

# St Peter's College

## Grafton, Auckland, New Zealand



Catholic School for Boys in the Edmund Rice Tradition

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## Effective Governance Essential

St Peter's was in a fortunate position when a number of our parents put their hands up to be on our Board of Trustees for the coming three year term. We are grateful to all candidates that stood.

Being a BOT member is an enormous time commitment. Each trustee sits on numerous committees that oversee the College, such as building projects, employment and finance. Having a strong Board with the necessary expertise and experience enables us as a school to continue to evolve. Their willingness to give back to our community is one we all greatly benefit from.

On behalf of the St Peter's community I would like to thank our retiring trustees **Suzanne Cornford, Jakub Kalinowski, Rob McDonnell, Susan Nihotte and Jay Raju**. We also welcome to the Board our new trustees **Brian Dickey, Alice Gallagher, Craig Mulholland and Paul Washer**.

- Congratulations to our Miss Saigon cast and crew. Last night's performance was exceptional and I urge you to come along; you will not be disappointed
- Well done to our Senior Choir for their stunning performance at The Big Sing (photo below).
- There was a great turnout at our Careers evening on Wednesday night.
- St Peter's has unfortunately been unable to find places for all the students that applied to enrol in 2017. Many of you will know some disappointed boys and families. Rest assured our enrolment process is fair and thorough, but the reality is this year we had well over twice as many applicants as places available.
- Congratulations Mr Kieran Fouhy who was recently awarded a Member of New Zealand Order of Merit (MNZM) for Services to Education.

Ma te Atua tātou e manaaki God's blessings

James Bentley

**Headmaster**



## Upcoming Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
20 Jun	21 Jun	22 Jun	23 Jun	24 Jun	25 Jun	26 Jun
Eisteddfod Rehearsals MS CZ Hockey	Eisteddfod Rehearsals Y12 MAORI Careers trip @ AUT College Production - Miss Saigon @ Centennial Theatre 7.30pm	Eisteddfod Rehearsals MS Sports Exchange –SKS Samoan Community Meeting @ Hall 6.30pm College Production - Miss Saigon @ Centennial Theatre 7.30pm	Eisteddfod Rehearsals MS CZ Table Tennis Jazz Band & Senior Choir Rehearsal @ St Pat's College Production - Miss Saigon @ Centennial Theatre 7.30pm	St Peter's Day 1st XI v Sacred Heart @ Cage 6.30pm College Production - Miss Saigon	1stXV v SHC @Cage College Production - Matinee @ 2pm. Closing Night Show @ 7.30pm	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
27 Jun	28 Jun	29 Jun	30 Jun	1 Jul	2 Jul	3 Jul
Y9 + Y10 Exams	Y9 + Y10 Exams BOT Finance Meeting @5.00pm Careers Transition trip for Maori and Pacific students @ UOA 7:00pm Europe Trip 2017 Meeting (Music Dept) Friends of Music Meeting	Y9 + Y10 Exams MS Sports Exchange – Dilworth	Y9 + Y10 Exams	Y9 + Y10 Exams	1stXV v TC/OHS @Away 1st XI @ Mt Roskill 12 noon Chamber Orchestra Workshop	Jazz Band/ Senior Concert Band Workshop

## Important Dates for the Coming Term

- 4 Jul** Music Performance @ Hall  
PTFA Meeting @ Staffroom 7.30pm
- 5 Jul** Y8 Eisteddfod Performance @Hall 6.30pm
- 6 Jul** Y7 Eisteddfod Performance @Hall 6.30pm  
Y8 @Waiwera  
Old Boys Meeting @ Library 7pm
- 5-8 Jul** Kairos Retreat @ Friary
- 8 Jul** Teacher Only Day / End Term 2

### 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

**Callum Brown** (8RIC) and **Gerard Brown** (11 RIC) Grandmother died.

**Fergus MacLeod** (8BOD) Grandmother died.

**Peter Hunt** (9TWO) Grandmother died.

**Semisi Tapa** (10NOL) Grandma died.

**Sylvain Worworbu** (12NOL) Grandfather died.

**Valansea Fonoimoana** (8TRE) Great Uncle died. **Brower Pule** (9NOL) Great Aunt died.

**Sebastian Clark** (10RIC) and **Stefan Clark** (13RIC) Grandmother died.

**Uelelima Fifita** (7NOL) Uncle died.

**Latu Taufoou** (11NOL) cousin died.

**Thomas Miller** (11NOL) Great Grandmother died.

**Jarrod Peeters** (10TRE) Grandmother died.

**Tarkyn Loloselo** (12LYN) Grandfather died.

**Te Moki Lemalu** (9ODR) cousin 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.

Please be advised that due to safety concerns the front gate will be locked from 3.00 - 3.30pm Mon - Fri.

# Board of Trustees News

## Welcome to our Board of Trustees

Our new BOT was elected last week and it is my pleasure to introduce you to our 2016-2019 Board of Trustees

**Mark McLaughlan** is re-elected as our Deputy Chair. **Mark** is entering into his second term on the Board and is also a proprietors representative.

The other proprietors representatives alongside **Mark** are, returning Board members **Kevin Malloy**, **Mike O'Sullivan** and the newly appointed **Brian Dickey**.

**Shelley Kopu** moves from a Co-Opted Board member to a parent representative and we are very pleased to have **Shelley's** continued support on our Board.

Re-elected parent representatives **Ivan Houghton**, **Vailoa Milo-Harris** and **Craig Nicholson** are joined by **Craig Mulholland** and **Paul Washer** a former Head Boy of SPC.

**Alice Gallagher** is the Teacher representative on the Board.

**McCarthy Filikitonga** remains as the Student representative on the Board.

Thankyou also to our retiring trustees **Susan Nihotte**, **Rob McDonnell**, **Suzanne Cornford**, **Jay Raju** and **Jakub Kalinowski**.

Nick Kumarich

Chair

**St Peter's College Board of Trustees**



*Backrow: Craig Mulholland, Paul Washer, Kevin Molloy, Mark McLachlen, Nick Kumarich, James Bentley, Brian Dickey.*

*Frontrow: McCarthy Filikitonga, Marie Birnie (BOT Secretary), Alice Gallagher, Mike O'Sullivan, Craig Nicholson, Vailoa Milo-Harris.*

*Absent: Ivan Houghton, Shelly Kopu.*



## Middle School News

Examinations have been completed by all the students and for many Year 7 students it was their first examination experience. It is understandable that many families were nervous about this first encounter. However, the reality is that this first experience, although nerve racking, will ultimately prove beneficial.

After results and test papers have been handed back, a plan can then be made with each student to analyse their performance and to set challenging, yet realistic goals for the Term 4 examinations.

The annual Eisteddfod Performances are happening in the last week of this term. This involves each class performing a song and a poem of their choice. Boys are also encouraged to enter the individual vocal and instrumental sections. **Year 8** will perform in the College Hall on **Tuesday 5th July commencing at 6-30pm** and **Year 7** will be on **Wednesday 6th July at 6-30pm**. All families are encouraged to come along and enjoy the evening.

Over the last several weeks one of our rugby teams has performed admirably in a Central zone competition. Our Open weight Rugby Team went through their tournament undefeated, and in doing so will represent St Peter's and Central Zone at the Auckland Champion of Champions Tournament in a fortnights time. The Year 8 Central zone Football team went through the tournament undefeated losing in the final 1-0 to Auckland Normal Intermediate. The players played extremely well and the goal they conceded in the final was one of only two goals conceded by them in whole tournament.



Week 8 will see St Peter's represented in the two remaining Central Zone competitions for this term when our Hockey and Table Tennis teams compete at their respective tournaments.

Best of luck to the boys involved in these sports.

Maurice McKinley

**Assistant Headmaster Middle School (Acting)**



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## General News

This year, St. Peter's mission money collection is being collected to assist the Diocese of Dunedin with their Refugee Relocation Program. New families to New Zealand from Afghanistan and Syria will receive items such as kitchen tables and washing machines with the money collected. As part of the awareness and fundraising campaign, House Classes at St. Peter's were encouraged to challenge each other during the month of June to see which House Class could bring in the most funds. During Week One, 11 Rice challenged 11 O'Driscoll with the winning class duct taping the losing house teacher to the outside wall. **Mr. Cameron Sitters'** House Class from 11 O'Driscoll brought in an impressive \$256. **Ms. Jodi Kuran's** House Class from 11 Rice brought in just over \$200 so **Ms. Kuran** was duct taped to the wall on Friday, June 3rd during the lunch break. It was an exciting and fun opportunity for the whole school to learn more about the Refugee Relocation and to purchase extra strips of duct tape - with every dollar helping our sisters and brothers new to New Zealand.

The school has already raised over \$6,000 this year for the Refugee Relocation Program.



### Shave 4 a Cure

St Peters College decided to participate this year in Shave for a Cure, which has been done before as a school but not in recent years, to help support and fundraise towards helping the 10,000 leukaemia and other blood cancer patients in New Zealand. Our team consisted of 13 students and teachers including our brave long serving school accountant **Mrs Bridie Abley** who played a pivotal role in getting the school into the event and getting everyone to give generously. As a team we decided that \$2000 would be a significant amount and with only a small amount of time to get the word out decided that that would be our goal. As a school

we were able to smash the goal and raise a total of \$12,633, which put St Peters College as the top collectors in all of New Zealand. We would like to thank everyone for their kind donations and their amazing response to this cause. We hope that these donations will make a big difference to the lives of many and that the school can keep this event going yearly. You all truly did help us help others.

**Lucas Bedford 13BOD**



*Lucas Bedford and a representative from the Leukaemia and Blood Foundation*

### Shared Memories / Shared Histories group

Our partner school will be arriving on Monday 27th and will stay with us for a week. Many, many thanks to the families who said they could help with hosting.

On Friday 1 July the French students, the Shared Memories group and the senior Kapahaka members will be conducting a ceremony at the Auckland museum at 11 am to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the beginning of the battle of the Somme, which was the official start of the Western Front campaign. This is the date France commemorates as the beginning of the war in France.

The work we have done is now shared on 2 sites: Our wiki [http://shared-memories.wikia.com/wiki/Main\\_Page](http://shared-memories.wikia.com/wiki/Main_Page) and the Shared Histories project website <http://sharedhistories.com/project-team/41-memories-rediscovered-responses-shared>

# Cultural News

## Samoan Language Week

The Samoan Language Week celebrated during the 29th May to 4th June 2016, proved to be another success this year, with the Samoan Group Leaders taking part in leading initiatives at the school during the week. The highlight was the school Mass conducted by **Father Iosefo Timu**, from St Josephs' Parish, Grey Lynn. This was an interesting Mass as it involved Q&A in Samoan Language as the Priest quizzed the boys. The feedback from the boys was fascinating and they certainly enjoyed the group dialogue. Thank you to **Father Iosefo** for his contribution. During the same week, Samoans around the world celebrated 54 years of independence.

Then on Friday 3 June some of our Year 13 Samoan boys spent the day at Auckland Girls Grammar School, celebrating Samoan Independence Day. Samoan students from many schools across Auckland came together to celebrate this significant event for our nation.

Throughout the day the boys participated in many group activities, enjoyed Samoan food and got to witness & absorb the unique styles of Samoan Cultural dance.



*Senior students representing the College at the celebration of Samoan Language Week and Samoan Independence Day at Auckland Girls Grammar.*

We thank AGGS for inviting us & for the active role our boys were given to help facilitate the workshops & programme. Thank you also to our Parent Komiti member **Kalolo Toleafoa** who accompanied us on the day.

It was a great way to end Samoan Language Week. An exhilarating experience, celebrating our culture, developing our native language, reminding us to value & be proud of who we are as Samoans!

**Quote for the week:** *'E taua le gagana ma le aganu'u aua o le fa'avae lea o lou fa'asinomaga'*

*'Language and culture is important as they are the cornerstones of your identity'.*

**Ezra Lava** 13TRE

**REMINDER PLEASE** – Samoan Community Meeting on **Wednesday 22nd June, at 6.30pm** at the College hall. The meeting is to discuss a trip to Samoa in 2017. Please come along and be part of the discussion. For further enquiries, contact the Samoan Parents Committee on [spc.samoan.community@gmail.com](mailto:spc.samoan.community@gmail.com)



*Headmaster's Shield*  
for Academic Excellence

6 June: **Jonathan Da Luz Botelho**  
9LYN — for excellence in English

13 June: **David Gillespie** 8TRE — for 98% in History test



# Sport

Weekly competition draws and results are available via the St Peter's College website

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

## Archery Report

The Archery shoot on a Friday at the school range has been an exciting one this Term.

Not only have we had all the archers present, Novices to Elite archers but we have also had our archery Coach **Rob Turner** in attendance.

All archers over the course of Term 2 and 3 will be coached by **Rob**, an extremely talented Internationally and Nationally recognised archery coach, we are so lucky to have him and all his expertise at St Peter's.

Before the end of Term 2 the Novices will begin their time with **Rob**, taking over from the Intermediate/Advanced group who can be seen in the photograph putting their skills to the test.

A big thank you also to all the parent helpers who come along on a Friday to help manage the range and support St Peter's archery squad. We couldn't do it without you!



## Intermediate Water Polo

This year we have 37 boys playing across year 7 and 8. This makes three teams – Gold, Blue and White with a mix of both year groups in all the teams.

We all play in the Auckland's Central League. We play our games at Epsom Girls on a Friday night and practise at Diocesan on a Monday night. All of our coaches are St Peter's Old Boys (**Dan Shanahan**, **Nathan Wood** and **Luke van der Sande**) and we have 3 student coaches (**Dan Cameron** (12LYN), **Sebastian McDonald** (12BOD) and **William Morrison** (12LYN)). We will also play some tournaments in term 3.



Our season has been going for 5 weeks including the grading sections. We have had a good number of wins and only two losses across the teams. Some of the boys have never played, some have played Flippa Ball and some boys who play water polo, so a very diverse group with lots of different abilities. We are looking forward to an action packed, fun and successful season.

**Bede Phillips** (8LYN)



# Sport (continued)

## Auckland Cross-Country Champs

St Peter's was represented by 5 runners at the annual Auckland cross-country event at the A & P Showgrounds in Pukekohe. Injuries and senior exams limited our squad numbers this year. The conditions were much better than last year, without the rain and mud to affect the runners involved. **Liam Barry** (12TRE) again showed his good form by finishing 5th in the intermediate race, out of a field of 115 runners. **Sam Turner's** (10NOL) late surge gave him a respectable 32nd place in the same division. Our attention now turns to the NZSSAA cross-country in Rotorua, where our 6 runners will compete against the best in New Zealand.



Junior Grade: **Ben McConnell** (9RIC) 74th place – field of 107 runners

Intermediate Grade: **Liam Barry** (12TRE) 5th place  
**Sam Turner** (10NOL) 32nd place, **Daniel Neville** (10BOD) 53rd place – field of 105 runners

Senior Grade: **Jeffrey Wang** (13ODR) 50th place - field of 69 runners



## College Sport App

For all students that compete in the secondary school sport competitions, College Sport Auckland now has an app for your mobile phone which can be downloaded from the App Store for iPhone, Android and Windows.

This app gives you the most up to date information with regards to field closures, draw changes and general sports specific information

Download the app (College Sport Auckland)

- At the top right hand corner click on the information icon
- Click on Settings
- Ensure enable notifications is on
- Click on Subscriptions
- Tick any sport that you would like to follow

## Soccer

The first XI is playing the next round of the knockout cup at 3:30pm on Wednesday the 29th of June. It will be a home game at the cage.

### Team of the Week

4th – 12 June: 4th Grade Rugby Team

### Player of the Week

4th – 12th June: **Vivek Cherian** (11NOL)– U17 Gold Basketball



## Sport (continued)

1st Team	Against	Date	Time	Venue
1st V Basketball	Mt Albert 1st V	17-Jun	5.30pm	St Peters 1
1st V Basketball	Michael Park 1st V	24-Jun	5.30pm	St Peters 1
1st XI Football	St Kents 1st XI	18-Jun	12.00pm	St Kents 1
1st XI Football	Sacred Heart 1st XI	24-Jun	6.30pm	SPC Cage
1st XI Hockey	Botany Downs 1st XI	22-Jun		TBA
1st XV Rugby	Aorere College 1st XV	18-Jun	2.30pm	SPC Cage
1st XV Rugby	Sacred Heart 1st XV	24-Jun	2.30pm	SPC Cage

*For both 1st XV games, the Old Boys are serving refreshments from 1.30 pm until after the game. All are welcome to come up to the Hall.*

### Congratulations to:

**Cooper Stewart** (13ODR Sports Prefect) — named in the NZ Youth Men's Waterpolo team travelling to the Junior World Champs in Montenegro in August.

**Louis Lempriere** (9BOD) – finished 12th in a field of approx. 80 boys in the Ski Race at the AKSS Skiing and Snowboarding Champs.



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# Notices

THANK YOU to our SPC Community for your support of our recent SPC Archery Wine Tasting Fundraiser event held at The Wine Portfolio. This event had great attendance & as well as being a good social occasion, we even learned a thing or two about some pretty scrummy wines. We are pleased to announce that we raised \$1930.00 from this event which was from door sales, donations and contribution from Cellar Door Sales! We are very excited that with these funds, we are about to launch the new Achievement Programme for our SPC Archers along with adding further resources to this ever growing sport within the school! Our sincere thanks again to everyone – you are truly appreciated! – Tracy Cox – Proud SPC Archery Mum!

## KOTAHITANGA HOODIES AND T SHIRTS

\$45.00 (Hoodie); \$25 (Tshirt)

Due to huge demand, we are going to run another order for our Kotahitanga Hoodies and t-shirts. This run will not have the year on it, so you are able to use them next year. They are made from excellent quality AS Colour Hoodies and Tshirts.

*If you would like to order a hoodie or t-shirt, please contact Shelley Kopu on [shelley.kopu@gmail.com](mailto:shelley.kopu@gmail.com) or 0211804758 with your size and name. Shelley will then send details for payment. Please ensure that you send through your orders before Friday, 1 July 2016.*

*Note, we still have limited numbers of 2016 larger t-shirts for sale.*



### Side-by-Side Mentoring

Faith communities connecting with their families who have young children. Side-by-Side Mentoring trains everyday people to be the link between our young families and our church community. It affirms parents/carers in their most important role of raising children, and offers the love, wisdom, and the experience of the faith community to support them. It is a voluntary ministry and so works around the time each mentor has available, as well as their preferred way of approaching and supporting people.

An information session for those interested in learning more about this program can be held at your parish or school at a time which best suits you.

**Contact** Delia Ruane  
Catholic Diocese of Auckland  
Ph (09) 3603027 or email [deliar@cda.org.nz](mailto:deliar@cda.org.nz)





## Companion Training Workshop

**Seasons for Growth** is a peer support program which assists people of all ages to understand and manage the changes they experience when a significant loss occurs.



### Who is a **COMPANION**?

An effective Companion is a person who:

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- is not burdened by their own unresolved grief
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- is willing to participate fully in the Companion training

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The **value** of each person's unique experience.

The **importance** of building networks of support.

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A 2 day Companion Workshop will be held on

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2016**

**at** St Columba Centre  
40 Vermont Street  
Ponsonby

10.00 ~ 4.00pm

**REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL** by Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> July

**To register or find out more about this program,  
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Delia 09-360 3027, or [deliar@cda.org.nz](mailto:deliar@cda.org.nz)

Seasons for Growth is dedicated to the spirit of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop. A woman who believed in the dignity of every human being and encouraged all she met to, "never see a need without trying to do something about it." The writing of Seasons for Growth was inspired by this challenge.