



ST PETER'S COLLEGE
PALMERSTON NORTH, NEW ZEALAND

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NEWSLETTER



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL ...

The long, cold, wet winter days are upon us and the students are now wearing the winter uniform to College. Can I request that all students are correctly attired in the full winter uniform and not mixing it with our summer uniform items. There are one or two items that seem to be a problem from our retailer and we are following this up with the suppliers.

We are rapidly approaching the date for the Stage Challenge performance which takes place at the Regent at 7.00 pm on Monday 13th June. We will also be hosting our Performing Arts Evening at the Regent on 1st July from 7:15 pm to 9:30 pm. Now is the time to put these into your diary and to head along and support both functions. The Stage Challenge tickets can be purchased from the Regent Theatre.

The **Powhiri for Monsignor Charles Drennan will be held at St Peter's College Gymnasium on Friday 10th June at 12:30 pm.** We will have limited seating available on the mezzanine level of the Gym on the day, so if you are planning to come along and join in with us it would be best to arrive early. There will be light refreshments available after the welcome in the hall for all guests. Monsignor Drennan will be ordained the co-adjutor Bishop of Palmerston North on Saturday 11th June.

In the next few newsletters we will be sending out some more information and requests regarding the St Peter's College Beef Scheme that raises funds for the St Peter's College Trust Fund. If you can help in any way please contact the numbers listed on the flyers and we will get in touch with you. Watch this space!

David Olivier
Principal



*Nina Hearn (top photo) and Kolo Tavake (above)
in action at the Supersport Volleyball*

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING ...

1st XI Football

The 2011 Football season has started, with a 1st XI team that has a very different look to it than last year's. With 10 players from last season having moved on, 2011 is both a rebuilding year and a chance for younger players to test themselves at this level. The team welcomes back several players from last year, who have stepped up into leadership roles and have helped ease the transition of new players into the team.

After a number of pre-season fixtures, the boys have made a solid beginning to the league. With 2 wins and a draw in the first 3 matches, the team is currently sitting nicely at the top of the points table.

• Matchday 1: SPC vs Feilding High School 2 - 2

St Peter's played perhaps the better football, creating a number of chances, but some fantastic saves by the Feilding keeper ensured that the game finished in a draw. This game saw a number of players make their debut for the team and perform well, with the lads unlucky not to pick up all 3 points in a hardfought match.

• Matchday 2: SPC v Freyberg 4 - 0

St Peter's built on their performance against Feilding and ran out comfortable winners despite having some key players injured. The pace of **Rhys Galyer** and **Morgan Sullivan** gave us a big advantage.

• Matchday 3: SPC v PNBHS 3XI 6 - 3

In another close game, the team again improved on their previous performance to win a game that was closer than the score suggests. With several players either away or sick, the small squad dug deep to score 3 goals in the last 15 minutes, with **Rhys Galyer** leading the way. Some excellent saves from back up keeper **Bart Rimnongrua** ensured the win.

It is especially pleasing to see the senior players welcoming new players into the team and helping them along, both in training and matches. This has enabled a number of these players to make a significant contribution to the team's success at this early stage. **Josh Reddiex, Jamie Jackson, Damien Hinch and Daniel Rine** have stood out in particular.

Hayden Marshall

Supersports Volleyball

SPC were the proud hosts of the Supersports Volleyball Tournament on Wednesday 18th May at Arena Manawatu. We entered a Year 7 and 8 Girls team, who finished 8th overall, and a Year 7 and 8 Boys team who finished 5th overall. Big congratulations to both teams who showed a lot of skill, talent and respect to their opposition and each other. The 23 SPC Senior Students who officiated the matches ensured the tournament was a success - you did yourselves and your school very proud!

Check the school website for full SPC results and some great photos of the day courtesy of Year 13 student **Rebekah Eichler** - thank you Rebekah for your hard work on the day too!

MISS X Country

Dave Scott travelled with a team of 9 runners to the Manawatu Inter-Secondary Schools X Country held at Manawatu College in Foxton last Wednesday. SPC had some good results from the course with **Karin Ingram** finishing 9th in the 3.4km Junior Girls Grade, **Conrad Kovaleski** was placed 13th and **Jordan Clark** was 8th in the 3.8km Intermediate Boys Grade.

Hannah Tichbon had our best result of the day placing 4th in the 3.4km Intermediate Girls Grade. These students are yet another group of athletes we are proud to call our own due to their grit and determination while competing for their school.

Tracy Black (Sports Coordinator)

Rugby News

Two big wins for St Peter's College Rugby:

The Junior Rugby team had a big win over Tararua College 55- 20. Early pressure from the big St Peter's College forwards resulted in one-way traffic for most of the game, **Sione Asi, Connor Gracie** and **Jacob Kovaleski** were powerful around the field, which gave plenty of opportunity for 1st 5/8 **Jordan Clark** to direct the fast running backs with **Raydon Rewha Rewha** devastating with the ball in his hands.

The 1st XV faced a fired up Hato Paora 2nd XV out at Hato Paora. The home team had a size advantage in the forwards, but the strong team-work ethic of the St Peter's players blunted the Hato Paora attack. **Liam** "The ghost" **Fouhy** cut the HP back line apart early in the game and scored a Dan Carter-like try from 30 metres out. After absorbing everything HP could throw at them in the first half, it was time for the St Peter's backs to shine in the second. Tries to **Keegan** "The flow" **Mark-Gordon** and **Jordan** "50 Bucks" **Donoghue** showed that the St Peter's backline has plenty of firepower this year. The game was capped off with a try to **Ryan** "The Plank" **Collin** that rewarded the forwards for the great work they did in dominating a bigger pack. Player of the day was Captain **Keiran** "McCaw" **Clark** who tackled the opposition into submission. Final Score 28-7.

Dave Mollard (Coach)

Supersports Badminton

Supersport Badminton was held last Wednesday. I was very surprised with the number of students at St Peter's who expressed an interest. We took a team of four girls and four boys....turned out we had two teams not one. Luckily for us Feilding pulled out so we got to enter two teams. The students were up against rep players and played fantastically. It was awesome to see that they were eager to play, eager to be on court and ALWAYS had smiles on their faces even if they lost. WHAT FANTASTIC SPORTSMANSHIP! Palmerston North Intermediate Normal took home the winning banner but we went home with more love for the sport.

Rebecca Major

FOR YOUR INFO ...

Uniform

A reminder that until Queen's Birthday weekend students are permitted to wear **EITHER** summer or winter uniform. **From Tuesday 7th June, winter uniform is compulsory.** Please check the link book/diary/website for details.

Procedures for Absences

Parents/Caregivers are reminded that they need to inform the school if their son/daughter will be absent from school, and the reasons for the absence. This can be done by ringing the College on 354 4198 ext 739 and notifying Mrs Kingsbeer of the absence, or use the School Links system (see below). After an absence of 3 days, the school requests that parents supply a medical certificate. Thank you for your cooperation.

School Links

We are committed to reducing the unexplained absenteeism and truancy of our students at St Peter's College and increasing the communication between home and school. We are registered to use School-links which will enable the school to send you a text message/e-mail if your daughter/son is not at school. **Please note that if you update your contact details on School Links (i.e. email, cell phone, home or work telephone numbers, address), you will need to notify the school also.**

We believe this system increases student safety and reduces unexplained absenteeism and truancy. School-links extends to sending school newsletters, notifications of cancellations, as well as many other additional features. (Some of these features have not yet been activated at St Peter's.) Parents can e-mail absence details in a convenient and secure way without having to go through the morning phone lines to leave a message about your daughter's/son's absences. All you need to do is go to www.school-links.org.nz and register to be a parent at St Peter's College. Once registered, you will be able to receive e-mail alerts such as upcoming report evenings, special events, and newsletters. What do you need to do as a parent/caregiver?

- Ensure we have an updated e-mail address and cell phone number where you can be contacted.
- Register (if you haven't already done so) on the School-Links website (www.stpeterscollegepn.school-links.org.nz/SchoolHomepage/signUp) to enable you to send in absence notifications. **Please note that your Login and Password must not be the same.**

Junior Indoor Sports

Palmerston Indoor Sports Arena is running Junior Indoor Netball competitions on Fridays and Junior Indoor Soccer competitions on Thursdays. All ages are catered for. For any inquiries or to register as a team or individually please contact us on : Ph: 356 2543 email cwicket@xtra.co.nz or call in at 180 Church Street.

Raffle in Support of Stage Challenge

Raffle tickets are on sale for \$2 a ticket in support of Stage Challenge. The first prize is an exclusive cooking experience with the top Chef at The Coachman. Learn how to master

pastry making, then enjoy dinner with the Chef at La Patio Restaurant. There are also spot prizes from City Fitness up for grabs. See Esther Bebarfald in 13My to go in the draw - you've got to be in to win!

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 17 June - Mass hosted by 13Dy

Seekers Baptism Enquiry Classes

This term we will be starting enquiry classes for any students who have not been Baptised and are interested in finding out a bit more about it. The classes will be run each week during school time, beginning on Friday June 17th. To find out more please contact Emma Dodson on (021) 509-439 or 354-4198 ext. 733.

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ...

By now, you should have all received your By-Election Nomination Forms. Please remember that these are due to be with the **Returning Officer by midday 2nd June 2011.** Please note that voting papers will be sent out from 7th June 2011, with **voting closing at midday on 16th June 2011.**

Belinda Morgan (Returning Officer)

CONGRATULATIONS ...

Football

Congratulations to **Maia Green** (pictured) on her selection for the New Zealand Under 17 Football Wider Squad. Maia was one of only two students from the region to be selected. Well done Maia!



NISS Swimming Championships

More SPC athletes stamping their mark in the competition world are the place getters from the North Island Secondary Schools Swimming Championships that were held at the Freyberg pool on May 21st.

Well done and congratulations to all competitors and especially the following students:

- **Ursula McGirr:** 2nd 100m Breaststroke; 3rd 200m Breaststroke
- **Grady Jackson:** 3rd 50m Butterfly
- **John-Joe Elkington:** 1st 100m Breaststroke; 2nd 50m Breaststroke; 3rd 100m Freestyle
- **Cameron Blair:** 1st 200m Backstroke; 1st 200m Medley; 2nd 400m Freestyle
- **Hamish McGirr:** 1st 50m Backstroke ; 1st 100m Backstroke; 1st 200m Backstroke

COMING UP ...

Year 7 - 10 Parent/Student Meetings 1st June

These meetings will be held on **Wednesday 1st June from 3.00 to 8.00 pm in the Hall**. A letter was sent home earlier this week outlining details for booking appointments online. We look forward to seeing you there with your son/daughter.

Teacher Only Day Friday 3rd June 2011

As advised in previous newsletters, on **Friday 3rd June 2011, school will be closed to all students** for a pre-scheduled **Teacher Only Day** (see enclosed letter).

Powhiri for Bishop Drennan

St Peter's College is co-hosting a Powhiri along with Hato Paora College, to welcome Monsignor Charles Drennan who will become the new Bishop of Palmerston North on the retirement of Bishop Peter at the end of the year. The Powhiri will be held in the College Gymnasium on **Friday 10th June at 12.30 pm**. Parents are invited to attend but please confirm your attendance by phoning the office on 354 4198 so that we can get an idea of numbers attending for catering purposes. Light refreshments will be served in the Hall on completion of the Powhiri.

Stage Challenge

The evening performance of Stage Challenge will be held at **7.00 pm at the Regent Theatre on Monday 13th June - tickets must be purchased from the Regent Theatre**.

St Peter's College Performing Arts Evening

This will be held on **Friday 1st July 2011 from 7.15 pm till 9.30 pm at the Regent Theatre in Broadway Avenue**. Entry by gold coin donation. Put this date in your calendars now!

Another fabulous evening of Music, Dance and Drama - featuring our very own talented SPC Performing Arts students. A fun evening for all ages, with extremely high-quality performances to entertain and delight you!

CALENDAR CHANGES ...

Hangi to celebrate the end of Matariki 2011

Please note that the Hangi planned for Wednesday 29th June as advertised in the last newsletter has been **CANCELLED**.

FROM THE PTFA ...

Second Hand Uniforms

The PTFA **urgently** require donations of unwanted uniforms as stock has been depleted. Donations can be brought to the office or to Mrs Kingsbeer in S1 - many thanks! A second-hand uniform sale will be held in the second week of the July holidays - on **Wednesday 27th July from 4.00 - 6.00 pm in the Hall**.

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 SPORTS DEPT ...

Winter Sports are now well and truly underway. The majority of the grading games are over and competition has begun! We have 8 Sports Codes competing this season; it is great to see such vibrant green and gold out in the sporting arena.

Winter Tournament Week is fast approaching and is never too far from our athletes minds.

Players fees are now well and truly overdue and we will have no option but to default teams with unpaid fees. Please call the Sports Office if you would like to check on the status of your child's fees to avoid this happening.

The Sports Department is also running low on uniforms due to uniforms not being returned after events which they have been loaned out for. We ask if you could please have a hunt around for any SPC uniforms or tracksuits that aren't part of the Winter Codes and have them returned to the Sports Office promptly.

As always you can get in touch with the Sports Department by phone on 3544198 xtn 741 or at sports@stpeterspn.school.nz if you have any queries re anything sport or if you have results you would like to report. In the meantime take care and happy sporting!

Coming Events

Permission forms will soon be coming home for:

- Supersports Hockey - Event 8th June
- Year 7 and 8 Inter-Schools X Country - Event 22nd June
- Mercy Cup Exchange, hosted by SPC - Event 24th June

Keep an eye out for these and please have them returned with their fee by the due dates to the Accounts Office.

CALENDAR ...

	28 - 29	May	- Confirmation Camp
Wed	1	June	- 3.00 - 8.00 pm: Yr 7-10 Parent/Student Meetings
Fri	3	June	- Teacher Only Day - school closed
Mon	6	June	- Queen's Birthday Holiday
Wed	8	June	- Supersport Hockey - L2 PE Studies Duathlon
Fri	10	June	- 12.30 pm: Powhiri for Bishop Brennan
Mon	13	June	- Stage Challenge - Regent Theatre
Tue	14	June	- 7.30 pm: PTFA meeting - Staffroom
Fri	24	June	- Mercy Cup Exchange - 7.30 - 10.00 pm: Junior Social
Wed	29	June	- St John's Exchange
Fri	1	July	- Senior Reports Issued - 7.15 pm: Performing Arts Evening - Regent Theatre
	3 - 5	July	- Careers Expo
Mon	4	July	- Year 9 Report 3 issued
	6 - 7	July	- Sacred Heart Exchange
Sat	9	July	- Senior Charity Evening