

# St Peter's College

## Grafton, Auckland, New Zealand



Catholic School for Boys in the Edmund Rice Tradition

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## EBOLA

### A Grace\* Humanity Did Not See Coming!

Certainly Ebola is not a grace for the 10,000 people affected throughout the world. It is a profound tragedy for the individuals, families and countries struggling to contain the virus.

But in this tragedy of life – there can be upsides.

#### What could be some of these?

1. Ebola has dealt a blow to the **isolation of the nation state**. We cannot put up high fences or walls to protect ourselves. Ebola is telling humanity that the real security in life is more in the face of an educated person than a faceless drone hovering through the sky.
2. Ebola has shown the world what could be the face of true **compassion** – doctors and nurses struggling against the odds in a missionary setting. It is reminiscent of the leper colonies of a past era. Compassion is given licence to develop even among those who are on the treadmills of status and power.
3. Ebola has given **science** a push in the direction away from personal consumption towards using science towards the common good. In New Zealand we live in an era of almost anti-science – where some students think that aluminium can't rust, where electrical current is carried in bubbles through the air and the colour of copper sulphate must be brown! Solving of the Ebola virus will need great scientific minds working on the issue.
4. Ebola could be the rallying point for the **inequality debate** that is raging in every western country. Ebola victims die in West Africa because they lack the basics of treatment. In rich countries Ebola victims live. What a perfect visual symbol!

#### Are there lessons from Ebola in the education at St Peter's?

1. No school is an island. We may be encouraged to think competitively towards other schools (league tables etc). But the reality is no school stands alone. St Peter's College is exploring the Community of Schools (IES) advocated by the government. High fences don't keep people out. They keep prejudice and privilege in!

2. Edmund Rice Schools worldwide are marked by the values **Presence, Compassion and Liberation**. (Know/see the problem, feel for the people involved, do something to help people.) St Peter's College men should be men of compassion.

3. Science in New Zealand schools is in a woeful state especially in primary schools. It has been said that we live in an anti-science era! St Peter's College supports year 7 and year 8 science programmes to the tune of approx. three full time well qualified science teachers. An investment that has paid off with huge numbers at senior levels.

4. Schools are the rallying point for the inequality debate. At St Peter's College we seek to ensure every boy has a place at the table of opportunity. Not always achieved, but it is at least an ideal.

Clearly the worldwide Ebola situation is here to stay. The western world has gone through the stages of denial, mild concern, anxiety and finally panic.

But countries are now thinking strategically about Ebola – so maybe it has been a grace we didn't see coming!

#### Dates coming up:

**Tuesday 4 November:** Yr 8 (2014) into Yr 9 (2015) information evening 7.00 pm.

**Monday 10 November:** NCEA external exams start.

**Friday 14 November:** Yr 7 and Yr 8 exams commence.

**Wednesday 3 December:** College prize giving at 7.15 pm, Logan Campbell Centre, Auckland Showgrounds.

In His Peace

**K F Fouhy**  
Headmaster

\* 'Grace' – a theological term of a free, unmerited

# Upcoming Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesd	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>3 Nov</b>	<b>4 Nov</b>	<b>5 Nov</b>	<b>6 Nov</b>	<b>7 Nov</b>	<b>8 Nov</b>	<b>9 Nov</b>
PTFA Meeting @ Staffroom 7.30pm	NCEA Students depart for study leave 3pm Art Exhibition @ Library 3:30-7pm Year 8 into Year 9 2015 Information Evening @Hall 7pm	8G @Tiritiri Matangi	Leavers Mass @ St Michaels 5pm  Leavers Dinner @Hall 6.30pm			
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>10 Nov</b>	<b>11 Nov</b>	<b>12 Nov</b>	<b>13 Nov</b>	<b>14 Nov</b>	<b>15 Nov</b>	<b>16 Nov</b>
NCEA External Exams Commence		M/S CZ Badminton @ Gillies Ave		Y7 & Y8 Exams begin		

## Important Upcoming Dates for the Term

4 Nov: NCEA Students depart for study leave

4 Nov: Art Exhibition @ Library 3:30-7pm

6 Nov: Leavers Mass & Dinner 5pm

17 Nov: Y7-10 Exam Week

24-28 Nov: Y9 Camp Week

24-28 Nov: Y10 Activity Week

3 Dec: College Prizegiving @ Logan Campbell

Centre 7:15pm

### 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

Matthew Gordon (11ODR) and Cameron Gordon (12LYN) - Grandmother passed away.

Jarrod Lovell (10LYN) - Grandfather died.

### EDMUND'S SHOP SHOP OPEN 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 only

### 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.

# From Deputy Headmaster (Pastoral Care) Stephen Dooley

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## **CYBER SAFETY ... AGAIN!**

The energy, camaraderie and natural competitiveness of boys is a great thing and something to be fostered, not denied.

For that reason it's satisfying to work in an institution where 'maleness' is encouraged and guided for the greater good. Pastorally working with families who understand and want the same things for their boys is rewarding. On that note, the biggest pastoral challenge facing high schools and families with teenage boys is in my opinion – 'online safety' without question.

I have spoken about this before, however, it is clear we need to keep reinforcing its importance!

Question: What can you do as a parent?

Answer: Be vigilant, talk with your son about the dangers online often, do not allow devices in their room overnight AND employ parental control software on their devices. The links below will guide you through it.

Parents – one last thing. We have to dive into this issue even though most of us don't know much about it. The risks are real but we are not powerless against them.

God's Blessings

**Steve Dooley**



### Android phones

Vodafone Guardian (Free for Vodafone NZ Prepay and On Account plans)

### Apple iOS – iPhone, iPod Touch

McAfee Family Protection (US\$19.99)

iOS Settings (Free – In built) - See this 'how to' guide

advice on Apple Parental Controls for iPad

### Symbian (Nokia phones)

Kaspersky Mobile Security

### Windows Mobile 7

Mobile Parental Controls

## **Careers**

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### **Part-time Work**

Any senior students looking for part-time work please call into Careers Dept ASAP for more info. [htrought@st-peters.school.nz](mailto:htrought@st-peters.school.nz)

**Heather Trought**

**Head of Careers**

## **GUIDANCE COUNSELLING**

Guidance Counselling is available during school hours. Any students requiring confidential appointments or a parent wanting to refer their Son, can reach Mrs Kersten in the Careers Department. Contact details are:

[dkersten@st-peters.school.nz](mailto:dkersten@st-peters.school.nz)

524 8108 ext 7344

# From the Assistant Headmaster (Middle School) Michael Mullin

## Middle School Report

Recently St Peter's College welcomed 180 new students who are starting next year in the Middle School. They were fresh faced, often very small young men taking their first steps on their seven year journey here at the College. It was obvious to see the excitement in them and that even though there was a lot of work to get through they enjoyed the day immensely.

In reflection one wonders why these young men look forward and enjoy the start to their St Peter's life. It is an exciting new opportunity with a lot more students and larger ones, the buildings are taller and everything is all new. This brings with it a challenge that primary school no longer holds as there are chances to renew old friendships and make new friends. To learn from new teachers and subjects and for some to follow in their brothers footsteps and become a St Peter's Man.

It is this vitality and enthusiasm that we as a school need to cultivate and encourage to grow. As the year comes to a close we as a Middle School can reflect on all that has happened. We hope that you can still see in your son eagerness and a passion for school after nearly four terms of class work, sports games, music practices, cultural events, masses and homework.

Though the end of the year is approaching fast, there are still a number of important dates to make note of and also the all-important end of year examination schedule for Year 7 and 8.

Kind Regards

**Michael Mullin**

**Assistant Headmaster**

## General

### 2014 New Zealand Economics Competition

Every year the University of Auckland run the NZ Economics competition for year 12 and 13 students from all across New Zealand. This year attracted over 2500 entrants. St. Peter's entered 50 students, with 40 of them gaining a High Distinction or a Distinction, and we would like to congratulate the following students.

Students who gained a High Distinction (top 5% of entrants) and were invited along to a special award ceremony at the Owen G Glenn Commerce Building at the University of Auckland for drinks and nibbles: **Nicholas Botica, Shane D'Silva, Clinton D'Silva, Connor Leech, Elroy Sequiera, Stefano Stollenwerk and Mergin Tang.**

Students who gained a Distinction (Top 5-20% of all entrants): **James Donnelly, William Elston, Retsel Gonsalves, Conor Kennedy, Jan Loots, Jakob McCaffrey, Peter Muzariri, Sean Northcott, Jack Parsons, Ashley Pinto, Cameron Ryan, Gianni Thapliyal, Bruno Tourelle, Mario Tvrdreich, Luke Van der Sande, Luke Agnew, Craig Fernandez, Owusu Frimpong, Benjamin Hughes, Matt Jonas, Jonathan Kumarich, Samuel Loveday, Nathan Lowe, James Lynch, Samuel Malloy, James McIntosh, Samuel Maloney, Samuel Pallas,**

**Warner Peel, Nathan Rodrigues, Bayley Smith, Anton Stanisic and Oneil Trinidad.**

Congratulations to all of these students and the St. Peter's College Commerce department for making this event happen.

**Steve Rewcastle**

**HOF Commerce**

### HOMESTAYS WANTED

**Long term and short term from start of next year payment \$260 per week.**

**For more information please phone the International Dept. ph: 5248108 ext 7371 (Patricia Goddard)**



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**SENIOR  
ART &  
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**TUESDAY  
4 NOV 2014  
3:30pm - 7:00pm  
in the LIBRARY**

Showcasing Final Portfolios  
of Senior St Peter's Students

**DRINKS  
& NIBBLES  
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# Sport

## Sports Photo's Ordering Details

Please email Monique Hollows to receive your personalised shot key code.

[mhollows@st-peters.school.nz](mailto:mhollows@st-peters.school.nz)

Monique will email ordering instructions along with your shot key code.

It is free delivery to homes for orders made over the next week.

## Summer Sports

With the resumption of the cricket season and various other summer codes it is timely to remind parents of the obligations boys have in being part of a team. These include;

- Attending meetings promptly
- Attending practices on time
- Wearing the correct playing uniform with pride
- Having a responsible and positive attitude
- Once your son has been selected in a team they are committed to that team for the entire season.

## Rowing Report

Now the winter training program for both Novice and Senior Rowers has finished, the full SPC Rowing Squad for the 2015 racing season has been confirmed. For the 2015 season 16 Novice Rowers have committed for the season to join the 18 Senior Rowers to make up the squad of 34. This squad will initially row for the club in NZ Club regattas as part of the build up to row for St Peters in the 3 specific school regattas in 2015.

This season the leaders are:

Code Captain: **Jonathan Kumarich**

Deputy Code Captain: **Craig Fernandez**

Novice Rowers Crew Captains: **Matthew Callaghan and Luka Hayward**

The logistics and the value of equipment used to row means rowing is an expensive sport. To help make rowing achievable for families, fundraising activities are undertaken during the year. Mrs Apii Jack has an initiative underway, the selling of Glad Wrap, Tin-foil and Baking Paper. These items are as important as toilet paper in any household and we would love to supply all St Peters families with these very important kitchen items.

To place your orders please contact Apii direct on [nashandapii@xtra.co.nz](mailto:nashandapii@xtra.co.nz)

## WTMC-TAKA Regatta @ Lake Pupuke Saturday 25th October 2014

All crews competed at Lake Pupuke over Labour weekend and the results of their pre-season hard work showed. Congratulations to the U15 Coxed Four who finished 1st and the Novice Coxed Four who crossed the line 2nd in their first competition regattas. Below are crews that gained Top 3 placings;

1st = U18 Single Scull – **Jonathan Kumarich**

1st = U18 Boys Double Sculls – **Craig Fernandez, Jonathan Kumarich**

1st = U15 Coxed Four – **Samuel Davison, Luka Hayward, Matthew Callaghan, Jacob Morrow, Kieran Tagi (Cox)**

2nd U17 Double Sculls – **Matte Srhoj, Charlie MacDonnell**

2nd = Novice Coxed Four – **Arthur Hauter, Leo Ngatai-Tafau, Richard Bluck, Louis Phibbs, Connor Sheehan (Cox)**

2nd = U16 Coxed Quadruple Sculls – **Emile Commarieu, Brock Mills, Joshua Shields, Ben Pendreigh, Jack Baird (Cox)**

3rd = U16 Double Sculls – **Ben Pendreigh, Brock Mills**

3rd = U18 Quadruple Sculls – **Craig Fernandez, Jonathan Kumarich, Charlie MacDonnell, Matte Srhoj, Ian Cairns (Cox)**





## ST PETERS ROWING FUNDRAISER

### 2014/2015 Season



Hey we're back!!!!

Due to the success of our last fundraiser and a high number of enquiries into when the next one would be we have decided to run another fundraiser for the following:

High quality, commercial grade Foodwrap, Roll-Foil and Baking Paper

To place your order please email Apii Jack on [nashandapii@xtra.co.nz](mailto:nashandapii@xtra.co.nz) for product information AND an order form.

(Note: orders for this fundraiser close by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November, goods to be collected from a location to be advised closer to the time)

#### FOODWRAP



330mm x 300mtr \$23

#### ROLL-FOIL



440mm x 90mtr \$22

330mm x 600mtr \$35

#### BAKING PAPER



300mm x 100mtr \$30

300mm x 150mtr \$22

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING **YOUR** SPC ROWERS..again!!



# Notices (continued)

## The 2014 Bishops Christmas Cake

"The 2014 'Bishop's Christmas Cake' made from a traditional family recipe and using only the finest of natural ingredients, is now available to order. This cake can be posted directly to friends and family within New Zealand and overseas. As a fundraising partnership between the Catholic Caring Foundation and Aotea Baking, this is a wonderful way to gift to family while also giving to the poor and needy. If you would like a gift that parents and grandchildren will love, our gourmet family gift selection containing a classic fruit cake, chocolate cherries and a bag of Christmas confectionery is perfect.

"The 1kg cake is priced at \$39.99, the 500g cake at \$25.00 and the gift box is priced at \$45.00.

"Orders and payments can be made online or by phone to 09 299 3216  
[www.aotea-baking.co.nz](http://www.aotea-baking.co.nz) or [peter@aotea-baking.co.nz](mailto:peter@aotea-baking.co.nz)  
[www.caringfoundation.org.nz](http://www.caringfoundation.org.nz)"

## SUMMIT CAMPS

Catholic summer camp for boys- JANUARY 11-15, 2015. Hunua Falls Camp - for years 7-10 (ages 11-15) Lots of fun activities, lots of new friends as well as finding new ways to become closer to Our Saviour Jesus Christ through daily Mass, prayer and talks. Google SUMMIT CAMPS AUCKLAND to find out more and register!

### BUS TIMETABLE CHANGES (FROM 16 NOVEMBER):

Duty	Route	Start	From	To	End	Current Runtime	NZ Bus Proposed Runtime
A3329	S099B	730 > 710	Lynfield	ST PETERS MOUNTAIN RD*	810	40	60
A2519	S099B	740 > 730	Lynfield	ST PETERS MOUNTAIN RD*	820	40	50
A2526	S099B	750 > 735	Lynfield	ST PETERS MOUNTAIN RD*	825	35	50
A3545	S015D	815 > 810	Downtown D6	Auckland Girls Grammar School	830	15	20







THE ROYAL NEW ZEALAND  
NAVY BAND

## P R E S E N T S



# Remember

11 Nov, 7 pm  
Holy Trinity Cathedral

The Royal New Zealand Navy Band  
LT CDR Owen Clarke **Conductor**

**\$20 adults, \$18 seniors,  
\$5 children/students**

Tickets can be booked through iTICKET  
[www.iticket.co.nz](http://www.iticket.co.nz), ph 09 361 1000  
A booking fee will apply  
For more information: 09 4455 832



# LIVE@theVIC

14 Nov, 7:30 pm  
The Victoria Theatre

The Royal New Zealand Navy Big Band

with guest artists,  
**Georgia Duder-Wood** - vocal  
**Steve Sherriff** - saxophone

**\$25 adults,  
\$20 children/students**

Bookings essential at the Victoria Theatre  
or online at [www.thevic.co.nz](http://www.thevic.co.nz)  
[info@thevic.co.nz](mailto:info@thevic.co.nz), 09 446 0100  
[navy.band@nzdf.mil.nz](mailto:navy.band@nzdf.mil.nz) - [www.navy.mil.nz/ayn/band](http://www.navy.mil.nz/ayn/band)

