

St Peter's College

Grafton, Auckland, New Zealand



Catholic School for Boys in the Edmund Rice Tradition

9th Dec, 2016. Newsletter 20/16

Merry Christmas

2016 has drawn to a close and how fitting it was to celebrate with our Prizegiving last night.

Thankyou to Mrs Lisa Duffy, Mr Antun Poljanich, Mrs Alison Strong, Mr Wiremu Ngatipa and Mr Steve Dooley for their organisation and management of last nights event. Whilst the evening went longer than we hoped, it was wonderful to be able to recognise all the boys successes this year.

Congratulations to our Dux Hugh Barlow and to our new Head Boy for 2017, Finn McDonnell.

Wishing you all a blessed Christmas.

Ma te Atua tatou e manaaki God's blessings

James Bentley
Headmaster



Upcoming Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
23 Jan	24 Jan	25 Jan	26 Jan	27 Jan	28 Jan	29 Jan
	Y13 Registration: - 10am-12noon Surnames A-L - 1pm-3pm Surnames M-Z	Y12 Registration: - 10am-12noon Surnames A-L - 1pm-3pm Surnames M-Z	Y11 Registration: - 10am-12noon Surnames A-L - 1pm-3pm Surnames M-Z Year 7 & 8 Parent Conferencing New Year 9 Students Induction @ Library 10am-1.30pm Year 13 Leadership Programme @ 8.30am	Y9 and 10 Payment & Stationery Collection Day @ Hall, 10am-4pm Year 13 Leadership Programme @ 11am-3pm Rowing - Cambridge Town Cup Regatta, Lake Karapiro, Cambridge.	Rowing - Cambridge Town Cup Regatta, Lake Karapiro, Cambridge.	Rowing - Cambridge Town Cup Regatta, Lake Karapiro, Cambridge.
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
30 Jan	31 Jan	1 Feb	2 Feb	3 Feb	4 Feb	5 Feb
AUCKLAND ANNIVERSARY DAY	Start of Term 1 – First day of classes Year 7 Powhiri - Hall	Year 7 Retreat SENIOR Assembly period 5	Year 7 Retreat	Year 7 Retreat		

Important Dates for the Coming Term

- 6 Feb** WAITANGI DAY
- 7 Feb** PTFA meeting
- 9 Feb** Inaugural Mass @ Cathedral, 7.30pm
- 10 Feb** ID and Class Photos

Bereavements

- Brayden Coutts** (10ODR) Uncle died.
- Nathan Asi** (10TRE) Grandfather died.
- Paul Pa'u** (8LYN) Great Nana died.
- Julius Farane** (13NOL) Grandparent died.
- Joshua Aitken** (8RIC) and **Luca Aitken** (8LYN) Grandfather died.
- Joshua Carpenter** (8NOL) Grandfather died.
- Hamish Bonnar** (11 ODR) Grandmother 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.

Prizegiving

PRIZEGIVING AWARDS

Dux of the College - Hugh Barlow 13TRE

Proxime Accessit - Jacob Anithottam 13LYN

Dux Ludorum - Cooper Stewart 13ODR

Dux Cantorum - Patrick Hayes 13NOL

Captain of the College - Keegan Allen 13NOL

Rowan Hanif Memorial Award - Jacob Anithottam 13LYN

Personal Courage & Hope Award - Ronan Murphy 13LYN

Br Shepherd Award - Xavier McDonald 13BOD

Catholic Character Leadership Award - Jacob Anithottam 13LYN

Year 7 General Excellence - Ethan Dissmeyer 7NOL

Year 8 General Excellence - Jordan Blennerhassett 8TRE

Year 9 General Excellence - James Alexander 9ODR

Year 10 General Excellence - Ethan Gray 10RIC

Year 11 General Excellence - Paulse Anithottam 11LYN

Year 12 General Excellence - Liam Barry 12TRE

Year 13 General Excellence - Jacob Anithottam 13LYN

Petrus Award - Mrs Lucy Powell

Teacher Scholarships - Ms Catherine Amos, Mr Colin Watkins and Mr Jono Bay

Deputy Head Boys 2017 - Thomas Drumm 12TRE, Theodore Steffany 12ODR and Toffer Espinosa 12BOD

Head Boy 2017 - Finn McDonnell 12NOL

2017 New Timetable

In order to ensure more flexibility for boys with their subjects there are some significant changes to our timetable for 2017.

- 8.45am start Monday, Thursday and Friday
- 8.30am start Tuesday and Wednesday
- 3.10pm finish Tuesday and Wednesday

TIMES OF DAY 2017

Day Briefing/PD	Monday	Tuesday 8th Period	Wednesday College Assembly	Thursday	Friday
Start Bell	8.45 am	8.30 am	8.30 am	8.45 am	8.45 am
Yard	8.50 - 8.58	8.35 - 8.43	8.35 - 8.43	8.50 - 8.58	8.50 - 8.58
Period 1	8.58 - 9.40	8.43 - 9.25	8.43 - 9.25	8.58 - 9.40	8.58 - 9.40
Period 2	9.40 - 10.22	9.25 - 10.07	9.25 - 10.07	9.40 - 10.22	9.40 - 10.22
Period 3	10.22 - 11.04	10.07 - 10.49	10.07 - 10.49	10.22 - 11.04	10.22 - 11.04
INTERVAL	11.04 - 11.34	10.49 - 11.09	10.49 - 11.09	11.04 - 11.34	11.04 - 11.34
Period 4	11.34 - 12.16	11.09 - 11.51	11.09 - 11.51	11.34 - 12.16	11.34 - 12.16
Period 5	12.16 - 12.58	11.51 - 12.33	11.51 - 12.33	12.16 - 12.58	12.16 - 12.58
8th Period / Assembly		12.33 - 1.13	12.33 - 1.13		
LUNCH	12.58 - 1.33	1.13 - 1.43	1.13 - 1.43	12.58 - 1.33	12.58 - 1.33
Period 6	1.38 - 2.19	1.48 - 2.29	1.48 - 2.29	1.38 - 2.19	1.38 - 2.19
Period 7	2.19 - 3.00 pm	2.29 - 3.10	2.29 - 3.10	2.19 - 3.00 pm	2.19 - 3.00 pm

2017 News

iPad Key Boards for 2017 - Years 7-10

As per emails earlier this year, Year 7-9 students are required to have a keyboard for their iPads in 2017 and it is highly recommended that Year 10 students have the same. The keyboard is necessary for the Write That Essay programme that will be used in English and Humanities in Year 7-10. Write That Essay is an award winning online academic writing programme. In addition to this, the keyboard will be of use in any subject where the iPad is used.

Please note, different models of iPads require model-specific keyboards. For example, an iPad Air will require a different keyboard to an iPad Pro. We advise purchasing an iPad keyboard that comes with a case, allowing the iPad and keyboard to be both protected and stored together. Many current students have such keyboard/iPad case combos and have found them to be reliable. Please see the links below for examples of keyboard/iPad case combos that some current students use:

<http://www.logitech.com/en-nz/product/type-plus-keyboard-ipad-air-air2>

http://support.logitech.com/en_nz/product/ultrathin-keyboard-folio-for-ipad

“Edmund’s Shop”

Uniform & Stationery Opening Hours:

Monday to Thursday: (during school Terms)

For Parents: 9:30am – 2:00pm

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.

Special Character News

Kaikoura Earthquake Mufti Day

Congratulations to Year 7-10 students for raising \$3325.2 for the Catholic Caring Foundation’s Kaikoura Earthquake Appeal. An outstanding effort from young men of service!



\$3,325.20

Middle School News

What a year 2016 has been! Again the Middle School has had an action packed year, full of many memorable moments. As we approach the last school week I believe it is important to thank a few people:

To the staff of the Middle School, your endless energy, desire and commitment to ensure that the Middle School chapter of the St Peter's College Journey is as vibrant, thorough, meaningful and engaging as it is, is greatly appreciated.

To our parents, your continued support, communication and drive to assist the school in building outstanding young men is highly valued. Your willingness to aide your sons academic progress and his participation in co-curricular life ensures he is given the best opportunity to succeed in future years.

And finally, and most importantly to the young men of the Middle School, thank you for your excitement, enthusiasm and outgoing attitudes. The fact there is never a dull moment in the Middle School is largely down to you.

Again thank you to all those that have made the year so brilliant and we look forward to another great year in 2017!

Matt Skeen

Assistant Headmaster Middle School

General

Edmund Rice Library

Our last newsletter for 2016!

We have completed our stock-take and thank staff and students for their patience during this time. Many old books have been written-off which will make room for new books purchased.

Please check out our library on the SPC web site.

Please remember to return any outstanding library books by Friday 9th December!



Have a wonderful holiday break from the Library Ladies.



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2017**

SPEECH & DRAMA

LESSONS:

- + PUBLIC SPEAKING SKILLS
- + ACTING SKILLS
- + POETRY RECITAL
- + READING ALOUD
- + SPEECH WRITING
- + BODY LANGUAGE (POSTURE, EYE CONTACT)
- + VOCAL SKILLS (ARTICULATION, GRAMMAR)
- + MANNERS (TELEPHONE, TABLE, INTERPERSONAL)
- + BUILDING SELF-ESTEEM AND CONFIDENCE

Lessons

Lessons are on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays after school at Ponsonby Community Centre.

Fees

\$212 group lessons | \$370 private lessons

Examinations

We offer professional qualifications through our association with NZ Speech Board and Trinity College of London.

Testimony

Emmeline loves her lessons! We have seen her grow in confidence, she can now speak publically and very ably with people of all ages. And there is nothing better than being complemented on your child's good manners! I can wholeheartedly recommend Head Held High to any parent, for any child. *Melinda Gardner.*

To enrol email kay@headheldhigh.co.nz
or visit our website headheldhigh.co.nz

Registrations

Table Tennis, Badminton and Archery 2017 registrations are now available online on SPC website.

<http://www.st-peters.school.nz/Sports/Sports.aspx>

SPC Athletics future looking promising

On a sweltering Auckland day, a team of ten year 7 and 8 athletes represented St Peter's at the annual intermediate schools Central Zone athletics day at Mt Smart. Over the course of the day, the young athletes achieved some superb results against their counterparts from other intermediate schools. The day began with a well-executed run from **Addison Stewart** (7TRE) who came 2nd in the year 7 1500m race. The qualifying heats of the 100m, 200m and relays allowed several of our athletes to progress further and qualify for their respective finals. However, it was in the field events where the most successful results were achieved. Firstly, **Quincy Penisio** (7NOL) came close to taking out the year 7 shot put, eventually settling for 2nd spot, despite breaking the existing central zone record. **Todd Sloan** and **Jabez Barwig-Uini** (7ODR) jumped well to secure 1st and 3rd places respectively in the year 7 long jump. **Quincey** returned to win the year 7 shot put and was closely matched by **Jethrodrew Vete's** (8LYN) 3rd in the year 8 boys' version. The most remarkable performances were left to the final hour of the meet, where **Quincey** equalled the year 7 boys high jump record, then left the event to win the year 7 100m final, returned to the high jump to try and set a new record, but just missed out (still came 1st) and finally anchored the year 7 4 x 100m team (**Todd Sloan** (7ODR), **Jabez Barwig-Uini**, **Alex Thorpe** (7BOD) and **Quincey Penisio**) in their win. A massive effort all round. Overall, a very pleasing set of results from our most junior athletes.



Above: Central Zone Athletics Team



Above: **Quincy Penisio** (7NOL)

2016 New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletics Nationals Report

The first weekend of December is always a huge highlight on the athletics calendar; 2016 was no exception. It was made more special by Auckland playing host to the schools' nationals for the first time since 2005. Our SPC team of 15 athletes was one of the largest that we've ever sent to the event. The newly revamped 2 ½ day meet began on Friday afternoon with **Oliver Miller** (12ODR), **James Guthrie-Croft** (12LYN) and **Stephen Thorpe** (10BOD) all cruising through their first-round heats. Saturday proved to be a long day for the athletes. **James** and **Oliver** easily qualified into their respective semi-finals for Sunday, whilst **Stephen** narrowly missed out on a junior 400m final placing. **Liam Back** (10TRE) qualified for his junior 1500m final and the senior 4 x 100m relay team progressed to their final with ease. Sunday proved to be a dramatic day for many reasons. It began with a shock.



Above: **Oliver Miller** – Leading from the front

Sport (continued)

Our star senior sprinter, **James Guthrie-Croft** pulled his hamstring whilst winning his 100m semi-final. Unfortunately, this meant that he had to pull out from both the 100m and 200m finals (despite qualifying as the fastest athlete in both events). Whilst we were all shocked and saddened for **James**, we know that he will return faster and stronger in 2017, ready to reclaim his titles. The road races at Moire Park, Massey proved to be eventful. The highlights were **Sam Turner's** (11NOL) 13th place in the junior race (out of a field of 49 runners) and **Liam Barry's** (12TRE) 14th spot in the senior version (out of 92 athletes). Our star thrower **Caleb Whippy** (11RIC) finished 4th in the senior shot put, narrowly missing a medal, and made the final 8 of his first senior discus competition. A bright future beckons. **Liam Back** ran a smart race in the 1500m final – eventually finishing 6th out of 15 finalists. Sunday's afternoon finals brought out the best in **Oliver Miller**. He dominated his field in the 300m hurdles and ran a new PB time. **Oliver** then backed this up with a commanding performance in the senior 400m and made up for his narrow 2nd place from last year. **Oliver** was one of a few double gold medallists of the entire meet and was also named in the 'track and field' team of the meet; for the second year in succession.



Above: **Mark Graham** (13TRE) handing the baton to **James Guthrie-Croft** in the heats of the 4 x 100m

A further congratulation to **Oliver Miller** who was the winner of the Athletics category at the recent College Sport Auckland Young Sportsperson of the Year awards.



Junior Softball

Congratulations to the Junior A softball team, in going through their season unbeaten. Their closest games throughout the season was against rivals Mt Albert Grammar. With a 3 -1 win in the round robin section of the College Sport competition. Then a nail biting come from behind victory in the finals of the One Day Tournament. Down 5 – 0, the team had to rally together, in the ending pulling off an amazing 7 – 5 victory.

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Sport (continued)

Junior Sports Awards Assembly

The Junior Sports Awards Assembly was held on Tuesday 6th December, where we celebrated the sporting achievements, leadership and spirit of our young athletes. It was a fantastic celebration of sport within the school. The number of students that we have involved in sport at the junior level is outstanding and we congratulate all the students on their commitment to their sport throughout the year.

The winners of our Special Awards were:

Outstanding Achievement in an Individual Sport –
Bailey Cox (8RIC) Archery

New Zealand Representative Shield – U15 Trans-Tasman Black Arrows



Middle School Sports Team of the Year –
Intermediate Gold Water Polo



Middle School Sportsman of the Year – **Johnny Mayerhofler** (8ODR) Basketball, Hockey, Rugby, Swimming and Waterpolo



Junior School Sports Team of the Year – Junior Softball Team



Sport (continued)

Junior School Sportsman of the Year – **Dhynzel Pritchard** (10TRE)



Thank you Parents

On behalf of the St Peter's College Sports Department and Teachers in Charge of Sport, I would like to thank all parents who have been involved in coaching, managing and supporting our sports throughout the year. At St Peter's College we have an 80% participation rate in sport and we pride ourselves on providing quality sporting experiences for all our students. However, this would not be possible without the involvement and support of the parents.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you all in 2017.

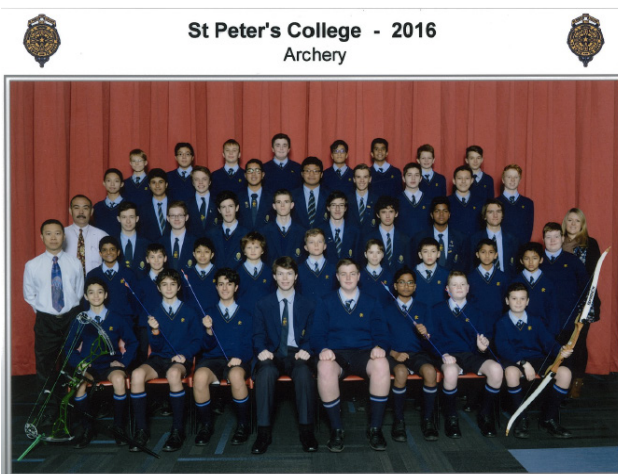
Mrs Nicky Cattermoul

Director of Sport

Congratulations to:

Liam Watters (12NOL) and **Joseph Dickey** (12ODR) who have been selected for U19 Auckland Basketball Rep team for the 2017 season

Finn Hennessey (10RIC) has had a long but successful year of Taekwondo. He is the NZ Open Champion in his weight division. He recently won a silver in the final of the Oceania Taekwondo Champs in Suva over last weekend. A very hot and humid final, in oppressive conditions against another fighter almost 3 years older than him.





CareMonkey was introduced as St Peter's College off-site electronic permission system at the end of 2015.

Parents create and share profiles of their sons with St Peter's College (the system sends the initial invitation) and then when a trip is created, parents receive trip details via email to which they respond electronically.

In 2016, we had approximately 127 trips set up on CareMonkey (some trips were still set up using paper) but here is an overview of the CareMonkey trips:

No. of trips set up on CareMonkey in 2016:127

No. of individual permissions:4,371

Some of the trips that our students went on:

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|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| • AIMS Trip to Tauranga (51 students) | • NIWA Tech Fair (15) |
| • Air Force Base (4) | • North Island Brain Bee (2) |
| • Bio Trip to Auckland Zoo (15) | • Retreats (Kairos, Quest etc) |
| • Church History Trip (193) | • Sports Trips |
| • Engineering trip to University of Auckland (8) | • Street Retreat Christchurch (2) |
| • Geo Trip to Huntly (13) | • Western Front (French/Kapa Haka) Trip to Museum (34) |
| • KBB Festival (149) | • Year 10 Activity Week (193) |
| • MindLab (358) | • Year 7 Camp (178) |
| • 9 x camping/paintball trips to Northland (93) | • Etc.... |
| • Marae Noho (30) | |

In all we saved an average of two pieces of paper minimum per student which totals 8,742 sheets of paper plus we saved a colossal amount of time on collation and tallying time not to mention chase up time!

CareMonkey provides instant access to a parent's response for their son on a trip, including up-to-date health care information.

Usually if we have more than one email address on our system, two emails are sent:

1. To the person who set up the profile – a request is sent for permission
(Response needed by CareMonkey)
2. To a secondary email address – a notification only email is sent giving trip details
(No response needed as notification email only)

PLEASE RESPOND TO YOUR CAREMONKEY PERMISSIONS AS SOON AS YOU GET THEM IN YOUR INBOX. This will mean you do not receive repetitive requests. It only takes an instant. Plus, it gives you access to trip details by logging into CareMonkey to see what trips your son is on.

DOWNLOAD THE CAREMONKEY APP from the APP Store or Google Play and you only need a four digit pin to log in on your smartphone / tablet.

Thank you

The CareMonkey Administrator ☺