

St Peter's College

Grafton, Auckland, New Zealand



Catholic School for Boys in the Edmund Rice Tradition

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Building Resilience

The earthquakes in North Canterbury are a timely reminder of how quickly things can change and lives be disrupted. This distressing event has the potential to inflict ongoing emotional turmoil on the people of the upper South Island and Wellington regions for sometime. As a College our heartfelt prayers and thoughts go out to our fellow New Zealanders.

Whilst clearly not on the same scale, the uncertainty around the NCEA exams and whether they would commence on Monday caused much anxiety for students across the country.

Developing resilience skills in teenagers is a major challenge for us all. A teen with good resilience will be able to bounce back from life's curve balls. Stress and adversity can come in the shape of a close family bereavement or parental breakup, presenting serious challenges for our teenagers. However, there are numerous other issues that we as parents and teachers may not consider as serious. These include such things as failing a test, not making a sports team, or changing into a different class. The essential thing is not to minimise the issue that is troubling our teens. Whilst we may not see it as anything overly serious – it is to them – and so empathy is critical in helping them through their setback.

American Psychologist Raychelle Lohmann advocates that there are four key connections that will help teens to become more resilient; their family, their school, their friends and their community.

The family connection means that a teen has parents, a parent, or a significant adult who is a constant presence in their life and someone that they can have an emotional bond with. Showing an interest in their lives matters to them (even if they don't always show their appreciation!).

A school matters because goals and expectations are set early, and if they are engaged in the academic and co-curricular life of the school they are more likely to be more resilient. Smaller knock backs will prepare them better for the bigger knock backs to come. For many, schools are like a second home and so they also feel secure there.

Friends play an important role as these friendships allow for a teen's social identity and confidence to develop. Resilience will develop if they have a positive group of friends who can provide sound advice on how to deal with set backs. Teens learn from their friends.

Finally the importance of community. Being part of something matters and their contribution to that community is critical. Our shared faith and focus on others provides an opportunity to all boys to be part of our community.

Exam season is always a test of our boys' resilience. Please check in on them to make sure they are coping.

Ma te Atua tātou e manaaki God's blessings

James Bentley

Headmaster



Upcoming Events

Monday 21 Nov	Tuesday 22 Nov	Wednesday 23 Nov	Thursday 24 Nov	Friday 25 Nov	Saturday 26 Nov	Sunday 27 Nov
Y9 & 10 Exams Y7 & 8 MIndLab NCEA End of Year Exams	Y9 & 10 Exams Y7 & 8 MIndLab NCEA End of Year Exams	Y7 & 8 MIndLab NCEA End of Year Exams	MS CZ – Athletics Y7 & 8 MIndLab NCEA End of Year Exams	Y7 & 8 MIndLab Senior Sign Out Day 9am- 1pm NCEA End of Year Exams NI Junior Waterpolo Tournament	ASB Young Sportsperson of the Year Awards NI Junior Waterpolo Tournament	NI Junior Waterpolo Tournament
Monday 28 Nov	Tuesday 29 Nov	Wednesday 30 Nov	Thursday 31 Nov	Friday 1 Dec	Saturday 2 Dec	Sunday 3 Dec
Y9 Camp Y10 Activity Week Y7 & 8 MIndLab NCEA End of Year Exams SPC Fair Committee Meeting 6pm @ Library	Y9 Camp Y10 Activity Week Y7 & 8 MIndLab NCEA End of Year Exams Kairos Retreat @ Friary Social Justice Auckland leadership gathering 3.30pm-4.30pm @ O25 & O26	Y9 Camp Y10 Activity Week Y7 & 8 MIndLab NCEA End of Year Exams Kairos Retreat @ Friary Social Justice Auckland leadership gathering 3.30pm-4.30pm @ O25 & O26	Y9 Camp Y10 Activity Week Y7 & 8 MIndLab NCEA End of Year Exams Kairos Retreat @ Friary Production Auditions	Y9 Camp Y10 Activity Week Kairos Retreat @ Friary Production Auditions NCEA End of Year Exams – Final Day NZSSAA Athletics Nationals @ Trusts Stadium Waitakere	NZSSAA Athletics Nationals @ TBA Production Auditions Young Vinnies Xmas Party for Foster Children @ Gym Whanau Committee @ Hall	NZSSAA Athletics Nationals @ TBA Production Auditions

Important Dates for the Coming Term

- 5 Dec** Quest Training Day (Y12)
MS Picnic @Long Bay
Y10 inter-faith day trip
- 6 Dec** Y10 inter-faith day trip
Junior Sports Assembly 11.30am-1pm
- 7 Dec** Y10 inter-faith day trip
- 8 Dec** St Peter's Prizegiving
- 9 Dec** Quest Training Day (Y11, 8am-1pm)
Assembly @10am
End of Term 4

Bereavements

.....Rest in Peace

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.

Middle School News

'How we are remembered'

How one finishes a year has a lasting impact on how they are remembered going forward.

With the end of year examinations completed, students have now settled back down into their daily routines. With new units being taught in class it is important that students continue to come to school each day at the correct time, with the correct equipment and most importantly with the correct attitude.

In a year where much has been achieved and completed, the next four weeks is a busy time for Middle School students with many more experiences planned. Over the next two and a half weeks, all students will be participating in a one day long practical workshop at Mind Lab. During their time there they will be focusing on problem solving and creative and critical thinking through completing tasks involving computer programming and coding. This will be an excellent insight for Year 7 students who will be given the opportunity to do Robotics in Year 8 next year as a rotational subject.

Please see below the timetable for Mind Lab:

Year 8

Wednesday November 16th - 8J - Mr Maskery

Thursday November 17th - 8B - Mr McKinley

Friday November 18th - 8G - Mrs Amos

Monday November 21st - 8L - Miss Fraser

Tuesday November 22nd - 8R - Mr Williams

Wednesday November 23rd - 8W - Miss McCombe

Year 7

Thursday November 24th - 7 Rice - Mr Skeen

Friday November 25th - 7 Treacy - Mr McMillan

Monday November 28th - 7 Lynch - Mr Moerdyk

Tuesday November 29th - 7 Bodkin - Mr Wood

Wednesday November 30th - 7 Nolan - Ms Rose

Thursday December 1st - 7 O'Driscoll - Mr Zoutenbier

We have a very exciting 4 weeks ahead.

Matt Skeen

Assistant Headmaster Middle School



We're looking for high energy, enthusiasm, passion...and a hint of **MADNESS!!**

Sign up now to audition for the 2017 production of '**Our House**'.

More information can be found on the school website at

<http://www.st-peters.school.nz/Cultural/SPC-Production.aspx>

General

Primary School Tours

The SPC String Orchestra and Symphonic Band visited St Michael's Primary School, Our Lady of Sacred Heart and St Therese Primary School last week as part of a 'mini music tour'. These groups, which are made up of a range of instrumentalists with varying experience, performed an eclectic repertoire which they had been working on throughout the year. They were warmly welcomed and enthusiastically received. Thank You to **Mrs Amanda Burr** and **Mr Suli Hoponoa** for conducting and leading these groups. Thank you also to Davis Funerals for their support throughout 2016.

Jazz Band

The SPC Jazz Band performed at the Remuera Business Association Market Day last weekend. Their hour-long performance included great Jazz evergreens with the assistance of **Zane Nathan** 13BOD and old boy **Sam Verlinden** on vocals. Their energy and talent attracted a large crowd of Remuera residents who warmly supported the Jazz Band players. Thank you to **Mr Benjamin Sinclair** for leading the group.

Headmaster's Shield

for Academic Excellence

7th Nov - **Ali Ozpinar** 9NOL -
Outstanding creative writing

14th Nov - **Joseph Haydock** 10LYN
- First class attitude and effort in
Science



NAU MAI HAERE MAI Te Kura Teitei o Hato Petera

We are delighted to invite all SPC whanau to attend our
END OF YEAR NOHO

To Welcome our new 2017 Boys and
Farewell our Year 13 Boys

Manawanui Marae, Pt Chev

26 November to 27 November
12pm to 12pm

with our Celebration Dinner
at 6pm on Saturday 26 November

\$20.00 per boy or \$30.00 per family

Our Celebration Dinner will include presentations to our departing
Year 13 boys. All whanau are invited to attend.

RSVP by Friday, 18 November 2016 to
Shelley Kopu (shelley.kopu@gmail.com) / (021) 180 4758
with payment to account
Kotahitanga Maori Community 12-3490-0022424-00
with your son's name, and number of attendees for Saturday's dinner.



Registrations

Cricket registrations for boys in years 9-13 for next year are now open.

If you are wanting to play cricket for the school next year, please either collect a registration form from the Sports Office or you can register online on the SPC website (preferred). <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc2xs8dlATC5Yyi-3HAVampZobHxey-kH5hS7LISol1Q8vmPw/viewform>

Registrations close 21st November.

All information regarding trial dates etc are also on the website.

Trialists for 1st XI, 2nd XI and Colts have been notified by email and trialists posted on the Sports notice board.

Senior Touch

If you are wanting to play Senior Touch next year, please collect a registration form from the sports office. Touch trainings will be held every Friday afternoon, 3.20pm in the Cage for the remainder of this year. It is important to attend these trainings to be considered for the Premier and Senior A teams next year.

Football

On the 5th of November SPC were invited by Central United to play against the visiting Australian Hawks, a team from Mt Gravitts in Brisbane. We had the opportunity to play at the cage on the whole field which was a first for many of us.



We fielded a team of 14 year 7 and 8 boys, and our coach was Phil from Central.

We started the game by each team singing their National Anthem accompanied by an Accordion player.

SPC had the majority of ball possession throughout the game and our attacking play was pretty outstanding.



We won the game, with the final score being 9-1 to us.

It was a day of many firsts for a lot of us and to beat the Aussies so convincingly was the icing on the cake.

Finn Cunneen (7ODR)

College Sport Young Sportsperson of the Year Awards

Sebastien Priscott (11ODR) has been named as a Swimming category finalist, **Oliver Miller** (12ODR) has been named as a Athletics category finalist and **Harry Plummer** (13ODR) has been named as a Rugby category finalist in the College Sport Young Sportsperson of Year Awards, which are being held on Saturday 26th November.

SPC Junior Tennis Championship

Last week we held our Junior Championships at Ngatira Courts.

Congratulations to:

Under 12: 1st: **Matthew Greenough** (7NOL)
Runner Up: **Alex Martin** (7BOD)

Under 13: 1st: **Jake Riordan** (7NOL)
Runner Up: **Luke Neal** (8TRE)

Under 14/15: 1st: **Jacob Nola** (8TRE)
Runner Up: **Max Dallow** (10RIC)

Sport (continued)

Golf Day

SPC Sports held a successful golf day on Friday, 11th November. This was the 6th year that this event has been run. With the weather coming to the party, and the rain staying away, the day was enjoyed by 19 teams including many Old Boys, parent supporters and sponsors.



Successful teams this year were:

1. Team Wiki - **Dean Wilson, Doug McIntosh, Craig Seuseu, Simon Keeley**
2. Podgoranians – **Paul Borich, Dion Vela, Roy Sunde, Brian Jurelich**
3. Bayleys Valuations – **John Darroch, Josh Higgie, Rob Mihaljevich, Tom Stott**



Longest Drive – **Rob Mihaljevich** – Bayley Valuation

Closest to the Tee – **Michael Hartley** - Siteapp

A big thanks to our 1st all women's team for entering this year!

Thank you to **Mrs Sue Casey** and **Mrs Anna Drumm** for their outstanding organisation of the day. A big thank you also to auctioneer **Mr Richard Casey**.

Junior Rugby Foundation Scholarship Winner



Harry Plummer (13ODR) won \$30,000 study scholarship from Auckland rugby towards his University studies.

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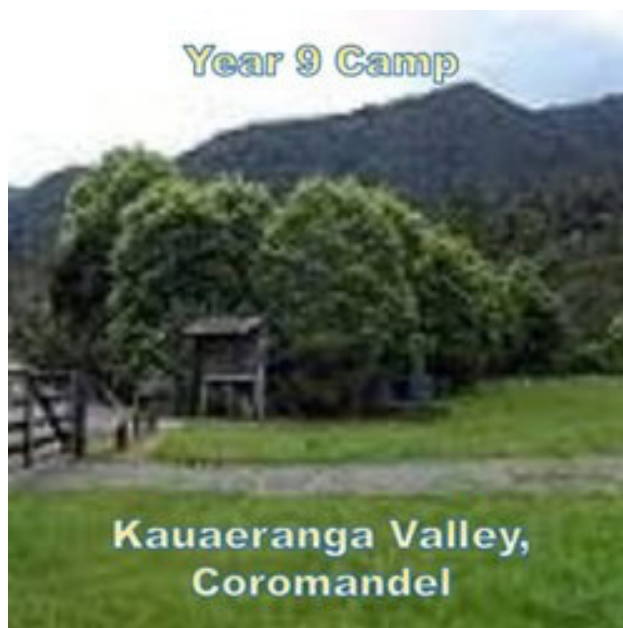
For Students: Interval & Lunch time.

Friday: (During School Terms)

For Parents: 8:00am – 12:30pm

For Students: 8:00am – 8:30am & Interval time

Please notice that the shop is NOT open at Lunch time on Friday.



<http://www.st-peters.school.nz/News-and-Events/Events/Year-9-Camp.aspx>

2nd Hand Uniform Sale

9.30am-12noon on the following two days:

Saturday, 26th November 2016 and

Wednesday 25th January 2017

Location will be in same block as Edmund's Shop (B Block) - will be signposted.



Why buy someone a goat in Africa for Christmas? Try buying them trees in New Zealand – after all, goats eat trees!

This year one of our Trees for Survival schools planted a wetland site in Taupaki with 300 native trees. We'd like to invite you to sponsor some of these trees as your environmental gift to a loved one this year.

Sponsor 10 trees at \$50 / Sponsor 20 trees at \$100

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