



ST PETER'S COLLEGE
PALMERSTON NORTH, NEW ZEALAND

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FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL ...

Kia ora katoa,

Last week, our community was deeply saddened when we learned of the death of former student Aleki Pritchard. When a young life leaves this world, it is always more difficult to understand. His whanau is still connected with St Peter's and we will continue to hold them in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

As new enrolments have been arriving, it is good to see that new generations of families are continuing their association with St Peter's. So it was with great pleasure that a former student, **Patrick Harridge**, visited us after almost twenty years. Patrick is a Rural Manager for the ANZ and he came to present the College with an iPad for the use of students and staff. As part of his work, Patrick is allowed to suggest sponsorship of schools and charities and we are grateful that he thought of us. Once he had got over his initial nerves, Patrick was delighted to be back on familiar ground. Mrs Ward remembered him well....all for good reasons, we're told.

St Peter's can boast another budding writer in its midst. This time, Year 10 student, **Greyce Allen**, was the winner of the schools category of the Pihikui Awards (supported by the Maori Literature Trust). Greyce entered her short story and won \$500 as well as \$250 of books for the College. We enjoy hearing about our students' achievements. Please let us know. We also enjoy hearing about former students and their journeys towards their goals. **Ben Edwards** is a fine example. He has been selected for the New Zealand Schools squad that will play Australia next month. This is a huge achievement for Ben and we look forward to hearing more about his Rugby career in the future.

Over the last few months, members of the community (through the Board of Trustees) have put forward nominations for the National Excellence in Teaching and Leadership Awards. We are delighted to announce that **Mrs Jill Lynch** has been accepted as a nominee. This is the first stage on the way to being recognised as an outstanding teacher/leader at a national level. The awards programme aims to enhance the standing of teaching and leadership within the community and inspire students to enter the profession. The Board of Trustees has also begun *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.*

the process for election of the Student Representative. **Kendra Boyes** has served the student community for the last year and she has shown her commitment to the role through her presence and contributions. We are very grateful that students like Kendra rise to the challenge of this important role. Please encourage your son or daughter to consider putting themselves forward for this leadership opportunity to serve St Peter's students.

Finally, the exams for senior students are only a few days away and no doubt their study areas are a hive of activity. Although it is good to plan breaks and treats in the schedule, there is no winding down at this stage. Keep up the momentum – what's invested now will have significant impact in the long term. Please remember that we expect students to wear full uniform whenever they are at school.

Nga Mihi nui,

Catherine Gunn
Acting Principal



Patrick Harridge (former SPC student at right) with other ANZ personnel and our Head Students after presenting the iPad

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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING ...

Keep New Zealand Beautiful Week

Year 9 students took to the streets recently to do their part for 'Keep New Zealand Beautiful Week'. Armed with bags for rubbish and recycling, students walked around our local area. This included Fairs Rd, Colquhoun Park and the Milson shopping centre. The initiative was a practical way to end our integrated "Stewardship" unit. Thanks to the parents who came along to support us.



Samantha, Stephanie, Reuben and Jacob with their rubbish bags

Supersport Rugby

It began with an early start, leaving school at 7:15 am with only 16 players. All throughout the day the boys showed a lot of heart and never gave up despite the score in all five of their games. **Joel Ruakere** (pictured at right) was the Most Outstanding Player, earning himself the SPC MVP award. Thank you to the team and we will be glad to see you do even better next year. Thank you to Ms Black for an awesome day. Well done boys! Special thanks to **Steve Dooley** for his support and encouragement!



Kieran Clark and Shannon McDonald - Supersports Rugby Coaches

Senior Boys Basketball

On Friday 2nd September SPC Senior Boys Basketball team took on QEC who were unbeaten at the top of the table. Going into the game as underdogs, SPC started well with great defence from **Alex Semmens** and **Jordan Clark**. QEC were shocked! The 4th quarter come back from 13 points down, led by **Jordan Massicks** and **Josh Hurn**, made the score 66-65 to SPC with 20 seconds to go! We held on to take the win and to create the highlight of our season

Kieran Clark

Winter Tournament Week

• Basketball Nationals - Arena Manawatu

Well done to **Monica Nichol**, **Tiana Robinson**, **Kate Ryder Tama'Imata Tanginoa**, **Ashley Tokley** and **Kate Trischler** for putting your hand up to officiate and committing your time and talents to the tournament for the whole week! Huge THANKS to **Jen Fee** for keeping an eye on our students while doing what you do best! Quote from PNBA Secondary Schools Basketball Nationals "Your St Peter's students were awesome over the week!!" Doesn't get much better than that!

• Hockey - Founders Cup, Rotorua

We were approached by Freyberg this year to help make up team numbers for their Hockey team to take part in this tournament. Freyberg emailed us to say that they would like to thank our school for allowing **William Fisher** to attend this tournament in Rotorua with them. To quote from their email: "His behavior was impeccable and his playing was very good, with a mature attitude to the game. We appreciated his attendance and he was a valuable member of the tournament team".

• LNISS Netball Tournament, Hataitai, Wellington

On the 21st August 2011, the Senior A Netball team began our journey to Wellington for the Lower North Island's Netball Tournament. We stayed at Silverstream Retreat and started our week at 5:45 am on Monday morning. Every morning we travelled 45 minutes to get to Hataitai Park where the tournament was held. Throughout the week we played 9 games with mixed results, winning 4 of them. We won our final game against Wairarapa College 29-15 placing us 21st overall (four places higher than last year!). We had lots of fun during the week getting to know the girls better. We fought against some cold winds, but were fortunate enough not to come across rain or snow!

Thank you to **Jan** (Manager), **Rachelle** (Coach) and **Brandon** (Physio) for coming along with us and supporting us for the week. Also thank you to all the other supporters who were able to come down and cheer us on!

Lastly, a **huge congratulations** to Wai who got into the A Grade Tournament Team. This is a huge achievement and one that Wai fully deserves!

Louise Ingram

Well done to **Lara Sheridan** and **Kendra Boyes** for being selected to be Umpires at LNISS.

• Football - Rex Dawkins Tournament, Palmerston North

The boys were looking forward to Tournament Week all year and preparations were good, but with a few injuries and a player leaving school, we went in to the Tournament not knowing what to expect.

With two of our more experienced players out, Rhys Galyer and Campbell Devaney, and Goalie, Heath Butler, there were some big boots to be filled! **Marc Photipongsa** and **Alexander Semmens** made the move up from the 2nd XI team, **Oliver Diaz** from the Colts team while **Aaron Hatton** made a comeback to Goalie. The squad was back to a full 16 and we were amped to go!

Tournament started off well with a 1 all draw with Wanganui Collegiate and a win against Whakatane High School, earning us 4 points on the table. This 4 points was only enough to put us in 5th place in our Pool. We were unlucky in our Pool allocation as it was by far the hardest with Takapuna Grammar (eventual Tournament Winners!), St John's College Hastings, who beat us a few weeks prior in our annual exchange, Wanganui Collegiate who play in the Men's 1st Div Grade, as well as Paraparaumu College and Whakatane High School.

It was a good learning experience for our team to play against such talented teams and we all did our best to get the results we wanted. In the end we were unlucky to finish 20th with a loss to Feilding High School whom we had beaten in our Secondary Schools League, but fatigue had kicked in and we didn't get the result we deserved. A big thank to **Mr Marshall**, **Mr Spier**, **Ms Black**, **Mr Green** and all the other supporters we had for all their efforts they put in during the week and making it all possible.

Connor Gibson - 1st XI Football Captain

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 16th September - Mass hosted by 10Hr
- Friday 23rd September - Mass hosted by CMD

Changes to Mass Times in the Parishes

From Sunday 4th September there are some changes in Parish Mass times as follows:

- **St Patrick's (Cathedral)** - 7.30 am, 9.30 am, 6.00 pm (no 10.30 am Mass)
- **St Mary's, Palmerston North** - 10.30 am (only Mass)
- **St Brigid's, Feilding** - 9.00 am
- **Our Lady of Lourdes** - Mass times unchanged - 5.30 pm Saturday, 8.00 am and 10.00 am Sunday
- **Ashhurst** (unchanged) - 5.00 pm Saturday

Confirmation Programme 2011

The Confirmation programme for anyone aged Year 10+ will be starting next term on October 30th. If you are interested please contact Emma Dodson on 021 509-439 or manawatu@dyc.net.nz for more info.

CONGRATULATIONS ...

Winter Tournament Week

Lower North Island Secondary Schools Netball Tournament, Hataitai, Wellington

Congratulations to **Wairakau Greig** for making the A Grade LNISS Netball Tournament Team for 2011. Wairakau was the only secondary school student from Palmerston North to make the Tournament Team.



*Photo at right:
Wairakau getting
some 'airtime'!*

Football

Congratulations to **Connor Gibson** SPC's Team MVP for Rex Dawkins Tournament 2011.

FROM THE CAREERS DEPARTMENT..

The Careers staff recently hosted a Subject Choice Evening in the Library and would like to thank all those who attended. Students are welcome to make an appointment with Mrs Lynch to discuss their 2012 choices to ensure they are making informed decisions.

Those moving onto tertiary study in 2012 have had the opportunity to meet with the schools' liaison staff who have assisted them with course planning. Both Otago and Victoria Universities will be in school on Friday 23rd September to assist students enrolling with them.

The Gateway programme will be available again next year for Years 12 and 13 students who are work ready and want to be placed in a work place and gain credits in a career of their choice. The variety of career experience can be quite diverse. In the past students have studied: Fisheries, Hairdressing, Agriculture, Turf Management, Construction, Beauty Therapy, Retail, Office Administration, Hospitality and Travel and Tourism. However the programme is not restricted to these, as most careers may be considered. Year 13 students have the opportunity to be placed with the Police, Fire Service, Broadcasting and Early Childhood Education.

We are restricted to having 15 students on Gateway at any one time and interest in next year's programme is already building momentum. Students interested in being considered for the programme need to collect an expression of interest information sheet from the Careers Department. This is to be taken home, read and signed by either a parent or guardian before any student can be considered for the programme. More details about the programme are available from Mrs Robinson, Gateway Coordinator, on 3544197 ext 754.

THANK YOU ...

Book Donated to the Library

Thank you to **Audrey Jarvis**, from the Palmerston North Branch of the National Council of Women, for the kind donation of the book 'Leading the Way' by Megan Hutching. The book was presented to the College by Audrey at a Senior Assembly recently, and will be an extremely useful addition to our Library.

FOR YOUR INFO ...

Suffrage Day Celebrations

'**Value Your Vote**' The National Council of Women plans to celebrate Suffrage Day on **Sunday 18th September** with an afternoon of entertainment at the **Sound and Vision Area** of the Palmerston North City Library from **2.00 to 3.30 pm**. Part of the event will include hearing stories from women from other countries where elections aren't free and voting is controlled. New Zealand was the first country to grant women the right to vote in 1893. All welcome! Contact Audrey Jarvis, phone 357 3089 or cell 021 406 265 or email jarvis.ab@xtra.co.nz for further information.

COMING UP ...

Common Assessment Task for Year 11 students

On **Thursday 22nd September** from 11.25 am to 12.25 pm, Year 11 students will sit the Level 1 Common Assessment task (Algebra External Exam) in the Hall. The exam will be 1 hour in length and calculators are **NOT PERMITTED**. Please note that there is no Year 11 Mathematics Exam, however tutorials will run during exam week to assist students to prepare for the Common Assessment task (Algebra External Exam).

FROM THE INTERNATIONAL DEPT ...

Host Families Required

St Peter's College is requiring Host Families for 2012. If you are interested in hosting an International student and would like further information, please contact Lyn Moar, moarl@stpeterspn.school.nz or telephone: 354-4198 ext 740.



Some of our International Students at the Ski Trip recently



International Students enjoying a snow experience in the Manawatu

CALENDAR CHANGES ...

International Students' Trip to Hawkes Bay

This trip has been **postponed to Saturday 24th September 2011**, and not Thursday 22nd September as previously advertised.

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NCEA NEWS ...



National Certificate of Educational Achievement
TAUMATA MĀTAURANGA Ā-MOTU KIA TĀE

Senior School examinations are a good indicator of external results. They should be taken seriously as they provide evidence in case a Derived Grade (formerly Compassionate Consideration) is required for unexpected illness or other event. Students should carefully monitor their progress towards their NCEA level certificate and, where possible, work towards an endorsement. The NCEA Exam Timetable is available on the web, and a personal copy will be given to individual students in Term 4.

STOP PRESS!!

Our **St Peter's team** won the **Jimmy Carter Quiz** on Wednesday evening, beating Waiopahu College and Feilding High School to take the trophy for the second year running - last year we drew with Awatapu - more details and photo in the next newsletter. Well done team!

CALENDAR ...

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
Thur 22	Sept	- Level 1 Algebra Common Assessment Task
22 - 27	Sept	- Year 10 Exams
22-23	Sept	- Sports Exchange with Santiago school
23	Sept	- Canteen Bandanas for sale till end of term
Sat 24	Sept	- International Students Trip to Hawkes Bay
Sun 25	Sept	- Daylight Saving begins - Rugby Sports Exchange
Wed 28	Sept	- Supersport Cross Country - 3.30 pm: Football Prizegiving - Hall
Fri 30	Sept	- Junior Dance
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
Fri 28	Oct	- Supersport Golf
Wed 2	Nov	- Secondary Schools Sports Awards
Tue 8	Nov	- 7.30 pm: PTFA Meeting - Staffroom
Wed 9	Nov	- Senior Mass - Cathedral - Last day for Seniors
Thur 10	Nov	- NCEA Exams begin