

St Peter's College

Grafton, Auckland, New Zealand



Catholic School for Boys in the Edmund Rice Tradition

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UE Matters

Last year St Peter's made the decision to focus on University Entrance as an area we needed to improve upon. In our competitive world we want our students to have every possible advantage. UE enables this by providing multiple options for our leavers to consider. Regardless of whether University study is on their agenda, it is always a possibility if they have this crucial qualification. It is also an effective measure of academic progress in their final year of school.

UE is not a separate exam, rather a criterion in both the NCEA and Cambridge qualifications. It is difficult to obtain and the bar was raised in 2014 to make it even more difficult.

Overall, we are very pleased with the academic performance of all our senior students in 2016. All of these boys led very busy lives with many co-curricular interests, yet

they never lost sight of what was most important.

Their success is down to their positive attitude and dedication. It is also testament to the support of their families and our excellent teaching staff.

- Welcome to our new Year 7 and Year 9 boys and families. We hope they are settling in well to college life.
- Enrolments for 2018 are now open. Details can be found on our website.

Ma te Atua tātou e manaaki
God's blessings

James Bentley
Headmaster

St Peter's College University Entrance Pass Rate 2016	
CIE	98%
NCEA	92%
Overall SPC	95%

Upcoming Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
6 Feb	7 Feb	8 Feb	9 Feb	10 Feb	11 Feb	12 Feb
WAITANGI DAY	Year 7 Retreat	Year 7 Retreat	Year 7 Retreat Inaugural Mass @ Cathedral, 7.30pm	ID and Class Photos @ Hall	Rowing - Head of Harbour (Auckland School Champs), Lake Pupuke, Takapuna	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
13 Feb	14 Feb	15 Feb	16 Feb	17 Feb	18 Feb	19 Feb
Year 12 Retreats – Group 1	Year 12 Retreats – Group 1	Year 12 Retreats – Group 2	Year 12 Retreats – Group 2 Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards Ceremony @ Eden Park	SPC Athletics Day @ Mt Smart		

Important Dates for the Coming Term

- 20 Feb** Scholars Assembly @ Hall
- 21 Feb** Saver Athletics Day (if 17/2 rained off)
- 24 Feb** Grandparents Day Celebrations @ Hall
- 28 Feb** OPEN DAY – (2 sessions to choose from - 9.30am or 1pm)
- 2 Mar** New Parents Dinner @ 6.30pm, Middle School & Hall

Bereavements

- Finlay Morris** (13ODR) grandfather died.
- Cameron Sutherland** (12TRE) brother died.
- Te Kahurangi Heta-Lensen** (10RIC) father died.
- Toby Duff** (7TRE) grandmother died.
- Luke Green** (7LYN) nana died.
- Finlay Morris** (13ODR) grandfather died.
- Zachary Curran** (8BOD) grandad died.
- Stantyn Ah Yek** (8NOL) great aunt died.

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Please ensure you phone the school by 9am if your son is going to be away or out of school for any appointments. We also ask that you send a letter with your son on return. Phone Mrs Alison Strong (Attendance Officer) on 524 8108 ext 7341

CONTACT DETAILS

Please log on to the SPC Portal:
<http://www.st-peters.school.nz/SPC-Service-Links.aspx> to request a change of details.

Please be advised that due to safety concerns the front gate will be locked from 3.00 - 3.30pm Mon - Fri.

Academic Results 2016

Cambridge

A Level

- 100% Pass rate
- 23% of students got A* (90-100%) or A (80-89%)
- 78% of students got A* - C (60 –69%)

AS Level

- 86% Pass rate
- 21% of students got A (80-100%)
- 59% of students got A-C
- 100% Maori Pass rate
- 100% Pasifika Pass rate

IGCSE

- 93% Pass rate
- 34% of students got A* or A
- 82% of students got A* - C
- 100% Maori Pass rate
- 100% Pasifika Pass rate

University Entrance

- 95% Pass rate
- 100% Maori Pass rate
- 100% Pasifika Pass rate

Cambridge Awards

- **Liam Powell** – Top of New Zealand A Level Global Perspectives (Teacher: **Mr Groenink**)
- **Owen Fletcher** – Top of New Zealand AS Level Global Perspectives (Teacher: **Mr Groenink**)
- **Paulse Anithottam** (12LYN) – Top of New Zealand IGCSE Religious Studies (Teacher: **Miss Jenkins**)

The Winners will be acknowledged at the New Zealand Cambridge Awards later this month.

NCEA

Level One

- 98% Pass rate
- 100% Maori Pass rate
- 100% Pasifika Pass rate

Level Two

- 93% Pass rate
- 100% Maori Pass rate
- 94% Pasifika Pass rate

Level Three

- 97% Pass rate
- 100% Maori Pass rate
- 100% Pasifika Pass rate



Special Character News

'The St Peter's Man is a Man of Faith'

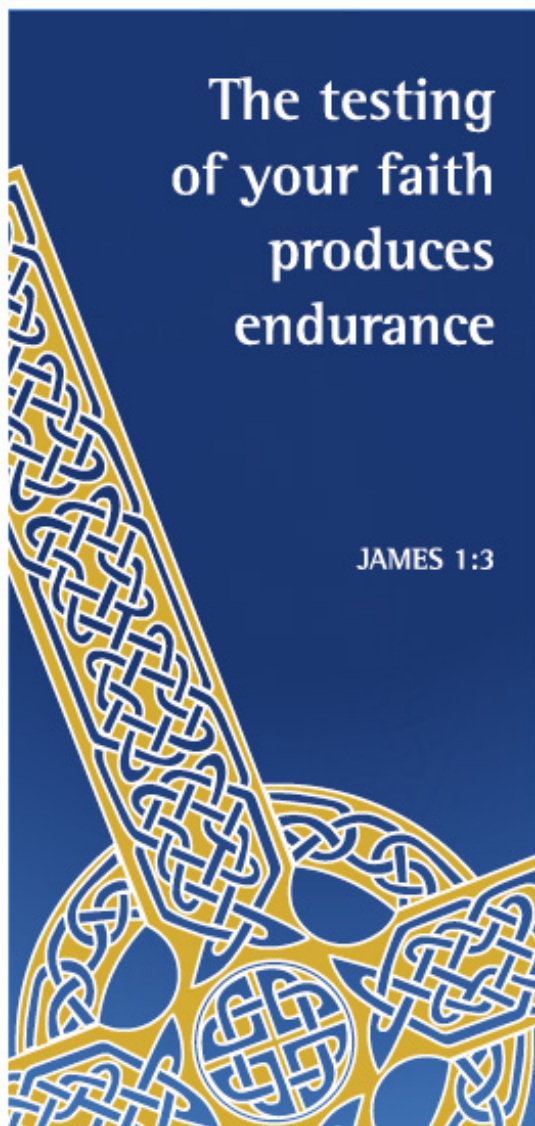
St Peter's Inaugural Mass

Thursday, 9th February

St Patrick's Cathedral, 7.30pm

Our annual Inaugural Mass will take place next Thursday February 9th at St Patrick's Cathedral, 7.30pm. Further details, including car park information, will be emailed next week. All Year 7, Year 8, new Year 9 boys and families and Year 13 are expected to be present at this event.

St. Peter's College Inaugural Mass 2017



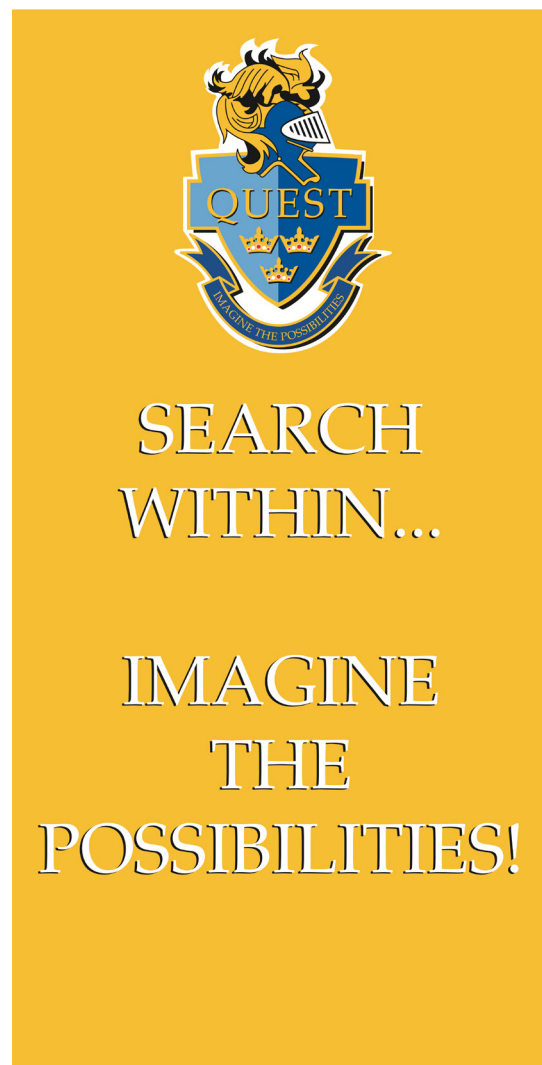
Year 7 Retreats

Year 7 Retreats began on Wednesday, 1st February. They will continue through next week and finish on Thursday, 9th February. The Retreats are run by recent Old Boys of the college. The programme introduces students to the St Peter's family and tradition, as well as to the all-important concept of the 'St Peter's Man'.

Year 12 Retreats

Year 12 Retreats will begin on Monday the 13th of February. The programme provides mentoring for our Year 12 cohort from recent Old Boys. Students are given the opportunity to reflect upon their lives to date, and they are invited to plan to make the most of their last two years at SPC.

Quest Retreat – Reminders



Special Character News (continued)

Year 9 Students and Parents

The St Peter's Quest Retreat is a mandatory Retreat for every Year 9 Student. Please remember to keep free the weekend of April 8th and 9th. Attendance is compulsory for all of Year 9.

Year 12 Peer Ministers and Parents' Information Evening

Tuesday, March 28th, 7.00pm, College Hall. This is a mandatory meeting. As key information will be given regarding the hosting requirements of the retreat we ask that **all** Year 12 peer ministers and parents are present.

Year 12 Peer Minister and Year 13 Cadre – Key Dates

Training Dates @ SPC:

- Sunday, March 19, 5-7pm

- Sunday, March 26, 5-7pm

- Sunday, April 2, 3-7pm

Quest Retreat Dates:

- Saturday, April 9– Sunday, April 10

Pastoral News

School Uniform Term 1

Juniors (Years 7 – 10)

Shirts and shorts (No ties needed other than for special occasions – students will be told when ties are needed to be worn)

Seniors (Years 11 – 13)

If wearing shorts, no ties needed

If wearing trousers – new blazer and new tie (Year 11) or old blazer and old tie (Years 12 – 13)

No vests to be worn Term 1

If students have their cell phones confiscated on more than one occasion, **Mr Hansen** will inform the student's parents

Class Photographs and Student ID Photographs

These will take place on **Friday February 10th** in the Hall. All students will need to wear a tie for these photos. Year 13's will be in trousers, blazers and ties

Cell Phones

Students know the rules regarding cell phone use:

- Cell phones are not to be used in class
- No cell phones are to be used at interval or lunchtime

If a student has his cell phone confiscated by a teacher, the cell phone will be given to **Mr Hansen**, Deputy Headmaster Pastoral Care. The phone will be returned to your son at the end of the next school day. Cell phones will be given to students for use over the weekend, if confiscated on a Friday.

Headmaster's Shield

for Academic Excellence

Paulse Anithottam 12LYN - top of
NZ in IGCSE Religious Studies.

Middle School News

'Welcome Back'

A very warm welcome back to the new school year. It was a delight to meet students and parents late last week during their Meet the Teacher interviews. The opportunity to meet with your son's Homeroom teacher should ensure a smooth start to the year, and a base from which communication can be shared on an open and regular basis.

As per normal the Middle School has a very full on start to the year. The 100 Day Induction starts with many events for both students and parents to participate in. At this point I would like to highlight three important upcoming Middle School events, more information about these will follow in the coming weeks:

Friday 24th February Grandparents Day Mass

Thursday 2nd March New Parents Dinner

Friday 3rd March Middle School Swimming Sports

With many events happening and students getting heavily involved, parents at times can have questions that even their sons cannot quite answer. Below are the names and email addresses of teachers within the Middle School that are in charge of certain areas. Please do not hesitate in contacting them to clarify your understanding at any time.

Head of Year 7

Mr Simon Wood

swood@st-peters.school.nz

Head of Year 8

Mr Maurice McKinley

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Head of Curriculum

Mr Paul Maskery

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TiC Religious Studies

Mrs Catherine Amos

camos@st-peters.school.nz

TiC Sport

Miss Georgia McCombe

gmccombe@st-peters.school.nz

In closing, young men work best when they are settled into good routines, therefore our main focus for the first fortnight of Term 1 will be ensuring that all Middle School students have settled back into school life.

Regards,

Matt Skeen

Assistant Headmaster Middle School

General

Congratulations to Father Peter Tipene

SPC Old Boy **Father Peter Tipene** was installed as the new Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral on Wednesday night. **Father Peter** will replace **Monsignor Bernard Kiely** as the first Maori Dean of the Cathedral. **Bishop Dunn** and **Bishop Browne** were present as well as **Father Peter's** whanau who had travelled from the Hokianga to celebrate his installation into the new role.



Kapa Haka

Kia ora whanau

Kapa Haka practices are beginning next week in E02. Anyone wishing to join should see Matua Wiremu in his classroom (E02) this week. All are welcome.

Feel free to email either Matua Wiremu or Viv Howard if you have any queries:

wngatipa@st-peters.school.nz

vhoward@st-peters.school.nz

Summer Sport Registrations now open:

Registration information is available on the school website or from the school sports office.

Badminton

Registrations Close Friday 13th February

Yr 7 – 9 – Trainings Start – Monday 13th February, 3.15 – 5.00pm – St Peter's College Gym

Yr 10 – 13 – Trainings Start – Wednesday 8th February, 3.30 – 5.00pm – Auckland Badminton Hall

Tennis

Senior (U19) Trials – Tuesday 7th February, 3.15pm – 4.30pm – Ngatira Tennis Courts

Junior (U15) Trials – Wednesday 8th February 3.30 – 4.30pm – Ngatira Tennis Courts and Friday 10th February 7.00 – 8.00am – Ngatira Tennis Courts

Competition starts – Saturday 25th February, All Grades

Golf

Registrations for the 2017 Premiere Competition are due to close on 14/02/2017.

If you are interesting in playing golf this year you will need to see **Mr Haddleton** in the Sports office to register your interest.

Please note to enter we need:

- 4 players
- All must have a handicap index of each player, during the week of 6 February 2017
- must be current members of a NZ affiliated golf club.

Touch

Senior A and B registrations open

Competition Starts:

Senior A – Greater Auckland Champs – Wednesday 15th February

Senior B – Central Zone Champs – Tuesday 14th February

Archery

What are start to 2017, SPC Archery are the proud owners of their own storage container.

This may seem like a strange thing to be proud of but this new addition to the Archery team really is a superstar, just like our boys.

The container allows the team to store all the large and heavy pieces of equipment that we need every week so that our shoots can run effectively and efficiently.

Thanks to all the archery parents, past and present who have raised funds to allow this to happen. We look forward to the further growth this addition can bring to the sport at SPC.

Registration ends on Monday February 13th for any student who wishes to join the squad in 2017.

Football Academy trials year 8-13.

Monday 20th Feb @ 6.45am at the Cage.

All boys trialling must play to a high standard – ie at either Metro or Conference level.

Year 7

Boys will be invited to trial from the Wednesday Middle School Afternoon Sport - Football Option run by **Mr Stuart Hogg**, Director of Football.

These selected boys will trial for the academy on Friday 24th Feb @ 6.45am

Upcoming Events:

1st Team	Opposition	Date	Time	Venue
1 st XI Cricket	Sacred Heart College	4 th Feb	10.30am	Sacred Heart 1
1 st XI Cricket	Westlake Boys High	11 th Feb	10.30am	Westlake Boys 1
Prem Water polo	Westlake Boys High	10 th Feb	7.45pm	Diocesan
Snr Volleyball	Dilworth	9 th Feb	4.00pm	St Peter's Gym
Snr Volleyball	Parnell	9 th Feb	4.45pm	St Peter's Gym
Snr Volleyball	Auckland Grammar	16 th Feb	4.00pm	St Peter's Gym
Rowing	Head Of Harbour	11 th Feb	All Day	Lake Pupuke

Sport (continued)

School Athletics Day

The full school athletics day is being held on Friday 17th February @ Mt Smart Stadium. We are hoping the weather will be much kinder to us this year, than the atrocious conditions we faced at last year's event.

Please note the following:

- The whole school will be bussed to Mt Smart Stadium.
- At the end of the day the boys can either get a bus back to school or go straight home. Buses back to school will return by 3.00pm.
- Parents welcome. Parking off O'Rourke Rd.

What to bring

- House Shirt
- Food and drink to last the whole day
- Sunscreen and Hat
- Running Shoes. Running shoes are compulsory for the 200, 400, 800 and 1500m

Age Groups

The following age groups will operate for Athletics Day;

Year 7

Year 8

Note – For field events Yr 7 & 8's will combine

Junior – Under 14 as at the 1st January 2017.

Intermediate – Under 16 as at the 1st January 2017.

Senior – U19 as at the 1st January 2017.

Sports Achievements

Some of our students have been extremely busy in their sports over the summer break. We congratulate them on their success.

Touch

Jacob Gordon (13NOL) and **Tarkyn Loloselo** (13LYN) represented NZ U18 Touch team in the Youth Trans-Tasman Series

Swimming

Sebastien Priscott (12ODR)

NZSS and NZ Champs Open Water Swim Champs – 2nd in the 16 – 18 yr group

NZ Open Water Champs – 3rd Open Age

NZ Open 10km Champion – 16 – 17 year group and 3rd Open Men

3rd in the 7.5km Australian Open Water Swim Champs – 16 year olds

Softball

Shiloh Rice (8ODR)

Auckland U13 Boys Team

Auckland U15 Boys Development

Elijah Fuamatu (11LYN)

Auckland U15 Team and Named in North Island Tournament Team

Maxten Sampson (10RIC)

Auckland U15 Team and Named in North Island Tournament Team

Connor Smith (13LYN)

Auckland U17 Boys Team

James Kohlhase (13NOL)

Auckland U17 Boys Team

Noah Kohlhase (12BOD)

Auckland U17 Boys Team

Dylan Tonkin (12RIC)

Auckland U17 Boys Team

Wiremu Amai (12RIC)

Auckland U17 Boys Team

Auckland U19 Boys Development Team

Jared Fuamatu (13LYN)

Auckland Under 19 Boys Team – National Champions

Samoan Men's National Team - to play International Challenge Cup Feb 2017

Sport (continued)

Athletics

Oliver Miller (13ODR)

NZSS Athletics Champs

1st 400m

1st 300m hurdles

North Island Inter-Provincial under-18 competition

1st 200m

1st 400m

1st High Jump

1st 4 x 1,000m relay medley team

Water polo

Daniel Cameron (13LYN) – named in the NZ Junior Men's Waterpolo Squad

Cricket

Lucas Dasent (12TRE) Auckland U17 Cricket team

Rowing Report

While everyone else is on holiday the SPC Rowing squad is hard at work as the season gets into the first of the main regattas down at Lake Karapiro with the Christmas Regatta in mid-December and the Cambridge Town Cup at the end of January. Also the gruelling New Year's Camp takes place on the Waikato River for 7 days in early January and the work that the boys put in here sets them up for the rest of the season.

With schools from all over the North Island taking part in regattas at Lake Karapiro the competition is tough. Making an A-Final (fastest 8 qualifying crews) is very impressive and a B-Final (next 8 fastest) is also a great effort. Also for the smaller boats (e.g. singles and doubles) there is a much larger number of competitors in those events making it extra difficult to get into finals.



Notable results from Christmas Regatta mid-Dec:

- Under 18 Single 2nd in A-Final (Josh Shields)
- Under 17 8, U17 4 and U16 4 also made A-Finals
- Under 18 Novice Double and U18 Novice 4 made B-Finals.

At the end of January, the Cambridge Town Cup Regatta was held alongside the North Island Club Champs and so some crews entered both events to see how they went up against Club crews made up of older rowers. Notable results from Cambridge Town Cup:

- U18 Single 3rd in A-Final (Josh Shields)
- U17 8 and U16 4 made A-Finals
- U18 Double and U16 Quad made B-Finals.



Josh Shields (13RIC)

Notable results from North Island Club Champs up against men's crews:

- U18 Novice Quad 4th in A-Final (Connor Hafoka (11BOD), Sean McKenna (11NOL), James Dolan (10LYN), Noah Fairfield (10RIC), Cox Harry Molloy (12LYN))
- U20 Single 5th in A-Final (Josh Shields racing elite level rowers who train nearly full-time).

Next up is the Auckland Champs, also called the Head of the Harbour, held at Lake Pupuke in Takapuna on Sat Feb 11th. For any boys who are thinking about starting rowing in 2017 then you should go and take a look at this regatta as it is the last one in Auckland this season. There will be a "Welcome to Rowing" program in Term 1, details to be announced soon.



**EVERY
MONDAY
2017**

HOMEWORK CLUB

**@ SANDBRINGHAM
COMMUNITY CENTRE**

WITH Jazmine Cox

**STARTS MONDAY 13TH FEB. 2017
18 - 20 KITCHENER ROAD
4:00PM - 5:30PM**

**ALL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME TO COME
ALONG FREE OF CHARGE**



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