

St Peter's College

Grafton, Auckland, New Zealand



Catholic School for Boys in the Edmund Rice Tradition

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‘Enrolment of the Family’ or ‘Just Send Him to School’

We are at the tail end of interviewing a large number of enrolments for year 7, 8 and year 9 (2015). The process of enrolment at St Peter's College is a very considered and thoughtful process. It occupies many hours of organisation, interviewing, collating and deciding.

Enrolment at St Peter's College involves a system. Open day in March, advertising in March, application in April, interviewing in May and June, decision in June, testing year 7 in October, parent meeting November, registration in January – all before the boy enters a class. And that excludes the 100 day induction in February and March! I appreciate that is a very stressful time for families. Enrolment at a school is never a certain process.

There are plenty of schools in which to “**just send him to school**” philosophy reigns. There are not too many schools which seek to “**enrol the family**” as a philosophic marker.

Are these mere words? Only you as parents can answer that. But for the record, here are some action statements behind the words of “**enrolment of the family**”:

- A considered enrolment process within a year previous to sitting in a classroom. This involves a face to face interview contact with parents.
- A registration day prior to January with the teacher of his class in year 7.
- A 100 day induction for parents which includes a dinner, a fun run, an inaugural Mass, a community fair and a sports registration.
- A weekly engagement report (WER) sent each Friday to parents on every boy in every subject in the school – with a mark of 1 (poor) to 5 (excellent).
- An expectation from all parents that they are expected to pay for their son's education during the duration of their schooling.
- A licence for parents to be involved in the sports coaching of codes – nearly all 18 sporting codes have parental committees to bring expertise and management to a code and teams.
- An expectation that a school show like “Urinetown” needs parental involvement and support. As a show it is put on for the community.

- An expectation that musical achievement e.g. gold medal for the Concert Band at the National Band Championship depends on support from families with regards to camp, transport and Friends of Music etc.

- A culture of 14 dinners: new parents, rugby dinner, football dinner, music excellence dinner, sporting excellence dinner, basketball dinner, hockey dinner, cycling wine tasting, cricket dinner, waterpolo dinner, old boys dinner, leavers' dinner, mothers' dinner, jubilee dinner, rowing luncheon etc.

- 7 parent teacher interviews on a year level basis with 100% expectation of parental attendance.

- Academic reports on twice a year basis.

- Behaviour discipline which involves the family.

- Samoan, Maori, Tongan, PTFA groupings and meetings.

And does all this culture of enrolment of the family work for achievement of boys? Absolutely, engaged families produce engaged students. There is very high achievement in CIE and NCEA for all. University Entrance attained for almost all boys.

We need a national conversation on this bankrupt (“just send him to school”) philosophy before we as a country become bankrupted by entitlement!

Congratulations:

- To the Senior Concert Band on their gold medal at National Band Championship.

- To Patrick Tuipulotu (old boy 2011) on being selected for the All Blacks. Another All Black for St Peter's – with many potential players coming through!

Reminders:

- The Urinetown Show starts Wednesday 18 June – booking on www.iticket.co.nz.

- Senior boys on the excellent exam culture shown in recent NCEA and CIE internal exams.

In His Peace

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'K F Fouhy'.

K F Fouhy
Headmaster

Upcoming Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesd	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
16 Jun	17 Jun	18 Jun	19 Jun	20 Jun	21 Jun	22 Jun
NCEA Music Night @Hall Gateway Course @Ed Rice Centre Whanau Committee @ Staffroom 6.30pm	Gateway Course @Ed Rice Centre Trees for Survival Trip @South Head Y13 Parents Evening @Hall NCEA Music Night @Music Dept	Assembly (Senior) Urinetown – Opening Night @Centennial Theatre	M/S CZ Table Tennis @Gillies Ave PILOT Programme @ AUT Y12 Hospitality @MIT	ST PETER'S DAY 1st V Basketball v Mt Roskill @Gym 5.30pm	1stXV v MAGS @ MAGS 2.30pm 1stXI Football v Kristin @Cage 12pm	AKSS Cycling @ Airport
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
23 Jun	24 Jun	25 Jun	26 Jun	27 Jun	28 Jun	29 Jun
Y12 Parents Evening @Hall	BOT Meeting @ Library 7.30pm	Assembly (Junior) Kei a Tatou te Ihi @AUT North Shore M/S Cross Country @ Domain Samoan Committee Meeting @ Staffroom 6pm	Scholarship Luncheon @ Library 1pm	Y9 & Y10 Exams	Matariki Celebration @ Pavilion 1stXV v Kings @ Cage 2.30pm 1stXI Football v Rosmini @Cage 12pm Urinetown– Closing Night @Centennial Theatre	

Important Upcoming Dates for the Term

17 June: Y13 Parents Evening @Hall

18 June: Urinetown – Opening Night

20 June: St Peter's Day

23 June: Y12 Parents Evening @Hall

30 June - 2 July: Year 9 & 10 Exams

Bereavements

Vesi Talamaivao (8ODR) - Grandfather died

Taylen Paterson (8 BOD) - Uncle passed away

Petelo Motulalo (7LYN) - Mother died

Robert Ulugia (11RIC) - Father died

Kaloka Tevaga (7NOL) and Venasio Tevaga (12NOL) - Uncle died on Monday.

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

'Stand firm and hold to the tradition'

St Peter's Day Mass 2014

Friday June 20th

9.30am

“Stand firm
and hold
to the
tradition”

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Kairos Retreats (Y12 & 13)

Kairos Retreat # 11 – Year 13

Begins after school on Tuesday July 1st.

Kairos Retreat #12 – Year 13

Begins after school on Tuesday September 23rd.

Kairos Retreat #13 – Year 12

Begins after school on Wednesday November 26th.

Service Programmes

The St Peter's Man is a Man of Service

Service Hours for Years 7, 8, 10, 11 and 12 are due next Term. Now is the time to organise your service if you have not done so already. Friday July 4th (Teacher Only Day) is marked as a suggested St Peter's Service day for those who have not completed their hours yet. 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



From Deputy Headmaster (Pastoral Care) *Stephen Dooley*

Important Messages

The middle of term 2 sees the heart of the College come alive with high commitment to pre and post examination classroom focus, winter sports in full swing and the College Production in its final stages of preparation.

Some Important messages for Parents:

- Please be vigilant in monitoring social media sites with your child. National mental health studies released this month show strong links between anxiety, depression and narcissism behaviours in our youth with excessive use of social media sites. Whilst it is foreign territory for the generation most parents hail from (including myself!) we encourage all parents to trust their parental instincts about what is a healthy lifestyle balance for their children. You still know best!

- Both the Newmarket Square and the Newmarket Countdown in 277 is out of bounds for St Peter's College students. The school tuck shop is open early in the morning for any student that requires some early morning sustenance.

- Next Friday on the 20th June is St Peter's Day. As part of our annual celebration all students will be bussed to the Cathedral in the morning to take part in a College Mass and then attend the cinemas in the afternoon together as a community. Students will receive full details closer to the event.

God's Blessings

Steve Dooley

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

Middle School Report

Sport plays a key role in the development of your sons into the outstanding young men that we want them to become. There are physical, emotional and social benefits for young men to be involved in sports from an early age. Here at St Peter's College we encourage all students to be involved in any one of the many opportunities that are on offer. Through participation in sport and physical education, young people learn about the importance of honesty, teamwork, fair play, respect for themselves and others, and adherence to rules. All of these are good qualities that we want and are undoubtedly what you want in your sons.

As part of sport in the Middle School there are a number of exchanges that St Peter's College takes part in with other schools on a Wednesday afternoon. Also as we are part of the Central Zone, a number of different sporting codes take part in annual tournaments for the right to represent the central Auckland schools in the Inter Zone Championships.

So far this term, the school has had exchanges

against Kings Prep and St Kentigerns in Rugby, Football and Hockey with wins in both Rugby and Football. In Central Zone results the football teams gained a second place in the Year 7 grade and were third in their pool for the Year 8's. Both teams represented the school with pride and we certainly have a bright future at the school with the quality on show. In Rugby, the Under 45 kgs were second, the under 55 kgs were fifth and the open weight team won the Central Zone and will go on to the Inter Zone Championships later in the term.

Congratulations to all teams and we look forward to other sports results coming through during the year. A big focus in term three is the AIMS tournament in Tauranga, where we send a large contingent of students competing in Swimming, Football, Waterpolo, Basketball and Rugby. This lets our students compete against the best teams from across the country and some international teams as well.

Mike Mullin

Music

Congratulations

Congratulations to the Senior Concert Band for an excellent performance at the National Band Festival. The Band was awarded Gold by a panel of excellent international adjudicators, who praised the fine balance, precision, and musicality of the Band. It was a good experience in preparation for the KBB Festival.

National Chamber Festival

Excellent performances were given by the Piano Trio, Flute Trio, and Violin Trio at the National Chamber Festival. Great work by **Ben Moloney, David Robertson, Shing Hang Yan, Robin Chen, Finn McDonnell, Aditya Patel and Niels Arnesen; and their tutors Jasmine Sun and Robin Snape.**

Workshops

Workshops this weekend for the Chamber Orchestra 10 -1.30; and the SMC/SPC combined Orchestra, at SMC 2-6pm

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

Cultural News



SPC Samoan Parents Committee (Tautua mo Samoa Komiti) 2014-2016

Talofa Lava. Mālo le soifua maua ma le lagi e māmā. O le Komiti lenei a matua Samoa mo alo ma fanau Samoa i totonu o le aoga a tama Sagato Petelo.

Greetings and welcome to the newly elected Samoan Parents Komiti for 2014-2016. The Komiti has met a few times over the last 5 weeks to review its Action Plan and formalise details for initiatives for Terms 3 and 4. We have some exciting initiatives in the pipeline, so please keep an eye out for newsletters, emails and notices via our Samoan Group (link) on the school website. We encourage you to click on this link to learn more information about the initiatives we are planning for the rest of the year. We welcome your input and encourage you to make contact via our Komiti email spc.samoan.community@gmail.com. Manuia galuega o le vaiaso. Fa'afetai Lava.

The Komiti membership comprises of:

Vailoa Milo-Harris - Chairperson

Fau Tiatia-Farani - Vice Chairperson

Frances Fuamatu - Secretary

Fa'aulu Tomuli-Afoa - Treasurer

James Fuamatu - member

Jacinta Morrison - member

Nikki Luli - member

Saane Faafo - member

Wyndi Tagi - member

Celebrating the treasures of Samoa

The theme for Samoan Language Week/ Vaiaso o le Gagana Sāmoa this year was Hold fast to your treasures/Taofi mau i au measina and was recognised nationally from 25-31 May across the country. It was an opportunity for people to have talk about and share on what measina (treasures) are to Samoans. For some, these treasures are traditional artefacts such as fine mats (ie toga), tapa cloth (siapo) or body adornments such as tattoo's (pe'a or malu), while for others the treasures can also be children (fanau) or family (aiga); cultural dance (siva, fa'ataupati, sāsā), sport (ta'aloga) or language (Gagana Samoa). While the types and value of treasures does vary, it is these collective treasures that make Samoans a unique, proud and distinctive group that are not only strongly represented across various areas/sectors in New Zealand but undoubtedly also within St Peters College.

Samoan Language Week was preceded by the 52nd Samoan Independence Day celebrations and although it was recognised by a delegation of NZ MPs across various political parties, led by the Prime Minister travelling to Samoa, a strong contingency of boys from St Peters College accepted an invitation to

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attend a significant annual cultural event at Auckland Girls Grammar School.

While it was a free day for SPC students due to teacher only day, over 25 Senior boys from SPC gathered at AGGs alongside other Colleges (De La Salle, Mangere, Onehunga, Kelston Boys) to take part in various activities, debates and performances that celebrated Samoan culture. Notably, our boys were challenged to work outside of their comfort zones and to take part in the activities that were all in the Samoan language. Wearing their SPC ie faitaga (formal lavalava), the boys carried themselves with pride and truly represented the values of being a St Peters man.

Each college had an opportunity to perform a short item that reflected the theme of the day and our boys did not disappoint, singing beautifully and with confidence they made a strong impression amongst the many other students and family members there, receiving a huge round of applause of appreciation from the 300+ audience. A great opportunity to meet new people, network, fellowship and enjoy the spirit of unity were some of the key learnings from the day.

Congratulations to all the SPC boys that participated on the day at AGGS, however, a special acknowledgement must go to **Christopher Tanuvasa-Oleva** for displaying strong leadership skills and for speaking so eloquently on behalf of the boys to thank the hosts and the various people that made the day such a successful and valuable cultural learning experience for all.



SPC participants in the Annual Samoan Cultural Event at AGGS

1st XV outplay De La Salle

In their First Home game of the season the 1st XV overcame Catholic rivals De La Salle 17 – 7. The Firsts made the early running and were rewarded with a well taken try to second five, **Filipo Fahiua**, converted by **Jordan Trainor**. Resolute De La Salle defence meant St Peter's were unable to turn their territorial advantage into further points. At half time the score remained 7 – 0.

Early in the second half De La Salle scored a converted try to level the scores. De La Salle continued to look dangerous from broken play while the Firsts worked hard to exert territorial pressure. This pressure resulted in a try to winger **Noah Mataia** and a penalty and a conversion to Trainor.

Fau'ula Galo and **Tanginoa Halaifonua** provided the team with an edge up front. Fullback, **Jordan Trainor** continued his good form with a man of the match display.



Above: No. 8 Luteru Tolai looks to break through De La Salle's defensive line.



Above: Noah Mataia about to score the try that seals the win against De La Salle.

Auckland Cross-Country Championships

St Peter's was represented by 9 keen runners at the AKSS Cross-Country Championships held at St Kentigern's College. The sunny conditions and well prepared running tracks created excellent running conditions. This was a very popular event with 324 boys and 226 girls competing across 3 grades (junior, intermediate and senior). Building on the previous successes of the middle-distance events and the Central zone cross-country events this year, our runners achieved some notable individual results:

Junior Grade: **Liam Barry** (4th place), **Alexander Mildenhall** (12th place) – field of 134 runners

Intermediate Grade: **Pierce Sheridan** (6th place) – field of 123 runners

Senior Grade: **Sam Pendreigh** (3rd place), **Eamon McArdle** (20th place) – field of 67 runners

Team Results (Top 3 runners per school): Juniors (8th out of 13 teams), Intermediates (8th out of 14 teams), Seniors (5th out of 10 teams)

The final event of the 2014 cross-country calendar is the National cross-country event in Palmerston North on Saturday the 20th of June. We are looking forward to a strong showing on a more traditional cross-country course.



Above: Sam Pendreigh on his way to finishing 3rd at the AKSS Cross Country Championships.



Above - Liam Barry running strong and finishing in 4th position in Junior Division.

Sport (continued)

SPC Old Boy Selected for All Blacks

Congratulations **Patrick Tuipulotu** (2011 Old Boy) selected for the All Blacks. Patrick first training with the All Blacks was at the Cage. The All Blacks trained twice at the cage last week in preparation for the First Test against England. Patrick has two younger Brothers at St Peter's **Tito** (Yr 7) and **Hamdahn** (Yr 10).



Above: Patrick Tuipulotu training at the Cage with fellow All Blacks

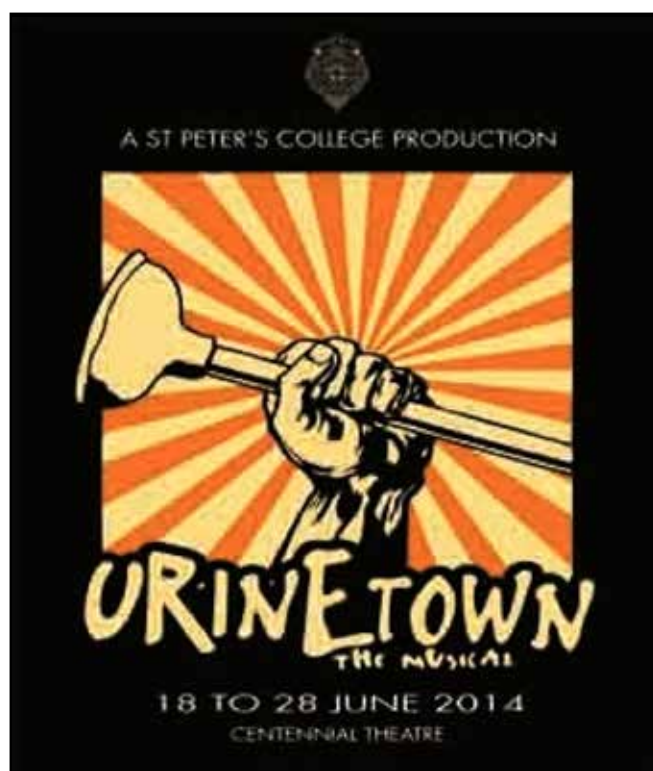


Congratulations

Sam Pallas – Won the U17 men's Division at the Australian National Trampoline Competition.

Jacob Savalko and Aidan Takaroa – Selected in the Auckland Lawn Bowls Youth Team to play Waikato.

Mr Eddie Kohlhase - Coach of the SPC 1st IV Softball, Old Boy, Father of Joseph 12BOD & James 10NOL on being appointed a Member of the NZ Order of Merit for services to Softball.



URINETOWN: 18th – 28th June 2014, Centennial Theatre, AGS, Mountain Road, Epsom

What is Urinetown?

"In a city that has been afflicted with a terrible drought, business tycoon Caldwell B. Cladwell has made his fortune through bribery and the monopolisation of all public toilets. With a brutal police force maintaining law and order, it's not a place to get caught short! Risk it and you will be sent off to a place no one returns from - the infamous Urinetown.

The city needs a revolution and every revolution needs a hero... however unlikely.

An epic tale of greed, corruption, love and revolution set in a time when water is worth its weight in gold".

Tickets are now available now from iTicket:

<https://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2014/jun/urinetown-the-musical>



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-Jubilee-Registration.pdf.aspx](http://www.st-peters.school.nz/getmedia/cee3d95e-75ed-40fc-9a6c-a5e958803575/SPC-75th-Jubilee-Registration.pdf.aspx)

or contact:

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Matariki Invitation

ST PETERS WHANAU COMMITTEE

Invitation to all SPC families to join us to
celebrate Matariki – the Maori New Year.

Ka puta Matariki ka rere Whānui.

Ko te tohu tēnā o te tau e!

Matariki re-appears, Whānui starts its flight.

Being the sign of the [new] year!

When: 28 June 2014, 5.30am

View Matariki from Mt Eden before the dawn,
followed by breakfast

We will meet at SPC Hall at 5.15am, and then
walk Mt Eden to view Matariki. Transport
will be available to those unable to walk the
mountain. On return breakfast will be provided
in the Pavilion.

RSVP: For catering purposes, please let us
know if you are able to join us by emailing
Shelley Kopu-Masila shelley.kopu@gmail.com
by 21 June 2014.

Please bring a **gold coin donation** towards the
costs of breakfast.

*Matariki is the Maori name for a group of seven
stars known as the Pleiades star cluster. Some
people think of Matariki as a mother star with
six daughters, and it is often referred to as the
Seven Sisters.*

*Traditionally Matariki was celebrated by
gathering with whanau (family) and reflecting
on the past. The festival's connection to the
stars provided an opportunity for families to
remember their whakapapa (genealogy) and
those ancestors who had passed away to the
heavens.*

Notices (continued)



St Peter's College India Trip Quiz Night

7pm Saturday 14 June 2014

St Peter's College Hall

Tickets \$20.00

Contact: cconroy@st-peters.school.nz

Licensed Cash Bar (eftpos available)

FINAL NOTICE TO PURCHASE YOUR BOOK

2014/2015 Entertainment Books are here:



St Peter's College are pleased to be able to offer their families the chance to purchase the new 2014/2015 Auckland Entertainment™ Membership which is packed with thousands of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers. This year you have the choice between the Entertainment™ Book Membership and the new Entertainment™ Digital Membership which puts all the offers in your hand on your smartphone. Go to www.entertainmentbook.com.au/about/Choose-your-Membership to see which membership is right for your family.

From every Entertainment™ Membership we sell, \$13 goes towards our fund-raising! To purchase a copy of either the Book or Digital Membership, please go to <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/942w33> or contact Anna Turnbull in the Middle School Office on 524 8108 ext 7329.

Don't Assume You're Immune is a campaign reminding young people aged 16 and 17 and their parents, caregivers and whānau, to make sure they are up to date with all their immunisation.

We welcome questions or comments about this email and the campaign.

Contact us at info@getimmunised.org.nz

getimmunised.org.nz



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