

# St Peter's College

## Grafton, Auckland, New Zealand



Catholic School for Boys in the Edmund Rice Tradition

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## "Upon This Rock..." (100 + 75 years)

It is interesting to reflect that the history of St Peter's College and of Auckland are similar – although 100 years apart.

- Both started small – Auckland 2,000 (1840), St Peter's College 50 (1939).
- Both built on hardened volcanic rock.
- Both welcomed migrants from overseas and continue to do so.
- Both struggled in the early days.
- Both Auckland City and St Peter's College have wide catchment areas.

And many more.

It has been said that institutions/schools/cities are like a canoe. They move forward by paddling backwards. History precedes the future.

So this year we are awaiting the written 75th History of St Peter's College (due March). It will detail the anecdotes and stories of 75 years of building young men, in the hope of moving the College forward.

In 2015 – we welcome those new to St Peter's College – our teachers, year 7 boys, new year 8 and 9 boys and boys new from overseas.

This week the College clapped our year 7 men onto the College assembly as a symbol of welcome.

Our scriptural theme for 2015 is from St James:

**"I will show you my faith by my good works."**

It is a reminder that actions speak louder than words (although we should always use words to point out the direction).

Some of the themes presented at the 2014 prizegiving:

- "St Peter's College men opt in – they don't opt out."** This applies to commitment in the classroom, the exams at end of year and to whatever a boy undertakes in sport or music. e.g. Putting your name down for a particular co-curricula to fulfil a compliance set only, has to be accompanied by the practice and hard work.
- Strengthening the classroom and co-curricula engagement** e.g. attendance at class every period, every day with correct equipment and attitude to learning. Completion of service requirements.
- Link in the "Fit for Mission" theme of the Diocese with a community outreach for each house.** This fulfils our motto "To Love and To Serve".
- Explore and unpack the Edmund Rice Touchstone – **"A Liberating Education"** with the intention of removing

barriers which prevent young men moving forward. e.g. Low literacy or numeracy credits, personal organisation for boys learning with ipads (years 7, 8, 9), lifting the standards for entry to university etc.

e) **Establishing an explicit school wide improvement agenda** based on customised data. This will help the focusing of activities and energy throughout the College.

f) The **College property initiatives** are progressing with:

a. The 12 Maths and Humanities classrooms (to be called "Outhwaite Building" after the original benefactors of the land to the Catholic Church) ready by end of term

b. The new Arts and Design Suite ready by end of term 2 – along with the removal of prefabs and expansion of the playing space.

c. The refurbishment of four classrooms with new glass walls.

d. Progressing the Chapel and front entrance projects.

Welcome back to the India and Philippines immersion trips for some of our seniors in their transformative education experience.

**Congratulations to these boys who gained NZ exam honours:**

- Top of the World IGCSE Maths **Vignesh Nair** (teacher Mr Heeney)
- Top of NZ IGCSE French **Oliver Cashmore-White** (teacher Mrs Ubels-Rattray)
- Top of NZ AS Divinity **Cameron Ryan** (teacher Dr Reid)

Congratulations to the St Peter's College Athletics Team in the NZ tournament in December for their extraordinary results on the national stage. More details in the sporting results.

**Dates:**

- Inaugural Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral Tuesday 3 February at 7.30 pm.

Looking forward to another great year.

In His Peace

Headmaster

## Upcoming Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
2 Feb	3 Feb	4 Feb	5 Feb	6 Feb	7 Feb	8 Feb
7LYN Retreat @ Pavilion	7NOL Retreat @ Pavilion Inaugural Mass @ St Patricks 7.30pm	7ODR Retreat @ Pavilion Assembly (Junior) Cycling Committee Meeting @ Staffroom 7.30pm	7RIC Retreat @ Pavilion Y9 MidYIS Testing @Hall	WAITANGI DAY		
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9 Feb	10 Feb	11 Feb	12 Feb	13 Feb	14 Feb	15 Feb
12BOD, 12LYN, 12NOL Retreat @ Eastern Beach	12BOD, 12LYN, 12NOL Retreat @ Eastern Beach	7TRE Retreat @ Pavilion Academic Assembly M/S Sports Exchange v St Kentigern Prep Old Boys Meeting @Library 7pm		Athletics Day @Mt Smart	Head of Harbour Rowing @Lake Pupuke	

## Important Dates for the Coming Term

17 Feb	Class & ID Photos all day
19 Feb	Y8 Parents Evening @Hall
25 - 27 Feb	Y8 Camp @Hunua
26 Feb	Y7 Grandparents Day
3 Mar	Open Day 9.30am & 1.00pm
5 Mar	New Parents Dinner @Hall

## Bereavements

**Sam Bickerton (8TRE)** Grandfather died during holidays.

**Quinn McConachy (8NOL)** Great Grandmother died Monday night

**Liam Rollinson (13 Tre)** Cousin's funeral today.

**Marcel Tanauvasa-Cluth (13TRE)** and **Kyrn Tanuvasa (9NOL)** were away yesterday for their Aunts funeral

**Kisione Ahki (13ODR)** away today following Grandfather's death

...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 Inaugural Mass

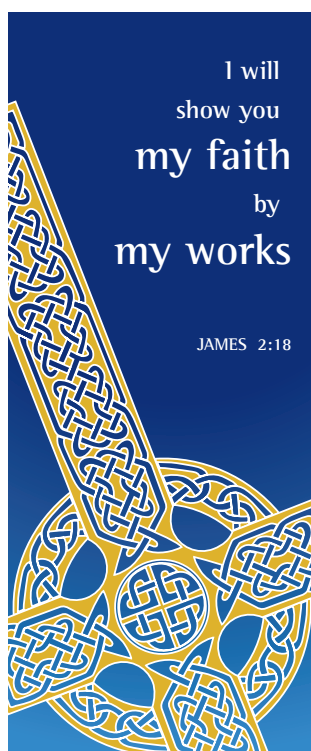
Tuesday, February 3rd

St Patrick's Cathedral, 7.30pm

## St. Peter's College Inaugural Mass 2015

7.30pm, Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>

Auckland Cathedral of St. Patrick and St. Joseph



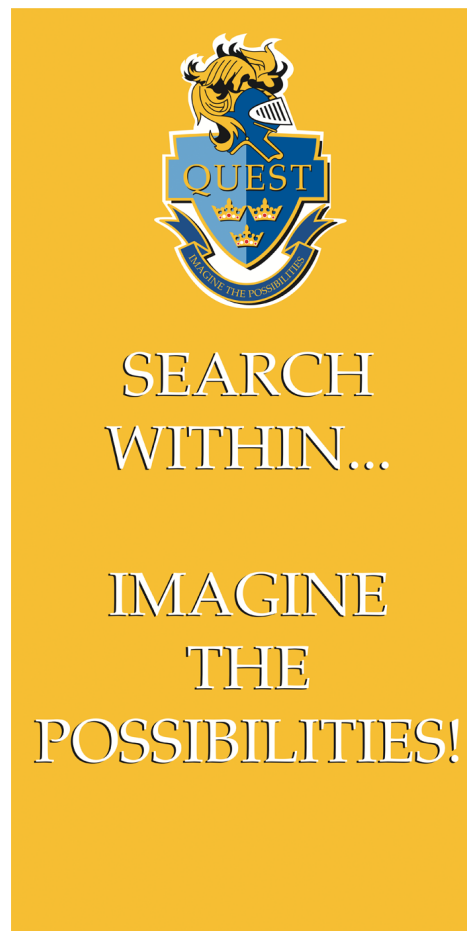
### Year 7 Retreats

Year 7 Retreats began on Friday, January 30th. They will continue through next week and finish on Wednesday, February 11. 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 9th 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 March 28th and 29th.

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

Thursday, March 12, 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 8, 5-7pm
- Sunday, March 15, 5-7pm
- Sunday, March 22, 3-7pm

Quest Retreat Dates:

- Saturday, March 28– Sunday, March 29

# 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 2015.

- 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: 18 hours and a reflective essay on what you have learnt from serving others (Note: at least 3 of these hours must be in service for St. Peter's College).
- 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'.



**ST PETER'S COLLEGE**

*Chapel Project*

### SUPPORTING OUR MEN OF TOMORROW

*If you are interested in supporting the new St Peter's Chapel project, and would like to get involved or to make a donation, please contact the college by sending an email to [chapel@st-peters.school.nz](mailto:chapel@st-peters.school.nz) or call +64 9 524 8108.*

## SPC ENROLMENTS 2016 NOW OPEN

Enrolments are open now until 1st April 2015

OPEN DAY is on Tuesday 3rd March at 9.30 or 1pm

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

## 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**

# Sports

## Sports Registrations

A number of sports are currently taking registrations.

Registrations can be made on –line on the school website under Sports and then the specific sport.

Registration forms are also available from the Sports Office. Please note the following details:

Sport	Year Level	Registrations Close	Registration Details
Archery	Yr 7 - 13	February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Register online
Badminton	Yr 7 - 13	February 5 <sup>th</sup>	Register online
Cricket – Jnr B and C	Yr 9 - 10	February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Register online Additional players required for Junior B and C.
Cricket – 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> XI	Yr 11 - 13	February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Trials to be held on Wed 4 February, 3.15 pm. All interested players to attend.
Athletics, Distance Running Squad and Cross Country	Yr 7 - 13		Meeting – Monday, February 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 7 pm College Staffroom. It is an information evening for all parents and students who are interested in representing SPC in athletics, distance running and cross-country from Year 7 to Year 13.
Football	Yr 7 - 8	February 20 <sup>th</sup>	To Middle School Office
Golf	Yr 7 - 13		Meeting February 3 <sup>rd</sup> at Interval in P12.
Rugby – Yr 7 – 8			Opens on February 9 <sup>th</sup> . Register online
Swimming	Yr 7 - 13		Meeting on February 5 <sup>th</sup> at Interval in P12.
Tennis	Yr 7 - 13	February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Register online Trials February 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3.30pm – 4.30pm at Ngatira Tennis Courts
Touch	Yr 11 - 13		Senior B Trial – February 2 <sup>nd</sup> afterschool on the Cage.
Water Polo	Yrs 7-8		Have a Go night on Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> of February at Diocesan Pool from 6.30 pm.
Water Polo	Yrs 9-13		Final trials for senior teams on February 2 <sup>nd</sup> .

### Upcoming Registrations:

Basketball, Cycling, Football (Year 9 – 13), Hockey, Lawn Bowls, Rugby and Squash.

These sports will have registration open on 16th February.

### Please note;

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



# Sports (continued)

## Athletics Day

Friday 13 February @ Mt Smart Stadium

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.
- 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.



*James Guthrie-Croft with Long Jump bronze medal*

## Six Medals at NZSS Athletics Championships

2014 will go down as a hugely successful year for St Peter's athletics and distance running. The grand finale of the year's events, the NZ Secondary Schools Athletics Championships was staged at Cooks Gardens in Wanganui – a place famous for Peter Snell's world record mile race. 12 students represented the College in a variety of events ranging from the long jump to the road race. From the outset, our athletes showed some great form and most qualified for their respective finals. **James Guthrie-Croft** ran superbly on Saturday and in between his 100m and 200m heats, he gained our first bronze medal of the meet in the junior long jump. Oliver Miller also qualified ranked first in his junior 400m event. Sunday morning began with the road race events near the Wanganui River. **Liam Barry capped off his debut running year by adding a silver medal in the Year 9 Road Race** to his 2nd place in the Auckland road race in September. He became the first St Peter's medallist in a national road race. **Sam Pendreigh** went one better and won the senior boys road race. He beat his long-time rival from Macleans and capped his final run in St Peter's colours with a gold medal. Pierce Sheridan ran very well to finish 8th in the same race. **James Guthrie-Croft** gained 2 more bronze medals in the 100m and 200m races. James has had a huge debut year and has lots of silverware to show for his efforts. **Oliver Miller** overcame his disappointment in finishing 4th in the high jump by running a sub-50 second final of the junior 400m final and winning gold. Overall, our boys gained 6 medals (2 gold, 1 silver and 3 bronze) which is our best ever haul from a nationals meet. Many thanks to the supporting parents and coaches who can take claim to some of the success and celebrate a successful end to a golden year. Bring on 2015.

**Mr Jakub Kalinowski** - TIC of Athletics and Distance Running



*Oliver Miller after the medal presentation*

# Sports (continued)

## ROWING

The rowing squad enjoyed a successful Cambridge Town Cup regatta. The regatta was held last weekend at Lake Karapiro and involved over 2000 competitors. St Peter's made six 'A' Finals and two 'B' Finals. Following are the stand out performances;

1st Mens Novice Coxed 4 - **Richard Bluck, Leo Ngatai-Tafau, Matthew Callaghan, Luka Hayward** – Cox **Ryan Patton**

2nd Mens Novice Coxed 8 - **Samuel Davison, Tom Miller, Richard Bluck, Leo Ngatai-Tafau, Matthew Callaghan, Luka Hayward, Arthur Hauter, Cox - Ryan Patton**

4th U17 Coxed 4 - **Caleb Dallow, Campbell Milne, Matthew Bluck, Matte Srhoj, Cox - Ian Cairns**

7th U17 Coxed 8 - **Caleb Dallow, Campbell Milne, Matthew Bluck, Matte Srhoj, Charlie MacDonell, Kaleb Grgicevich, Emile Commarieu, Stefan Grgicevich, Cox - Ian Cairns**

7th U15 Coxed 4 - **Samuel Davison, Ben Pendriegh, Tom Miller, Jacob Morrow, Cox - Connor Sheehan**

## Thinking about starting Rowing in 2015?

If you are Yr 9 - 12 and interested in starting rowing in 2015 we have a great opportunity for boys and their parents to come and experience a Regatta first hand. The Head of the Harbour Regatta is the Auckland Secondary School Champs and takes place on Saturday, February 14th, at Lake Pupuke in Milford.

The spectator area is in Sylvan Park at the North end of Lake Pupuke, off Sylvan Park Ave. Our SPC flag/banner will be set up on the spectator bank. Racing starts at 8am and finishes around 5pm so all interested rowers, coxswains and their parents are encouraged and welcome to attend to experience first-hand the excitement that a rowing regatta brings and to ask as many questions of our existing SPC rowing parents and supporters that they need to, to encourage new SPC boys into our awesome rowing squad.

## 1st XI Runners Up in Student Horizons Cup

Over the holiday period the St Peter's College 1st XI cricket side participated in the Student Horizons T-20 tournament. Day 1 saw the side lose both matches by close margins one of the matches a one-run loss to AGS 1st XI. Going into Day 2 the side needed to win both games comfortably to go through to the semi-final stage of the competition and that is what they proceeded to do dispatching Rangitoto College and AGS 2nd XI with standout performances coming from **Eiden Ackland** posting a 40 and 60 whilst youngster **Lucas Dasent** took 4-20 on debut for the side. This meant the side qualified 2nd out of their pool and faced last year's champions St Pauls Collegiate, Hamilton in the Semi. In a tight tussle which could've gone either way the side fielded their way to a 4 run victory leaving them AGS 1st XI in the final. Unfortunately the boys didn't manage to bring home the silverware going down by 27 runs. Second place represents St Peter's highest placing in the tournament and provided the young 1st XI with a confidence boost leading into the season.

Well done to the following SPC boys who recently competed at the Softball NZ Age Grade National Championships.



## Sports (continued)

### Softball

Congratulations to the following boys who performed admirably for the following teams at the recently held National Softball Tournament;

Auckland Under 19 Boys – National Champions

**Joseph Kohlhase**

Auckland Under 17 Boys – National Champions

**Joseph Kohlhase** - Tournament Rest Team selection

**Joseph Polamalu**

**Kalin Felise**

Auckland Under 17 Boys B

**Logan Esau** - Tournament Rest Team selection

**Jeron Tan**

**Hayden Trotman**

Auckland Under 15 Boys – National Champions

**James Kohlhase** - Tournament Team selection

**Wiremu Amai**

**Conner Smith**

Counties Manukau Under 15 Boys

**Dylan Tonkin** - Tournament Rest team selection

REMINDER – All boys who have SPC tracksuits and outstanding sports uniforms from last year are to return uniform to the Sports Office by Friday February 6th

### Congratulations

**Joseph Kohlhase** – Represented the NZ U18 Baseball Team competing in the recently held Oceania World Cup Qualifying Tournament.

**Aiden Takarua** – Placed third in Singles at NZSS Lawn Bowls Championships.

**Liam Kessner** – Placed 2nd in the U18 Long Board at the New Zealand National Surfing Championships.

**Caerwyn Tomuli-Afoa, James Hickman, Ronan Gogarty-Watson and Daniel Cameron** – Selected to trial for the NZ Water Polo U15 Team.





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Welcome back to the new school year. For those of you that are new to St Peter's, we warmly welcome you to our community.

There will be several school community events held throughout the year, and one of the first of these will be the St Peter's Family Fun Run.

**WHEN:**

**Sunday 22nd February**

**WHERE:**

**Auckland Domain (exact location to be confirmed)**

**TIME: Registration at 8.30am**

Starting at 9.00am (there will be staggered starts with different age groups and categories with everyone finishing within the Domain for refreshments and activities).

**SAVE THE DATE NOW!!!! - PUT 22nd FEBRUARY IN YOUR DIARY AND COME SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL AND MOST IMPORTANTLY YOUR HOUSE!!**

More information will follow. We look forward to seeing you and your family on the starting line.

# Notices

## SUMMER LITURGICAL MUSIC EVENT

SATURDAY 21 FEBRUARY

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, 10 DOMINION ST, TAKAPUNA

Father Ricky Manalo C.S.P.—Priest—Musician

St Joseph's Takapuna is hosting Fr Ricky (San Francisco) to lead 1 day and 3 evening series of 'work-shops' of music and formation for 'SINGING-THE-MASS'.

The emphasis will be Lenten—Easter Music.

Saturday 21 February is 9am—3pm.

Monday 23, Tuesday 24, Wednesday 25 is 7pm—8.30pm.

Contents of each workshop are below.

Fr Ricky's website is worth looking at where you may hear some of his music: [www.rickymanalo.org/#!/events/cg5v](http://www.rickymanalo.org/#!/events/cg5v) Takapuna Parish sings many of his hymn compositions.

Parishes are invited to bring choirs, groups, musicians and as many parishioners as you wish.

We suggest a parish contribution of \$250 for Parish Groups—if just a small number attends, you may make a donation.

The Saturday event is in Rosmini College Auditorium—parking in St Joseph's Parish grounds (10 Dominion St).

The evening workshops will be in St Joseph's School Hall—same parking.

Saturday Luncheon suggestion! B.Y.O. to share from one big table. Drinks will be provided.

Please advise your attendance numbers to St Joseph's Parish Office:

Email: [stjosephentakapuna@xtra.co.nz](mailto:stjosephentakapuna@xtra.co.nz) or phone Morna Neumann (09) 489 6486

Website: <http://takapunacatholic.org.nz>



## 2015 SAMOAN CULTURAL GROUP – POLYFEST PREPARATION FONO (MEETING)

*Malo le Soifua maua ma le lagi e mama, Talofa, Talofa, Talofa Lava*

*Greetings and Welcome to SPC boys and parents interested in taking part in the 2015 ASB Polyfest Competition in the Samoan cultural group.*

*It's the first week of the school year and we have already had a lot of interest from many boys keen to join the Samoan Cultural group this year. As we prepare for our quest for Polyfest it is important to gather together and outline what has been planned so far.*

*An important meeting (fono) for all boys and their parents to attend to find out more about what will be involved as part of the preparation, commitment involved and to answer any questions parents (and boys) may have. Estimated costs will also be outlined.*

*The meeting will be on Wednesday 4 February commencing @ 6.30pm (sharp). This will be held at the Pavillion (next to the cage) and will conclude no later than 8pm.*

*A registration form will be available on the night and contact details will be collected so that we can contact parents as necessary. Tutors and Leaders as well as some members of the Samoan Parent Komiti will be present.*

*Practices will commence Monday 9 February so attendance to this meeting is important should boys be interested in joining the group this year.*

*For any further information please feel free to contact Fau Tiatia-Farani as 2015 Polyfest Co-Ordinator on [spc.samoan.community@gmail.com](mailto:spc.samoan.community@gmail.com)*

*Look forward to seeing you at the fono.*

*Fa'afetai lava ma ia manuia.*

*Fau Tiatia-Farani*

*2015 Polyfest Co-Ordinator*