



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 another long term that has been packed with all the activities we have shared in the past newsletters. I know that after these two longer than normal terms the students and staff are looking forward to a break. However, the length of these terms means that there is only one term left for the seniors and therefore they will need to take all the opportunities to start preparing for Term 3 and end of year examinations. The Year 12 and 13 NCEA results are now more crucial than ever for gaining entrance to Tertiary Education with the points system based on their Grade Point Average (GPA).

Congratulations to our **Kapa Haka Group**, their tutors, staff and whanau for an excellent performance in the recent regional competition. Hard work and practice does pay off when you put in the effort. They represented the College magnificently, with this being the foundation and benchmark for the years to come.

Congratulations to the **Pasifika group** on their performance at the Regent theatre in Pasifika Fusion. Once again congratulations to all the students, staff and families who were involved and for the magnificent way they represented the College and Pasifika.

Thank you to all in our community who have supported the fundraising efforts for the "Keys to the Kingdom" fundraising drive over the past weeks. Presentations will take place during the St Peter's Day Mass on the last day of term to our selected charities. We will provide more details of amounts raised in the first newsletter next term.

While I am away on sabbatical leave during Term 3, Catherine Gunn will be the Acting Principal of the College. Jon Bowen will be Acting Head of the Junior School, so all contact or issues to do with the Junior School (Year 7-10) can be directed to him. Please give them both all the support that you normally do during Term 3.

David Olivier  
Principal



*Kapa Haka group at the Paetaiobi Kapa Haka Competition at the Regent*



*Above: Head Students from Cathedral College Christchurch - Jamie and Greg, with SPC Head Students Isaac and Charlotte at the Senior Charity Evening last Saturday*

# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING ...

## Geography Competiton

On Monday 20th June **Jacob Fitzell**, **Hannah Brown** and **Tim Sheehan** from Year 11 represented the school at the Manawatu Regional Geography Competition held at Massey University. The competition involved Map Drawing and Interpretation, Photographic Analysis, Landscape Modelling with playdough and Geographic General Knowledge, which were part of the activities the students undertook. The team were placed 3rd overall. Well done!

## Chess

Friday afternoon saw CHr playing Chess against Parents and Ex-Pupils. Mr Laven took on seven players at once and beat them. Thanks to Parents Mr Cronin, Mr Hyde, Mr Morgan, Mrs Richards and Ex-Pupils Daniel Chan, Sean Freeman and Paul Tracy who extended and challenged the students.

## Football

The SPC 1st XI Football season continues to progress well, with the 2nd round of matches proving much tougher as other teams lift their game to try and defeat our table-topping boys. The team continue to improve and are playing some good Football, despite the weather disrupting both trainings and games.

- Matchday 6 - SPC vs Feilding High: In a rematch of perhaps the closest game of the first round, SPC dominated the match for large periods of the game, building a comfortable lead at half time. This match saw **Heath Butler** make his debut at this level in goal, and he responded with some fantastic saves. The boys withstood a spirited Feilding comeback and managed to hold on to win 4 - 3. The highlight of the match was **Regan Wenman** scoring an early candidate for goal of the season, chipping the keeper from a narrow angle after beating several players.
- Matchday 7 - SPC vs Freyberg: SPC played a much improved Freyberg team who had us on the backfoot for much of the first half and who were rewarded for their efforts with an early lead in the 2nd. The boys responded well to the unusual position of being behind on the scoreboard, with a strong 2nd half being enough to record a 5-3 victory and keeping the undefeated season alive. **Rhys Galyer**, **Morgan Sullivan** and **Gabriel Field** were standout players.
- Matchday 8 - SPC vs PNBHS 3rd XI: This match was the most intense yet, as SPC fought back from 2 goals down midway through the 2nd half to secure a 3 all draw and remain top of the table. While we were missing a few key players, **Campbell Devaney** returned from injury and played well, getting himself on the scoresheet in the process. The highlight of the match was a great individual goal from **Zac Wenman**, minutes before the final whistle.

## Inter School Cross Country

Our small, yet capable team travelled to Ashhurst with Mrs Smith-Rolfe on Wednesday 22nd June. Our best placing of the day went to Yr 7 Girl, **Bethany Grant** 11th, Yr 7 Boy, **Taiga Honey** 11th and Yr 8 Girl, **Nina Hearn** 13th.

Remember to get your running shoes on and train through out the winter because we have **Supersports Cross Country** coming up in Term 4.

## Mercy Cup

The first of 3 Exchanges in 3 weeks! Unbelievably, we managed to turn on the sunshine for the arrival of Wellington Colleges, St Catherine's and St Mary's for the Girls Mercy Cup Exchange on Friday 24th June. St Mary's College were the overall winners of the day, winning 5 out of 7 events with SPC placing 2nd in all 6 events we participated in! More detailed results can be found on the school website.

## St John's Exchange

Our annual Exchange has now been postponed until Thursday 4th August due to the torrential rain experienced by Hawkes Bay before our original Exchange date. We have sent home an information letter with the new date and programme but will not be sending home an additional permission slip, so please let the Sports Office know if you **NO LONGER** give permission for your son to travel to Hastings to participate in this Exchange.

## Supersports Basketball

SPC Year 7 & 8 students entered a Boys and Girls team in the Supersports Basketball. Sadly, our results did not reflect the courage and fair play that was demonstrated by our students.

Our teams were capably coached by **Louise Ingram** and **Joshua Hearn**. The host school was Ross Intermediate and they called on our students to officiate the tournament. The standout referees for the day were **Agato Tionisio**, **Nicholas Dekker**, **Francis O'Reilly**, **Joshua Reddiex**, **Bart Rimmongrua** and **Alex Semmens**, who showed each other great support and encouragement as it was a 'full on' day for all those involved. Thank you to **Mrs Hearn** and the ever inspiring **Jen Fee**, for your time and effort in preparing our teams and officials for this tournament.

## Sacred Heart Exchange

SPC families hosted 65 girls overnight on Wednesday 6th July for the annual Sports Exchange with Sacred Heart Girls. Our Senior A Netballers had a great win 31-14 after starting their match in the gym but having to move to the outside courts in the pouring rain because of a drip from the ceiling! After a bit of programme rejigging, our Intermediate A Netball team got the competition started on the Thursday morning against a very classy SHG team, losing 51-7. This was followed by a thrilling match between SPC and SHG Senior Development teams, with SPC down by 10 at quarter time to come back and draw level at 33 all by fulltime! Our Junior A Netball moved from the Gym to the outdoor courts for their match which they lost by 1, 22-21, to allow our Badminton team to compete in the Gym and compete they did, winning all four games! The rain held off long enough for our Hockey and Football to go ahead as planned. Sadly, the result wasn't what we had planned though, with both teams going down to Sacred Heart 5-2.

Overall, it was a great Exchange with lots of new friendships made and old ones renewed. Thank you to the families who opened their homes to host the very appreciative athletes from SHG.

Thank you to all the supporters, staff, students, team coaches/management and officials who over the last 3 weeks have played their part in making our exchanges the great success they have been - couldn't have been done without you!

## PAST STUDENT'S SUCCESS ...

### Otago Uni Fulfils Long Held Ambition for SPC Grad

Having heart surgery at Starship Children's Hospital inspired St Peter's College old girl Amber Russell's choice to head to Dunedin to study health sciences.

Receiving a \$10,000 University of Otago Māori and Pacific Island Entrance Scholarship simply underlined Otago's advantages, Amber says.

"My sister Amy is studying physiotherapy here so I always thought I would come," she says.

"Plus Otago has a reputation as the place to study medicine. I'm aiming to be a paediatrician. I spent time in Starship Children's Hospital for heart surgery after getting rheumatic fever. I was inspired by the staff and made really good friends there. I thought it would be a good career."

"I came to Dunedin for four days last year after getting an On Campus Experience Scholarship. We had tours and met a lot of people so when I arrived this year it felt as if I knew my way around."

Amber's lectures in the popular Health Sciences First Year course often contain 2000 or more other students.

"If you don't get into the lecture theatre with the lecturer, there will be another theatre live-streaming a video. If you miss the lecture there are podcasts, too."

Amber is competing with many of the other Health Science First Year students for some 250 places in medical school, but she says there is a range of support helping her achieve her goal.

"I'm living at Cumberland College; it has really good tutorials for every subject. The Health Science First Year students there are all on the same floor and we do the tutorials together. We wake each other up to make sure we get to lectures."

Amber says her sister also spent her first year living at Cumberland College, one of 13 residential colleges on or nearby the campus that primarily cater to first-year students.

"Amy didn't tell me about all the tricks the different floors like playing on each other. Each floor has names like the Dub Boys and Rasta Floor. We're The Tribe."

Being of Ngati Porou and Cook Island Māori descent, Amber has also signed up with the campus Pacific Islands Centre making use of its additional tutorials, mentors and social events. "The Centre is very close-knit in terms of the people," she adds.

During her time at St Peter's College Amber represented the school in netball, while also umpiring and coaching. Her busy university schedule hasn't stopped her signing up with Netball Otago, offering her umpiring skills for secondary school games.

"I wouldn't be getting as involved in Dunedin's community as I am if I didn't feel comfortable. The campus is so central – right in the city – making it easy to feel at home."

Amber is one of dozens of promising young students to receive a University of Otago entrance scholarship. These scholarships, which also include Dux and Leaders of Tomorrow scholarships, assist with tuition fees or residential college fees during the first year of study. *(Photo at right)*

## FOR YOUR INFO ...

### Office Hours during the holidays

The office will be open from 9.00 am to 2.00 pm each day during the holidays.

### 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 holidays - on **Wednesday 27th July from 4.00 - 6.00 pm in the Hall.**

### Rugby World Cup Opportunity

Go to [http://www.emirates.com/nz/English/destinations\\_offers/subscribe\\_to\\_offers/campaigns/lead\\_the\\_field/rugby\\_world\\_cup\\_2011\\_with\\_emirates.aspx](http://www.emirates.com/nz/English/destinations_offers/subscribe_to_offers/campaigns/lead_the_field/rugby_world_cup_2011_with_emirates.aspx) and tell them in 50 words or less why **you** should be a **flag bearer** at a Rugby World Cup match in 2011. Be quick, entries are open and will close at **9.00 pm on Friday 31st July.**

## FROM THE GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR ...

Just to let you know, I will be on leave for the first 5 weeks of Term 3. I will be ably covered by two experienced Counsellors:

- **Mrs Donna Quaipe** will work on Mondays and Tuesdays and
- **Mrs Shirley Thorby** will work on Thursdays and Fridays

Together they will continue to provide a counselling and education support service to all St Peter's students, when needed.

If a student is unsettled at school; is having problems in their relationships; is feeling over-stressed, angry or sad; has had loss or grief in their lives; or just needs an objective listening ear, they can make an appointment with the service and we can help.

We also have resources and information about agencies, programmes and workshops that provide further back up for families.

If you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to contact them on the school phone number 354 4198 extension 763 (leave a message if there is no reply). Thank you!

*Janine Loving-Molloy (Guidance Counsellor)*



*Photo at left: Amber Russell (Year 13 2010) - Otago University Scholarship winner*

## COMING UP ...

### Parent Interviews Wednesday 3rd August

The Parents and guardians of senior students should receive progress reports during the first week of the holidays. Please discuss this report with your child. It is important that you and your child attend Student/Parent Interviews which will be held on **Wednesday 3rd August from 3.00 - 8.00 pm** in the school hall. We recognise that these are short appointment times, so you should identify areas that require attention. It is possible to arrange appointments outside of this time, when the teachers are available. To make an appointment with the teacher you can book online or contact the school if you do not have access to the internet (see separate letter issued with this newsletter).

Senior school reporting to students and parents in 2011:

- Term 2 - Report 2 : Full Written Report posted at the end of Term 2
- Term 3 - Student/Parent Interviews **Wednesday August 3rd 3.00 – 8.00 pm**
- Term 3 - Report 3: Senior School Progress Report will be posted at the end of term, it will include: School Exam results, current record of achievement for NZQA, general subject progress and work skills grades. This report will be posted on Friday 7th October.

The contents of the Senior Report reflect the academic record at the time of printing. For confirmation of internal credits awarded, grade levels gained and entries made, please refer to the Learner Login section on the NZQA website. These records are updated monthly.

It is vital that students are clear about their goals, and what is required of them to succeed; especially as the adjustments in term times leave the College with only two weeks in Term 4 before NCEA external exams begin. Please be aware that Term 3 includes Winter Tournament in Week 4, and Exam week in Week 7. The importance of these exams cannot be over-emphasised and they should be a major focus for students in Term 3.

If you have any questions regarding reports please contact the level Dean.

### School Photos Friday 5th and Friday 12th August

Class, Individual and Family Photos will be taken on **Friday 5th August**. Sports, Cultural and Year 13 Photos will be taken on **Friday 12th August**. Order envelopes have been issued to students and **should be given to the photographer on the day**. **Please ensure that your son/daughter is in full winter uniform (including jerseys)**. Thank you.

## THANK YOU ...

### Senior Charity Evening

A huge thank you all those who donated money towards the flights for the Head Boy and Girl of Cathedral College in Christchurch, so that they could attend our Senior Charity Evening. Special thanks go to **Steve Parsons House of Travel** and **Hansens Interiors Limited** for their generous donations.

A cheque for the proceeds from the Senior Charity Evening will be forwarded to the chosen charity for this year, the Salvation Army Canterbury Earthquake Appeal. Thank you for your support for Christchurch.



STEPHEN PARSONS

*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.*

## 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 5th August - Mass hosted by 11By
- Friday 12th August - Mass hosted by 12Dy

### Confirmation Programme 2011

The Confirmation programme for anyone aged Year 10+ will be starting in September next term (date to be advised). If you are interested please contact Emma Dodson on 021 509-439 for more information.

## TERM DATES TERM 3 & 4 ...

The following are the dates for Terms 3 and 4 this year:

- Term 3: Monday 1st August to Friday 7th October (10 weeks)
- Term 4: Tuesday 25th October to Friday 9th December (8 weeks)

Note that Term 4 begins on **Tuesday 25th October** as the Labour Day Public Holiday falls on Monday 24th October.

## CALENDAR CHANGES ...

### Confirmation of the last day of school in Term 4, 2011

Earlier this term, the Ministry of Education announced new Teacher Only Day provisions that will affect the closing date for our school in Term 4. Accordingly, the **last day** of School for 2011 will be **December 9th**. Please mark this date in your calendars.

## CALENDAR ...

Mon	1	Aug	- Term 3 begins
Wed	3	Aug	- Parent Interviews
Thur	4	Aug	- St John's Exchange (Hastings)
Fri	5	Aug	- School Photos - Class and Individual
Tue	9	Aug	- <b>7.30 pm: PTFA Meeting - Staffroom</b>
Thur	11	Aug	- Chanel Exchange
Fri	12	Aug	- School Photos - Sports and Cultural - 1st XI Boys Football vs St Bernard's
	13 & 14	Aug	- Junior Netball Tournament
	15 - 21	Aug	- VSA Friendship Bracelets on sale
Wed	17	Aug	- Supersport Netball
Thur	18	Aug	- <b>7.00 - 9.00 pm: Open Night for 2012 enrolments</b>
Fri	19	Aug	- <b>Teacher Only Day</b>
	22 - 26	Aug	- Winter Tournament Week
Tue	23	Aug	- Blood Service at school
Fri	26	Aug	- <b>Year 9 Report 4 issued</b>
Tue	30	Aug	- Year 10 Market Day
Wed	31	Aug	- Supersport Rugby
Thur	1	Sept	- <b>Yr 12 Retreat</b>