



## From the Principal - Mrs Margaret Leamy



Tēna koutou katoa, Kia orana, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Fakalofa Atu, Bula Vinaka

Term 1 has been an incredibly busy term already for us all with numerous events taking place including Swimming and Athletics sports. These days have been wonderful with participation and celebration! Thanks to our committed staff and wonderful parents who have put in many extra hours to ensure that these have all run smoothly and been a positive experience for everyone.

Our provisional 2023 NCEA results have been published. We are very proud of these results, above the National statistics in most areas, as well as one of the top performing schools in the Manawatū region. Please take the time to look at the graphs below showing a snapshot of the achievement. Congratulations to all our students who achieved so well!

The students are extremely settled, and engaging in our teaching and learning programmes which will set them up for positive outcomes! As part of our settling in stage we have been focusing on our school theme of He Awenga - Be Present. Being Present is not always easy. However, think about how good it feels to see someone's eyes light up when they feel acknowledged, recognised, seen. How do you feel when you are 'seen'. This is He Awenga - Be Present. By being present, it enriches not only our own lives but also the lives of those around us.

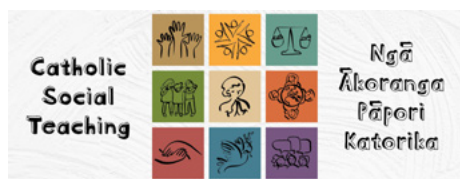
As we are amidst the Lenten season, the 40 days prior to Easter signifies the time Jesus Christ spent in the wilderness before he began his ministry. We remember the events leading up to and including the death of Jesus, whose life and teachings are the foundation of Christianity.

I have added a link that explains the significance of this season of prayer, fasting, and giving, and how you can make the most of this time of repentance and renewal. <https://bustedhalo.com/video/watch-lent-3-minutes>

Ngā manaakitanga

Margaret Leamy

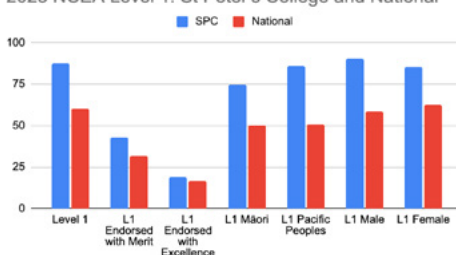
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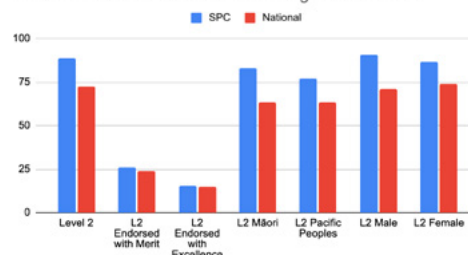
Catholic Social Teaching (CST) applies Gospel values such as love, peace, justice, compassion, reconciliation, service and community to modern social problems. If everyone put CST into action it would transform the world.

The CST of Participation - nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou - is recognising that everyone has something unique and important to contribute to our community and society. We are called on to be active members of our local and global communities.

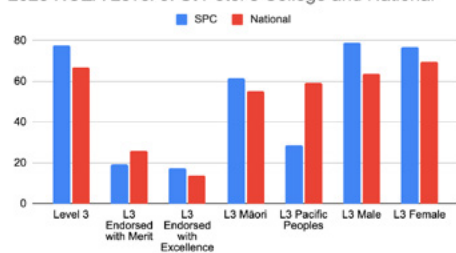
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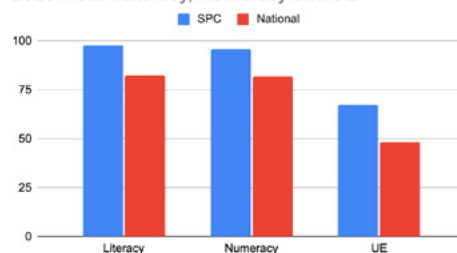
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2023 NCEA Level 3: St Peter's College and National



2023 NCEA Literacy, Numeracy and UE



## St Peter's College 50th Reunion

Registrations now open!  
For more information visit our website



[www.stpeterspn.school.nz](http://www.stpeterspn.school.nz)  
Labour Weekend Fri 25 - Sun 27 Oct 2024

# Special Character

He Awenga - presence - be present is our theme for 2024. It is based on our Marist and Mercy charisms, our school value of Integrity and the Catholic Social Teaching of Whakawhanaungatanga - Solidarity. Our staff and classes have been exploring our theme and what it means in our daily lives.

This term has been a busy term with our wonderful Opening Mass, Ash Wednesday liturgy and the commencement of Lent. Confirmation programme has started. Please continue to pray for our candidates as they prepare to receive the Sacrament on Sunday 14th of April at the 6pm Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit.

The Caritas Lenten Reflection programme is available on this website <https://www.caritas.org.nz/lent-resources> - Remember Lent is a time for fasting, praying and almsgiving.

Marist Student Leadership Forum involved our head students Maata Severinsen and Jacob Crume along with Rosalia Siu and Deiz Shinoy our Special Character leaders. They interacted with ten other Marist Brother colleges and the focus was on servant leadership.



Tausilia our Chaplain has been leading an induction session with our Yr 7-9 students. These sessions explain the Special Character of our school and how the students can be involved.

Yrs 7 & 8 class liturgies have also begun and are led by our Yr 13 Special Character committee members. These are held on a Friday at lunchtime in our Chapel.

Survive a Slum is a social justice event that happens every Lent at St. Peter's College. It is a Caritas Challenge event: students sleep in a cardboard box overnight at school and participate in other activities.

The purpose is to raise awareness of poverty and solidarity and compassion for others. Their catchphrase is "One Day of Difference for a Life Time of Change". The date is Friday 5th of April (set up from 6pm) finishing at 11am Saturday morning. Students need to be sponsored for this event. Collect permission slips from outside C2 from week 6 onwards.

## From the LIBRARY

The Scholastic Book Club provides an opportunity for you to purchase books for your child at very reasonable prices. The Book Club Brochures are published twice a term and are distributed to our Year 7,8 & 9 classes. Additional brochures are made available in the Library for students at other year levels.

To register and order go to the Scholastic Parents site: <https://www.scholastic.co.nz/parents/lucky-book-club>

The latest brochure can also be viewed there.

All school orders are submitted and arrive as one package ready for distribution to students. If the order is a gift and you do not want your child to receive the order please email [graysont@stpeterspn.school.nz](mailto:graysont@stpeterspn.school.nz) to arrange an alternative pick up time. 5% of sales made by our school community comes back to our school library to use on purchasing books which makes it a win win situation!

Please direct any enquiries regarding the Scholastic Book Club to our Librarian Tracy Grayson at: [graysont@stpeterspn.school.nz](mailto:graysont@stpeterspn.school.nz)



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## Year 11 Students Dive into the Microscopic World of Fungi!

Diving into NCEA Level 1, our Year 11 ākonga this term are studying big idea of life processes of micro organisms and their role into intricate web of life. With an enthusiasm to explore, these budding scientists are taking part in a journey of unravelling the secrets hidden within tiny fungi spores. This term science department is making a commitment to better prepare our students in their investigative skills and applied their theoretical knowledge to hands-on experiments.

This photo shows how careful observation under microscope excites our students to unlock the mysteries of these microscopic entities contribute to the delicate balance of our ecosystem.

Our year 11 science students will be assessed on this internal standard toward the end of this term.

- Dr Desai (Science Kaiako)

## Academic Tutor Programme

We are delighted to inform you about an exciting opportunity that we believe will greatly benefit our ākonga's academic journey at St. Peter's College – our Academic Tutor Programme.

The Academic Tutor Programme has been designed to provide additional support and guidance to students, ensuring they excel in their academic pursuits. We understand that every student learns differently, and we aim to cater to individual needs, helping each ākonga reach their full potential.

This personalised Learning includes:

\*Tailored tutoring sessions to address your tamariki's specific learning needs.

\*Individualised attention to reinforce understanding of concepts/assessments.



## Careers Department News

2024 in the Careers department has got off to a flying and busy start with many students enrolled in courses and programmes.

This year we have 20 students involved in Gateway. 16 students have been accepted into the Gateway programme at Te Whatu Ora, Palmerston North Hospital, where they are on placement either one day a week, or in the school holidays, in areas such as midwifery, dentistry, distribution, medicine, pharmacy, anaesthetic technician, occupational therapy, elder care and care assistant roles.

We have 4 Gateway students ready to begin their placements with Heatrite, John Leader Electrical, Doggos Playcation and Daycare and The Beauty Hairdressing & Barbering Academy (BHB).

We have 18 Yr 12/13 students studying one or two days a week through the U-Skills Academy at UCOL, and at the School of Design. Programmes include automotive, NZ Police pathways, hair beauty & retail, Armed Service Academy, business admin, graphic design & digital media.

University Future Student Advisors visits have begun, with Victoria visiting us last week and their Māori student advisor visiting this week.

We have students enrolled in short STAR courses at UCOL such as vet nursing, alternative health care, forklift certification, and the Armed Services.



**We Need You**

Whether you are new to school, or an old hand, we'd love to have your help on the PTFA!

We meet once monthly.  
We are particularly in need of a Secretary.

Join the PTFA!

email us: [ptfa@stpeterspn.school.nz](mailto:ptfa@stpeterspn.school.nz)

### School uniform donations

Do you have uniform items you no longer need? Please consider donating to the second hand uniform shop. Run by the PTFA, all sales go towards projects to help students and the school community. If you have items to donate you can drop at school reception or at the shop during our opening hours: Thursday 8-8.45am.

### PTFA Event Assistance Award

The PTFA offers an assistance grant for students attending national or international events. If you would like to apply, please email us for the criteria: [ptfa@stpeterspn.school.nz](mailto:ptfa@stpeterspn.school.nz)

# Canoe Polo



On Saturday 24th Feb our senior girls and a senior open team competed at the regional Canoe Polo tournament. Our senior girls came first in their division and now qualify for the upcoming schools National competition. Our open team came third and have been given a wild card entry to the Nationals. Thanks to our

coaches Carl Massarotto and Hayley Austin for their amazing support.

We warmly encourage parents and students to come along to the lagoon on the 16/17th March to support our teams and watch some amazing Canoe Polo.

The winter sports registration has been sent out, so sign up and have a go!



# Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Awards

At a recent full school assembly, we were delighted to present Bronze and Silver awards to thirteen of our students. A number of these students have already embarked on the next level of their journey providing service, learning skills, participating in physical activity and adventurous journeys. Any students in Year 10 to 13 are welcome to join the Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Awards programme. Please see our school Award Leader, Mr Hodge if you would like more information.



## We would like to thank our sponsors:

# SWIMMING SPORTS 2024

Our annual Swimming Sports were held at the Lido on Thurs 15th Feb and we had amazing weather for our day. It was wonderful to see all our students swimming, dancing, chanting, competing in novelties and the man u competition, and dressed up in their house colours. Participation was high amongst all house groups and congratulations to O'Shea for winning the Participation Points Trophy.

Overall the results were really close with McKeefry 1st, Viard 2nd, Redwood 3rd and O'Shea 4th.

Congratulations to the following swimmers who excelled in the pool:

Year 7 & 8  
 Girls Runner Up - Mia Frame  
 Girls Champion - Olivia Devonport  
 Boys Runner Up - Reuben Ryan  
 Boys Champion - Jasper Whitson

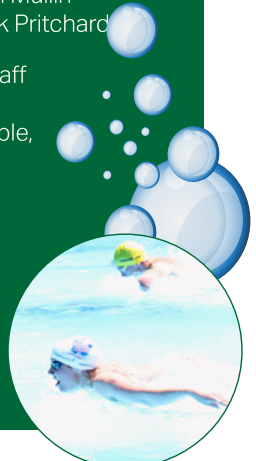
Under 14  
 Girls Runner Up - Lumuno Chituwo  
 Girls Champion - Elsa Mwape  
 Boys Runner Up - Ollie Puts  
 Boys Champion - William Quigan

Under 16  
 Girls Runner Up - Charlotte Quigan  
 Girls Champion - Stevie Kennard  
 Boys Runner Up - Samuel Collins  
 Boys Champion - Louie Azevedo

Under 19  
 Girls Runner Up - Ariana Kerehoma  
 Girls Champion - Jesse de Vries  
 Boys Runner Up - Tom Mullin  
 Boys Champion - Jack Pritchard

Thank you to all the staff for their assistance in making this day possible, especially our sports department, and to all our fantastic students for getting in the pool and having a go.

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 HOD Sport



**Last Note:**

"If you want to teach young people, first you must love them - love them all equally."  
 - St Marcellin Champagnat