

# St Peter's College

## Grafton, Auckland, New Zealand



Catholic School for Boys in the Edmund Rice Tradition

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### It's Our Problem Too.

The New Zealand Herald has run a series of articles this week revealing that 25% of children entering secondary school are below the National Standards for Reading, Writing and Numeracy. Many of you will have read these articles thinking that this was an issue contained in other schools, possibly even a lower decile problem. Unfortunately, this is not the case.

Literacy and Numeracy are the foundation for all learning. If a child falls behind in reading, writing, spelling, adding or subtracting all learning becomes a battle.

Many commentators are blaming this failure rate on National standards, or the way that this measure is applied by schools. If only we could blame the testing! The reality is many boys and girls across our nation are falling behind their peers at an alarming rate. Many never catch up and this has enormous detrimental consequences on their academic progress.

National Standards were introduced to primary and intermediate schools to provide a snapshot of performance at a national benchmark. Due to the different testing approaches taken by schools, many of my colleagues across the secondary sector would quietly tell you that the 25% figure may even be on the low side. Every year SPC enrolls boys from as many as 70 different primary schools. Upon arrival these boys are tested, and the results are startling.

In 2014 16% of our incoming Year 7s were below the standard in Reading and 38% below in Numeracy. Some would say that our testing is too rigorous and unfamiliar to these boys.

We argue otherwise as our testing enables us to identify students early on who require extra attention. By the time these boys finished Year 8 last year there had been significant improvements which will lead onto almost all achieving in NCEA or CIE in a few years.

Getting students up to speed in Literacy and Numeracy is critical. Determined emphasis from highly motivated teachers and parental buy in and support is the key. At SPC we are very fortunate to have both. Unfortunately many schools do not, and that is why far too many boys and girls across our nation will continue to underachieve.

· Congratulations to our Kapahaka group for being bestowed the honour of performing on ANZAC Day at Auckland War Memorial Museum

· Winter sports season starts this weekend. Please ensure all boys are in correct uniform and are on time to games and practices.

Ma te Atua tātou e manaaki  
God's blessings

James Bentley  
**Headmaster**



## Upcoming Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9 May	10 May	11 May	12 May	13 May	14 May	15 May
PTFA Meeting @ Staffroom 7.30pm (AGM)	Y10 Parents Evening @Hall Central Zone Futsal Tournament – Middle School	Write That Essay Faculty Workshop (½ Days), English and Humanities. Old Boys Meeting @ Library 7pm Mass of Acceptance @ St Bens 9.30am	SPC Music Concert @ St Ben's 7pm		1st XV v MAGS @ MAGS Auckland Maths Olympiad	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
16 May	17 May	18 May	19 May	20 May	21 May	22 May
Catholic Schools Leaders Mass, @ 7pm, St Pat's Cathedral.	Y9 Parents Evening @Hall	Year 13 Careers Assembly 12.15pm @ Pavilion (Guest speaker-AUT)	Rugby Dinner @ Hall Production Camp @Carey Park	Production Camp @Carey Park	Production Camp @Carey Park 1stXV v Kings @Cage	Production Camp @ Carey Park

## Important Dates for the Coming Term

- 24 May** Scholarship students workshop – Dr Ian Hunter
- 25 May** Pompallier Shield @ Liston College  
Parent Meeting for Confirmation Programme @7pm
- 26 May** Waterpolo Dinner @Hall  
Year 9 Service Due
- 27 May** Classics Quiz fundraiser @ Hall
- 27-29 May** Music Camp @Carey Park
- 31 May** BOT Finance Meeting @5.30pm
- 2-3 Jun** Middle School Exams
- 7-15 Jun** Senior Exams

## Bereavements

**Te Kahurangi Heta-Lensen** (9RIC) Grandmother 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

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

### Catholic Character Group Trip

The Catholic Character Group traveled to Jerusalem on the Wanganui River in the April Holidays. Accompanied by Dr Stollenwerk, Mrs Kuran, Mr Groenink, Mr Kingdon, Mrs Kingdon (from the Edmund Rice Office) and LOGOS Youth Workers, the group spent time learning about founder of the Sisters of Compassion Suzanne Aubert and the New Zealand poet James K Baxter (whose grave is beside St Joseph's Chapel in Jerusalem). Many thanks to the accompanying teachers and Catholic Character Group leaders for their contribution to a successful camp.



*Above: Members of the Catholic Character group rest after tramping through farm land that used to be a Cherry orchard in the days of Suzanne Aubert.*

## Service Programmes

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

### Coming Service Opportunities 'Fit For Mission' House Service 2016

Fit for Mission House Service will run again at St Peter's this term. Next week Houses will be informed by their leaders of coming opportunities to complete service hours through House Service. Raising awareness of the plight refugees in NZ will be a focus for House Service this year. 500 house points will also be awarded to the House with the most effective Fit for Mission House Service.

## *Headmaster's Shield*

*for Academic Excellence*

**Trent Wong (10LYN)** for achieving 93% in the IGCSE Language exam

## Academic News

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### Year 9 Academic Leaders Academy

Congratulations to the following Year 9 students for being named in the first Year 9 Academic Leaders Academy. These students have been placed in the top 15 for their year using their Term 1 exam results. Their overall aggregate rank was taken from Mathematics, Science, English, Humanities and Theology and Philosophy. Membership in the Academic Leaders Academy is acknowledged with an Academic badge. Students keep the badge for as long as they remain in the top 15 of their year level.

- 15) **Evan Telequido**
- 14) **Louis Lempriere**
- 13) **Harrison Franklyn**
- 12) **Jerome Barrack**
- 11) **Tito Tuipulotu**
- 10) **Tom Tunnicliffe**
- 9) **Jack Sloan**
- 8) **Samuel Johnston**
- 7) **Jamie Nash**
- 6) **Maxten Sampson**
- 5) **Max Cheng**
- 4) **William Hogan**
- 3) **James Alexander**
- 2) **Cameron Szeto**
- 1) **Matthew Donnelly**

## NCEA Student App

NZQA has developed a mobile App called NCEA Student to help students plan their NCEA study programme, set goals and track their progress. Within the App it provides a high level description of each standard. It has its own database, which includes all standards and unit standards and which will be maintained and updated by NZQA periodically.

Functionality provides students with the ability to:

- Select and set their NCEA credit goals and targets
- See how they are tracking towards NCEA Levels one, two and three, including Literacy, Numeracy and University Entrance (UE)
- Set reminders for each standard such as when assignments are due

- Capture results as they are achieved and cross check with the school or NZQA
- Personalise with information such as NSN number or details about a course or standard (such as the teacher's name or timetabled classroom)

The App complements the NCEA Guide App for parents called NCEA Guide written for parents, whānau and employers.

The App provides quick and easy access to key information about NCEA. The App makes practical information about NCEA more easily accessible and enables parents and whānau to access simple content about how NCEA works and how they can support family members studying for NCEA.

Both Apps are free to download from the Apple App Store and Google Play Store.

## PARENT ELECTION NOTICE

### 2016 BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

Nominations for Parent Representatives to the Board of Trustees close on Friday 20 May 2016 at 12 noon.

If you would like to be nominated or if you would like to nominate someone, please [click here](#) to download the Nomination Form.

For more information regarding the election process please [click here](#).

Please return all completed Nomination Forms to:

Marie Birnie, Returning Officer  
St Peter's College  
23 Mountain Road  
Grafton  
Auckland 1023



## Middle School News

Welcome back to Term 2 which will certainly be an intense time for many in Middle School. The term has a major focus in the classroom with Mid- Year examinations in Week 5 and 6 where students are tested across all of their core subjects. A study guide for both Year 7 and 8 will be posted on the SPC net in the next couple of weeks. Along with dedicated help from their teachers this study guide will help each student focus on the revision requirements for each examination.

Often the thought of examination pressures brings about an added stress for both students and parents alike. To help keep the stress manageable parents should sit down with their sons in the next week or so and set out a timeline for study.

The following guidelines will prove helpful. It is important to create a space within the home where quality study can take place with no distractions. Keep a watchful eye on what your son is doing as he does need your encouragement and help to stay on task. Ensure all distractions such as You Tube, Facebook and other electronic equipment are not accessible during study times.

Short time slots are wise. Trying to study for 4 hours in one go will become monotonous and unproductive. 20 minute revision slots with 5 minutes relaxation is more productive. Creating a timeline over the next couple of weeks leading up to the examinations will help break down the study into little chunks and make revising the term and a half work much more manageable.

Many of our young men struggle to study. Reading over the information time and again seems to 11 and 12 year old boys a productive use of their time. However, results do not show this. Instead, students need to look over the provided study notes, make bullet points as they go, so as to ensure that the key concepts are ingrained in the memory. As a parent, one can help by asking questions and having your son answer these questions in detail.

As with everything at St Peter's College we expect the very best of our students and it is important that all students put the time and effort into their studies so as to give themselves the best possible chance of success.

Finally, you will all have received a Progress Report evaluating your son's progress over Term 1.

Many have expressed dismay over the National Standard ratings that their son has been given in Reading, Writing and Mathematics.

Please do not be alarmed.

As has been stated, achieving At or Above the National Standard is a goal to be achieved by the end of 2016.

Improvement for each of our young men will depend on diligence shown by the student reinforced by strong and caring assistance from both teacher and parents alike.

Maurice McKinley

**Assistant Headmaster Middle School (Acting)**

### 2015/16 Tax Donation Receipts

To all parents/caregivers please be advised that we aim to have all tax donation receipts sent out by 14 May 2016. Please do not contact the office requesting copies before this time.

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# General

## Kapa Haka

The Kapa Haka Roopu was asked to perform in the World War I Hall of Memories at the Auckland Museum on ANZAC Day. The boys performed straight after the main ceremony, singing songs of remembrance, honour and tributes from the war time era.

They put their hearts into it and they were amazing. As people walked in the main doors of the Museum, they were looking up, listening and racing up the stairs to watch.



We have received emails praising the boys:

*"And wow! They absolutely blew the roof off. That was the biggest audience we had all day, and as you could tell our visitors were very affected by it."* (from the Museum staff).

*"To walk into the museum, a sacred place built to memorialise the selflessness of men and women who have served in conflict around the world, and to hear the voices of St. Peter's boys ringing out from above the main entrance was both special and moving."*

*Well done, boys!"* (From an Old Boy of St Peter's).



Above: Back Row - **Sam MacDonald-Everett** (12ODR), **Bailey Tamatea** (11LYN), **Luca Meyer** (10ODR), **Damynn McHeyzer-Havili** (8ODR), **Kieran Fuimaono-Rodikal** (10NOL), **Nikora Lanifole** (10ODR), **Wiremu Amai** (11RIC), **Tanis Bosson** (12BOD), Front Row - **Jackson Spring** (8TRE), **Korbyn Makgill** (8TRE), **Millar Rewi** (7RIC), **Quinn McConachy** (9NOL), **Brody Hogg** (8ODR), **Luke Rutherford** (7NOL), **Jonty Alexander** (7RIC), **Blair Fuimaono** (7NOL), **Taine Pickering** (7TRE), **Julius Tafaeono** (10BOD).

## Anzac Day Collections

Well done to the following boys who helped collect for the Avondale RSA during the school holidays. The Avondale RSA committee were very impressed by their dedication and assistance.

**Braden Coutts** (10ODR), **Jordan Philp** (10ODR), **Jack Rose** (7LYN), **Jamie Laing** (10TRE), **Thomas Laing** (7TRE), **Jacob McGill** (7RIC), **Kyle Sterne** (10ODR), **Zachary Curran** (7BOD), **George Parsons** (9ODR) and **Josh Ravlich** (9ODR).





# Sport

Winter sports are starting over the next few weeks, please ensure your son has the correct SPC sports uniforms. Weekly competition draws are available via the St Peter's College website

<http://www.st-peters.school.nz/Sports/Sports-Draws-final.aspx>

## School Cross Country

The school cross country was held at the Domain on the last Thursday of Term 1, with a good turn-out of students looking to test themselves.

House points 1st Tracey, 2nd O'Driscoll, 3rd Nolan

Congratulations to the following students:

Junior Grade:

1st - **Chris Fernandes** (9RIC)

2nd - **Stephen Thorpe** (10BOD)

3rd - **Jamie Lang** (10TRE)

Intermediate Grade:

1st - **Liam Barry** (12TRE)

2nd - **Liam Back** (10TRE)

3rd - **Alexander Mildenhall** (11TRE)

Senior Grade:

1st - **Jeffrey Wang** (13ODR)

2nd - **Jack Duncan** (12ODR)

3rd - **Scott Simmons** (12NOL)

A number of St Peter's students will go on to compete at the Central East and Auckland Secondary School Cross Country champs later in the term.

## Basketball

Over the weekend of 29th April – 1st May our 1st V Premier basketball team played in the inaugural College Sport Premier Grade Qualification Tournament, which saw 10 teams vying for only two positions for this year's Premier Grade.

The team were in a pool with Kelston Boys, Macleans College, Avondale College and St Kentigern College. St Kentigern was the team's

final pool match, which ended up being a do or die game with the winner progressing through to the playoff game for one of the premier spots. SPC came right out of the gate and showed a composure and determination that saw us leading at the half. Unfortunately, a few key players picked early fouls and St Kentigern took advantage inside the last quarter and took the game from us.



Above: **Christian Fromont** (12ODR) leads the fast break against St Kents, **Finlay Morris** (12ODR) following

This saw the team finish 3rd in the pool with a two win, two loss record. It was a great experience for the team and valuable in terms of preparation for the upcoming Open grade season. It also showed the depth of school boy basketball in Auckland.



Left: **Whititera Parata** (11BOD) shoots while the bench look on

## Sport (continued)

### Football Dinner – Guest Speaker

We are thrilled to announce that Ivan Vicelich will be the guest speaker for the Football dinner. Ivan is the country's most-capped international of all time with 88 caps between 1995 and 2013, which included the 2010 FIFA World Cup. He was a key member of the Auckland City Football team that contested the 2014 FIFA Club World Cup where they placed a phenomenal third amongst the best club teams in the world. He was awarded the Adidas Bronze Ball for the 3rd best player in the tournament.

This event is a fundraising night for the St Peter's Football, so if there is anyone who is interested in donating prizes towards the silent auctions to support this event please email Francine at [cunneenconstruction@xtra.co.nz](mailto:cunneenconstruction@xtra.co.nz)

### 1st XV Matches

7th May – SPC 1st XV vs De La Salle College – 2.35pm - De La Salle College

14th May – SPC 1st XV vs Mt Albert Grammar – 2.35pm – Mt Albert Grammar

### 1st XI Matches

6th May – SPC 1st XI vs Sacred Heart College – 7.00pm – Bill McKinley Park

13th May – SPC 1st XI vs Mt Roskill Grammar – 6.00pm – St Peter's College

### Congratulations

**Cooper Stewart** (13ODR) – Senior Tennis Champion 2016

**Matthew Storer** (13RIC) and **Chayse Martin** (12RIC) who represented New Zealand in the Archery Trans-Tasman test both winning Bronze medals

**Taine Pickering** (7TRE) and **Ethan Watson** (7ODR) were named in the Tournament Team for the U12 Tauranga Waterpolo tournament which was held on 16-18th April. **Ethan's** Seawolf Hounds team placed 3rd in the tournament and **Taine's** Waitakere Gold team placing 5th



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St Peter's College  
**Classics Trip  
Fundraiser**

# Quiz Night

## Friday 27 May 2016

St Peter's College School Hall, Mountain Rd

**Doors open at 7pm**

Quiz starts at 7.30pm

**Theme: Italian, Greek**

**Decorate your table and dress up  
– prize for best table**

- BYO nibbles – pizza supper will be served at 9pm
- Cash bar (beer, wine soft drinks) | No BYO
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**\$25**  
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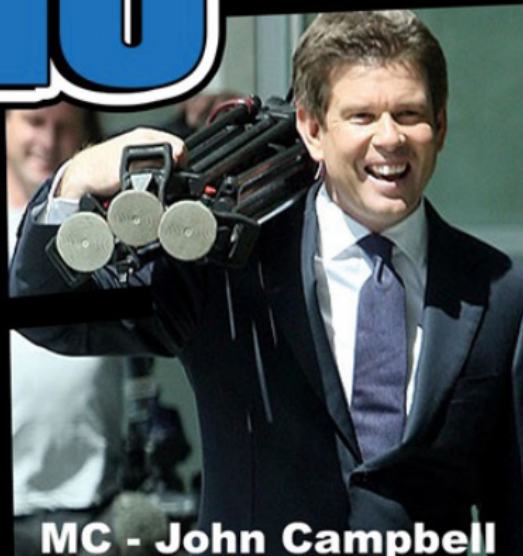
**Eric Rush and friends**  
Interviewed by Gregor Paul

**5.45 – mix and mingle**  
**6.45 – Dinner**

*Tickets: \$55 per person, \$550 per table of ten*

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## New train timetable Monday 9th May

From Monday there will be more trains running on the Western Line:

- At peak times trains will run every 10 minutes (Monday to Friday between 6am and 9am and from 2.30pm to 7pm).
- During the day services will run every 20 minutes
- At other times and on the weekend every 30 minutes.

### Safety at railway crossings

With more trains running, it is even more important that students take care at railway crossings on their way to or from school.

Please take extra care when crossing the tracks:

- to obey the signals - only cross when the crossing bells and lights have STOPPED and there are no trains in either direction
- to expect a second train – stop and look BOTH directions to check for another train
- avoid distractions – always remove headphones and put away phones when near railway tracks.



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