

# St Peter's College

## Grafton, Auckland, New Zealand



Catholic School for Boys in the Edmund Rice Tradition

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## A “Non-Catholic”

It was a chance remark recently that set me thinking about the term “**Non Catholic**”.

How can it be that a person is defined by what they are not? And how arrogant is it to have someone to be defined as such.

A “**Non Catholic**” could imply that Catholicism is the centre of the universe. Akin to believing that the sun moves around the earth!

Identity is often promoted by contrast to something or someone. By saying someone is “non”, it implies exclusivity to a group. And it appears to be mostly restricted to religious practices or faith.

We hear the words “non-believers” or “non-partisan”, but not “non females” (speaking about males) or “non rugby players” (speaking about footballers).

It is unfortunate that such language has crept into our Catholic tradition. It has probably influenced our practices e.g. we refer to “non-preference” students in the Integration Agreement. A “non Catholic” section in the burial plots of some cemeteries.

What has this message to do with St Peter's College Catholic School for Boys (In the Edmund Rice tradition)?

Let's try three ways:

- 1 Our identity as a school is in the positive Catholic tradition – open to the world and open to change, reflective of its past, non-zoned and within the deep traditions of an educated man.
- 2 The preference system of stigmatising families as non-preference needs to stop. In terms of inter-faith dialogue and the Edmund Rice Tradition, the Catholic school needs to positively enrol other faiths e.g. Islam, Hindu etc in the 5% category. Edmund Rice talked about a school where there should be a “rubbing shoulders” mentality to promote this education.
- 3 We will always need to work towards inclusion as an essential quality of an Edmund

Rice school. This does not necessarily mean welfare, but always encouraging young men to be inclusive human beings, open to everything in our created world except judgement about other people.

What could we use instead of “non Catholic”?

Perhaps Christian, Anglican, Atheist, Hindu, Islamic – there are many.

“**Non**” is one letter (e) away from “**none**” and five letters away from “**nothing**”.

Is this the message we want to portray in speaking about “**non Catholic**”?

Congratulations:

- 1 Mr Hellyer – awarded Best Director at Showdown Awards for “**Pippin**”. And Destiny as Best Choreographer in the same awards. There were 13 nominations for Pippin in various categories. Next year's show is “**Miss Saigon**”.
- 2 To year 7-10 boys for their enthusiasm in making “3 hours for Syria” work. A total of over \$10,000 was raised by St Peter's and will be given to Caritas for distribution.
- 3 College prize giving **Tuesday 8 December at 7.15 pm** in the Logan Campbell Centre for all students and parents.
- 4 Excellent results in the NZ Chinese Essay Competition.

Another good fortnight.

In His Peace

K F Fouhy  
**Headmaster**

## Upcoming Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
16 Nov	17 Nov	18 Nov	19 Nov	20 Nov	21 Nov	22 Nov
Y7-8 Exams	Y7-8 Exams		Y9 + Y10 Exams	Y9 + Y10 Exams	1st XI Cricket @ AKL Grammar G2 12.30pm	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
23 Nov	24 Nov	25 Nov	26 Nov	27 Nov	28 Nov	29 Nov
9 + Y10 Exams	9 + Y10 Exams BOT Meeting @ Library 7.30pm		Y10 Theology Trip @CBD	Y10 Theology Trip @CBD Farewell to "Fouhy" @ school hall 5.30pm (drinks and nibbles)	Kieran Fouhy Celebration Night Dinner @ Ellerslie Convention Centre 7pm	

## Important Dates for the Coming Term

30 Nov - 4 Dec Y9 Camp @Thames  
Y10 Activity Week  
1 - 4 Dec Kairos @Friary  
4 - 6 Dec NZSS Athletics @Timaru

## Bereavements

**Tom Grayson** (9TRE) Grandad died.  
**Jamie Lawlor** (9RIC) Uncle died.  
**Asher Tee** (7RIC) Great Uncle died.  
**Elliot Marshall** (10NOL) Grandfather died.

.....Rest in Peace

### 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. (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.

# *From the Chair of the Board of Trustees*

## *Nick Kumarich*

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To the SPC Community,

As you are well aware our Headmaster of the past 26 years, Mr Kieran Fouhy will be retiring from his role at St Peter's College at the end of this school year.

The St Peter's College Board of Trustees is holding a function to celebrate both Kieran's time at St Peter's College and to afford the community the opportunity to say thank you and farewell.

On behalf of St Peter's College Board of Trustees, it is my pleasure to extend an invitation to attend this event on the 28th November 2015.

This event will be held at the Ellerslie Convention Centre in Auckland. The cost is \$55 per person and the tickets are selling fast.

For further information please contact Tania Fernandez (S.P.C. Development Office)

on 524 8108 X 7339 or email: [tfernandez@st-peters.school.nz](mailto:tfernandez@st-peters.school.nz). Please also see payment details attached.

I do hope that you will be able to confirm your attendance to this invitation; we look forward to your presence at this celebration.

Regards

Nick Kumarich

Chair, St Peter's College Board of Trustees.

Please complete this section and return it to Mrs. Tania Fernandez - Development Office  
St Peter's College - Mountain Road - Grafton - 1023.

By: **Friday 20 November 2015**

Yes, I wish to purchase ( ) seat/s at \$55 per person  
or a table of 10 for \$500

1) Visa / Mastercard:

.....Expires: .....Amount: .....

2) Internet / Credit: **01-1839-0303079-00**

(Please give your '**Name & Fouhy Farewell Evening**' as a reference)

4) Should you wish to pay via 'The Parent Portal' please contact the school for this charge to be loaded.

3) Cheques to St Peter's College - Please note '**Fouhy Farewell**' on reverse

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_

## General

### 2015 The 9th New Zealand Chinese Essay Competition

In August, the NZ Chinese Essay Competition was held by the Confucius Institute and ILEP (International Language Exchanges and Pathways) of the University of Auckland.

8 students from St Peter's participated in this national competition and they achieved great results. The awards' winners were announced recently and are as follows:

1st place:

**Kian Houston** (Year 10)

**Ashley Pereira** (Year 10)

2nd Place:

**Liam Fitzpatrick** (Year 10)

**Oliver Cashmore-White** (Year 12)

3rd Place:

**Patrick Hayes** (Year 12)

**David Robertson** (Year 13)

**Sean Wilson** (Year 13)

Merit:

**Jonathan Kumarich** (Year 13)

### French Exam

Congratulations to **Liam Ivano-Fiesen** (year 10) for his excellent result in the recent DALF B2 Exams. This is a difficult international exam that generally only year13 and 13 students attempt. **Liam** came top of his cohort with 80.5%

# General (continued)

Yr:9 & 10 End of Year Exam Timetable, 2015						
Yr 9	Thursday 19-Nov	Friday 20-Nov	Monday 23-Nov	Tuesday 24-Nov	Rm	YEAR 9 HOMEROOMS (HR) (Thursday to Tuesday)
P1	Normal Classes	Normal Classes	Normal Classes	Normal Classes	HR	09PER
P2 & 3	Humanities Exam All Yr9s in their Homerooms	Scripture Exam Esol Exam	English Exam Esol Exam	P2 - 9Per & Gam - French Exam P2 - 9Qua - Tech4 Exam (LIM) P2 - 9Two - Tech3 Exam (ARM) P2 - 9Har - Tech2 Exam (BAY) P2 - 9Mcl/Wil - Normal Classes	HR HR H03 HR	09GAM 09TWO 09QUA 09MCL
P4	Chinese Exam (Period 4 only) All Yr9s in their Homerooms	Maori Exam (Period 4 only) (9Per, Gam, Two & Qua only - others in their normal classes P5 - Normal Classes	Science Exam (P4 & 5) All Yr9s in their Homerooms	P4 - 9Wil - Tech4 Exam (HOM) All others in their normal classes	HR HR	09HAR 09WIL
P5	P5 - Normal Classes	HR	HR	P5 - Normal Classes	HR	
P6&7	Mathematics Exam (P6&7) All Yr9s in their Homerooms	HR	HR	P6 - 9Wil - Tech2 Exam (BAY) P6 - 9Mcl - Tech4 Exam (HOM) P6 - 9Two - French Exam P6 - 9Mcl - Tech2 Exam (BAY) P6 - 9Har - Tech4 Exam (HOM) P6 - 9Wil - Normal Classes	T01 T12 HR	
YR 10					HR	
P1	Normal Classes	Normal Classes	Science Exam (P1, 2 & 3) (10Qua, Two, Mcl, Per & Gam only - others in their normal classes & HRs)	Normal Classes	HR	YEAR 10 HOMEROOMS (HR) (Thursday to Tuesday)
P2 & 3	Humanities Exam All Yr10s in their Homerooms	Church History Exam Esol Exam (Double Period)	HR	OPTION 3 (All Year 10 students) *10busc (ROS) - Study Period 10chic (ZHN) 10dvcc (ARM) 10fdtc (HOM) 10ictc (BRD) 10iatc (SIT) 10nug (WILN) 10sccc (BOY)	A23 A24 T13 T12 T11 A25 Gym Gym	10HAR 10PAU 10MCL 10QUA 10TWO 10GAM 10PER
P4&5	Normal Classes	Normal Classes	OPTION 1 (All Year 10 students) 10artc (BAN) *10busc (GRA) - Study period 10dvcc (PRK) 10elec (LIM) 10frec (UBE) 10ictc (VAO) 10mri (KIW) 10pfa (HEL) 10sccc (ILL)	Normal Classes	HR	
P6&7	Mathematics Exam 10igmat (GAR) 10mat (VAO) 10mat Mcl 10mat Qua 10mat Two 10mat Gam 10mat Per	English Exam (10Mcl, Two, Gam & Per only - others in their normal classes & HRs) Esol Exam	HR	Option: *Business Studies Exam 10busc (GRA) 10busc (GRA) 10busc (ROS) 10busc (KIE) (Others in their normal classes & HRs)	F01 O11 O12 O13 O14 T01 T11 M01	


# Special Character News

*'The St. Peter's Man is a Man of Faith'*


## 3 Hours for Syria - Years 7-10

Congratulations to our Year 7-10 students for a fantastic effort in the 3 Hours for Syria campaign. Details of funds raised, along with the winning House Class, will be announced next week.

**Sponsors:** If you have not done so already, please donate your amount pledged to Caritas. Please use the following link, scroll down to 'Donate Online Now' box, and be sure to **quote the St Peter's College school code of 22538**: <http://www.caritas.org.nz/where-we-work/emergencies/peace-middle-east/syrian-refugees/3-hours-syria>



To be called a refugee is the opposite of an insult; it is a badge of strength, courage, and victory...  
Let's find our badge of strength, courage, and walk with US...



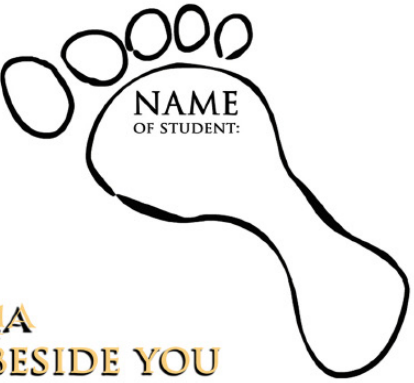
You can make your tax deductible DONATION in the following ways:  
Use Caritas SPC ref. code - **22538**  
☐ Like us on our FACEBOOK page of "3 hours for Syria" and follow the link to Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand.  
☐ Phone Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand during office hours on 0800 22 10 22  
☐ Visit Caritas online at [www.caritas.org.nz](http://www.caritas.org.nz) to donate and find out more information about the 3 Hours for Syria campaign

PLEASE TICK THE APPROPRIATE BOX:

1ST HOUR	2ND HOUR	3RD HOUR	SPONSORED DONATION
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SPONSOR'S SIGNATURE:  
EMAIL:

**3 HOURS FOR SYRIA**  
**I AM WALKING BESIDE YOU**



## Quest Retreat 2016



## Quest Retreat – Leader Selection and Training

### Dates:

Applications have now closed for Peer Ministers for Quest 2016. All students and parents of students will be given details in a letter sent home this week.

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

**Year 13 Cadre** (current Year 12): Monday December 7th

**Year 12 Peer Ministers** (current Year 11) + **Year 13 Cadre** (current Year 12): Wednesday December 9th, meet at the Gym at 8.15am, 1pm finish.

### School Magazine Orders

If you have not paid for the St Peter's Magazine, and not made arrangements to pay – now is the time to do so.

**FINAL MOMENTS**



## *From the Assistant Headmaster (Middle School) Michael Mullin*

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With the end of the year rapidly approaching it is easy to start to think about the summer holidays and the great times to be had with family and friends in the glorious sunshine. With a few weeks left in the year it is critical for students to continue to be present in school, not just physically which is the expectation for all students, but fully participating in all that is happening inside and outside the classroom in the last two weeks.

There are a number of important events that occur and all students should be excited to be there and wanting to get involved. The prize giving is the major event in the calendar of Saint Peter's College in December. The Middle School picnic at Long Bay is held in the last week of term on Monday the 7th December, which is a great day.

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.

Many examinations are still to be had and it is important to stress that all subjects are important and deserve the appropriate preparation. All the best to students during this examination time.

Michael Mullin

**Assistant Headmaster Middle School**



**NAU MAI HAERE MAI**  
Te Kura Teitei o Hato Petera

We are delighted to invite all Maori boys and whanau to attend our  
**END OF YEAR NOHO**

To Welcome our new 2016 Maori Boys and  
Farewell our Year 13 Maori Boys

Manawanui Marae, Pt Chev  
7.00pm Friday, 4 December 2015 to 12.00pm Sunday, 6 December 2015

\$20.00 per boy or \$30.00 per family

Saturday evening will include a dinner which all whanau are invited to attend. As part of our celebration, this dinner will include presentations to our departing Year 13 boys

RSVP by Monday, 16 November 2015 with your son's name, Year and number of attendees for Saturday's dinner. NOTE: RSVP must be received NO LATER than 16 November for catering and planning purposes  
Viv Howard (vhoward@st-peters.school.nz) / (09) 5248108 ext 7334



## Cricket registrations for 2016

Cricket Registrations and trial dates for Year 9 – 13 2016 are available through the school website. Go to Sport and click on cricket.

**Registrations close on 20th November.**

## Senior Water Polo registrations for 2016

Senior Water Polo Registrations for the 2016 season open on Monday November 16th. Go to the Sport and click on Water Polo

**Registrations close on 27th November.**

## Senior Volleyball Training

Trainings are taking place for the rest of Term 4 in preparation for next season. All boys wanting to play Senior (Yr11 – 13) Volleyball next year are expected to attend.

When: Monday 3.15pm – 4.30pm  
Wednesday – 7am – 8.15am

Where: School Gym

## Junior Tennis Championships

The school Junior Tennis Championships were completed this week. Congratulations to the following boys;

U12 - **Charles Danao** beat **Luke Neal** 9-6 in the final. 3rd place **Jordan Blennerhassett**.

U13 - **Harry Ogle** beat **Max Cheng** in the final 9-8 (7-4). Semi-Finalists **Kurt Salazar** and **Toby Day**.

U14 - **Max Dallow** won age group ahead of **Bradley Wilson** and **Luke Perez**

U15 - **Max Dallow** beat **Aaron Martin** in the final 9-8 (7-4). Semi-finalists **Kyle Sterne** and **Bradley Wilson**

## Golf Day

St Peter's Rugby held a successful golf day on Friday 6 November. Over 20 teams including many Old Boys, parent supporters and sponsors enjoyed an excellent day in brilliant sunshine.



*Photo - Winning Team - SPC Old Boys – **Bernie McCahill, Simon Klippel, Luke Sumich and Don MacKinnon.***

## Congratulations

U15's Sevens Team – Semi-finalists at the AKSS Competition.



# **FOUHY'S FAREWELL CELEBRATIONS**

**FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2015**

**PLEASE NOTE VENUE CHANGE!**

**NOW TO BE HELD IN THE SCHOOL HALL**

**5.30 P.M. ONWARDS – *Everyone Welcome!***

**DRINKS AND NIBBLES AVAILABLE**

Come and say farewell to our Headmaster and enjoy an evening of our St Peter's College - cultural performances.

**SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2015**

**DINNER HELD AT THE ELLERSLIE CONVENTION CENTRE**

**(Farewell to Mr Fouhy and Welcome to Mr Bentley)**

**'Changing of the Guard'**

**THE EVENING COMMENCES AT 7.00 P.M. WITH PRE-DRINKS  
FOLLOWED BY DINNER AND AN EVENING OF CELEBRATION**

**\$55.00 PER PERSON**

**(or \$500 for a table of 10 )**

**Cash Bar available**

**Please contact Tania Fernandez (Development Office)**

**tfernandez@st-peters.school.nz      PHONE: 09 524 8108 x 7339**

**SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2015**

**MASS - Further details to come....**

# Notices

## ST PETER'S COLLEGE ANNUAL FAIR – 1st COLLECTION DAY

**Saturday 21 November 2015**  
**10am -12pm**

Here is your first opportunity to support your 2016 school fair!

We welcome your donations of goods big and small for the SPC fair next year on Sunday 20 March 2016.

Our emphasis is on quality clean goods in good working order (Please no large furniture items).

When: Saturday 21 November 2015  
Where: Top Yard at the College  
Time: Between 10-12pm.

If you have any queries please  
[spcfair@st-peters.school.nz](mailto:spcfair@st-peters.school.nz)



The New Zealand Dance Company  
**YEP! SUMMER SCHOOL**  
TAURANGA 18 – 22 January 2016

Book online at [www.nzdc.org.nz](http://www.nzdc.org.nz)  
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For enquiries contact [yep@nzdc.org.nz](mailto:yep@nzdc.org.nz)



Michael Parmenter Summer School is a rare opportunity to work with Arts Laureate Michael Parmenter, one of New Zealand's leading dancers and choreographers. Choreographing consistently for thirty years in New Zealand and internationally, Michael is a master teacher of contemporary dance and partnering.



Ashleigh Coward is a fresh New Zealand choreographer known for her humorous works. As well as starting her own dance school, she also choreographs for several dance companies. Her workshops are inspired by a fusion of beat-boxing and movement in creating visual sound.

Join us as The New Zealand Dance Company returns to Tauranga to present yet another jam packed and engaging week of dance, featuring master teacher Michael Parmenter and UNITEC graduate Ashleigh Coward.

Five days of contemporary technique, partnering and exciting repertoire, finishing with a performance for family and friends. Enrolments open now and close on 14 December.

Dates: Monday 18 – Friday 22 January 2016  
Times: 9.30am – 4pm daily  
Location: Dance Education Centre, 228 Lavers Road, Tauranga  
Ages: Open to students aged 11 years +  
Cost: \$350 inc. GST

Performance at 4pm Friday 22 January

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