



ST PETER'S COLLEGE
PALMERSTON NORTH, NEW ZEALAND

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NEWSLETTER



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL ...

We have come to the end of a longer than usual term and the staff and students are looking forward to the Easter break, after packing in so much over this first term. We finished the term off with a very well attended Gala on a really magnificent day. Many thanks must go to the Gala team leader **Judy Clarke**, for a magnificent job well done, to all the **PTFA Committee** and the rest of the Gala team and all the parent volunteers. What a great community-building occasion it turned out to be and has set us up for the years that lie ahead. The current figure of \$10,500 was what we made after expenses and now the PTFA committee will get to decide what we will target with this money. We will also be including a long list of Sponsors in our next newsletter to express our thanks to them for their support.

As parents you will shortly be receiving a letter to state that we will have to re-run the Board By-election. This has come about as a result of a problem with the software used to print the electoral role and therefore we are required to re-run the process. Our apologies go to all those who have already submitted their votes and to the nominees, and we will signal the new dates to you all shortly.

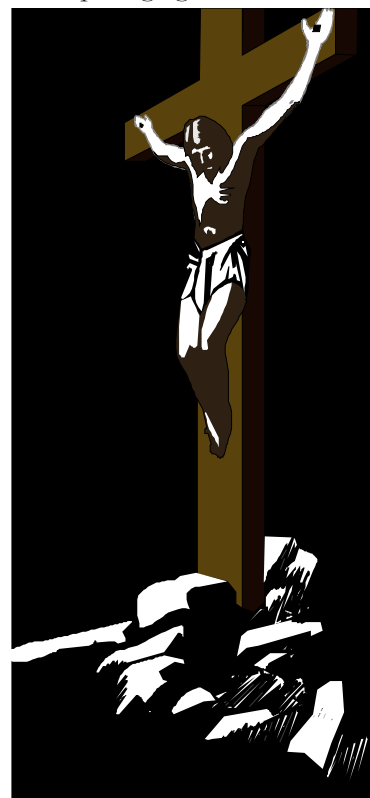
Finally, we farewell **Helen Thomas**, our Science Technician, who has worked at the College for the past 5 years as she takes up more leisurely activities. We thank her for her service and wish her all the best for the future.

We would also like to extend our warmest Easter greeting to all in our community and wish you all a safe and enjoyable Easter season.

David Olivier
Principal



'Slummers' putting together their cardboard homes



"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING ...

Debating

Our senior debaters had a very exciting and successful weekend at the Russell McVeagh Central North Island Debating Championships. One of our teams came second, beating several 'heavyweight' debating schools. It was a nail-biting finish for us!

Elizabeth Begley was the star on the day, as she has again been given a place in the Central North Island Regional team. She also won the Best Speaker award.

Viard Athletics

Thank you to the wonderful team of talented athletes who travelled to Kura Park in Titahi Bay to compete in the Bishop Viard Athletics Shield on Thursday 24th March. The St Peter's Boys team came away with seven 3rd placings, seven 2nd placings and six 1st placings, giving them a 4th overall placing from the event.

Our Girls team had an even better day, coming away with five 3rd placings, eleven 2nd placings and an amazing thirteen 1st places - 8 of them coming from track events. Justifiably so, the SPC Girls team was awarded the Viard Girls Athletics Shield for the 7th meeting in a row.

Looking forward to having another strong team to compete at Viard Athletics in Masterton in 2012.

St Peter's Athletics

Final confirmed results from St Peter's College athletics are:

- Senior Boys Champion: **Kieran Clark**
- Senior Boys Runner Up: **Rhys Galyer**
- Senior Girls Champion: **Wairakau Greig**
- Senior Girls Runner Up: **Elise Judd**
- Intermediate Boys Champion: **Bart Rimnongrua**
- Intermediate Boys Runner Up: **Jorden Shepherd**
- Intermediate Girls Champion: **Hannah Tichbon**
- Intermediate Girls Runner Up: **Emma Rayner**
- Junior Boys Champion: **Callum Eade**
- Junior Boys Runner Up: **Liam Jenkins**
- Junior Girls Champion: **Maia Green**
- Junior Girls Joint Runners Up: **Karin Ingram and Janelle Birchler**
- Year 7 & 8 Boys Champion: **Julian Paul**
- Year 7 & 8 Boys Joint Runners Up: **Joel Ruakere and Antonio Sami**
- Year 7 & 8 Girls Champion: **Annie Clark**
- Year 7 & 8 Girls Runner Up: **Nina Hearn**

North Island Athletics

Well done to the **Clark brothers, Kieran** (Year 13), and **Jordan** (Year 11), for competing in the North Island's Secondary Schools meet held in Hamilton on April 2nd and 3rd. It was another tough competition as it is every year, with Athletes always improving on previous performances.

Kieran placed 7th in his 800m heat with a time of 2.05.03 followed by a 4th place finish in the Senior Boys 4x100m Relay Final. Jordan placed a credible 12th in both Intermediate Boys Triple Jump-11.31m and Long Jump 5.47m.

St Peter's College Road Race

What a wonderfully sunny day we managed to secure for the annual Road Race this year! Congratulations to all the students who participated, you all did your Houses proud and earned some very important participation points!

A very big thank you to **MITRE 10 MEGA** and Sport Manawatu for sponsoring us with some great Spot Prizes for our Race.

Over the 3.59 km course for Year 7 & 8 and 5.03 km course for Years 9-13 results are:

- Year 13 Boys Champ: **Kieran Clark** 16min 59sec
- Year 13 Girls Champ: **Louise Ingram** 23min 13sec
- Year 12 Boys Champ: **Morgan Sullivan** 18min 20sec
- Year 12 Girls Champ: **Adelaide Levis** 26min flat
- Year 11 Boys Champ: **Jordan Clark** 18min 9sec
- Year 11 Girls Champ: **Hannah Tichbon** 22min flat
- Year 10 Boys Champ: **Bart Rimnongrua** 19min 59sec
- Year 10 Girls Champ: **Tatjana Lush** 27min 6sec
- Year 9 Boys Champ: **Callum Eade** 21min 32 sec
- Year 9 Girls Champ: **Karin Ingram** 22min 11sec
- Year 8 Boys Champ: **Ethan Collie** 14min 45sec
- Year 8 Girls Champ: **Annie Clark** 15min 13sec
- Year 7 Boys Champ: **Taiga Honey** 11min 40sec
- Year 7 Girls Champ: **Bethany Grant** 16min 11sec

MISSS - Manawatu Inter Secondary Schools Swimming

Some more great results in the pool again this year from the SPC Swim team competing at MISSS.

Well done to the following students who placed in their age groups:

- **John Joe Elkington** - 2nd 100m Freestyle, 2nd 100m IM and 3rd 50m Backstroke.
- **Janelle Birchler** - 1st 100m Breaststroke and 1st 50m Breaststroke.
- **Ursula McGirr** - 1st 100m Breaststroke, 1st 50m Freestyle, 2nd 50m Backstroke and 3rd 100m IM.
- **Ben Elkington** - 2nd 50m Butterfly, 3rd 50m Backstroke, 4th 50m Breaststroke and 4th 50m Freestyle.
- **Hamish McGirr** - 1st 50m Freestyle
- **Cameron Blair** - 1st 200m Butterfly and 1st 100m IM

As well as those placings, special mention to:

Hamish McGirr who broke records in Boys 14yr 50m Butterfly by 2.4sec held since 1995, 100m Freestyle by 0.85sec held since 1998 and 100m Backstroke by an astounding 5.85sec held by a previous SPC Student since 1998.

Janelle Birchler who broke records in Girls 13 and Under 50m Freestyle by 0.18sec held since 1997 and 50m Backstroke by 0.32sec held since 1997

Cameron Blair also broke records in the pool - Boys 15yr 100m Freestyle by 0.3sec held since 1999 and 100m Backstroke by 0.47sec.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING CONT ...

2011 Rugby Camp

It was a very tired but very satisfied group of St Peter's College Rugby players after the 2011 Rugby Camp at Camp Rangī Woods recently. The camp combined bucket loads of fitness drills, skills sessions, team work, games, Sumo wrestling, team bonding activities, planning workshops and Dominos pizza!

Camp awards were given out (most can not be repeated in polite company).

James Carr was awarded the Human Brick award for being the hardest guy to tackle, **Jeremy Campbell** and **Josh Hurn** won the Leadership award, and the ultimate award of being the "Hardest Bugger" on camp was shared between **Jackson "Skin Doner" Ruakere** and **Liam "Fouifoui" Fouhy**.

The hard work done at camp will help set up St Peter's Rugby for a good season in 2011. Thanks to **Deserae Carr**, **Richard Campbell**, **Dave Olivier**, **Carl McInyre**, **Tracy Black** and **Michelle Mollard** for their help.

Equestrian

Congratulations to **Brittany Power** for being the first student in a wee while to represent SPC at Inter-School Equestrian Events. Brittany has been to the Nga Tawa event and more recently to the St Matthew's Collegiate event, where she and her horse 'Steele the Ca\$h' were eliminated in the first round - half cross country jumps (big wooden fences which these two "don't do"). But then they were placed 3rd in the 2Phase which was 2 rounds, going clear in the first and then against the clock in the second. This was followed by 'Gambler Stakes' which is done on jumping the jumps with the most points and jumping the 'Big Joker' at the end which was about 1.15m also it's against the clock. This gave Brittany an overall final placing of 6th! Well done to the both of you!

Survive-a-Slum 2011

This year Survive-a-Slum was driven inside! Rain before the slum meant the Library courtyard was not useable and so all students built homes in the G block courtyards and corridors. Nevertheless a slum was created! Over 100 students learned the challenge of close living. Seniors organised games that related to people in a real slum situation, such as scavenging for resources, using minimal materials and then re-using them and being led through a dark jungle in an escape attempt! DVDs reinforced the plight of people forced to live in such camps. The group were eager participants in all activities and had a great time.

Now is the time for the sponsorship to be collected. The aim was to have money collected in before the end of term, so please ensure all funds get taken to the Finance Office if you haven't already done so. Many thanks to the students who took part, the students who organised and the staff and parents who supervised, especially the overnight crew.

FOR YOUR INFO ...

Office Hours During the Holidays

From **Monday 18th to Thursday 21st April the office will be open from 9.00 am to 2.00 pm.** The office will be **closed in the second week of the holidays** and will re-open on Monday 2nd May (first day of Term 2).

Uniform

Gillespies Value House on Main Street have advised that they have received supplies of the Boys Navy Shirts and Girls White Blouses for winter, as well as the House coloured T-Shirts.

Girls Shoes - some parents have advised that they have been unable to obtain the Girls Black School Shoes with strap and buckle. We have been in contact with Hannah's who have advised us that they have received stocks of these shoes at a cost of \$89.95.

St Peter's College Scarves

These are now available for \$25 in support of the Vex Robotics Team - see Mr van Haren around school or Mrs Kingsbeer in S1.

Starship School Swap Phones for Rewards

We have registered with the "Phones for Rewards" programme which enables students to play a valuable role in a nationwide fundraising campaign for Starship's Air Ambulance Service, while also increasing their awareness of environmental issues, community giving and having some fun along the way. Depending on how many phones our school collects, there are some exciting rewards our school can claim, including interactive whiteboards, projectors, computers, books, handycams, sports gear and cameras.

Old cellphones can be brought to school and given to Form Teachers or left in the collection box at reception in the office. So, hunt out those old cell phones that are cluttering your cupboards and help us to help Starship! We will be collecting phones until the end of June. Thank you for your support!

CONGRATULATIONS ...

Mountainbiking

Congratulations to **Jack Humphries** who won the New Zealand Secondary Schools Under 14 Downhill Mountainbiking title by a huge margin in Levin recently. This win was a hat-trick of impressive victories for Jack - in January he won the North Island Under 15 Downhill Cup, followed by the National Under 15 Downhill title in Dunedin in February. Well done Jack!

Football

Congratulations to **Maia Green** and **Karin Ingram** on their selection for the New Zealand Under 14 National Talent Center Camp to be held in the coming school holidays. Well done!

COMING UP ...

Senior Interim Reports and Parent Interviews

Senior Interim Reports will be posted out this week. A letter outlining the system for booking interviews online was distributed to students in Years 11 - 13 on Tuesday morning and will also be included in the envelope with the reports. Parent Interviews will be held on **Wednesday 4th May** (first week back next term) from **3.00 pm to 8.00 pm** in the Hall. **Senior students are expected to attend interviews with their parents.**

FROM THE SPORTS DEPARTMENT ...

Rugby News

Pre-Season training has been underway for over a month now with lots of motivation by the players to make 2011 another good year for St Peter's College Rugby. Training is every **Tuesday and Thursday from 3.30 until 5.00 pm**. Three Boys teams and one Girls team will take the field this year so if you are keen, come down to training. A big **thank you to Mitre 10 Mega** for their generous donation of rugby balls and equipment. We require Coaches and Managers for the 2nd XV, Under 14s and Girls team so please contact our **Sports Coordinator, Tracy Black on 354 4198, extension 741**, if you are interested in helping out.

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.

LOYALTY REWARDS ...

Warehouse Stationery

The Warehouse Stationery Support Your School programme will be on again from 16th April and will run all year. Parents can purchase items of stationery online at www.warehousestationery.co.nz by entering the school's unique code **BYS84YM** in the Promo Code box at the online checkout. You can print our school's voucher and present it at the Warehouse Stationery checkout or online. BlueBiz points will be awarded to our school, helping us to get more resources. Thank you for your support!



And they're off! Enthusiastic participants in the Road Race!

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.

- Thursday 5 May - 1.00 pm - **Resurrection Liturgy** - Gym
- Friday 13 May - Mass hosted by 10Ad

CALENDAR CHANGES ...

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

CALENDAR ...

Mon	2	May	-	Term 2 begins
Wed	4	May	-	3.00-8.00 pm: Parent Interviews Yr 11-13 - Hall
Thur	5	May	-	1.00 pm: Resurrection Liturgy - Gym
Tue	10	May	-	7.30 pm: PTFA Meeting - Staffroom
	13-16	May	-	O'Shea Shield, Nelson
Fri	13	May	-	Year 7/8 Vaccinations
Wed	18	May	-	Manawatu Inter-Secondary Schools Cross Country - Supersport Badminton & Volleyball
Fri	20	May	-	Year 9 Report 2 issued
Fri	3	June	-	Teacher Only Day
Mon	6	June	-	Queen's Birthday Holiday