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FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL ...

Kia ora katoa,

The term is really moving on and the exams are fast approaching. There is no winding down. In fact, there are 76 days to go before NCEA exams start! Serious learning needs to take place over the next few weeks and months, and nothing beats being in class, seizing every learning opportunity. For revision tips, there are useful links on our website, as well as Mr Erskine's emails that were sent to all students in Year 10-13. Parents and caregivers can help with encouragement to keep focused and motivated.

In the last newsletter, I mentioned that our students are engaged in many social justice projects and this time I am delighted to congratulate **John Richards** (Year 9), who, along with a number of our Year 9 students, entered a national religious writing competition run by the Knights of the Southern Cross. The topic was 'Social Justice is at the heart of the Gospel. Do you agree?' Students also had to give details of two social justice actions that they had supported recently, and explain why they supported them. Our school's commitment to social justice, with the Survive-a-Slum and Keys to the Kingdom were prime examples. John won \$100 in the Under 14 section. Watch out for the publication in Petrus.

This week our netball and football teams have been playing hard at the Winter Tournament. The footballers have been dealing with various injuries so it is good to know that perseverance and positive attitudes have kept them going. The results will be published next time. Many thanks to the coaches, parents and staff, who make it possible for our students to be part of these events.

Last week our school was open for prospective parents and students to visit. We had an excellent response from the community and very positive feedback. Thanks to our student speakers, students who escorted families around the school, the Jets Basketball Team, Rhythm Interactive Drummers and the PTFA for providing refreshments. We appreciate all the

support we received on the evening. Enrolments are open now. If you are planning to enrol a child, or know someone who is, please be encouraged to return all the relevant forms before the end of August. Prospectuses and enrolment information are available from the office.

Finally, a note about Winter Uniform. Until the problem around the regulation black school jacket is resolved, I have permitted students to wear a plain black outdoor jacket to and from school. It is not to be worn during class time. Sweatshirts/hoodies or any other casual item is not permitted. Sports or team jackets are not to be worn with school uniform. Another alternative is the school blazer. Please bear with us until this matter is resolved. This applies for Winter Uniform, this term only.

Nga Mihi nui,

Catherine Gunn
Acting Principal



The victorious Year 8 Mathex Team with Mrs McArthur: L to R: Arna Wrigley, Mrs McArthur, Nicholas Ellery, John Su, William Johanson

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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING ...

Mathex Competition

Last Friday was a successful day for our Junior Mathematics students in hard fought competitions between schools from Wanganui, Manawatu and Levin. Our Year 8 Team won their year level competition beating more than 40 other teams to claim the trophy and individual book tokens. The team members were: **Nicholas Ellery, John Su, William Johanson, and Arna Wrigley**. Congratulations!

St Peter's 1st XV Defends the Viking Shield

An impressive display by the St Peter's forward pack laid the groundwork for the successful defence of the Viking Shield, the annual exchange between Rugby teams from St Peter's and Tararua College in Palmerston North on Saturday. Despite winning the shield for the first time in 3 years in 2010, St Peter's were the underdog going in to the 2011 battle due to a poor performance against Tararua during the regular season.

The determination and spirit shown by the St Peter's forwards and gritty defence by the backs was a pleasure to watch. The final score of 7-0 was a poor reflection of a game in which the SPC forwards powered over the Tararua tryline 5 times, each time to be denied the points because the ball was held up or the referee missed the touchdown. **Jordan "shaq" Massicks, Jeremy "Dan Carter" Campbell and Sam "cowboy" Martin** provided plenty of go-forward with some strong running. **Ryan "Plank" Collin, Conrad "Kaino" Kovaleski and Jono "Phantom" Kriechbaum** denied the Tararua team any momentum with some steadfast tackling.

The decisive moment of the game came after a series of scrums anchored by **James "The brick" Carr**, halfback **Josh "Hurricane" Hurn** picked up the ball, pretended to pass, then hit the opposition defence line drawing in 3 defenders before offloading to fly-half **Liam "the ghost" Fouhy** who glided under the posts to score. The backline was solid all day with **Shannon "Missile" McDonald** running hard and great defence from **Keegan "Flow" Mark Gordon and Jordan "Donnies" Donoghue**.

Impact players **Lano "Torpedo" Taulani, Nikoli "Crash" Whitburn and Zac "Crusher" Collins** all made the most of their opportunity with Whitburn having his best game of his season.

The team was inspirationally led by **Kieran "Horse" Clark**. **Liam Fouhy** received the Player of the Day award for his dangerous running and textbook tackling.

The 1st XV has 2 or 3 more games to finish off another good season. With the majority of the team being Year 11s and 12s, it looks like the 2012 1st XV will maintain St Peter's record of punching above its weight in Rugby.

Quad Exchange

86 students travelled to Masterton through the fog on Thursday 11th August to participate in the first Lower North Island Catholic Colleges Quad Sports Exchange. Our teams - Senior A Netball, 1st XV Rugby, 1st XI Girls and Boys Football and Hockey, competed against teams from Cullinane-

CC (Wanganui), Bishop Viard-BV (Porirua) and Chanel-Ch (Masterton). While the other participating schools couldn't necessarily provide a team to compete in each code, SPC brought a competitive team to each of the events offered.

The behaviour from our students was exceptional, both on and off the playing fields and the respect, discipline and sportsmanship showed in our results.

- Senior A Netball: Win vs CC, BV and Ch, MVP - **Hannah Tichbon**
- 1st XV Rugby: Win vs Ch, Loss vs BV, MVP - **Jordan Massicks**
- 1st XI Football Girls: Win vs Ch, MVP - **Tessa Judd**
- 1st XI Football Boys: Win vs CC and Ch, MVP - **Sam Rayner**
- 1st XI Hockey Girls: Win vs BV and CC
- 1st XI Hockey Boys: Loss vs Ch

St Peter's College retains the St Peter's Chanel Trophy for another year and is also the first recipient of the new Lower North Island Catholic Colleges Quad Sports Exchange Shield, kindly donated by Rachele Semmens. Thank you Rachele!

Watch this space as we are the hosts for this exciting new exchange in 2012!

St Bernard's Football Exchange

It has been a busy time for our 1st XI Football team with 3 Exchanges in the space of 2 weeks. The third of these Exchanges, on Friday 12th August, was against St Bernard's College from Silverstream. The 5-0 defeat sadly doesn't reflect the tenacity and determination our young 1st XI team showed against the older and more experienced players from St Bernard's. It was a sludgy and sticky pitch the boys endured during their match but was good preparation heading into Winter Tournament Week. St Bernard's College awarded Captain **Connor Gibson** as our MVP for the match.

Supersports Netball

This was nearly not held this year due to the Polar Blast we all experienced, but with a bit of quick thinking, the event switched hosts (from Masterton to SPC), date (Wednesday to Friday) and location (Masterton to Arena Manawatu) and was held much to the delight of the 15 teams entered! Our Intermediate A Netball team came 7th in the Year 8 grade after some tough games in Pool Play from PNINS, Feilding and Masterton.

Thank you to the volunteers - **Kate Ryder, Waikeria Douglas, Kate Trischler, Amy Guard, Wairakau Greig and Charlotte Booker**, and players who gave up their Teacher Only Day to be part of Supersports Netball 2011.

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 2nd September - Mass hosted by 12Jn
- Friday 9th September - Mass hosted by 12Gu

FOR YOUR INFO ...

Students leaving school during the day

- **Reminder re appointments:** If your child has an appointment during the day, please ensure that he/she brings either a note in the Link Book or the appointment card to S1 **first thing in the morning** to get a Security Pass. If the student is returning to school after the appointment he/she must sign back in at S1 on returning.
- **Students going home ill:** From time to time some students are not following the school's procedures when they feel ill and want to go home. It is vital, for security reasons, that students **report to Sick Bay** and let the staff there contact home - that way we know who is in school should an emergency occur. Please, if your child rings (or texts) you independently of the office, arrange to meet them at the office and inform the office staff.

Safer Journeys for Teen Drivers

www.safeteedriver.co.nz (developed by the New Zealand Transport Agency) is a new, free, educational resource for parents and caregivers. It has been developed in collaboration with a parent/teen relationship psychologist and an expert in driving psychology. The website has lots of great tips to help you connect with your teenager, and tools to teach them how to become a safer driver. It's important that you get involved with your teenager's driving education and stay involved until they have a Full Licence. Visit www.safeteedriver.co.nz to use the tools and help your teenager become a safer driver.

Win an iPod Touch

Attention Year 12 students! Be in the draw to win an iPod Touch by completing a survey which will investigate:

- National identity, biculturalism and multiculturalism
- Ethnic relationships and identities
- Social networks and communications

See your teacher for survey details or go to:

www.surveymonkey.com/s/nzidentitysurvey

Art on Edge, Saturday 3rd September, 1.00 - 3.00 pm

On Saturday 3rd September, you are invited to Art on Edge - a free, family-friendly event on the west side of the Square (PN). Enjoy a variety of performances by visual, musical and performance artists along the streets between Square Edge, Coleman Place and Te Manawa, anytime from 1.00 - 3.00 pm. Activities and competitions, as well as opportunities for you to try something new. This event is on rain or shine! We look forward to seeing you there!

CONGRATULATIONS ...

Queen's Guide Success - Shannon Hollard

On Sunday 31st July 2011 **Shannon Hollard** (Year 13, pictured at right) was presented with her Queen's Guide Award at Government House in Wellington. The award was presented by the Governor General and his wife, who is the patron of Guides New Zealand.



This award is the highest award a Guide can achieve and usually takes 3 to 5 years to complete. Participants need to hold or achieve a Peak Award, a 12 Point Challenge Badge, Six Interest Certificates, have two Marketing Certificates, 40 hours Service, Practical Leadership Certificate, Special Activity, and complete a Residential Course. The award shows ability in Leadership, Teamwork, Communication and Life Skills. Participants also need lots of determination, persistence, time-management skills, and commitment to complete such a lengthy award. Congratulations on your achievement Shannon and well done!

Football and Rugby

Well done to all those students who attended trials for Manawatu Football and Rugby Rep Teams, unfortunately not everyone can get through but all the best for next year.

These students however, did make the following teams:

- **Bart Rimnongrua**, for making the 2011 Manawatu 15/16 Boys Federation Talent Centre Squad.
- **Oliver Diaz** and **Jamie Jackson** - Manawatu U14 Boys Federation Talent Centre Squad
- **Conrad Kovaleski** - Manawatu U16 Rugby Representative Team
- **Sione Asi** - Manawatu U13 Rugby Representative Team

Congratulations to you all!

FROM THE SPORTS DEPARTMENT ...

Thank You

Grateful thanks to **Mr Tony Short** who called into the office to donate a cricket bag full of cricket gear no longer in use by his son - it will all be put to good use - thanks again Tony!

Summer Sports

With Winter finally coming to an end, it is time to start thinking about what sports you will be playing to stay fit over the Summer months. We offer sports like Volleyball, Touch, Softball, Cricket and Summer Hockey just to name a few so make sure you listen out for our Summer Sports Registration Day for trial dates and to collect your rego forms. ANYBODY (parents, family members or students) out there who is keen on coaching our wonderful students in any of the codes, please get in touch with the Sports Office as we would love to hear from you! Phone 354 4198 extension 741.

COMING UP ...

Performing Arts

Level 1 Drama Students are preparing a fantastic performance for **Wednesday 7th September of "The Jury" at 7.30 pm in M2.** Entry fee is \$3.00 per person with under 12 children free! This is a play based on the movie "12 Angry Men".

Level 2 & 3 Drama Students are currently working on Shakespeare's "A Comedy of Errors" which they will perform during the last week of Term 3.

Watch this space for more thespian updates!!!!

"The world is a stage, and we are merely the players..."

CAN YOU HELP? ...

Horn of Africa Drought Relief Appeal

In the Horn of Africa, there has been almost no rain for two years. Most of the livestock is dead. The worst drought in 60 years threatens the lives of over 13 million people in Kenya, Ethiopia, and Somalia. Caritas is providing emergency food, water and medicines as well as longer-term water supply projects, drought-resistant seeds, and hope for the future. Please help us to help others in what the United Nations has described as 'a human tragedy of unimaginable proportions'. Visit our website for more details. To make a donation:

- Visit www.caritas.org.nz to donate online
- Phone 0800 22 10 22 (office hours) to donate by credit card
- Phone 0900 4 11 11 to automatically donate \$20 from your phone account
- Post a cheque to Caritas Aotearoa NZ, PO Box 12-193, Thorndon, Wellington, 6144.

Thank you for your willingness to make a difference in the lives of others.

THANK YOU FROM CARITAS ...

We received the 'Thank You' shown below from Caritas in appreciation of our donation towards the Christchurch Earthquake Appeal.

Thank You

For your generous donation to the people in Christchurch. Your money will support emergency programmes that have been set up through Caritas and local communities to provide for those who are needing help after the earthquake.

Your fundraising and your prayers will help to make a difference.



In the midst of tragedies our trust in God remains firm.

May the Holy Spirit bring peace through the concern and prayer of us all.

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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 (7 weeks)

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

CALENDAR CHANGES ...

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

CALENDAR ...

Tue	30	Aug	- Year 10 Market Day - International Students Ski Trip
Wed	31	Aug	- Supersport Rugby - Yr 12 Retreat
Thur	1	Sept	- p.m.: Correspondence Exam L1-3 Music
Tue	6	Sept	- am: Correspondence Exams L1-3 Accounting, French, Spanish
	11-15	Sept	- North Island Secondary Schools' Skiing Competition
Tue	13	Sept	- 7.30 pm: PTFA Meeting - Staffroom
	14 - 20	Sept	- Senior Exams
Wed	14	Sept	- Supersport Football
Fri	16	Sept	- Year 7/8 Report 3 issued
Tue	20	Sept	- Yr 13 PE Studies Ski Trip
Wed	21	Sept	- Year 11 Retreat - Year 7/8 Vision/Hearing Screening - Year 13 Biology Field Trip
	22 - 27	Sept	- Year 10 Exams
Thur	22	Sept	- International Students Trip to Hawkes Bay
	22-23	Sept	- Sports Exchange with Santiago school
	23	Sept	- Canteen Bandanas for sale till end of term
Sun	25	Sept	- Daylight Saving begins - Rugby Sports Exchange
Wed	28	Sept	- Supersport Cross Country
Fri	30	Sept	- Junior Dance
	3 - 6	Oct	- 7.00 pm: Senior Drama Production 'A Comedy of Errors' - M2
Thur	6	Oct	- Year 9 Report 5 issued
Fri	7	Oct	- Last Day of Term 3 - Singing Competition
Mon	24	Oct	- Labour Day Holiday - school closed
Tue	25	Oct	- Term 4 begins