

# St Peter's College

## Grafton, Auckland, New Zealand



Catholic School for Boys in the Edmund Rice Tradition

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## A Boy Index?

It seems that we are surrounded by indices of many forms e.g.

- The Crane Index (indicator of economic activity)
- The Youth Custody Index (measure of youth imprisonment)
- The Sustainable Society Index (measure of a country's sustainability)
- The Most Liveable City Index etc

And there are many more.

But I have never seen a well-being for boys index. This would be an amalgam of all those indicators which make for well-being of young men.

Clearly boys are losing the educational stakes. The graduation rates of males at university, the educational underachievement of boys at high schools, the high rate of boys requiring special assistance in schools, the autistic type behaviour are just some of the indicators that something is not right for young men.

The high rates of male depression, male suicide, male physical abuse and violence coupled with high risk taking behaviours (more dangerous sports/drunken driving, reckless sexual activity) mean that somehow as a community we are not providing for the needs of young men.

It seems obvious that if life is not working for many of the half of the population – then there would be some research done into the reasons why.

Why do men and boys neglect their personal health?

Why do young men experience such social isolation?

Why does a young man's inexpressiveness of emotion lead to poor health, low levels of social support and unfulfilled intimacy levels?

In short why don't we have a boy index of behaviours which indicate whether well-being of boys is at an acceptable or unacceptable level?

These could be:

- Health promoting behaviours index
- Social support indicators
- A personal control index

- Readiness to change unhealthy behaviours index
- A delayed gratification indicator
- Expression of emotion index
- A future worth indicator
- An employability indicator
- Physical abuse and violence index

And many more.

I think we don't undertake research into boy's well-being – because we might find issues to which don't have solutions.

I suppose we should take a leaf out of the feminist book and object to the sloppy, stupid portrayal of men by the media. The hard drinking, physical violent thugs who hug our TV channels are not balanced out by the scholarly artists and poets who provide creative solutions to life problems.

There is an excellent audio podcast from The Economist: "why girls do better than boys at school" - worth listening to.

### Reminders:

- Maori and Pacifica evening **Monday 16 March 6.30 pm.**
- College fair **Sunday 22 March at 11.00 am.**
- Year 9 and 10 exams **Monday 23 – Friday 27 March.**
- Quest Retreat year 9 – year 12 **Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 March.**
- Football dinner **Monday 30 March at 6.00pm.**
- Enrolments for 2016 close **Wednesday 1 April at 4.00 pm.**
- Anzac Memorial Concert **Friday 24 April at St Benedict's Church at 7.30 pm.**

In His Peace

K F Fouhy  
Headmaster

## Upcoming Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
16 Mar	17 Mar	18 Mar	19 Mar	20 Mar	21 Mar	22 Mar
Maori & Pasifika Night @Hall 6.30pm	Mufti Day for College Fair	Assembly (Senior) ASB Polyfest – Kapahaka 10am M/S Sports Exchange v Dilworth	ASB Polyfest Edmund Rice Dinner @Northern Club Music Trip Farewell Concert	ASB Polyfest - Samoan Group 2.05pm	ASB Polyfest – Tongan Group 8.30am + 11.50am	College Fair@ 11.00am Quest Training @ Gym 4pm
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
23 Mar	24 Mar	25 Mar	26 Mar	27 Mar	28 Mar	30 Mar
Y9 & Y10 Exams Maadi Cup @Lake Karapiro National Softball Champs @ Wellington BOT Meeting @ Library 7.30pm	Y9 & Y10 Exams Maadi Cup @Lake Karapiro National Softball Champs @ Wellington	Y9 & Y10 Exams Maadi Cup @Lake Karapiro Rugby Smart @ Gym 4pm M/S Sports Exchange v Kings National Softball Champs @ Wellington	Y9 & Y10 Exams Maadi Cup @Lake Karapiro NZSS Futsal @ Wellington National Softball Champs @ Wellington	Y9 & Y10 Exams Maadi Cup @Lake Karapiro Y7 + Y8 Social @ Hall NZSS Futsal @Wellington National Softball Champs @ Wellington	Quest Retreat Maadi Cup @ Lake Karapiro NISS Athletics @Mt Smart	Quest Retreat Maadi Cup @Lake Karapiro NISS Athletics @ Mt Smart

## Important Dates for the Coming Term

<b>31st Mar</b>	Football Dinner @Hall 6pm
<b>1 Apr</b>	Easter Liturgies
<b>2 Apr</b>	Teacher Only Day End Term 1
<b>3 Apr</b>	GOOD FRIDAY
<b>6 Apr</b>	EASTER MONDAY
<b>7 Apr</b>	EASTER TUESDAY
<b>7 - 9 Apr</b>	Special Character Camp

## Bereavements

**Quinn McConachy (8NOL)** Aunt died.  
**Timothy Magness (12BOD)** and **Stephen Magness (9BOD)** Grandmother died.  
**Bruno (8ODR), Joseph (11ODR) Marcus (13ODR) Dickey** Great Uncle Died.  
**Noah (13BOD) and Jared (11BOD) Mataia** Great Grandfather died.  
**Zahn Boyd (7BOD)** Grandmother died.  
**Paul Nuku (8LYN)** Grandmother died.  
**Jackson Borchert (11ODR)** Cousin died.  
**Isaac Panaho (11ODR)** Step Grandmother died.

### ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Please ensure you phone the school by 9am if your son is going to be away or out of school for any appointments. We also ask that you send a letter with your son on return. Phone Mrs Alison Strong (Attendance Officer) on 524 8108 ext 7341

### CONTACT DETAILS

Please log on to the SPC Portal: <http://www.st-peters.school.nz/SPC-Service-Links.aspx> to request a change of details. (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'

## An Invitation:



### ANZAC MEMORIAL CONCERT

*'A Time to Remember'*

Featuring the music of  
St Francis School, St Mary's College, St Peter's College  
and Fr Chris Skinner

Friday April 24th, 7:30pm  
St Benedict's Church  
Newton  
Parking: Wilson Carpark opposite church



#### Service Opportunity:

Royal Oak Primary School Carnival  
Saturday March 21st

Earn community service hours by volunteering at the Royal Oak Primary School Carnival, Saturday 21st of March. Service is suitable from Yr 9 upwards. Jobs include working on stalls, helping set up, pack down, rubbish collection & 'runners' for stall-holders. 8am - 12noon or 12noon - 4pm or the whole day! Contact Angela Thompson on 021 289-1650 or [angelat@maxnet.co.nz](mailto:angelat@maxnet.co.nz) by 16th March.

## Quest Retreat – Two Weeks to Go!

### 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.* The times for Year 9 are: 12.45pm - 9.30pm March 28th and 10.00am – 1.00pm March 29th. Drop-off and pick-up from SPC on both days. A letter with full details of the Retreat will be sent to all Year 9 Parents the week before Quest.

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

Training Dates @ SPC:

- Sunday, March 15, 5-7pm
- Sunday, March 22, 3-7pm (after College Fair)

Quest Retreat Dates:

- Saturday, March 28– Sunday, March 29



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THE  
POSSIBILITIES!

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

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A busy time in the life of the Middle School, boys have played hosts to hundreds of year 6 students and their parents at Open Day as they wander through classrooms to see what a regular day is like for year 7 and 8 boys at St Peter's College. The reactions on the young faces showed one of excitement and interest to see what possibilities may lie ahead. Might I add that the young men of the college were brilliant in how they talked to parents and younger boys showing real pride in the college.

It was not just boys who have had a hectic time recently, parents were involved in the Fun Run and the New Parents Dinner over the last few weeks. The dinner was a highlight with Deputy Headmaster Steve Dooley entertaining the parents with witty stories about his three sons and what he has learnt in his time as a student in a Catholic school for boys. He gave a fresh perspective on what to expect in the coming years as eleven year olds move into their teenage years and gave some frank advice to help parents.

A highlight for the young men in the Middle School is the camps each year in Term one, boys get to leave the classroom and enjoy the sights, smells and sounds of what Camp Adair and Motutapu Island have to offer. Especially in Year Seven, boys find this a time where new and strong friendships are made. They try out new activities and learn new skills that will challenge them which will make them stronger. Enjoyment is a major plus and it is no wonder with activities such as yachting, abseiling, snorkelling to name a few.

All of these opportunities are part of the 100 day induction for new boys and every boy and parent should feel that they are a part of the St Peter's Family. One big day coming up is the Fair and we look forward to seeing you all there in what will be an awesome day of food, fun and entertainment.

Michael Mullin

**Assistant Headmaster Middle School**



## **New Zealand Puzzle Association Inc. Junior Mindgames Tournament**

**Ferndal House, Mt Albert  
ANZAC Weekend**

The programme for the weekend is

Saturday am: NZ junior backgammon championships  
Saturday pm: NZ junior scrabble championships  
Monday am: an open junior chess tournament  
Monday pm: NZ junior draughts championships  
Monday 4.30pm: Prizegiving

The junior vaki puzzle and sudoku championships will be an online event over the weekend.

As well as the individual events there will be an overall "NZ junior mindgames championship" which will be decided as the aggregate of competitors' scores over their best three events.

More details are on the internet at  
[www.mindgames.nz/anzac2015.php](http://www.mindgames.nz/anzac2015.php)

The tournament will be held in three age divisions - under 18, under 16, and under 14.



## Sports Registrations

Basketball, Hockey, Football and Rugby registrations have closed. 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
Snowsports	Yrs 7-13	20 March
Badminton Term 2	Yrs 7-13	23 March
Table Tennis Term 2	Yrs 7-13	23 March
Lawn Bowls	Yrs 7-13	16 March
Lacrosse	Yrs 7-13	23 March
Water Polo	Yrs 7-8	19 March

Please note;

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

## Novice Coxed Four Win Gold at NISS Rowing Regatta

The novice coxed four rowed superbly to win gold at the NISS Championships. The novice eight recovered from a slow start in the final to claim bronze. In testing conditions the St Peter's Rowing Squad gained their best results for a number of seasons. The squad now have their sights set on the pinnacle event on the rowing calendar, the Maadi Cup Regatta, starting on March 23rd. All the best to the squad. Below are the stand out performances from the NISS Championships.

U18 novice coxed four – 1st Place - **Richard Bluck** (stroke), **Leo Ngatai-Tafau**, **Matthew Callaghan**, **Luka Hayward + Ryan Patton** (cox)

U18 novice coxed eight – 3rd Place - **Samuel Davison** (stroke), **Tom Miller**, **Matthew Callaghan**, **Leo Ngatai-Tafau**, **Richard Bluck**, **Luka Hayward**, **Arthur Hauter**, **Dominic English + Ryan Patton** (cox)

U17 coxed eight - 5th place - **Matthew Bluck** (stroke), **Campbell Milne**, **Caleb Dallow**, **Matte Srhoj**, **Charles MacDonnell**, **Rory Baker**, **Kaleb Grgicevich**, **Stefan Grgicevich + Ian Cairns** (cox)

U18 lightweight double sculls - 6th place - **Aidan Margetts** (stroke), **Craig Fernandez**

U16 double sculls – 8th Place - **Emile Commarieu** (stroke), **Joshua Shields**

U17 coxed four - 8th Place - **Caleb Dallow** (stroke), **Campbell Milne**, **Matthew Bluck**, **Matte Srhoj + Ian Cairns** (cox)

## Central Zone Athletics Results

Excellent results were achieved at the recently held Central Zone Athletics Championships. These included;

Senior Boys:

**Kina Kaufusi** – 1st 100m, 2nd 200m

**Christian Curtis** – 1st High Jump, 3rd Discus

**Julius Johnson** – 2nd Long Jump

**Pierce Sheridan** – 3rd 1,500m

4 x 100m relay – 3rd - **Kina Kaufusi**, **Aleks Dabek**, **Christian Curtis** and **Julius Johnson**

Intermediate Boys:

**James Guthrie-Croft** – 1st 100m, 1st 200m, 1st Long Jump

**Oliver Miller** – 1st 400m, 1st High Jump

**Caleb Whippy** – 2nd Discus, 2nd Shot Put

4 x 100m relay – 2nd - **James Guthrie-Croft**, **Oliver Miller**, **Matthew Kalekale**, **Jackson Borchert**

Junior Boys:

**Liam Back** – 1st 1500m

**Chasdm Southern** – 3rd 100m, 3rd 200m



**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.





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# Sport (continued)

## North Island Junior Archery Championships

Nine members of the St Peter's College Archery Team travelled to Rotorua to compete in the North Island Junior

Archery Championships. The weather made shooting very challenging at times however our boys came away

with a substantial medal haul. Outstanding results once again!

Mens Recurve Matchplay

**Chayse Martin Roberts** – Gold (Division 1), **Luke Franklyn** – Bronze (Division 1), **Ben Cook** – Silver (Division 2 U15)

Mens Compound Matchplay:

**Bailey Cox** – Gold (Division 2 U15)

Target Recurve:

**Chayse Martin Roberts** – Gold (70m), **Ben Cook** – Gold (40m), **Luke Franklyn** – Silver (70m),

**Jacob Cook** – Bronze (55m), **Xerxes Mistry** – Bronze (40m)

Target Compound:

**Bailey Cox** – Gold (Open 25m), **Yazdy Mistry** – Silver (55m)



Above: Stephen Solis, Luke Franklin, Chayse Martin Roberts and Captain Matthew Storer

### Lost Hop Cards

We have a number of unnamed Hop Cards handed into the office. If you were to take a photo of the serial number it would be so easy to check at the office if yours has been handed in, otherwise we have no way of returning them to the rightful owner.

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Jordan Philip** – Hat Trick for Junior B Cricket Team

**Oliver Miller** – National Athletic Club Champs: Under 18 4 x 400 relay Bronze, High Jump Silver and 400 metre Gold.

**James Guthrie Croft** – National Athletic Club Champs: Under 18 200m Bronze

**Hamish Butterworth-Snell**, Luke Ransley, Daniel Neville – AKSS Triathlon - 1st place in Junior U14 team

**Harry Williams**, **Lauchlan Brown**, **Oliver Sanders** – AKSS Triathlon - 2nd place in Junior U14 team

**Wulf Wilkening**, **Brodie Cox**, **Dean Simpkins** – AKSS Triathlon - 3rd place in Junior U14 team

**Tom Lowe**, **Tim Magness**, **Pierce Sheridan** – AKSS Triathlon - 2nd place in Senior U19 team



### Email contact

If you have are having issues receiving the weekly engagement report and other emails from school, please note that we find that government departments and other employers may filter and block them. It is advisable to supply us with your personal home email address which we will make the primary email address. Please note the weekly engagement report is only able to be sent to the primary email address.

## Victim Support

We are currently recruiting Volunteer Support Workers to provide practical and emotional support to victims of crime and trauma, full training is given. If you are a good listener and communicator, computer literate, have a full driving license and a car and can commit to being on call for one shift per week day or night and interested in working in the Community Please phone 0800 86 58 68.

Thanks in anticipation.

## Mufti Day

Tuesday 17th March

Wear your own choice of clothes in exchange for  
DONATIONS FOR THE SPC FAIR, SUNDAY 22ND MARCH

Year 7	Toiletries, such as hand or body lotions, bath bombs, bath oils, perfume, aftershave, deodorants, cosmetics, nail polish...
Year 8	Items for childrens' lucky dips, eg any toys that can be used for a lucky dip for girls or boys. 1 or 2 items up to the value of \$5. (Check out the \$2 shop!) Wrapping not required.
Year 9	Non-perishable gourmet food items, eg dried fruits, nuts, specialty teas, coffee, olives, vinegars, dressings, marinades, mustards, gherkins, pickles...
Year 10	Wrapped lollies, packaged sweets, chocolates, liquorice and biscuits...
Years 11 & 12	Canned foods, eg tinned fruit and vegetables, jams, jellies, sauces, chutney, tinned fish or corned beef, chilli beans, asparagus. Preferably no baked beans or spaghetti and <b>NO RUSTY OR DENTED CANS, THANKS!</b>
Year 13	Bottles of... anything! Sauces, olive oil, vinegar, shampoo, honey, vanilla essence, drinks...

Goods collected at YARD ASSEMBLY

House points are awarded for items donated Top house in each year wins BONUS house points!

## St Peter's College Football Fundraising Dinner



**Date:** 30th March 2015

**Venue:** College Hall

**Time:** Doors Open @ 6pm

**Cash Bar Available**



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
- Framed & Signed Auckland City Shirt

Plus many more items


Book Tickets with Anna Drumm – [adrumm@st-peters.school.nz](mailto:adrumm@st-peters.school.nz)



# Notices (continued)

**Auckland Transport**  
An Auckland Council Organisation

## SAVE MONEY ON TRAVEL WITH A STUDENT CONCESSION ON YOUR AT HOP CARD



Current secondary student concessions on AT HOP cards must be renewed by 31 March 2015.

To load a concession on your AT HOP card, follow the process below:

**Step 1:** Buy an AT HOP card.  
**Step 2:** Register your AT HOP card. Visit [AT.govt.nz/concessions](http://AT.govt.nz/concessions) for instructions.  
**Step 3:** Ensure you have proof of eligibility.

Get an AT Student ID card from your school.



**Step 4:** Submit your concession application online

- Login to your MyAT account and select 'Apply for a Concession' from the menu.
- Confirm your details are correct.
- Select the card you wish to apply the concession to and fill out the relevant eligibility details.
- Click 'submit'.

**Step 5:** Load a concession on your AT HOP card.

Visit your nearest AT Customer Service Centre to load a concession on your card. Remember to take your AT HOP card and Student ID card along.


**Note:** this process does not apply to Child Concessions for children aged 5 to 15 years.

For more information visit:  
[AT.govt.nz/concessions](http://AT.govt.nz/concessions) or phone 09 366 4467.  
@AkiTransport

Terms of use and registered prospectus for the AT HOP cards are available at [AT.govt.nz/hop](http://AT.govt.nz/hop) or at the Transport Information Centre, Britomart. The obligations of Auckland Transport under the AT HOP cards are secured.

**ST. PETER'S COLLEGE**  
Mountain Road, Grafton  
Tel: 524 8108

Catholic School for Boys  
In the Edmund Rice Tradition  
Years 7 – 13



## Enrolments for 2016 Close Wednesday 1 April 2015

Applications for Enrolment in 2016 are welcome for Year 7.  
A limited number of vacancies are available for Years 8-13.

*St Peter's College provides an education in the CATHOLIC tradition by building a strong foundation in the areas of ACADEMIC, SPORT & MUSIC.*

*The College has a dual pathway of assessment with both Cambridge International Examinations and NCEA offered at senior year levels.*

Enrolment Forms are available from our website:  
[www.st-peters.school.nz](http://www.st-peters.school.nz)

Contact Details:  
Virginia Christie, Enrolment Office  
Ph: 524 8108 x 7323  
email: [vchristie@st-peters.co.nz](mailto:vchristie@st-peters.co.nz)

**ST PETER'S BUILDS OUTSTANDING MEN**

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## APRIL WORKSHOPS

**Year 9 & 10 Study Skills Course**  
10am - 3pm Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2015

**Year 11-13 Essay Writing Course**  
10am - 3pm Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2015

**Year 11-13 Managing Learning Differences for Secondary School Students**  
10am - 3pm Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2015

*A learning difference does not mean you cannot learn and achieve. This day course focuses on strategies and resources that will help students in Year 11 – 13 manage the academic demands of their courses.*

Workshops held at: 642 New North Rd, Mt Albert  
To find out more go to: [www.ktl.tuition.co.nz](http://www.ktl.tuition.co.nz)  
or call Tracy on 021 295 0089  
Email: [ktl.tuition@kidztherapy.co.nz](mailto:ktl.tuition@kidztherapy.co.nz)

**NEPAL EXPEDITION!**

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December 2016**

It's an experience that's very different from the usual school tour or family holiday. This is **your** adventure!

Take the road less travelled...

- \* Rewarding community projects
- \* Trek the stunning Himalayan mountain range!
- \* Embrace the culture and all it has to offer!

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**STUDENT LAUNCH**  
Wednesday, 29 April at Assembly!

**PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT**  
Wednesday, 6 May at 6:30pm in the Staffroom!

**JUST GO!**



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