St Peter's College Grafton, Auckland, New Zealand



Catholic School for Boys in the Edmund Rice Tradition June 27, 2014. Newsletter 10/14

'Anxiety and Depression' (Two Growth Industries Among Adolescent Boys)

It is almost ironic that in an age of unprecedented wealth and opportunities among New Zealand school age students, there also lurks in the shadows – the twin mental health issues – anxiety and depression. And I suspect these issues are growing.

It is tempting to link diet, lack of exercise, lack of sleep, social disconnection with these factors. I am sure everything is linked somehow.

My observation is that boys generally do not respond to change very well. Parental breakup of a relationship, a significant death in the family, absentee parents – a clash of parenting style, an unsympathetic coach or teacher, are just some of the conditions that surround a modern boy.

I am very sure that "being in love" with a digital device for everything in life – is not mentally healthy. That was one of the reasons why we introduced a 'Device Free Time Zone' within the school day. That policy is essentially working with very good co-operation from the student body.

I think there is a distinction to be made being mentally healthy and mentally fit (as there is in being physically healthy and/or physically fit). I certainly don't claim to be a psychologist – but it appears to me that we should all do more about being mentally fit.

Trigger points for anxiety (and possible depression) include unfinished business in a parental break-up, the death of a grandparent (which generally occurs when a boy is in year 10 or 11) and the use of drugs (and all its cousins).

St Peter's College tries to help all boys stay mentally fit by the following means:

• A secure school daily routine.

• An insistence on every boy contributing hours of time as service to the community.

• A tough stance on drugs, violence and anything that downgrades the human person.

• An early warning mechanism about class engagement with the WER Report and parental interviews.

• Building opportunities for all boys to 'own' their school through co-curricula sport, music and drama.

· Trying to create an inclusive community.

And days like St Peter's Day – where we worship as a community, sing as a community and watch the same movie as a community. Little but significant factors in a boy's life.

I am also sure that the brilliant productions put on by Mr Hellyer are an emotional release of energy for many boys.

I think we all need to reflect on the two quotes from scripture "**Be Not Afraid**" (occurs 365 times) and "**I have come that you may have life and life to the fullness**" – and pray for all our boys in our school community. **Anxiety** cannot function with fear. **Depression** cannot exist with wholesome life.

Congratulations:

• To Urinetown director, **Mr Hellyer and cast** of 120+. An excellent funny spoof on power and freedom.

• To **Sam Pendreigh** – selected in NZ Cross Country team (from a highly competitive field).

• To our NZ water polo players Daniel Cameron, Benjamin Wharton-Benedict, Cooper Stewart and Dominic Rankin-Chitar for their outstanding recent achievements.

Another very positive fortnight.

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Upcoming Events

Monday Tuesday		Wednesd	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
31 Jun	1 Jul	2 Jul	3 Jul	4 Jul	5 Jul	6 Jul	
Y9 & Y10 Exams Visit from Kings College, Hong Kong	Y9 & Y10 Exams Maori & Pacific Students Trip @Auckland University Kairos @Friary from 3pm Cycling Committee Meeting @7.30pm Staffroom	Y9 & Y10 Exams Brain Bee Competition @ UOA Staff Professional Development @8am CZ Rugby 7's @Avondale Racecourse 1stXI Hockey v Onehunga @ MRGS 4.30pm Kairos @Friary Old Boys Meeting @Library 7pm	Kairos @Friary	Teacher Only Day End Term 2 Kairos @Friary	1stXV v Otahuhu @Otahuhu 2.30pm 1stXI Football v Takapuna 12pm NISS Cycling @ Cambridge	NISS Cycling @ Cambridge Leadership Camp @Rawhiti	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
7 Jul	8 Jul	9 Jul	10 Jul	11 Jul	12 Jul	13 Jul	
Leadership Camp @Rawhiti	Leadership Camp @Rawhiti						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesd	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
14 Jul	15 Jul	16 Jul	17 Jul	18 Jul	19 Jul	20 Jul	
			Edmund Rice Conference @ Hall	Gisborne Rugby Exchange @ Gisborne Edmund Rice Conference @ Hall	Gisborne Rugby Exchange Orchestra Camp @Whangaparaoa Edmund Rice Conference @ Hall	Gisborne Rugby Exchange Orchestra Camp @Whangaparaoa	

Important Upcoming Bereavements Dates for the Term

21 July: Term 3 Starts

22 July: Y7 & Y8 Parents Evening @Hall

24 July: Y11 Parents Evening @Hall

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

Matthew Thompson (7NOL) - Great Aunt died

Louis Lempriere (7BOD) - Grandfather died

Michael Nihotte (13BOD) and Daniel Nihotte (10 RIC) - Grandfather passed away

Nathan Brown (13TRE) - Grandfather died

Reon Borich (8NOL) - Great Aunt passed away

Petelo Motulalo (7LYN) - Grandma died

Joel Ah Kiau (7LYN) - Great Aunt passed away

Liam Casey (12TRE) and Matt Casey (10TRE) -Grandfather Dick Casey (SPC Old Boy) passed away

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

Missions Monday: De Paul House

De Paul House is the designated Missions Money recipient for St Peter's in 2014. De Paul House provides emergency housing for families marginalised by poverty. There is much talk about the cost of living in Auckland due to high housing costs (with the median house price being over half a million dollars). A family can fall on hard times suddenly, due to illness, redundancy, family tragedy etc. De Paul House offers real and long-term help to such families. Jan Rutledge from De Paul house explains:

The mission of De Paul house is to help homeless families by providing them with housing and family support services with the goal of keeping them united in a safe and dignified environment. De Paul House has rehoused 800 families, of all nationalities and religions since its services commenced in 1986. We offer them the help and support they need to address the issues that have lead to them being homeless, and after around six months, have them leave us to successfully re-establish themselves in the community. Currently 91% of De Paul House families who have been through our system and then placed in Housing NZ homes retain their housing for at least 3 years. This is a huge milestone for families who have experienced years of transient housing, often sharing overcrowded and unsafe spaces.

Jan explains a typical scenario:

Family A:

'Family A' were a young Mum and Dad with 2-year-old child earning an average weekly wage of \$584 before tax. They had weekly debt repayments of \$110. At their income level they were unable to maintain their private rental so moved into their grandparents home, a Housing NZ property, but this overcrowding jeopardised the grandparents living situation. With options running out, Family A entered the De Paul House (DPH) programme and moved into emergency accommodation. They have undertaken a programme focusing on budgeting skills, contributing regular weekly savings plan to reduce debt and save towards a bond for housing. With the help of DPH Family A began receiving additional Family Tax Credits, In-work Tax Credits and in recognition of his strong work ethic. Dad received a pay increase to \$18/hour. Mum has been attending regular classes and sessions at the learning center and with her son regularly attending sessions with the DPH playgroup, his behaviour and vocabulary have improved considerably. After a successful transition through the DPH system, Family A moved into their own home in May. 2014 just before the birth of their 2nd child and with furniture from DPH's furniture bank and other support provided through DPH, are happy and thriving under their own roof.

With all Daily Missions money going to De Paul House this year, St Peter's would like to call upon the generosity of the community to support such a worthy cause. Please contact the college directly should you wish to make a one-off donation to the work of De Paul House.



Above: De Paul House in Northcote



The Edmund Rice Centre is hosting an advocacy networking and training event during the school holidays. Aimed at younger adults, senior students can participate if attending with a school group. Contact Tom Hahn at St Peter's College if you would like to attend. thahn@st-peters.school.nz

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From Deputy Headmaster (Pastoral Care) Stephen Dooley

Mid-Year Checklist - Three Key Areas

Dear Parents

I would like to give you three key areas that we expect each student to be achieving at this time of the year. This could help with goal setting for your son or even serve as a conversation starter at dinner time!

1. Academic Goals - End of year goals adjusted to incorporate mid-year results

2. **Co-Curricular x 2** - SPC Sport, Music, Cultural, Performing Arts

3. Weekly Engagement Report - Average of 3.5+ in all subjects

If the above is occurring your son is on the right track.

Three other areas to discuss/check could include:

• Checking expected time home each day. We want to avoid students loitering around Newmarket.

• Having a set daily time allocation for internet and device use.

• Clearing your diary to ensure you can make your sons Parent/ Teacher interviews:

Year 7 & 8 - Tuesday 22nd July

Year 11 - Thursday 24th July

Year 9 - Wednesday 30th July

Year 10 - Tuesday 12th August

Look forward to seeing you there.

God's Blessings

Steve Dooley

'Wild Boy' Presentation

This week our Year 9 and 10 students had the opportunity to listen to a guest speaker who is making a difference in the lives of others.

Brando Yelavich is a young man who battled through school with dyslexia and has now decided to confront and look for challenges head on.

He is being named the "wildboy" as he has decided to circumnavigate New Zealand's coastline by climbing, walking, running and swimming the total distance of approx 7000+ KM.

This is months of work and includes living off the land, catching fish, wild birds, wild rabbits and other wild animals.

Brando is undertaking this adventure for the Ronald McDonald House Charity to raise money and awareness for all the children and families who are under their care.

Brando featured on some TV news channels this week and the front page of the NZ Herald. Click here to see a video of his speech to St Peter's students.....

If you would like to contribute to his cause for Ronald McDonald House please visit www.SupportBrando.co.nz



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Academic

<u>Yr.9 &10 Term 2 Exam Timetable, 2014</u>												
YR 9	Friday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday					
	27-Jun	Rm	30-Jun	Rm	1-Jul	Rm	2-Jul	Rm				
P1&2	P1 - 9Qua - Art P1 - 9Two - Art P2 - 9Ben - Art	E01 F02 F02		Hall	Scripture	Hall	Science	Hall				
P3	(others in their normal classes)		P3 - Chinese (9Gam, Har, Mcl, Qua & Two) P3 - TecF (9Ben & Hgt)		P3 - French (9Gam, Har, Mcl, Qua & Two only) P3 - 9Hgt - Art (others in their normal classes)		P3 - Latin (9Gam, Har, Mcl, Qua & Two) (others in their normal classes)	Hall				
	English & Esol	Hall	Normal Classes & Rooms	T01	Mathematics- 9GAM & TWO only P4 & 5 - 9Ben - TecW P4 - 9Mcl - Art (others in their normal classes)	т01	P4 - Maori (All Yr9 Students) P5 - 9amusc (others in their normal classes)	Hall M01				
	P6&7 - 9Hgt - Ictc P7 - 9Har - Art (others in their normal classes)		Mathematics (8Hee, 8Nev, 9Ben, 9Har, 9Hgt, 9Mcl & 9Qua only; others in their normal classes & rooms)	Hall	P6 - 9Gam - Art P6&7 - 9Ben - Ictc P6&7 - 9Hgt - TecW (others in their normal classes)	F02 T02 T01	Normal Classes & Rooms					
YR 10												
P1&2 P3	Church History P3 - Normal Classes & Rooms	Hall	<u>Option 1</u> : 10artc (in F02); 10busc (C03) 10chic (C14); 10dvcc (T13); 10fdtc (T13) 10frec (B23); 10hdm (T01); 10ictc (T02) P3 - Normal Classes & Rooms		Normal Classes & Rooms		Option 2: 10artc (in F01); 10busc (Rew, C11) 10busc (Mul, C03); 10chic (C14); 10ictc (T02) 10latc (C24); 10mri (I01);10rug (GYM);10sscc (P12) P3 - Normal Classes & Rooms)				
P4&5	Option 3: 10busc (in C13); 10chic (C14) 10dra (B02); 10dvcc (E01); 10elec (T03) 10hdm (T01); 10ictc (T02); 10musc (M01) 10sscc (Y03)		English & Esol	Hall	Mathematics (10Dxn, Har, Mcl, Qua & Two) (others in their normal classes)	Hall	Normal Classes & Rooms					
P6&7	Humanities	Hall	Mathematics (10Ben & Hgt only) (others in their normal classes)		Science	Hall	Normal Classes & Rooms					
Yr.10 Option 1 = 10artc(STR), 10busc(FIT), 10chic(ZHN), 10dvcc(PRK), 10fdtc(HOM). 10frec(UBE), 10hdm(BAY);10ictc(STV)												

Yr.10 Option 2 = 10artc(ARL); 10busc(REW), 10busc(MUL), 10chic(ZHN); 10ictc(VAO); 10latc(SIT); 10mri(HAR); 10rug(WLN); 10sscc(BOY) Yr. 10 Option 3 = 10busc(FIT), 10chic(ZHN), 10drac(HEL);10dvcc(ARM), 10elec(LIM), 10hdm(BAY), 10ictc(HAD), 10musc(POL); 10sscc(JOH)

From the Assistant Headmaster (Middle School) Michael Mullin

Middle School Report

The Middle School provides a nurturing environment for our Year 7 and 8 students, where they can learn and grow in a 'homeroom' setting. This is essentially a school within a school, where core subjects are taught by homeroom teachers. Middle School students get to enjoy their own space, they also have access to specialist secondary school teachers for classes such as Science, Art and Technology and the subject-specific facilities and resources that go along with these.

I state these points because as we get to the half way stage of the year it is a good time to reflect on what we are all wanting for the students in Year 7 and 8. Parents and teachers mostly see eye to eye on the key ideas of providing a safe environment that nurtures and encourages students to be outstanding young men in and out of the classroom. Often it is about ensuring students 'buy into this' and are willing to work hard to be the best student that they possibly can be.

As reports come home it is important to remember that the key to success is setting achievable goals, keeping positive with your sons as no doubt they too will struggle at times. Be genuine about how they have gone, if they have passed and this is a great result then celebrate the success, do not put unrealistic goals in place that are just out of reach.

With Term Two nearly over it is critical to enjoy the break. The young men have worked hard and with examinations well behind them the holidays are a chance to recharge the batteries and enjoy the time away from the school.

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

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Music Night

Please put Thursday 31st July in your diary – Music Night – come to hear the high standard of performance from our talented students.

Congratulations

Congratulations to all the recipients of Music Ties as below:

Senior Choir - Luke Redward, Leroy Jack, Charles Salt, John Tupouniua, Tonga Vuni

Senior Concert Band - Lewis Wheatley

Academic High Achievement - Jeremy Washer

Jazz Band, Academic High Achievement - Michael Nash

Senior Concert Band, Jazz Band - Craig Fernandez, Samuel Moloney, Nathan Rodrigues, Callum Williams

Senior Concert Band, Senior Orchestra - Basil Aholelei, Ben Moloney, Mikhael Sayat, Jeffrey Wang

Senior Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra - Vincent Sacay-Wu

Senior Concert Band, Jazz Band, Senior Orchestra - James Donnelly, Daive D'Souza, Michael Nihotte, Liam Shankar

Senior Concert Band, Senior Orchestra, Academic High Achievement - **David Robertson**

Senior Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, Academic High Achievement - **Patrick Hayes**

Senior Concert Band, Jazz Band, Senior Orchestra, Academic High Achievement - **Finn McDonnell**

Sport

Photo shoot with the ABs

Levi Salesa (10TRE) was the lucky recipient of the Adidas All Black competition. Levi was suprised to be presented as the winner by the All Blacks TJ Perenara, Israel Dagg and Conral Smith. Senior Choir, Jazz Band, Academic High Achievement; Senior Orchestra also awarded the Senior Cantor Badge - **Sam Verlinden**

More ties will be given out at Music Night and the Music Awards Dinner (Thursday 28th August)

Congratulations to **Finn McDonnell** – Passed ABRSM Grade 6 piano exam with Distinction and ABRSM Grade 5 Theory exam with Distinction (99 marks out of 100)



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Support the 1st XV on Saturday

The 1st XV have their biggest home game of the season thus far on Saturday against Kings. The Firsts currently lie in Fourth place. Just are a couple of points behind are Kings. Kings come into the game buoyed by an impressive win against Otahuhu while the 1st XV notched up their fifth straight win with an extremely hard fought 10 - 6 win against Mt Albert Grammar.

Get along and support the team in what is sure to be an enthralling and entertaining contest. The 1st XI is also playing at the Cage on Saturday against Rosmini. The 1st XI is building a formidable home record. There most recent win at home was an impressive 5 - 1 win against Kristin. The side are playing an attractive brand of Football. Support welcome and appreciated.

The 1st XV's 10 - 6 win against Mt Albert Grammar on Saturday was St Peter's first against them in 5 years. The game hung in the balance throughout with strong defence the feature from both sides. Replacement Prop **Paxton Brown** scored the match winning try with 7 minutes left on the clock.

Stand out performers for the First's included Captain **Romero Tagi** and Second Five **Filipo Fahiua**. **Leroy Jack** in his first full game back from injury was awarded Player of the Day.

Hot off the press: This Saturday 28 June our 1st XV is playing Kings College in the cage at 2.30pm. The Old Boys in conjunction with the SPC Sports department are having drinks in the main school hall from 1pm. The event is open to the wider school community and all are welcome to come along and support our team who are having a really successful 2014.

Water Polo Players gain National Honours

St Peter's Water Polo stature continues to grow with the selection of four boys in National Teams. Congratulations to the following boys for being selected to represent New Zealand.

Daniel Cameron and Benjamin Wharton-Benedict - U15 New Zealand Team. They are playing in a tournament at the start of August in Hawaii.

Cooper Stewart and Dominic Rankin-Chitar – U16 New Zealand Team. They are currently preparing to play a test series against Australia. Dominic has also gained a trial for the New Zealand Secondary schools boys team. This is a first for a St Peter's student and very impressive considering Dominic is in Year 11.

New Zealand Cross-Country Championships, Massey University, Palmerston North

Last weekend five keen St Peter's distance squad members embarked on a journey to compete in the New Zealand cross-country championships in Palmerston North. Following a long 7 hour journey in the school van, the team arrived late on Friday evening ready to race the following day. A chilly and wet morning greeted all runners at the venue. The competitors were faced with a challenging course consisting of log jumps, a mud pit, steep hills, long grass and many twists and turns. The large number of competitors showed why this is seen as the most challenging race of the distance running calendar. Our sole Year 9 representative Alexander Mildenhall ran well to finish 66th out of a field of over 160 runners. Liam Barry (Year 10) ran strongly in the junior race and finished 36th out of 150+ runners. Our 3 man senior team finished the proceedings with **Sam Pendreigh** finishing superbly in 6th place out of 184 runners. Pierce Sheridan (63rd) and Eamon McArdle (143rd) completed St Peter's involvement in 2014. Code captain Sam Pendreigh was selected to represent New Zealand in the Australian cross-country championships at the end of August in Perth. We congratulate Sam and all the runners for a fine 2014 cross-country season. We look forward to the Road Race season and the build up to the Athletics Nationals in Wanganui in December. Any keen runners who are keen to join our growing squad please contact Mr Jakub Kalinowski.



Above: Sam Pendriegh on his way to 6th place.

Right: Pierce Sheriden competing in the Senior Division.



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St Peter's College Middle School Open Weight - Auckland Champions

After winning the Central Zone Rugby earlier in the term, the SPC Middle School open weight team qualified for the inter-zone tournament. On a blustery day at Avondale racecourse, the SPC boys did their school proud with an exceptional performance to be crowned Auckland champions. This is the first time in fifteen years St Peter's has won the open weight grade.

The team was a combination of the Central Zone open team and some injury reinforcements from the under 55kg team. While we were not the biggest team at the tournament, we possessed plenty of skill, excellent fitness, pace out wide, and a great attitude.

We advanced easily through our pool with victories over Northcote, Henderson and Randwick. The individual highlight was Naryan Strickland's length of the field try from a restart against Henderson. Our semi-final opponent was Pakuranga and they started very well but we absorbed the early pressure and came away with a 17-0 win.

The final was played against a Papatoetoe team who had swept all before them with big wins in every game. They were a massive side with game breakers across the park. We conceded our first points of the day with an opportunist try which put us on the back foot early. Fortunately the try was unconverted into the formidable Avondale Racecourse wind. As the game went on we began to dominate possession and territory. A fitting final, it was turning into a real arm wrestle with both sides defending with venom. The defining moment came when fullback Chasdm Southern was able to pounce on a loose ball and beat several defenders to race away and score. Dhynzel Pritchard capped a day of great performances by converting the try to give us a 7-5 lead. We held on to this lead grimly to the final whistle and the boys were deserving champions.

The team ably led by **Malipolo Manukai** represented St Peter's extremely well, playing the game hard but in the right spirit. There was plenty of support from the proud families and friends of the SPC community who buoyed the boys through five games in 3.5 hours. A memorable day for the rugby stars of tomorrow.

Mr Blake Plummer - Coach



1st XI Hockey Report

June 11th vs Kelston Boys

This was our last game of the seeding round against Kelston Boys. Our game plan and structures have gradually improved and this was our first win of the season. A quick goal gave us the lead and we were 2-0 up at half time. The second half was nervy as we conceded two goals but managed to score a third to end the game 3-2. It was an outstanding performance from both the young and more experienced players in the team and placed us in the open A grade. Goals: **Luke Masters** (3) Player of the day, **Cameron Newlands**.

June 18th vs Botany Downs

We played Botany Downs College in the first open A grade game. This time we conceded an early goal against the run of play but fought back and a minute later replied with a goal of our own. The second half saw a superb performance from the entire team. We rapidly took control of play and scored two goals the final being a well worked team effort. Goals: Luke Masters (2) Eamon McArdle (1) Player of the day, Lucas Bedford.

We play Wednesday evenings all support welcome.

By Luke Masters

1st XI Captain and Code Captain

Sports Trophy Return

All Sports Trophies are to be returned to the Sports Office by Thursday 3 July.

Congratulations

Dion Fraser – Represented Fiji U20's at the Junior World Cup.

Aidan Takarua – Won Auckland Secondary School Boys Singles. Won the Singles and Pairs at Auckland Secondary School Team Waikato Challenge. Aiden is also trailing this weekend for the under 18 Auckland Kittyhawk team to pay Queensland in the Gold Coast in Australia at the end of the year.

Premier Squash Team – Joshua Hickey, Patrick Hickey, Thomas Joseph, Michael Nihotte, Liam Shanker, Connor Smith - Placed 2nd in the Division Two Auckland Secondary School Squash Championships.

Left: Middle School Open Weight Rugby Team - Auckland Champions

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Sport (continued)

General News

North Harbour Tour - SPC Cycling

On 24/25th of May, eleven St Peters College boys from the cycling club competed in the North Harbour Tour.

On Day 1 the road races were held in Kumeu in difficult windy conditions with occasional light showers on hilly roads.

The U13 category raced once, all other categories raced twice. Day 2 was held on the inner road circling North Harbour

Stadium. The morning started with an individual time trial followed by a criterium.

In the top school standings, SPC placed 3rd overall in the intermediate category (includes both boys & girls schools).

Top Individual Final Placings (General Classification) were :

U13 Boys (Field of 27)

Aidan Merrick - 4th

Luke Ransley - 5th

Reuben Webster - 9th

U15 Boys (Field of 58)

Jayden Kuijpers - 18th

U17 Boys (Field of 83)

Tim Magness - 16th

Liam Powell - 18th

Josh Hipkins - 51st



Trees for Survival

Students participated in a Trees for Survival Planting day at Otakanini Topu on June 17th. Over 500 native plants planted as part of an ongoing project to revegetate an area.

Mr Andrew Brown



Left: Students and other volunteers planting trees at Otakanini Topu





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Notices



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.



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:

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Notices (continued)



Enquiries from interested parties to the Parish 03 5780038 or

StMary's Blenheim@xtra.co.nz

EDMUND'S SHOP SHOP OPEN HOURS

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

To enroll, go to www.ktltuition.co.nz Or call Tracy on 021 295 0089.

TUITION

Year 9 & 10 Study Skills Course Saturday 12th July, 10am - 4pm

Essay Writing Course Sunday 13th July 2014, 10am – 4pm

Year 9 & 10 Essay Writing Course Sunday 27th July 2014, 10am - 4pm

All courses are held in our offices. 642 New North Road, Mt Albert.

Places are limited so register today!

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