

# St Peter's College

## Grafton, Auckland, New Zealand



Catholic School for Boys in the Edmund Rice Tradition

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## The Shooting of a Young Man

Two kms from St Peters College, a 21 year old man was recently shot to death.

We don't know the facts of his life but he was probably the victim of a deep dark depression or of a mental illness fuelled by narcotics. Possibly unable to cope with a relationship break up. Certainly alone and unsupported.

Now some mother's heart has also been ripped to shreds.

Some father has now retreated to his silenced grief.

The tragedy is that many young men in the western world have had their lives ended by auticides, suicides, risky behaviours or a police bullet. Many young males simply lack resilience to deal with their life issues. And the real tragedy being that young males dying or being killed is becoming a normalised event.

I am sure the victim didn't start his life in despair.

Born in love. Raised with great hopes and expectations. Educated into a world of possibilities and challenges. He probably had a 'normal' upbringing.

This young migrant probably had opportunities in music and sport. (He was very good at kick boxing.) He would have studied maths, science, technology and Slovakian language.

His mother had lent him money ... nothing unusual there!

So why the disconnect with life?

Many young men lack the capacity to deal and negotiate with life. They feel pressured to live up to some mythical ideal of a perfect man. Failure is not an opportunity to set the compass straight but a chance to opt out. In fact opting out becomes a habit supported in many cases by shallow parenting.

Some suggestions for parents in helping build resilience in their sons:

1. If a boy has opted into some activity ... a sports team, a music group, a service group ... then he must continue in that group until

the finish.

We teach the mantra: "St Peters men opt in. They don't opt out". Applies to exams, music, sports, service, life.

2. Boys can be trained to control their impulsivity and to delay gratification on many levels. Sleeping in might be attractive but does nothing as a preparation for life. Eating the fridge empty before dinner is cooked is not wise parenting. Does your son really need that iPhone 6+ model?

The daily life of St Peter's is premised on the wisdom of **Routines** (to control impulsivity) and **Rituals** (to create community).

3. Boys can be encouraged to take the harder options as preparation for later life. Practicing exams helps boys to do well in national exams. Boys could try walking to the bus/shops instead of being driven. Parents who take their sons on holidays during school time ... utilising cheap air fares ... teach them that money is more important than their class time.

Failure and the Cross are always with everyone. These include adolescent men. The tasks of education and parenting is to find ways how young men can go beyond failure for the immense opportunities that life offers.

**Reminder:** Opening of new Outhwaite Building will be at **10.15am on Wednesday 26 August**. All parents and friends are welcome. Please ring Denise 095248108 ext 7300 to indicate whether you are coming (parking and catering).

In His Peace

K F Fouhy  
**Headmaster**

## Upcoming Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
10 Aug	11 Aug	12 Aug	13 Aug	14 Aug	15 Aug	16 Aug
Y9 Parent Interviews @Hall Special Character Review PTFA @ Staffroom	Maori + Pasifika Careers Expo @ Hall 6pm Special Character Review Friends of Music Meeting @Music Dept 7pm	Assumption Day Masses Old Boys Meeting @Library 7pm KBB Rehearsal @ Holy Trinity Rite of Election Mass Samoan Committee Meeting @ A23, A24, A25, 3.30-6.00pm	Music Night @Hall	M/S Waterpolo @EGGS Performing Arts Night 7.30pm	Assumption Day 1stXI v Mt Roskill @MRGS 12pm Outdoor Education Camp @ Northland M/S Waterpolo @EGGS	Combined Orchestra Workshop @ Hall Outdoor Education Camp @ Northland M/S Waterpolo @EGGS
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
17 Aug	18 Aug	19 Aug	20 Aug	21 Aug	22 Aug	23 Aug
	KBB Music Festival – Combined Orchestra @ Holy Trinity 10am + Chamber Orchestra @St Mary's Parnell 6pm French Trip @CBD	Assembly (Junior) NMSSA Visit Samoan Committee Meeting @ A23, A24, A25, 3.30-6.00pm	KBB Music Festival – Symphonic band @Holy Trinity 8.30pm Old Boys of Distinction Dinner @Hall 6.30pm NMSSA Visit	KBB Music Festival – Senior Concert Band @Holy Trinity 10am + Jazz Band @St Mary's Parnell 2pm NMSSA Visit Y9 Social	1st XI v Kelston @Cage 12pm KBB Music Festival	

## Important Dates for the Coming Term

26 Aug	Official Opening of New Building @10.15
27 Aug	Basketball Dinner @Hall
28 Aug	Y7 & Y8 Social @Hall
31 Aug - 4 Sept	Winter Tournament Week
1 Sept - 2 Sept	Y7 Vision Testing
2 Sept	Father + Son Breakfast @Hall 7am – Chris Smith EREA Guest Speaker

## Bereavements

Jason Paul Aunt died.

Matthew Elia (11NOL) Uncle died.

Toby Bennett (7NOL) Grandfather died.

Darius Lavakula-Taua'aletoa (10TRE) Great Aunt 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.

# Special Character News

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

## Rice House - 'Fit for Mission'

Along with Mr. Stevens, Teacher in Charge of Rice House, we identified litter and rubbish as a major issue in Auckland and believed that Rice's service would be well suited to address and help fix this problem. Littering is also an issue that is very relevant to St Peter's College as we have heard about it on several occasions so far this year. The level of litter in and surrounding Cocks Bay had reached such a level that the Auckland Council warned the local community of the danger to the wildlife and the environment as a result. With the support of the Auckland Council, we were able to acquire rubbish bags, latex gloves, and disinfectant to use on the day. Unlike other Houses we chose to do our service in one day as opposed to several days.



On Sunday the 10th of May the day began early as everyone started searching for rubbish just after 8.30am. With around fifty students and three house teachers present we were able to collect more than twenty bags of rubbish along with a few other miscellaneous items found in the bushes (car tyres, a mattress and a shovel). There was great turnout from all year levels, year sevens through to the seniors, as it was a good way for them to get some

of their service hours done while doing their part to help the environment.

At approximately 11.30, after having searched far and wide across Cocks Bay and with workers from the Auckland City Council coming to collect the rubbish we decided to call it a day. We ended the day with a few games of touch rugby in the park which was very successful at creating a sense of House spirit and brotherhood.



*Above: The amount of rubbish collected after 1 hour*

**James McIntosh** - Rice House Captain

## ST PETER'S COLLEGE

### Year 9 SOCIAL

Friday 21 August 2015  
7:00 – 10:00 pm  
at St Peter's College Hall

**Tickets \$10**  
(includes one drink)

**Permission forms and tickets are  
available from the main school  
office**

**Fundraiser for computers for St Michael's  
Academy in Hinoba-an, The Philippines  
(Edmund Rice Philippines Trip brother  
school)**



# From the Assistant Headmaster (Middle School) Michael Mullin

As the school continues through term three it is important to re-establish routines and personal organisation. To assist your son in the above areas, the Middle School sets expectations titled - "H.E.A.R.T."

"H.E.A.R.T." serves as an acronym for the five core expectations of a St Peter's Middle School Man - Homework, Equipment, Appearance, Rotation and Tradition.

To help your son we would especially ask of you three things:

1. Have your son at school every day possible. This means limiting or eliminating holidays during the school term.
2. Have your son at school on time. Young men need to be in the classroom ready to learn from the start of each day. The importance of routines in a classroom is crucial and also any lost time where students miss work is hard to catch up on.

3. Monitor his homework each night (1 hour per night). It is important young men get into good habits of sitting down and working each night for a period of time. If there is no homework that night, then look at students studying the weeks work or revising from the lesson with mind maps, cue cards or other good study techniques.

The "H.E.A.R.T." system ties in with the Weekly Engagement Report which is sent out every week by your son's form teacher. This gives you as a parent regular feedback on how your son is doing and the expectation at St Peter's College is that your son receives a '4' or higher each week.

Finally, thank you for your partnership as we work together in building your sons into outstanding men.

Michael Mullin

Assistant Headmaster Middle School

## A St Peter's Man... is a HEART Man

Homework	Equipment	Appearance	Rotation	Tradition
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Homework completed on time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PE - top, shorts, hat, shoes</li> <li>Scissors and Glue stick</li> <li>Pencil</li> <li>Blue, red and black pen</li> <li>30cm ruler</li> <li>Protractor and Compass</li> <li>iPad fully charged</li> <li>Musical instrument</li> </ul>	<p><b>Book Presentation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Neat writing</li> <li>Correct pen/pencil</li> <li>Headings underlined</li> <li>Date &amp; Learning outcomes</li> </ul> <p><b>Hair</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Off collar</li> <li>Eyebrows showing</li> <li>Ears showing</li> <li>Normal colour</li> </ul> <p><b>Uniform</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Socks up</li> <li>Shirt in</li> <li>No scarves in class</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensuring all <b>H.E.A.R.T.</b> expectations are observed whilst in a rotation class</li> </ul>	<p><b>Yard Assembly</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bags off and Uniform sharp</li> <li>No talking and hands in front</li> <li>Standing up straight in alphabetical order</li> <li>Walking back to class : Yr7 at front of school(1 line) Yr 8 at back of school (2 lines)</li> </ul> <p><b>During class time</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On task</li> <li>Stand up when adult enters</li> <li>Hand up, no calling out</li> <li>No one out of desk</li> <li>No toilet break</li> <li>Punctuality to class, before 2nd bell</li> <li>Silence when teacher is talking</li> </ul> <p><b>General</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Left on stairs</li> <li>No eating on stairs</li> </ul>

1: SPC Now link (which is the little white bird)

2. SPC Net (for students) and

3. SPC Students and Parents Portal (Fees etc)



This just makes it a bit easier to get to these two important links quickly.

## Sports Code of Conduct

With the Winter Season drawing to a close and teams contesting for play off positions it is important to be remain 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.

*The boys really appreciate sideline support. We need to ensure it is positive at all times.*

## Commitment to Winter Sports Team

Please ensure your son/s remains fully committed to their team/s for the duration of the season. This includes being on time to every training and game with the correct uniform. Opting out is not an option.

## Cycling

On 2 August 2015 the third and final race of the Auckland Secondary School Road Race Series was held in Mauku. In favourable race conditions, the day provided some fantastic racing where St Peters College was well represented.



Above: **Reuben Webster** sprinting to the finish

### Individual podium placings

U13	2nd	<b>Jack Sloan</b>
U14	2nd	<b>Reuben Webster</b>

### Team podium placings

U15	2nd	<b>Maxi Yeatman Biggs, Alex Arnold, Thomas Mackenzie-Bowie</b>
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Above: **Jack Sloan** on the podium

# Sport (continued)

## Squash

The Junior A Squash team have had a successful season coached by **Mr Mike Maitland** and managed by **Miss Begovic**. The team won all of their Central Division games and are currently competing in the Junior Boys Championship which is a round robin of the top four boys teams in all of Auckland.



Above: **Marcel Milo-Harris, Reon Poa, Tyler Maitland, Cole Franklyn, James Dolan**

All the best to our Premier Squash team who are competing in the NZSS Squash Championships in Palmerston North. **Josh Hickey, Conner Smith, Patrick Hickey, Campbell Maitland, Richard Brooke and Stephen Fernandes.**

## Swimming

Outstanding results from the recently held Auckland Secondary Schools Individual Swim Meet:

**Sebastien Priscott** - 1st – 400m freestyle; 1st - 100m freestyle; 3rd – 100m backstroke; 3rd – 100m individual medley

**Harry Williams** - 2nd – 400m freestyle

**Keegan Allen** - 3rd – 50m breaststroke

## Senior Sports Awards Evening

Senior Sports Awards will be held on **Thursday, 17 September**. Prize winners will be notified by Friday 28 August.

## Tennis

Senior and Under 16 Championships will be held between 24-26 August at Ngatira Courts. Register with **Mr Wieland**.

Year 7-10 Tennis Registrations for Term 4 will open on <http://www.st-peters.school.nz/Sports/Tennis.aspx> from 10 August.

## Congratulations

**Kieran Welsh** in year 11 competed in the Tae Kwon Do national championships in Christchurch during the holidays. **Kieran** received bronze in patterns and gold in power breaking.

**Liam Wheeler** - Under 13 NZ Indoor Cricket Team playing in Brisbane against Australia and South Africa.

**Sean Wilson** and **Sam Pallas** competed in the NZSS Trampoline Champs in the Men's Elite grade. **Sean** placed 1st and **Sam** placed 2nd.

**Malipolo Manukia, Chasdm Southern, Trentham Peterson, David Kalekale, Nathan Pinder, Riaihe Jacobs** – Selected for the Auckland U14 Central Rugby Team to play in the Blues Regional Tournament next month.



## Sport (continued)

### Movie Night AIMS Fundraiser - be the first to see .... The Man from U. N.C.L.E



Our premiere screening of this 1960's classic is  
Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> of August at 8.30pm.  
Tickets are \$25 per person and this includes a  
refreshment of wine, beer or juice.

This premiere screening is the same night as the red carpet premiere in the USA so come along and imagine yourselves being amongst the first to see the movie based on the 1960's TV series.

Directed by Guy Ritchie and co-written by Guy Ritchie and Lionel Wigram (he wrote the screenplays for Harry Potter and Sherlock Holmes). Starring Henry Cavill (Man of Steel), Armie Hammer (The Lone Ranger) and Alicia Vikander (Testament of Youth)



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When you order tickets tell us which child you are supporting so that we can put the money raised against their name.

### Build the Chapel Raffle – extra raffle books – we need your help!

This fundraiser has started well but we have a good number of returned books that need to be sold to successfully complete this raffle.

If you are able to sell any further tickets please e-mail Lynn Eising on [leising@st-peters.school.nz](mailto:leising@st-peters.school.nz) Please let her know how many books you require, your son's name and form class.

Tickets are \$5 each with a book comprising of 4 tickets. We have great prizes of two Rarotonga holidays & a \$1000 Farmers voucher.

*A big thank you to the school community for the tickets sold already. Each sold ticket is directly supporting the St Peters College Chapel.*

# Notices



## St Peter's College Annual Father Son Breakfast 7am Wednesday 2 September 2015

FATHERS, GRANDFATHERS, UNCLES OR FAMILY FRIENDS  
JOIN YOUR BOY & ENJOY A GREAT BREAKFAST TOGETHER!

### Guest Speaker:

**Chris Smith**  
National Director Identity and Liberating Education  
Edmund Rice Education Australia

### PROGRAMME

7am Breakfast is served  
7:20am Guest Speaker  
Breakfast finishes 7.45am

**COST \$15 FOR 1, \$28 for 2, \$40 for 3**

Payment at the Main School Office from Monday 17 August 2015.  
Please contact the office 524-8108 ext 0 or e-mail  
[admin@st-peters.school.nz](mailto:admin@st-peters.school.nz)  
if you wish to pay on-line through the Parent Portal or by direct credit. Note  
**NO door sales available.**

## St Peter's College Old Boys of Distinction dinner hosted by the S.P.C. Old Boys Assoc.

We invite parents, friends and Old Boys of the college  
to join us as we celebrate the 2015  
Old Boys of Distinction inductees.

**Thursday 20th August 2015  
M.C. ~ Simon Dallow**

Venue:  
SPC School Hall

Doors Open:  
6.30 p.m. for pre-drinks and initial mix and mingle  
Dinner starts:

7.15 p.m.  
Raffles on the night.

### Tickets:

\$70 p.p. (complimentary drink on arrival)  
(strictly limited numbers, so first in first served)  
Tables of 10 available

All ticket applications via Mrs. Tania Fernandez  
[tfernandez@st-peters.school.nz](mailto:tfernandez@st-peters.school.nz)  
or phone 09 524 8108 X 7339



## 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**

### Marriage Encounter Weekend:

18th - 20th September 2015 at Allenby Park Motor  
Inn, Manukau, Auckland.

A special weekend encouraging couples to focus  
on each other, their communication, priorities,  
lifestyle and relationship.

Phone 0800 ENCOUNTER (0800 362 686) for  
more information and **BOOK NOW!**



The parishes of St. Michaels Remuera and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Epsom invite all  
Year 7-8 students to come and join the excitement of our very vibrant youth club!

Date	Theme
2 Aug	Make music videos
16 Aug	Trash to fashion
30 Aug	Fathers Day
13 Sep	Mini Olympics

**Time: 5.55-7.33pm**

**Venue: St. Michaels Parish  
6 Beatrice Rd., Remuera**

For Enrolment Forms and other information please contact:

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# ST PETER'S MUSIC NIGHT 2015



## DATE

**Thursday August 13<sup>th</sup> 2015**

**TIME**  
**7pm**

## VENUE

**St Peter's College Hall**

**Mountain Road, Grafton**



## TICKETS

**Gold coin at the door**

## PARKING

**Available on site**

## LICENSED BAR

**(EFTPOS & cash)**

## REFRESHMENTS

**Food & beverages  
available to purchase**

## RAFFLES

## FEATURING

- **St Peter's & St Mary's Orchestra (including Sam Verlinden performing Jazz Ballads)**
- **Senior Concert Band**
- **Jazz Band**
- **Symphonic Band**
- **Senior Choir**

## QUERIES

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