



ST PETER'S COLLEGE

Standing Tall, Promoting Excellence,
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NEWSLETTER



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FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL ...

... for the last time!

It is hard to believe that I have been doing these newsletters for five terms now. So, another year draws to a close and much has happened here at St Peter's. We have had happy times, sad times, busy times and even busier times! Throughout all of these times I feel we have managed to keep our focus on what we as a college are about - educating young people to stand tall, promote excellence and develop understanding in **all** aspects of their lives. I am very proud of the achievements of our students this year - be they in the academic, sporting, or cultural areas. And let us not forget the ways in which they have shown care and compassion for others.

It is appropriate now for me to say some thank-yous. I wish to pay tribute to the work of the entire staff of the college - the teaching staff and the ancillary staff - they have all played their part in the success of the college this year. They have supported me in my role 100% and I have no doubt I could not have done it without them. To those staff who are leaving St Peter's, we wish you all the very best in the next part of your journey.

My thanks also to the Board of Trustees and the PTFA. Both groups are so committed to seeing the college develop and progress. They have done a sterling job this year.

Thank you to all the parents who have supported the work of the school in any way this year. We are a **community** and we need everyone to feel they have a part to play. Supporting your children in their endeavours in class or in extra-curricular activities is a great starting point.

Finally, my thanks to the students. We would not be a school without you! Many of you have worked really well this year - congratulations! Some of you know you could have done better - learn from that and make it happen next year!

I wish you all a relaxing, refreshing holiday and a blessed Christmas season. God bless!

Helen Allan
Acting Principal



Medallion Winners at Senior Prizegiving last Thursday - L to R: Jackson Wilkes (Medallion for Head Boy and Higgins Cup for School Leadership) Aurelie Pagwinoko (Medallion for Service to Culture and the Arts), Trinit George (Medallion for Service to Special Character, the Joseph Grayland Award for Integrity, Service, Support of Special Character and the Shillington Family Cup for Proxime Accessit), Ben Booker (Outstanding Boy Cup, Medallion for Service to Culture and the Arts, Medallion for Academic Excellence and the Father J Summers Memorial Cup for Dux of St Peter's College), Elle Goodbehere (Medallion for Service to Sport) and Alex Dekker (Medallion for Head Girl and the Our Lady of Lourdes Cup for School Leadership).

Absent: Charlotte Edwards (inset - the O'Donnell Cup for Outstanding Qualities, particularly School Spirit and Medallion for Service to House and School Spirit).

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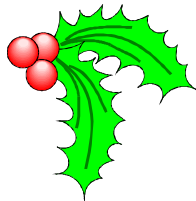
WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING ...

Year 7 and 8 Athletics Day

The weather again played a big part in interrupting our Athletics day. It started off clear, even though a little chilly. However by 11.00 am we had to abandon this event and resume it again on Thursday. We had four records broken - **Brittany Kerebs** broke the Year 7 Girls Discus record, **Danii Va'a** the Year 8 Girls 300m, **Bart Rinnongrua** the Year 7 Boys 300m and **Jorden Shepherd** also broke the Year 8 Boys 300m. Champions: Year 7 Girls **Brittany Kerebs**, Year 8 Girls **Emma Carey**, Year 7 Boys **Bart Rinnongrua** and Year 8 Boys **Jorden Shepherd**. Both Bart and Jorden scored 130 points from a total of the 180 points that are up for grabs over both the track and field events. The winning house was Redwood, followed closely by McKeefry and 3rd was Viard. The House relay also finished in this order.

Supersports Athletics Masterton Wednesday 3rd December

This is our final Supersports event for the 2008 calendar. St Peter's College is the smallest Intermediate school in the Supersports competition, but this does not stop our teams gaining some great results. Three out of our four relay teams qualified for the finals. Our Year 8 Girls had a really strong team, however, a mistake with the baton change (which happens to the best relay teams in the world) cost the team a place in the final. Our Year 8 Boys were devastated when their anchor, and our Year 8 Boys Champ, Jorden Shepherd, pulled up short with a torn muscle in the 100m heats. Jordan Clark was hoping to take out the final in his last ever Supersports event. **Bart Rinnongrua**, just a slip of a lad, took out the Year 7 Boys discus, **Jordan Clark** placed 2nd in the 800m, **Josh Geekie** 2nd in the 200m, **Danii Va'a** 3rd in the 800m, **Brittany Walker** 3rd in the 300m and **Benedict Grant** was 3rd in the 1500m. Well done to all our athletes!



The Supersports Athletics Team

NEWS FROM YEAR 7 AND 8 ...

Portfolios

All Year 7 and 8 students should have brought their portfolios home by now. We hope that you enjoy looking at your child's work. If your child is in Year 7, please make a comment on the final self-evaluation page, and return it to school for use in Year 8. If your child is in Year 8, you may keep the portfolio at home, as they begin a new one in Year 9.

Year 7 and 8 Summer Safety Programmes

- **Out and About - Year 7:** The Netball courts have been full of Year 7 students practising their skills at negotiating intersections. Constable Bob Filbee set up a course, which included "Give Way" T intersections, and a roundabout. Students have been taught how to negotiate an uncontrolled intersection, and the correct hand signals to use when cycling.

For the final "Out and About" session, each class learnt how to safely negotiate the roundabout on the intersection of Rennie Avenue and Fairs Road.

Thank you to all the parents who have supported this programme by making arrangements to get bicycles to school, and by assisting with supervision.

- **Beach Ed - Year 8:** On Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd December, five Year 8 classes travelled to the Foxton Surf Lifesaving Club to take part in a Beach Education programme. Beach Ed is unique to all other water safety programmes as it provides students with a real experience of surf lifesaving.

Due to health and safety requirements, a large number of parents accompanied each class. Thank you to all the parents and young adults who supported us in this very valuable programme.



The Junior Band entertaining the audience at Junior Prizegiving

STAFF FAREWELLS ...

The end of the year always brings changes to staffing. I want to take this opportunity to thank the following staff who have been part of our community this year, and who leave us this term.

- Kelly Clark - Counsellor
- Kim Smith - Computer Technician
- Julie Hogan - Teacher Aide/S1 Supervision
- Brigid Hayes - Relief Teacher Aide
- Carol Annear - Canteen Manager
- Lil Reynecke - Reading Teacher
- Jacqui Ellingham - Physical Education
- Fleur McDonald - Physical Education/Mathematics
- Janelle Hazlitt - Physical Education
- Pia McKay - Relief Teacher Physical Education
- Alison McKenzie - Mathematics
- Ros Young - Foundation Studies

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FOR YOUR INFO ...

Uniform - Second Hand Uniform Sale

There will be a Second Hand Uniform Sale on **Tuesday 20th January 2009 from 4.30 to 6.30 pm in the School Hall.** This is a Bring and Buy Sale - bring your used items to sell and/or buy what you need. **Don't forget - cash only.** For enquiries, phone **Linda Martin** on (06) 354 1204.

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

Parentline Manawatu

A reminder from Parentline Manawatu that their support phone line is available 24 hours a day, to take calls from parents/caregivers looking for a listening ear. Their telephone support workers are great listeners and might be just the support parents are looking for. Parenting Support available by phoning 0800 432 6459.

Shane Rufer School of Football

For information about holiday programmes and Term 1 2009, contact Shane on 021 622 101, or email: shane.rufer@inspire.net.nz.

CONGRATULATIONS ...

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Awards

The following students have completed the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Awards in 2008. Four requirements were met for the awards. These were community service, physical recreation, skill and expedition. Congratulations to these students:

Zach Adams, Stephanie Adlam, Teresa Anastasi, Meg Barber, Elizabeth Begley, Emily Bills, Charlotte Booker, Kieran Clark, Charlotte Collins, Rebekah Eichler, John Joe Elkington, Nick Fee, David Firth, Kate Gibbons, Conor Gibson, Eleanor Grant, Sian Griffith, Isaac Harris, Ethan Heikell, Louise Ingram, Elise Judd, Reagan Kohonui, Jessica Legg, Sophie Lyall, Rebecca Major, Matthew McIvor, Karl Mooyman, Frances Petersen, Daniel Powell, Blake Ross, Shayna Scott, Lara Sheridan, Mitchell Shortall, Christopher Walshe, Aelaina Watkins.

Volleyball

Congratulations to the Year 7 and 8 A2 Volleyball Team which won Division Two of the Intermediate Competition on Monday night. Well done!

Baseball

Congratulations to **Daniel Powell** (Year 10) who was selected for the Under 16 New Zealand Baseball Team, which will travel to Kempsey, New South Wales, Australia, for an international tournament. Well done Daniel!



FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ...

St Peter's College Board of Trustees - Casual Vacancy

A casual vacancy has occurred on the Board of Trustees for an elected Parent Representative.

The Board has resolved under Section 105 of the Education Act 1989 to fill the vacancy by appointment.

If ten percent or more of the eligible voters on the school roll ask the Board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the Board to hold a by-election should write to:

Mr Tim Hehir
Chairperson
Board of Trustees
St Peter's College
Holdsworth Avenue
Palmerston North

by 28th January 2009

Tim Hehir (Chairperson - Board of Trustees)

JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING PHOTOS ...



Winners of the Scripture Reading Cups at Junior Prizegiving last Friday: L to R - Edward Richards (Year 8), Adelaide Levis (Year 9), Cara-Leigh Brooks (Year 10) and Harry Dekker (Year 7).



Junior Head Girl (Elise Judd) and Head Boy (Daniel Rine) with their Cups and Medallions at Junior Prizegiving



CAN YOU HELP? ...

Cystic Fibrosis - Emma's Walk for a Cure

Emma Daken is walking the length of New Zealand to raise awareness and funds for Cystic Fibrosis research. This amazing solo effort is a truly inspiring story of determination and what one person will do for a friend. If you want to support Emma in her walk, visit www.fundraiseonline.co.nz and type 'Emma Daken' to make an instant donation. If you would like to learn more about Cystic Fibrosis visit www.cfnz.org.nz.



The voice of an angel: Arianna Jarvis delighting the audience at the Junior Prizegiving with beautiful renditions of the Ave Maria and Pie Jesu.

STARTING DATES 2009 ...

Tue	20	Jan	- 4.30-6.30 pm: Second Hand Uniform Sale - School Hall
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



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