

St Peter's College

Grafton, Auckland, New Zealand



Catholic School for Boys in the Edmund Rice Tradition

5th Feb, 2016. Newsletter 1/16

Dear St Peter's Community,

2016 is well and truly underway and our new Year 7's have settled in well to the routines and life of the College.

Our academic results are pleasing with some key highlights being;

- 100% of our Year 13 CIE students gained University Entrance
- NCEA Level 3 Pass rate of 83%
- NCEA Level 2 Pass rate of 96%
- NCEA Level 1 Pass rate of 89%
- Major increase in our Maori + Pasifia results in NCEA

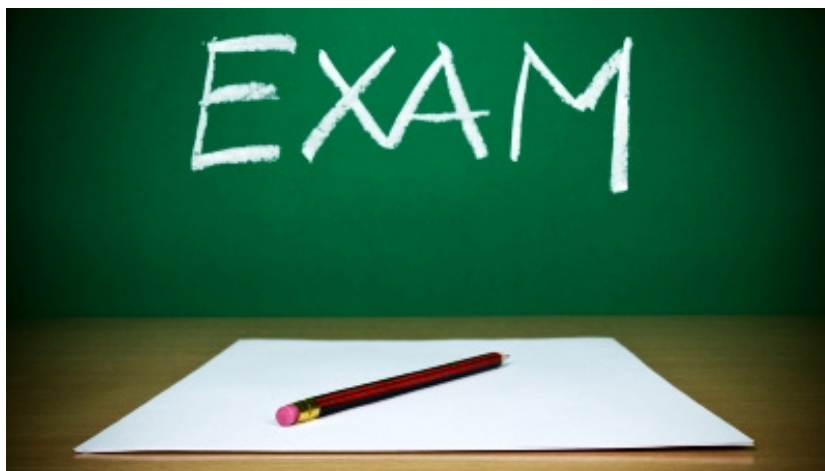
There is still some room for improvement, particularly in NCEA University Entrance and Cambridge AS. Staff are already implementing strategies for growth in these areas.

Congratulations to **Callum Williams, Liam Casey, Paulse Anithottam, Rohit Paul** and **Shing Hang Yan** for their outstanding success in their Cambridge exams.

Inaugural Mass is at St Patrick's Cathedral next Thursday 11 February at 7.30 pm. This is our first community event of 2016 and I look forward to seeing you there.

Ma te Atua tātou e manaaki God's blessings

James Bentley
Headmaster



Upcoming Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8 Feb	9 Feb	10 Feb	11 Feb	12 Feb	13 Feb	14 Feb
WAITANGI DAY HOLIDAY	7 ODR Retreat @ Pavilion	Ash Wednesday MS Sports Exchange - St Kentigern	Inaugural Mass 7 RIC Retreat @ Pavilion	7 TRE Retreat @ Pavilion Class & ID Photos	Head of Harbour @ Lake Pupuke	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
15 Feb	16 Feb	17 Feb	18 Feb	19 Feb	20 Feb	21 Feb
Year 12 Retreats BOD, LYN, NOL @ Willow Park	Year 12 Retreats BOD, LYN, NOL @ Willow Park BOT Finance Meeting @5pm	Junior Assembly Year 12 Retreats ODR, RIC, TRE @ Willow Park Code Captains Function @Gym 5.30pm	Year 12 Retreats ODR, RIC, TRE @ Willow Park Caritas Justice Leadership Day CIE Awards Dinner @Eden Park Y8 Parent Information Evening @Hall	Athletics Day @Mt Smart		

Important Dates for the Coming Term

24 - 26 Feb	Y8 Camp
25 Feb	Y7 Grandparents Day
26 Feb	Mufti Day
28 Feb	Fun Run @Domain
1 Mar	Open Day

Bereavements

Sam Phillips (12TRE) Father died.

Caleb Olney (12TRE) and **Lucus Olney** (8TRE) Uncle died.

Jabez Barwig-Uini (7ODR) Grandfather died.

Noah Fairfield (9RIC) and **Elijah Fairfield** (10RIC) \ Great Grandmother died.

Reid Lenihan (9NOL) Grandmother died.

Robbie Taylor – student.

Bruno Fangupo (10 ODR), **Paulo Fangupo** (12RIC), **Sioeli Fangupo** (13 RIC) Father died.

Josh Aiavao (12NOL) lost 4 family member's over holidays - Uncle, Cousin, Great Aunt and Nana.

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

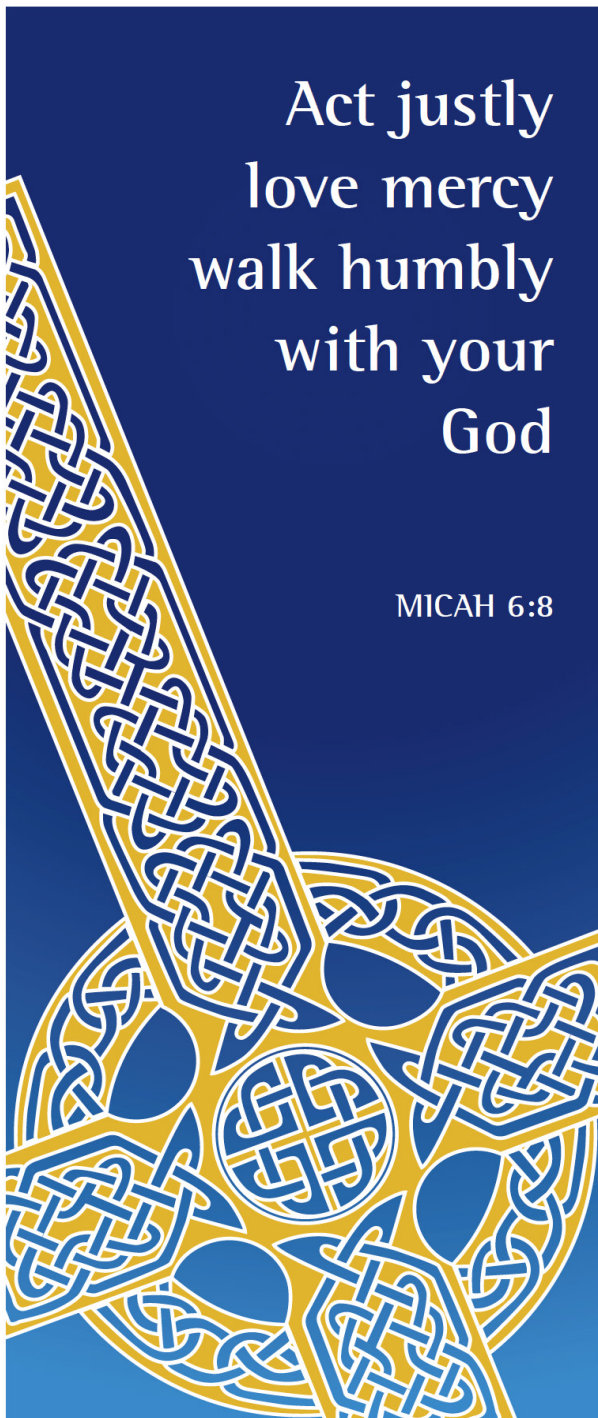
Please log on to the SPC Portal: <http://www.st-peters.school.nz/SPC-Service-Links.aspx> to request a change of details. (see page 4 for information about our new SPC Portal).

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

St. Peter's College Inaugural Mass 2016

7.30pm, Thursday, February 11th

Auckland Cathedral of St. Patrick and St. Joseph



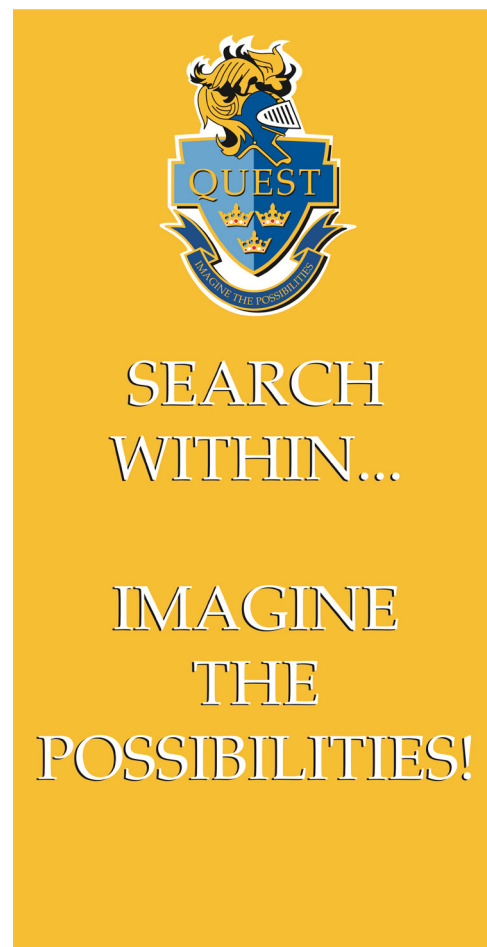
Year 7 Retreats

Year 7 Retreats began on Wednesday, February 3rd. They will continue through next week and finish on Friday, February 12th. 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 15th of February. The programme provides mentoring for our Year 12 cohort from recent Old Boys. Students are given the opportunity to reflect upon their lives to date, and they are invited to plan to make the most of their last two years at SPC.

Quest Retreat – Reminders



Special Character News (continued)

Year 9 Students and Parents

The St Peter's Quest Retreat is a mandatory Retreat for every Year 9 Student. Please remember to keep free the weekend of April 9th and 10th.

Year 12 Peer Ministers and Parents' Information Evening

Tuesday, March 22nd, 7.00pm, College Hall.
PLEASE NOTE – this date has been changed from the initial date of March 17th published last year. This is 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 13, 5-7pm
- Sunday, March 20, 5-7pm
- Sunday, April 3, 3-7pm

Quest Retreat Dates:

- Saturday, April 9– Sunday, April 10



Collection Day

Now is a great time to have a clear out – stack up your goodies (and unwanted Christmas gifts!) and bring them along next week:

Saturday 13 February 2016
10am-12pm at SPC Top Yard

Keen to support the SPC fair, but not sure you can commit to helping on the day?

Then we have the perfect solution: become a sponsor.

You don't have to run a big business to get involved: we have plenty of options to suit every pocket, from sponsoring the cake boxes to providing drinks for the bar. Or perhaps you'd like to sponsor one of the amusement stands – perfect exposure for your business, all you have to do is provide us with a sign so everyone can see you've lent your support.

Our silent auction is a great money-maker, but we need an array of cool prizes from the modest to the marvellous.

Stuck for ideas but have some credit or reward card points? Donate those instead and we'll put them towards some tempting gifts.

Are you a printer who can help with our signs; can you personalise aprons; or provide us with sunblock? Perhaps you're a butcher, a baker, a candlestick-maker with something to offer?

Our needs are varied and your talents are endless, so get in touch and become a part of something great.

Email: spcfair@st-peters.school.nz to discuss any of the above or contact **Adele on 021 363 622** to chat.

From the Deputy Headmaster (curriculum) Michael Mullin

ST PETER'S COLLEGE IG RESULTS 2015

	COHORT	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F - FAIL	G- FAIL	U - FAIL	X-Absent	A* - C 2015	A* - C 2014	A* - C 2013	VARIANCE
ACCOUNTING	23	9%	26%	17%	22%	4%	17%			4%		74%	56%	65%	18%
ART	16			19%	25%	31%	25%					44%	42%	58%	2%
BIOLOGY	56	25%	16%	27%	23%	5%	4%					91%	64%	74%	27%
CHEMISTRY	64	31%	17%	27%	14%	3%	6%		2%			89%	67%	77%	22%
SCIENCE - COMBINED*	66	11%	36%	33%	17%	2%		2%				97%	78%	65%	19%
DESIGN	29	3%	3%	21%	38%	17%	7%	3%	3%		3%	66%	40%	41%	26%
ECONOMICS	51	10%	22%	27%	20%	10%	8%		4%			78%	90%	96%	-12%
ENGLISH - FIRST LANGUAGE*	89	10%	26%	31%	20%	4%	2%			1%	4%	88%	78%	82%	10%
FRENCH	10	10%	30%	30%	10%	10%	10%					80%	100%	100%	-20%
GEOGRAPHY	15	33%	40%	13%	13%							100%	92%	88%	8%
GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES	11	18%	45%	18%	9%		9%					91%	75%	100%	16%
HISTORY	27	15%	26%	30%	22%		7%					93%	87%	100%	6%
ICT	31	6%	13%	35%	23%	13%	10%					77%	58%	65%	19%
ENGLISH - LITERATURE	123	15%	25%	32%	16%	11%	1%					88%	69%	76%	19%
MATHEMATICS	101	10%	26%	33%	17%	10%	3%			2%		85%	79%	80%	6%
MUSIC	19	5%	42%	32%	16%	5%						95%	88%	100%	7%
PE	22		9%	32%	18%	27%	14%					59%	72%	90%	-13%
PHYSICS	106	24%	17%	25%	21%	9%		2%	1%		1%	87%	78%	76%	9%
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	122	3%	4%	11%	21%	11%	18%	24%	4%	3%		40%			40%
TOTAL	981	13%	20%	27%	19%	9%	6%	3%	1%	1%	1%	80%			

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ST PETER'S COLLEGE AS RESULTS 2015

	COHORT	A	B	C	D	E	U - FAIL	X - Absent	A - C 2015	A - C 2014	A - C 2013	VARIANCE
ACCOUNTING	9	22%	11%	0%	0%	11%	56%	0%	33%	62%	57%	-29%
APPLIED IT	24	17%	21%	17%	17%	21%	8%	0%	54%	50%	NA	4%
ART	2	0%	0%	0%	50%	0%	50%	0%	0%	61%	50%	-61%
BIOLOGY	30	10%	17%	20%	10%	20%	20%	3%	47%	33%	55%	14%
CHEMISTRY	22	5%	14%	23%	18%	23%	18%	0%	41%	48%	57%	-7%
CLASSICS	20	5%	35%	40%	15%	5%	0%	0%	80%	86%	82%	-6%
DESIGN	11	0%	9%	27%	55%	9%	0%	0%	36%	46%	NA	-10%
DIVINITY	112	6%	5%	9%	12%	16%	41%	11%	21%	19%	NA	2%
ECONOMICS	38	16%	26%	24%	11%	18%	5%	0%	66%	60%	54%	6%
ENGLISH	91	7%	9%	26%	27%	22%	8%	1%	42%	65%	44%	-23%
FRENCH	8	13%	25%	38%	25%	0%	0%	0%	75%	83%	0%	-8%
GEOGRAPHY	24	8%	17%	25%	25%	13%	13%	0%	50%	27%	49%	23%
GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES	9	22%	33%	33%	11%	0%	0%	0%	89%	100%	NA	-11%
HISTORY	16	13%	31%	25%	19%	6%	6%	0%	69%	66%	70%	3%
MATHEMATICS	126	10%	9%	13%	14%	21%	33%	1%	32%	38%	57%	-6%
MUSIC	11	55%	36%	9%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	100%	100%	0%
PE	16	0%	31%	38%	25%	6%	0%	0%	69%	42%	33%	27%
PHYSICS	66	6%	15%	11%	14%	15%	39%	0%	32%	35%	40%	-3%
TOTAL	635	9%	14%	18%	17%	17%	23%	2%	42%			

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	COHORT	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U - FAIL	X - Absent	A* - C 2015	A* - C 2014	A* - C 2013	VARIANCE
ACCOUNTING	6			33%	50%		17%			83%	57%	88%	26%
APPLIED IT	7		14%	14%	43%	29%				71%			NA
ART	7			29%	43%	29%				71%	60%	NA	11%
BIOLOGY	9		11%	33%	44%		11%			89%	60%	75%	29%
CHEMISTRY	16	13%	13%	25%	25%	19%				75%	62%	69%	13%
CHINESE	3							67%	33%	0%			NA
CLASSICS	4	25%	25%	50%						100%	100%	100%	0%
DESIGN	3				33%	67%				33%			NA
ECONOMICS	31	3%	29%	42%	6%	19%				81%	77%	77%	4%
ENGLISH	45	4%	13%	27%	44%	11%				89%	80%	75%	9%
FRENCH	1			100%						100%	100%	63%	0%
GEOGRAPHY	5				20%	60%	20%			20%	62%	44%	-42%
HISTORY	15	13%	20%	7%	47%	13%				87%	84%	83%	3%
MATHEMATICS	37	11%	8%	8%	46%	22%	3%		3%	73%	70%	64%	3%
MUSIC	3		33%	33%	33%					100%	100%	100%	0%
PE	4				50%	50%				50%	40%	14%	10%
PHYSICS	24	13%	21%	17%	25%	21%	4%			75%	70%	66%	5%
TOTAL	220	7%	15%	22%	34%	18%	3%	1%	1%	77%			

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Congratulations to the following students who have obtained outstanding results in the 2015 Cambridge International Examinations. These students are being recognised in the Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards ceremony in Mid-February.

QUALIFICATION	SYLLABUS	STUDENT NAME	CATEGORY	TEACHER
Cambridge International A Level	Classical Studies	Callum Williams	Top In Country 1st =	Mr Sitters
Cambridge International AS Level	Divinity	Liam Casey	Top In Country 1st	Dr Reid
Cambridge IGCSE	Mathematics (Without Coursework)	Paulse Anithottam	Top In World 1st =	Mr Garrick
Cambridge IGCSE	Religious Studies	Rohit Paul	Top In Country 1st	Dr Stollenwerk
Cambridge International AS Level	Music	Shing Hang Yan	High Achievement – Top in New Zealand	Mr Poljanich

NCEA Results 2015

NCEA LEVEL ONE	2014	2015
ALL STUDENTS	82%	89%
MAORI	57%	91%
PASIFIKA	70%	86%

NCEA LEVEL TWO	2014	2015
ALL STUDENTS	93%	96%
MAORI	83%	83%
PASIFIKA	96%	92%

NCEA LEVEL THREE	2014	2015
ALL STUDENTS	67%	83%
MAORI	60%	80%
PASIFIKA	44%	85%

NCEA UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE	2014	2015
ALL STUDENTS	64%	64%
MAORI	60%	60%
PASIFIKA	44%	61%

Middle School News

As we start a new year, it is important that both students and parents feel connected to Saint Peter's College. This can occur for students by representing the school in team sports instead of club or becoming a part of the cultural groups that perform in the Polyfest competition. There are Music groups and choirs, Special Character groups such as Young Vinnies which give students the chance to get involved in all parts of school life.

For parents it could be coming along to the Fun Run at the Domain with your sons and family. The Fair is held in March at the school and is always looking for people to help in the lead up and on the day. There are plenty of opportunities for parents to be a part of the PTFA to help where possible or on the day with the fair.

Some important dates for Middle School Parents:

- Year 8 Parent Information Evening
Thursday 18th February
- St Peter's Athletics Day
Friday 19th February
- Middle School Swimming Sports
Friday 4th March
- Year 8 Camp
Wed 24th - Fri 26th February
- Year 7 Grandparents Day
Thursday 25th February
- Fun Run
Sunday 28th February
- New Parents Dinner
Thursday 3rd March
- Year 7 Camp
Tues 8th - Fri 11th March
- School Fair
Sunday 20th March

TOUGHLOVE

Are you at the end of your tether with your troubled teen? You can turn it around.

A self- help programme that gives parents the support and tools to deal with unacceptable teenage behaviour-that works!

Find out how parents just like you have turned their families around.

Some reminders for Middle School Parents:

- If parents wish to contact the school about any issues regarding their son in Year 7 or 8 please contact their teacher in the first instance. If necessary this will be followed up by the Head of Year.
- At the end of the school day please pick up your son from outside the school gates
- If for any reason you need to deliver something to your son during the day please drop it to Mrs Turnbull in the Middle School Office and she will ensure it gets to your son. It is not appropriate for parents to go into their son's classroom.
- If you are unsure about anything regarding the school please use the SPC web site as your first point of contact.

Michael Mullin

WIFI POLICY

Wireless Internet for Senior Students

From Tuesday 9th February, students who require access to the school's wireless Internet, will be able to download an ICT Use Agreement from the school's website.

This Agreement will outline the Terms and Conditions for the use of the school's ICT services. Both, Parents and Students have to read the Agreement, then print and sign the last page of the agreement.

Sports Registrations

Please find below the table for Sports Registrations for 2016. For all sports, please refer to the relevant sports pages on the SPC Website. Registration information and forms are on each page from date registration opens. For Middle School, inter-school teams' details will be provided directly to students.

SPORT	LEVEL	OPENS	CLOSES	SPORT COMMENCE
Archery	All levels	27-Jan	05-Feb	Mid February
Athletics		Selected from Athletics Day		
Badminton	Academy	27-Jan	15 Feb (Academy)	Coaching for Term 1
	Junior /Senior coaching	27-Jan	15 Feb (Jnr and Snr)	Coaching for Term 1
Basketball	All levels	10-Feb	17-Feb	Term 2
Cricket	Junior B/C, Senior 3rd/4th/5th XI	27-Jan	05-Feb	12-Feb
Cycling	All levels	Mid February	TBC	
Distance running	Register interest with jkalinowski@st-peters.school.nz			
Football	Middle School	05-Feb	TBC	Term 2
	Secondary	Mid February		Term 2
Hockey	All levels	15-Feb	26-Feb	Term 2
Lacrosse	All levels	Early April		Term 4
Lawn Bowls	All levels	05-Feb	12-Feb	Mid Term 1
Rowing	All levels	Mid May for 2017 season		
Rugby	Junior Development	27-Jan	17-Feb	Coaching for Term 1, starts 9 February
	Middle School	03-Feb	17-Feb	Term 2
	Secondary	01-Mar	TBC	Term 2
Snow Sports	All levels	Mid March		Coaching for Term 2
Softball	Y9/10	Late Term 3		Term 4
	Y11/12/13	Open trial for all to attend at Domain on Wed, 10 Feb. 3.30 pm, front of Grandstand		
Squash	All levels	Mid March		Term 2
Swimming	All levels	Register interest with adrumm@st-peters.school.nz		
Table Tennis	All levels	27-Jan	09-Feb	26-Feb
Tennis	All levels	02-Feb	05-Feb	20-Feb
Touch Rugby	Middle/Y9/10	Mid Term 3		Term 4
	Y11/12/13	Selected for Term 1		09-Feb
Volleyball	Middle/Y9/10	Mid Term 3		Term 4
	Y11/12/13	Selected for Term 1		12-Feb
Water Polo	Middle School	Mid February	04-Mar	Term 2
		Have a Go night - 2 March 6.30 at Diocesan Pool		
	Y9/10	09-Feb	12-Feb	Term 1 - 1 day tours
	Y11/12/13	Selected for Term 1		12-Feb

Please note;

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

Sport (continued)

Athletics Day

Friday 19 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 2016.

Intermediate – Under 16 as at the 1st January 2016.

Senior – U19 as at the 1st January 2016.

NZSS Athletics Championships.

During the first weekend of December 2015, St Peter's sent a team of 10 athletes to the New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletics Championships in Timaru. We were hopeful of building upon the successes of the 2014 event where our school won six medals, two of them gold. Our athletes performed superbly and came away with a record number of gold medals for St Peter's at this level. **James Guthrie-Croft** won an unprecedented three gold medals in the junior 100m, 200m and long jump events. **James** had previously won bronze in the exact same events in 2014. **James** was the only athlete during the whole weekend to win three gold medals. It was a brilliant set of performances from the humble, yet talented athlete.



Oliver Miller ran a gutsy race to win gold in the open boys 300m hurdles event and less than an hour afterwards gained a silver in the senior 400m event. **Oliver** finished in second place by an agonising 0.01 of a second, smashing his own PB at a time of 48.03 seconds in what proved to be the closest race of the entire weekend. St Peter's totaled 5 medals (4 golds and 1 silver) as well as 3 other events in the top 5: **Caleb Whippy** 4th place in the junior shot put and 5th in discus, as well as **Liam Barry** 5th in junior road race. The 2015 year finished on a real high for our athletes



Archery

All St Peter students who are interested in joining or rejoining the archery squad in 2016 need to register online asap.

There will be an interval meeting in A22 on Tuesday Feb 9th for all 2016 archers.

Sport (continued)

Rowing

On Saturday January 16th the SPC Rowing Squad invited **Mr Fouhy** to their training session at the Westend Rowing Club followed by morning tea. The main objective was to thank Mr Fouhy for his support of rowing at SPC over the years and it was fitting that **Brother Rob** was also present. **Brother Rob** was the driving force behind the modern era of SPC rowing by restarting the sport in the early 2000's.



Mr Fouhy probably thought he was in for a relaxed time but in fact he was quite busy. Firstly, he was presented with a miniature oar plaque thanking him for his support. Secondly, it was announced that a new boat (Coxed 4/Quad) would be named after him. Thirdly, he presented each of the boys with their new rowing onesies, the first time the SPC squad has had onesies. And finally he drew the winning tickets in the recent raffle.

A reminder to please send all sports results, reports and photos through to the sports department – adrumm@st-peters.school.nz



After a great speech from **Mr Fouhy** we did manage to tuck into the excellent morning tea!

Congratulations to:

The St Peter's College 1st XI cricket side who were Runners Up in Student Horizons Cup T-20 Tournament over the holiday period

The rowing squad competed in the Cambridge Town Cup regatta last weekend at Lake Karapiro. With 3 St Peter's crews placing in 'A' Finals, the U16 coxed four and U16 coxed eight placing 3rd and the Novice four placing 2nd

Kieran Gogarty Watson who was named in the Tournament team of the Year 8 District Cricket Competition held over the holidays



The Athlete's Foot
school rewards program

- ✓ \$15 SPORTING EQUIPMENT OR
- ✓ \$15 THE ATHLETE'S FOOT VOUCHERS OR
- ✓ \$10 CASH

FROM EVERY SCHOOL OR SPORTS SHOE PURCHASED A DONATION IS MADE TO ST PETERS COLLEGE. SIMPLY NOTIFY THE TEAM MEMBER OF OUR SCHOOL AT THE TIME OF YOUR PURCHASE.

THE ATHLETE'S FOOT ST LUKES : SHOP 1215 WESTFIELD SHOPPING CENTRE, ST LUKES ROAD, MT ALBERT, AUCKLAND. PH : 846 0044



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The Lady in the Van

The true story of the strained friendship between Alan Bennett and Miss Mary Shepherd, an eccentric homeless woman, who ends up parking her van in the driveway of his home.

COMEDY DRAMA

Be Quick - Tickets selling fast!

DATE: MONDAY 29 February, 2016
TIME: 6pm socialise Screening 6.30 pm
PLACE: Bridgeway Theatre, Northcote Point
COST: Only \$25.00, includes lucky ticket draw

To book Tickets phone 480 5959 or email reception@depaulhouse.org.nz or collect from the De Paul House office, Gate 2, 92 Onewa Road Northcote

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

I wish to purchase _____ no. of tickets at \$25.00 each = \$ _____

I prefer to pay by ☐ cheque (enclosed) ☐ Credit Card ☐ Cash

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StarJam is a not-for-profit organisation that empowers young people with disabilities through music and performance.

We have places available now for **vocalists** in our **Velvet Vocals** workshop. The workshop is for **6-25 year olds** and is held **Thursdays, 6:30pm-8pm** in **Kingsland**.

Contact auckland@starjam.org or **09 300 6257** to find out more!



