

St Peter's College

Grafton, Auckland, New Zealand



Catholic School for Boys in the Edmund Rice Tradition

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Are Schools Important ... Really? (Free, Secular and ... Compulsory?)

In my opinion the education industry produces more forked tongue rhetoric than most other service industries. Everyone knows education produces plenty of waffle. But forked tongue rhetoric?

As someone sardonically commented ... there are more lies told around love and education enrolment than around anything else!

NZ schools in 1877 were established on a Free, Secular and Compulsory basis. It has been held as a central tenet of NZ education policy.

Is that still true in 2015?

The notion that schools are free is a myth. They are multi million dollar businesses, providing a significant proportion of New Zealand's GDP and are a major export earner. Schools have never been free and never will or should be. Funding from the taxpayer is becoming a smaller and smaller percentage of educational expenditure. Parental expectations of education are huge and these come with a cost.

The idea that schools should be secular when life is generally held as sacred is a mis-match of expectations. It is not alright to say an assembly school prayer in English but OK to say a Karaikia before a school function. Religion and societal culture are a hand in glove arrangement.

And the notion that attendance at school is compulsory. Presumably this means attendance at class every day, every period for the 385 half days the school is open.

This compulsory idea is being watered down as I write.

I will open my emails today to a typical request from parents who will be renewing their marriage vows in Las Vegas and would like their 15 year old son to be present with them in the middle of term 3.

Or they would like their year 12 son sitting public exams in three months time to come with them as a family to experience South Eastern Balinese culture in Ubud, or Kuta Beach. Presumably studying the parabolic effects of waves while surfing, in preparation for his physics exam.

Or a family occasion in Mumbai, Manila or Madrid where the Grandmother is having a birthday, the second cousin is getting married or the great uncle is being ordained ... all during school class time.

The problem is the forked tongue rhetoric where schooling is said to be important but Jetstar's off

peak discount flight price is really more important.

A few years back I have had the actual experience of being in London's Stansted airport (during our school holiday time but UK school term time) and seeing hundreds of young school aged boys and girls queuing up for easy jet flights to Tenerife, Majorca and Biarritz.

Naively thinking I had misplaced my UK term dates to visit the planned schools, I asked my brother why all these school aged students were at Stansted airport.

Ryanair and Easy Jet £1.00 specials.

Being away from a class period has a cascading effect on a boys learning. Work is passed over. Homework is not done. The new work is not learnt and the boy loses heart. Teachers get frustrated about their students being away. Learning generally stops.

The place of the classroom for learning becomes distant in the young man's head.

Genuine family crises are of course exempt.

So Parents - time to consider the real discount price of that Jetstar ticket. It has a much further reach than you might imagine.

Schools really are important.

Congratulations to **Sean McFarlane** for organising the 20th year of Performing Arts Showcase last Friday night. An excellent night.

Thank you for your support on the chapel raffle. Excellent uptake.

The opening of the new Outhwaite building is on **Wednesday 26th August at 10.15.am**. Parents and friends are welcome to come. For parking and catering purposes, we need to know the names and number of people coming. Please RSVP to Denise - Phone 095248108 x 7300

Another good week.

In His Peace

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Headmaster

Upcoming Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
24 Aug	25 Aug	26 Aug	27 Aug	28 Aug	29 Aug	30 Aug
8B Retreat @St Francis	8W Retreat @St Francis BOT Meeting @ Library 7.30pm	Assembly (Senior) 8G Retreat @St Francis Official Opening of New Building @10.15am M/S CZ Cross Country @Remuera Samoan Committee Meeting @ A23 3.30-6.00pm M/S Football @ Seddon Park Y9 + Y10 Mathex @ ASB Stadium 7.30pm	8L Retreat @St Francis Basketball Dinner @Hall NIIC Cycling @Taupo BCITO Trip Y7 + Y8 Mathex @ASB Stadium 7.30pm	8R Retreat @St Francis Y7 & Y8 Social @Hall NIIC Cycling @Taupo		
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
31 Aug	1 Sep	2 Sep	3 Sep	4 Sep	5 Sep	6 Sep
Winter Tournament 1st XI Hockey @ Whanganui 1st XI Football @ Papakura 10BOD Retreat 8J Retreat @St Francis Komiti Meeting 6pm 1st Reconciliation @ St Bens	Winter Tournament 1st XI Hockey @ Whanganui 1st XI Football @ Papakura Y7 Vision Testing 10LYN Retreat Cycling Committee Meeting @ Staffroom 7.30pm Chris Smith EREA	Assembly (Junior) Y7 Vision Testing Winter Tournament 1st XI Hockey @ Whanganui 1st XI Football @ Papakura 10NOL Retreat Father + Son Breakfast @Hall 7am – Chris Smith EREA Guest Speaker	Winter Tournament 1st XI Hockey @ Whanganui 1st XI Football @ Papakura 10ODR Retreat Music Dinner @ Hall Chris Smith EREA	Winter Tournament 1st XI Hockey @ Whanganui 1st XI Football @ Papakura 10RIC Retreat Sacramental Mass @ St Bens	1st XI Hockey @ Whanganui	

Important Dates for the Coming Term

7-14 Sept	CIE Preliminary Exams
7 Sept	10TRE Retreat
7-11 Sept	AIMS @Tauranga
7 Sept	Lumino Dentist arrive
9 Sept	Old Boys Meeting @Library 7pm
14 Sept	NCEA Information Evening @Hall 7pm
15 Sept	CIE Information Evening @Hall 7pm

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

Aslan Clark (10ODR), **Tainui Singh-Clark** (10TRE) and **Dante Clark** (7ODR) Uncle died.

Valerian Mata'utia (11LYN) cousin died.

Max Halpin (9LYN) Grandmother died.

.....Rest in Peace

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"

This week House Leaders reported on their Fit for Mission service ventures for 2015 at the Year 9-10 Assembly. This was a time to recall that the new House Service Initiative for 2015 is an example of faith in action and a direct response to Bishop Patrick Dunn's 'Fit for Mission' call for Catholic schools to serve the community of Auckland. We continue the newsletter report of these ventures with Lynch House Service below.

Lynch Fit For Mission Service – Auckland City Mission

For the inaugural year of the house fit for mission concept, Lynch visited the headquarters of the Auckland city mission in Hobson Street and was able to help out the distribution branch on Boston road. As the Fit for Mission is going to be a continuous service it was important that we are able to do something that is able to be built on going forward.

The initial idea of helping out the Auckland City Mission was suggested by **Mr Maskery** at a yard assembly. I later discussed this with **Mr Herber** we reached a unanimous decision that it was a worthy Fit for Mission cause. As the homeless/rough sleepers are a part of our society and are often down at the domain it seemed fitting for us to be able to lend a hand and see what we can do. The trips to the Auckland city Mission HQ were carried out over two Mondays being the 23rd and the 30th of March, with the first lot of boys being from years 7, 8, 12 and 13 and years 9, 10 and 11 being the following Monday. The trips involved approximately an hour and a quarter with a talk with the head of the City Mission about what they do, where their other branches are located and how we are able to help the City Mission out in the future. The boys responded well with many questions coming at the end.

As many people were under the age of 16 this would limit the amount of people that would be able to complete the service work. However through the trips to the Mission we thought that educating the younger year levels would allow us to give a direction going forward. With communication between with the City Mission they were able to give us an opportunity to help out at the distribution centre on the Friday 2nd of April. This saw **Jethro Tuburan, Shaun Ryan, Jared Faumatu** and myself head down to Boston road and pack individual

emergency parcels for people in desperate need. The parcels are made up of mostly canned goods which have been damaged but are still fine to eat but are unsellable on shelves. We were there from around 9am till 1pm in the afternoon which in the time saw us pack around 40 parcels in order to restock the shelves.



Overall we were able to get 22 people to the first trip to the city mission and about 25 for the second trip with four people helping out at the distribution centre, bringing the total to around 50. The theme of the year being **"I will show you my faith by my works"** was displayed throughout the course of the Fit for Mission service by all who participated. This wouldn't be able to happen without the help of the following teachers: **Mr Herber, Mr Moerdyk, Ms Park** and **Mr Maskery**.

Josh Hickey - Lynch House Captain



From the Office of Deputy Headmaster (Pastoral) Steve Dooley

Focus... Refocus

If you want something done – ask a busy person.

This truism is in line with our philosophy on boys' education at St Peter's.

Why is it over the course of four years we have never had any student who competes in rowing for the school display any level of serious disengagement from their studies?

The answer may be counterintuitive...

1. They are in the habit of working hard.
2. The habits and self-discipline they form from rowing (which has a gruelling training schedule) carry over naturally into their attitude towards school work.

It is also true that most co-curricular activities have a similar effect on students' work ethic.

With winter sport almost complete your son needs to REFOCUS quickly. Too much spare time is never a good recipe for boys' academic success.

An obvious refocus opportunity is the upcoming examinations with clear and specific goals in writing and posted on their bedroom wall!

God's blessings

Steve Dooley

Deputy Headmaster

Homestays required for International students for long term and short term. All ages.

Payment for full board is \$260 per week.

Please contact Patricia Goddard on 5248108 ex 7371 or leave a message.



SPC FEES INSTALMENT 3

Reminder to all parents that instalment 3 was due 7th August 2015.

Thank you to those parents that have made payment.

To those who haven't please ensure payment is made, as it is now overdue.



Cheque of \$500 presented by Kylie Whyte of The Athlete's Foot, St Lukes, in recognition of the number of school shoes purchased for SPC students.



From the Assistant Headmaster (Middle School) Michael Mullin

Year 8 Retreat Day

As part of the Religious Education programme for Year 8, each student has a retreat day. The programme will be run by a team from 'The Logos Project'. Logos are a Marist Youth Development organisation that provides Youth Workers at St. Peter's College. Two St. Peter's senior students and your son's class teacher will assist Logos on each retreat. The retreats will be held at St Francis Retreat Centre, 50 Hillsborough Rd.

Students come to school in school uniform and will go straight to their classroom when the bell rings at 8:30am (instead of attending yard assembly). The roll will be taken. The school will provide transport to and from the venue. All boys, regardless of whether they live in close proximity to the Friary or not, will need to come to school first for their attendance to be recorded. All students will be back at school by 3pm. If you wish to make arrangements for your son to travel home directly from the retreat venue, please send a note to school which is to be handed to Mr Hadnett.

The dates for each group are:

Monday 24th August	8B Mr McKinley
Tuesday 25th August	8W Ms McCombe
Wednesday 26th August	8G Mrs Amos
Thursday 27th August	8L Ms Fraser
Friday 28th August	8R Mr Hadnett
Monday 31st August	8J Mr Maskery

Students need to bring their own lunches, as they will not be able to leave the Friary during the day. iPads are not to be taken on the retreat. If you have questions please contact bhadnett@st.peters.school.nz.

Michael Mullin

Assistant Headmaster Middle School



Malo etau lava pea malo e ngaue mei hena

Invitation to all Tongan SPC Families

You are all invited to attend a **Tongan Community Meeting** to discuss a number of initiatives that our Committee is looking at for our St Peters boys of Tongan heritage. Before we move into the next phase of planning, we want to ensure that you are aware of our thought process, and to give you an opportunity to provide your comments and suggestions.

Date: Wednesday, 26 August 2015
Time: 6.30pm
Where: SPC Staff Room

In order to make sure that our initiatives will be successful, we will be looking to allocate sub-committees to each task. It would be good if you could give some thought to what you are interested in and what you would like to be involved in. Some of the matters that will be discussed include fundraising, Polyfest, School Fair 2016 and the **Tonga Trip!!**

This is a great opportunity for us to really make some positive impacts on our Tongan boys during their journey with St Peters College. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Please bring a small plate to share.

Malo Aupito

1st XI Football Score Vital Win Against Mt Roskill

Last weekend marked a very important game in the First XI calendar. After playing 12 games. Winning 9, drawing 1 and having lost 2 we were sitting narrowly in second place behind unbeaten Mount Roskill Grammar. Having gone down to them in 4-0 earlier in the season the side were well aware of the challenge ahead of them.

Mt Roskill started with their high pressure style of play we came up against in round one. After a scrappy first 15 minutes and a few early yellow cards, we were down to 10 men. We managed to find our rhythm and after a good period of attack and lots of free kicks going our way, we converted in the 35th minute. A free kick on the edge of the 18 yard box was expertly placed around the wall into the bottom left corner by **Connor Cahill-Fahey**. The side continue to press forward and held the momentum going into the second half.

The second half saw Mount Roskill Grammar come out firing and we were starting to feel the numerical disadvantage with only 10 men on the pitch. Mount Roskill relentlessly attacked, however all the boys dug extra deep and put in a huge defensive effort to see us through until the final whistle. A special thanks to the large SPC contingent that travelled down to come support and cheer on the boys in a match that we felt we did the school proud in.

Please come and support the boys in our final match of the season against Kelston on Saturday at the cage, 12 noon kick off, where we look to push for the title.

Connor Cahill-Fahey - 1st XI Captain



Semi-Final Rugby

A number of sides are involved in semi-finals on Saturday. Get along and support the teams.

2nd XV vs St Kentigern – 9.15am @ the Cage

3rd XV vs Botany Downs – 10.30am @ the Cage

U14 vs Mt Albert Grammar – 10.30am @ MAGS No.1

4A vs Grammar – 9.15am @ Grammar No.2

6B vs Grammar – 12noon @ Grammar No.2

All the best to the large number of boys involved.

1st XV Finish Season In Sixth Place

The 1st XV have completed their season finishing in the top half of the fiercely competitive 1A competition. Highlights of the season included wins against Kings and Gisborne Boys. While two draws and two narrow losses left the team thinking what might have been. Led whole-heartedly by **Taina Fox-Matamua** the boys fronted with determination and purpose every Saturday. Loose-head prop **Daniel Perez** epitomised the spirit of the side. He played consistently to a high standard and at the back end of the season through a painful knee injury. The locking combination of **Theodore Solipo** and **Cameron Suafoa** brought a hard, uncompromising edge to forward play. While openside flanker **Aleks Dabek** continued to impress with his all-round attributes.

In the backs halfback **Rilloy Suesue** was one of the big improvers in the side. Mid-field pairing of **Filipo Fahiua** and **Darren Kellet** were renowned for their physicality and hard hitting defence. While injury curtailed **Harry Plummer's** season his form leading into the term two holidays earned him selection for Blues Secondary Schools where he performed impressively against the Chiefs.

Over recent weeks a number of players received Blazer recognition for starting 25 1A and traditional matches. Congratulations to **Fau'ula Galo**, **Taina Fox-Matamua**, **Aleks Dabek**, **Darren Kellet**, **AJ Lam** and **Filipo Fahiua** for reaching this milestone.

Thank you to the Year 13 students for their outstanding service to St Peter's Rugby – **Fau'ula Galo**, **Daniel Perez**, **Theodore Solipo**, **Taina Fox-Matamua**, **Jake Cameron**, **Patrick Syme**, **Luteru Tolai**, **Filipo Fahiua**, **Noah Mataia** and **Darren Kellet**.

Sport (continued)

Archery - SPC Invitational Cup

On Sunday 9th August, SPC Archery held its annual Invitational Cup Archery Competition at the Auckland Archery Club in Cornwall Park. With 13 schools participating it was a highly competitive event.

The SPC Cup competition was based on scores from the top five archers from each school and there were also prizes for the top three archers in the Recurve and Compound Bow Division, respectfully.

It was a well-run competition thanks to our host the Auckland Archery Club. Congratulations to the following boys;

Winners of SPC Team Cup Competition on 2731 points. Our top five archers were **Luke Franklyn**, **Chayse Martin-Roberts**, **Matthew Storer**, **Stephen Solis** and **Harrison Franklyn**.

Individual Division Results – Recurve Bow. First Place - **Luke Franklyn** on 572 points (SPC); Second Place: **Chayse Martin-Roberts** on 563 points (SPC)

Individual Division Results – Compound Bow. Second Place - **Harrison Franklyn** on 527 points (SPC)

Congratulations to all the archers who participated and thank you to all the SPC parents who helped set up and came to support our archers.



Chasing Commonwealth Gold

It was a great honour to see in Yard Assembly last week **Chayse Martin-Roberts** being recognised for his selection by the NZ Olympic Committee to represent New Zealand at the Youth Commonwealth Games in September.

It was with the greatest of pleasures that the SPC Archery Committee donated \$750 to the \$3000 that

Chayse needs to fund his flight, accommodation and other fees for the competition.

Chayse has received his New Zealand representative uniform already and the whole of SPC, Archery squad, students and staff can't wait to hear of **Chayse's** success when he returns.

We look forward to following **Chayse's** progress at this international event.



Congratulations

Sebastien Priscott - Competed in the NZ Short Course Swimming Championships, held at Owen Glenn Pool in Albany last week in the 14 year boys. **Sebastien** won the 200m, 400m and 1500m Freestyle. He placed second in the 400m Individual Medley and bronze in the 50m Freestyle. Congratulations **Sebastien** on these outstanding results!!

General

Outstanding Result in Otago University Maths Competition

For the third year in a row **Alec van Helsdingen** was placed in the top 30 in New Zealand for the 2015 Otago University Junior Maths Competition. Such consistency of excellence in Mathematical thinking is rare in this highly competitive environment.

Other results were as follows:

In Year 9 **Thomas Arnet** was placed in the top 100, and **Connor Gallagher, Ethan Gray, Tom Grayson** and **Nathan Pinder** in the top 200.

In Year 10 Joshua Loveday was placed in the top 200 and in Year 11 **Patrick Gillespie** was placed in the top 100 and **Jack Duncan** and **Shing Hang Yang** were placed in the top 200.

In addition seven year 9 students, nine year 10 students and four year 11 students gain Merit awards indicating they were in the top 15% of students in the country.

Library News

<http://library.st-peters.school.nz:2000/>

PLEASE visit our library online and check out our new books! We have plenty of resources/information and some great novels for wet/cold weather reading!

Already week 5 in term 3, and as is usual during winter, our warm, dry library is really busy! The corridor and foyer outside the library is full of iPad-hooked boys (they have been banned from the library!) and generally they are polite and make a narrow path for people to move through.

Despite these iPads our readership has increased slightly! Fifteen students have read 30 or more books so far this year and one boy has read 70! We have bought over 200 books so far this year and had nearly 200 donated!

Notices regarding overdue books have been sent out repeatedly and it appears there is some misunderstanding about the "charges"; these are only applied/to be paid if the book(s) is lost/NOT returned or damaged beyond repair.

Happy reading from the Library Ladies

Sustainable Designers

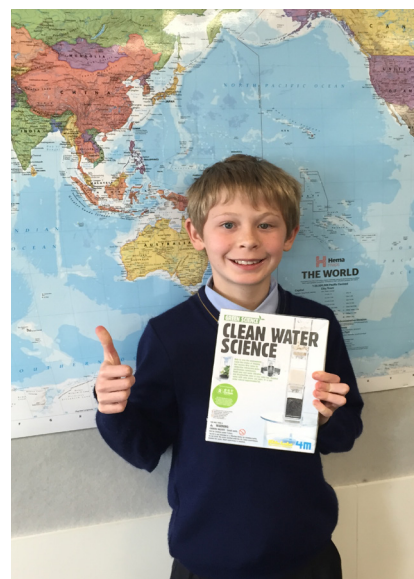
In the Humanities department at the start of Term 3, students from a range of classes from Yr7 to Yr12 were given the opportunity to enter a sustainability design competition. The competition was centred around the update of the Green Star rating tool from the New Zealand Green Building Council (NZGBC), which evaluates sustainability in commercial buildings. Students were encouraged to draw a building that's good for people and good for the planet. The NZGBC received many entries for their competition and guests to their launch event for the rating tool, a mix of architects, property developers and engineers, were asked to judge the entries on the night by placing a sticker on their favourite design.

St. Peter's College had two winners in the competition, **Aidan Roe** from 7 Treacy in the 10-13 age division, and **Liam Powel** from 12 Treacy in the 14-17 age division. Congratulations to these boys who showed fantastic creativity and innovation in their designs for a sustainable building.



Above: Competition winners **Aidan Roe** (middle), and **Liam Powell** (right) with Humanities teacher **Miss Gallagher**.

Right: **Aidan Roe** (7 Treacy) with his prize.



General (continued)

Why Do We Teach Languages At St Peter's College

Everybody can speak English can't they? English is everywhere: universities in Europe and Asia are even delivering some of their courses in English and multi-national companies use English as their medium of communication. So they speak English everywhere. Don't they? Well no, they don't. Over 90% of the world's population does not speak English as a first language and 70% of the world's population does not speak English at all or they speak enough to ask if you want ice in your drink or to tell you where you can buy a fake watch. The term "globish", has been coined to describe the simplified version of English that is becoming the global lingua franca of business. And those that do speak English because they have to, don't necessarily want to: In a recent example, a major German company with a British CEO had a shareholder revolt because the CEO delivered his address in English without trying to speak German.

Having an understanding of another language has long been a sign of being a well-rounded educated and cultured human being and this aspect has not changed. But St Peter's College also recognises that in a world where social media and a globalized economy mean interconnectedness is rapidly becoming one of the defining characteristics, the ability to communicate in another language has significant practical value and application.

At a personal level:

- Learning another Language is a brain booster. Going back and forth between languages pushes the brain to be more flexible.

- One study published a few years ago found that learning a foreign language enhanced people's fluency, elaboration, originality, and flexibility, the four scales measured by the Torrance Test of Creative Thinking. Researchers concluded that learning a second language improved speakers' planning, cognitive flexibility, and working memory for all learning areas.

- Students who know a foreign language develop better literacy skills and vocabulary in their own language.

- Learning and using another language helps delay the brain's aging.

- Learning the first language is the hardest. Learning subsequent languages gets increasingly easier

But can it get me a job?:

- NZ companies trade with over 150 countries worldwide. Over 60% of them are non-English speaking countries.

- The global economy means that Job market competition is also global - other job seekers from around the world coming to New Zealand often speak 3 or more languages

- Knowledge of a foreign language, whether studied formally or picked up informally, can lead to exciting career opportunities that those without an extra language have little chance of accessing.

- UK and US sources cite graduates of Modern Languages as have one of the lowest rates of graduate unemployment.

- Being able to communicate in a second language is a point of difference. It suggests that you have flexibility, that you can communicate and that you are intelligent and can see a task through. Your resume STANDS OUT in the mass of other qualified applicants.

- UK and US statistics indicate that being able to communicate in another language can add 8%-15% to your salary



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- Although foreign clients may speak English they generally prefer to use their own language when they can, especially when they relax, and being able to do this with them is vital for client retention. It is a simple matter of being polite. Unless you are a native-level speaker you won't be negotiating contracts, but a lower – and far more achievable – level is enough for the vital "soft skills" so important for developing and maintaining relationships: meeting and greeting, or having a drink in the bar with clients. In a world where English speakers are perceived as being arrogant in their refusal to learn another language, such an effort is recognised and appreciated.

St Peter's offers 3 modern languages to get you started, 2 international and one community.

Chinese: The increasing importance of China as a global economic power means an increased need for people who can communicate in Chinese and who understand Chinese culture.

Scholarships are available for study in China

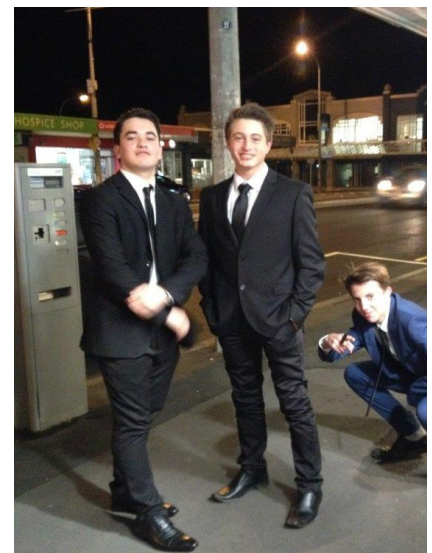
French: The second most widespread language and second most taught language after English. France is the 5th largest economy and a world leader in technology, transport, science and other fields.

Scholarships are available for graduates to continue study in Canada, France, Switzerland and Belgium.

Students who have studied French find Spanish and Italian easy to learn

Maori: Accepted as a non-science subject for entry into medical school. Is an advantage in fields such as government policy making, law, local government, medicine, resource management etc.

There are several scholarships available for tertiary education for students who have learnt Te Reo.



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International Travel Opportunities:

Chinese: The Confucius institute has made a trip to China possible on a yearly or bi-yearly basis

French: St Peter's has an exchange programme with St Joseph de Cluny, New Caledonia, and yearly exchange with La Perverie in Nantes, France. Trips are also taken to London and cities in France.



JOBS that find a foreign language useful

- Business executive
- Lawyer (international or corporate)
- Science researcher
- Anthropologist / Archeologist
- Secondary School Teacher, Tertiary Lecturer
- IT design
- Interpreter and translator
- Arts, Media and Communication
- Government, Law and Protection, and Defence
- Customs and immigration Officer
- Engineering
- Foreign Policy Officer
- Foreign affairs
- UN and other international NGOs
- Hospitality, Tourism, Sport and Recreation
- Tour Guide
- Travel Agent
- Transport, Logistics, Warehousing and Postal Services
- Airline employee of all kinds
- Agriculture, Horticulture, Forestry, Seafood and Mining



General (continued)

Paul Baudot

Paul is the 7th exchange student to have come to St Peter's from Sacré Coeur La Perverie in Nantes. He is staying with Patrick Hayes who will go to stay with him in December for 7 weeks. We interviewed him for the school Newsletter



Who is Paul?

I'm 16 years old, I live in Nantes in France. I have a little brother (Pierre) who is 12. I am a sports fanatic and I do triathlons

Why did you want to come to New Zealand?

I wanted to improve my English and to meet many new people and have a good time with them so I could do this.

What have been your impressions of Auckland and New Zealand?

The people are very kind. I made many contacts quickly and easily. I discovered that New Zealand has a huge variety of landscapes all over the place. Auckland is a nice city – modern, not too big and with many things to do. It is a great city.

What have you done here?

I discovered the country and its inhabitants. I have visited many places – Rotorua, Taupo, Whangarei and Auckland. I have been to school where I have made many friends. We had a party together and it was really good. I got involved in sport as well. Basically I had fun.

What was it like going to school here? What did find was the same and what was different?

I go to a mixed school. The relationships between girls and boys changes the way you think and sometimes it is more scary to do what you want to do with the girls always there. Here boys do what they want, have fun and they can talk with everybody. They don't care what others think, they are fun and open minded.



France 2017

History and French Trip .

- January 2-22 2017
- Incl 3 nights London and 5 nights Paris
- Visit WW1 battlefields, Normandy Landings, Loire Chateaux, Mont St Michel, Versailles.
- Leaving via either Besançon and Zurich or Strasbourg and Frankfurt (To be decided)
- Cost \$6500- \$7000 depending on exchange rates and numbers
- Priority given to boys who have completed year 10 French and above or are doing senior History. Parents are also welcome.

True this is a colder month but not as cold as February and best of all there are almost no queues

- Please email mubels@st-peters.school.nz or jkalinowski@st-peters.school.nz to express interest. There will be a first meeting in week 9 of this term.

Some comments on the 2014 trip:

We had a wonderful trip and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and the boys appeared to as well. We have travelled extensively in the past and found this trip to be refreshingly easy and stress free The itinerary was varied and interesting but also entertaining Marlies Bulog

France; like you've never seen it before. I hadn't, but I was lucky enough to be part of the group that travelled in 2014. It was the most exciting trip I've ever had. We visited museums, memorials, castles, palaces, cathedrals and theme parks. We went to markets, cafes and ate at great restaurants. We stayed with billets, enjoying French hospitality, and we took in picturesque sights along the way. We crammed an awful lot into the time we were there taking full advantage of all we could. Dave Brooke

I was one of the lucky parent participants in Margaret's 2014 French trip. She organised absolutely everything: accommodation, meals, transport, tickets, maps, cash. This left us relaxed to marvel at the architecture, absorb the history, enjoy the people, places and food. Every day was interesting and memorable and for the students, it wasn't "just another museum/chateau/church" they loved the citadel of Besancon, the snail farm, the WWII history in Normandy and the Jack the Ripper walk. Highly recommended! Faith Cory

General (continued)

SPC Samoan Cultural Group Trip To Wellington

On Thursday 29th July the St Peter's College Samoan Group, members of the Tautua mo Samoa Komiti, and a handful of parents traveled down to Wellington for the Northern Regional Polynesian Festival. The St Peter's College Samoan Group were invited by Aotea College (Host College) to perform as special guests for the event. The theme for this year's festival celebrated 50 years of Porirua as a city.

The festival was filled with dances, songs and hymns from all over the South Pacific. There were seven colleges involved in this year's event. Our young men represented our college community at the festival with great pride, passion and humility. This was the first time in the history of the festival that a college/group outside of Wellington were invited to perform for the festival. It was huge honour for our boys to perform and the festival was a huge success.

The Samoan Group performed the Ulufale (Entrance), Ulufafo (Exit), Sasa, Fa'ataupati, Taulaluga and Pese. The trip was a fantastic

opportunity for our young men to share their talents, culture outside of Auckland and represent their school as the defending champions of ASB Polynesian Festival. To acknowledge and support student leadership, the Samoan Group presented a shield to Aotea College as Host College so that they may recognise a student that has demonstrated leadership skills in preparation for the Polynesian Festival. This shield will be passed on the next host college at future festivals but will always have the Samoan proverb and SPC motto, the value of leadership through service.

Some of the highlights of the cultural trip were: tour of Scots College, visit to the Weta cave, majestic exhibitions at Te Papa, hospitality and friendship of Aotea College, parliament grounds afterhours, and architecture of Wellington Railway station then to top it all off ... hot chocolate and chips – café style in Courtney Place! We would like to thank Mr Fouhy, Mr Bentley and the senior management team, staff and the St Peter's College Samoan Community for the support and prayers in making this cultural trip possible.

la manuia, blessings to you all!

Samoan Cultural Group 2015





**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

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SEMINAR 1: Wednesday, 2 September 2015 CIVIL ISSUES

- Consumer and Debts
- Traffic Accidents
- Disputes Tribunals

By Redmond
 Kirwan Jones,
 senior lawyer from
 Haigh Lyon

SEMINAR 2: Wednesday, 9 September 2015 YOUTH RIGHTS IN AOTEAROA

- Youth rights and international law
- Education rights and when can it be removed
- The rights of students with special education needs
- The youth justice system

By Youth Law

SEMINAR 3: Wednesday, 16 September 2015 FAMILY LAW

- Changes to the Family Court system
- Care of Children
- Children Young Persons and Their Families
- Domestic Violence

By Stephanie
 Larkin, Barrister

SEMINAR 4: Wednesday, 23 September 2015 ALTERNATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- Family Court Mediation
- Facilitating change
- Counselling for positive relationships

By Ngarongo
 Ormsby, Registered
 Mediator,
 Counsellor and
 Addiction
 Practitioner

SEMINAR 5: Wednesday, 30 September 2015 MINIMUM EMPLOYMENT AND TENANCY RIGHTS

Venue: Tasman Building, 16-22 Anzac Avenue, Auckland CBD
Time: All sessions from 10 AM to 12 PM

Tea and coffee. Gold coin donation appreciated.

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26 SEPTEMBER 2015
7.00 - 11.30PM

"TOP OF THE PARK"
ALEXANDRA PARK RACEWAY, GREENLANE
INDIVIDUAL TICKETS: \$ 90 per person
TABLE BOOKINGS: \$ 850 for table of 10 persons

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4 course Dinner blending traditional Indian and Kiwi delicacies. LIVE MUSIC from NASHA THE BAND with toe tapping dance hits incorporating Western Contemporary Pop and Bollywood Blockbusters featuring Kiwi and Indian musicians and singers. Cultural performance from Auckland's Nepali Community and also Auckland dance teams: INDEMNITY (NZ's Championship HIP HOP Crew), A SLICE OF PINEAPPLE (A French quartet bringing you traditional French Can Can, Burlesque and Charleston), TAUR FUNKABAN, Twist of Punjabi Bhangers and some "surprise" performances.

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St Peter's College

Music Awards

Dinner

Guest Speaker

Laura Dekker, youngest person to circumnavigate the globe single-handedly

And also Guest Musicians ...

THURSDAY  3rd September  2015

6.30pm pre-dinner drinks, 7pm start

St Peter's College Hall

Tickets: Adult \$35, Student \$25

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Please Register Attendance by 27th August by clicking [HERE](#)

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