

St Peter's College

Grafton, Auckland, New Zealand



Catholic School for Boys in the Edmund Rice Tradition

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The 50 things you as a parent have said about St Peter's College

The recent College survey conducted by an outside company has been collated and analysed. 19 other schools mostly in Australia and mostly Catholic have also done this survey.

The response was excellent in terms of a survey. 740 parents, over 1,000 boys years 7 – 13 and 100 staff responded. High in survey terms.

The results of questions were collated on a 1 – 7 scale:

Below 3 would indicate a critical deficiency.

3.0 – 4.0 = 43% to 57% - an alert of key concern.

4.0 – 5.0 = 57% to 71% - a pleasing result, but some work is needed.

5.0 – 6.0 = 71% to 85% - a positive result.

6.0 – 7.0 = 85% to 100% - a strong affirmation.

A summary of what you as 740 parents have responded on a 1 – 7 scale. "Don't knows" above 30% have been included as skewing could occur.

Overall Summary		Average Rating
1	As a parent I feel welcomed at this school.	5.97
2	There are opportunities for parents to become involved at this school.	6.01
3	The school is preparing my child well for later life.	5.92
4	This school is well regarded in the general community.	6.15
5	I would recommend this school to other parents.	6.12

Student Well Being		"Don't Knows"	Average Rating
6	My child feels safe at this school.		5.95
7	There is an adult at the school my child trusts and can turn to for help.		5.70
8	Teachers at this school know and care about my child.		5.60
9	There is very little bullying at this school.	30.54%	4.99
10	When bullying occurs it is managed promptly by the school.	40.34%	5.48
11	Students are treated fairly when they break school rules.		5.61
12	There is a positive school spirit amongst the students at this school.		5.91
13	My child is happy to attend this school.		6.07

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Teaching and Learning		"Don't Knows"	Average Rating
14	Subject choices suit my child's needs and interests.		5.38
15	Homework is appropriate to my child's age and ability.		5.35
16	My child's assignments are marked and returned promptly.		5.30
17	Teachers provide helpful comments on my child's work.		5.49
18	Teachers are enthusiastic about their work.		5.49
19	Students with learning difficulties are provided with support.	52.83%	5.08
20	Students with above average ability are provided with extra opportunities.	31.30%	5.58
21	The standard of teaching is high at this school.		5.59

Co-Curricular Life, Grounds and Facilities		"Don't Knows"	Average Rating
22	Buildings, classrooms and toilets are clean and well presented.		5.03
23	The school grounds are neat and attractive.		5.42
24	The school library is well resourced.	37.41%	5.51
25	Adequate outdoor space is available for students.		4.93
26	A wide range of sporting opportunities are provided.		6.06
27	A wide range of cultural opportunities are provided.		5.83
28	Co-curricula activities are well equipped.		5.56
29	Adequate computer resources are available to support teaching and learning.		5.43

How well has St Peter's College looked after your son in his final year?		Satisfied / Very Satisfied
30	How satisfied are you with the personal support your child has received?	72%
31	How satisfied are you with the career advice your child has received?	70%
32	How satisfied are you with the standard of teaching and learning in year 13?	71%
33	How satisfied are you with the range of subjects available in the senior years?	71%

Communications		Average Rating
34	The school's website is a good source of information.	5.91
35	The school newsletter is a good source of information.	6.07
36	Concerns I raise about my son are taken seriously.	5.66
37	I know how to contact someone at the school when I have questions or concerns.	5.96
38	School policies are easy to access when I need them.	5.46
39	Parents are kept informed about important dates and events.	6.07
40	Parent/teacher nights work well as a means of communication.	5.40
41	Staff members return calls and respond to messages in a timely fashion.	5.58

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Special Character		Average Rating
42	My child receives a quality religious education at this school.	5.52
43	Prayer is a regular part of school life.	5.41
44	This school fosters the spiritual life of boys.	5.63
45	Adequate opportunities for students to embrace social justice issues are provided.	5.45
46	My child responds well to the religious dimension of the school.	5.14
47	Enrolling my son in an Edmund Rice school is important to me.	4.60
48	The school is faithful to its Catholic Mission and values.	5.81

Cambridge Education		Not important	Important (slightly to very)
49	How important is it to you that the school offers CIE?	19%	81%

Top three reasons for choosing St Peter's College		Average Ranking
50(a)	Academic success	5.96
(b)	Strong discipline and pastoral care	5.78
(c)	Catholic education	5.24

The responses from the boys were triangulated with parents and staff.

Thank you for your help in providing data of affirmation or re-direction for the future.

In His Peace



K F Fouhy
Headmaster

Important Reminder:

The College prizegiving years 7 – 13 is on **3rd December at 7:15pm** at the Logan Campbell Centre, Auckland Showgrounds. All boys expected in school uniform.



Upcoming Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesd	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 Dec	2 Dec	3 Dec	4 Dec	5 Dec	6 Dec	7 Dec
Y12 Quest Training Day Middle School Picnic @Long Bay Attitude Presentation @ Hall	NCEA External Exams End Junior Sports Awards Assembly	Leadership Assembly @Hall College Prizegiving @ Logan Campbell Centre 7.15pm	End of Term 4 Y11 & Y12 Quest Training Day SPC Samoan Community Farewell Celebratory Dinner @Hall 6pm	Teacher Only Day Staff Xmas Function	NZSS Athletics @ Whanganui	NZSS Athletics @ Whanganui

Important Upcoming Dates for the Term

3 Dec: College Prizegiving @ Logan Campbell

Centre 7:15pm

4 Dec: End of Term 4

Bereavements

Alec Van Helsdingen (10BOD) - Great Aunt died

Jack Sloan (7NOL) - Grandfather died (SPC Foundation Pupil)

Jacob (10Bod) and Luke (7 BOD) Morrow - Grandmother's died

Connor Sheehan (8RIC) - Great Grandmother died

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.

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

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

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

From the Assistant Headmaster (Middle School) Michael Mullin

Middle School Report

What a year 2014 has been! The 75th year of Saint Peters College certainly has had highlights throughout the year for the Middle School. To name a few, both year 7 and 8 camps, the fun run, fair, New Parents dinner and of course Eisteddfod were all stand outs in the calendar. With the last week of the school year upon us it is important that your son is still actively involved in all aspects of school life. This week saw all students attend the Mass of Neophytes at St Michael's where all Middle School students reconfirmed their Baptism rites.

In the last week of school there are a number of important events that occur and all students should be excited to be there and wanting to get involved. With prize giving being the major event in the calendar of Saint Peter's College in December, ensure that you are there to be part of a great celebration for the school in 2014. Middle School picnic at Long Bay is held on Monday the 1st December.

How one finishes a year has a lasting impact on how they are remembered going forward. As a school we look for our young men to work hard right to the last

day of the year and it certainly would be a shame them if they ruined what has been a fantastic year in 2014 in the last few days.

It has been a fantastic year and as a Middle School we would like to thank all the students and parents who have done so much to make it successful. As one reflects on all that has occurred throughout the year it certainly would not have been possible without the quality staff that we have working here at St Peter's College. Their desire to see a quality well-rounded education for the young men drives them to be active not just in the classroom, but often outside on the sports fields, with the variety of groups run and the many masses which all makes the life of the Middle School so vibrant.

Again thank you to all those that have made the year so brilliant and we look forward to another great year in 2015!

Michael Mullin

Assistant Headmaster

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

524 8108 ext 7344

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)



SPC ENROLMENTS for 2016

Enrolments for entry to SPC in 2016 are open from 1 February – 1 April 2015.

Please note that we do not accept early or late applications.

OPEN DAY

St Peter's College Open Day 2016
Tuesday 3rd March 2015

Softball

Congratulations to the following boys who have been selected for Auckland Softball Representatives Teams for 2014/15

Under 13 - **Kobe McLean, Maxten Sampson, Elijah Fuamatu**

Under 15 - **Wiremu Amai, James Kohlase, Conner Smith**

Under 15 Development - **Noah Kohlase, Dylan Tonkin** (extended squad)

Under 17 - **Kalin Felise, Joseph Kohlase, Joseph Polamalu, Nelson Kohlase** (extended squad)

Under 17 Development - **Logan Esau, Kane Natua**

Under 19 - **Joseph Kohlase**

Athletics NZSS

A group of 13 boys will be representing the school at the Athletics Nationals being held in Wanganui on the weekend of December 6th.

All the best to the following boys taking part in the event; **Liam Barry, Aleks Dabek, Eiden Ackland, Mark Graham, Oliver Miller, Sam Pendriegh, Pierce Sheridan, James Guthrie-Croft, Jackson Borchett, Jackson Smolenski, Alexander Mildenhall, Matthew McCabe and Caleb Whippy.**

Cricket registrations for 2015 – Close December 1st

Cricket Registrations and trial dates for Year 9 – 13 2015 are available through the school website. Go to Sports and click on cricket.

Senior Water Polo registrations for 2015 – Close December 1st

Senior Water Polo Registrations for 2015 are available through the school website. Go to Sports and click on Water Polo

Rowing – Bennett Shield

The rowing squad had their second regatta of the season in the weekend @ Lake Pupuke.

Unfortunately due to the wind the regatta was cancelled at 1pm. In the morning the highlight was second place in the Mens Novice Coxed Eight.

The crew was **Samuel Davison, Luka Hayward, Matthew Callaghan, Leo Ngatai-Tafau, Richard Bluck, Arthur Hauter, Tom Miller, Jacob Morrow. Cox – Connor Sheehan**

Congratulations

Junior A Touch – Placed third in the Central Zone Competition.

Water Polo Intermediate Gold – Placed Third in the Auckland Super City Competition.

St Peter's College Second Hand Uniform Sale

The PTFA is running a couple of second hand uniform sales as they did last year to raise funds for SPC.

The first sale will be on **Saturday 15 November and the second on Saturday 17 January**, both running from **9.30am - 1.30pm**, which fits in with the hours that the Edmund's Shop is open.

Uniform Donations Wanted:

We have a moderate stock of uniform items, but can always use more, especially small sizes. There is also great demand for blazers and long trousers.

If you are able to donate clean "pre-loved" uniform items please contact Lucy Powell at powell@kc.net.nz or simply drop them off to the Edmund's shop.



SPC Samoan Community *Celebratory Dinner*

Tickets on Sale Now!
\$30 per person

Thursday 4th December
Doors open at 6:30pm

Come along to celebrate 2014 and
take the opportunity
to farewell our Year 13 Boys

Samoan buffet | DJ | Guest Speaker

Tickets are payable to the SPC
Tautua mo Samoa Komiti BNZ Account, by direct credit to:
02-0191-0376464-000 (Particulars: surname then first name;
Reference: Farewell dinner) by MONDAY 24th NOVEMBER.

Contact: Samoan Parent's Committee
E: spc.samoan.community@gmail.com
P: 021 086 23358



School Fair 2015

Work for the St Peters College Fair next year is now underway and it's time for you to think about how you can help for this important event for the school community. The main goal of the Fair is to act as a means of bringing the school community – boys, parents, family and friends – together for a fun day.

The Fair committee is largely made up of formidably-organised women. Fathers, if you look at the "Container Cleanout" section in the Fair Newsletter, you will see there's the opportunity and need for your involvement (and any boys needing service hours still).

First collection day: Saturday 6th December, 9.00am - 12.00pm

What to bring? We need good quality items for the White Elephant stalls, Lucky Dip, Big Wheel, Sporting, our Auctions, Collectors stands, Toys, Games, Clothing, Electrical.

Drop goods off to the containers in the driveway on the College grounds.

For more Fair info:

<http://www.st-peters.school.nz/News-and-Events/Events/School-Fair-2015.aspx>



SUNDAY 7 DEC 2014

HATO PETERA MAORI COMMUNITY WHANAU DAY PT ERIN POOLS

12.00pm to 6.00pm



Nau Mai, Haere Mai

Join us to farewell our 2014 Senior Maori boys and welcome our students new to St Peter's in 2015. This is a great time for us to re-connect, meet those new to our community and to work towards making our Hato Petera village stronger.

Remember that our motto of Kotahitangi (meaning unity and oneness) encapsulates our view of reaching out to those beyond our boys of Maori ancestry and embracing those that share our world views.

We therefore welcome our whanau that are not just Maori in bloodline, but those that share our love of Maori.

Bring something to share for lunch, drinks, sunscreen and a picnic blanket.

Cost: Free for under 16 years; \$5.80 for 17 years and over; \$1.10 for spectators
RSVP (for an indication of numbers) or queries: Shelley Kopu, shelley.kopu@gmail.com/ 021 180 4758

All whanau & friends welcome

Notices (continued)

Parnell Heritage Publication

Parnell Heritage has been commissioned by the Waitemata Local Board to write a history of the Parnell Baths. It is the centenary of this well loved pool this year. We plan to produce the publication by March or April 2015.

If you have any information, photographs or memories to share about the Parnell Baths we would love to hear from you.

Please contact Joanna Boileau on 528 1174, or email

joanna1boileau@gmail.com.

Auckland's Largest Christmas Displays - All Welcome!

Come visit St Benedict's Church to see Auckland's largest Christmas displays depicting the gospel stories of Luke's Christmas story (Luke 2:1-16) and Matthew's Christmas story (Matthew 2:1-12). Our one metre tall figurines are one of a kind, and sit on purpose built platforms offset by colourful backdrops depicting Bethlehem and the journey of the magi travelling from the East to find the child Jesus.

Contact us on 379-0624 if your parish group would like to celebrate Mass or a special liturgy at St Benedict's when you visit.

The church will be open daily till 9pm from 2 December for visitors to see the Christmas displays.

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 or peter@aotea-baking.co.nz or 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!



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SAT CLASSES

St Cuthbert's College is offering a summer series of SAT classes which are open to students from all schools. The tutor is a NZ qualified Maths and English Teacher at St Cuthbert's College who has spent two years teaching an extensive SAT prep programme in the US.

Classes are designed for Y12 & 13 students who will be sitting SAT Tests within the next twelve months. The courses focus on exam content, strategies and techniques to help students maximize their scores.

Students may choose to attend single or multiple classes.

January 2015 Classes: 9.00am-1.00pm

- Tuesday 20 Critical Reading \$175.00
- Wednesday 21 Writing \$175.00
- Thursday 22 Mathematics \$175.00

For further information:

[Click here for online registration and payment.](#)

www.stcuthberts.school.nz, Collegiate Centre, SAT Familiarisation Course

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