



St Peter's College

NEWS

In the Edmund Rice Tradition

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Dear Parents and Boys

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

THE ALTAR to the UNKNOWN GOD

("They would search for God and perhaps hope for Him, and find Him – indeed he is not far from each one of us.")

This may sound like New Zealand in the 21st century western world. It was however, St Paul preaching to the Athenians in the 1st century!

In a similar way, it has been my experience of interviewing parents for the new enrolments for 2010.

I have seen, on the whole, an unchurched generation of young adult parents who had been educated in the changing patterns of the 70's which saw a loss of confidence and nerve among religious educators. In the religious education classes of the 70's there was cynicism and negativity toward God.

Today we are seeing the forgotten God or the overlooked God among the children of these parents.

In some ways the catholic school has become **The Altar to the Unknown God.**

There is a search for God among men of St Peter's and a belief that he is not far from each

of us. It may be expressed as belief in basic goodness – as spirituality, as a thirst for justice or an idealistic yearning or an affirmation to being "Catholic".

We have captured this quality in a St Peter's man – a man who searches for God.

The elephant in the room, however, is that such searching for God does not lead to such a thing as the Eucharistic Table and worshipping as a catholic community on a regular basis.

If we could create a catholic sense of universe and of our human dignity we could convey to everyone that there is a life which has both **vision and affirmation** – a life that has **reflection and conversation**, and a life that is about **presence**.

"If I am, then He is" (Thomas Merton)

It is my prayer that young men of St Peter's College in 2009 are first at this altar of a knowing, personal, loving God. Indeed God has a name and is not far from each of us!

In His Peace

K F Fouhy
Principal

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UPCOMING EVENTS

❖ Friday 19 June

- ❖ St Peters Day Mass @ 9.45am in The Cathedral
- ❖ 1st V Basketball vs Auckland International College @ 7.30pm @ YMCA

Saturday 20 June

- ❖ 1st XV Rugby vs Tamaki College @ 2.30pm @ Tamaki College
- ❖ 1st XI Soccer vs Westlake Boys High School @ 10.00pm @ Westlake Boys High School
- ❖ Senior Orchestra workshop from 3.00-6.00pm in the SPC Music Department

Monday 22 June

- ❖ Trinity College Music Exams all day @ SPC Music Department. Details given to boys

Tuesday 23 June

- ❖ Year 13 Parent Teacher Interviews from 6.00 – 9.00pm in the School Hall

- ❖ Year 7 & 8 NSW writing exam

Wednesday 24 June

- ❖ Year 7 & 8 Mass @ 9.40pm in the School Hall
- ❖ Year 7 & 8 Central Zone Hockey Tournament from 9.00am to 2.30pm @ Lloyd Elsmore Park. School vans leaving SPC @ 8.30am

Thursday 25 June

- ❖ Year 11 Parent Teacher Interviews from 6.00 – 9.00pm in the School Hall

- ❖ St Mary's Proms – SPC orchestra performs @ 7.00pm @ St Mary's College – see also Music News

Friday 26 June

- ❖ 1st V Basketball vs Dilworth Senior School @ 6.30pm @ YMCA

Saturday 27 June

- ❖ 1st XV Rugby vs St Kentigern College 2.30pm @ St Peters College

- ❖ 1st XI Soccer vs Macleans College @ 12.00pm @ Macleans College

Sunday 28 June

Monday 29 June

- ❖ Friends of Music Meeting @ 7.00pm in the Music Department

Tuesday 30 June

- ❖ Year 9 & 10 exams begin
- ❖ BOT meeting 7.00pm in school staffroom

Wednesday 1 July

- ❖ Year 9 & 10 exams continue

Thursday 2 July

- ❖ Year 9 & 10 exams continue

Friday 3 July

- ❖ SPC/St Mary's concert tour of primary and intermediate schools
- ❖ Teacher Only Day. No classes
- ❖ Gisborne Boys High School Rugby teams arrive this afternoon

Saturday 4 July

- ❖ SPC/St Mary's concert tour to Selwyn Village Retirement Community
- ❖ Gisborne Boys High School rugby games: 2nd XV @ 12.00pm
1st VX @ 1.00pm both games played in "The Cage"
- ❖ Edmund Rice Conference in Oamaru for several boys and staff

Sunday 5 July

- ❖ Edmund Rice Conference in Oamaru continues

COMING UP THIS TERM

Wednesday 22 July

- ❖ Year 7 Immunisation in the School Hall

August 4

- ❖ Senior Music Night in the Auckland Grammar Centennial Theatre. Tickets available from Mrs Kofoed in the Music Department – see details in Music News Section

BEREAVEMENTS

Our prayers and thoughts are with these families at this time:

Jared Morello – Great Grandfather
James and Nicholas Ravlich – Grandmother
Daniel D'Souza – Cousin
Connor, Rory and Liam Small - Aunt
Joseph Angell – Uncle

If there are other close relatives who have suffered bereavement – please let us know.

CONGRATULATIONS

Lance Go selected for Auckland Under 16 Golf Team to represent Auckland in the Annual "Battle of the Bridge" against North Harbour.

Joshua Turney a Year 13 student sat all day in Queen St on Saturday 23 May with his mouth taped shut. He raised a massive \$616.40 for The 40 Hour Famine Appeal.



Joshua Turney in Queen Street

Tawhiao Rogers selected in the Auckland and North Harbour Under 14 Rugby League Team

The 1st XI Hockey Team who have won their first five games as follows:

vs Auckland Boys Grammar	6-2
vs Mt Roskill Grammar	8-2
vs Lynfield College	5-3
vs Kelston Boys College	4-2
vs Dilworth Senior School	3-0

ABSENTEE PROCEDURE

Some parents may receive a text message regarding their son's absence from school.

Our System of Absentees:

- (1) There is a daily check of everyone at 8.40am at our daily school levels assembly
- (2) This information is passed to our attendance office
- (3) Boys who are marked away, are either late or absent. Lateness may incur a detention
- (4) If absent and no phone message left (524 8108 ext. 7341) then parents may be contacted by a text message to your cell phone as to your sons' whereabouts
- (5) Parents should then ring Mrs Strong on 524 8108 ext. 7341 as to your son's absence.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter in which we have a duty of care.

SWINE FLU PANDEMIC

With term holidays approaching and a number of families planning to travel, both overseas and around New Zealand, the College is aware of the threat posed by the swine flu epidemic, particularly the risk posed by travellers returning as potential carriers. At this stage, the Ministry of Health's advice is that if staff and students are well and symptom free after returning

from an affected area overseas they can return to school and do not need to remain at home for any period after arriving back in the country, or back to the home town/city. However, this may change in the coming weeks and families need to plan for this possibility. The risk is that if an infected student returns to school and is in contact with other students and staff for even a day, the whole College could be closed for a week.

The school asks you to carefully monitor your family's health closely as you return from overseas, or your trip within New Zealand, and if there are even the slightest flu symptoms, do not send your son back to school until you have first telephoned to check with your doctor, or alternatively check through the **MOH Healthline 0800 611 116**.

MUSIC NEWS

ST PETER'S / ST MARY'S ORCHESTRA PROMS - Thursday 25 June

Meet at St Mary's College at 5.45pm.
Concert starts at 7.00pm.
Boys will be free to leave at 7.30pm
Dress uniform required.

FRIENDS OF MUSIC MEETING – Monday 29 June @ 7.00pm in the Music Department.

Items for discussion to include Senior and Junior Music Nights (tickets will be available for the Senior Music Night).

All parents whose sons are involved in music at St Peter's are welcome to attend.

This is not a committee; it is a group of parents who are keen to assist the music department's activities run smoothly.

TRINITY MUSIC EXAMS

(a) There will be no entry to the music department for any students not doing the exams.

(b) All lessons scheduled for the music department will be reallocated to different classrooms.

(c) All itinerant lessons are cancelled on this day.

(d) Year 7B, 7G and 7W will have their music lesson at the usual time but in the hall (these students to bring their instruments, even if they normally have a lesson on another day).

(e) All Trinity Music students are to come to the music department **15 minutes** before their exam and report to **Mrs Kofoed**.

SENIOR ORCHESTRA WORKSHOP – Saturday June 20 from 3.00-6.00pm in the Music Department

Please return all consent forms and money for the concert tours on July 3 and 4.

SENIOR MUSIC NIGHTS – Tuesday August 4, Auckland Grammar Centennial Theatre

Due to the huge support we had for the Junior Music Night we have been asked to allocate seats.

Ticket are available from **Mrs Kofoed** in the Music Office at interval and lunchtime on the following days:

This Term: Monday 22 June, Wednesday 24 June, Friday 26 June, Tuesday 30 June and Thursday 2 July.

Next Term – Monday 20 July, Tuesday 21 July, Thursday 23 July, Monday 27 July,

Wednesday 29 July, Friday 31 July, Monday 3 August and Tuesday 4 August 4.

To help cover costs a donation of \$5.00 per ticket is suggested.

We cannot guarantee that seats will be available on the night as there are only 350 seats available.

SENIOR CONCERT BAND CAMP

Please return consent forms and money as soon as possible, also forms for the Rotorua trip. They should all be returned by Friday 19 June.

SPORT UPDATE

Basketball House Competition

This competition will take place next week.

Year 7-10 on Tuesday and Wednesday at lunchtime.

Seniors on Thursday and Friday at lunchtime.

See your House Leader if you would like to play.

Some sporting action –



Zach Moimoi against Kings College



Michigan Atkins-Lam alone at Kings



1st XI player **Dominic Anderson-Brown** executes a copybook tackle on a Dilworth School defender



2nd XI player **Dylan Ah-Van Tolua** restarts play



2nd XI player **Aaron chin** about to make a tackle

COMMUNITY EVENTS

70TH JUBILEE CELEBRATION

FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2009

We are celebrating
The 70th Jubilee in
September 2009 with a
"Mix & Mingle" evening at the
school for past pupils and staff

Cost: \$40.00
Partners Welcome

**Come along and meet old friends
and make some new ones.
Tell everyone you know about it**

***Let's make it a celebration to
remember!***

For further information please contact:
Mrs Tania Fernandez - Development Office Administrator
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"Bringing Up Boys"

**RICHARD ROHR ofm
Tuesday 21 July at 7.30pm
St Peter's College**

Richard Rohr is an author and inspirational speaker who presents another way of seeing and another way of living.

He has a profoundly gospel view of the world.

This talk is for all those, both men and women who really care about the boys and men in their lives.



St Peter's College Sport

Results – Week Seven, Term 2

	Team	Versus	Date	Result	Player of the Day
RUGBY	1st XV	De La Salle	13 June	25 – 8 SPC	Conrad Lam
	2A	Sacred Heart	13 June	12 – 6 SPC	Peter Oranu
	2B	St Pauls	13 June	53 – 7 SPC	Lolani Ostler
	2D	Western Springs	13 June	Western Springs won	Logan Rasmussen
	U15	Kelston	13 June	42 – 5 Kelston	Hadley McIvor
	U14	De La Salle	13 June	5 – 26 De La Salle	Trevor Steffany
	4A	Kings	13 June	12 – 18 Kings	James Butler
	5A	Macleans	13 June	5 – 26 Macleans	
	6A	Kings	13 June	0 – 29 Kings	Samuel Hines
	6B	St Kentigern's	13 June	10 – 37 St Kents	Timothy Thomas
	U13 Res	Grammar	13 June	70 – 0 SPC	Rory Murphy
	U12 Res	No Game	13 June		
SOCCER	1st XI	Mt Albert Grammar	13 June	1 – 3 MAGS	Vinnie Paget
	2nd XI	No Game	13 June		
	Yr 12/13	No Game	13 June		
	International	Onehunga	13 June	9 – 0 SPC	Adrian Shin
	Yr 11	No Game	13 June		
	Yr 10A	Edgewater	13 June	4 – 0 SPC	Jason Chiu
	Yr 10B	Kings	13 June	Kings won	Hayden Lewis
	Yr 9A	Rutherford	13 June	3 – 2 SPC	Matthew Turner
	Yr 9B	Macleans	13 June	1 – 3 SPC	Abdul-Qadir
	Yr 8 White	No Game	13 June		
	Yr 8 Gold	No Game	13 June		

	Yr 7 Blue	No Game	13 June		
	Yr 7 Green	No Game	13 June		
	Yr 7 Red	No Game	13 June		
BASKETBALL	1st V	Selwyn	12 June	63 – 61 SPC	Shaun Tempest
	U19	St Pauls	12 June	39 – 89 St Pauls	Nick Houghton
	U17Gold	Glendowie	10 June	55 – 29 SPC	Afu Nicholas
	U17 Blue	Auckland Grammar	10 June	15 – 48 AGS	Nigel D'Souza
	U17 White	Dilworth	10 June	81 – 18 SPC	Geoffrey loane
	U15	St Pauls	10 June	53 – 17 SPC	Louis Sayegh
HOCKEY	1ST XI	Dilworth	10 June	3 – 0 SPC	Thomas Masters
	2nd XI	Liston	10 June	2 – 3 Liston	James Ravlich
	U15A	Auckland Grammar	15 June	2 – 1 SPC	Chris Chan
	U15B	Onehunga	15 June	Onehunga won	Cameron Newlands
BADMINTON	Senior A	Dilworth	12 June	6 – 0 SPC	Andrew McIntosh
SQUASH	Senior A	Auckland Grammar	10 June	4 – 1 SPC	Angus Craig
	Senior B	Green Bay	10 June	5 – 0 SPC	Scott Milne
	Junior B1	Parnell	15 June	4 – 0 SPC	Ben Wickens
	Junior B2	Onehunga	15 June	3 – 1 SPC	Ben Buchanan
WATERPOLO	Int. A	St Cuthberts	12 June	8 – 5 SPC	Luke Van Der Sande

Player of the Week – Afu Nicholas for an outstanding shooting display for the U17 Gold Basketball team in their 55 – 29 win against Glendowie College.

Team of the Week – Yr 9A Soccer team for an excellent win against Rutherford College.