

St Peter's College

Grafton, Auckland, New Zealand



Catholic School for Boys in the Edmund Rice Tradition

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Learning Mathematics – What's the answer?

The Numeracy project was recently dismissed by a respected study as being an abject failure in the teaching of Mathematics in this country. Even Minister Parata has acknowledged that schools now need to take a different direction.

The Numeracy project was a Government initiative set up in 2000 which expected schools in the primary and intermediate sectors to move away from the fact aspects of Mathematics, instead encouraging students to develop broader strategies to solve problems. The issue with the Numeracy project was that it put the cart before the horse. Mathematics strategizing is an essential skill, however you need to have a sound grasp of the basics, such as how to multiply and divide before you can get to this. Naturally many students didn't have this factual base to begin with. This type of teaching created more and different obstacles for these students, and unfortunately has put an entire generation of students off the subject.

At St Peter's we abandoned the numeracy teaching strategies over a decade ago. Instead boys are taught the fundamentals of Mathematics such as times tables, fractions and algebra. We believe this more traditional type of teaching enables boys to grasp the subject earlier, and when capable, they are able to move into higher levels of problem solving.

Mathematics is a wonderful pure subject that teaches logic, problem solving and other essential skills. Sometimes it can be hard. Sometimes it can be frustrating. However, here at St Peter's we strive to ensure that all boys develop a solid grounding. This, we believe, has enabled our boys to perform extremely well in CIE and saw last year 92% of our Year 11 students achieve between 13 – 25 credits in NCEA Level One.

A strong culture of Mathematics is vital for our boys to succeed in the subject. The Outhwaite Building is a wonderful new resource for boys and staff. Our Mathematics floor is to be named after Brother Vin Jury, a master Mathematician, beloved by countless Old Boys.

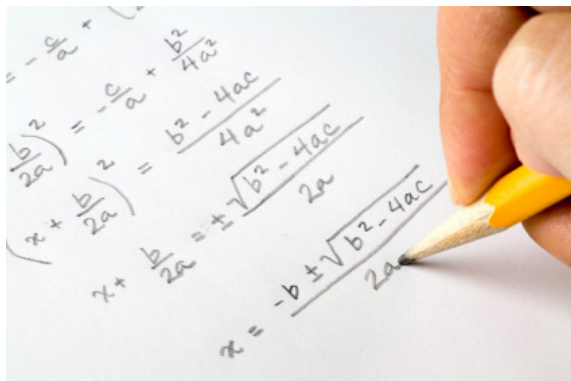
Keeping old traditions alive is reminder to us that Mathematics mimics nature, and nature reflects the glory of God.

- Don't forget to get your Pippin tickets.

Ma te Atua e whakapainga koutou katoa

James Bentley

Acting Headmaster



Upcoming Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
22 June	23 June	24 June	25 June	26 June	27 June	28 June
Eisteddfod Rehearsals @Hall Komiti Meeting 6pm	Eisteddfod Rehearsals @Hall Careers Expo @ Hall 6pm Trees for Survival @Warkworth Pippin	Assembly (Junior) Eisteddfod Rehearsals @Hall Pippin	Eisteddfod Rehearsals @ Hall Pippin	Eisteddfod Rehearsals @Hall Pippin	1st XV v Kelston Boys @KBHS 2.30pm Closing Night – Pippin Combined Orchestra Workshop @ SMC Hall, 2-6pm	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
29 June	30 June	1 July	2 July	3 July	4 July	5 July
Eisteddfod Rehearsals @Hall	Y8 Eisteddfod Performance @Hall 6.30pm Kairos @Friary BOT Meeting @ Library 7.30pm	Assembly (Senior) Holocaust Survivor Talk Y7 Eisteddfod Performance @ Hall 6.30pm Kairos @Friary	Kairos @Friary	Teacher Only Day End Term 2 Kairos @Friary SPC+SMC Orchestra Auckland School Tour	NISS Cycling @ Cambridge Edmund Rice Conference @ Oamaru	NISS Cycling @Cambridge Edmund Rice Conference @Oamaru Outdoor Education Leadership Camp @ Northland

Important Dates for the Coming Term

19 - 27 June	Pippin
22 June	Komiti Meeting
30 June and 1 July	Eisteddfod Performance @Hall
30 June - 3 July	Kairos @Friary
30 June	BOT meeting @Library 7.30 pm
3 July	Teacher only day

Bereavements

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

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

Jack Wood (7LYN) Uncle died.

.....Rest in Peace

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Please ensure you phone the school by 9am if your son is going to be away or out of school for any appointments. We also ask that you send a letter with your son on return. Phone Mrs Alison Strong (Attendance Officer) on 524 8108 ext 7341

CONTACT DETAILS

Please log on to the SPC Portal: <http://www.st-peters.school.nz/SPC-Service-Links.aspx> to request a change of details. (see page 4 for information about our new SPC Portal).

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

From the Assistant Headmaster (Middle School) Michael Mullin

With life happening at a million miles an hour and the term two rushing to a close, it is a tough time to stop, but a crucial time to take a step back and remind ourselves of some important issues facing the young men in society today.

Safe Internet Use

Today's wired kids are exposed to a host of risks that we as young people never faced. Talk to your son daily about their computer and smartphone use and social media habits, use filters that screen inappropriate content, and let them only use their iPad in a public part of your home. Many sites are geared for age 13 and older, so it is important to regularly check what they are up to on their devices. And young men should not accept friend requests from strangers.

Bullying

Bullying does occur and here at St Peter's College we will do everything possible to stop it and to help those who are impacted by it. Teach your child how to handle bullying: Walk away and stay away, and talk to a teacher or parent you trust if you feel bullied. Do not forget that at times your son might be the bully: Teach them that differences do not mean someone is less than they are, and remind them to stop and think before saying or doing something hurtful.

Cyberbullying

It can be even easier for kids to bully online, when a real person is not in front of them. To protect your son from cyberbullying, teach them to be smart about what they put online, and not to share anything that could be used to embarrass or hurt them. Remind them not to share passwords, and to use security controls on sites like Facebook to protect their pictures and information.

Talking to Your Son

Whatever the problem, it is easier to solve if you can communicate. But young men can be prickly. Find ordinary times to connect: Bring your son along when you go for a run or take the dog out. Wash the car or fold clothes together. Ordinary times spent together can be an opportunity to chat about real concerns. Or try talking in the car, it can be easier to share feelings when you're not looking right at each other!

With life happening at a million miles an hour taking the time to talk is not easy, but very rewarding. Also ensure that you have the Eisteddfod dates in your calendar. Week 11, Tuesday 30th June for Year 8 and Wednesday 1st July for Year 7. Looking forward to seeing two amazing nights!

Michael Mullin

Assistant Headmaster Middle School



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

General

Celebrating Samoan Language Week

"Tautua nei mo sou manuia a taeao"

"Serve now for a better tomorrow"

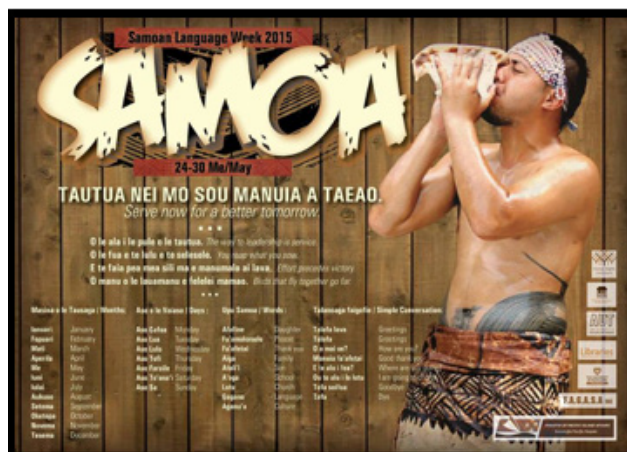
New Zealanders all over the country celebrated Samoan Language through various activities such as debates, singing and performance, the spoken word and cultural dance.

The theme was fitting for Samoan Language Week as it reflected the SPC motto. Service now to one's family, school, church and wider community will help to build a better future for all.



Above: Samoan Group Leaders: **Luteru Tolai**, **Christopher Oleva-Tanuvasa Oleva** (Head Boy), and **Dominic Alataua** getting the group ready for Samoan Language week celebration at Malaeola, Catholic Hall Mangere

The SPC Samoan Cultural group were invited by Ta'imua Samoan Catholic Youth Group to perform at Malaeola in Mangere as part of the opening for a production of Sina and the Eel. Despite the cold wet weather our boys braved the elements and warmed the packed venue of parents, young people and Samoan dignitaries with a hymn and the fa'ataupati (slap dance).



Samoa Independence Day Celebration at Auckland Girls' Grammar School

On Friday 29th May our SPC Samoan Group and fellow students from our wider Pasifika community attended Samoa Independence day celebrations hosted by Auckland Girls' Grammar School. There was a great opportunity to network and meet other young people from other colleges as all participated in workshops, skits, song and cultural dance activities that were mainly carried out using the Samoan language. The day was about collaboration and participation as some of our leaders were involved in co-facilitating various activities and workshops. The boys were able to show their appreciation through a song, fa'ataupati (slap dance) and gift to the host college.

Congratulations to the boys in representing the College and Samoan community with respect and humility – it was certainly noticed by many of the parents and teachers present on the day!

la manuia tele lava ma ia alofa le Atua e fa'amanuia atu i lo outou galue fa'amaoni.



Above: SPC boys with **Ms Lafitaga Peters** – Head of Samoan Classes at Auckland Girls' Grammar School



Winter Sport Commitment

With two weeks remaining in the term please remind your son's the importance of displaying the required level of commitment to training and games throughout the winter season.

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 is not an option.

Rugby at the Cage on Saturday

There will be some quality rugby played at the cage on Saturday. Get along and support our teams. The U15's are holding a sausage sizzle throughout the day to raise funds for their South Island Trip.

2.30pm – 1st XV vs Otahuhu

11.45am – 6th Grade vs Auckland Grammar

10.30am – U15's vs Dilworth

9.15am – 2nd XV vs St Kentigerns

Auckland Cross-Country 2015

St Peter's was represented by 6 runners at the annual Auckland cross-country event at the A & P Showgrounds in Pukekohe. For most of the runners, this was a good introduction to proper cross-country conditions – driving rain, strong winds, ankle-deep mud and lots of hills. Building on the previous successes of the middle-distance events and the Central zone cross-country events this year, our runners achieved some notable individual results:

Junior Grade: **Liam Back** (4th place), **Daniel Neville** (34th place) – field of 125 runners



Above: **Liam Back**



Above: **Pierce Sheridan**

Intermediate Grade: **Alexander Mildenhall** (19th place) – field of 105 runners

Senior Grade: **Pierce Sheridan** (12th place) - field of 53 runners

The final event of the 2015 cross-country calendar is the National cross-country event in Dunedin on Saturday the 20th of June. Our team of 5 runners will look to finish the cross-country season strongly and aim to qualify to represent the New Zealand team.

Registrations

Table tennis: All years Closes Tuesday, 23 June

Water Polo: Yr9/10 Closes Monday, 29 June

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Sport (continued)

Cycling

Congratulations to all the boys who rode in the North Harbour Tour on May 2015 held in Kumeu and Hobsonville Point.

Experiencing horrible weather conditions, this was a test not only of cycling ability but mental grit.

Aidan Merrick won the tour jersey in the Year 7/8 category, racing dominantly in the criterium and lapping the field.

Thomas Mackenzie-Bowie and **Maxi Yeatman-Biggs**, both gaining top 10 placing's. St Peters gained 6th Best Boys School in the Year 9-13 category and 4th Best School in the Middle School category.



Above: **Thomas Mackenzie-Bowie** and **Maxi Yeatman-Biggs**

Rowing

First Year Rowers: Parents & Boys Information
Afternoon June 28th 2.30 - 4.00pm at West End Rowing Club.

St. Peter's Rowing has had one of its best seasons ever with a number of medals at both the North Island Secondary School's Champs and the Maadi Cup (National Champs). For the 2015/16 season we have a new coaching team and a new dedicated training area, and we expect the squad to grow to nearly 50 boys. We take boys from Years 9-12 with most coming from Year 9 and 10.

There will be an information afternoon for parents and potential rowers on

Sunday, June 28th

from 2.30pm to 4pm

at the West End Rowing Club, 26 Saunders Place
(off Timothy Place), Avondale.

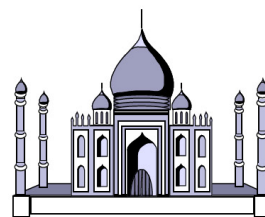
You will hear from the coaches, experienced rowers and their parents, tour the Club facilities and see a demonstration row.

Congratulations

James Hickman - Selected for NZ U15 Water Polo squad travelling to NSW.

Sean Wilson – 1st Place Senior Men's Elite at the Auckland Secondary Schools Trampoline Champs

Sam Pallas – 2nd Place Senior Men's Elite at the Auckland Secondary Schools Trampoline Champs



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.



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For further information, contact:

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ALL YEAR 7-13
SPC students
& parents**

EXHIBITORS

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2014/2015 Season



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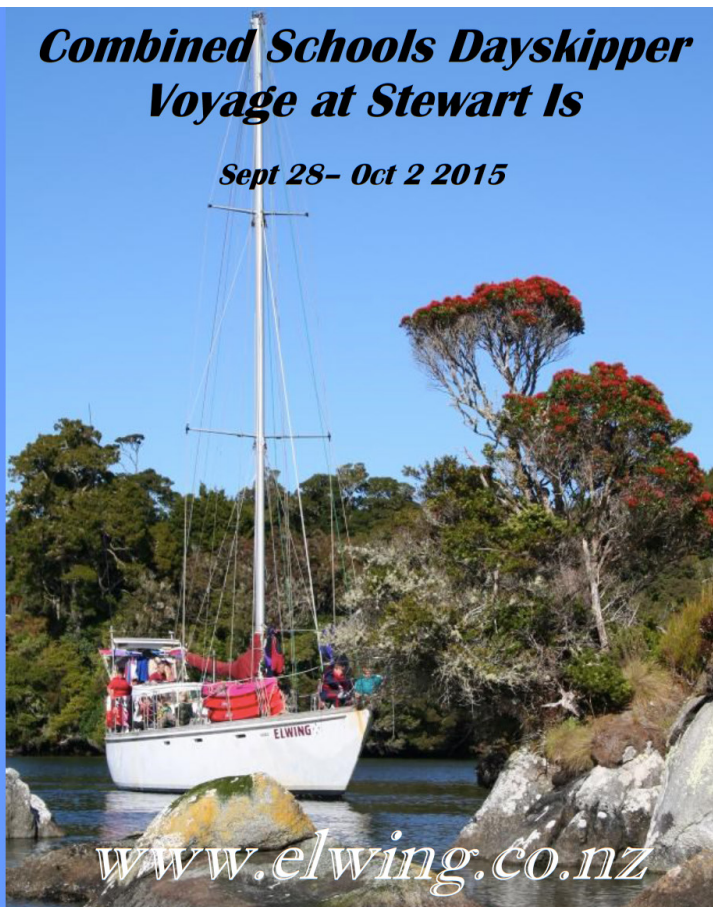
For more information or enrolment, contact **Oliver** on **021 145 7664**

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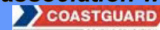
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