St Peter's College

Grafton, Auckland, New Zealand

Catholic School for Boys in the Edmund Rice Tradition 1st Apr, 2016. Newsletter 5/16



Life can be very hectic. Being "time poor" is a complaint we hear more and more these days and that is why it was so heartening to see so many people give up their time to support the College Fair last week. 350 plus volunteer parents and staff were needed to make the day the success it was.

As a nation, New Zealand has a long history of being reliant on the Volunteer. From sports clubs to charities, and even critical services such as the Coastguard and fire brigades, communities depend on the goodwill and energy of the Volunteer. Without this generosity certain activities and events would cease to exist. Teams would be left without coaches and musicals would never be performed.

Regrettably this is the case in many communities with people unable, or unwilling to commit their time to being a volunteer.

St Peter's is very blessed in that our community is still very much willing and able to support the boys of our school. Hundreds of parents, as well as all our teaching staff (and many support staff) give up their own time to coach, manage, direct, supervise or act as drivers so that our extensive co-curricular programme can function. Additionally, we are supported by our many Old boys and former parents who contribute enormously.

This is something that as a community we must never take for granted. All our volunteers donate their time for one simple reason: because they care about the boys of St Peter's. Thank you for this precious gift

Ma te Atua tātou e manaaki God's blessings

James Bentley

Headmaster



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Upcoming Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
4 Apr	5 Apr	6 Apr	7 Apr	8 Apr	9 Apr	10 Apr
Y9 + Y10 Exams Maadi Cup @ Twizel PTFA Meeting @ Staffroom 7.30pm	Y9 + Y10 Exams Maadi Cup @Twizel Cycling Committee Meeting @ Staffroom 7.30pm	MidYIS data interpretation PD, 3.15pm Year 13 Careers Assembly 12.15pm @ Pavilion (Guest speaker-VIC Uni) Sacramental Programme - Information Evening @ 7pm in staffroom Maadi Cup @ Twizel Cricket Dinner @ Hall	Maadi Cup @ Twizel Edmund Rice Dinner @TBD	Maadi Cup @ Twizel MS Social @Hall	Quest Retreat Maadi Cup @ Twizel Kapahaka Quiz Night @	Quest Retreat
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
11 Apr	12 Apr	13 Apr	14 Apr	15 Apr	16 Apr	17 Apr
Y13 Academic Tracking Evening @Hall	MS Central Zones Sevens @ Avondale Racecourse BOT Finance Meeting @5.30pm Football Dinner @ 7pm	Old Boys Meeting @ Library 7pm		End Term 1		

Important Dates for the Coming Term

18 Apr-1 May School Holidays

25 Apr ANZAC Day2 May Start Term 2

3 May BOT Meeting @ Library 7.30pm

3 May Cycling Committee Meeting @ Staffroom 7.30pm4 May Year 13 Careers Assembly 12.15pm @ Pavilion

(Guest speaker-Canterbury Uni)

4 May Otago University Junior Maths Competition

Bereavements

Herman Tauata (13 TRE), Zion Tauata (11 TRE), Lawrence Tauata (9 TRE) Great Aunt died.

Xavier-TJRay Po'uhila (8RIC) Grandfather died.

Ethan Gray (10RIC), Oliver Gray (8RIC), Lucas Gray (7RIC) Great Grandmother died.

Palenapa Taogaga (120DR) Uncle died.

.....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.

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

Quest Retreat - Next Weekend!



SEARCH WITHIN...

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POSSIBILITIES!

After preparations that began last December for Year 12 and 13 students, St Peter's is ready for Quest Retreat 2016.

DRESS: Mufti for all year levels involved for both Saturday and Sunday.

Times for the Weekend:

Year 9: Saturday April 9, - 12.45pm start (meet Year 12 Peer Ministers on Top Yard), 9.30pm finish. Sunday April 10, - 10.00am start (meet Year 12 Peer Ministers on Top Yard), 1.15pm finish.

Year 11 'Roadies' – Service Hours: Saturday April 9, – 12.00pm – 1pm, + 6.45-8.30pm. Sunday April 10, – 9.00am – 11.00am.

Year 12: Saturday April 9, – 11.45am start, 9.30pm finish. Sunday April 10, – 9.30am start, 1.15pm finish.

Year 13: Saturday April 9, – 11.00am start, 9.30pm finish. Sunday April 10 – 9.30am start, 2.00pm finish.

Service Programmes The St Peter's Man is a Man of Service

All SPC Service Programmes have now been started. Students should make use of the April Holidays as a time to complete their service hours.



for Academic Excellence

Week 21 March = Connor Gallagher 10TRE - Number 1 Ranking on Y10 Academic Leaders Academy

Week 28 march = **Jordan Blennerhasset** 8TRE - 100% in recent Y9 Mathematics test

Curriculum News

Students Missing NCEA Internal Assessments

NCEA Internal Assessments occur throughout the year at St. Peter's. To find out more information about criteria and deadlines please look on the College website under:

1. Academic Menu, Academic Guides (pdf called 2016 NCEA Internal Assessment

Deadlines) or

2. On the Home Page on the scrolling banner with the icon below:

It is the responsibility of your son to ensure that he is aware of when each Internal Assessment is on and to be present at school to sit all of these assessments.

If your son misses an Internal Assessment due to a medical reason then a medical certificate needs to be provided for the school. The Deputy Headmaster Curriculum will sign off on this.

If your son is away from class representing St Peter's in sport or on a St Peter's trip then this will be deemed a legitimate reason and another deadline will be provided.

If there is any other reason for your son to be away from school this needs to be approved by the Headmaster. Please contact Mrs Veronica Voordoww (Headmaster's PA) well in advance of the absence to gain permission.

Faculties where students have a legitimate reason to miss an NCEA Internal Assessment will then arrange a separate time for students to complete this.

Academic Tracking

The Year 13 Academic Tracking evening is occurring on Monday the 11th April in Week 11. At this evening parents of every Year 13 student along with their son are expected to attend to discuss the progress that he is making in 2016 and what the predictions are for his academic achievement at the end of the year.

This meeting will be with a senior member of staff from the Senior Leadership team or Head of Year 13 or the academic deans and go for 7 minutes. Times can be made between 4pm and 6.30pm.

Meetings can be set up using the St Peter's College Portal and please select one time slot for you and your son to meet with a senior member of staff. Once the portal is open, parents will be emailed with instructions on how to select a time slot for their son.

This is an important endeavour to help all of our Year 13 students reach their academic potential in 2016.

Mr Michael Mullin

Deputy Headmaster Acting



Middle School News

Term One is well underway and it certainly has been very busy in the Middle School. With the Easter break behind us, the focus now can turn back to academics and it is important that parents, students and teachers are all working towards the same goal to achieve the best possible success for the young men of St Peter's College.

In Mathematics, many students come to the Middle School without a strong grasp of their times tables. Whilst this is not the only maths knowledge our students need, it is a very important aspect of their learning. A student who has instant recall of their times tables has confidence in their ability to solve ever more complex mathematical problems. It is therefore vitally important that they put some time into learning their times tables and the corresponding division facts.

We would ask that if your child is struggling in this aspect of their learning that you spend 20 minutes each day working on this with them. Growing the number knowledge of our students is also a priority in our classrooms this year and we would hope that by working in partnership with home we will be able to strengthen each student's ability to improve their confidence in this important curriculum area.

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7	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70
8	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80
9	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90
10	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100

Additionally, when discussing reading habits with students it is evident that many have never independently read a book from beginning to end. In order to be successful at school (and onwards) it is vitally important that our students can read and understand a variety of texts. As they read our students grow their vocabulary and their knowledge of the world around them. As their comprehension improves, they become more able to access the wider school curriculum and this directly supports them at secondary/ tertiary level. The examinations they take in Years 11-13 require them to be able to read and understand at a high level, in all subjects, not just English.

Once again, your role in supporting your child to develop the literacy skills they need to be successful is one of encouraging them to read every day (and to finish books); to talk to them about what they are reading, and finally, to model reading to them – students who see the adults around them reading are much more likely to become good readers themselves. We suggest that 20 to 30 minutes of focused reading every day will be of great benefit to all students.

It is all about working together so that the best possible outcomes will occur for your sons. Making sure that these two activities are happening will go a long way to ensuring every possible success this year and the many years ahead.



General

Gene Genie: Genetics and Health



The Biology Scholarship boys attended a discussion on medical genetics and epigenetics provided by the Royal Society of New Zealand at Auckland

Museum on March 22nd. It was chaired by visiting British geneticist Dr Adam Rutherford of BBC Radio 4's Inside Science. The panel included Dr Don Love from the University of Auckland who pioneered the discovery of the gene mutation associated with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. Auckland DHB geneticists Dr Rinki Murphy and Professor Cristin Print made up the panel of guests. The discussion gave the boys an insight into the work being carried out here in New Zealand on how our genes impact on our health. The photo is of the boys with Dr Don Love.

Mrs Sarah Bearne

Biology Teacher

Cultural News

SAMOAN CULTURAL GROUP MAKE SPC HISTORY AT 2016 POLYFEST COMPETITION

2016! We made history!

St Peters College Samoan group became the first boys school to self-tutor at ASB Polyfest competition. The journey leading up to Polyfest is one that will stay etched in our memories for a lifetime. The 6 weeks of practices afterschool, in the weekend and during weekend Live-Ins were challenging – physically, mentally and emotionally.



The group went through some of the most intense practices the Samoan group has ever had in recent years. However, despite this, the boys showed real courage, strength in character and determination to consistently persevere while keeping the end goal in sight.

The struggle and determination for perfection

from each other ultimately drew the group closer together. Unfortunately we did not achieve the placing that we had hoped for, however to be placed 3rd overall while self-tutoring against other colleges was an accomplishment to be proud of.

The placing does not reflect the hard work and effort that the group put in, including the Y13 Leaders that committed to putting together a routine over the summer break. We are clear as a group that it is all about the journey, not the destination. As a group we learned so much about ourselves and what we can achieve, we gained so much from the experience that there are no regrets.



We thank our parents, families, supporters and the Samoan parent committee for believing in us from

day one. Without their support our journey would have been a lonely and incomplete one. Fa'afetai tele lava.



We, the Samoan Cultural Group for 2016 Polyfest, not only represented our school with great honour and pride, but also our families and our Samoan culture. Our brotherhood is solid and we know deep down our boys delivered a champion performance!

Ezrah Lava – 2016 Samoan Cultural Group Leader





Cultural News (continued)

ASB POLYFEST 2016 17th – 19th March SPC TONGAN CULTURAL GROUP – Ve'eve'e 'o Sangato Petelo.

"Return to our natural resources - for body and spiritual wellbeing"

The ASB Polyfest provides the opportunity for our students and their school communities to come together early in the school year, to learn and share their ideas on interpretation of culture through song, speech and dance.

This all began at the beginning of the year when it was a struggle to gather numbers for the group. However with the enthusiasm of the Year 13 leaders as well our juniors, we were able to secure a solid number of 40, although this left the group with many inexperienced new comers and many new faces.



The group practiced 3 days a week, with 2 hours after school from 4 – 6pm and long 5 hours on Saturdays from 10 – 3pm for 5 weeks. This was a lot of commitment for the boys, especially the new members who haven't experienced such intensity. The day of our performance finally arrived. The boys has put in a lot of work, and were fired up and ready to go. The boys gave a hearty performance on their first item, Kailao and came 2nd, our best result in the history of our school. We competed well on our second item, Ma'ulu'ulu also. The boys, performed with pride and the school is proud of you.



A special thanks to all participants and family members.

Without your help and enthusiasm it would be impossible to us to have a group to participate in the festival and to demonstrate to the school that our Tongan culture is alive and well at St Peter's.



A particular thank you to our Head Tutor Taka Vuni, and Haitesia.F.Folauhola (Ma'ulu'ulu) and all our parent helpers who gave so much of their time.



Ko e lava me'a 'a e fanau na'e makatu'unga ia 'i he 'etau fepoupouaki lelei 'a e 'Api ako, matu'a tauhi fanau 'o 'ausia ai 'etau fanau. Fakamafana lahi koe lava lelei 'e he fanau 'o fakahoko ki he lelei taha 'a honau fatongia 'i he ki'i vaha'a taimi nounou 'o e teuteu atu ki he Polyfest.

All the best for the years to come!

Mr. O Afungia

New Chair for Tongan Parents Committee



At our AGM this week the Tongan Parents elected Mr Ray Masila as our new Chair. Ray is well known at SPC and replaces Mr Tevita Havea who stepped down after 3 years of loyal service to our community.

Young Vinnies Coin Trail on Wednesday 6 April.

On Wednesday 6th April The Young Vinnies is creating a Coin Trail in the gym!

All mission money from the Middle School will be collected at yard and be used to create the coin trail. There is a

A HUGE THANK YOU

...to everyone who put so much time and effort into making sure this year's SPC Fair was a wonderful success.

We know we bombarded you with emails requesting help in all kinds of ways and you responded fantastically.

More than 350 volunteer parents and upwards of 400 volunteer boys helped keep the crowds well-served.

Thanks to our sponsors and all those who donated auction prizes and goods for our stalls and attractions.

And our gratitude also goes, of course, to those who came and spent their money.

Between us all we raised an awesome...

towards our new school chapel. Again, thank you!



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Sport

A reminder to all parents and students, all information relating to SPC sport, including registration due dates, trial dates and general information is available on the school website. Please check this site regularly as it also includes weekly draws and results.

http://www.st-peters.school.nz/Sports/Sports.aspx

Upcoming Registration:

Squash – Registration Opens Tuesday 5th April Closes Monday 11th April

Archery

15 boys went down to Rotorua to compete in the North Island J.A.M.A Championships – the most from any single school in New Zealand. The Tournament was split into two parts, the Saturday being matchplay, or a '1v1' scenario between several age groups. The Sunday was a longer, accumulative score-type victory. Both days were equally as long and taxing on the boys. The mornings were freezing, with the temperature soaring in the afternoon. The winds weren't gusty, but changed direction often, leading to difficult shooting conditions. Despite this, Saint Peter's archers shot exceedingly well. The medal winners are as follows;



Day 1: Matchplay

Division 1 Recurve

Gold – Matthew Storer (13RIC)

Bronze – Luke Franklyn (12TRE)

Division 2 Compound

Bronze – Bailey Cox (8RIC)

Day 2: 1440 FITA

Junior Men's Recurve

Gold - Chayse Martin-Roberts (12RIC)

Cadet Men's Recurve

Gold - Luke Franklyn

Silver - Matthew Storer

Intermediate Men's Recurve

Gold - Jack McConnell (10TRE)

Intermediate Men's Compound

Gold - Harrison Franklyn (9TRE)

Cub Men's Recurve

Gold - Benjamin Cook (9LYN)

Silver - Mario Thapliyal (9BOD)

Cub Men's Compound

Gold - Bailey Cox

Open Men's Recurve

Gold - Jacob Cook (11LYN)

Silver - Jack Kleinsmann (11TRE)

Bronze - Lawson Brownie (11LYN)

1st XV Rugby

The 2016 1st XV has been selected following the final trial match held at Eden Park last Friday against Massey High. Congratulations to the following boys;

Forwards - Christian Penisio (13NOL), Zyon Holo (11NOL), Wesley Tapuoluelu (12BOD), Thomas Drumm (12TRE), Herman Tauata (13TRE), Cameron Suafoa (11RIC), Kalin Feise (12NOL), McCarthy Filikitonga (13NOL), Calum McNab (12ODR), John Tupouniua (13LYN), Josh Wheeler (12BOD), Aleks Dabek (13BOD) (Captain), Luteru Tolai (13BOD), Naryan Strickland (10BOD)

Backs - Rilloy Suesue (13ODR), Basil Aholelei (13NOL), Josh Loveday (11RIC), Harry Plummer (13ODR) (Vice-Captain), Robert Leuga (12BOD), Dhynzel Pritchard (10TRE), Theo Steffany (12ODR), AJ Lam (13RIC), Soeli Fangupo (13RIC), Danyael Sinisa (13RIC), Apotone Vaka (11BOD)

Team of the Week

14th - 20th March: Intermediate A tennis team

Player of the Week

14th - 20th March: Player of the week - **Harry Plumber** - 1st XI cricket

Sport (continued)

Greater Auckland Athletics Champs – Wednesday 23rd March

This year's event was marked by a sense of déjà vu. The unseasonal weather revived recent memories of the wet and windy St Peter's athletics day in February. Strong winds and intermittent bouts of rain made conditions for the athletes extra challenging. Our group of 12 athletes competed very well considering the circumstances, winning a final haul of 6 gold and 4 silver medals.



The team was led from the front by **Oliver Miller** 12ODR (athletics code captain), who himself achieved a hat-trick of gold medals in the open 300m hurdles, senior 400m and senior high jump. **James Guthrie-Croft** 13LYN continued his dominance in the intermediate 100m, 200m and long jump events, winning all three. This is the third year in a row that James has won all three events. **Stephen Thorpe** 10BOD performed consistently throughout the day gaining silver medals in the junior 300m and junior long jump events.



Our senior relay team came agonisingly close to repeating their winning performance from the previous week, but had to settle for silver. A special mention to **Stephen Thorpe** for running in the senior team as a junior. A few other performances deserve a mention, namely **Liam Barry's** 4th place in the intermediate 3,000m and Truman Tepai's 4th place in the junior discus. Both are hopeful of selection for the Auckland team in the North Island Championships in early April. Finally, **Aleks Dabek** 13BOD rolled back the years and ran a superb 5th in the senior 800m, at a fast time of 2:06:11, close to a SPC senior 800m record! Our focus now shifts to the North Island Athletic Championships on this weekend at Mt Smart.

Medallists in detail:

Senior Grade

Oliver Miller (12ODR): - 1st 400m, 1st high jump, 1st 300m hurdles

4 x 100m relay team - 2nd place (**Stephen Thorpe, Oliver Miller, Mark Graham** (13CA), **James Guthrie-Croft**

Intermediate Grade

James Guthrie-Croft (12LYN): - 1st 100m, 1st 200m and 1st long jump

Caleb Whippy (11RIC) - 2nd Shot Put

Junior Grade

Stephen Thorpe (10BOD) - 2nd 300m, 2nd long jump





Sport (continued)

Rowing

St Peter's College rowers competed at the North Island Secondary Schools' Championships from

18-20 March. This was the most successful overall results for SPC rowing at a Championship regatta, with the 8 crews making the A finals.

6th place – U18 coxed Four and U15 Coxed Four

5th place - U17 Single Sculls

4th place – U18 Lightweight coxed 4, U16 Coxed 4 and U16 Coxed Eight

Bronze Medal - U18 novice coxed eight: Jack Hollings (11ODR), Sean McHugh (10ODR), Cameron Patten (13BOD), Scott Simmons (12NOL), Max Eversden (11NOL), Thomas Russell (11RIC), Josh Vogels (11TRE), Thomas MacFarlane (11NOL), Connor Sheehan (10RIC) (cox).

Silver Medal - Boys U18 novice coxed four: **Jack Hollings**, **Sean McHugh**, **Cameron Patten**, **Scott Simmons**, **Harrison Molloy** (11LYN) (cox).

Good luck to all the rowers as they prepare to compete in the Aon NZ Maadi Cup – NZSSRA Championships Regatta being held in Twizel from the 4th – 10th April. You can follow the crews progress over the week via the website www.rowit.co.nz.

Congratulations

Finn Olsen-Hennessy (10RIC) – competed in the NZ Taekwondo Open last weekend, and won gold in the Junior -48kg weight division, beating an Australian 3 years older than him in the final.

Satriani Kahukiwa (9ODR) competed in the Waikato Junior Swim champs 12 year old boys grade winning Gold in the 50m freestyle and Silver in 100m backstroke

SAVE THE DATE

Cricket – End of Season Pot Luck Dinner, Wednesday 6th April in the School Hall Dinner, auctions, naming of the 1st XI, guest speaker to be announced shortly. RSVP: adrumm@st-peters.school.nz

Rugby Dinner – Wednesday 18th May, 6.00 pm in the School Hall.

Water Polo Dinner – Thursday 26 May

DATE CHANGE: Football Dinner – Will now be held on Thursday 2nd June, 6.00 pm in the School Hall.



FOOTBALL COMMUNITY DINNER

CHANGE OF DATE now - Thursday, 2 June 2016

St Peter's College Hall \$35 per person (Adults only)

This event is to continue building the community of Football at St Peter's College and raise funds for the continual development of the game.

This is a great opportunity to come and spend time getting to know other parents from your son's 2016 team.

The evening will include a sit down meal, guest speaker, and presentation of the First XI Football Squad for 2016.

On the evening there will also be auction items up for grabs. These include

- 4 tickets to a live screening of the TV show 7 Days.
- Accommodation at Lake Tarawera for 2 nights.
- Maungakiekei Golf Club Package.
- And many more items

To purchase tickets please email Anna Drumm with the number wanted and your son's name. Payment will be through the portal. adrumm@st-peters.school.nz



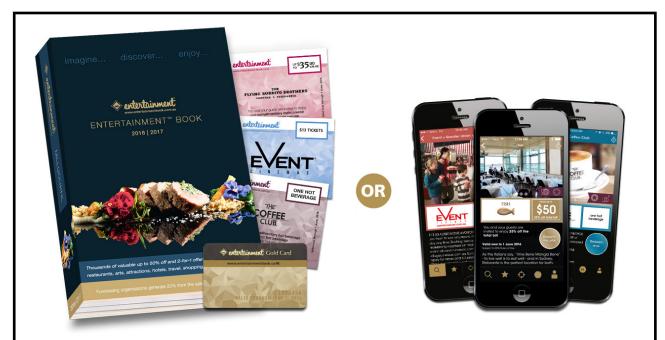
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St Peter's College is happy to offer all our families the opportunity to purchase a new 2016/17 Entertainment Book or Digital Membership again this year. The new Memberships will be available in the first week of April, but if you pre-order before March 24th, you'll qualify for a bonus set of vouchers from 6 businesses new to the Book including The Flying Moa, The Library Café, Uptown Bounce and Murder Burger. Each Entertainment Book or Digital Membership is still just \$65, with 20% of each sale being retained by the school to help with our fundraising – last year we raised \$1800 from this initiative. This year's Membership have offers from some of Auckland's best restaurants such as The Grove, Meredith and Kazuya, and family favourites such as Lone Star, The Flying Buritto Brothers and Mamma Mia, as well as Rainbow's End, Auckland Zoo, Event and Hotys cinema's. With new offers from Eight at the Langham, the Black Hoof, Oyster and Chop, The Maple Room, The Attic, plus many more, this is the best Entertainment Book yet. Pre-order yours today and support the school by visiting https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/942w33



KF Fouhy Scholarship Fund

In the spirit of Edmund Rice our community can provide the great gift of education to boys facing difficult personal or financial circumstances.

There are two ways that you can donate towards the KF Fouhy Scholar-ship Fund

- Targeted donation to a specific boy/family
- General donation to the KF Fouhy Scholarship fund

For any further information please contact Headmaster James Bentley directly on jbentley@st-peters.school.nz or on 524-8108.