

# St Peter's College

## Grafton, Auckland, New Zealand



Catholic School for Boys in the Edmund Rice Tradition

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### **“Whoever wants to be first must place himself last and be servant of all” Mark 9:35**

This piece of scripture is located on our Prefect wall outside the library. Last week at St Peter's Day the College inducted 8 further prefects to the student leadership team. Student leadership is a vital component in the culture of the College and is something embraced by the boys.

The old adage that Leaders are born, not made, is contrary to our Philosophy. All boys at St Peter's receive an opportunity to learn about leadership. It is a subject taught to all Years 9 and 10 whereby boys learn about different leadership styles and study great leaders. Years 11 and 12 boys are also offered the opportunity to attend weekly workshops that further enhance their understanding of leadership. In these they are asked to go outside of their comfort zones and experience leading others in different environments and situations. Quest is a further opportunity for the boys to exhibit leadership. This exposure to leadership and its concepts enhances our boys understanding of what being a true leader means.

Our philosophy is that leadership is something inherent in everyone. It might not always be obvious, but every boy has the ability to offer something and can be a leader. We have all known good leaders, and we have all known poor leaders. What we do, is introduce boys to the different models of leadership and allow them to recognise what characteristics match theirs.

Media reports would have us believe that the accumulation of wealth is essential to becoming a successful leader in this country.

Just as Jesus asked of the Apostles, we expect our leaders to be selfless and to serve others. A leadership role is not a reward for good behaviour, or being the best player in the team. It is about a willingness to put others first, to connect and to make personal sacrifice. Above all, we expect our leaders to be humble and live the values of the St Peter's man.

· The plans for our College Chapel are gathering pace. In Term 3 the Old Boys' will be running a raffle in support of this project. Please support this excellent initiative from our Old Boys' Association

· Congratulations to the Pippin cast and crew - another virtuoso production from director **Mr John Hellyer**.

· St Peter's Day – our thanks to **Bishop Pat Dunn, Monsignor David Tonks and Father Bernie Thomas** for celebrating our feast day Mass.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Ma te Atua e whakapaingia koutou katoa

Mr James Bentley  
**Acting Headmaster**



# Upcoming Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
6 July	7 July	8 July	9 July	10 July	11 July	12 July
Outdoor Education Leadership Camp @ Northland	Cycling Committee Meeting @ Staffroom 7.30pm  Outdoor Education Leadership Camp @ Northland					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
13 July	14 July	15 July	16 July	17 July	18 July	19 July
					Gisborne Boys Rugby Exchange	

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
20 July	21 July	22 July	23 July	24 July	25 July	26 July
Start Term 3 PTFA @Staffroom	Y13 Parent Interviews @Hall	Assembly (Junior) Y7 Boostrix Immunisation Old Boys Meeting @ Library 7pm Catholic Caring Foundation Mass Samoan Committee Meeting @ A23, A24, A25, 3.30- 6.00pm	Y7 & Y8 Parent Interviews Sports Photos @Hall		1st XV v Sacred  Heart @SHC 2.30pm	

## Important Dates for the Coming Term

27 Jul	Y12 Parent Interviews @Hall Komiti Meeting 6pm
28 Jul	BOT Meeting @Library 7.30pm
29 Jul	Samoan Committee Meeting @ A23, A24, A25, 3.30- 6.00pm
30 Jul	Y11 Parent Interviews @Hall
1 Aug	Old Boys Function @Hall 12.30pm
1 - 3 Aug	Concert Band Camp @Motu Moana
3 - 4 Aug	Junior Science Fair@ Hall

### 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

**Jacob Collett** (9BOD) Grandma died.

**Danyael Sinisa** (12RIO) Uncle died.

**Richard Brooke** (12TRE) Grandmother died.

**Samuel Glover** (9ODR) Grandfather died.

.....Rest in Peace

### 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 Office of Deputy Headmaster (Curriculum) Graeme Martin

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## Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parent-Teacher Interviews will commence early in term 3 with the Year 13 evening. These interviews are an important chance to review your son's progress and discuss strategies around how you can support his learning and study program. An email will be sent to all parents of the year level a prior to the evening with instructions on how to book your five minute slot. Year 13 parents, this commences with your email being sent on Monday 13 July during the holidays opening the booking roster.

### Parent/Teacher Dates

- **Yr 13: Tue 21st July**
- **Yr 7 & 8: Thu 23rd July**
- **Yr 12: Mon 27th July**
- **Yr 11: Thu 30th July**
- **Yr 10: Thu 6th Aug**
- **Yr 9: Mon 10th Aug**

If you have any queries please contact the appropriate Head of Year.

## NCEA Progress Reports

All NCEA students will have NCEA updates emailed out this week. These updates will provide parents and boys with the following information;

- Credits achieved so far this year
- Credits predicted for each subject to achieve by the end of the year

Additionally, the Head of Years will signal whether the student is on track to achieve Level 1, Level 2, Level 3 or UE.

Boys in jeopardy of not achieving will be asked to return to school for special tutorials instead of departing on study leave. These updates will be sent out again in Term 3 and Term 4.

## CIE Progress Reports

Similar to NCEA updates - will be sent out early in Term 3.

Graeme Martin

**Deputy Headmaster Curriculum**

## Parent-Teacher Interviews

<http://www.st-peters.school.nz/News-and-Events/Events/Parent-Teacher-Interviews.aspx>



Follow @SPCNow for real time updates of important school events, sports results and other notifications.

Go to the SPC Now link on the College website.

# From the Assistant Headmaster (Middle School) Michael Mullin

## Year 7 Eisteddfod Review

On Wednesday night, the talented and energetic bunch of Year 7 students graced the stage for the 60th edition of the exciting Eisteddfod.

Many young men performed exceptionally well. There were many highlights of the night including 7 Lynch's final countdown and many more exciting performances. Even some of the young men had the courage to get up there and do a solo item whether it was singing, reciting a piece of poetry or playing a musical item on their respective instruments. The winners of the 3 individual sections for Year 7 were **David Gillespie**, singing "Wild Mountain Time", **Ethan Santos** reciting "I Bought a Maserati" and Theo Herd playing "The Wind that Shakes the Barley" on his violin. The winners of the class performances were 7 Rice "My Navman" in the poetry section, 7 Nolan's rendition of "Blank Space" by Taylor Swift and 7 Treacy's take of the musical piece "Angry Spider". Overall it was a wonderful night that showcased the enormous talent that is on offer in Year 7 this year.

**Theo Herd**  
7 Rice

### Winners

Class song **8B**  
Class poem **8W**  
Class Instrumental **8W**

### Individual items

Song **Takefumi Nishi- Havea**  
Poem **Jacob Wong , Mathieu Houston and Andre Carvalho**  
Instrumental **Cameron Szeto**

## Year 8 Eisteddfod Review

On Tuesday 30th June the annual Year 8 Eisteddfod was held in the school hall.

The hall was packed with parents eager to see their son's perform.

Eisteddfod is one of the most memorable and enjoyable during a students time in the Middle School. Many seniors often relate how they vividly remember their night of Eisteddfod.

Eisteddfod helps students develop skills such as not being afraid to step out of their comfort zone and to get over stage fright and feel comfortable about performing in front of an audience.

The standard of performance was high and all classes felt satisfied that they had performed with credit

**Thadeus Gillard**  
8B





## Rugby Update

### 1st XV Rugby Report

The 1st XV have enjoyed the challenges of the 1A Competition. The side led by **Taina Fox-Matamua** have had a number of tightly contested matches including two draws. The most recent one being against Kelston Boys High in the weekend. Kelston dominated early proceedings and were rewarded with two well taken tries in the first ten minutes. The 1st XV displayed resilience and character to claw there back into the game. **AJ Lam** scored two tries and with the scores locked at 12 – 12 with 10 minutes remaining the 1st XV held the momentum. Staunch Kelston defence held strong meaning the 1st's had to settle for a draw in a physical encounter.

Number 8, **Luteru Tolai**, had an excellent all round game with his ball carrying ability providing the team with plenty of go forward. He was well supported in the forwards by **Cameron Suafoa**, **Danial Perez** and **Jake Cameron**. Mid-field pairing of **Filipo Fahiu** and **Darren Kellet** made valuable contributions on both defence and attack while fullback **Kina Kuafusi** was dangerous ball in hand.

The side are looking forward to the traditional fixture against Gisborne in the last week of the holidays and the Hibernian Shield Challenge against Sacred Heart the first week of term 3. The 1st XV are very appreciative of the on-going support from the St Peter's Community.



Above: *Luteru Tolai in action against Aorere.*

### U15 trip to Christchurch

The U15's have embarked on the annual trip to Christchurch. They are playing three matches against St Bedes, St Thomas and Christchurch Boys High over five days. The side will also enjoy a stay at Hanmer Springs. We look forward to seeing their results.

## Gisborne Exchange – Saturday July 4th

The annual Gisborne exchange takes place in the last weekend of the holidays. Get along and support the teams in what are always entertaining and keenly contested encounters.

1st XV – 12 noon @ the Cage.

2nd XV – 9.00am @ the Cage

U15 – 10.15am @ the Cage

U14 – 10.15am @ the Domain

1st XV vs Sacred Heart – July 25th

*Please note the 12.30pm kick off time for this eagerly anticipated match.*

### 1st XI Hockey Report

The grading games have finished and the boys in the 1st XI have started their A grade campaign with two very solid wins. The first game against Botany Downs College saw a full strength team take the pitch with a few key players returning from injury. The team started positively and were 1-0 up within 10 minutes of the start. However intensity dropped and the result of this was Botany levelling the score right just before half time. Fired up by conceding a disappointing goal the boys came out and played the best hockey they have played all year to dominate the second half. The result of this were four well-constructed goals and an emphatic 5-1 win. Goals: **Luke Masters** (3) **Eamon McArdle** (1) **Jack Duncan** (1)

The second game of the campaign put us up against Macleans College and the boys were looking for redemption after going down 3-1 to them in the grading games. Spurred on by this the 1st XI again took an early lead after a rapid counter attack. St Peters came close a number of times throughout the game but couldn't find the net again. This meant the defense lead by **Ezrah Jerrys-Lava** had to step up and they did, bravely defending a number of penalty corners to hold out for a 1-0 win in what was a tightly contested match. Goals: **Luke Masters** (1)

By **Luke Masters** – 1st XI Hockey Captain

# Sport (continued)

## Cross Country Nationals

On Saturday the 20th of June, 5 students represented St Peter's at the NZSSAA cross-country race near Mosgiel. A cold, but fine morning greeted the eager runners on Saturday. Following an inspection of the well designed running track (set out on a golf course), our runners got into their strides. In the junior boys division, **Liam Barry** finished 18th and **Alex Mildenhall** finished 39th from a field of over 180 runners. **Liam** was the first Auckland home. In the senior race, our athletes struggled against a very competitive field and didn't feature amongst the front runners. Overall, the trip was a well supported, memorable and a well organised event. Many thanks to the parents (**Mrs Maria Sheridan, Mrs Claire Douglas and Mr Steve Barry**) who travelled with us and helped with numerous tasks. The continued support of the parental body is sincerely appreciated by all involved in SPC athletics and distance running. Our attention turns towards the road race season, which commences in Term 3. Any students (years 9-13) who would like to train with the distance running squad are welcome to join each Tuesday and Thursday morning at 7am.



Above: Liam Barry

Right: Alex Mildenhall



## Aims Tournament

Each year 50 middle school sportsmen travel to the AIMS tournament in early September. Last year Cross Country runner – **Liam Back**, and the **Rugby Seven's** won Gold medals. This year they have a number of fundraising activities organised to assist in covering their costs. If you would like to purchase some of their goodies, check out the details below:

### Anchor FAST START Liquid Breakfast

FAST START is fantastic on the days where you need a quick breakfast or before sports and after school. FAST START is gluten free, preservative free, has the protein and fibre of a bowl of oats and the goodness real anchor milk. The FAST START product is available in 3 flavours – chocolate, banana, and vanilla. We are selling FAST START in boxes. Each box contains 24 FAST START cartons and is \$25.

If you'd like to order a box (or more) of FAST START please contact **Rochelle Parsons** - [rochelle.m.parsons@gmail.com](mailto:rochelle.m.parsons@gmail.com)

### Samosa's

\$20 per bag of 10. Flavours are butter chicken, vegetarian, lamb mince and vegetarian.

For orders contact **Sarah Harrop** - [sarahh@travelmanagers.co.nz](mailto:sarahh@travelmanagers.co.nz)

## Senior Sports Trophy Return

Please return all sports trophies received at last year's Senior Sports Awards to the Sports Office by Friday, 24 July.

## Registrations

Registrations are open for Junior (Year 9 and 10) Water Polo. Information can be found on the SPC website under Sports-Water Polo. First training is on Monday, 20th July, 7.45 pm at the Diocesan Pool. If you are new to Water polo, you are welcome to come along and see how exciting the sport is.



## Sport (continued)

### Congratulations

**Ronan Murphy** - 1st Place in NZ SH1 Shooting Paralympic Champs.

**Ronan Murphy** (*right*) competed in the Shooting NZ Cup 3 competition 20-21 June. This was an international competition that included members from the Australian Paralympic Team, one of whom has won 12 medals at previous Paralympics in shooting. **Ronan** was able to take 1st place in the SH1 prone competition with 2nd and 3rd being taken by members of the Australian Paralympic team. In winning the NZ Cup 3 competition he was also able to secure 1st place in the overall SH1 NZ Cup Championship (total points over 3 competitions). In addition Ronan was also able to retain his NZ No1 ranking in his class. All of this will assist **Ronan** in his aim to represent NZ at the Rio Paralympics next year, his next major events are Sydney in September and Fort Benning in November for the world cup matches, both are direct qualifiers for Rio.



**Aidan Takarua** (*left*) who placed first and **Indy Platt-Byrnes** runner up at the Auckland Secondary Schools Lawn Bowls Singles Championships.

**Richard Bluck** won junior male rower of the year and **Richard Bluck, Leo Ngatai-Tafau, Matt Callaghan, Luka Hayward** and **Ryan Patten** won most successful crew of the year for their performances in the novice 4+ at the Westend Rowing Club Awards.

**Harry Plummer** – Selected for the Blues Secondary Schools Rugby Camp to be held over the holidays. **Harry** will play against the Chiefs on July 11th.



**Dine at Gina's, mention SPC and**


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**of your bill goes to**

**St Peter's College Football.**

Gina's Italian Kitchen 161 Symonds St Auckland 1010

St Peter's College



# Quiz Night and Auction

A FIRST XI CRICKET FUNDRAISER

**Saturday 8 August 2015**  
SPC School Hall

SAVE THE DATE -

THINK ABOUT GETTING A BUNCH OF MATES TOGETHER FOR  
AN ENTERTAINING NIGHT

WATCH THE NEWSLETTER FOR DETAILS CLOSER TO THE TIME

Tickets \$25 per person/tables of 10

All enquiries and early ticket /table ordering through  
Jo Plummer 0275035577 or 09 2363081  
Email: [jpilates@outlook.com](mailto:jpilates@outlook.com)

## EDMUND'S SHOP

### 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 still on and without marks of any kind.

No tag or marked-No swap

No exceptions

### St Peter's College Old Boys of Distinction dinner *hosted by* the S.P.C. Old Boys Assoc.

*We invite parents, friends and Old Boys of the college  
to join us as we celebrate the 2015  
Old Boys of Distinction inductees.*

**Thursday 20th August 2015**  
**M.C. ~ Simon Dallow**

Venue:  
SPC School Hall

Doors Open:  
6.30 p.m. for pre-drinks and initial mix and mingle  
Dinner starts:

7.15 p.m.  
*Raffles on the night.*

Tickets:  
\$70 p.p. (complimentary drink on arrival)  
(strictly limited numbers, so first in first served)  
Tables of 10 available

All ticket applications via Mrs. Tania Fernandez  
[tfernandez@st-peters.school.nz](mailto:tfernandez@st-peters.school.nz)  
or phone 09 524 8108 X 7339









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The St Peter's phone app is available free for android and iphones . It will let you know about St Peter's college events, notices and useful links to other school resources. When installing the App be sure to accept notifications when it asks.



## BUILD MY HOCKEY SKILLS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Auckland Hockey holiday programme July school holidays.  
For first time hockey players or club players,  
children will be split into age and ability appropriate groups.  
Suitable for School Year 1 through to Year 10

**Monday 13 July, Tuesday 14 July, Wednesday 15 July**  
9am—3pm  
(Earlier drop off can be arranged)  
\$50 per player  
(discount for additional days or players)

Auckland Hockey, Lloyd Elsmore Park, Pakuranga  
OR  
Mt Roskill Grammar Turf, Somerset Rd, Mt Roskill



To Register, go to [www.akhockey.org.nz](http://www.akhockey.org.nz)



**AUCKLAND HOCKEY**

## Train changes from Monday 20 July 2015

- Electric trains will be operating on all lines from Swanson to Papakura.
- Minor timetable changes for most lines. Please check the new timetable carefully before travelling.
- Transfer required at Papakura for travel to/from Pukekohe.
- A bus service will replace trains between Swanson and Waitakere.

## The progression from school to community life

- free entry
- plenty of street parking
- fully accessible venue
- information pack given to each family
- coffee van and bakery stall for purchase of refreshments – bring along plenty of \$1 and \$2 coins to make purchasing easy

Hosted by Disability Connect  
& Ministry of Social Development (MSD)

**When:** Tuesday 4 August 2015  
**Where:** Mt. Eden War Memorial Hall, 489  
 Dominion Road, Mt. Eden  
**Time:** 9am – 2.00pm

*Please note the new venue (Mt. Eden War Memorial Hall) for this Expo (due to unforeseen circumstances). Map on reverse of this flier including areas where parking is available.*



## JULY WORKSHOPS

## Years 9 & 10

## Essay Writing Course

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 10am – 3pm**

## Essay Writing Course

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 10am – 3pm**

To register and to find out more: [www.klttuition.co.nz](http://www.klttuition.co.nz)  
or email Tracy at [klt.tuition.co.nz](mailto:klt.tuition.co.nz)

## SC209 APOCALYPTIC LITERATURE

Want to know more about the Sacraments and their role in Catholic life then come enrol in our 3 day NZQA course TH201/RE200 :

**Monday 6 July**  
**Tuesday 7 July**  
**Wednesday 8 July**  
**All 9:00am – 4:00pm**

**Cost \$95.60 for 3 days**  
You are required to attend all sessions.

**Lecturer:**  
**Dr Elizabeth Snedden RSCJ**

At: St Columba Centre  
40 Vermont Street  
Ponsonby  
Free Car parking



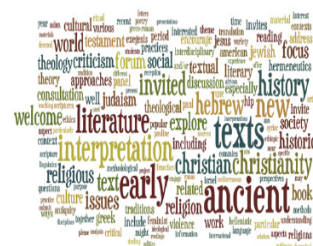
Want to know more about the role of Apocalyptic Literature in Scripture and how it is understood in the Catholic Church in 21<sup>st</sup> Century then come enrol in our 3 day NZQA course SC209 :

Monday 13 July  
Tuesday 14 July  
Wednesday 15 July  
All 9:00am – 4:00pm

**Cost \$95.60 for 3 days**  
**You are required to attend all sessions.**

**Lecturer:**  
**Dr Kathleen Rushton RSM**

At: St Columba Centre  
40 Vermont Street Ponsonby  
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1<sup>st</sup> July 2015.



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