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FROM KEVIN SHORE, PRINCIPAL ...

During the April school holidays one of our much loved members of staff Janine Loving-Molloy passed away after a long battle with cancer. Janine had worked at St Peter's College since 2006 as a Guidance Counsellor and over the years has supported many students, families and staff as they have faced various challenges. She was very committed to the young people she served, always working for their best interests and they appreciated their relationship with her. Janine was in school supporting a number of our students only ten days before she died and this epitomises her strength, courage and commitment in her role. She will be missed by students and staff alike and our community would like to pass on our love and support to her husband David, son Mathew, and immediate family. May she rest in peace.

A memorial mass for Brother Gabriel (Kevin Power) was held on Saturday 5th May. Brother Gabriel (Marist Brother) was one of the Deputy Principal's when St Peter's College was opened in 1974. He passed away in Auckland in the last week of the school holidays. He was well into his 90's and had lived a full life serving in both education and supporting volunteers in the Catholic Overseas Volunteer programme. A number of past and present students as well as parishioners were in attendance at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Thank you to Fr Joe Grayland for his facilitation of this mass.

The winter sport season is now upon us. Sport is an important element of school life and teaches us many lessons with respect to teamwork, commitment, goal setting etc. I am grateful to all the staff and community volunteers who have offered their services as coaches and managers as without you our students would not have the opportunity they currently enjoy. To our students, I ask that you respect the commitment that these individuals are making on your behalf and that you fully commit to practices and games. If this happens then it will be a positive experience for all. Best wishes for the season ahead.



As you may be aware, the Board is working through a process of reviewing the school uniform. This process has now reached the stage where a contractor has costed the design and is preparing a full mock-up of all the items. Once we have a full sample of the uniform we will review and consult (albeit more briefly) before giving the supplier the go ahead to produce our uniform for 2019. This uniform will apply to Yr 7 and Yr 11 in 2019 and apply for other levels as students need new uniform items.

I am also aware that due to our Boards review of uniform our current supplier, Academy Apparel, is running down their stocks of our existing school uniform. This is making it hard for some families to get replacement items and fit out their sons and daughters in the interim. I refer you to the uniform item in this newsletter where we have outlined some solutions if this is an issue for you currently.

As always there has been plenty of student success to acknowledge. Congratulations to Layla Sae (Selection to NZ Junior Development Volleyball Team), Klem McJarow-Keller and Eugene Wu (North Island Brain Bee Challenge final) and past student Krista McJarow-Keller (scholarship to study at Duke Kunshan University China) Well done to you all and best wishes for the opportunities that will come.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING ...



Anzac Day Parade - a large contingent represented our school at the civic ceremony held in the Square. School Principal Kevin Shore stands amidst the Senior students ready to march in to the cenotaph.



Cross Walk numbers were at a record high this year. Followed by the Easter Liturgy.



Survive-a-Slum - over 100 students simulated living in third world conditions sleeping outdoors in cardboard boxes and eating minimal simple foods. From Friday evening through to Saturday afternoon. They raised over \$4,000! Well done!

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING ...

Year 13 "Discipleship & Mission" RE students went on a class trip to Wellington recently. In a busy day out they visited the tomb of Suzanne Aubert, went to a soup kitchen that's run for over a century and called in to St Mary of the Angels, arguably one of the most beautiful Catholic churches in NZ.



Road Race / Colour Run and mufti day for World Asthma Day - was a great day with lots of enthusiasm and splashes of colour - literally! And with the added bonus that our mufti day raised money for Asthma awareness.



Lit Quiz 2018 - 2 SPC teams competed with forty schools from around Manawatu, Wanganui and Horowhenua. Teams had to answer 100 questions on children's literature. Categories included poetry, authors, titles, settings, characters and nursery rhymes. Congratulations to Team A - **Jacob Hesketh, Heather Skiffington, Samuel Balm and Nadian McLeod-Sands**. And Team B - **Jacob Marlow, Declan Carton, Bindi Rolton, River Keenan and Aria Lyons**.

The School Chapel Band are very grateful to the PTFA for funding this cajon drum **Connor Reynolds** is playing, and for the sound equipment recently purchased.

The cajon drum was used for the first time recently at assembly when the Chapel Band taught the school a new song.



CONGRATULATIONS ...

Brain Bee Challenge - congratulations **Klem McJarrow-Keller** and **Eugene Wu** who were selected to attend the second round of the Brain Bee Challenge. This is the North Island final in Auckland on the 5 July. Good luck!

Encouraging Maori students to Medical Sciences - **Phil Massarotto** and **Ruby Ratana** have been selected to attend a Wakapiki ake COACH day in Auckland as part of a drive to recruit young Maori students into the Medical Sciences. What an opportunity!

Layla Sae attended a Volleyball NZ Talent Training Camp in Porirua in the April holidays. She has now been selected in the NZ Junior Women's Development Volleyball team who will play in a tournament against Australia in August in Papakura.

Well done Layla and we look forward to hearing your results. Please also support Layla in her fundraising activities as she prepares for this tournament!

Minh Duong has shown what it takes to be a St Peter's College student - he received 40 ROCK recognitions in Term One. A new school record!

EPro 8 - **Samuel Balm, Jacob Marlow, Heather Skiffington** and **Denz Shinoy** made it through to the Finals of the EPro-8 competition. What an achievement! Unfortunately due to circumstances they were unable to compete at the Final.



Oli Mollard, Kieran Baird, Michael Booth & Chris Foster were commissioned to create this colouring in mural for the Plaza. The public had fun colouring in over the school holidays.

Past Student Success!

Congratulations to our 2017 Head Girl **Krista McJarrow-Keller**. She has been awarded a scholarship to study for 4 years at Duke Kunshan University, China. This will be an inaugural class with a cross-section of students from round the globe.

Krista is also attending the 2018 Youth Leadership Summit in Quingdoa, China in July thanks to the Palmerston North City Council. The summit is for "the next generation of global leaders and citizens from the sister cities of New Zealand and Peoples' Republic of China". **Go Krista!**

CONGRATULATIONS ...



VEX World Championships in Kentucky, USA

During the April Holidays **Denz Shinoy, Shaniquia-Lee Holland, Anna Skiffington, Reuben Mascarenhas, Croi Mitchell**, Mr David Skiffington and Mr Stephan van Haren, flew to the USA to attend the biggest robotics competition in the World - the VEX World Championships in Louisville, Kentucky.

Apart from the competition these lucky students got to visit NASA's Space Center in Houston to see Space Station Training Mockups, Saturn V Rocket, and Mission Control. They had a Swamp Air Boat tour in New Orleans, learnt about slavery at a plantation, watched the Louisville Bats baseball game, and saw Elvis Presley's Graceland.

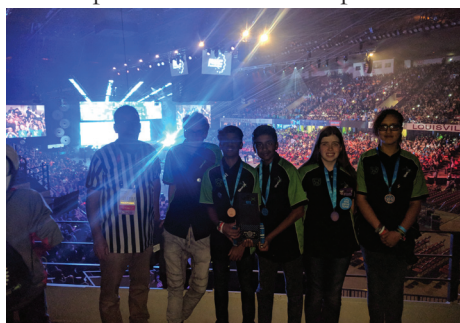
And that's not even mentioning the VEX World Championships!

The group volunteered as field resetters for the VEX EDR, what a great experience! That got them front row seats as field resetters for the VEX EDR Final – in front of 20,000 people!

Then they competed for 3 days in the VEX IQ Middle School World Championships along with 400 teams from around the world. Team Sylvester ended up in 26th place, just missing the finals, and Team Mary placed 56th and presented their STEM project.

At the end of a very successful season and World Championships, SPC Bots won the INSPIRE AWARD for inspiring the judges with their accomplishments.

A big thank you to David Skiffington who accompanied and helped with the entire trip.



SPORTS ...



Term 1 Touch - for the first time in many years, we not only had two teams playing in the Secondary Schools Touch competition, but both teams made finals in their grades. **Junior Mixed** faced tough competition against a polished Manukura side and came 2nd overall in the Junior Mixed A grade. Thank you to Whaea Jamie for your help coaching this team.

The **Senior Mixed** team had a great season, winning against Taihape Area School 5-2 in their final, placing 1st in the Senior Mixed B grade. Thank you to Ropina Hapi and Jakob Fraser (both ex-SPC students) who coached this team.

We also held our Prizegiving and congratulate the following players on their awards:

U14 Girls Most Valuable Player (MVP) - Paityn Fraser

U14 Boys MVP - Ezra Proctor Wirihana

U14 Boys Most Improved - Duane Limlengco

U14 Girls Most Improved - Maata Severinsen

Junior Boys MVP - Ian Wulf

Junior Girls MVP - Poppy Winiata

Junior Boys Most Improved - Daniel Leamy

Junior Girls Most Improved - Kasileta Seko

Senior Boys MVP - Jared Jackson

Senior Girls MVP - Saraya Reiri

Senior Boys Most Improved - Riley Winiata

Senior Girls Most Improved - Lily Rose Fraser

Special mention also to **Riley Winiata** who refereed two games every week at the module, and was awarded his Level 1 Referee Certificate.

I am looking forward to seeing all these players back for the next season, and thank you to all the players and whanau for your continued support. Jan McLeod

SPORTS ...

Congratulations to the St Peter's College Athletics Champions for 2018:

Senior Boys

Track Champion	Cameron Trewitt
Field Champion	Andrew Hearn
Overall Champion	Andrew Hearn

Intermediate Boys

Track Champion	Thomas Leamy
Field Champion	Seumus Flannagan
Overall	Jared Jackson

Junior Boys

Track Champion	Tyler Hodson
Field Champion	Jordan Donnelly
Overall	Jordan Donnelly and Ian Wulf

Senior Girls

Track Champion	Jessie Auckram
Field Champions	Suitupe Moeftli and Jessie Auckram
Overall	Jessie Auckram

Intermediate Girls

Track Champion	Saraya Reiri
Field Champion	Mele Tavake
Overall	Saraya Reiri

Junior Girls

Track Champion	Kimberley Walsh
Field Champion	Jamie Lauivi-Isitolo
Overall	Kimberley Walsh

Super Sport Mountain Biking Competition - Congratulations to **Tyler Mumby** who placed 1st in the Year 8 Boys. Tyler annihilated the opposition by minutes. **Lochlan Foote** placed 10th and **Paddy Dillon** 41st out of 50+ competitors.



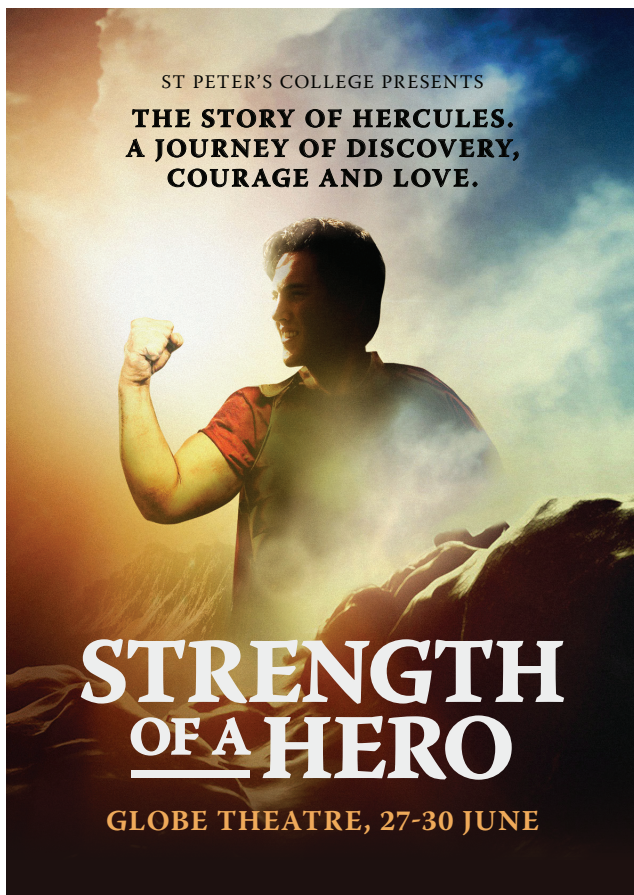
Manawatu Special Olympics Athletics - some of our students participated in this event. A number of them gained a 1st, 2nd or 3rd placing in their events. A fun day in the sun was had by all who attended.

CLASSES IN ACTION ...

Year 12 Biology class carry out a fish dissection looking at gills and gas exchange. And **Year 13** students perform a Kidney dissection for an internal on Homeostasis.



Strength of a Hero - practice is going well for our School Production, 27-30 June at the Globe Theatre.



CLASSES IN ACTION ...



Year 9 Projects class learning Ceramics



FROM THE INTERNATIONAL DEPT ...



Once again the time with our Thai students comes to an end.

Over the last 10 weeks we enjoyed showing them true Kiwi hospitality and we would especially like to thank our homestay families for welcoming all 11 students with open arms!

We wish you a safe trip home and koopakun (thank you in Thai)!

FUNDRAISING ...

Firewood - Gold Duke of Ed students Joseph and Georgina Wheller are selling firewood to raise funds for their trip to Samoa. Dry Firewood - \$15 a sack. Free delivery in Palmerston North. Ph 027 522 3179.

Try Texas style, low and slow American Barbecue - Phil Massarotto is raising funds for his trip to the Canoe Polo World Championships in Canada representing NZ in the Junior Paddle Blacks.

Traditional home cured & smoked German sausage, chicken, & pork shoulder cooked over a wood fire for over 12 hours, served hot with traditional sides from the deep American south. **Saturday 19 May** from 6pm at St Peter's. Orders by Wednesday 16 May please. Email PhilJuniorPaddleBlack@gmail.com

Layla Sae is fundraising to help her get to Auckland to compete with the NZ Junior Women's Development Volleyball team against Australia.

SCHOOL INFO ...

Connect-to-Succeed (C2S) - this programme has been developing greatly over the last 7 years and continues to do so. It aims to help bring life to the St Peter's College vision of

"St Peter's College celebrates being a Catholic Faith Community where students, teachers and families work in partnership to develop empowered, self-managing, life long learners, who live the Gospel values in a changing world."

There are two main aspects to C2S:

1. Academic coaching - where students, teachers and families work in partnership supporting students through conversations and conferences in all areas of their learning; and
2. Curriculum delivery - helping to develop empowered, self-managing students through the contexts of their learning, hauora and future.

During term one our focus in C2S was threefold:

- a) Getting to know other C2S members and building a positive group culture;
- b) Understanding why people set goals and developing our own SMART goals ready for conferences; and
- c) Considering a range of issues around digital citizenship, reflecting on their own behavior online and considering the consequences of spending too much time online.

In the first half of this term our main emphasis will be on developing employment skills and exploring opportunities developed by Careers Advisor Jill Lynch. This will include a visit by many students to the Careers Expo. The second half will concentrate on further expanding students financial capabilities developed by John Russell HOD of Commerce.

We look forward to seeing you all for the second Learning Conference of the year on Tues 29 or Thur 31 May.

Breakfast Club - on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings before school students are welcome to come to the Foods room for breakfast. Usually weetbix, toast, smoothies &/or hot chocolate. Students volunteer their time, and the Breakfast Club runs on donations from our community.

School Dropoff / Pickup - we have received a number of complaints recently of parents parking over & blocking driveways in the streets around our school as they dropoff / pickup. Please be considerate to our neighbours.

Scholastic News Kids "Press Corps" is now open for applications. 10-14 year olds with a "nose for news" and a strong interest in journalism and writing are encouraged to apply. Due 31 May 2018. Check it out at scholastic.co.nz/newskids



SCHOOL INFO ...

Winter Uniform - the winter uniform stock at Academy Apparel is very limited particularly in the smaller size girls' winter skirt and both boys and girls winter shirts.

The second hand uniform shop at school is quite well stocked and is open every Thursday between 1-1.30pm only. Students can try on items of uniform and have them held until payment is made to the bursar if you are not able to come into school during that period.

We recommend that you purchase the required winter uniform now rather than leave it closer to Queens Birthday Weekend when the options will be even more limited. If you are not able to get the required uniform item please contact Mrs Christine Buchanan (Principal's PA) to discuss what options are available.

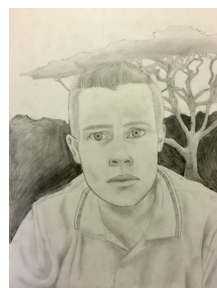
If you have items of uniform that your son/daughter has grown out of please donate them to school. The PTFA do a great job running the uniform shop, we are most grateful for the service they offer.

We appreciate your patience and understanding during this period of transition

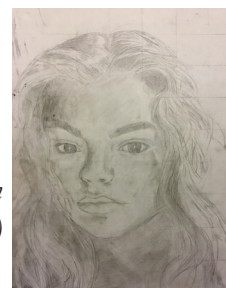
Airpoints for Schools - Share the Magic of Flight



Thanks to our community's generous airpoint donations we have made our target and have \$20,000 towards our travel costs. This is a fantastic help to the students travelling to Japan in the July school holidays. Thank you Air New Zealand!



Year 10 Portraits
Seth Wise
(left)



Teresa Walton
(right)

FROM THE PTFA ...

The PTFA is very active in supporting the College and would welcome new members, so please consider becoming a member. They meet monthly, usually on the second Wednesday of the month, in the school staffroom at 7.30pm.

The **next PTFA meeting is Tues 13 June, 7pm** in the Staffroom - tea/coffee will be provided. Everyone is very welcome, the PTFA would love some new members!

Secondhand Uniform

Sales Every Thursday 1.00-1.45pm - in the B Block courtyard.

Secondhand Uniform Donations - our stocks are limited at present. We are always in need of donations of good quality, clean uniform items your son/daughter may no longer be using.

COMMUNITY INFO ...

“Manawatu Mokos” Youth Group meet at the PN Diocesan Centre Friday 18 May from 6-9pm. Bring a plate for a potluck dinner. Years 9-13 welcome.

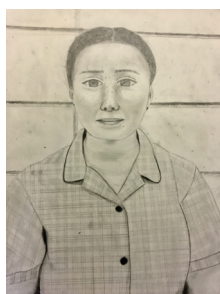
St James’ Catholic School is celebrating their **60th birthday** over the weekend of 26-27 May. Saturday 26th a Barn Dance starts at 6pm, \$45 per person, with a live band/cash bar & “pig on a spit”. Then on Sunday 27th a celebration Mass will be held at 9.30am at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit.

Boot Camp Circuit exercise class - every Monday 7-8pm in the St Peter’s School Hall. Contact Matt 027 882 7384 or matthewwardnz@hotmail.com.

Yoga for Kids and Teens - every Monday during term time at the Evolve Performing Arts Centre. Kids 5-10 years classes Mondays 3.30pm (\$115 for the term). Teens 11-17 years classes Mondays 4.30pm (\$130 for the term). www.atyoga.kiwi or phone Tracy 021 525 669.

Youth Retreats in July school holidays: Passionist Youth Retreat, Camp Rangī Woods, Manawatu, 9-12 July. Young Adults Retreat, Magnificat, Wairarapa 13-15 July. Register online www.passionistfamily.org.nz/retreats. Funding assistance is available.

Red Cross Book Sale - Queen’s Birthday weekend in the Barber Hall, Waldegrave St. Children’s books plus games and puzzles. Checkout www.redcross.org.nz/get-involved/fundraise-help-others/regional-red-cross-events/annual-palmerston-north-book-sale/



Year 10 Portraits

*Molly Ratana
(left)*

*Ishmael Tavita
Faainaso (right)*



PROMOTING SPECIAL CHARACTER

Lunchtime Mass on Fridays, 1.00pm

Mass is held in St Peter’s Chapel on Fridays from 1pm. Classes take turns to plan the Mass. Family and friends are always welcome.

After the school holidays you are welcome to attend Masses hosted by:

Fri 18 May - 12FD, Fri 25 May - 13FD,
Fri 1 Jun - no Mass as Teacher Only Day

Mass in the Parishes

Join with others in celebrating Mass on Sundays:

- **Cathedral of the Holy Spirit Parish**, Broadway Avenue, Palmerston North: Sunday 7.30am, 9.30am & 6.00pm
- **St Mary’s Parish**, Ruahine Street, Palmerston North: Sunday 10.30am
- **Our Lady of Lourdes Parish**, Shamrock Street, Palmerston North: Saturday 5.30pm; Sunday 9.30am. *Please note the revised time*
- **Sacred Heart Rongotea**: Mersey Street, Rongotea: Sunday 9.00am
- **St Columba’s Parish**, Mulgrave Street, Ashhurst: Saturday 5.00pm; Sunday - Latin Mass 11.00am
- **St Brigid’s Parish**, 4 Monmouth Street, Feilding: Sunday 9.00am
- **St Joseph’s Parish**, cnr Grey & Vogel Sts, Shannon: Sunday 9.00am
- **St Mary’s Parish**, Johnston St, Foxton: Sunday 10.30am
- **St Francis Xavier Parish**, 19 Russell Street, Marton: Sunday 9.30am
- **St Joseph’s Parish**, 36 Allardice St, Dannevirke: Sunday 9.00am
- **St Brigid’s Parish**, 27 Wakeman St, Pahiatua: Sunday 11.00am
- **St Columbkilles**, 128 Vogel St, Woodville: Saturday 6pm

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Together we can make a real difference to those who need it.

COMING UP ...

Year 7, 8 Camps - the following dates have been confirmed for their 3 day camp at Sixtus Lodge, Apiti:

CMd	Mon 7 - Wed 9 May
CKa	Wed 9 - Fri 11 May
COs	Mon 14 - Wed 16 May
CWh	Wed 16 - Fri 18 May
CMa	Mon 21 - Wed 23 May
CJe	Wed 23 - Fri 25 May

The School Chapel Band will be leading music at Our Lady of Lourdes on the following dates:

Sun 10 Jun 9.30am

Sun 29 Jul 9.30am for the citywide Confirmation Mass

Senior Charity Ball, Saturday 23 June - if you're looking for a dress but don't want to spend too much, St Vinnie's on Rangitikei St has a great selection. All they ask is donation of a food item to their Food Bank.

And if you have any old ball, evening or cocktail dresses St Vinnie's would welcome these as donations.

Performing Arts evening - change of date. Please note this will now be on Friday 14 September to allow students to concentrate on the School Production during Term 2.

Pasifika Fusion - our students are working hard towards this event. To be held at the Regent Theatre on Wednesday 4 and Thursday 5 July.

CALENDAR ...

14-16	May	- Yr 7, 8 Camp: COs
Tue 15	May	- Young Women in Leadership
Wed 16	May	- Manawatu Sec Schools Cross Country
16-18	May	- Yr 7, 8 Camp: CWh
Thur 17	May	- Sort It Careers Expo
Fri 18	May	- Pink Shirt Day mufti day
21-13	May	- Yr 7, 8 Camp: CMa
23-25	May	- Yr 7, 8 Camp: CJe
Thur 24	May	- "No Judgement Day" mufti day
Tue 29	May	- Learning Conference 2.1, 3.30-8.00pm
Thur 31	May	- Learning Conference 2.2
<i>School closed all day for interviews</i>		
Fri 1	Jun	- Teacher Only Day
1-4	Jun	- DoE Gold Tramp
Mon 4	Jun	- Queen's Birthday long weekend
Fri 8	Jun	- Mana Korero Speech competition
Tue 12	Jun	- School Photos
Wed 13	Jun	- St John's Sports Exchange
"Big Sing" at Regent on Broadway		
Thur 14	Jun	- International students trip to Wellington
Wed 20	Jun	- Yr 11 Retreat
26-29	Jun	- School Production "Strength of a Hero" at the Globe Theatre
Fri 29	Jun	- Keys to the Kingdom mufti day
2-6	Jul	- Catholic Schools Kapa Haka
Wed 4	Jul	- Pasifika fusion, Regent Theatre
6-21	Jul	- Japan trip
Fri 6	Jul	- End of Term 2
7-22	Jul	- School Holidays

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