



ST PETER'S COLLEGE

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NEWSLETTER



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FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL ...

Last week we farewelled our Seniors for the year. I hope they are now fully engaged in the important task of preparing for and sitting their external exams.

I really value that we start and finish our year with Mass - it makes a statement about who we are and why St Peter's exists. This year's Senior Mass was another delightful and emotional occasion. I wish to thank Mike Delany and his team of helpers who did the preparation for the Mass. Much work goes into the planning to make it creative, interesting and relevant to the students.

It is always an emotional time, when those leaving the college are challenged to go out into the world and live the values that they have been taught during their time at St Peter's. There are always tears and hugs all round - and this year was no exception.

The school is now a much quieter place and juniors spread themselves around to fill the gaps! There is still so much to be done for the juniors - both in terms of classroom work and all the usual end of year 'extras'. Students must not get into 'holiday mode' just yet. It is important that high standards of behaviour and work are maintained.

Please check the calendar inside for an updated list of activities for the remaining three weeks, and start up dates for 2009.

Helen Allan
Acting Principal



Jessica Anderson, Nicola Cronin and Megan Hands (L to R) presenting a cheque for \$690.00, the proceeds from the last Mufti Day held for Canteen, to a representative of Arohanui Hospice



Head Girl Alex Dekker (left) and Head Boy, Jackson Wilkes (center) with other Year 13 students at the Senior Mass last Thursday

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING ...

World Cup Tournament

In week four and five we ran a Junior Football tournament to coincide with the U17 Women's World Cup being held in New Zealand this year. We had 16 teams, all with their own country. We were generously donated some great prizes from Eziby, New Zealand Football, Young Heart Manawatu, Melody's New World, Sport Manawatu, McDonalds and Downtown Cinemas. Each team was made up of four boys and two girls. The students had a great time and worked well together. Japan won the Year 9 and 10 division and New Zealand won the Year 7 and 8.

Supersports Touch

Supersports Touch was held at Monrad Park and without fail it was a cold and windy Manawatu day.

Our boys did not have a successful day, up against some very strong teams. The girls were outstanding. Coached by Year 13 student Harriet Pita, who did an exceptional job, the girls tied their first game 1 all and won their next three games. They qualified for the final and played a great game, unfortunately losing to Monrad Intermediate 3 nil. MVP has to go to Daniia Va'a who was a stand out for the team. All the girls played really well and were great to watch. Thank you to Chris Ryan for coaching the boys team and Vaine Greig, Sophie Pita, Rhys Walshe and Jono Kreichbaum who refereed the games.



Year 7 and 8 teams (NZ/USA) in the 'World Cup' Tournament



Prizewinners in the 'World Cup' Tournament held recently



Supersport Touch Team

FROM THE CAREERS DEPARTMENT..

Gateway Matters

All Gateway students have now finished their individual programmes and I am very pleased to say that they have all exceeded the expectation of an average of 10 credits each – with more results pending.

A certificate presentation was held last week in V1 for those who had completed their course and a sponsored lunch was enjoyed by all. During this time the students were given the opportunity to tell what it is they plan to do next year and all were very positive about their decisions.

Students returning to school next year were given priority placing onto the Gateway Programme for 2009 and 2 out of 3 have chosen to take up this opportunity. Others are either going directly into employment or enrolling on courses.

I would like to acknowledge the support given by Grant Gowan who has assessed and mentored those students studying Building and Construction and Frances McDonald who has been a Gateway coordinator in a "past life" and supervised classes when I was on leave. Their assistance has been invaluable and I look forward to their expertise again next year.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we have already started the process of selection for the 2009 Gateway students. Interviews will be scheduled for those who have completed their application forms and returned them to me. Some students have returned the permission slip from the bottom of the first letter that explains what the Gateway Programme is about, but have not followed through by collecting the application pack. If you are a student who falls into this category, or a parent of one whom you think may do, please be aware that this is a self directed process. Application packs are available from me in V1 and can be collected during school hours. All students who collected a letter of intention were advised of the process and have been left to follow through the steps. It may seem a bit harsh but it is all part of the being Work Ready.

We will endeavor to have all students interviewed before the end of the term. At least one parent or guardian needs to attend the interview. Contact will be made with students who have returned their application forms to arrange a time that suits all parties for the interview.

REMINDER Students who have not collected their application pack need to come to V1 and collect it from the top of the filing cabinet in front of Mrs Robinson's desk – **THEY ARE NAMED.**

COMMUNITY ...

Our Lady of Lourdes Family Fun Night

Thursday 27th November from 5.00 - 7.00 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes. Come and join us for tea and have some fun with your family. On offer are Christmas raffles, a spin the wheel, cake and sweets stall, Christmas crafts and food stalls. Please help to support our small school community.

PROMOTING SPECIAL CHARACTER ...

“What’s Your Legacy”

All students are invited to this all ages Catholic youth event on 6th December 4.00 pm - 10.00 pm at the Cathedral. There will be a speaker, Youth Mass, food and then an outdoor concert with musicians from around the diocese. Headlining act is a rock/punk band called Arms Reach. Cost: \$20 (Bargain for 6 hours and food!) For more info and tickets txt/call 021 509 436 Kathleen or see Mary-Grace

Parachute Music Festival

The Diocesan Youth team will be taking a group up to Hamilton for Parachute Christian Music Festival on January 23-26 2009. Cost is \$200 which covers transport, ticket and food. A deposit is due on 8th December and anyone 15 yrs and older is welcome. Please collect registration forms from the school office or contact Kathleen on 021 509 436.

CONGRATULATIONS ...

Manawatu Representatives

Congratulations to **Raiden Ross** and **Cameron Witton** who have just been named in the U17 Boys Manawatu Softball Team. **Ben Edwards** and **Josh Whatu** were also named in the U15 Boys Team.

Dancing

Ashleigh Drury-Hoera.....
much more than just a pretty face!

Having danced since she was 5 years old, in her latest senior examinations, Ashleigh has passed her Tap, Hip Hop, Modern Dance, contemporary, Ballet and her first professional exam, all with Distinction, the highest mark attainable.



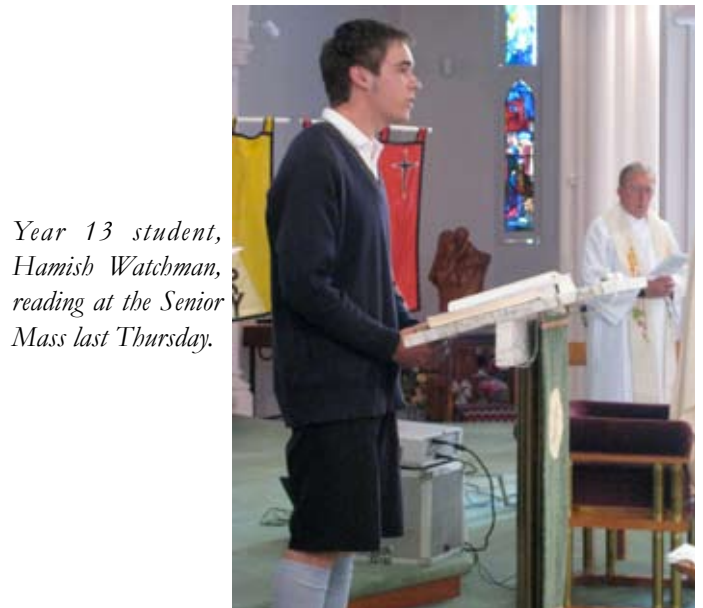
Ashleigh, only 13 years of age, was given the lead role of Maria in the Westside Story ballet production at the Regent Theatre on Saturday night and Sunday for Amy McDonalds School of Dance. Ashleigh’s performance evoked a lot of emotion from the audience as she rose to the challenge of an extremely professional standard and danced like one of Julliard’s own.

The weekend prior, Ashleigh was in Christchurch for the New Zealand Association of Modern Dance and Hip Hop’s National Competition. She competed with many professional dancers, a lot of them aged over 20, on the Friday night and she was chosen as part of the top 15 in New Zealand to perform again on the Saturday evening.

St Peters College, family and friends are all very proud of Ashleigh’s dedication to her giftedness, hard work and amazing achievements.



*L to R:
Lara Collins
and Vaine
Greig who
were finalists
at the
Manawatu
Sports
Awards held
recently*



*Year 13 student,
Hamish Watchman,
reading at the Senior
Mass last Thursday.*

FOR YOUR INFO ...

Mid-Central Health Mobile Dental Unit

The Adolescent Mobile Dental Unit has completed treatment for 2008 on those Year 9 - 13 students enrolled with the service. They will return to the college in Term 2 2009. **For any dental emergencies or new enrolments prior to that time, please phone the Mobile Dental Unit on 355 1849 or Dental Unit, Palmerston North Hospital, phone 350 8619.**

From the Mobile Dental Unit Team

Ikaroa Ki Te Raki - Maori Netball Trials

These trials for U13, U15, U17 and U19 will be held at Palmerston North Girls’ High School on Sunday 23rd November and Sunday 30th November. Registrations at 9.00 am. Contact Devianne Griffiths (Coordinator) on 021 123 4197.

For the past 20 years, regions throughout Aotearoa come together and compete annually, at varying age group levels, in the Maori Netball Championships - Aotearoa Maori Netball Oranga Healthy Lifestyle (AMNOHL). This will be held during the Easter weekend break in Hamilton from 10th to 12th April 2009.

COMING UP ...

Senior Prizegiving

This will be held on **Thursday 4th December at 7.30 pm in the school hall (please be seated by 7.20 pm).**

Year 13 students and their parents are invited to remain for a light supper hosted by our PTFA after the ceremony.

Senior Reports and the Petrus Magazine will be issued after Prizegiving. **All Seniors are expected to attend Prizegiving in full winter uniform.**

Junior Prizegiving and Graduation Ceremony

This will be held on **Friday 5th December, commencing at 9.30 am.** Parents are most welcome to join us.

This is a formal occasion and all Junior students are expected to attend in summer uniform (no jerseys).



O'Shea House - winners of the House Competition which was announced at the Final Full School Assembly recently

TERM DATES 2009

- Term 1 2 February to 9 April
- Term 2 27 April to 3 July
- Term 3 20 July to 25 September
- Term 4 12 October to 15 December

STARTING DATES 2009 ...

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| Wed | 28 | Jan | - Subject Confirmation Day Year 12 & 13 |
| Thur | 29 | Jan | - Teacher Only Day |
| Fri | 30 | Jan | - Teacher Only Day |
| Mon | 2 | Feb | - 11.00 am: Seniors (Year 11 - 13) report to the Hall; no Juniors at school today |
| Tue | 3 | Feb | - Juniors only at school today
- 9.00 am: Year 7 & 8 report to Hall
- 11.00 am: Year 9 & 10 report to Hall |
| Wed | 4 | Feb | - Full school in attendance - normal timetable
- Powhiri |
| Fri | 6 | Feb | - Waitangi Day - school closed |
| Mon | 9 | Feb | - Opening Mass |
| | 10 - 13 | Feb | - Year 13 Leadership Camp |

CALENDAR ...

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| Mon | 24 | Nov | - Year 7 Bike Safety programme |
| Tue | 25 | Nov | - Year 7 & 8 Athletics |
| Wed | 26 | Nov | - 9.00 am - 12.00 noon - Orientation Day for new students for 2009 |
| Fri | 28 | Nov | - Year 7 Report 4 issued |
| Mon | 2 | Dec | - Year 7 Bike Safety programme |
| | 2 & 3 | Dec | - Year 8 Beach Safety programme |
| Wed | 3 | Dec | - Supersport Athletics |
| Thur | 4 | Dec | - Senior Prizegiving
- Senior Reports issued |
| Fri | 5 | Dec | - Junior Prizegiving/Year 10 Graduation
- Year 8 Report 4 issued
- Year 9 Report issued |
| Sun | 7 | Dec | - Graduation Ball |
| | 8 - 12 | Dec | - Junior School Arts and Culture Week |
| Tue | 9 | Dec | - Year 10 Report 4 issued |
| Wed | 10 | Dec | - 10.30 am: Junior Mass - Hall |
| Fri | 12 | Dec | - Final day for Term 4 - school finishes 12.30 pm |
| | 13 - 14 | Dec | - NZ Secondary Schools Athletics |