



ST PETER'S COLLEGE

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## NEWSLETTER



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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL ...

Our prayers and thoughts continue to go out to the people of Christchurch and Japan as they try to come to terms with the devastation and losses they have suffered. We have been able to offer temporary places for students from Christchurch and I want to express my appreciation and thanks to our students in those classes who have made them so welcome in our community. Thank you too, to all the parents who have given so generously over the past weeks for the Christchurch aid.

Our Food Fair & Gala are two short weeks away and you will by now be aware of the large numbers of parents, students and staff involved in the preparations. See the latest insert about the Food Fair and Gala and keep sending in all your items please.

Congratulations to all the Athletes who represented the College last Saturday at the Manawatu Inter-Secondary Schools Athletics. Special congratulations goes to **Kieran and Jordan Clark, Callum Eade and Hannah Tichbon** for their excellent achievements on the day, see the details in the Athletics article. Hannah, Kieran and Jordan have been selected to represent the Manawatu at the North Island Championships on the first weekend of April.

This weekend we have our annual Survive-a-Slum for the Junior School, the Manawatu Inter-Secondary Schools Swimming Champs and the North Island Debating Competition, so these students and staff will have a very busy weekend.

Monday 28th March is the first of our **Teacher Only days** on our Calendar. These are days that we planned for and set aside special time to allow us to work together as a staff to have the time to make the necessary curriculum and NCEA changes that are occurring this year and next year. By using these days, we are able to allow the staff the quality time together to make the implementation of these enormous changes work for our students. As the recent letter stated, we would like the students to remain at home but if any parents are unable to make arrangements for any of the junior students we will

arrange supervision for them at school.

This week we are bidding farewell to **Therese Mitchell** from our staff. Therese has been the face that greets parents and visitors to the school each day and will have answered many of your telephone queries. We are sad to lose a friend and staff member but we wish her and her family all the best in their new adventure and thank her for her service at St Peter's. In replacing her, we are welcoming back to our staff **Simonne Chettleburgh**, who worked at the College as the Sports Co-Ordinator for many years. So from Monday, she will be the voice and the person who greets you at the College reception area.

David Olivier  
Principal



*Photos: Going all out at the  
Cancer Society's Relay For Life*

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING ...

### Relay For Life 12th and 13th March

Relay For Life is over for another year and a great year it was! After hours of fundraising and organising a team of around 40 Year 12 and 13 students, we took on the challenge of a 24-hour relay to raise funds for the Cancer Society. We had great support from Year 7-11 students that provided a chance for the overnight runners to catch a breath! This year the theme was 70s and 80s aerobics – everyone who was involved dressed to the theme with bright leggings, lycra and sweat bands which showed the enthusiasm and enjoyment everyone had for the event. St Peter's was placed 3rd with a total of 806 laps. As a school we were able to raise \$2,879.80 which will help fight against cancer and support people and families affected by the disease. We hope everyone had a fun and moving time and hope to see you down at the track next year!

A special thanks to all those who donated and supported the event and to the families who provided equipment and refreshments, it was a great help. :)

*Written by Shannon Hollard*



*Some members of the Relay For Life Team*

### Athletics

The 2011 Inter-House Athletic Champs were, as always, fast and furious, with plenty of House spirit demonstrated through the high levels of participation. The one day programme proved to be a restraint on those who love to do everything, and those who perform at a high level. From this event, a team of 25 was selected to represent St. Peter's College at the Manawatu Secondary Schools Champs. Our best results were from **Kieran Clark** (extreme right in photo), who blitzed the field to win the Senior Boys 800m title - his time was 2:04.25min. **Jordan Clark** was equally outstanding in the Intermediate Boys Long Jump, winning that title. **Callum Eade** shone in the Junior Boys 800m, placing 3rd in that event. **Hannah Tichbon** was second in the Open Girls 300m Hurdles, and 3rd in the 800m. Her performance in the Hurdles was of a very high standard gaining her selection in the Manawatu Schools team to the North Island Champs. Both Kieran and Jordan have also been selected for this team.

### Year 7 and 8 Camps

CHr and CKa have been on camp at Sixtus lodge. The highlights have included boldering up a creek, crawling under logs, testing our survival skills on the confidence course during a staged disaster (see photo), and the survivor game played with both classes (see photo). Thanks to Dave Scott, parents and senior students who made the camps fun and challenging.



*Year 7 and 8 Camp (above)*



*Going hard at the Athletic Sports recently (top) and Students on the sidelines cheering on members of their Houses (right)*

## PROMOTING SPECIAL CHARACTER ...

### Lunchtime Mass on Fridays

Mass is held on Fridays in the Chapel here at St Peter's. Classes take turns for planning the Mass. Family and friends are always welcome at Mass on Fridays at 1.30 pm in the Chapel.

- Friday 1 April - Reconciliation - 1.00 pm - Hall
- Friday 8 April - Mass hosted by 10Hr
- Friday 15 April - Liturgy of the Cross - 1.00 pm - Gym

### Shaun Hurley Memorial Lectures 2

Everyone is invited to attend the second Shaun Hurley Memorial Lecture at **Our Lady of Lourdes, Palmerston North on Sunday 10th April 2011 from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm**. There will be two sessions:

- 'One In Christ' looking at how we become one in Christ, and
- 'The Sacraments of Initiation' - through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

Please bring a plate for a shared finger lunch. For more information telephone 350 3823 or email [mrichards@pndiocese.org.nz](mailto:mrichards@pndiocese.org.nz)

### Reflection Opportunity

Our inner journey is no simple trip. We decide what it is we will leave behind. We decide what it is we will be moving toward. We endure the pain of change and transformation in between.

Jesus in the garden. A moment of inner reflection this week on [www.catholictv.net](http://www.catholictv.net).

## FROM THE PTFA ...

### Food Fair and Gala 9th April 2011

See the flyer which has been distributed with this newsletter for full details on our Food Fair and Gala being held on Saturday 9th April 2011 from 11.00 am. Your support would be appreciated.

### Uniform - Second-Hand Sale

The PTFA urgently require donations of unwanted uniforms, as stock was depleted at the sale in January. There will be another Second-Hand Uniform Sale on **Thursday 28th April** (second week of the school holidays) from **4.00 to 6.00 pm in the school Hall**.



## FROM THE SPORTS DEPARTMENT ...

The Summer Sport Season is winding up now with Touch, Cricket and Softball all having their last games this week.

Volleyball still has semis and finals to play and our teams are looking good for a spot in these playoffs! Best of luck to you and well done to the students who have shown their commitment to the Summer Codes. A big thank you to the parents and staff who have supported our Summer codes. I can only hope that same passion continues for WINTER CODES!!!

Registrations for Winter Codes are still available from the Sports Office or can be found on the school website. Get these in quickly because team trials and selections are happening now so don't miss out!

We can never have too many volunteers helping our teams whether it be coaching, managing or supervising so if you are interested and want to support SPC Sport just that little bit more, please get in touch with the Sports Office and we will see what great opportunities we can offer you!

iMove is going well, some students are already on to their 2nd card and some have been rewarded with some cool spot prizes. Top prize for iMove this term is tickets to the Hurricanes game! You've got to be in it to WIN it!

### Canoe Polo

Canoe Polo is an 'up and coming' sport at St Peter's College, having been resurrected from only one player 4 years ago, the Planktons won the College League last year. This year so far, we entered a mixed age, mixed gender team into the Regional College Competition in Otaki on March 13th. This was a huge challenge for our players, especially facing PNBHS A in the first game! It didn't get any easier from there. Our pride was salvaged though by scoring against every team we faced. The season for both College and Intermediate players starts next term, so see Ms Black if you would like to join this exciting water sport!

## CONGRATULATIONS ...

### Past Student's Success

Congratulations to **Mark Long**, a past student of St Peter's College and Head Boy in 2007, on his award as one of Manawatu's Unsung Heroes. Mark was one of nine Local Heroes medal winners from the Manawatu. The recipients were all recognised as part of the Kiwibank New Zealander of the Year Awards. The awards recognise and celebrate everyday New Zealanders who have made outstanding contributions to their own communities. At the age of 21, Mark is one of the country's youngest recipients of this award. His love of sport and giving back to his community saw him selected from the 30 local nominations. For almost three years Mark has been the youngest member of the Feilding Volunteer Fire Brigade, as well as being the region's youngest Referee of Premier Rugby. Last year he was named the Most Improved Referee by the Manawatu Referees' Association.



Well done Mark - we are very proud of your achievements!

## COMING UP ...

### Teacher Only Day Monday 28th March 2011

A reminder that on **Monday 28th March, school will be closed to all students** for a pre-scheduled **Teacher Only Day**.

### Netball Trials

- Junior A and Development: Wednesday 30 March 2:45 - 4:30 pm SPC Courts; Thursday 31 March 3:30 - 5.00 pm SPC Courts
- Juniors: Friday 1 April 3:30 - 4:30 pm
- Year 7 & 8: Friday 25 March 3:30 - 4:30 pm; Tuesday 29 March 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Please bring appropriate footwear, drink bottle and be changed in appropriate clothing with your hair tied up and out of your face! Any queries please see Ms McLeod or Ms Black.

### Hockey Trial Dates

**Tuesday 5th and Tuesday 12th April at Twin Turfs, Fitzherbert Park, Manawaroa Street, Palmerston North:**

- 4.30 - 5.30 pm: Intermediate Students
- 5.30 - 6.30 pm: Secondary Students

## FROM THE INTERNATIONAL DEPT ...

### International Student Homestay Opportunity

The St Peter's College International Student Programme is looking for more quality Homestay providers to join our Homestay community. If you think you could welcome an overseas student to share your home and treat them as one of your own children, and you can provide a home environment that you think would appeal to our young students, then please contact the Homestay Coordinator, Mrs Lyn Moar on 354-4198 extension 740 or 0274 639 415.

Students pay for their accommodation (\$210 pw), but it is clearly understood that they are members of your family. It is expected that the host family regard the student as one of their own. Our aim is that all international students should have a memorable and enjoyable educational/homestay experience during their time with us at St Peter's College. You must be able to demonstrate that you have cultural empathy and can embrace diversity and differences. The successful candidate will then be awarded a contract subject to a Police vet and home visit as required per the Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students. Becoming a Homestay can be extremely rewarding. Many of our Homestays have established lifetime relationships with their students and their families, going on to stay with them in their home country. A couple have even attended weddings!

So come on St Peter's College community why not give hosting a go! Please give me a call now.

*Warm Regards, Lyn Moar*

*School Vision: 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.*

## FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ...

Due to an administrative error, the date of the Board of Trustees By-Election has been postponed to **13th April 2011**. This means that we have more time in which to receive nominations so please consider putting your name forward. Nomination forms are available from the school office and must be submitted by **noon on 30th March 2011**. Nominations already received will be retained and candidate information will be included in the St. Peter's College newsletter on 8th April 2011.

Voting papers will be posted out on 4th April 2011 and all votes must be submitted to school by noon on 13th April 2011. The result will be declared in the Manawatu Standard at the first opportunity and in the St Peter's College newsletter on 6th May 2011.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any queries regarding the work and demands of being a trustee: 06 3535 462 or 027 3873137

*Alison Rudzki - Chairperson, Board of Trustees*

*Belinda Morgan - Returning Officer*

## CALENDAR CHANGES ...

There are no changes to dates and times advertised in previous newsletters.

## CALENDAR ...

|      |            |     |   |
|------|------------|-----|---|
| Sat  | 26         | Mar | - Manawatu Inter-Secondary Schools Swimming                               |
|      | 26 - 27    | Mar | - <b>Survive-a-Slum</b><br>- North Island Debating Competition            |
| Sun  | 27         | Mar | - Touch Zones   |
|      | 27 - 30    | Mar | - Level 1 P E Studies Trip  |
| Mon  | 28         | Mar | - <b>Teacher Only Day</b>   |
| Thur | 31         | Mar | - Road Race   |
| Fri  | 1          | Apr | - Reconciliation<br>- Yr 7/8 Report 1 issued                              |
|      | 2 - 3      | Apr | - North Island Secondary Schools Athletics                                |
|      | 4 - 6      | Apr | - Year 7/8 Camp 3 - CMd   |
|      | 6 - 8      | Apr | - Year 7/8 Camp 3 - CJe   |
| Fri  | 8          | Apr | - Senior Interim Report issued  |
| Sat  | 9          | Apr | - <b>St Peter's College Food Fair &amp; Gala</b>                          |
| Tue  | 12         | Apr | - 7.30 pm: <b>PTEA Meeting</b> - Staffroom                                |
| Wed  | 13         | Apr | - Level 3 Art Trip  |
| Thur | 14         | Apr | - <b>Liturgy of the Cross</b>   |
| Fri  | 15         | Apr | - Last day of Term 1<br>- Liturgy of the Cross<br>- Yr 10 Report 1 issued |
|      | 16 Apr - 1 | May | - Easter Holidays   |
| Mon  | 2          | May | - Term 2 begins   |