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ST PETER'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

KIA ORA, WELCOME

Dear St Peters College Old Boys and Friends

Re: St Peters College Old Boys Association
Chairman's AGM Report 14th November 2018:

Tena koutou

2018 has been a quieter year for the St Peters College Old Boys Association from an events perspective, but has still delivered some fantastic results and we have held a range of smaller social functions compared to prior years.

Our social media presence has continued via Facebook with just under 2000 followers and used extensively to provide updates during the year, especially the final 1st XV games. A big thank you to Old Boy Dave Prendergast for sourcing a venue in Auckland for the Sunday National final which was well attended by Old Boys.

Our newsletter continues to highlight our activity which is emailed through our database and posted across all platforms on the internet twice a year.

There were two special highlights for me firstly of course the outstanding result achieved by the members and management team of the 1st XV, but the humility of the team in the post-match events as well as the level of brotherhood and the strength of the past and present students engagement with the school at the games, it was truly a memorable experience especially at the 1A final at Eden Park. Secondly was the example of humility and understated talent that of St Peters Old Boys as shown by Christian and Austin Malietoa-Brown who were interviewed on 7 Sharp post their singing success in Croatia, which is how anyone who knows them would describe them.

I had the honour of attending the 2018 Leaving Dinner for Year 13, to the current Old Boys I can confirm the school is in good health and the new Old Boys are a welcome addition to the Brotherhood and we wish them well in this, the next stage of their life.

THE EVENTS:

Again ably lead by Old Boy Richard Davey we have continued to host the St Peters College annual school fair quick fire raffles in March and the Old Boys contributed \$14,000 which goes directly to the school.

The rugby union season kept us busy hosting the home games again in the school hall for the 1st XV after match functions. The patronage at these games continues to grow with the highlight being the Sacred Heart versus St Peters game. That was a huge turnout and the Sacred Heart Old Boys turned out in big numbers for the pre-drinks and after match function. The turnover for that event was in the thousands which is a considerable effort for only four hours of trading. This is quickly becoming a notable event between the two biggest Catholic colleges in New Zealand.

We ran the first informal gathering at the school hall just as a get together for the Old Boys, a bit like the first Old Boys rugby function it was a small gathering, but we are keen to provide ongoing forums to get the Old Boys together.

FINANCE:

The Association continues to be in a good healthy financial position. Old Boy and Chartered Accountant from Grant Thornton, Matt Parkinson, has prepared our financial statements year ending March 31st 2018 for review.

The Financial Statements illustrate a surplus for the year following last year's cash deficit. This surplus puts the SPCOBA back into a healthy and sustainable position.

The Distinction dinner held in September 2017 was another successful evening both from a celebration of the school perspective and a financial perspective. The 1st XV functions also allow the SPCOBA to build not only its community but also its finances. These events have enabled the SPCOBA to support the school in accordance with its objects.

This past financial year has seen the SPCOBA give \$5,000 donation to the school along with providing two \$1,000 koha's to current school students.

THE COMMITTEE

Thankfully our working committee continues to remain strong with a dedicated group of Old Boys. The Old Boys dedicate their time because of their love for St Peters and also wanting to build something special for the alumni to enjoy. A special thanks to our Executive Committee James Bentley (Head Master), Kevin Molloy (Board Of Trustees), Andre Wilkening, Kerrie Quirke, Matt Parkinson (Treasurer) and David Bernard. Under our rules and provision 14.2(d) the Executive Committee will stand down for re-election at our Annual General Meeting 2018.

Thank you to our extended loyal Committee members Peter Wilkening, Mark Fewtrell, Richard Davey, Fred Penisio and others. I would also like to thank the many St Peters Staff that have helped the Old Boys including the head of the development office Tania Fernandez who will unfortunately will be leaving St Peters after 13 years, Tania thank you for your efforts on behalf of the Old Boys over that time. Without these people progress is limited.

What's happening going forward?

We will continue to grow our membership through social media and improve our hosting of future events noting 2019 is the St Peters College 80 year celebration where we will look to include an Old Boys event as part of the celebrations.

In closing, the success of the Old Boys Association is dependent on volunteers who can continue to help build our community into something special. If you would like to help please me on rob.downie@outlook.co.nz.

Have a fantastic Christmas and New Year and I look forward to seeing you at our next event.

May our Lord bless you all.

Thank you. Nga mihi.

Kind regards

Rob Downie

St Peters College Old Boys Association Chairman
God bless and best wishes

Rob Downie

SPC Old Boys Association Chair

HALF YEAR HIGHLIGHTS & NEWS

JULY TO DECEMBER 2018

- The planning for the new Chapel is well underway. Tenders are in progress and there are high hopes that work will begin over the coming holiday period.
- The school year ends with high hopes for another sterling performance academically. Lasts record of 62 scholarships will be tough to top, but the intention is for us to stay among the leading schools in the country with our academic achievements.
- We end the year with all our major code sports teams competing in the premier grades. Of course, the highlight of the year was the First XV's National title win and they are now preparing for the international tournament in Japan in March and April of 2019. Thank you to all of you who attended the dinner to support the trip, it raised approximately \$20,000.
- Retaining and attracting high calibre staff continues to be a major focal point for the school's leadership team and the Board of Trustees looking ahead to 2019. We are extremely lucky with the tremendous staff we have, and it is an on-going challenge to ensure we meet our strategic goal of attracting, developing and retaining high calibre staff committed to our ethos and to our community.
- We note the sad passing of prominent old boy Peter Gould (1956-1962) in early October. Peter had a very successful medical career specializing in dermatology and spending several years on the World Health Organization. May he rest in peace.

JUST A REMINDER.....

Please let us know if there is someone you know who would want to be added to our database. Also, if you would like to actively help out and be more involved with the Old Boys and Friends Association, you are always very welcome. If you are keen to join please contact Callena Lewis, E: clewis@st-peters.school.nz