

St Peter's College

Grafton, Auckland, New Zealand



Catholic School for Boys in the Edmund Rice Tradition
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The Value of Exams

We are currently in the midst of exam season and a regular question our students ask staff is, "What is the point of exams?" The method of exams to assess learning has received bad press lately, particularly overseas. American Educational Psychologist, Joseph Renzulli has dismissed exams as the new version of the Three R's, "Ram, Remember and Regurgitate". The usefulness of any assessment is in the way it is written and how it is presented to students. At St Peter's our staff place a lot of emphasis on the development of their exams.

Our philosophy is that:

- Exams are a method to measure a student's learning at a point in time.
- They are a tool which enables teachers to provide current feedback to students and parents about learning.
- Revising for an exam in June, on a topic learnt in February, can generate another whole level of learning.
- Exams allow teachers to gauge their students' progress and identify strengths and weaknesses. Subsequent teaching can then be adjusted to recognise these.

Here at St Peter's, as indeed in all New Zealand schools, exams are just one of the many tools used to assess learning. Projects, essays, portfolios and practicals are just a few of the many assessments methods utilised.

Whilst we appreciate that exams can be stressful on boys and families the value of them is most certainly meaningful.

· Congratulations to Max McIver (9LYN) for winning the Junior Oratory Cup at the Pompallier Shield held at De La Salle last week

· Well done to Mr Fouhy who last week completed the entire 800km plus on foot of the Camino de Santiago

Ma te Atua e Whakapaingia koutou katoa

Mr James Bentley

Acting Headmaster



Upcoming Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8 June	9 June	10 June	11 June	12 June	13 June	14 June
Senior Mid Year Exams PTFA @Staffroom	Senior Mid Year Exams Big Sing	Big Sing Old Boys Meeting @Library 7pm	Big Sing M/S CZ Table Tennis @ Gillies Ave	Y9 & Y10 Exams	1st XV v Papatoetoe or Aorere @ Away Combined Orchestra Workshop @ Hall, 2-6pm	Hillsdene Football Tournament
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
15 June	16 June	17 June	18 June	19 June	20 June	21 June
Y9 & Y10 Exams Hillsdene Football Tournament	Y9 & Y10 Exams Hillsdene Football Tournament	Y9 & Y10 Exams Gateway Course Pavilion	Opening Night – Pippin Gateway Course Pavilion	St Peter's Day Pippin	1st XV v Otahuhu @ Cage 2.30pm Old Boys Function @ Hall 12.30pm Pippin	Pippin

Important Dates for the Coming Term

10 June	Old Boys Meeting @Library 7pm
12 - 17 June	Y9 & Y10 Exams
14 - 16 June	Hillsdene Football Tournament
18 June	Opening Night - Pippin Gateway Course Pavilion
19 June	St Peter's Day
18 - 27 June	School Production - Pippin
20 June	Old Boys Function @Hall 12.30pm
22 June	Komiti Meeting 6pm
23 June	Careers Expo @Hall 6pm

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

Jerome Mika (10TRE) Great Uncle died.

Matthew Elia (11NOL) Great Uncle died.

Chris Kohlhase died.

Nelson Kohlhase (12BOD)	Father
Noah Kohlhase (10 BOD)	Father
Joseph Kohlhase (13 BOD)	Uncle
James Kohlhase (11 NOL)	Uncle

Whitiera Parata (10BOD) Grandfather died.

Josh Tucker (11NOL) Grandfather died.

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

Billy Bareham (8NOL) and **Monte Bareham (8LYN)** Grandfather 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

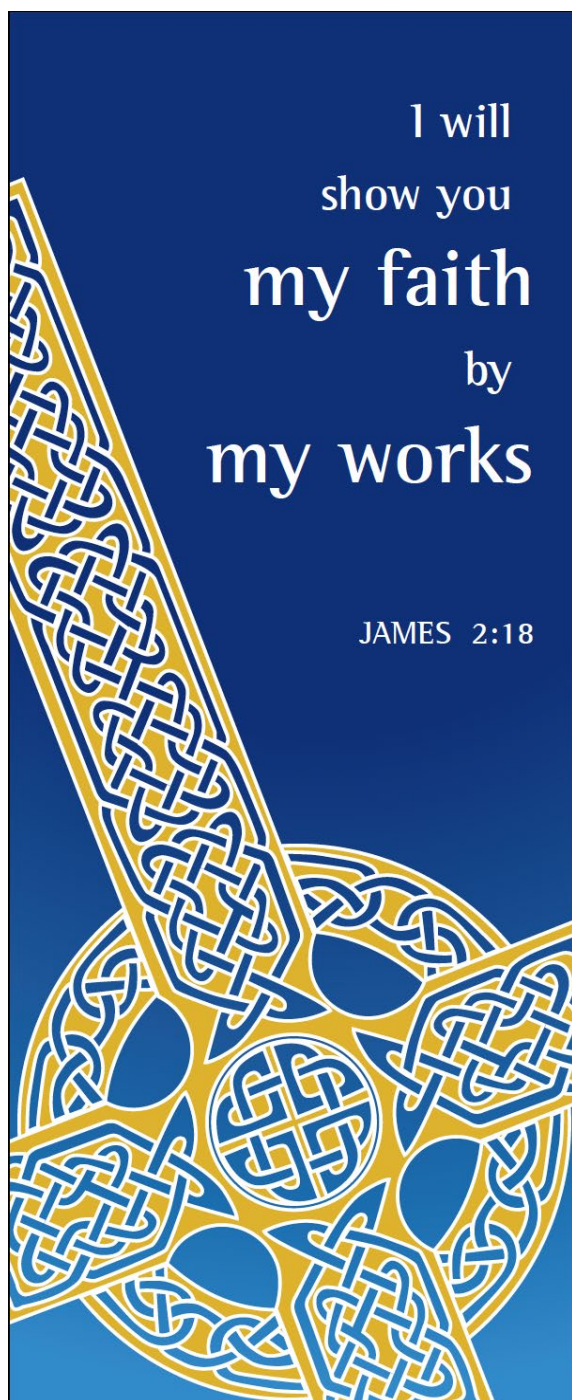
'The St. Peter's Man is a Man of Faith'

'I will show you my faith by my works'

St Peter's Day Mass 2015

Friday June 19th

9.30am



Kairos Retreats (Y12 & 13)



Kairos Retreat # 14 – Year 13

Begins after school on Tuesday June 30th

Kairos Retreat #15 – Year 13

Begins after school on Tuesday September 22nd

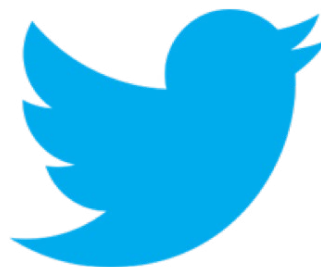
Kairos Retreat #16 – Year 12

Begins after school on Tuesday December 1st

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 3rd (Teacher Only Day) is marked as a suggested St Peter's Service day for those who have not completed their hours yet.



Follow @SPCNow for real time updates of important school events, sports results and other notifications.

Go to the SPC Now link on the College website.

From the Assistant Headmaster (Middle School) Michael Mullin

With the examinations completed in the Middle School for term two, it is a great chance for students to celebrate the success that they have achieved. Success comes in many different forms and all of them should be congratulated. Often it is only the students that top their class that stand out and are applauded, though at a recent assembly I discussed the importance of setting realistic goals and then celebrating when one works hard and achieves them.

Students that have struggled in the first term and then set a goal of passing all their examinations or look to achieve 65% in Mathematics and reach these targets should celebrate and be given praise by all. These students have shown determination and focus to reach a target and it is impressive that they have. Let us all celebrate students that achieve well and realise that through hard work and fortitude the young men can gain great reward.

Eisteddfod will occur in the last week of this term. An Eisteddfod is from Welsh tradition and is a festival of literature, music and performance. The tradition of such a meeting of Welsh artists dates back to at least the 12th century, when a festival of poetry and music was held in Cardigan in 1176. Here at St Peter's College Eisteddfod has been a part of the school for many years and the contest between all classes in the Middle School of literature, music and performance live on.

Each class performs a class poem, song and musical instrumental. Along with these individuals perform items in the same three categories. It is an impressive night where the talents of all students are on show and it is great each and every year seeing all the families and friends turn out to support the young men perform to their best.

With the weather getting very wet it is important the standard of uniform does not drop. As always St Peter's College expects all students to dress appropriately at all times to and from and at school. An essential item for many living in Auckland is a jacket, for students at this school there is only one jacket that is school regulation and this can be bought from the Edmunds Shop. St Peter's College sports jackets are for training and games only, they are not for students to wear at school during the day.

Michael Mullin

Assistant Headmaster Middle School

General News

Pompallier Shield Competition

St Peter's College was well represented in this year's Pompallier Shield Competition in which all 15 Catholic secondary schools in the Auckland diocese compete. The competition, held this year at De La Salle College on Wednesday 27 May, entails oratory and scripture reading in five categories. St Peter's was ably represented by five students from **Dr Reid's** Public Speaking group. They were **Chris Oleva** (senior oratory), **Owen Fletcher** (senior scripture reading), **Tanis Bosson** (Maori language scripture reading), **Stephen Magness** (junior scripture reading) and **Max McIver** (junior oratory). All five were commended by the adjudicators, but we were especially proud of **Max McIver** (Year 9), who won the competition cup for junior oratory. The cup was presented to **Max** by **Mr Bentley** in the following day's college assembly.

Dr Reid



General News (continued)

Yr.9 &10 Term 2 Exam Timetable, 2015

YR 09	FRIDAY 12-Jun	Rm	MONDAY 15-Jun	Rm	TUESDAY 16-Jun	Rm	WEDNESDAY 17-Jun	Rm
P1 & 2	Scripture & Resol (90 MIN) (All Year 9 students)	HALL	English & Esol (90 MIN) (All Year 9 students)	HALL	Yr9 Accelerated Music (90 MIN) (others in their normal classes & rooms)	M01	Science (90 MIN) (All Year 9 students)	HALL
P3	Chinese (45 MIN) (All Year 9 students)	HALL	French (45 MIN) (9PER, GAM & QUA only - others in their normal classes & rooms)	HALL	Normal Classes & Rooms (All Year 9 students)		Maori (45 MIN) (9 HAR, MCL & WIL only - others in their normal classes & rooms)	HALL
P4&5	Normal Classes & Rooms (All Year 9 students)		9WIL - 9TEC1 (BAY) 9HAR - 9TEC2 (HOM) 9TWO - 9TEC4 (LIM)	T01 T12 T03	Mathematics (90 MIN) Yr8 HEE & NEV; 9TWO, 9QUA, 9MCL, 9HAR, 9WIL only (9PER & GAM in their normal classes and rooms)	HALL	Mathematics (90 MIN) (9PER & GAM only - others in their normal classes & rooms; Period 5 HT) (House Time for other 5 classes in their House Room)	HALL
P6&7	LATIN (90 MIN) (9PER, GAM & TWO only) 9HAR - 9TEC1 (BAY) 9MCL - 9TEC2 (HOM) 9QUA - 9TEC3 (ARM) 9WIL - Normal Classes	HALL T01 T12 E01	Humanities (90 MIN) (All Year 9 students)	HALL	9MCL - 9TEC1 (BAY) 9WIL - 9TEC2 (HOM) (Others in their normal classes & rooms)	T01 T12	Normal Classes & Rooms (All Year 9 students)	
YR 10								
P1 & 2	Normal Classes & Rooms (All Year 10 students)		OPTION 1 (90 MIN) (All Year 10 students) 10artc (BAN) *10busc(GRA) - Study period 10dvcc (PRK) 10elec (LIM) 10frec (UBE) 10icctc (VAO) 10mri (KIWI) 10pfa (HEL) 10sscc (ILL)	RM F02 O24 T13 T03 C11 T02 E02 B13 GYM	Church History & Resol (All Year 10 students)	HALL	OPTION 3 (All Year 10 students) *10busc (ROS) - Study Period 10chic (ZHN) 10dvcc (ARM) 10fdtc (HOM) 10icctc (RRD) 10late (SIT) 10rug (WLN) 10sscc (BOY)	O25 C14 E01 T12 T11 C11 Gym Gym
P3	Normal Classes & Rooms (All Year 10 students)		Normal Classes & Rooms (All Year 10 students)		Normal Classes & Rooms (All Year 10 students)		Normal Classes & Rooms (All Year 10 students)	
P4&5	Humanities (90 MIN) (All Year 10 students)	HALL	English & Esol (90 MIN) (All Year 10 students)	HALL	OPTION 2 (90 MIN) (All Year 10 students) 10artc (ARL) *10busc(KIE) - Study period *10busc (GRA) - Study Period 10chic (ZHN) 10hdn (BAY) 10icctc (LIM) 10musc (DWY)	RM F01 C11 E02 C14 T01 T02 M01	Mathematics (90 MIN) (All Yr10 students bar 10IGmat class) *10IGmat (GAR) - Study Period (90 MIN)	HALL O22
P6&7	Option: Business Studies Exam (90 MIN) (Others in their normal classes & rooms)	HALL	Normal Classes & Rooms (All Year 10 students)		Science (90 MIN) (All Year 10 students)	HALL	Normal Classes & Rooms (All Year 10 students)	

Yr. 10 Option 1 = 10artc(BAN), 10busc(GRA), 10dvcc(PRK), 10elec (LIM), 10frec(UBE), 10icctc(VAO), 10mri(KIWI), 10pfa(HEL), 10sscc(ILL)
Yr. 10 Option 2 = 10artc(ARL), 10busc(KIE), 10busc(GRA), 10chic(ZHN), 10hdn(BAY), 10icctc(LIM), 10musc(DWY)
Yr. 10 Option 3 = 10busc(ROS), 10chic(ZHN), 10dvcc(ARM), 10fdtc(HOM), 10icctc(RRD), 10late (SIT), 10rug(WLN), 10sscc(BOY)

Parking at School Gates

We ask that parents picking up students from the school gates on Mountain Rd do not park on the yellow lines outside school. This creates a hazard by causing a blind spot for cars wishing to turn out of the school gates.

Thank you for your co-operation.



Winter Sport Commitment

Thank you to the vast majority of Parents who are supporting their son's with ensuring they are fulfilling their Winter Sports Obligations. Unfortunately there have been some boys over recent weeks who have not met the required level of commitment to their team and school.

Please support your son with the following;

- Correct gear for trainings and games.
- Attendance and timeliness for games and trainings.
- Communication to coach or manager when unable to attend a training or game due to sickness/injury.

Opting out during the season is not an option.

Sports Code of Conduct

Please be mindful of the St Peter's Players and Spectator's Code of Conduct

Player's Code of Conduct

- Play for the "fun of it" not just to please your parents or coach.
- Play hard but play by the rules.
- Never argue with the referee's decisions. Let your captain or coach ask any necessary questions.
- Recognise positive contributions made by team-mates and opposition
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated.
- Cooperate with your coach, team mates and opponents, for without them you don't have a game.
- Win with humility; lose with dignity.

Spectator's Code of Conduct

- Remember that the boys play organised sports for their own fun.
- Any inappropriate behaviour reflects badly on your son, the team and St Peter's College.
- Applaud good play by St Peter's and the opposition.
- Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no games.
- Never ridicule or scold a player for making a mistake during a game.
- Condemn the use of violence in all forms.
- Respect the referee's decision.
- Encourage players to play according to the rules.

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**

Please NOTICE the shop is NOT open at lunch time on Friday



Dine at Gina's, mention SPC and

10%

of your bill goes to

St Peter's College Football.

Gina's Italian Kitchen 161 Symonds St Auckland 1010

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Sport (continued)

St Peter's at the Under 20 Football Opening

Twenty six St Peter's College students were involved in the Opening Ceremony for the FIFA under 20 Football World Cup. This privilege was given to St Peter's College for their effort in selling over \$26,000 worth of tickets to the event. St Peter's was the top school in the country.

The 26 students were involved in the Parade of Nations. This is one of the important parts of the Opening Ceremony. It involved carrying out the flags of the 24 competing nations and the two FIFA flags.

Mr Hadnett

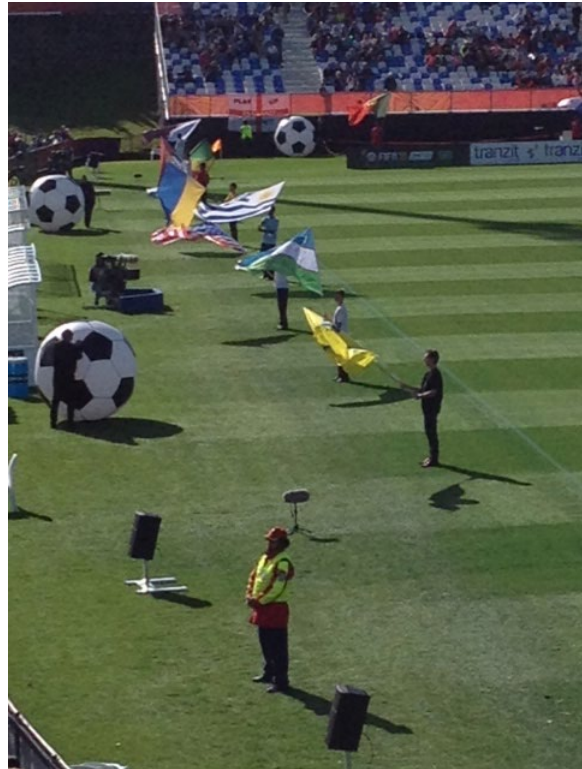
Head of SPC Football

The flag bearing opportunity was an amazing experience. We went through a whole day and a half of rehearsals, where we got a taste of what the opening ceremony will be. On the day we had to arrive early on Saturday morning. The stadium was buzzing with security and FIFA officials. We were let in to the ground and went to our dressing room, where we were handed our supporters shirts that we were to wear for the opening and then keep.

The time had come for our part in the opening ceremony, I was nervous as I had to carry the first flag out (FIFA Flag). Once I was underway walking round the stadium filled with at least 15,000 supporters, I was feeling better. I got to my standing spot and I was feeling a lot more confident. Once Stan Walker started his performance all the boys were really up for it and waving their flags and getting into the music.

Once we all got back to the dressing room we were all happy and relieved it had gone so well. It was a once in a life time opportunity.

Shannon D'Souza - First XI member



1st V Basketball Report

This year with a young 1st V, led by **Wairakau Rose-Gates** as captain, we can expect many good games against other Central Zone Schools. Going up against teams like Mt Albert Grammar, Sacred Heart, Mt Roskill the year will provide plenty of challenges for the 1st V.

The season has started with a solid 2 wins and a loss. We kick-started the season on the 8th of May, up against Michael Park School. With the whole team overall playing well, we got the W with the final score of 61-53. The week after was against Auckland Grammar Open A, this too was also a hard fought game, with it being a tighter than the previous week. The side stepped up their intensity and recorded a 70-55 win. The following week was against Selwyn College, and with the team missing 5 key players due to injury, we struggled to gain the lead throughout the game. Though we had many comebacks and motion swings towards our team, it wasn't enough to get the win. Despite a very good effort we still have a long way to go, and we aren't letting this learning curve slow us down.

We would like to thank all of our supporters for our first 3 games, we are truly grateful for your presence. We encourage anyone that is keen to watch and support our 1st V play our hearts out every Friday afternoon, with all our games being at home, your support is always welcome.

We have an upcoming game this Friday the 5th of June, against One Tree Hill, we tip off at 5:30pm.

Toffer Espinosa – Basketball Code Captain

Sport (continued)

1st XI and 1st XV Home Games This Week

The 1st XI are playing at the cage on Friday vs Takapuna, 5.30pm kick off. They play an entertaining brand of football and are enjoying an excellent season to date.

The 1st XV are playing St Kentigern College on Saturday, 2.30pm kick off at the cage. The side are determined to bounce back from a disappointing performance against Mt Albert Grammar in their last outing.

Get along and support our 1st XI and 1st XV .

Old Boys Function on Saturday

After popular demand the Old Boys will be running a bar with food for Saturdays game against St Kentigern College in the hall. They will be open from 1pm – 5pm.

All friends and families are welcome. Eftpos available.



Congratulations

Chayse Martin-Roberts – Selected as the only archery representative by the New Zealand Olympic Committee to compete at the Samoa 2015 Commonwealth Youth Games from 14th – 20th September 2015.

He is one of only 27 youth athletes selected by the NZOC and will be competing in the Cadet Men's Recurve division. This is the first time that an athlete from Archery NZ has been selected for the Commonwealth Youth Games; a fantastic achievement by him.



Daniel Cameron – Selected in the New Zealand Water Polo 200 Cadet Squad. He will travel to Sydney in July with the team to play in a tournament.

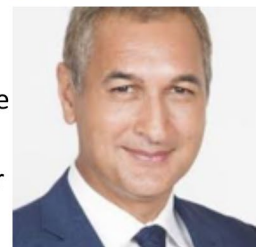
Under 15 Fundraising

The Under 15 team is travelling to Christchurch in July. They will be playing games against St Thomas, St Bedes and Christchurch Boys High.

As part of their fundraising they will be selling SPC umbrellas and having a sausage sizzle on Saturday, 6 June at the Cage.

SPEAKING/MC OPPORTUNITIES

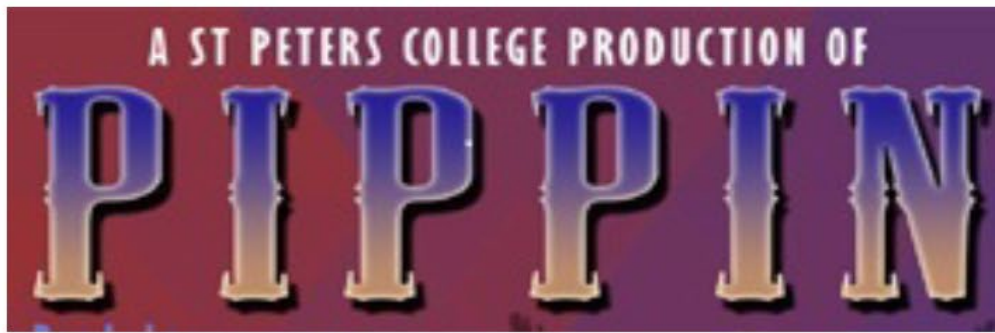
MICHAEL JONES has offered his services as a speaker for an event and MIKE MCROBERTS has offered his services as an MC. Both speaker's payment will be donated to the U15 team fundraising. If you know of anyone who would like to pay for Michael or Mike to come and speak/MC at their work conference or dinner then please contact adrumm@st-peters.school.nz for further information.





The St Peter's PTFA Committee warmly invites all
Year 9 and 10 parents, family and friends to..

Our special social gathering with
wine and nibbles followed by:



Tuesday 23 June

Let's meet in the **SPC Hall foyer** from **6.30 pm**
then walk up to the **Auckland Grammar theatre**
and watch the show together

Performance starts at **7.30pm**

Tickets for the show are **\$30** on the iticket website:
www.iticket.co.nz/events/2015/jun/pippin

Please email Phillippa Clifford
to indicate that you
will attend this pre-show function.

phillippa.clifford@progressive.co.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.

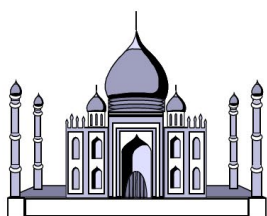
There will be a range of exhibitors and a series of presentations including all major universities and maybe even a few old boys to inspire and mentor our young men.

Details for the evening:

Date: Tuesday 23rd June

Time: 6.00pm to 8pm

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



EDMUND RICE IMMERSION TRIP TO INDIA 2016/2017

Current Year 11 and 12 Students are invited to attend an

INFORMATION EVENING

DATE: Monday 22nd June

TIME: 7pm

VENUE: Edmund Rice Library, St Peters College

For more details and an [Application Pack](#), please visit the St Peters College Website. Applications close Thursday 2nd July 2015.

Please contact Bridie Abley (babley@st-peters.school.nz) or

Claire Conroy (cconroy@st-peters.school.nz) if you have any queries.



HOMESTAYS WANTED FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS SHORT AND LONG TERM

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The New Zealand Dance Company presents

Students & Teachers: Learn contemporary dance with the NZDC; create your own work. Develop your ideas and get inspired, supported by technique classes in contemporary.

This will culminate in a showing on Friday 17 April at 4 pm.

Dates: Monday 13 July - Friday 17 July
Times: 9.30am - 4pm
Location: Wellesley Studios, 113 Wellesley St Auckland
Ages: Open to students 9 years + AND primary and Intermediate teachers
Cost: \$230 incl. gst, thanks to a generous grant from Lou & Iris Fisher Charitable Trust.

Enrolments open now. Register your interest at yep@nzdc.org.nz or (09) 3787361

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NOTICE: All electric, all weekend, all lines

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Our Great school offers let all the kids and teachers have a blast with us and the more kids you bring ,the more you save.

6-23 kids \$45 each

23-46 kids \$40 each

46- and over \$35 each!

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Book early to avoid disappointment for the next school holidays.

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MATARIKI CELEBRATION

Sat 20th June ~ Sun 21st June

Noho starting with a Powhiri at 12pm

Manawanui Marae

11 Sutherland Road
Pt Chevalier

Throughout Saturday afternoon we will have a number of family events, followed by dinner and an overnight stay for the boys (parents welcome)

In the spirit of Kotahitanga (Unity),
the noho is open to all SPC families and
is not limited to only those of Maori descent

Price: \$10 per boy, \$20 per family

Please register to kamai@hotmail.com
by Friday 12 June 2015

ALL ARE WELCOME, WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

