

St Peter's College

Grafton, Auckland, New Zealand



Catholic School for Boys in the Edmund Rice Tradition

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Our Uniform Is Changing

Our senior formal uniform will be changing from 2017. Over the past few months a panel has met regarding our current senior uniform. Made up of representatives from our Board of Trustees, PTFA, Staff, Old Boys', Students, Whanau and Samoan committees, the panel worked through a number of ideas and designs.

Our new blazer and tie will give us our own unique identity. Incorporating our school colours, the blazer is made of 55% polyester and 45% Wool. The new logo will match the current logo colour on our shirt and jersey. The cost of the blazer will remain the same.

The new blazer and tie will be gradually phased in, beginning with Year 11 in 2017. Our existing Year 11s and Year 12s can continue with their current blazer and tie, or they are welcome to move to the new designs.

There are to be no changes to our Year 7 -10 uniform.

My thanks to the panel behind this, and especially to Mrs Andrea Alvarez for her vision and ideas with the design team.

· Congratulations to our Senior Concert Band who gained Gold at the KBB Gala.

· Congratulations to our 1st V Basketball team for winning Central Zone - our first time ever.

· With our winter sports programme winding down, thank you to all our coaches, managers and drivers for the gift of time and energy you have given to the boys of St Peter's. I am sure all of our boys and parents will have also acknowledged your contribution.

Last week was an especially difficult time for our community following the passing away of Teina Terei. On behalf of Teina's family, our students and staff, thank you all for your support.

Ma te Atua tātou e manaaki God's blessings

James Bentley

Headmaster



Upcoming Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
29 Aug	30 Aug	31 Aug	1 Sep	2 Sep	3 Sep	4 Sep
Winter Tournament: Olympic Stick Hockey Tournament @ Thames NZSS Football Tournament @ Papamoa Junior Basketball Premiership Tournament @ Rotorua Badminton – NZSS @ Hamilton Y8 Retreat @ Friary 10 BOD Retreat @ Pavilion BOT Finance Meeting @5.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation & Practice, 6pm @ St. Bens	Winter Tournament 10 LYN Retreat @ Pavilion Cycling Committee Meeting @ Staffroom 7.30pm	Winter Tournament 10 NOL Retreat @ Pavilion	Winter Tournament 10 ODR Retreat @ Pavilion Music Dinner & Awards @Hall	Winter Tournament 10 RIC Retreat @ Pavilion		
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
5 Sep	6 Sep	7 Sep	8 Sep	9 Sep	10 Sep	11 Sep
Tongan Language Week CIE Preliminary Exams 10 TRE Retreat @ Pavilion AIMS @Tauranga PTFA Meeting @ Staffroom 7.30pm	Tongan Language Week CIE Preliminary Exams AIMS @Tauranga BOT Meeting @ Library 6.30pm	Tongan Language Week CIE Preliminary Exams AIMS @Tauranga	Tongan Language Week CIE Preliminary Exams AIMS @Tauranga	Tongan Language Week CIE Preliminary Exams AIMS @Tauranga	College Ball @ Sky City	Skiing Champs – Seniors @

Important Dates for the Coming Term

- 13 Sep** Y10 MidYIS Testing @ Hall
Hockey Dinner @Hall
- 15 Sep** Senior Sports Awards Dinner @Hall
- 16 Sep** Mufti Day for St Vincent De Paul
Middle School Social @Hall 7pm
- 21 Sep** Father + Son Breakfast @Hall 7am

Bereavements

Max McIver (10LYN) Grandfather died.

Cambell Maitland (11TRE), **Tyler Maitland** (9TRE) Grandmother died.

James Maitland (8TRE) Grandmother died.

Liam Fletcher (7NOL) Nana died.

Sam Glover (10ODR) Aunt died.

Anton Oliver (9RIC) and **Daniel Oliver** (7RIC) Great Uncle died.

Connor Gallagher (10TRE) and **Shaun Gallagher** (12TRE) Grandfathers died.

Coleman Malone (9RIC) and **Vaxier Malone** (11RIC) Uncle died.

Kyle Sterne (10ODR) Grandfather died.

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.

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

Curriculum News

Harvard University Course Offered

St Peter's is excited to offer an internationally renowned course as part of our Year 11 curriculum timetable.

In 2017 St Peter's will be offering the Harvard University computer programming course CS50X. Boys will be taught a range of topics including software engineering and coding. Languages covered will include Javascript, C, PHP and SQL.

At the conclusion of the 1 year course, and if successful, boys will be awarded a Harvard qualification.

CS50X will be taught by **Mr Bridges**, and is available to boys in Year 11 in 2017. Please note this is a stand alone course and does not count towards NCEA or Cambridge.

Interested boys will need to apply to **Mr Bridges** for entry into this subject.



Edmund Rice Old-Boys Tertiary Scholarships

Applications for 2016

Each year several Scholarships are awarded to Year 13 students at St Peter's College.

Criteria:

- Students must be going on to Tertiary study, and must meet criteria to gain entry to the degree course at University/Polytechnic
- Financial Need
- Contribution to the school community

If interested in applying, please collect an application form from the Careers Department

Closing date: Monday 19 September 2016

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Middle School News

Term 3 Achievements - so far

The first half of the term has seen many students excelling across the board. The annual Science Fair Competition was highly competitive with 15 students projects being select to participate at the Auckland Science Fair in the coming weeks.

Congratulations to the following students who placed 1st in their class:

- 7 Bodkin **Riley Parsons**
- 7 Lynch **Jordan Pinto**
- 7 Nolan **Patrick Ermita**
- 7 O'Driscoll **Elliot Mataafa**
- 7 Rice **Lucas Gray**
- 7 Treacy **George Greaney**

Following the Science Fair, the annual Speech competitions were held with **Jack Rose** (7LYN) and **James Campbell** (8B) winning their respective year levels. The final was tightly contested with both striving to represent the school at the Auckland finals. In the end **James Campbell** was victorious, by 1 mark. A special thank you to Miss O'Leary, for judging the final.

Outside of the classroom, our Hockey team placed 7th at the Auckland Inter Zone, which was a solid achievement. This was following their outstanding efforts in winning Central Zone. The Middle School Basketball team also recently competed in their Central Zone Tournament, narrowly losing the final to Kowhai Intermediate. This was our best placing at the tournament over recent years, and we look forward to seeing how they achieve at the AIMS Games.

Finally, we have a large group of 24 students who at the end of the week will become full members of the church. The young men involved including 8R's teacher, **Mr Luke Williams** have been actively involved in the Sacramental Programme over the last two terms, and we look forward to celebrating with them on Friday night at St Benedict's. A special thank you to **Mrs Brenda Neville**, **Mrs Catherine Amos** and **Father Bernie Thomas** for all the work and time they have put in to preparing these candidates.

Matt Skeen

Assistant Headmaster Middle School

SCHOOL FEE REMINDER

Instalment 3 was due on 19 August 2016.

Please ensure payment has been made.



“Edmund’s Shop”

Uniform & Stationery Opening Hours:

Monday to Thursday: (during school Terms)

For Parents: 9:30am – 2:00pm

For Students: Interval & Lunch time.

Friday: (During School Terms)

For Parents: 8:00am – 12:30pm

For Students: 8:00am – 8:30am & Interval time

Please notice that the shop is NOT open at Lunch time on Friday.

Music

The recent success of the SPC Chamber Orchestra and Jazz Band camp held in the last weekend of July in Whangaparaoa set the backdrop for a very successful competition season this term. It is difficult to believe this is only week four, as so many events have already taken place within the music department. The Senior Concert Band and Jazz Band both received Gold Awards at recent national level competitions. Many of these band members are in both ensembles, so the recent successes not only highlight their versatility, but also the hard work and effort put in by themselves and the ensemble directors. All our ensembles will perform in the annual KBB Music Festival this week, which is a competitive showcase of Auckland schools' jazz bands, chamber groups, symphony orchestras and concert bands. Our string ensembles (SPC Chamber and St Mary's and St Peter's Combined Chamber Orchestra) have performed successfully, presenting the programmes which they have been working on throughout the year. Finishing with this KBB festival towards the end of the year is always a highlight for our young musicians. As part of the KBB Festival, The Fringe category is a showcase of up and coming talent, with our Junior String Orchestra performing to an adjudicator, who was on hand to provide expert advice to our ensemble and its directors in performing their repertoire to the highest possible standard. The music department would like to thank all the itinerant teachers and music directors, as well the music students, who have made this an extremely successful year of music. Congratulations to our musicians for their success at KBB.

Patrick Hayes

Music Prefect

KBB Results

Senior Concert Band - Gold Award and Gala

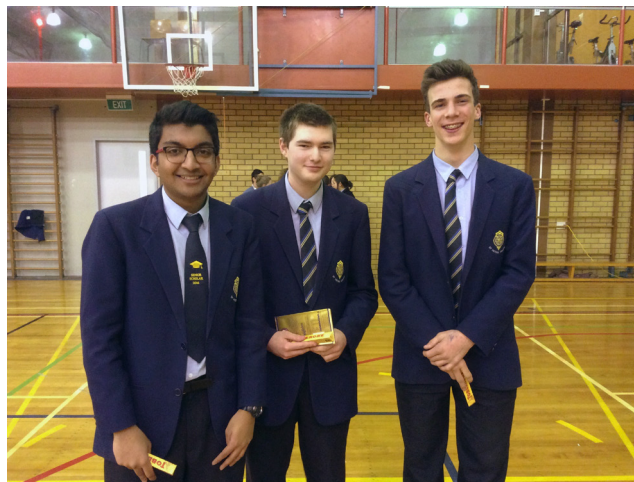
Jazz Band - Gold Award

Combined Chamber St Peter's and St Mary's Orchestra - Gold Award

SPC Chamber Orchestra - Bronze Award

SPC success at the 2016 AHTA Year 11 and 12 Quiz

St Peter's College was well represented at the 2016 Auckland History Teachers Association (AHTA) Year 11 and 12 History Quiz. Three teams of three students represented our school at Diocesan School on Thursday the 18th of August. Facing a mixed range of questions across 8 pulsating rounds, our teams performed well against their rivals from other Auckland schools. The trio of **Rory Keating** (11RIC), **Shyam Prasad-Jones** (12TRE) and **Alec van Helsdingen** (12BOD) battled until the very end and came close to winning; eventually finishing with a third placing (out of 38 competing teams).



Despite an obvious miscount from the judges – meaning the team missed their chance to get their prize on the night – the matter was resolved and the prizes sent by mail. Our other two teams finished in 10th and 13th positions respectively. Another chance for silverware will happen in early September when we will send a strong team to partake in the NZ division of the International History Bee and Bowl.



General (continued)

Maori & Pasifika Career Expo



The Maori & Pasifika Career Expo was a great success and we would like to thank all the staff, students and parents who participated in this evening. A special thanks to the Tongan community who provided the supper this year.



Transport Safety Week

Week 3 was Transport Safety week with visits from the police and the Auckland Transport Road safety team. Events included presentations from the Serious Crash Unit, measuring speed using a radar gun, safe crossing of Khyber Pass road and trying to "drive" (walk) around cones whilst texting or wearing the infamous "Drunk Goggles" which simulate the disorientation caused by drinking.



General (continued)

Art Week

Week 4 was Art Week. Art students visited the Auckland Art Gallery to see exhibitions of the Walter's Prize Nominees, NZ top art award and a visiting exhibition from South America, 'A Space to Dream'.



There was a range of art competitions that students were involved in and the quality of the work was of a high standard.

The winners of the Photography Competition were:

1st **William Piggin** 11LYN

2nd **Hugo Hall** 10BOD

3rd **Finn Hackshaw** 13LYN



Above: 'From The Mountain' by **William Piggin**

The winners of the Middle School Competition were:

1st **Corum Delacey** 7NOL

2nd **Alexander Weedan** 7TRE

3rd **Thomas Erskine-Shaw** 8NOL

Headmaster's Shield

for Academic Excellence

15 Aug - **Mitchell McCullough** 11ODR
- Outstanding work in IGCSE Art

22 Aug - **Patrick Howard** 8BOD -
Outstanding effort in Art

If your son is absent from school, late due to an appointment or leaving school early for an appointment please contact the Attendance Office using one of the following methods.

St Peters App available from the App Store for your smartphone

Email Attendance Manager directly
astrong@st-peters.school.nz
Phone. (09) 524 8108. Ext 7341

Please contact the attendance office as your first contact.

For absences other than sickness, a letter or email must be sent to the Headmaster for approval in advance - please include dates and reason for absence and what benefit your son will have by missing school for a day or more.

Acceptable reasons are required for lateness and absence – traffic is rarely accepted as this is simply a fact of living in Auckland. Boys are expected to allow for traffic in their travel plans.

Summer Sports Registration

Summer Sports Registration opening soon, keep an eye on the school website and listen out in the daily notices.

Volleyball – Year 8 – 10

Touch – Year 9 and 10

Tennis – Year 7 – 10

Cricket – Year 7 – 13

Archery

St Peter's College hosted the annual Invitational Archery Cup, with competitors from Auckland Grammar, Kings College, Baradene College and St Peter's College

Recurve Division:

1st - **Chayse Martin** (12TRE)

2nd - **Matthew Storer** (13RIC)

Compound Division:

3rd - **Harrison Franklyn** (9TRE)



Above: **Brodie Cox** and **Bailey Cox**

Bailey Cox (8RIC) and **Brodie Cox** (10RIC) competed in the recent NZFAA National Field Archery Tournament held at Massey Archery Club, Auckland

Bailey finished 2nd in his division 'CMFU' (Cub Men's Freestyle Unlimited) & **Brodie** finished 1st in Novice 1 division.

Bailey also received his IFAA (International Field

Archery Association) Classification Card which has awarded him an 'A' Classification due to the high level of his scores at this & previous qualifying rounds. This is a great achievement for **Bailey** as he prepares for the World Champs in September.

Inter School Archery

On a beautiful Sunday morning when the sound of arrows hitting the target could be heard throughout Cornwall Park, 35 members of the St Peter's College archery squad were up bright and early to compete in the annual Inter School Archery competition.

Facing stiff competition from archers from Auckland Grammar, Kings and Baradene, St Peter's College took out the top prizes.



Harrison Franklyn came 3rd in the Compound division, whilst **Chayse Martin** and **Matthew Storer** came 2nd and 1st respectively in the Recurve division. The team event, comprising the top 7 archers from each school, also went to SPC. Well done!

Indoor Archery Nationals

Luke Franklyn: 1st Under 17 Men's recurve Combined Rounds (Saturday) and 1st Under 17 men's recurve Matchplay

Chayse Martin: 2nd Open Mens' Recurve Combined round

Matthew Storer: 4th open Men's Recurve Combined Round

Bailey Cox: 1st Under 13 Men's Compound Combined round (only participant in age group)

Brodie Cox: 4th Under 15 Men's Compound combined round and 3rd Under 15 Men's compound matchplay

Mario Thapliyal: 5th Under 13 Men's Recurve combined round.

Sport (continued)

Table Tennis

Two teams represented St Peter's at the recent Auckland Secondary Schools Championship.

With the team of **Lucan McArdle** (11TRE), **Max Mains** (8RIC) and **Andres Castellanos** (8BOD) placing 2nd in the C Grade.

Bowls

The St Peter's College Senior bowls team defended their Auckland Interschool Bowls Championship title with a convincing 3 – 0 win over Auckland Grammar.

Team members were: **Toni Tupouniua** (12LYN), **Stefan Houghton** (12TRE), **Joel Harrison** (12TRE), **Joseph Jacob** (12TRE), **Indy Byrnes Platt** (12TRE), **Matthew Casey** (12TRE)

Player of the Week

8th – 14th August: **Oliver Gatehouse** (8BOD) – Yr 7 & 8 Red Basketball

15th – 21st August: **Elliott Mataafa** (7ODR) – U13 Rugby

Team of the Week

8th – 14th August: 1st V and U15 Gold Basketball Teams

15th – 21st August: U15 Hockey Team

Congratulations to:

Garath Hale (7NOL) won a bronze medal at the Under 18 Taekwon-Do Tournament for his individual pattern.

The U15 Hockey team winners of the Central/West Grade champions beating Auckland Grammar in the final 7 – 0 win

Upcoming Fixtures

Good luck to all our teams that are away representing St Peter's at their respective regional and national tournaments over the next two weeks

Dates:	Team	Tournament	Venue
25 th – 26 th Aug	Yr 7 and 8 Cycling Team	North Island Intermediate and Middle school School Cycling Championships	Taupo
26 th – 30 th Aug	Junior Premier Basketball	Junior Secondary Schools Zone 1&2 Premier	Rotorua
29 th Aug – 2 nd Sep	1 st XI Football	Lotto Premier Tournament	Tauranga
29 th Aug – 2 nd Sep	1 st XI Hockey	Tier 4 – Olympic Stick Tournament	Ngatea
31 st Aug – 3 rd Sep	1 st V Basketball	AA Secondary Schools Zone 1 Tournament	North Shore
29 th Aug – 1 st Sep	Senior Badminton	NZ Secondary Schools Championships	Hamilton
3 rd – 4 th Sept	Cycling	NZSS individual Cycling Champs	Mt Wellington
5 th – 9 th Sept	Middle School Teams	NZAISMS Tournament	Mt Maunganui

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2017

Make a Difference (M.A.D.) Marine

24-27 January 2017

Do you want to grow your leadership potential?

Do you want to make a difference for the marine environment?

Then M.A.D. Marine is for you!

We would like to invite two potential youth leaders (and one reserve) from your school to be part of M.A.D. (Make a Difference) Marine hui to be held 24th-27th January 2017 at Motutapu Island.

Become part of a network of like-minded young leaders across the region. Spend four days on an island in the Gulf, interacting with marine experts, learning marine skills and finding out first-hand about marine diversity and the key issues facing the Hauraki Gulf and beyond.

You will be challenged to plan actions for sharing what you've learnt and encouraged to address the key issues with your school and community.

You will be supported throughout the year by Auckland Council staff. Previous participants have stepped up and become environmental leaders in their school and attended national and international conferences.

Ideal candidates are:

- Year 9-11 (2016) students who are interested in leadership and are enthusiastic and passionate about the marine environment.
- Students who have ideally taken action for the marine environment in their school and/or community.

Cost: \$160 per student (financial assistance may be available).

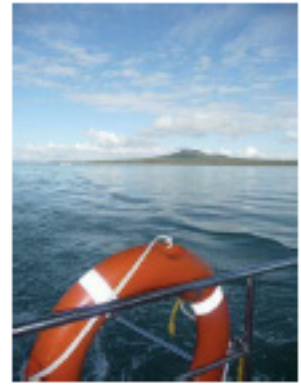
Download the application form at [Auckland Council website](#) – search for MAD Marine.

Applications close on 14 September 2016.

Successful applicants will be notified by 22 September 2016.

For further information please contact:

Cate Jessep, Auckland Council - 021 994 880



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