

# St Peter's College

## Grafton, Auckland, New Zealand



Catholic School for Boys in the Edmund Rice Tradition

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## "The Radicalisation of Young Men"

It is hard to ignore the stark reality of warfare in the Middle East today.

It is also hard to ignore the many young men who have left their middle class upbringing to fight for some idea(l) as found in ISS of Syria or Iraq.

The media have portrayed the hundreds of young men (many from Australia, UK, USA and some NZ) as "radicalised" youth when they come under the sway of a fiery preacher who promises them eternal paradise, sometimes with martyrdom. Many of these radicalised men are intelligent and wanting to do something in the world.

I think "**radicalisation**" is the wrong word. Radicalisation is about getting to the foundations of an issue (Radix = root).

The issue is more about "**alienation**".

Alienation is about the loss of community and hence the promise of paradise as a solution to that loss.

I notice the media only refers to radicalised young men.

Those of us who work in a boys school know that if boys are thought to be a problem – they will definitely fulfil that expectation and become the problem.

I suspect on several layers, many young men generally experience a loss in the future of life. The depression stats, the suicide figures, the yahooish behaviour, the educational underachievement, the stupidity index etc are some indicators of this loss.

So, when presented with a sense of adventure, the righting of the wrongs of an unfair world, and being swayed by some ideology - it all makes sense to an alienated young man.

Are there ways we can help our young men gain a foothold in life and its future – without them racing off overseas to hear about some crackpot ideology and martyrdom?

Let's try some of the following:

- **Educational achievement** - hard work, being present at school every day will eventually produce some achievement.

- **A service to others** – our College service requirement is about young men connecting with others and their community.

- **Co-curricula activities** are about participating actively in the life of their school and about ownership of their community.

- **A learning about their faith tradition.** Christianity didn't fall from the sky. The routines and rituals of our Christian heritage have been slowly shaped over the years and are part of our culture.

- **Learning to reflect.** Learning to become a still point in a changing world.

Some years ago I was at a Jesuit high school in Chicago and was interested in a programme the school ran for their senior students: "**Ruined for Life**". The programme 'guaranteed' that its graduates would be ruined in terms of future consumerism or self-centred activities. They would be "fit for mission".

A transformative programme.

Now that sounds like radicalisation of young men in a different way.

### Reminders:

1 College fun run Sunday **22 February** starting at 9.00 am (Domain). House activities and points. For parents and all boys.

2 College Fair Sunday **22 March** starting at 10.00 am. A major fundraiser activity for our parents and PTFA. Notices will be coming out about collection dates for goods etc.

3 All overseas trips permission for boys during class time must go through the HOY and myself as Headmaster.

Classes generally are very settled and orderly. Well done on a successful start.

In His Peace

K F Fouhy  
Headmaster

## Upcoming Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
16 Feb	17 Feb	18 Feb	19 Feb	20 Feb	21 Feb	22 Feb
Whanau meeting @Pavilion 6.30pm	Class & ID Photos	Ash Wednesday M/S Sports Exchange v St Kentigern College Code Captains Function @Gym 5.30pm New Cyclists Information Evening @ Staffroom 7.30pm	Y8 Parents Evening @Hall  12ODR, 12RIC, 12TRE Retreat @ Eastern Beach  NZ CIE Awards @ Westlake Boys' 6.00pm	12ODR, 12RIC, 12TRE Retreat @ Eastern Beach		Fun Run @Domain 9.00am
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
23 Feb	24 Feb	25 Feb	26 Feb	27 Feb	28 Feb	1 Mar
	BOT Meeting @ Library 7.30pm	Assembly (Junior) Y8 Camp @ Hunua	Y7 Grandparents Day  Y8 Camp @Hunua	Shape your destiny @Hall  Y8 Camp @Hunua		

## Important Dates for the Coming Term

<b>3 Mar</b>	Open Day 9.30am & 1.00pm
<b>5 Mar</b>	New Parents Dinner @Hall 6pm
<b>10 - 13 Mar</b>	Y7 Camp @Motutapu
<b>11 Mar</b>	Old Boys Meeting @Library 7pm
<b>12 Mar</b>	Y12 Quest Parents Night @Hall 7pm

## Bereavements

**Elijahh Raki (13ODR)** - Grandfather died.

**Marcel (7ODR) and Reuben (9ODR) Stoddard** - Grandmother died.

**Connor Bellett (13ODR) and Dylan Bellett (10ODR)** - Grandmother died.

**Te Rangi Enoka (12NOL)** - Aunt 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.

# From the Office of Deputy Headmaster (Pastoral) Stephen Dooley

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PREFECTS FOR 2015

**Chris Oleva**

Head Boy

**Connor Cahill-Fahey**  
**Craig Fernandes**

Deputy and O'Driscoll  
Deputy and Special  
Character

**Sean MacFarlane**

Deputy and Performing  
Arts

**Eiden Ackland**

Treacy

**Luke Agnew**

Bodkin

**Connor Bellett**

General

**Thomas Bilton**

Environment

**Ian Cairns**

Young Vinnies

**Jake Cameron**

Middle School

**Liam Casey**

Transport

**Marcus Dickey**

Community

**Josh Hickey**

Lynch

**Sam Hooper**

General

**Joseph Kohlhasse**

General

**James McIntosh**

Rice

**Luke Masters**

Sport

**David Robertson**

International

**Sam Verlinden**

Music

**Callum Williams**

Nolan

**Sam Pallas**

Academics

**Ethan Tauevihi-Kahika**

Culture

**David Robertson**

International

**Sam Verlinden**

Music

**Callum Williams**

Nolan

The start of the year has begun well.

Some key pastoral points for the beginning of the year:

### Uniform

- A sharp looking uniform is compulsory. Please ensure your son departs for school in the mornings with the correct uniform and footwear.

### Attendance

- Please note traffic is not an excuse for student 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.
- Excessive absences or lateness will be referred to Auckland City Attendance Service (ACES).



# *From the Office of Deputy Headmaster (Pastoral) Stephen Dooley (continued)*

## **Contacting Staff**

- We encourage parents to contact staff to discuss their son's progress. Email or phone remains the best means of communication. 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.

## **“Weekly Engagement Report” (W.E.R.)**

- Beginning this Week 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.). Our student intervention system has the following guidelines.

- 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.

Please have weekly conversations with you son regarding their scores. Our aim is to engage all boys in their lessons. Through this WER weekly scoring students can be proactively monitored, acknowledged or assisted to ensure they are working at their best.

God's Blessings

Stephen Dooley  
**Deputy Headmaster**

## **TE KURA TEITEI O HATO PETERA**

### ***Maori Community Meeting***

### ***Nau mai, haere mai***

***Monday 16 February 2015, 6.30pm, Pavilion***

Please join us at our first Maori Community Meeting for 2015 at which we will discuss:

- Initiatives and 2015 Events for SPC Maori boys
- Maori achievements at St Peters and academic outcomes for 2014
- Te Reo at St Peters
- Kapa Haka
- Maori Community Engagement
- 2015 / 2016 Committee

During the meeting we will elect our 2015 Committee.

If you wish to be a member of the Committee, to nominate someone as a member, or would like to contribute to our initiatives in any way, we very much welcome your involvement. We understand that our whanau live in a busy world, and so any commitment, no matter how small, goes a long way to us achieving the best for our boys.

Our evening will conclude with coffee, tea and snacks and a time to socialise with other members of our community. The meeting is open to parents, family and boys.

Our motto is “kotahitanga” (unity). In reflecting this, our approach is inclusive rather than exclusive. Therefore, all who feel associated in any way with Maori are welcome to participate in our community and initiatives regardless of ethnicity.

If you have any queries please contact us on:

[SPC.Maori.Community@gmail.com](mailto:SPC.Maori.Community@gmail.com)

Shelley Kopu - 021 180 4758

Kylie Amai – 021 739 095



# From the Assistant Headmaster (Middle School) Michael Mullin

A warm welcome to all the new students and parents to the start of the school year in 2015. The 100 day induction is well underway for the Year 7 students, with all students having been on their class retreat, Inaugural Mass and Middle School swimming sports this week.

To make every Year 7 student feel a part of the St Peter's family they were welcomed onto the top yard in their first week by the rest of the schooling body. This sets a tone of inclusiveness that will be with them through their seven years at St Peter's College.

In term one there are still a number of events that you should all be aware of:

## Week 4

Thursday 19th February Year 8 Parents Evening  
Sunday 22nd February Fun Run

## Week 5

Wednesday 25th February Year 8 Camp  
Thursday 26th February Year 7 Grandparents Mass

## Week 6


Thursday 5th March New Parents Dinner

## Week 7

Tuesday 10th March Year 7 Camp

Michael Mullin

Assistant Headmaster Middle School



## The countdown begins!

# St Peter's College Fair

## Sunday 22 March 2015

### Second Hand Goods

We welcome good quality second hand goods - household items, toys, books, clothing, linen, sports gear, etc. We would be grateful if you could hold back on dropping off large furniture items until closer to Fair day, unless we are blessed with more storage space!

**Drop these off at school at the following times:** (Note that collection venue may change - watch the notices!)

Date	Time	Date	Time
Sat 14 February	10am - 12pm	Mon 16 February	5.30pm - 6.30pm
Sat 21 February	10am - 12pm	Mon 23 February	5.30pm - 6.30pm
Sat 28 February	10am - 12pm	Mon 2 March	5.30pm - 6.30pm
Sat 7 March	10am - 12pm	Mon 9 March	5.30pm - 6.30pm
Sat 14 March	10am - 12pm	Mon 16 March	5.30pm - 6.30pm
Sat 21 March	All day		

### Goods for gift baskets & stalls

We welcome new goods to be used for raffles, gift baskets and stalls. On the four Fridays leading up to the Fair, boys are invited bring donated goods **to the hall before school** - tables will be set up outside the hall from 7.45am. Donating goods results in house points; the more goods that are donated, the more house points will be awarded. **Please give generously!**

Date	Suggested goods	Where
Friday 20 February	<b>Canned and bottled foods</b> - e.g. tinned fruit/veges, jams, jellies, sauces, chutney, tinned tomatoes, tomato sauce, beetroot, rice, sugar	School Hall 7.45am-8.45am
Friday 27 February	<b>Toiletries</b> - e.g. hand lotions, bath bombs, bath oils, perfume, aftershave, deodorants.	School Hall 7.45am-8.45am
Friday 6 March	<b>Non-perishable gourmet food</b> - e.g. dried fruits, nuts, specialty teas, coffee, olives, vinegars, mustards, gherkins, pickles.	School Hall 7.45am-8.45am
Friday 13 March	<b>Wrapped lollies</b> - packaged sweets, chocolates, liquorice and biscuits. <b>Children's' lucky dips</b> - e.g. any toys that can be used for a lucky dip for girls or boys.	School Hall 7.45am-8.45am

## 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**

## INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY

St Peter's Football Looking for Sponsors

Contact Mr Hadnett for more details

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

## Sports Registrations

Please note the following sports registration details. Registrations can be made on –line via the school website under Sports and then the specific sport. Registration forms are also available from the Sports Office.

Sport	Year Level	Registrations Close	Registration Details
Basketball	Yr 7-13	February 27 <sup>th</sup>	Opens on February 16 <sup>th</sup> . Register online.
Cycling	Yr 7-13		Open, register online
Hockey	Yr 7-13	February 27 <sup>th</sup>	Opens on February 16 <sup>th</sup> . Register online.
Football	Yr 7 - 8	February 20 <sup>th</sup>	To Middle School Office
Football	Yr 9-13	February 27 <sup>th</sup>	Opens on February 16 <sup>th</sup> . Register online.
Lacrosse	Yr 9-13		Have a Go session on Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> February, school turf next to gym. 3.15 pm
Lawn Bowls	Yr 7 - 13		Practice starts on February 16 at Mt Eden Bowling. See Mr Rogers – Science Block.
Rugby	U12/U13	February 18 <sup>th</sup>	Open, register online
Rugby	Yr 9-13	February 27 <sup>th</sup>	Opens on February 16 <sup>th</sup> . Register online
Squash	Yr7-13		Opens on February 23 <sup>rd</sup> . Register online
Water Polo	Yrs 7-8	March 19 <sup>th</sup>	Have a Go night on Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> of February at Diocesan Pool from 6.30 pm. Opens on Monday February 23 <sup>rd</sup> .

Please note;

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

## Two co-curricular activities

The schools expectation is that your son engages in two co-curricular activities. Ideally from a sports perspective this is a winter sport and a summer sport.

We do not recommend your son registers for two core winter sports. The core winter sports are Rugby, Football, Basketball and Hockey. The main reason for this is to avoid training clashes.

If you require further details/clarification contact **Mark Wilson** – [mwilson@st-peters.school.nz](mailto:mwilson@st-peters.school.nz)

## Water Polo

SPC water polo has grown in size and gained great championship results over the past few years. We have recently won the NZSS Div B, placed 9th in NZSS Premiers and won the Central League Intermediate Competition.

This year we have 2 senior teams entered into the Auckland Competition. We're hoping to enter 2-3 teams into the Junior Competition and already have high interest in the Intermediate – Year 7/8 registrations.

**HAVE A GO AT WATER POLO – Year 7 - 10**

For those boys interested in knowing more about Water polo we are planning a 'Have a Go' session on Monday, 23 February. It will be held at the Diocesan Pool from 6.30 – 8 pm. This is a great opportunity to get in the water, have a go at playing water polo, watch a game and meet senior players. Players and Parents are welcome. Please bring your togs and a towel. For more details contact: **Sue Casey** [sport@st-peters.school.nz](mailto:sport@st-peters.school.nz).

## Congratulations

**Ben McConnell** – Won a Silver medal in the Beach relay at the Northern Regional Junior Surf Life Saving Champs.

## Sports (continued)

### Rowing

St Peter's Novice 4 and 8 rowing crews competed for West End at the North Island Club Championships at Lake Karapiro over Waitangi weekend. The highlight of weekend was the Novice 4 winning Gold in the A final beating out the highly rated Waikato (Hamilton Boys High) crews in a tense and exciting final race. The Novice 8 qualified fastest for their A final but rowed away with a bronze for 3rd place in the final.

Thinking of rowing this year

A reminder if you are in any of Years 9 to 12 and interested in starting rowing (including the all-important role of coxswaining) in 2015 then there is a great opportunity for boys and their parents to come and experience a Regatta this Saturday 14 February. The Head of the Harbour Regatta is the Auckland Secondary School Champs and takes place at Lake Pupuke in Milford. The spectator area is in Sylvan Park at the North end of Lake Pupuke, off Sylvan Park Ave.

There is a shuttle bus that runs between the Milford Shopping Centre and Sylvan Park. 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.



**Richard Bluck, Leo Ngatai-Tafu, Matthew Callaghan, Luka Hayward, Coxed by Ryan Patton with Coaches Stacey Lithgow and Sigrid Davis**



# Edmund Rice Library

Welcome back! We trust that our school community enjoyed a pleasant Christmas and New Year holiday.

We have been very busy welcoming new boys to St Peter's and selecting student librarians for 2015! We have been overwhelmed by the number of boys wishing to become librarians and help keep our library tidy!

Eamon McArdle is our Head Librarian for 2015 and he will be assisted by 22 librarians from previous years plus 26 new librarians! Their service to our library will be recognised later this term.

We are looking forward to our Grandparents' Day Book Fair on Thursday 26th February where there will be an exciting range of boys' books to buy and donate to the school!

## OUR LIBRARY IS ONLINE!!

Please go to the school webpage to see what books/resources we have in our library. You can reserve or request them following the instructions on the webpage. Library at lunchtime – the great place to be!



## College Foundation Trust

Last year in its 75th Jubilee, the Board of Trustees established a St Peter's College Foundation Trust to manage its financial and capital resources in order to provide for the best Catholic education possible. Pastoral, academic, sporting and cultural programmes will be better supported.

Its objectives are:

- Advance education by providing funding for facilities, amenities and service for students and staff.
- Provide for scholarships to students and staff.
- Support education and co-curricula activities.
- Carry out special projects for new buildings and learning facilities.
- Support any activities which will advance St Peter's College.

The Chair of the Foundation is old boy Denis Drumm (Director of Staples Rodway).

There are five other trustees including the Headmaster and Board Chair.

The Foundation is a registered charitable trust.



**The Athlete's Foot**  
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# Notices

## New Cyclists Information Evening

7.30 pm February 18th

TIC Cycling Kevin Barker, Cycling parents and Captain of Cycling Timmy Kwok will lead this informal information evening for boys and their parents who would like to participate in Cycling for St-Peters College.

Meet 7.30-8.30 pm in the school staffroom.

For further information

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

phone 5248108 ext 7314

## Welcome back to all SPC archers and parents

SPC Archery registrations have closed but there are potentially 1 or 2 places left for those interested – contact Mr Brad Bridges, room T11. New archers started off their beginner's course at Auckland Archery Club on Saturday 7th February and some will kick off at Mountain Green Archery Club on Saturday 14th February.

School archery practice session will start at the Gym on Friday 20th February 3pm.

Meetings at school for updates every Tuesday at 11 am in T11.



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 StPeter'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.*

## St Peter's College Football Fundraising Dinner



**Date:** 30th March 2015

**Venue:** College Hall

**Time:** Doors Open @ 6pm

**Cash Bar Available**



Tickets from - [bhadnett@st-peters.school.nz](mailto:bhadnett@st-peters.school.nz)



**Guest Speaker**  
**Ramon Tribulietx**  
**Auckland City Coach**

### Auction Items

- 4 Tickets to live screening of 7 Days
- Clarks Beach bach for the weekend.
- Lake Tarawera house for a weekend

**Plus many more items**



# St. Peter's College

## Friends of Music



All proceeds to Mr A. Poljanich  
St. Peters Music & Art - Europe Trip 2015

Sat March 7th 7:00 pm  
in the School Hall.

**TABLES WILL SELL FAST!**  
**SO BOOK TO ENTER YOUR TEAM TODAY**

PRIZE FOR THE BEST DRESSED TABLE!  
FOOD & DRINK WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

### *The fineprint*

Bookings by table of 10  
\$20 per person including a free cocktail on entry  
Come up with a cool theme and name for your team  
and then book it by email: [specquiznight@gmail.com](mailto:specquiznight@gmail.com)  
(If you need help forming a full team of 10 let us know and we can help)

If you are able to donate an item or service (of any value - small or large),  
for the auction please e-mail: [james@usefulfilms.com](mailto:james@usefulfilms.com)

Please remember to organise a sober driver or book a cab - watch out for our return e-mail  
as we have a great deal with Auckland Taxi Service



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