# St Peter's College

## Grafton, Auckland, New Zealand

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# Can we have too much of social media?

If this question was asked of Konrad Hurrell, Judith Collins or many of the sporting celebrities – they would probably say "yes"!

Twitter/instagram and their cousins are about recording history in the moment – unlike anything we have seen in the history of humankind.

There is no doubt that social media acts as a disinfectant to truth. It exacts accountability and standards about human beings – especially those in high office. Social media does not allow the privacy of failure or about correction of failure.

And yet we know human beings fail and need to be reconciled to failure.

Social media is about writing records for all time. Boys don't always appreciate that what is written is recorded – the casual slagging of someone, the frustration of the moment in writing – recorded for all time(!).

I have had some major concerns that the constant digital connection of many boys will lead to a distortion of what it means to be human:

• The ability to speak to another person.

• The ability to express frustration without violence.

• The tendency to be controlled by what someone else sends down the social media pipeline.

• The ability to reflect.

That was the background to the **device free time zone** established this year for morning breaks and lunchtime. On the whole the initiative has been accepted by the boys with very good co-operation.

There was more movement around the field in term 1. There were less pockets of boys sitting around texting to each other.

Hopefully there is more interaction between all levels of the school.

The deciding criteria of many issues is balance. I don't think the constant 'anywhere, anytime, anything' connection is balanced and a correction is needed.

We need St Peter's men to be connected in a modern digital world. But we also need them to live a balanced life, to appreciate music, to be fit, to have faith and to be a critic and conscience of the world they own.

If social media gives us these qualities, then we can never have enough.

#### Reminders:

1) J**ubilee Music Concer**t, St Benedict's Friday 23 May at 7.00 pm.

2) **College production tickets to Urinetown** on sale next week from iticket.co.nz.

3) Sports practices and commitment to the game. Please see the draw for this Saturday for all grades.

1st XV Rugby vs AGS at AGS at 2.30 pm

**1st XI Football vs Takapuna** at SPC Cage 12.30 pm

**1st V Basketball vs MAGS** at SPC Gym Friday 16 May 5.30 pm

1st XI Hockey TBA

**Congratulations:** to **Aditya Patel** (Y10) - first prize in Chinese Speech Competition for non-native speakers

A great start to term 2.

In His Peace

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# Upcoming Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
19 May	20 May	21 May	22 May	23 May	24 May	25 May
	BOT Meeting @ Library 7.30pm Workchoice	Assembly (Senior) 1st V v St Johns @Gym 10.45am 1st XI Hockey v St Kentigerns @ Lloyd Elsmore Park 5pm Rugby Dinner @ Hall 6.30pm	Edmund Rice Jubilee Fundraiser Dinner @ Northern Club 6.30pm Samoan Parents Committee Meeting @ Staffroom 6pm	Production Camp @Carey Park from 3pm Jubilee Concert @St Benedicts 7pm	1stXV v Tangaroa College @ Tangaroa 1stXI Football v Liston @Cage 12.30pm Production Camp @Carey Park	Production Camp @Carey Park
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
26 May	27 May	28 May	29 May	30 May	31 May	1 June
Rowing Meeting @Staffroom 6.30pm	Scholarship Infromation Evening @ Hall 7pm	Assembly (Junior) M/S CZ Rugby @ Avondale	Pompallier Shield @Carmel College 4pm Football Dinner @Hall 6.30pm	Mid Term Break	Queens Birthday Weekend 1stXI Football v Kings @Cage 12.30pm NZ Concert Band Festival	Queens Birthday Weekend NZ Concert Band Festival

# Important Upcoming Bereavements Dates for the Term

Granddad passed away

27 May: Scholarship Evening 7pm @ Hall

- 2 June: Queens Birthday
- 3 6 June: Senior Mid-Year NCEA Trial Exams
- 9 13 June: Senior Mid-Year CIE Trial Exams

**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

- 17 June: Y13 Parents Evening @Hall
- 18 June: Urinetown Opening Night

### Mana Harrison (11 LYN) - Uncle Died

Dmitri (12TRE) and Andrei La Pere (11TRE) -

Jacob Underhill (9TRE) - Great Grandmother died

Filipo Fahiua (12BOD) - Mother passed away

Aditya Patel (10TWO) - Grandfather died

Inigo Shearer (8TRE) - Grandfather died

Conor Ransley (10LYN) and Luke Ransley (8LYN) - Grandfather passed away

Harrison Molloy (9LYN) - Grandmother died

Jordan Makisi (11TRE) - Grandfather passed away

### 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.

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# **Special Character News**

#### The St Peter's Man is a Man of Faith



#### Kairos Retreat (Y 13)

Kairos Retreats will be offered again this year at St Peter's College. Kairos is now in its fifth year at SPC. Over 250 St Peter's students have now experienced the reflective depth of the Kairos experience. Every St Peter's student is encouraged to look upon the Kairos retreat as an integral part of the St Peter's experience.

Kairos Retreat # 11 - Y13

Kairos # 11 for Year 13 students starts on the afternoon of July 1st, Week 9 of this term, and finishes on the evening of July 4th. Applications for this retreat are available from the Student Academic Office. Application Forms should be filled in and returned to the Kairos #11 Applications Box by Thursday May 29th (also in the Academic Centre).

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

#### Service Programmes

Here is a reminder of the kinds of Service Work that students can choose to organise:

Tutoring students with homework

• Assisting the sick or elderly, for example mowing lawns or helping in the garden

· Visiting the sick or elderly

• Environmental Service – e.g. planting trees or clearing rubbish

- Parish-based service e.g. Altar Serving
- · Coaching junior sports teams

Required Hours by Year Level

- Y7: 12 hours
- Y8: 12 hours
- Y9: 15 hours
- Y10: 15 hours
- Y11: 15 hours
- Y12: 20 hours

### **Music**

#### Band Camp

The Senior Concert Band had a successful Band Camp last weekend with good progress in the quality of playing. The Jazz Band and Rock Group joined some sessions of the camp. A big thanks to the helpers led by Megan Williams.

#### Workshops

This coming weekend we have Choir Workshop (Friday 6-8, Sat 5-8, Sunday 10-3) and Orchestra Workshop at St Mary's 2-6pm.

#### **Rehearsal schedule**

Jazz Band Mondays 3-4.30pm; Senior Orchestra Tuesday 7.30am; Senior Concert Band Monday and Wednesday 7.30am; Chamber Orchestra Monday 7.30am; Junior String Orchestra Wednesday 7.30am; Symphonic Band Tuesday and Thursday 7.30am; Junior Concert Band Friday 7.30am; Jazz Combo Monday 1pm; Rock Band Wednesday 3-4.30pm

#### 75th Jubilee Concert

The 75th Jubilee Concert on May 23rd at St Benedicts will feature the World Premier of 'College Fanfare', written for the St Peter's College 75th Jubilee by Viennese composer Marcus Zierhofer. 'Journey to the East' was also written especially for St Peter's College. Well-known singer/songwriter Father Chris Skinner 'The Singing Priest' will be performing, along with St Peter's and St Mary's groups. Tickets are available from the School Office, \$20



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# From Deputy Headmaster (Pastoral Care) Stephen Dooley

#### Connect - Engage - Perform

Boys don't learn subjects, they learn teachers. They will connect and perform if they respect the teacher and because simply - they do not want to let the teacher down. It is the same with sports coaches and any form of leadership that requires influence over others.

When students represent the College in co-curricular they will not want to let the College down. This means they are more likely to care about their academic performance.

Our internal research is undeniable - when engagement is high effective habits are established. The achievement that follows in the classroom is a natural outcome.

For all of these reasons the expectation is that each student represents SPC in a minimum of two cocurricular activities per year. • Co-curricular means contributing to school activities outside of usual school time.

• Sports, Music, Cultural groups, Production, Service groups are all co-curricular.

• The Heads of Years at each year level are conducting an analysis of co-curricular involvement of all students.

• Any student not involved in co-curricular will be given strategies how to become involved.

• 87% of students committed in 2013. We want to increase it even more this year.

A big thank you to all the parents who continue to transport, support, coach and manage your sons activities – it could not be done without you!

God's Blessings

**Steve Dooley** 

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# ST PETER'S COLLEGE JUBILEE CONCERT

### FRIDAY 23 MAY - 7.30pm ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH, NEWTON Featuring students of SPC, St Mary's & Baradene

The Concert will feature the World Premier of 'College Fanfare', written for the St Peter's College 75th Jubilee by Viennese composer Marcus Zierhofer. 'Journey to the East' was also written especially for St Peter's College. Well-known singer/ songwriter Father Chris Skinner 'The Singing Priest' will be performing, along with St Peter's, St Mary's and Baradene College groups.

Tickets strictly limited & can be purchased from the College Office All proceeds go to the SPC Chapel fund

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# From Deputy Headmaster (Academic) James Haggett

#### Senior Mid Year Trial Exams

**Senior Mid-Year NCEA Trial Exams** take place in week 5, Tuesday 3rd –Friday 6th June – Monday 2nd is Queen's Birthday

There will be no timetabled NCEA lessons for Years 11, 12 and 13 in that week. Year 11, 12 and 13 CIE lessons are scheduled as normal. Students following a CIE based programme will attend school as normal in that week.

**Senior Mid-Year CIE Trial Exams** take place in week 6, Monday 9th June – Friday 13th June

There will be no timetabled CIE lessons for Years 11, 12 and 13 in that week. Year 11, 12 and 13 NCEA lessons are scheduled as normal. Students following an NCEA based programme will attend school as normal in that week.

Students taking IGCSE Papers in Years 9 and 10 do not have a trial exam in this week.

#### This set of exams uses the Hall as the main exam centre. The muster area for the Hall is the main Hall entrance.

Your son will receive his official exam timetable well in advance. For exams that take place in the Hall, students are expected to be at the muster area by 8.15am at the latest for the morning session. For the afternoon session, students are expected to be at the Hall at 12.10 at the latest.

### PARKING ON SITE

Due to the construction of the new teaching block parking on site has been severely restricted. Over 50 staff are now unable to park within the school. Parking along the driveway, around the gym and in front of the hall has been allocated specifically to staff. If parents have appointment at the College please ensure you park in the Visitors spaces in front of the technology block and not in staff parking. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated. Students will be notified of exams that do not take place in the Hall. The arrival times remain the same for exams that do not take place in the Hall.

Students will NOT be attending Yard Assembly during this week. Each day's exam session will be complete by 3.30 pm. Students are advised that in the time period between exams the school is in session as normal for Years 7-10 and that this is respected fully. The Library is available for study during these time periods.

#### **Student Requirements**

• Full School Uniform is a pre-requisite of attendance at any exam

• Students to check with respective teachers with regard to additionals for the exam such as calculators.

- All exam refill paper is provided by the school.
- Students to bring stationery in a clear plastic bag.
- Students should avoid bringing objects of personal value, iPads, iPods etc

As per CIE and NCEA exam regulations, cell phones are strictly forbidden in the exam hall.

### NZQA SCHOLARSHIP EXAMS EVENING

The College is running an evening explaining NZQA Level 4 Scholarship Exams.

The presentation will take place in the Hall at 7pm on Tuesday 27 May.

The evening is open to all parents, and students taking Scholarship exams in November 2014.

James Haggett, Steve Dooley and Hayden Kingdon will present on various aspects of the Scholarship process.

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### **General News**

#### Spirit of Adventure

Every voyage is different from the other ones. The weather patterns will change. (Voyage 662, for example, usually had variable five to ten knots, easing to five in the afternoon, with no rain throughout the voyage). The marine and avian wildlife constantly move around, and are never in the same place twice (I saw dolphins, penguins and a stingray, in addition to three Takahē, but no whales). The crew will be different (our captain's voyage will be his last for a while). The ship's path will change (we went to Treasure Island, Great Barrier island and Tiritiri). But the most important change is the hands. The 40 trainees, who turn a 286 ton hunk of metal and wood into a ship, an ordinary voyage into an adventure that shall never be forgotten.

You learn a lot on the voyage. You learn how to do housework, how to sweat and tail, what pan-pan means, what the jib, flying jib and fore staysail are. You learn how to make reef knots, bowlines, stopper knots and the like (I can't remember how to do them anymore, to be honest). You learn what the mizzen is, how many phrases originate from ships ("cut me some slack!") and the words "two, six, HEAVE!" will never be forgotten. But those aren't important. What is important is the sense of freedom you get when you set sail from anchor. Moving with nothing but the wind in your sails, knowing that's because you helped put them up. You will be completely independent from school, your friends and family. You won't have to wear the masks that people knew you by; you can relax and be yourself. I think I can honestly say I got to know some of the other hands in ten days better than I know people who've been in class with me since day one at SPC.

I swam with the fishes in the dark, before the sun rose. I climbed Mt Hobson, gaining 'the most enthusiastic about tramping award'. I saw three Takahē together, more than 1% of the global population. I have watched the sun rise and the sun set at the horizon. I spent ten days at sea in which the only electronic devices I used were a camera and a flashlight. There were no phones, computers or iPods on the voyage. For most of the voyage, I didn't read at all, which is unheard of for me. I used so much sunscreen, I probably lost some of my tan. I swam every day, sometimes completely around the Spirit. These are experiences you cannot have at home. But you can have them on the Spirit.

As stated previously, every voyage is different, and part of the excitement is the surprise at what might happen. Because of this, I have been purposefully vague, only giving concrete details on events that only might happen in future voyages or which you will learn about before the voyage.

The voyage cost \$1900. I missed eight days of class, and I struggled to catch up. But I don't regret my decision to take part in the voyage. It was completely worth it and more besides.

P.S. take your camera with you constantly, take lots of pictures, and ask your new friends to take pictures of you. The most important thing you will have is your camera. Take it.

#### by Stefano Stollenwerk Cavallaro (Y12)



### **General News**



#### SPC WEBSITE GETS NEW LOOK

Our School Website has been updated with some dynamic new features ...

This includes a new look homepage with a news & events feed and a new mega menu structure on the yellow menu buttons.

Our News & Events menu has been dynamically updated and you will see a grey bar at the bottom of every webpage with quicklinks to the newsletter, calendar, SPC Net, SPC Portal etc.

Please take a moment to navigate your way around the new layout.

#### EDMUND'S SHOP SHOP OPEN HOURS

#### Please note:

The Edmund's Shop will be closed from Tuesday 27th May and will re-open Monday 9th June, so if you need Uniforms, Stationery or Sports Uniforms please keep these dates in mind.

Usual Open 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 only

#### **GUIDANCE COUNSELLING**

Guidance Counselling is available during school hours. Any students requiring confidential appointments or a parent wanting to refer their Son, can reach Mrs Kersten in the Careers Department. Contact details are:

dkersten@st-peters.school.nz



St Peter's College CATHOLIC SCHOOL for BOYS in the EDMUND RICE TRADITION

EDMUND RICE LIBRARY OPAC

#### EDMUND RICE LIBRARY OPAC (ONLINE PUBLIC ACCESS CATALOGUE)

DID YOU KNOW.....you can log into our Library from home and view and request books from our online catalogue.

Just go to http://library.st-peters.school.nz:2000/ais/AccessItLibrary and follow the instructions on the home page.

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# Sport

#### Winter Sports

All Winter Sports teams begin their seasons over the coming week. This includes:

- 14 Rugby Teams
- 22 Football Teams
- 21 Basketball Teams
- 5 Hockey Teams
- 7 Cycling Teams
- 10 Badminton Teams
- 7 Squash Teams
- 10 Tabletennis Teams

Parents please assist in ensuring your sons meet there obligations to there team. This incudes:

- Being on time for trainings and games.
- Having the correct gear for trainings and games.
- Showing a high level of sportsmanship at all times.

We are looking forward to the season and your positive support on the sidelines.

# Support the 1st XV and 1st XI on Saturday

The 1st XV are looking forward to playing Auckland Grammar on Saturday. Having narrowly lost to St Kentigern, 31 - 36, last weekend in a thrilling encounter, the side are determined bounce back against Grammar. Get along and support the team. 2.30pm kick off.

The 1st XI has their first home game of the season against Takapuna. They come into the game buoyed by a hard fought 1 - 0 win against Rosmini. Kick off is 12.30pm at the Cage.

#### **Rugby Old Boys Excel**

Congratulations to **Patrick Tuipulotu** (2011) and **Vince Aso** (2012) for their selection into national squads.

Vince will be representing New Zealand at the Junior World Cup (U20) being held in New Zealand next month. Patrick a year on from playing for the U20's has been selected in the All Black Training Group. The school community is very proud of their achievements and we wish them well over the coming months.

#### **Cross Country**

The Yr 9 - 13 cross country was held in the last week of term 1. Congratulations to the following place getters:

Junior Boys

- 1. Liam Barry
- 2. Alexander Mildenhall
- 3. William Morrison
- Intermediate Boys
- 1. Pierce Sheridan
- 2. Aleks Dabek
- 3. Mark Graham

Senior Boys

- 1. Samuel Pendreigh
- 2. Aidan Vale
- 3. Clinton D'Silva

#### Water Polo

The Premier Water Polo team travelled to Wellington over the holidays to compete in the Nationals. It is the first time St Peter's have competed in Division 1 at the nationals. The side acquitted themselves very well winning the Plate and finishing ninth overall. With the bulk of the side returning next year St Peter's water polo will continue to go from strength to strength.

#### Skiing and Snowboarding

Registration for boys wanting to join the Ski or Snowboarding team are available from the Sports Office.



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### Congratulations

**Luke Masters** – Selected in the Auckland U18 Hockey Team.

**Sean Wilson and Sam Pallas** - Selected to represent NZ at the Australian Nationals Championship in May. Sean has been selected to trial for the Youth Olympics in Nanjing, China in August and to represent NZ at the Indo Pacifics Championships in South Africa in June.

**Sebastien Priscott** – Won a Gold medal in the 1500m Freestyle, Silver medal in the 400m Freestyle and Bronze in the 200m Freestyle for the 13yo boys at the National Age Group Swimming Championships.

**Max Vesper** – Selected in the NZ U12 in-line skating team to play against Australia in June.

**Chayse Martin and Matthew Storer** - Have been chosen to join the Trans-Tasman Archery team. They are 2 of 17 New Zealanders to travel to Australia for the competition later in the year.



## **75th Jubilee Football Function**



Venue - St Peter's College Hall Date - 29th May 2014

Time- 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Cost - \$10pp parents only (includes one free drink and food)

TICKETS:

Please email Monique Hollows mhollows@st-peters.school.nz with the following information: Names of people attending, Your son's name

Once your ticket order has been received your son's SPC account will be charged. You can pay via the SPC Portal, Internet banking or at the Student Academic Centre with the reference 75th Football. Your son can collect the tickets on Tuesday 27th May from Mr Wilson's office in the Gym. Your tickets must be paid for before they can be collected.

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#### **Inline Hockey**

At the end of last term **Max Vesper** in Year 8 at SPC was invited to trial for the upcoming Oceania Inline Hockey Championships to represent The Northern region to play against Australia and also to trial for the New Zealand 12 and under team. Max has been selected to play for the Northern Region and also for New Zealand in the Oceania Inline Hockey Championships to be played in Hamilton commencing 03 July 2014. Here is his report:

"I have played In Line Hockey for the last 4 years. I love it! Its fast, exhilarating and loads of fun. I've made some really good friends since I've been playing.

I will quickly explain how the game works. It's a sport where you have 8 to 12 players split into 2 or 3 lines of 4 players per line.

The aim is to try and score the most points by shooting in the opposition's team's goal. You can only have 4 players and a goalie on at a time for each team and if you get caught with more than 4 players you can get a penalty

If you incur a penalty for tripping boarding or any other reason the guilty player must sit in the penalty box for 90 seconds reducing your team to only 3 players

In the event of a penalty the coach will normally play his best 3 defensive players to hold off the opposition for the 90 second period. The positions are 2 forwards and 2 backs. Forwards do most of the shooting and decking players while the defensive players pass it up to the forwards and take some hard shots from halfway.

Inline hockey is a team sport where you need to work together if you want to win. I'm really proud of my achievement of representing New Zealand after all my hard work I've poured into this sport. I'm so excited to be involved in the Oceania Championships."

#### By Max Vesper

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#### Archery

Term 1 was highlighted just how successful archery has grown at SPC.

Thirteen Novices have now completed their Coaching Line and are all geared-up to continue their practices through Mountain Green Archery Club and at school.

Sixteen Intermediate/Advanced archers competed for 6 weeks in the Inter-School Auckland Archery League at Auckland Archery. The competition saw SPC compete against Auckland Grammar, Kings and Selwyn College. Individual success came from Harrison Franklyn, Luke Ravlich, Jack McConnell, Luke Franklyn, Matthew Storer and Chayse Martin. SPC included 4 teams in the competition, seeing Team D win their division and Team A coming 2nd in the top division.

Through many of the National competitions that SPC archers are encouraged to attend, a Trans-Tasmin representation can be awarded. This is a great honour and not an easy achievement. The competition, which takes place in Australia in September will see 17 archers from all over New Zealand compete against their Australia counter parts. I am proud to announce that **Chayse Martin and Matthew Storer** will take up two of the Trans-Tasman places. 2 archers from one school is very unusual and shows how SPC archery is competing on a school, National and now International level.

Term 2 sees archers concentrate on their club practices every weekend and on their Friday school practices, big thank you to **Mr Lim** for committing to these Friday practices from 3-5pm at the school range.

Ms L Jenkins

Archery Manager

#### Basketball help needed

Any parent or old boy who may be interested in assisting in coaching or managing a school basketball team please email: mjohnson@st-peters.school.nz

#### **Upcoming Basketball Games:**

1st V Games : Friday 16th May: SPC 1st V vs Mags, 5.30pm in the school gym.

Friday 23rd May: SPC 1st V vs One tree hill, 5pm in the school gym.

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### **Notices**

### SPC Jubilee Concert:



1939 - 2014

Friday 23rd May 2014

Featuring Students of St Mary's College, Baradene College & Special Guests Tickets **\$20** Adults **\$10** Students Tickets Strictly Limited, Available at SPC: 5248108 and St Benedict's

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### 75th Jubilee Celebrations on 8th, 9th and 10th of August 2014

For a copy of the registration form and programme details click here: www.st-peters.school.nz/getmedia/ cee3d95e-75ed-40fc-9a6c-a5e958803575/ SPC-75th-Jubillee-Registration.pdf.aspx

#### or contact:

Mrs. Tania Fernandez Development Office Administrator St Peter's College Mountain Road – Grafton Auckland – 1023 email: tfernandez@st-peters.school.nz PHONE: (09) 524 8108 X 7339

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### FREE STUDENT EXCHANGE INFORMATION EVENING IN AUCKLAND

Hear from returned students, find out more about discounts and scholarships available and ask questions.

7.30pm on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May Parnell Community Centre Jubilee Building
545 Parnell Road, PARNELL
www.studentexchange.org.nz
0800 440 079 (cost of local call)



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### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

23rd - 25th May 2014 at Allenby Park Motor Inn, Manukau, Auckland

A special weekend for couples to spend together focusing on each other. Ways of improving communication between husbands and wives will be explored. A great opportunity for couples to revaluate their priorities and lifestyle.

#### Phone 0800 ENCOUNTER

(0800 362 686) for more information and BOOK NOW!



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