

St Peter's College

Grafton, Auckland, New Zealand



Catholic School for Boys in the Edmund Rice Tradition

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Leadership in Schools (an endangered species?)

Last week an historical record of principals who had taught at St Peter's College was established in the College staffroom.

This board was part of the commitment to record the 75th history of St Peter's College.

There were 32 names of men and women who had taught here, been in leadership roles and been appointed to Principalships in New Zealand, Australia and worldwide. A significant achievement.

It was a history statement.

It was also a statement about celebrating an intentional adult leadership culture at St Peter's College.

It reflects the intentional student leadership structures at many layers of the College.

A few teachers cynically scoffed at the notion of recording a St Peter's historical record of leadership in New Zealand schools. They probably reflected the mediocrity of comfort than the risk and challenges that are inherent in leadership.

On reflection, that could be a New Zealand problem.

It would appear so in the statistics:

- 61 principalship vacancies in New Zealand secondary schools this year (the highest ever recorded).
- The surveyed intentions of educators/teachers to work towards being a principal/headmaster of a school is at its lowest for years.

These stats possibly demonstrate many factors – demographic factors, a low trust culture by New Zealand communities towards schools, a lifestyle that is neither healthy or materially rewarding, and many more.

The simple fact is that leadership in New Zealand is an endangered species. And we all know that leadership in any school is the single most important factor in determining

culture, community and achievement among students.

The Board of Trustees have recognised this in choosing **James Bentley** as the 10th Headmaster of St Peter's College. He is a strategic thinker, has a clear direction of the school and has high expectations of teachers and boys in all areas. As an ethos carrier he will transmit "**living messages to a future time**" (one definition of education).

As the College leader, he has our respect and support.

Congratulations to Mr **Steve Dooley** in his appointment of Associate Headmaster and the operational leadership of St Peter's College.

For myself after nearly 27 years at St Peter's College, I will let T S Eliot in the Four Quartets speak –

**"The beginning is the end,
And the end is the beginning"**

In His Peace

K F Fouhy

Headmaster

Reminder:

College Prizegiving **Tuesday 8 December at 7.15 pm** (seated). This is for all boys and parents as a condition of enrolment.

Venue: Logan Campbell Centre, ASB Showgrounds, Greenlane West.

I leave with a profound sense of gratitude to this wonderful college, its tradition and its people.

Upcoming Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
30 Nov	1 Dec	2 Dec	3 Dec	4 Dec	5 Dec	6 Dec
Y9 Camp @ Thames Activity Week	Y9 Camp @ Thames Activity Week Kairos @Friary	Y9 Camp @ Thames Activity Week Kairos @Friary	Y9 Camp @ Thames Activity Week Kairos @Friary	Y9 Camp @ Thames Activity Week Kairos @Friary NZSS Athletics @ Timaru Noho @ Manawanui Marae NI U15 7s @ Kelston	NZSS Athletics @ Timaru Noho @ Manawanui Marae	NZSS Athletics @ Timaru Young Vinnes Xmas Function Noho @ Manawa Marae
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7 Dec	8 Dec	9 Dec	10 Dec	11 Dec	12 Dec	13 Dec
Quest Training Day Middle School Picnic Long Bay Attitude Talks, Hall, Y9 P4, Y10 P5 Leadership Assembly @Hall 10.15am	Junior Sports Prizegiving @Hall 11.30am Y10 Theology Trip @CBD College Prizegiving @Logan Campbell Centre 7.15pm	End of Term 4 Staff Function @1pm Old Boys Meeting @Library 7pm Outdoor Education Camp @ Northland	Samoan Community Celebration Dinner from 4pm Outdoor Education Camp @ Northland	Outdoor Education Camp @ Northland	Outdoor Education Camp @ Northland	Outdoor Education Camp @ Northland

Important Dates for the Coming Term

- 26 Jan** Year 13 Registration Day
27 Jan Year 12 Registration Day
28 Jan Year 11 Registration Day
 Year 7 Parent Conferencing
 Year 9 Orientation Day (for Year 9 boys NEW to SPC ONLY)

Bereavements

Oscar Simons (9NOL) and **Alexander Simons (7NOL)** Grandfather died.

Ben Lunjevich (7ODR) Great Uncle died.

Marlon Sullivan (7NOL) is absent today following the death of his Aunt.

Monte Bareham (8LYN) and **Billie Bareham (8NOL)** Grandfather 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. (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.

General

Kapa Haka Members Receive Ties



The Kapa Haka boys receive ties for being part of 3 Polyfests for the school.

Kapa Haka Group Donation

The Kapa Haka Group donated Vodafone Music Award tickets to the music department.



Michael Nash and Jeremy Washer receive tickets to the Vodafone Music Awards

First Graduates

Teachers **Jakub Kalinowski** and **Michael Harvey** have recently become St Peter's College's first graduates of Unitec's certificate of applied practice in digital and collaborative learning at MindLab. The Postgraduate Certificate in Applied Practice (Digital & Collaborative Learning) is a new qualification that will build teacher's knowledge of new technologies and help them develop effective teaching strategies to engage learners and achieve better classroom outcomes.

Furthermore, **Michael** has been selected as one of 300 educators globally to be part of the Microsoft Innovative Expert program. The Microsoft Innovative Educator (MIE) Expert program is an exclusive program created to recognize global educator visionaries who are using technology to pave the way for their peers in the effective use of technology for better learning and student outcomes.

MIE Experts work closely with Microsoft to lead innovation in education. They advocate and share their thoughts on effective use of technology in education with peers and policy makers. They exchange best practices as they work together to promote innovation in teaching and learning.

SPC FEES FINAL INSTALMENTS

Reminder to all parents that ALL 2015 instalments are now overdue.

Thank you to those parents that have made payment.

To those who haven't, please ensure payment is made immediately.

For an up to date review of your account please log on to SPC portal. For any portal queries or password resets/allocations please email: contact@st-peters.school.nz

First XI Cricket Team Secure promotion back into the 1A Grade.

It was "Mission accomplished" for the 1st XI Cricket team as the Term 4 victories against St Kentigerns 2nd XI and Auckland Grammar 3rd XI saw them promoted back into the top grade after a 2 year absence. The team, led in term 1 by **Harry Plummer** and in term 4 by **Jake Cameron** won 4 out of the 5 matches in the championship grade to finish second overall. This concluded a very successful season which also saw them runners up in the Student Horizons 20/20 tournament and narrowly missing on a second successive Gillette cup final appearance going down by 3 wickets to top ranked Westlake Boys 1st XI.

The team's success has truly been a team effort earmarked by some outstanding individual performances along the way. Before injury ruled him out of term 4 cricket **Harry Plummer** had scored 700+ runs including 171 not out in a Gillette Cup 20/20 fixture. In his first full season in the First XI, **Thomas Drumm** scored 2 centuries against Westlake 2nds and St Kentigerns 2nds in the crucial championship round of the season.

Notable bowling achievements during the season included **Caleb Olney** (31 wickets), **Ben Hughes** (25 wickets) and crucial performances from **Harry Plummer** (5-7 Vs Kings 2nds) and **Zane McEntee** (5-24 Vs AGS 2nds).

While the Australia touring team and 2016 First XI look forward to the challenges ahead, it is timely to acknowledge the effort and contributions made by our year 13 leavers: **Eiden Ackland, Jake Cameron, Ben Hughes** and **Andrew Simpson**. We wish them well for the future and hope they remain in the sport of cricket.

Athletics NZSS

A group of 10 boys will be representing the school at the NZSS Athletics Championships being held in Timaru on the weekend of December 5th.

All the best to the following boys taking part in the event; **Liam Back, Liam Barry, James Guthrie-Croft, Matthew McCabe, Alexander Mildenhall, Oliver Miller, Daniel Neville, Pierce Sheridan, Samuel Turner** and **Caleb Whippy**

Senior Water Polo registrations for 2016 – Close November 27th

Senior Water Polo Registrations for 2016 are available through the school website. Go to Sports and click on Water Polo.

Tennis – Junior Skills Fun Day

Junior Skills Fun Day at Ngatira Courts – Clyde Road – Sunday 13 December.

An opportunity to be involved in an interactive session from 2.00 – 3 pm (8-14 year olds). Includes ball and racquet skills with challenges and games. Click on

<https://kiwitennis.co.nz/programme/ngatira-events-0> to enrol.

Archery

Several SPC archers took part in the Pohutukawa Challenge held at Auckland Archery Club on Sunday Nov 15th. Stand out performances included;

Cadet Men's Recurve: 1st **Luke Franklyn**, 2nd **Matthew Storer**

Intermediate Men's Recurve: 1st **Jack Kleinsman**

Cub Men's Recurve: 2nd **Mario Thapliyal**



Sport (continued)

Rugby - Development Opportunity for Weight Restricted Players

During Term 4 a new initiative aimed at providing additional training opportunities for weight restricted players has been a resounding success. Supported by excellent coaches from the Auckland Rugby Union, Marist Old Boys and College Rifles, the programme ran every Thursday for a full practice session on the Cage with as many as 35 boys attending. Over the term, the improvement has been impressive with each boy becoming more adept at performing the core skills.

Term One 2016 sees the programme ramp up in preparation for the 2016 season with the sessions moving to twice weekly – Tuesdays and Thursdays after school.

New boys who are committed to rugby and upskilling are welcome to join (up to 60 kg). Register your interest to Sue Casey at sport@st-peters.school.nz



Collection Day

Good news for those who want to clear out their cupboards before Christmas: we'll be holding one more collection day before the end of term.

Saturday 5 December
10am-12pm at SPC Top Yard

Volunteers needed

Do you enjoy the SPC fair every year, but haven't quite got round to helping out yet?

Or are you one of our regular helpers just waiting to be asked?

Either way, you can put a smile on the faces of our small team of organisers by getting in touch now.

We need as many volunteers as possible to make next year's fair the best ever.

We're looking for stallholders who aren't shy about a bit of organising, as well as the rest of you to help them out on the day.

We especially need help on the craft stall, drinks stand, second hand goods – all clothing stalls, sports gear, and amusements stands

Drop us a line at spcfairvolunteers@gmail.com even if you can only spare an hour or two on a stall.

[Don't forget to check out our Facebook page and click the 'like' button so you can stay up-to-date with all that's going on.](#)

EDMUND'S SHOP

SPC Long and Short sleeves, all sizes are in stock now.

SHOP OPENING 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 time only

Please NOTICE the shop is NOT open at lunch time on Friday

SPC Uniform change/return Policy

To be able to return or change any uniform item, the item has to be with the original tag

EDMUND'S SHOP

Edmund's Shop will be open on **Saturday 28th November 2015** from 9:30am to 2:30pm.



GLENDOWIE BOATING CLUB

www.gbcyachting.org.nz
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Hey Kids !

LEARN TO SAIL at the GBC!

Learning to sail is a lot of fun and provides children with valuable life skills. To help children get into sailing in an easy way without the up front cost of purchasing a boat, Glendowie Boating Club have 12 well equipped Optimists available for children as part of our **LEARN TO SAIL** programs.

Experienced YNZ coaches provide both on and off the water sailing skills. Our coaches were once young sailors themselves and many have achieved international repute - they know how to motivate and develop skills and self confidence in young sailors.



LEARN TO SAIL programs run during school holidays and on Sundays during the sailing season in school term time. Visit our website for the latest news on courses and whilst you are there see what else we have by way of development programs.

ENROL NOW
SCHOOL HOLIDAY COURSE
January 18 - 22
9:00am - 12:30pm each day

The Glendowie Boating Club offers an idyllic location with boat storage and easy water access. The club has a strong family focus and is a pleasant and friendly environment to sail from.

To find out more about **LEARN TO SAIL** and sailing at Glendowie Boating Club visit our web site: www.gbcyachting.org.nz

Contact Mark Hillman m: 021 445 156 h: 575 0567 e: mark@spectronz.co.nz

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SPEECH & DRAMA

LESSONS INCLUDE:

- + PUBLIC SPEAKING SKILLS
- + ACTING SKILLS
- + POETRY RECITAL
- + READING ALOUD
- + SPEECH WRITING
- + BODY LANGUAGE (POSTURE, EYE CONTACT)
- + VOCAL SKILLS (ARTICULATION, GRAMMAR)
- + MANNERS (TELEPHONE, TABLE, INTERPERSONAL)
- + BUILDING SELF-ESTEEM AND CONFIDENCE

LESSONS ARE HELD AT:

- + Ponsonby Community Centre
- + Meadowbank Community Centre
- + Dioscean School for Girls
- + Saint Kentigern College
- + Kings College
- + Saint Kentigern Boys School
- + Westmere School
- + Ponsonby Primary School
- + Stonefields School
- + Takapuna Primary School

ENROL NOW at headheldhigh.co.nz
or email enrol@headheldhigh.co.nz



ST PETER'S TONGAN COMMUNITY

MA'ALALI 'O E 2015/2016

You are all invited to attend our end of the Year Function.
To welcome our new 2016 Tongan Boys and to Farewell our Year 13
Tongan Boys.

To Celebrate our Tongan Cultural Group Achievement for this Year, 2015
To start planning for the Polyfest/Tonga Trip - 2016

Saturday, 12th December 2015

12.00 to 4.00pm

Pt Erin Pool

Shelly Beach Road, Herne Bay

Please bring a plate and meat for the BBQ.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

Open to all Tongan SPC boys and their families

**fakaafe'i atu kimoutolu kotoa e ngaahi famili mo ho'o mou fanau 'oku
tau 'i he Komunio 'o e 'Apiako St Peters, ke tau lava hake ki he Tu'asila
'oku ha atu 'i 'olunga he Tokonaki 12th 'o Tisema, ke tau ma'alali ai e
ngave lahi kuo tau ikuna he tau ni.**

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