

St Peter's College

Grafton, Auckland, New Zealand



Catholic School for Boys in the Edmund Rice Tradition

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The Cross of St Peter

Last newsletter I discussed how St Peter's is a community in action. The fundraising efforts of our fabulous PTFA and Fair teams have allowed the College to begin the first stage of our front entrance project. The illuminated Cross of St Peter will welcome our staff and students each day, and undoubtedly make a statement about what we are about. We hope to commence this project at the end of this term. I would like to once again pass on the College's gratitude to our community for making this project possible.

Last weekend our House groups undertook voluntary work across Auckland: Bodkin were out cleaning up the Eastern Beaches from Mission Bay to St Heliers, Treacy were doing Environmental Service in the Domain, and Nolan thoroughly cleaned and weeded the historical cemetery at St Patrick's in Panmure. The success of these community initiatives was due to the support from boys and parents.

- Well done to our Young Vinnies group who braved the cold last Saturday night to promote awareness about the problem of homelessness in Auckland.

- Study Skills seminar in the Hall this Wednesday 27th May @7pm

- Great support on the side-lines for our huge number of sports teams each weekend. Just a reminder that our boys are not professional sportsmen, and that coaches and referees are volunteers.

- Rugby Dinner and Mother's Dinner were both sell outs, and both were outstanding events.

Ma te Atua e whakapaingia koutou katoa

James Bentley

Acting Headmaster



Upcoming Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
25 May	26 May	27 May	28 May	29 May	30 May	31 May
Middle School Exams Rowing AGM @ Staffroom 7pm	Middle School Exams BOT Meeting @ Library 7.30pm	Middle School Exams Assembly (Senior) M/S Sports Exchange v St Kentigern Prep Samoan Committee Meeting @Staffroom 4.30-7.00pm Study Tips Presentation @Hall 7pm Pompellier Shield @De La Salle	Middle School Exams	Mid Term Break		
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 June	2 June	3 June	4 June	5 June	6 June	7 June
QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY	Senior Mid Year Exams Cycling Committee Meeting @ Staffroom 7.30pm	Senior Mid Year Exams Chamber Music Contest	Senior Mid Year Exams Chamber Music Contest	Senior Mid Year Exams Chamber Music Contest	1st XV v St Kentigern @ Cage 2.30pm Old Boys Function @ Hall 12.30pm Chamber Music Contest	Chamber Music Contest

Important Dates for the Coming Term

25 - 28 May	Middle School Exams
27 May	Study Tips Presentation @Hall 7pm
29 May	Mid Term Break
1 June	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY
2 - 9 June	Senior Mid Year Exams
3 - 7 June	Chamber Music Contest
6 June	Old Boys Function @Hall 12.30pm

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

Bereavements

Theo Tamapeau Grandfather died.

Marine (7BOD) and Dominiko (7ODR) Arnerich Great Uncle died.

Lawson Brownie (10LYN) Aunt died.

Tanis Bosson (11BOD) Grandfather died.

Dheeraj Venkatachalam (11LYN) Grandmother died.

Daniel Zuniga (10BOD) Grandmother died.

Timothy Truesdell (11NOL) Grandfather died, and father of Michael Rendell (old boy 1975-1981).

Danyael Sinisa (12RIC) Aunt died.

Liam Whynn (12ODR) Grandmother died.

Ethan Cowley (7ODR) Great Garndmother died.

Eddie Tongalahi (11LYN) Father died.

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'

'Fit for Mission' House Service 2015

St Peter's recently undertook the following service in response to the Auckland Diocese Pastoral Plan where schools were asked to 'reach out to those outside our communities.'

Bodkin:

- Beach clean up from Mission Bay to Saint Heliers

Lynch:

- Work at Auckland City Mission packing emergency supply baskets for individuals in desperate need of food. Completed in March

Nolan:

- Clean-up and gardening at the cemetery for the religious at St. Patrick's Church in Panmure

O'Driscoll:

- Beach clean up at Pt Chevalier

Rice:

- Environmental service at Cocks Bay and Cocks Creek

Treacy:

- Auckland Domain – gardening and rubbish clearing



Pictured: Nolan students working at St Patrick's Cemetery in Panmure on May 17th.

The work was much appreciated by Parish Priest **Fr Michael Alipia Endemann** who wrote in thanks: "Your team did an amazing job and they left the over-grown, untidy resting place to so many deceased Priests and others "immaculate".



Kairos Retreat (Y 13)



Kairos Retreat # 14 – Y13

Applications for Kairos # 14 are available from the Student Academic Office. Application Forms should be filled in and returned to the Kairos #14 Applications Box by Thursday May 28th (also in the Academic Centre).

Service Programmes

The St Peter's Man is a Man of Service

Service Due Dates

- Year 7 and 8 due Friday July 23rd
- Year 9 due Friday May 22nd (TODAY!)
- Year 10 due Monday June 22nd
- Year 11 due Friday 31 July 31st
- Year 12 due Friday August 21st

Senior Mid Year Exam Timetable

	Tuesday 2-Jun	Rm	Wednesday 3-Jun	Rm	Thursday 4-Jun	Rm	Friday 5-Jun	Rm	Monday 8-Jun	Rm	Tuesday 9-Jun	Rm
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Level 1 Hospitality Exam runs over 3 days from 8 am to 3 pm with a maximum of 6 students per day. See Mrs Homburg for further details.
Students with Exam Clashes should see Mr Kumar by 3 pm Monday 25th May, 2015

Study Tips Presentation

Mr Martin, Deputy Headmaster Curriculum will be giving a presentation on study tips in the Hall Wednesday May 27th. Starts at 7.00pm. Finished by 7.45pm. Students and their parents most welcome. Please bring homework diaries and a pen!

If you have any queries you wish answered on the night please do email Mr Martin well before and he will attempt to answer on gmartin@st-peters.school.nz

ST PETER'S COLLEGE

CAREERS EXPO 2015

Tuesday 23 June 2015

For ALL Year 7-13 students & parents

St Peter's College will be hosting a Careers Expo on Tuesday 23rd June and we would like to personally invite you and your family to attend. The Expo is open to the whole school community and we welcome your involvement to make it a huge success.

There will be a range of exhibitors and a series of presentations including all major universities and maybe even a few old boys to inspire and mentor our young men.

Details for the evening:

Date: Tuesday 23rd June

Time: 6.00pm to 8pm

Venue: St Peter's College Hall, Mountain Road, Epsom

General (continued)

SPC Teacher Receives Prestigious Award

Ms Danielle Kiely, teacher of Economics, Accounting and Business Studies was last week awarded a prestigious award at a ceremony in Wellington. **Ms Kiely** was awarded the Teacher Education Excellence award from Victoria University which recognises the best teaching graduates from 2014. **Mr Bentley** was also present at the ceremony, as was **Ms Kiely's** father **John**. **Ms Kiely** is enjoying her first year of teaching.



NZ Boys' Schools Conference

On the 7th -8th May, I had the privilege of representing the college with **Mr Bentley** at the annual ABSNZ Head Prefects conference in Wellington. It was a great experience meeting and sharing ideas with other Head Prefects from various schools all across New Zealand. We discussed during our conference the importance of leadership and were also encouraged to go beyond our comfort zones through a high ropes course. Which I excelled and thoroughly enjoyed.

Mr Josh Syms, former coach of NZ Barbarians Schools Rugby was one of our guest speakers. **Mr Syms** said during his speech, 'leaders are ordinary people, who do extraordinary things'. Personally, that statement spoke volumes to me. As young men we have many role models who we look up to for inspiration. Our role models are leaders and people who we wish to one day become. **Mr Syms** stated, that our role models are just ordinary and simple people. They make mistakes, they laugh and cry. What makes our role models extraordinary, he adds, is their ability to go beyond obstacles and dream for a better tomorrow.

As a young man living in this ever changing world, my role model in life is Jesus Christ. He was a man for others and spoke truth to power. Jesus was the son of God yet he came into the world as an ordinary man. He was born in a stable, was friends with fishermen, tax collectors and sinners. Yet his acts of mercy in reaching out to the poor and marginalized in

society. Not only challenged the social code of his time, but touched the hearts and minds of others in the most extraordinary and effective way.

We as students at St Peter's College are reminded to follow the teachings of Christ. To live lives of service and love. More importantly strive to become the St Peter's Man. The St Peter's man is man for others, he is a man of service and excellence. We can have varying definitions and illustrations of how to portray the St Peter's Man.

Through attending the ABSNZ conference, the St Peter's Man for me has altered. The St Peter's Man to me now is an ordinary guy. A simple guy, who enjoys the company of family, is deeply rooted in his faith, and serves his community to the best of his ability. What makes the St Peter's Man special and extraordinary to any other man, is his willingness to follow the teachings of Christ or his role model and live a life full of hope and courage for a better tomorrow.



Christopher Oleva
Head Boy

General (continued)

Visiting Nanotechnologist Inspires Senior Physics Students.



Last Friday, the science department was visited by Victoria University lecturer Elf Eldridge to discuss possible career opportunities at Victoria University in Wellington in the engineering school.

The talk was attended by Level 1 IGCSE Physics students and Level 2 Physics students and they students were entertained and informed on possible career options at Victoria and the incorporation of digital technologies in solving real world problems.

The 45 minute talk enthralled the captivated audience as Elf introduced his entry into science and how over time his interests led him to nanotechnology and computer based engineering.

From Martian roving face lasers to helping save people from collapsed buildings using robotics, the students learnt the various ways physics and computing can be applied and how engineering in Victoria is a viable option for further study.

St Peter's College was greatly appreciative of the time taken from Elf's busy schedule to introduce and discuss this vocational pathway option.

Any students wishing to consider engineering or computer science at Victoria University Wellington can discuss this with **Dr Harvey**.

Holidays During Term Time

We have had requests from parents about taking their son's on overseas holidays during school time. We ask that all parents consider the implications of this time out of the classroom on their son's academic achievement in the short, and long term. Another consideration is your son's commitments to his cultural, sporting and music groups. All requests for leave must be submitted in writing to the Headmaster's PA Veronica Voordouw vvoordouw@st-peters.school.nz well in advance of the planned absence.

EDMUND'S SHOP

SHOP OPENING 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 time only

SPC Uniform change/return Policy

To be able to return or change any uniform item, the item has to be with the original tag still on and without marks of any kind.

No tag or marked-No swap

No exceptions

Support the 1st XV on Saturday

The 1st XV are playing Mt Albert Grammar at the Cage on Saturday, 2.30pm kick off. Get along and support the team in what is sure to be an entertaining encounter.

The 1st XV come into the game buoyed by a 15 – 14 win against Kings College last weekend. In a pulsating game the lead changed throughout the match with the 1st XV scoring an outstanding 65m team try in the last phase of the game. **Noah Mataia** scored the winning try, second five **Filipo Fahiua** scored in the first half with **Harry Plummer** adding a conversation and penalty.

Aleks Dabek was awarded player of the day. Captain, **Taina Fox-Matamua**, played his best game of the season thus far. **Harry Plummer**, **Josh Fraser** and **Daniel Perez** featured prominently throughout the match.

Duathlon Report

St Peters had a fantastic day at the AKSS Duathlon Championships held recently. We had two senior teams, **Tim Magness** and **Pierce Sheriden**, and **Aiden Margetts** with **Andrei La Piere**. **Tim** and **Pierce** won the gold and **Aiden** and **Andrei** won silver. Two teams presented the juniors. **Luke Ransley** with **Daniel Neville**, and **Oliver Sanders** and **Reuben Webster**, and one individual competitor **Liam Back**. **Luke** and **Daniel** had a convincing win with **Daniel** getting off to a nice start, **Luke** holding a good place on the bike, and **Daniel** finishing strong in 1st place. **Ollie** and **Reuben** finished a credible 4th place. **Liam Back** had a very tough group of competitors in his race. He finished strongly to gain 3rd place. Overall we came away as a team with 4 medals, 2 golds, one silver and one bronze. This was a great outing from the boys and St Peters has a promising future in this sport.



Central Zone Cross-Country 2015

Last Thursday (14nd May) saw 13 keen St Peter's distance runners competing in the annual Central Zone cross-country event at Lloyd Elsmore Park in Pakuranga. A changed course from previous years presented some fresh challenges for our runners. Overall, we were pleased with the efforts of the runners and look forward to continued trainings over the coming month to improve the run times.

Notable results:

Junior Grade: **Liam Back** (2nd place), **Daniel Neville** (9th), **Sam Turner** (10th) – field of 36 runners

Intermediate Grade: **Liam Barry** (3rd place), **Alex Mildenhall** (11th place) – field of 29 runners

Senior Grade: **Pierce Sheridan** (3rd), **Eamon McArdle** (6th) – field of 18 runners

Team Results (Top 3 runners per school): Juniors (2nd), Intermediate (4th), Seniors (2nd)

We look forward to the next meeting (Auckland cross-country) on Thursday the 4th June at the A&P Showgrounds in Pukekohe. Any students who are keen to join the distance running squad, feel free to join in the morning practice runs each Tuesday and Thursday at 7am meeting at the school gym. If you have any questions, please contact **Mr Jakub Kalinowski** (jkalinowski@st-peters.school.nz).



Rowing AGM

St Peter's Rowing is holding their AGM on **Monday 25th May, 7pm** in the Staffroom.

All welcome.

Sport (continued)

Rugby Dinner

A very successful rugby community dinner was held last Thursday. The evening was fantastically organised by **Sue Casey**. Highlights included **Michael Jones** and **Patrick Tuipulotu** being interviewed by **Gregor Paul**. We also acknowledged the outstanding contribution of **Ces O'Dea**, **Peter Watt** and **Tony Cookson** who together as the 'Three Tenors' have coached rugby at St Peter's for over 25 years. **Peter** and **Ces** are also Old Boys of St Peter's.



All Black Patrick Tuipulotu donating his first test jersey to SPC

EXCITING OPPORTUNITY TO TRAVEL TO SOUTH AMERICA!

Recently St Peter's College launched an Expedition with Antipodeans Abroad to Peru for July 2016. We have had quite a bit of interest, but we would love a few more boys to join the group. The trip is 21 days and involves a trek, project work, sight-seeing and leadership responsibilities. If you're interested in finding out more, please contact Ellen Cairns of Antipodeans Abroad on ellen@antips.co.nz or 0210366145. Go on, give it a go! Life begins at the end of your comfort zone...

University of Auckland Parents Information Evening

<http://www.st-peters.school.nz/News-and-Events/Events/University-of-Auckland.aspx>

Congratulations

Swimming: **Sebastien Priscott** who competed in the New Zealand Age Group Swimming Championships in Wellington (14 year old boys). Results: Gold 1500m Freestyle, Silver 400m Freestyle, Bronze 200m Freestyle, Bronze 400m individual Medley

Sebastien was selected for the 15 and under Auckland team to swim in relay team in 4 x 200m freestyle. The team come a close second to Canterbury.

Lawn Bowls: **Joel Harrison**, **Aiden Takarua**, **Stefan Houghton**, **Joseph Jacob** and **Liam O'Brien** who have qualified for the Auckland Collegiate Bowls Championships on to be held next week..

Shooting: **Ronan Murphy** has been invited to attend Shooting Training Camp being run by the Australian Paralympic team and their coaches in preparation for the 2016 Paralympics in Rio De Janerio. Olympic selectors will be in attendance to watch the shooters. At the end of the week he will be shooting in the New Zealand Cup. He is currently ranked no. 1 in NZ. We wish him all the best for this event.



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