

St Peter's College

Grafton, Auckland, New Zealand



Catholic School for Boys in the Edmund Rice Tradition

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It's all about the teacher

St Peter's College is blessed with an outstanding teaching staff. The enthusiasm and commitment of our staff ensures our boys receive a comprehensive all round Catholic education. The best facilities and infrastructure count for nothing if schools do not have quality teachers. That is why as a College we work incredibly hard to recruit and retain the best teachers possible to educate our students.

Nevertheless, myself and my Principal colleagues across Auckland are concerned.

The shortage of quality teachers in this country has reached a crisis point. Universities are failing to generate enough teaching graduates to replace experienced teachers as they reach retirement age. Regrettably many graduates do not see teaching as an attractive career choice, almost certainly because the salary is not comparable with what they could earn in other professions. This is nothing new, since time immemorial nobody has entered teaching for the pay; everyone knows what they are getting into. But the problem now is that pay levels have drastically failed to keep pace with the cost of living, especially in Auckland.

Increasingly schools are seeing experienced teachers cashing up and leaving our city for cheaper housing in other New Zealand centres. These losses leave huge holes which schools are struggling to fill. In some schools entire subjects will no longer be taught as schools are unable to find suitable staff.

The Ministry of Education is well aware of these issues and we are expecting to see some plan presented to us soon as to how we can alleviate these issues. I believe a solution could be to introduce some sort of Auckland allowance to encourage teachers to come to, or stay in Auckland. This is common internationally in cities such as London where the cost of living is out of proportion to that of the rest of the country. Whilst this suggestion will not be popular with the national teaching

unions, perhaps some sort of rebate on student loans could be more acceptable. Either way something needs to be done.

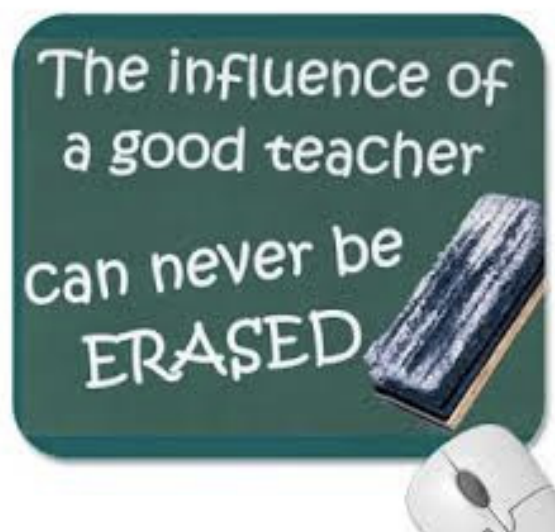
Teaching is a wonderful and rewarding career. It is an essential profession which for too long has been devalued in our country. Let us hope that this attitude changes and changes soon.

- CIE workshops are on each day - please ensure your son utilises these sessions
- Congratulations to **Mr Kieran Fouhy** who was conferred his New Zealand Order of Merit at Government House in Wellington yesterday
- We are excited about the announcement of our 2017 Production "Our House" no doubt another **John Hellyer** extraordinaire!

Ma te Atua tātou e manaaki God's blessings

James Bentley

Headmaster



Upcoming Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
24 Oct	25 Oct	26 Oct	27 Oct	28 Oct	29 Oct	30 Oct
LABOUR DAY	Y7 & 8 Exams	MS CZ - Touch Samoan Komiti 3.30pm-6pm @ Library	Y12 HOS - Assessment @ MIT			
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
31 Oct	1 Nov	2 Nov	3 Nov	4 Nov	5 Nov	6 Nov
SPC Fair Committee Meeting 6pm @ Library	Y7 & 8 Exams All Saints Day	Y7 & 8 Exams U15 Rugby Sevens Tournament	Y7 & 8 Exams Leavers Mass A St Michael's 5.00pm Leavers Dinner @ Hall 6.30pm	Y7 & 8 Exams		

Important Dates for the Coming Term

- 7 Nov** BOT Finance Meeting @5.30pm
PTFA Meeting @ Staffroom 7.30pm
- 8-10 Nov** Y7 & 8 Exams
- 9 Nov** Mass of the Neophytes 5.30pm @ St. Michaels
Old Boys Meeting @ Library 7pm
- 10 Nov** Mrs Carolyn Herbert's Window Ceremony @ Library

Bereavements

- Keneti Ikiua** (8LYN), **Arama Ikiua** (9LYN) and **Keneti Ikiua** (11LYN) Grandfather died.
- John Keating** (11TRE) and **Rory Keating** (11RIC) Grandmother died.
- Liam Campbell** (9BOD) Grandmother died.
- Joshua Brake** (10RIC) Great Aunt died.
- Seb Anderson-Hodge** (10LYN) Great-Aunt died.
- Jacob Gordon** (12NOL) Uncle 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.

Special Character News

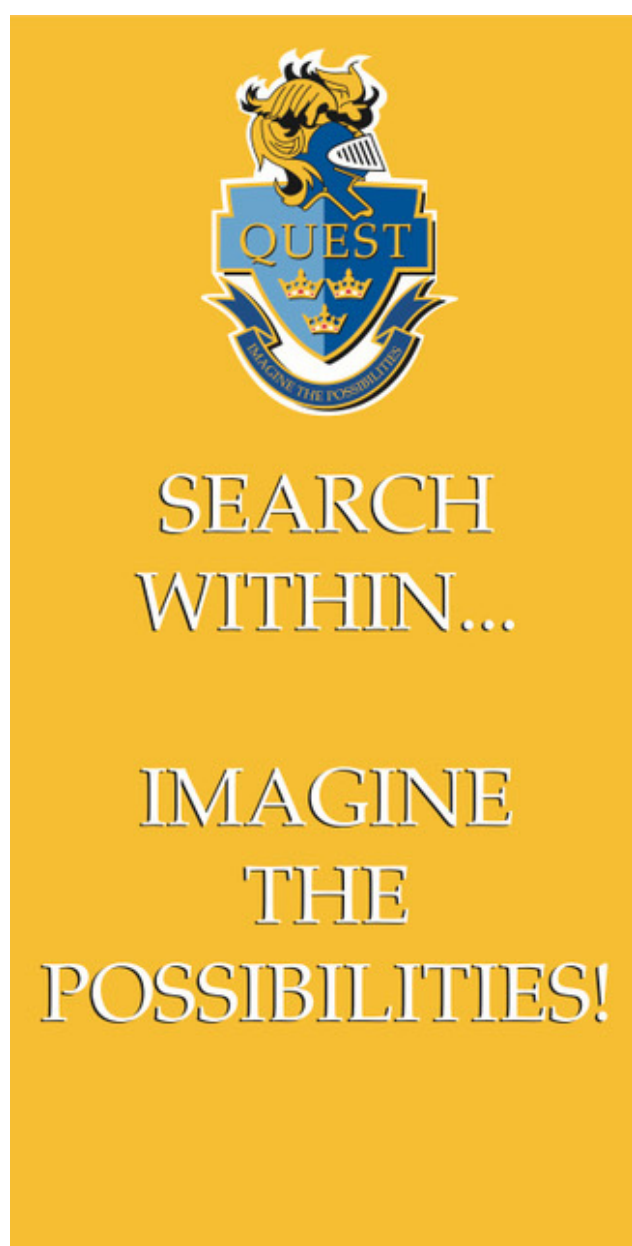
The St Peter's Man is a Man of Faith

Coming School Masses

All Saints Day: Wednesday November 2nd, Years 7-10, 11-13 NCEA, College Gym

Leavers' Mass: Thursday November 3rd, Year 13 students and families, St Michael's Church Remuera, 5pm

Quest Retreat 2017



Quest Retreat Dates for 2017:

Year 8 Students and Parents are advised that the Year 9 Quest Retreat will be held over the weekend of April 8th and 9th next year. Please keep these dates free. Details of the retreat will follow next year.

Quest Retreat – Leader Selection and Training Dates:

Applications have now closed for Peer Ministers for Quest 2017. All students and parents of students will be given details next week.

Important training days for Quest Retreat Leaders are coming later this Term as follows:

- **Year 13 Cadre** (current Year 12): Monday December 5th, SPC, 9.00am – 6.00pm
- **Year 12 Peer Ministers** (current Year 11) + **Year 13 Cadre** (current Year 12): Friday December 9th, SPC, meet at the Gym at 8.30am, 1.00pm finish.

Headmaster's Shield

for Academic Excellence

10 Oct = **Paul Nuku** 9LYN
- outstanding project on sustainability in Y9 Humanities.

17 Oct = **Jordan Blennerhassett**
8TRE - High Distinction in University of Otago Mathematics Competition

ST PETER'S COLLEGE A LEVEL TUTORIAL CALENDAR

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Middle School News

‘Term 4 will come and go’

A very warm welcome back, before we know it the term will be over and Christmas will be upon us. Our current Year 8 students are taking their final steps towards completing the Middle School chapter of the St Peter's journey. Our Year 7 students are growing in confidence with many showing true leadership potential. Potential that will flourish when they take control of the Middle School next year.

Term 4 is an action packed term with many important dates. Please take the time to add the below dates to your calendar:

1. Tuesday 25th October - Year 7 Maori and Year 8 Chinese Examinations
2. Tuesday 1st November - Year 7 Chinese and Year 8 Maori Examinations and the Music Theory Examination
3. Thursday 3rd November - Year 7 and 8 Science Examination

4. Friday 4th November - Year 7 and 8 Theology and Philosophy Examination
5. Tuesday 8th November - Year 7 and 8 Mathematics Examination
6. Wednesday 9th November - Year 7 and 8 English Examination
7. Thursday 10th November - Year 7 and 8 History and Geography Examination
8. Monday 5th December - Middle School Picnic at Long Bay
9. Thursday 8th December - End of Year School Prize Giving at ASB Show Grounds

In a busy term it is important that all young men put their best foot forward in all areas of school life. Therefore we ask that at home you talk to your sons about the importance of ending the year well. We are always remembered by our last words and actions.

Matt Skeen

Assistant Headmaster Middle School

TO OLD BOYS AND FRIENDS OF OUR COLLEGE...

**ST PETER'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION (INC)
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2016**

**TO BE HELD: ST PETER'S COLLEGE LIBRARY, MOUNTAIN ROAD –
EPSOM AT 7 P.M.**

**COMPLIMENATARY DRINKS AND NIBBLES TO BE SERVED AFTER THE
MEETING.**

**Please RSVP to:
Tania Fernandez
Development Office Administrator
St Peter's College**

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General

Kingdom of Tonga Trip

We should not be defined by the smallness of our islands but by the greatness of our oceans. - 'Epeli Hau'ofa

Auckland celebrates being the largest Polynesian City in the world and while our schools work towards raising achievement for all students we know the vital importance of consistent whanau and community engagement as a contributor to successful educational outcomes for Pasifika students.

After months of planning and fundraising parents and teachers of St Peters College successfully completed a service trip in the September holidays, in the Kingdom of Tonga.



The goals, as set by the Tongan Parent Committee, were to reconnect the boys to their roots, to live out their Catholic faith through the vibrant faith of the Tongan people and to experience authentic Tongan living while connecting with a host school and their billet families. These goals were all met through both planned events on the official itinerary and through spontaneous events that occurred. Throughout the trip, our St. Peter's boys were exemplary ambassadors of their school showing great respect, faith and dignity.

Highlights of the trip include:

- Meeting Cardinal Soane Patita Paini Mafi and hearing his wise advice to the boys



- Touring the Island of Pangaimotu, the site of Bishop Pompallier's first Mass in Tonga and watching the boys play Rugby on the beach for the afternoon
- Celebrating Mass at the Basilica of Saint Anthony of Padua, their outstanding choir and our boys reading the prayers of the faithful
- Visiting the Carmelite Sisters and hearing about their days dedicated to prayer and service
- The Traditional KAVA ceremony, done by Falefa & Kau Mataapule of Lapaha.
- Visiting NISHI TRADING & FARM SUPPLIES.



- The many cultural celebrations and welcome ceremonies by host schools
- Watching our boys build friendships with the students of Apifo'ou Catholic School and touring the school while the boys attended classes with their billets

The boys were billeted with local families and experienced life as a student on the Island. In the boy's own words 'I learned to appreciate what I have here in NZ and to appreciate how much harder life is for the boys/families in Tonga' – 'They have so little and yet they are so giving and so generous and seem to be happy with each other.

The boys gifted sports gear and an achievement award to encourage excellence in sports and academia to both Apifo'ou and Takuilau Colleges. They also had classes in Tongan history and visited a number of historical landmarks on the Island of Tonga Tapu with a good dose of swimming for good measure.



General (continued)

Sustainability Success

The New Zealand Green Building Council recently ran the World of Green Buildings photography competition. **Paul Nuku** (9LYN) was one of ten students throughout New Zealand to receive an award for his entry. **Paul** has excelled in Yr9 Humanities in Term 3 with his course work on the sustainability unit and gone above and beyond with this topic. **Paul's** work in Humanities has been highly creative, he is a talented artist and an innovative thinker.

Students were asked to present captivating and creative photographs that illustrate how sustainable building practices are incorporated into the world we see around us. Below is **Paul's** competition entry and his commentary on the sustainable practices photographed.



Paul Nuku's winning photographs

"The New Zealand clean energy centre in Taupo incorporates all of the principles of sustainability along with beautiful architecture. The building is insulated with straw bales, and special louvres on the windows act as a natural cooling system. There is solar hot water and solar electric systems, a

hydro system and wind turbines. People can visit the centre to be inspired by the ideas of renewable energy innovation and incorporate these ideas into their own living and working environment."



Paul Nuku 9LYN



I am excited to announce our major school production for 2017- 'Our House'.

First presented at the Cambridge Theatre in London in 2002, OUR HOUSE combines a witty and brilliantly-crafted romantic tale with the energetic and often madcap songs of Madness. OUR HOUSE is the story of Joe Casey who, on the night of his sixteenth birthday, takes Sarah, the girl of his dreams, out on their first date. In an effort to impress her with bravado, he breaks into a building site overlooking his home on Casey Street, which is owned by Mister Pressman, a high-end property developer. The police turn up, at which point Joe's life splits into two: the Good Joe, who stays to help, and Bad Joe, who flees.

This spectacular, award winning musical is choc full of the modern classics 'Our House', 'It Must Be Love', 'Baggy Trousers' and many more hits from the group appropriately named 'Madness.'

Auditions will be late in term 4. Keep posted to the College website and notices for further details.

Mr. Hellyer.

New 8 Racing Skiff for SPC Rowing

This past Saturday St Peter's College received its first ever Hudson 8 racing skiff. It was a very special occasion for us as we continue to strive for excellence. We held the official Naming and Blessing ceremony at West End Rowing Club with **Paul Robertson** conducting the important tradition. The boat has been named after **Alan Karrebaek**.

Alan dedicated 11 years of his life to St Peters Rowing, picking up coaching after his son **Michael** expressed an interest in the sport. **Alan** gave immeasurable time to the rowing squad, shaping and influencing a number of young men many of whom were present at the naming ceremony.



Alan Karrebaek christening the new boat

Alan played a vital role in St Peters Rowing and it is hard to imagine that the sport would have continued at St Peters without his dedication. It is a privilege for St Peters to name the boat after **Alan** and we thank him for all his services to St Peters Rowing.

We would like to thank our sponsors Youth Town, Astec Construction, Pizza Hut, Benefitz, G2 Property and Laser Electrical (Central Auckland) who made this a reality. A special thankyou to **Gareth Wheeler**, who without his hard work this would not have been possible. Thank you to BOT Chair **Nick Kumarich**, former chair of SPC Rowing **David Milne**, headmaster **James Bentley**, Sports Director **Nicky Cattermoul**, **Alan Karrebaek**, SPC Rowing old boys and all who attended.



SPC Rowing Squad

We are pleased to announce that our previous rowing captain **Caleb Dallow** is one of 36 athletes, who have been selected for the Auncatckland Regional Performance Centre squad (RPC).



Caleb Dallow (13BOD)

The Rowing Performance Centre's (RPC) assist in developing athletes capable of representing New Zealand at the World Rowing Championships and Olympic Games. The RPCs provide a 12 month, year on year individual development programme for athletes, which provides a performance pathway for high performance. **Caleb** joins 4 previous SPC old boys including **Stephen Jones** in the squad.

We wish **Caleb** all the best in his future years of Rowing.

Congratulations to:

Touch - **Jacob Gordon** (12NOL) and **Tarkyn Loloselo** (12LYN) have been named in the NZ Men's U18 touch team that will compete in the Trans Tasman series in January

Badminton – The Tuesday C Mix A team placed 2nd in the AKSS Badminton Competition

Teams members were:

James Schmid (13RIC)

Arthava Bhide (13RIC)

Matias Alvares-Llano (13RIC)

Peter Nash (11BOD)

Jamie Nash (9BOD)

Water Polo - The following players who competed in U14 Auckland Club Competition:

Flynn Yeatman-Biggs (9LYN) (Mountford) Bronze A grade, Silver Division 1.

Taine Pickering, Hamish Mackenzie and Keiran Gogarty-Watson (Waitakere), Plate Winners, Division 1

Sport (continued)

Rugby - Harry Plummer stars for New Zealand School Boys



Harry Plummer (13ODR) played a pivotal role in securing NZSS 32 – 22 win against Australia Schools over the holidays. Playing in the 10 jersey Harry recorded a 100% kicking record with 5 penalties, 2 conversions and a drop goal to amass 22 points. His all round game was first class. It's testament to Harry's mental toughness and fortitude to come back from a serious

injury 10 weeks prior to gain selection and play such an important role in the premier school boys match on the rugby calendar. Earlier in the week NZSS played Fiji. Harry was selected to play at 10 only to be thrust into second five position due to the selected second five getting injured in the warm up. Harry once again showed his composure and class to make a valuable contribution in the sides 45 – 19 win which included a try.

Cameron Suafoa (13RIC) and **AJ Lam** (13RIC) represented New Zealand Barbarians Schools. They recorded a hard fought 28 – 17 win against Australia Schools and a 48 – 20 win against Fiji Schools in a highly entertaining fixture. **Cameron** was to the fore in both games with his renowned physicality and ball playing ability on display in both matches. **AJ** was called into the squad as an injury replacement for the Australia Schools game. Coming on in the second half at centre **AJ** had a number of nice touches with ball in hand.

It was fantastic to see three St Peter's be selected and perform at the top echelon of Secondary School Rugby. Congratulations **Harry, Cameron and AJ!!**

World Field Archery Championships

Bailey Cox (8RIC) returned from the school holidays having won a Silver medal at the World Field Archery Championships. Competing against 13 other archers in his class, he did exceptionally well shooting a new PB each day with a near perfect round on Wednesday in the Animal 2D in which he shot an incredible 558/560.

Bailey has now set his sights on the World Champs in South Africa in 2018.



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FROM THE SOHO WINES MANAGEMENT

NOTICE OF EVENT CANCELLATION

The Catholic Discipleship College **SPRING FAIR**,
scheduled for Saturday 15th October 2016
has been cancelled.

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