

# St Peter's College

## Grafton, Auckland, New Zealand



Catholic School for Boys in the Edmund Rice Tradition

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## “Stand Firm and Hold to Tradition” (2: Thess)

There is the saying – once is an event, twice is a story, but three times is a tradition!

Probably true in our nano-second culture, but possibly incorrect in a “traditional” sense.

**Tradition** (*Lat: tradere*) means to transmit or to hand over for safe-keeping. We have much to keep and much to hand over to another generation.

**Tradition** means something in a school like St Peter's College approaching its 75th Jubilee in 2014. A college which is traditional with many traditions.

**Tradition** means something to the many old boys' sons who have started in 2014.

**Tradition** means something to a generation who have collective amnesia and forgotten their Christian beginnings.

**Tradition** is a wonderful gift to any school. It provides cohesion and structure which outlives the fickleness of change and the vagaries of ego.

So what is the **tradition** that we are urged to “stand firm and hold to”?

- It was a founding assumption back in 1939 that boys to be educated on Mountain Road would grow up with the vision that God has a name and is to be found in this community through liturgical worship, personal prayer and the daily routines of life.
- The primacy of learning (both scholarly and other) would be another underlying principle.
- The creation of hope and imagining possibility would co-exist with the maths/English etc, the rugby/football etc, the theology, music lessons and daily life.
- The Christian Brothers who staffed the College in 1939 brought their own flavour or charism, with themes of justice, liberation and using business skills and resources for the common good.
- The men who were to become graduates of St Peter's would take their rightful place in New Zealand society as community leaders. Character formation would go hand in hand with achievement.

In short, holding firm to the tradition of an educated mind within an educated man.

We have the tradition of a St Peter's Man.

2014 is our 75th Jubilee. There are several events/projects planned to which the community of the school is invited:

- 1) **Thursday 27 February 5.00pm** - Launch of the 75th History (to be written). Venue: College hall.
- 2) **Thursday 15 May** – Mothers' Celebration Dinner
- 3) **8/9/10th August** – Jubilee celebration with a ball on **Saturday 9 August** at Ellerslie Convention Centre, 1st XV rugby vs SHC, 1st XI soccer (TBA).
- 4) A 12 classroom block, a set of Jubilee gates, a community art and a musical composition are some other projects planned. Stay posted.

### Congratulations:

- To all the boys in public exams 2013. There are some impressive results which are being collated now and will be published later.
- To **Eamon McCardle** (year 12) for his recent commendation from the NZ Police in standing up to a stranger who stole a younger St Peter's College boy's iPad.
- To St Peter's College Lawn Bowls Team Pairs (NZ title) in the holidays.
- To the Junior athletics in NZ Relay for a 4x400m (NZ title) in the last days of December.

**Reminder:** St Peter's Inaugural Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral **Tuesday 4 February at 7.30pm.**

Welcome to 2014 – the opportunities, the challenges, the package.

In His Peace

**K F Fouhy**  
Headmaster

## Upcoming Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
3 Feb	4 Feb	5 Feb	6 Feb	7 Feb	8 Feb	9 Feb
7ODR Retreat @ Pavilion	7RIC Retreat @ Pavilion Inaugural Mass @St Patricks Cathedral 7.30pm	7TRE Retreat @ Pavilion Assembly (Junior)	WAITANGI DAY	Academic Testing Day	1st XI cricket vs Saint Kentigern @ St Peter's College 12.30pm	
Y10 Activity Week	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
10 Feb	11 Feb	12 Feb	13 Feb	14 Feb	15 Feb	16 Feb
Y12(1) Retreat @ Eastern Beach M/S PAT Testing	Y12 (1) Retreat @Eastern Beach	Scholars Assembly @Hall 10am Y12(2) Retreat @ Eastern Beach Old Boys Meeting @Library 7pm	Y12(2) Retreat @ Eastern Beach	Athletics Day @ Mt Smart Newsletter #2 published WER out today	Head of Harbour Rowing @Lake Pupuke 1st XI cricket vs Mt Albert @ St Peter's College 12.30pm	

## Important upcoming Dates for the Term

**18 Feb - Class & ID Photos @Hall**

**20 Feb - Y8 Parents Evening @Hall 7pm**

**24 Feb - Y13 Academic Counselling @Library**

**25-28 Feb - Y8 Camp @Hunua**

**27 Feb - Grandparents Day @Hall 11am**

**27 Feb - Launch of 75th History of SPC @Hall 5.00pm**

**28 Feb - Y12 Academic Counselling @Library**

## Bereavements

**Rory Nix (Y11) and Fergus Nix (Y8)** lost their father just before Christmas

**Hugh Barlow (Y11) and Scott Barlow (Y9)** – Grandmother passed away

**Taina Fox-Matamua (Y13)** - Great Grandfather passed away

**Graeme Dallow** old boy 1943 – 1948. Brother of Ross, Paul, Ian and Peter – all old boys of St Peter's College. Granduncle of Joel (year 8, 2014). Buried from Wellington Friday 24 January 2014.

**Viv Coombe** mother of 15 children, wife to Bob. 11 boys who came to St Peter's College. Buried 9 January 2014 from St Michael's.

**Richard Nix** husband of Julie, father of Rory and Fergus. Buried 24 December 2013.

**Ray Jones** 1st day pupil 1939. Buried 29 December 2013.

**... 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. (see page 4 for information about our new SPC Portal).

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

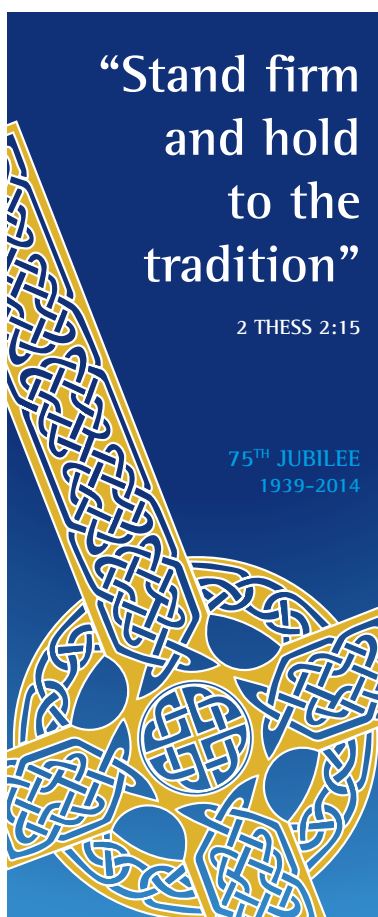
# Special Character News

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

## St. Peter's College Inaugural Mass 2014

7.30pm, Tuesday, February 4, 2014

Auckland Cathedral of St. Patrick and St. Joseph

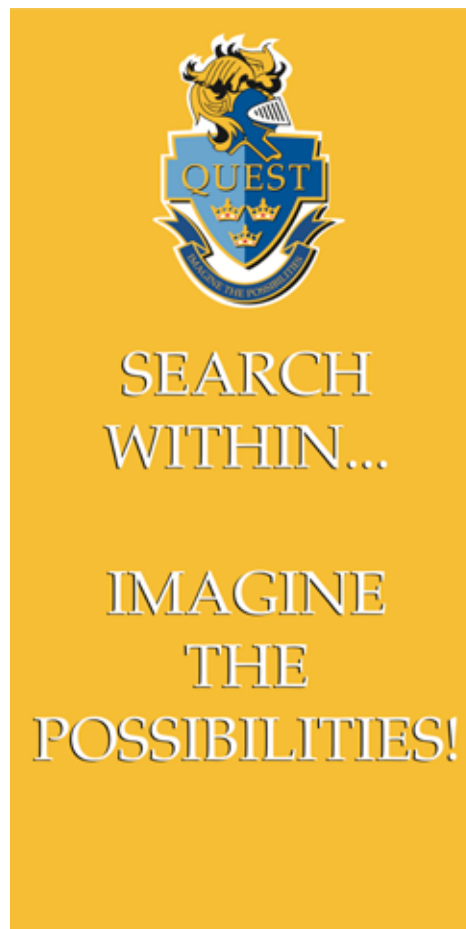


### **Year 7 Retreats**

Year 7 Retreats began on Wednesday, January 29th. They will continue through next week and finish on Wednesday, February 5th. 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 10th 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**

#### **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 12th and 13th.

#### **Year 12 Peer Ministers and Parents' Information Evening**

Thursday, March 27th, 7.00pm, College Hall (this a mandatory meeting as key information will be given regarding the hosting requirements of the retreat).

#### **Year 12 Peer Minister and Year 13 Cadre – Key Dates**

Training Dates @ SPC:

- Sunday, March 23rd, 5-7pm
- Sunday, March 30th, 5-7pm
- Sunday, April 6th, 3-7pm

Quest Retreat Dates:

- Saturday, April 12th – Sunday, April 13th

# Special Character News (continued)

## ***'The St Peter's man is a Man of Service'***

### **Service Leadership Hours**

Every St Peter's College student is given the opportunity to learn in the Edmund Rice tradition through genuine acts of love and service. The service hours that students need to complete throughout their time at SPC provide them with a way of contributing to our wider community in the Edmund Rice tradition. Below are the service requirements for each year level in 2014.

- Year 7: 12 hours, completed service journal
- Year 8: 12 hours, completed service journal
- Year 9: 15 hours, short answer questions and spoken reflection in House time
- Year 10: 15 hours, short-answer questions and spoken reflection in House time (Note: at least 2 of these hours must be in service for St. Peter's College).
- Year 11: 15 hours and a reflective essay on what you have learnt from serving others
- Year 12: 20 hours and an essay on how you will apply the value of service in
- Year 13: Involvement in at least one portfolio area (no journal issued).

•Every student is issued with a Service Leadership Journal in which to keep track of their service hours

•These need to be verified by a witness, including the witness' name and contact number

•Students also need to complete the relevant written requirements for their year level and to hand-in their service journal as per instructions

Please note: Service work is 'unpaid work and NOT for relatives'.

### **Service Opportunity:**

A service opportunity exists for 6 hours of service work on February 6th (Waitangi Day). The work involves sanding, painting, and moving furniture at 'Dress for Success' in Boston Rd, Mt Eden. Dress for Success is a service-based initiative that seeks to help women facing tough times by preparing them for job interviews.

Please contact Ange from the Dress for Success team on: 377 2762 or 021 933 914

see advert adjacent

## **2014 SPC ENROLMENT DATES**

Enrolments will be open from 1st February – 1st April.

Please note the new closing date 1 April at 4pm. No late Enrolments will be accepted.

For further enquiries phone Mrs Virginia Christie on 524 8108 ext 7323

### **ST. PETER'S COLLEGE**

Catholic School for Boys Years 7 – 13

### **OPEN DAY**

**For Year 7 Enrolments in 2015**

*Limited enrolments at other levels*

**TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2014**

**Assemble 11.00 am or 1.30 pm**

in the College Hall (main school entrance – Mountain Road) followed by a conducted tour of the College by senior boys.

Weather permitting, parking available on the top field, main entrance Mountain Road

[www.st-peters.school.nz](http://www.st-peters.school.nz)

*"St Peter's builds outstanding men"*

### **THE GREAT DRESS FOR SUCCESS AUCKLAND WORKING BEE!**

Please let us know if you can come along?

**Waitangi Day  
Thursday February 6<sup>th</sup>  
9-3pm  
4 Boston Rd, Mt Eden**



Call 377 2762 or email [ange@dfs.org.nz](mailto:ange@dfs.org.nz)

or text 021 933 914

***Let's get this space looking  
inspirational for our deserving  
women !!***



# From Deputy Headmaster (Pastoral Care) Stephen Dooley

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## WELCOME BACK TO 2014

A warm welcome back to all students and parents within our community. The start of the year is always full of activity and this year has been no exception.

Some key pastoral points to guide you for the beginning of the year:

### Uniform

•A sharp looking uniform is mandatory. Please ensure your son departs for school in the mornings with the correct uniform and footwear. Year 11-13 are permitted to wear long trousers although this must also include a tie. As of March 1st all students will be required to wear a tie.

### Attendance

•There are to be some changes this year as to how we mark attendance and what will be acceptable as an excuse for lateness and absences.

•Please note that traffic is no longer an excuse for lateness to school in the morning. Students are expected to leave home with enough time to allow for the traffic issues that often arise within Auckland.

•Doctor, dental and physio appointments should be made outside school hours.

•An absent student who presents without a Doctors certificate will be marked as an explained but unjustified absence.

•As per new Ministry of Education regulations cases of excessive absences or lateness will be referred to Auckland City Attendance Service (ACES).

### Contacting Staff

•We encourage parents to contact staff to discuss their son's progress. Email or phone remains the best means of communication, however, please be conscious that our staff may not be able to reply to your email or phone message immediately, however, rest assured it will be actioned. For meetings with staff please ensure you make a prior booking. Like any other professional organisation our staff may not always be available to meet with you.

## FAIR COMMITTEE

The PTFA has changed the date for their next meeting to coincide with the Fair Committee. PTFA will meet on 10 February 2014 at 7.30 in the Staffroom.

## "Weekly Engagement Report" (W.E.R.)

•Beginning Week 3 all parents will receive an emailed score sheet that measures teacher judgement on your son's effort and attitude in their core subjects. As per last year it is called the "Weekly Engagement Report" (W.E.R.). This year we will be implementing an intervention process based on the W.E.R. across all levels of the College.

-Students who achieve consistently high scores will be recognised at the conclusion of each term.

-Students who show a pattern of low W.E.R. scores will receive direct pastoral intervention.

-The intervention level is progressive from teacher to the Head of Faculty, to the Head of Year and then if necessary myself or possibly the Headmaster.

Boys who are busy are successful. Our aim is to engage all boys in their learning. Through this weekly scoring students can be monitored, acknowledged or assisted early before small issues become more serious.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COLLEGE LEADERS FOR 2014

At the December Prize giving **Mr Fouhy** introduced the College's Head Boy and Deputy Head Boys.

### Congratulations to:

Head Boy – **Felix Commarieu**

Deputy Head Boy and Head of Special Character – **Daive D'Souza**

Deputy Head Boys – **Joshua Plummer and Rohan D'Souza**

Head of Years, **Mr Fricker** and **Mr Finnigan**, facilitated a leadership programme late last week for potential Prefects. The feedback from the aspiring leaders involved was that this was a positive experience. The first intake to the Prefect team will be announced in front of the wider College community at Inaugural Mass on Tuesday 4th February at the Cathedral.

God's Blessings

**Steve Dooley**  
Deputy Headmaster

# *From the Assistant Headmaster (Middle School) Michael Mullin*

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## **Middle School Report**

A warm welcome to the new students and parents to Saint Peter's College in 2014. What an exciting time to become part of the St Peter's Community as it is the school's 75th Jubilee. There is such a strong tradition in both academics and co curricula activities and it is exciting to see that St Peter's is always looking to improve on what has occurred in the past. With each school year, St Peter's creates a new banner with a focus for the year; this year's focus is from 2: Thess. **"Stand firm and hold to tradition"**. Again this shows that the school is building on the foundations of the previous 74 years and at the same time being an innovative school in the 21st Century.

In the Middle School we look to create well rounded young men that have an appreciation for their education and get involved in a variety of activities that the school has to offer. We believe that if students work hard in the classroom and are involved in some way outside the classroom (sports teams, cultural or music groups, with the school production) means that students meet new friends, are kept busy and develop new skills that benefits them greatly.

The first couple of days and weeks are crucial in making sure that everyone feels secure in their new surroundings. To do this each form teacher takes time to get to know the students and for the class to get to know each other. The emphasis is on creating good relationships within the classroom so that quality teaching and learning can take place.

If a student feels that the teacher cares about who they are, they will be more likely to be engaged in their learning.

As you can see below, students need the chance to be active, young men. This is why this year the 'device free times' are being introduced across the school. Students need to be interacting with others and not in front of a screen all day. Along with this and iPad security mean that students should only be using their iPads in the classroom. These are educational tools and for the safety of the equipment and the student it is essential that they are kept in bags on the way and from school each day. They should not be used on trains or buses. Once at school, every Middle School classroom has a lockable cabinet where iPads can be securely locked when not in use.

Once again welcome to the many new parents and students to Saint Peter's College. Welcome back to those returning in year 8.

We look forward to an exciting year.

**Michael Mullin**

**Assistant Headmaster Middle School**



# Music

## Itinerant Music Lessons

Itinerant music lessons will start on Monday 10th February and timetables will be sent out when completed.

Timetables will also be available on the notice board in the music department.

Class lessons for year 8 commenced on Thursday 30th January and class lessons for year 7 start on Monday 3rd February.

All instruments should be labelled and have name, address and phone number. The itinerant teachers will be checking that all instruments are labelled.

## Bands and Orchestras

Senior Concert Band meets every Monday and Wednesday at 7.30am in the Band Room.

Last year's Junior Concert Band is renamed as the Symphonic Band and a new Junior Concert Band is to be formed for more junior students in years 8 and 9. The symphonic band will be the feeder group for the Senior Concert Band and will be promoted as vacancies arise. They will continue to meet on Tuesday and Thursday at 7.30am with **Mr Baker** in charge. They started on Thursday 30th January.

All those playing a wind or brass instrument in years 8 and 9, who are not already in a band, are encouraged to join the new Junior Band who meet on Friday at 7.30am with **Mr Yikar** in charge. No need to enroll for this – please just turn up. They start Friday 7th February.

SPC/St Mary's orchestra start on Tuesday – transport to leave SPC at 7.15am. They then meet every Tuesday.

A Chamber orchestra will be formed and meet on Monday at 7.30am. Further details to follow. This will not start until 10th February.

A junior strings orchestra is to start on Wednesdays at 7.30am, commencing Wednesday 12th February with **Ms Mahe** in charge. This is for all string players in years 8-10 who are not in the combined orchestra and it would be good to see a large number of students turn up. No need to enroll – please turn up to the music department.

## Friends of Music

The first meeting for the year is Monday 17th February at 7pm and all parents are encouraged to attend. Those involved do a number of activities – they are starting the year with some fund-raising BBQs at the Warehouse in Royal Oak and during the year they assist with planning music events which take place within the school, planning and running the music camps and assisting at the music competitions. It is open to all and we welcome all parents to join us for the meetings which are held in the music department.

## GUIDANCE COUNSELLING

Guidance Counselling is available during school hours. Any students requiring confidential appointments or a parent wanting to refer their Son, can reach Mrs Kersten in the Careers Department. Contact details are:

[dkersten@st-peters.school.nz](mailto:dkersten@st-peters.school.nz)

## HOMESTAYS

HOMESTAYS required for International students long term \$260 per week and short term \$250 per week. First short term group due March 24th.

Please contact Patricia Goddard at the International Office if you are interested.

[pgoddard@st-peters.school.nz](mailto:pgoddard@st-peters.school.nz)

## EDMUND'S SHOP

### SHOP OPENING HOURS:

**Monday-Thursday**  
(during school Terms)

**For Parents: 9:30am-2:00pm**

**For Students: Interval & Lunch time only**

**Friday (during school Terms)**

**For Parents: 8:00am-12:30pm**

**For Students: before school 8:00am-8:30am & Interval time only**

## Other News



### **TALOFA LAVA, MALO LE SOIFUA MAUA. MANUIA LE TAUSAGA FOU.**

Welcome to our first series of TAULOGOLOGO for 2014 to keep you and our Samoan community informed of our SPC Samoan Parents Komiti progress.

We invite all our Samoan parents and families to connect and work with us to support our sons achieve their aspirations in all aspects of school life at St Peter's College.

### **TAUTUA MO SAMOA – SAMOA PARENTS KOMITI MEET AND GREET**

The St Peters Samoan Parents Komiti would like to invite the families of all Samoan boys (together with those non-Samoan boys who are participating in the Samoan Cultural Group) to join us for a Meet and Greet on Saturday, 8 February 2014, 3.00pm to 6.00pm at the School Pavilion.

The Meet and Greet is an opportunity for families to meet other members of the Samoan SPC community and to hear from the Komiti our plans and activities for 2014 relating to our Samoan young men. As an indication we will be sharing with you our plans for – 2014 Polyfest, SPC Fair, Academic Success and more.

Please bring a plate of finger food to share.

### **SAMOAN GROUP QUEST FOR POLYFEST 2014**

Should your son be interested in joining the Samoan Group for 2014, please contact Mr Bentley in the first instance by Monday 3 February 2014. Practices will commence Monday 3 February at 3.30pm in the school hall. Further information will be provided at our Meet & Greet event.

We look forward to seeing you all soon.

Should you have any queries, please contact Vailoa Milo-Harris (Chair) or Fau Tiatia-Farani (Vice-Chair/ Polyfest Co-ordinator) on [spc.samoan.community@gmail.com](mailto:spc.samoan.community@gmail.com)

**Vailoa Milo-Harris**

### **SPC TONGAN CULTURAL GROUP**

1) **Faiva Practice** – Starts next week on Tuesday & Wednesdays 3:30 – 5:00pm  
Saturdays 10:00 – 4:00pm

### **2) Speech Competition**

This year will be the very first time for us to involve ourselves in the speech competition, so do encourage your son to get involved.

There will be 2 divisions:

a) Year 9 – 10

b) Year 11 – 13





## Sports Registrations

A number of sports are currently taking registrations.

Please note the following details:

Sport	Year Level	Registrations Close	Registration details
Archery	Yr 7 - 13	February 4 <sup>th</sup>	Registration meeting in A22 Tuesday Interval. <b>Miss Jenkins</b> – Teacher in Charge
Badminton	Yr 7 - 13	February 7 <sup>th</sup>	Register online through the School Website under Badminton. Registrations forms also available from the sports office. <b>Mrs Amos</b> – Teacher in Charge.
Cricket	Yr 11 – 13 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> XI only	February 5 <sup>th</sup>	Registration forms available from the Sports Office and from the school website under Cricket. <b>Mr Matt Considine</b> – Cricket Co-ordinator.
Distance Running Squad	Yr 7 - 13	February 5 <sup>th</sup>	Registrations meeting L13 Wednesday Interval. <b>Mr Kalinowski</b> – Teacher in Charge
Football	Yr 7 - 8	February 14 <sup>th</sup>	Registration forms available from the middle school office and from the school website under Football. <b>Mr Hadnett</b> – Teacher in Charge
Table Tennis	Yr 7 - 13	February 10 <sup>th</sup>	Register online through the School Website under Table Tennis. Registrations forms also available from the sports office. <b>Mr Mullin</b> – Teacher in Charge
Tennis	Yr 7 - 13	February 5 <sup>th</sup>	Register online through the School Website under Tennis. Registrations forms also available from the sports office. <b>Miss Skryba</b> – Teacher in Charge.
Touch	Yr 11 - 13	February 5 <sup>th</sup>	Trial – 3.15pm at the cage.
Rugby	U12 & U13	February 13 <sup>th</sup>	Register online through the School Website under Rugby. Registrations forms also available from the Sports Office and Middle School Office. <b>Mr Wilson</b> – Teacher in Charge
Volleyball	Yr 10 - 13	February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Training – 3.15pm in the Gym
Waterpolo	Yr 9 & 10	February 7 <sup>th</sup>	Registration forms available from the Sports Office and from the school website under Waterpolo. <b>Mr Illman</b> – Teacher in Charge.

### Please note:

Registrations forms are to be returned to the Sports Office.

Payments of fees are too be made once your son's position in the team has been confirmed.

## Upcoming Registrations

Basketball, Cycling, Football (Yr 9 – 13), Hockey, Lawn Bowls, Rugby, Squash

Further details to follow on the registration process for these sports.

## Athletics Day

### Friday 14 February @ Mt Smart Stadium

Please note the following:

- The whole school will be bussed to Mt Smart Stadium (no cars allowed by students).
- 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.
- The HCD buses will depart from the Mt Smart Stadium.
- Parents welcome. Parking off O'Rorke 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 2014.

**Intermediate** – Under 16 as at the 1st January 2014.

**Senior** – U19 as at the 1st January 2014.



Above: SPC National Athletics Championship team and teachers in Hamilton

Right: The 4 x 400m Relay Team on the podium

## National Title in the 4 x 400m Relay:

Whilst the greater majority of St Peter's students were already on their long awaited summer break, 8 athletes representing their college were pitting their athletics talent against the best in the country. The long awaited National Athletics Championships in Hamilton had arrived.

The Saturday programme included only a handful of our athletes. Code Captain **Sam Pendreigh** was unlucky in not to progress into the finals after the 800m and 1500m heats. **Oliver Miller** cruised through his 200m heat and advanced into the semi-finals the following day. Oliver also placed 9th in the junior boys long jump. The following day the popular road races gave our distance squad specialists a chance to shine. **Pierce Sheridan** ran well to finish the junior boys 4km race in 15th place (out of 68 competitors). **Eamon McArdle** ran impressively at the start of the senior boys 6km race, but the extra distance proved to be a challenge. He finished 32nd out of 81 runners. **Oliver Miller and Christian Curtis** both competed in the junior high jump. Oliver finished in 10th spot and Christian in 24th. Christian also competed in the junior boys discus throw. He finished 18th out of 34 competitors. Following Oliver's strong finish in the junior 200m semi-final, he made the final. In a highly entertaining final, Oliver finished 8th.

Our final event was the 4 x 400m junior relay. Our team of **Mark Graham, Aleks Dabek, Eiden Ackland and Oliver Miller** ran superbly to win by a second and a half. All the runners showed strength, immense courage and led for the majority of the race. A strong final lap from Oliver brought us back into the lead and cemented the gold medal. Overall, it was a very enjoyable and weekend. Our runners look forward to further success during 2014. Any new athletes or distance squad members are welcome to attend a meeting next Wednesday at interval in L13. Finally, a big thank you to **Sam Pendreigh** for his leadership throughout the year, **Mrs Monique Hollows** for her superb administrative help and **Mr Tom Hahn** for his help during the weekend.

**Mr Jakub Kalinowski - TIC of Athletics**



### St Peters Win New Zealand Secondary Schools Boys Pairs Title in Bowls

**Alex Edwards** and **Aiden Takarua** secured St Peters first ever National Secondary Schools Boys Pairs title at the end of last year. Aiden and Alex went into the tournament with confidence after qualifying through winning the Auckland Secondary Schools and Upper North Island Champs comfortably.

Aiden and Alex adjusted to the Wellington wind and greens well played some impressive bowls on day one beating teams from Gisborne Boys, Mercury Bay Area School and Greymouth High qualifying them for the Super Six playoff on the second day.

The Second Day was a beautiful Wellington day and the pair started off with two draws vs Matamata College and Timaru Boys, this was then followed by two close losses to Auckland rivals Lynfield College and Mercury Bay meaning they had to beat two time defending champs Logan Park High School from Dunedin to progress through. In a game that was tense throughout Alex pulled out the bowl of the tournament to win the game with the last bowl 9-8 qualifying them in 4th place for the semi-finals. This set up a match with Mercury Bay Area School who went unbeaten through the Top 6. Aiden played some great lead bowls to help secure a place in the final against Matamata with another 9 – 8 win. The game started out as most finals do with both playing nervous shots. The Matamata pair then hit their straps and ran out to a 8-3 lead with two to play. Then out of nowhere **Alex Edwards** started to play his best bowls of the tournament and engineered two 3's on the last two ends to win the game for St Peters 9-8 and the 2013 Pairs National title for St Peters.



Left: Nathanael Lucas (Coach), Alex Edwards and Aiden Takarua with the Bowling Pairs National Title winners cup.

### 1st XI place third at Christian Brothers Tournament

#### Tour Report by Josh Plummer – 1st XI Captain

After two good training days at Nudgee College leading into the tournament a late draw change saw us face hosts Nudgee college on day one. Losing the toss saw the boys put into bat and after 2 early wickets **Josh Plummer** and **Jack Parsons** were able to put on 92 runs for the third wicket before Parsons fell for 16. St Peters finished out their 50 overs with a very defendable score of 283/7 with highlights going to **Josh Plummer** 183 and **Scott Compton** 34. After having the hosts in trouble early at 50/5 they put on a 250 run partnership for the 6th wicket which saw our boys go down in a high scoring match having two player reach 150+ scores. A gut wrenching start to the tournament for the boys.

Day Two saw the boys travel to Gregory Terrace to play a rematch of last tournaments washed out final. SPC won the toss and were able to bowl Gregory Terrace out for 179 with standout performances going to **Jack Parsons** bowling 10 overs 4/12 and **Ben Hughes** 6 overs 2/30. The chase from the boys started positively with **Josh Plummer** continuing his day one form scoring 70 off 35 balls and other performances going to **Harry Plummer** 28 and **Scott Compton** bringing the boys home with a good knock of 23 not out. SPC reached the total in the 33rd over with 5 wickets in hand.

Going into Day Three the boys were determined to up another pick up another win against St. Patricks Launceston who at the time were sitting on 2wins 0 losses. SPC were able to win the toss and once again bowl first. With outstanding bowling and fielding efforts we were able to bowl St. Pats out for 105 with stand outs again going to Parsons 7 overs 3/8 and **Caleb Olney** 10 overs 2/18. After a confident morning the loss of early wickets put us in trouble at 3/18 before **Parsons** and **Harry Plummer** stood up with the bat scoring 30 and 16 respectively. After they both fell, the boys were put in a nail-biting situation requiring 15 runs to win with only 2 wickets in hand, however 2 of the teams younger players got the boys home **Jake Cameron** 9 not out and **Zane McEntee** 12 not out.

After a much needed days rest the boys came back fizzing against an underperforming Canberra side who's batting line up proved no match for SPC with all bowlers chipping in to bowl the Canberra boys out for 51

**Z McEntee** = 6 overs 4/3    **C Jones** = 6 overs 2/20  
**J Parsons** = 6 overs 2/19    **B Hughes** = 4 overs 2/6



## Sport (continued)

This time round the SPC boys were much more clinical in the chase making short work of the deficit with opener **Eddie Webster** getting the boys home with a solid 27 not out chasing the total 2 down in the 11th over.

Day Five saw our biggest game, a must win in order to make the final. After losing the toss and being sent in to bat on what looked to be a good deck the boys struggled, opener **Eddie Webster** playing an incredibly mature innings of 41 and **Ben Hughes** 28 not out (highest score by and SPC no.11) got the boys through to a mediocre but very defendable 138. Early missed opportunities saw the Ballarat boys from Melbourne put on 101 for the first wicket making the comeback less and less likely however the boys showed a lot of heart to take 6/37 unfortunately becoming too little too late with the boys losing by 4 wickets.

The boys were disappointed not to have the opportunity to defend their title, however the tour produced more highs than lows and has proved a great bonding experience. It is extremely important to keep this tradition running and I urge all younger cricketers in the school to strive towards this in your later years.

We look forward to having a strong season with the goal of bringing the team back into the 1A competition. Big thanks to **Mr Smith, Mr Fricker and Mr Wood** for giving up their holidays to tour with us, it was much appreciated. Also a big thank you to all the parents and families involved who fundraised for us to be able to make this trip possible. To those parents and families who travelled, thank you for your daily support. It was also appreciated.

### 2013 Touch Nationals

Touch Nationals this year were held in Papakura. St Peters drew the 'Pool of Death' as it contained the 2012 Champions, 2012 Runners Up and the top team in Auckland. The 3 day competition was intense with the 1st XIV representing the school well on and off the field. Highlights of the tournament included the drop off to win against St Thomas' and the win in the last game of the tournament to place us 13th overall (an improvement from last year's 18th place). Sincere thanks must go out to **Mr Solomona and Mr Tamapeau** for their coaching and management of the team. It was the final tournament for a number of the seniors - **Trevor Steffany, Shane Brown, Eljen Petersen, Bronson Siilata, Dion Fraser, Shaquille Solomona** - and their skills, experience and leadership will be missed. St Peter's is establishing a great presence in touch rugby and with the young guns coming through this should

Game results as follows:

Game 1 vs Hamilton Boys High: 2-6 Loss

Game 2 vs Palmerson North Boys High: 5-6 Loss

Game 3 vs Kings: 5-5 Draw

Game 4 vs Whakatane Boys: 2-1 Win

Game 5 vs Whangarei: 5-0 Win

Game 6 vs Kings: 8-3 Loss

Game 7 vs St Thomas: 7-6 Win

Game 8 vs Auckland Grammar: 4-3 Win

Top Try Scorer: **Trevor Steffany**



Above: Touch Rugby Nationals team in Papakura



## Sport (continued)

### Rowing

The rowing squad has competed in two big regattas recently. The Karapiro Christmas Regatta and the Cambridge Town Cup both had over 2000 competitors. Following are the stand out performances from both regattas:

**Elliot Rhodes:** U18 Single – A Final 5th; Mens Club Single – A Final 4th; Mens Club Quad – A Final 2nd

U15 Coxed Quad – B Final 5th - **Emile Commarieu, Borock Mills, Joshua Shields, George Cory-Darroch + Fulton Ryan** (Cox)

Novice Coxed Quad – B Final 3rd - **Rory Baker, Matthew Whitehead, Campbell Milne, Caleb Dallow – Ian Cairns** (Cox)

U17 Coxed Quad – B Final 6th - **Craig Fernandez, Miguel Widdison, Jonathan Kumarich, Hunter Jack + Ian Cairns** (Cox)

#### Cambridge Town Cup:

**Elliot Rhodes:** U18 Single – A Final 3rd; Mens Club Single – A Final 2nd; Mens Club Quad – A Final 4th

U17 Double – B Final 3rd - **Craig Fernandez, Jonathan Kumarich**

Mens Novice Quad - B Final 3rd - **Rory Baker, Matthew Bluck, Aidan Margetts, Ben Pendreigh + Jack Baird** (Cox)



### Archery Results

#### Auckland Association Championships:

**Chayse Martin** – 1st Intermediate Men's Recurve and 3rd Open JAMA Recurve.

#### Nationals Results:

**Matthew Storer** – 3 gold medals in Intermediate Mens Recurve. They were for Field, Target and Individual Match-play.

**Chayse Martin-Roberts** – Bronze in the Target and Silver in the Individual Match Play for Intermediate Mens Recurve.

**Luke Franklyn** – silver in the Intermediate Mens Recurve.

**Corey Fray** – Silver in the Target for Junior Mens Compound.

**Jacob Cook** – 2 Gold medals in Club Mens Recurve - one for Target and one for Clout

**Matthew and Chayse** were both in the winning Intermediate Recurve Match-play Team.

### Congratulations

**Luka Borich** – Top wicket taker at the the Auckland Year 9 Boys District Tournament 2013-2014

**Luka Borich, Sundar Babu, Tom Drumm & Tom Parsons** – Members of the Yr 9 Eastern District Cricket that won the Auckland Tournament.

**Chayse Martin** - Auckland Archery Championships; 1st Intermediate Men's Recurve and 3rd Open JAMA Recurve.

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