumult. (Psalm 46: 1-3)*

Peter Collingwood

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION LEADER

St. Agatha's News

CENTENARY OF THE DEATH OF BLESSED MARY MACKILLOP: Bishop Prowse invites parishioners from across the Diocese to join him in celebrating the life and legacy of Blessed Mary MacKillop, on Friday 13th November at Sacred Heart Church Morwell with Mass at 11am followed by a light lunch at the school.

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP: The Bishop of Sale, Most Reverend Christopher Prowse, invites all the people of the Diocese to make the annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help to arrive at St. Mary's Cathedral Sale on Sunday 15th November at 2.30pm. The pilgrimage celebrates the Feast of the patron of our Diocese, Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Greg Nelson

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH REPRESENTATIVE