



**ST PETER'S COLLEGE**  
PALMERSTON NORTH, NEW ZEALAND

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## NEWSLETTER



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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL ...

What a wonderful welcome we were able to provide to our new Bishop Charles Drennan. We had over 1000 people in our gymnasium, including representatives from all our contributing schools in Palmerston North, and some as far afield as Hastings. I was extremely proud of the contribution the students of our College made to the entire weekend and I received numerous emails, letters, and telephone calls from the community and the Bishops to praise their service to the College. Congratulations to all the students and staff for a fantastic day!

Congratulations must also go to our Stage Challenge group who performed at the Regent Theatre during the recent Manawatu competition. They were a credit to themselves and the College for all the long weeks of training and rehearsals they put themselves through to enter the competition. They won several certificates and on behalf of the whole College community I express our pride in their performance. You will be able to see them perform on Friday 1st July at our Performing Arts evening at the Regent Theatre, along with all the other performances from across the talent spectrum at the College.

Our girls from the Kapa Haka group performed with great distinction at the Kapa Haka Whanaungatanga held at Hato Paora College on 16th June, where our local Catholic schools gathered to perform. Once again I received great praise on their behalf for the magnificent singing and harmonies they shared in their performance on the evening. We are looking forward to their performance at the Paetaiohi competition on Monday 11th July at the Regent Theatre.

Finally to let the College community know that Miss Catherine Gunn will be acting as Principal of the College for the duration of Term 3 this year while I am away on sabbatical. Part of the paper that I will be doing during my sabbatical will require me to visit some 12 schools looking at best practice in E-Learning and how this impacts on the engagements of students in the classroom. Miss Gunn will be supported in my absence by the Senior Leadership Team and the Board of Trustees and I am sure by the whole College community.

David Olivier  
Principal



*Newly ordained Bishop Charles Drennan with Bishop Peter Cullinane*



*Bishop Charles Drennan with (L to R) Isaac Harris (Head Boy), Adelaide Levis and Brenda Palenski at Bishop Charles' ordination*

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING ...

### Year 7-9 Project Triathlon 1 Hour Challenge

The 1 Hour Challenge held recently was a great success! The project classes raised a total of \$1,050.40. This will be presented to Caritas at the Keys to the Kingdom Assembly, and will go towards the Christchurch earthquake appeal. Congratulations to **Kate Ryder** (Year 9) who raised the most money as an individual, and to Project Wild Card for the class that raised the most money. Thank you to **Mrs Power** for donating and running the sausage sizzle, to the teachers who helped on the day, and to Project Triathlon for running this event (photo below).

By Claire Sellwood



### Stage Challenge

The smiles on everyone's faces when entering the dressing room after our STAGE CHALLENGE performance made the whole epic, crazy, yet amazing adventure totally worth it. Spending the whole day at the Regent Theatre and then performing later that night wore everyone down yet we had never been more alive! When I stepped back onto the stage for Prizegiving, I stepped on with pride, I couldn't have asked for a better Stage Challenge team. They had worked so hard and I couldn't have been more proud of them. Thank you so much to my amazing Stage Challenge students, especially **Kendra Boyes** and **Alex Barrow**, for their amazing support and hard work. To all the students involved, thank you for showing up to all the practices and meetings, thank you for putting your hearts and souls into something so meaningful and special. Thank you! You guys ROCK!!

*Esther Bebarfald - Director, Stage Challenge 2011*

## FROM THE SPORTS DEPARTMENT ...

A heartfelt message to all of you who play or are involved in Sport here at SPC. Have a think about what it means to be a team player and part of a team. Team sports can't be won alone. As a team, you play, train, socialise, win and lose together. These are crucial parts of being in a team. Remember this when you roll up to your weekly games and practices - it's not what you can do for yourself but what you can do for your **team!** Also I'm sure your coaches wouldn't mind hearing a "Thanks Coach" every once in a while too. Not only do they give up their time to train, teach and supervise you, but they share their invaluable knowledge that has come from years of personal experience and learning.

## FROM THE CAREERS DEPARTMENT..

### Trips and Out Of School Activities

Over the next 3 months we have a number of trips and activities that require selected students to be out of school for all or part of the day. These include the Careers Expo, Course Taster Days and Tertiary Institute Open Days. There is a process that needs to be followed in order that our students are kept safe **and** parents/caregivers are aware of what is happening. When an activity is being organised either a letter or an information sheet is given to the student to bring home for you to read. At the bottom of almost all of these is a section that requires the signed permission from you that allows your child to be included in the event. On some occasions there will be a request that you pay a minimal amount to assist towards the cost of transport. There is always a **"To be returned by Date"** included on the form - along with instructions on to whom or where the slips need to be returned. Too frequently, letters explaining the activity are either not taken home/forgotten about/or ignored. This makes it very difficult to administer the activity e.g. ensuring adequate transport and supervising adults are available. These activities do impact on the students' class work but we believe they enrich the overall education of our students. All we ask is that when your child brings a notice home, that you read it and respond accordingly, within the timeframe required, reminding your child to return the signed permission slip, according to the instructions in the body of the information. On that point it is **only the permission slip we require back.** We ask that you cut it off the main information section and put that top section in a prominent place in your home, as a reminder of the activity.

Pending events that you should receive information on, if your child is to be involved are: The Careers Expo at the Arena for **all** Year 12 students and interested Year 13 students on Monday July 4th; Massey University and UCOL Open Days on Wednesday August 3rd for Year 13 and Year 12 students intending to enrol for 2012; Victoria University Open Day in Wellington Friday 26th August for those intending to enrol 2012; The Chainsaw Safety Course being held in the 2nd week of the July Holidays and the Mechanical Engineering Course being held in Term 3. The last 2 events mentioned have already begun the process of selecting students and have a full complement of student numbers required for them to run.

Thank you for taking the time to read this information. As always, we have an open door policy in the Careers Department. If you have any questions about any of the above information or indeed any ways in which the careers team might be of service, please contact the Careers Administrator Caroline Robinson on 3544197 ext 754, in the first instance, who will endeavor to answer your questions or refer you on to the most appropriate Careers team member.

## 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 July - Mass hosted by CJe
- Friday 8 July - Mass hosted by 13Jn

### Seekers' First Communion

Eleven students have celebrated their First Communion in the parishes recently. All their preparation was with Emma and Mrs Bennett in the College Chapel. Some of the students are shown in the Chapel in their Seekers class (left to right) **Elijah O'Connell, Nick Kearins, Kurt Richards, Isaac Judd, Kahli Jackson, Leah Murrell.**



Five of the Seekers had their First Communion at St Mary's Parish. They are shown with Mrs Bennett, (left to right): **Paris Orterga, Kurt Richards, Jordan Wealleans, Zhane Hurinui, Kahli Jackson.** Congratulations to the eleven students.



On Sunday 12th June and Sunday 19th, 25 young people received the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Patrick's Cathedral and Our Lady of Lourdes. The candidates have been preparing for this sacrament since August last year, in an intensive programme that included monthly sessions, social activities, service days, and a camp. Eight students from St Peter's were confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, 12th June at the Cathedral, and were privileged to have the newly ordained Bishop Charles Drennan presiding over the Mass - which was his first confirmation since he himself was confirmed as a boy! Bishop Owen Dolan presided over the Confirmation Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes on Sunday 19th June, which was considerably smaller but just as special.

Congratulations to the St Peter's students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Patrick's Cathedral: **Lydia Boon, Jordan Clark, Zac Collins, Jacob Fitzell, Sophie Harris, Josie Hehir, Tessa Judd, and Jade Richards.**

Congratulations also to **Emma Carey**, who was confirmed at Our Lady of Lourdes.



*Lydia Boon being anointed by Bishop Peter*

## CONGRATULATIONS ...

### Smokefree Rockquest

Congratulations to **Cameron Wilkes** who, along with Kelsey Lawn from Freyberg High School, won the 2011 Manawatu Smokefree Rockquest Regional Final at the Regent on Broadway on Saturday 11th June. Cameron and Kelsey formed a folk duo "Sunbears" and began playing together just weeks before the final. They will go on to compete for one of six national finalist spots in Hamilton in September. Well done Cameron and Kelsey and Good Luck for a place in the national finals!

### Netball

- Congratulations to **Kendra Boyes** who was awarded her Local Netball Centre Umpiring Badge on Saturday 11th June by Netball Manawatu. Kendra has been invited to umpire at the Representative Tournaments in June/July and at Lower North Island Secondary Schools' Netball Tournament in August.
- Congratulations to **Kataraina Hapi-Tukapua** on her selection as a Manawatu Netball Junior Squad Representative.

## COMING UP ...

### 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!

### Senior Charity Evening for Christchurch

The Charity Evening is a unique undertaking and an expression of our Special Character. Senior students are encouraged to recycle/re-use dresses and suits, and donate money saved to the chosen charity. They are also challenged to gain sponsorship for the charity they have chosen to support. Costs for the evening are kept to a minimum so that more money can be directed to the charity.

This year's Senior Charity Evening will be held in the College Hall on **Saturday 9th July from 7.30 pm till 12 midnight.** The chosen charity this year is the **Salvation Army Canterbury Earthquake Appeal** with the theme being Red and Black in support of Christchurch and this worthy cause.

## CAN YOU HELP CHRISTCHURCH?...

As mentioned above the charity that senior students have chosen to support this year is the Salvation Army Canterbury Earthquake Appeal. Throughout the year our students have been in contact with Christchurch Cathedral College by writing letters of friendship and support to their students.

Senior students are hoping to bring the Head Boy and Girl from Christchurch Cathedral College to our Charity Evening and present them with a cheque from the proceeds raised. We are appealing to local businesses for support in getting the students from Christchurch. If you can contribute to this appeal, please contact the office on 354 4198. Thank You!

## FOR YOUR INFO ...

### Absences

A reminder that if your son/daughter is absent from school, please ring **Mrs Kingsbeer at school on 354 4198, extension 739** to report the absence **each day** that your child is away. **After two days absence we require a medical certificate** so please ensure that this is sent to school on your child's return. Thank you for your support with this.

### Second Hand Uniforms

The PTFE **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.*

## COMMUNITY ...

### St Mary's Parish Movie Night

A night out for the adults - shake off those winter blues! **Saturday, 25 June at 7.00 pm.** Movie, Wine & Cheese night at Cinema Gold. It's a New Zealand movie - "Hook Line and Sinker". Tickets can be purchased from St Mary's Parish Office - \$20 each. (Phone: 358 5614).

### St James' Catholic School Mid-Winter Christmas Dinner

- **Saturday 9th July 7.00 pm St James' School Hall** - Tickets \$50.00 individual or \$350.00 a table

Tickets are selling fast! Internationally acclaimed Chef Jason Pearn from High Flyers has crafted a 3-course Banquet to tempt your taste buds! Live music and auction. Lots of fun! Let's celebrate the Mid Year together.



*Members of Viard House - Haka Competition Winners 2011*

## CALENDAR CHANGES ...

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

## CALENDAR ...

Fri	24	June	-	<b>7.30 - 10.00 pm: Junior Dance</b>
Wed	29	June	-	St John's Exchange
Fri	1	July	-	7.15 pm: <b>Performing Arts Evening</b> - Regent Theatre
	3 - 5	July	-	Careers Expo
Mon	4	July	-	<b>Year 9 Report 3 issued</b>
Wed	6	July	-	Supersport Basketball
	6 - 7	July	-	Sacred Heart Exchange
Fri	8	July	-	Year 7 and 8 Vaccinations
Sat	9	July	-	<b>Senior Charity Evening</b>
Mon	11	July	-	Paetaiohi Kapa Haka Competition
Tue	12	July	-	<b>7.30 pm: PTFE meeting - Staffroom</b>
	13 & 14	July	-	Pasifika Fusion
Thur	14	July	-	<b>Year 10 Report 2 issued</b>
Fri	15	July	-	Last Day of Term 2
			-	St Peter's Day celebrations
			-	<b>Senior Reports posted in holidays</b>
Mon	1	Aug	-	Term 3 begins