

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 for us all with numerous events taking place for our students. 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.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Learning Conferences recently, focused learning environment. Connect-2-Succeed (C2S) is a St Peter's College initiative to strengthen connections between students, home, and school. The C2S groups are the first point of contact between the school and home regarding your child's learning progress. Thank you for supporting the value of strong home-school relationships to promote learning.

It is timely reminder to remind everyone of our attendance procedures, particularly late attendance and family trips away. Student attendance, along with effective teaching, has the greatest influence on student engagement and achievement. Research consistently points to the significance of attendance at school as being one of the best predictors of success at school.

It is a requirement to be at school, in class by 8.45am. Please ensure that your child/ren are here on time, ready to start at 8:45am. For leave such as family holidays, or overseas trips during term time, you must seek permission from me before leave will be granted. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

As the holidays approach, I encourage staff and students to take the time to relax and enjoy some time with your whānau and I look forward to seeing you all next term.

Ngā manaakitanga

Margaret Leamy

Catholic Social Teaching



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.



St Peter's College 50th Reunion

Registrations now open!

For more information visit our website



www.stpeterspn.school.nz

Labour Weekend Fri 25 - Sun 27 Oct 2024

Mass of the Oils

On Tuesday 26th March the Mass of the Oils was held at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit. It was wonderful to celebrate this special Mass with representatives from the schools and parishes across our Diocese. It was Bishop John's first Mass of the Oils and he was well supported with many of the Priests of our Diocese present, along with our Emeritus Bishops Peter and Owen.



Resurrection Liturgy

On Thursday 4th April CSU presented the 15th Station of the Cross, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ - Te Aranga mai o Hēhu, te Karaiti.

After the sadness and despair of Jesus dying we are now filled with hope and joy. For the disciples and followers of Jesus, his Resurrection was an incredible moment, one that has influenced all of Christianity.

CSU put together a beautiful play that highlighted at the end that we are called to follow Jesus and to be our authentic selves. We are all loved unconditionally by God. A big thank you to Ms Su'a and her class CSU for leading us beautifully in this celebration. We finished the liturgy with our whole kura doing a 'bless-a-cise dance to 'When Jesus said Yes, nobody can say no'.

Thank you to our Special Character leaders for this joyful activity.



HOLY THURSDAY

- *Washing of the Feet*

Maata Severinsen and Deiz Shinoy represented our school at the Holy Thursday liturgy at the Cathedral - The Washing of the Feet.

It was a wonderful way for us to connect again with one of our parishes and to be able to celebrate Holy Thursday with our wider school community.



HOLY THURSDAY *Liturgy*



Our Holy Thursday liturgy was led by our Yr 7&8 classes. They took us through the Stations of the Cross in a very poignant, reflective manner. Many hours were spent preparing their presentation and we thank all of our FNS teachers and students for their time, creativity and effort. Our Special Character Committee along with our Junior Head Students and Special Character leaders shared a short question or statement on each station connecting them to our modern world. This allowed us to see the relevance of what Jesus went through and apply it to our own lives. Our liturgy finished with the male staff and our Year 13 boys singing 'Were you There'. This song is sung around the world at Easter time. The reverence and respectful silence throughout the liturgy and the beautifully sung hymn at the end, left us with a new insight into the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ.

From the LIBRARY

Manawatu Kids Lit Quiz

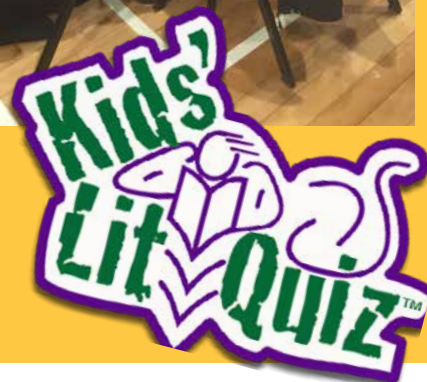
Two teams of Yr 7 & 8 students from CMD and CSU represented the school at the Manawatu Kids Lit Quiz on Tuesday 26th March.

They competed against 40 other schools, all vying for the opportunity to represent Manawatu at the national competition.

Quiz Master Wayne Mills kept everyone on their toes with 100 literary based questions across ten categories, including creatures, colours, plants, deities, eggs and tails to name a few of the more interesting sections!

Our teams did very well placing 7th and 22nd. They had a lot of fun on the day, caught up with friends and learnt some new facts!

Masterton Intermediate were the team to beat on the day and they advance through to the National final.



Congratulations to our students who competed:

CMD – Sarah Balm, Emily Rule, Hadley Taua'i, Mia Tutaki
CSU – Tobias Budd, Charlotte-Jane Mapuilesua, David Moore, Noah New-Durant, Leiana Sa'e

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

Next term we will be having a winter clothing drive for the St Vincent de Paul shop on Rangitikei Street. This is our Catholic op shop. We encourage you to use the holiday time to go through your clothing and put aside any second hand winter clothes that are in good condition. We will collect these and give them to Vinnies. This includes any extra winter bedding you may have.

Many thanks to our community for your generous response to our can drive. We filled the Vinnies truck and have provided food for many whānau in need.

The focus in lent was: prayer, fasting and almsgiving (donating). It is so wonderful to see this in action at our kura. Rose, Jack and Kevin from our St Vincent de Paul Society, said they were very impressed and grateful.

Can Drive



Zonta breakfast

On the 8th of March Liya Brauns and Leah Meehan, attended the international women's day breakfast run by Zonta Manawatu. Zonta Manawatu is a club of women that has been active in advocating for women's rights for the last 40 years. For this year's international women's day the theme was: "DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality." This year's theme focused on how technology and education in a new digital age can help women and girls around the world to be empowered. CEO and Executive Director of Spark NZ Jolie Hodson was invited to be a guest speaker. Jolie Hodson is one of the few women CEOs in the top 50 NZ businesses, and has made large strides in the opportunities for women and other minority groups within her business.



We found this event to be uniquely inspiring, thanks to the large number of women who came in support and the brilliant presentation by Jolie Hodson. She spoke about how she made it to where she is today, how she has juggled being a mother in her line of work, and the steps she has taken to improve the opportunities available inside her business. This event showed us in a more personal and local environment what women are able to achieve in spite of the negative experiences and stereotypes that are still commonplace in today's world. We thoroughly enjoyed the experience at this event, and I'm sure every other woman there felt the same. - Leah Meehan

Baptisms

We congratulate teacher Stacey McKenzie who received the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation. Students Natalia Harding, Bonnie and Jackson Aydon-Nimmo have also been baptised recently into the Catholic Church. We also congratulate past student Katrina Trewitt who was also welcomed into the Catholic Church and received the Sacrament of Confirmation.



Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Cattle Creek Adventurous Journey



The weekend of 16/17 March was forecast to be a sunny weekend. Twenty-eight Year 10 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Awards participants met at school at 8am to embark on a weekend journey to the Cattle Creek Hut in the Ruahine Ranges. The participants were assisted by instructors from our partner organisation, Afoot (afoot.co.nz).

At 11pm, while camping on the side of a hill, it would appear the forecast suddenly changed and the participants were faced with

gale force winds. It became clear who had the better pitched tents! The next morning, with little to no sleep, the students hiked back to their starting point at the end of Tamaki East Road. It was noted how quiet everyone was on the return van journey.

Feedback from one student summed up the weekend. "Overall, it was an amazing experience. The Afoot instructors were amazing and I'm so excited to do it again".



Science News

In Year 13 Chemistry, students are exploring the intricate world of redox reactions within electrochemical cells, investigating their multifaceted applications. From the production of fuels to synthesising chemicals and electroplating objects with a delicate veneer of metal, the students are unravelling the complexities of these reactions. Parallel to this, in their biology studies, they're uncovering the pivotal role of redox reactions in cellular energy production, gaining a comprehensive understanding of how these fundamental processes interconnect across disciplines, fuelling innovation and advancement in both chemistry and biology.



Academic Tutor Programme

Year 11 students are experiencing invaluable support through an academic tutor programme facilitated by senior students Arianna K and Charlotte Y.

With a focus on NCEA Level 1 maths, these dedicated tutors are guiding their peers through challenging concepts, providing clear explanations, and offering personalised strategies for success.

Through their mentorship, students are not only improving their understanding of mathematical principles but also developing confidence in their abilities. The collaborative learning environment fostered by Arianna and Charlotte is empowering Year 11 students to overcome obstacles and achieve excellence in their academic pursuits.



Young Enterprise Scheme has partnered with Latin America Centre of Asia-Pacific Excellence (LatAm CAPE) to give eight students the experience of a lifetime: an all-expenses-paid trip to Mexico! I am so grateful to have been chosen out of the 140 students across New Zealand who applied. Over the week, we'll be exploring Mexico City and taking part in business challenges. The team will consist of three students, two from New Zealand and one from Mexico. We will also be taking language and cultural lessons, engaging in cultural activities, and visiting businesses. Students will fly out during the term one holidays, from Friday 12 April to Monday 22 April.

In the application for the trip, I had to send in a video which discussed why I was applying, what I would contribute to the team, and discuss the relationship between Mexico and New Zealand. I also had to write about a time I was in a challenging/unknown environment, and how I navigated it.

In my YES class, I'm starting my own hair oil business called Shammi Haircare that I developed with my Nani. I'm very excited to have the opportunity to go on this trip, and I can't wait to learn all there is to know about Mexico and their culture.

- Bindi Rolton



PTFA Event Assistance Award

There are funds available to assist students attending national or international events. Contact the PTFA to find out more and apply: ptfa@stpeterspn.school.nz

Survive-a-Slum 2024



A huge congratulations to all the staff and students involved in Survive-a-Slum!! What a special experience we had. Your positive attitude and full participation made us very proud of you. Thank you to our slum whānau leaders for being kind, helpful parents!! Please hand your slum sponsorship money into the office by Friday. Let's make a difference for all those Caritas Aotearoa is supporting this year.



Passing on your knowledge

If you have a job, skill or career that you would be happy to come and talk to our students about, please get in touch with our Careers Advisor Mrs Brigid Hayes. We would love to hear from you!

Mrs Brigid Hayes: hayesb@stpeterspn.school.nz (06) 3544198

Are you good at growing plants?

Time to think about taking some cuttings or growing for the PTFA Spring Market!

It will be held again this year in September/October 2024 (date TBC)

Email us to find out more:
ptfa@stpeterspn.school.nz



THE PTFA WANT YOU

AS OUR SECRETARY!

Do you have some time to help the PTFA out? We have a vacancy for a Secretary at the moment and could do with your help!

The role involves taking meeting minutes once every two months, checking our emails and keeping our email and filing system in order. Get in touch with us to find out more (no obligation)!

ptfa@stpeterspn.school.nz

We would like to thank our sponsors:



Last Note:

Second hand uniform shop
The PTFA Second Hand Uniform Shop is open every Thursday in term time from 8-8.45am. Any enquiries get in touch on ptfa@stpeterspn.school.nz.