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FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL ...

Kia ora katoa,

By the time this newsletter is out with the community, the week will have passed and the hype of the world cup and its unexpected drama may be forgotten, but we are still talking about the superb performances that involved St Peter's teams punching above their weight, last weekend. Two finals: 1st XI Football, Junior Boys Basketball. No team gets to a final without commitment, drive and passion as well as dedicated coaches and supporters. Congratulations for making us all proud to be connected with St Peter's.

Our senior students have just finished their school exams. They deserve to be congratulated for their hard work and efforts and they have set a good example for the Year 10 students, who take their place in the Hall over the next few days. There is no winding down for these students either, as they need to ensure that they graduate into Senior School with Distinction, and without conditions. These exams are a very important part of that journey as are their learning skills reports. For all our students, every learning opportunity counts and being in class, engaged with learning, is the most effective means of developing life-long learning skills.

As we approach the last Saturday of September, we should take the opportunity to remember that this is a special day for the Sisters of Mercy throughout the world. St Peter's College was founded on the Mercy and Marist charisms, which have featured strongly in our history and traditions. We are grateful that their vision for Catholic Education led to the establishment of St Peter's College.

Something to help us plan for next year: if you know of any families who may be considering St Peter's as a school for their child next year, and they have not yet enrolled, please encourage them to do so. We have places for preference students, in all year levels, and staff will help with any queries around preference certificates. Please contact the office for

assistance. We are looking forward to meeting with our newly enrolled families as the year continues.

Finally, a reminder that St James' Catholic Primary School will be holding their famous Gala on Sunday. Everyone is welcome and I am sure our support will be appreciated.

Nga Mihi nui,

Catherine Gunn
Acting Principal



The victorious Jimmy Carter Quiz Team: L to R: John Richards, Tom Kelly, Brenda Palenski, Sam Redmond and Isaac Harris

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.

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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING ...

Jimmy Carter Quiz Wednesday 7th September 2011

- How many noughts in one trillion?
- Movements of which tectonic plates caused this year's tsunami which devastated coastal towns of Japan?
- Which New Zealand Geographical feature is named after a European monarch who reigned for longer than Queen Victoria and like her, died in the 20th century?

Once again the annual Jimmy Carter Intersecondary School Quiz provided an entertaining and challenging evening which tested the powers of teams and spectators alike. The St Peter's team had added **John Richards** to last year's successful line up of **Sam Redmond**, **Tom Kelly**, **Brenda Palenski** and team captain **Isaac Harris**, and they started the evening well with Tom's 'pun machine' introduction proving popular with the judges.

In a fiercely fought contest in which the lead changed several times over the evening, the team managed to come out on top, scoring a creditable 57/91 - one point ahead of Waiopahu College (Levin) and Feilding High School.

Congratulations to the team, who once again were a great credit to the College, and to the Lions Club of Manawatu and Middle Districts who present the quiz. Thanks also go to Bruce McKenzie Bookshop who provided the books which the team won, and have been donated to the College Library. Roll on next year for a threepeat!

Answers:

- One trillion has 12 noughts 1,000,000,000,000
- The tsunami was caused by movement of the Pacific and North American plates (yes, we were surprised too!).
- **Franz Josef** Glacier

Football Success

Congratulations to the **St Peter's College Colts Football** team who rounded off a very successful season, in which they have won every game in the Manawatu Under 15 Division II league, with a massive 12-1 victory at Freyberg.

Thanks go to **Mario Diaz** for his enthusiastic and knowledgeable coaching which has in no small part contributed to this success.

Supersport Football

On Wednesday 14th September a team of 14 boys travelled to Levin to compete in the Supersports Football Competition. We were unlucky not to win a game but the boys got better as the day went on. Unfortunately we were placed in the same pool as the two teams that made it through to the final! So it was a challenging day! The award for MVP - Most Valuable Player was jointly awarded to **Matthew Pearn** and **William Johanson** who both performed well in every game - congratulations to you both!

A big Thank You to the parents who came and supported us on the day, and to **Ms Butler** and **Ms Black** for taking the team down.

Karin Ingram - Coach

Junior Boys Premier Basketball Final

We can be extremely proud of the way our boys team took on the PNBHS U16A Basketball team on Friday night. They were met by a TALL and talented team and it was a slow start for us. Things picked up though after some passionate and enthusiastic words from Coach Kevin Fee. We went down to PNBHS by about 30 points and it's a shame that effort and passion aren't counted on the scoreboard because our boys played with a lot of heart and 110% effort - not to mention the support and chants the boys got from our very own

cheering squad - thanks girls it was great! Well done boys, after your commitment to your team and to your sport, you deserved to be there in the FINAL and you should be very pleased with what you have achieved this year. Many thanks to all those who came down and watched our boys on Friday night.

Bishop Viard Basketball Exchange

It was an informal, yet competitive game that Bishop Viard College came up to play as an End of Season match vs a composite SPC Junior and Senior Girls Prem Basketball team on Saturday. While we didn't win on the day there were definitely moments of brilliance by our girls, and the future of SPC Basketball looks bright with Junior players stepping up to take the court and performing strongly, filling in for unavailable Senior players. Many thanks to **Nick Fee** for being our Referee and to **Jen Fee** and **Alan Pasley** for your contributions on the day. Congratulations to **Mamae Raukura** who was outstanding on the court and was awarded with MVP.

NISS Ski Team

The Ski team did not get to race this year due to the extreme weather conditions.

We did have a great time with lots of other experiences. On Monday, the team skied in wet and windy conditions. On Tuesday, the mountain was closed so they worked together to build a jump and practised all morning. Serious 'air' was achieved and fantastic wipe outs.

In order for us to leave after all of that, the team spent 2 hours digging the cars out of the snow!

Thank-you to **Lance Bills** who came with the team and supported. We look forward to next year and better weather!!!

Sarah Hearn Ski Team Manager

1st XI Football

Last Saturday saw the final league game to determine the winners of the Manawatu Under 19 Div. 1 between St Peter's 1st XI and PNBHS U16 teams. The game was very even, but unfortunately St Peter's went down 2-0, conceding an early and late goal.

CONGRATULATIONS ...

Trust Power Community Awards

Congratulations to our Head Girl, **Charlotte Booker**, who is a finalist for the Trust Power Palmerston North Community Awards which recognise volunteers in our community. Final selection is on Tuesday evening.

IPC Scholarship Opportunity

Congratulations to **Kieran Clark**, **Shannon McDonald** and **Jordan Donoghue** who were selected to trial in a Rugby match at IPC on Sunday 18th - if selected they gain the opportunity to complete a one year sport programme at IPC.

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 30th September - Mass hosted by 11Dy
- Friday 28th October - Mass hosted by Liturgy Committee

World Youth Day Pilgrimage 2011

Emma Dodson, our Campus Minister, attended the World Youth Day celebrations in Spain recently - her report follows (photos at right):

Last month, whilst everyone in NZ was building snowmen in the backyard, I was basking in the 40 degree heat that is typical of a Spanish summer. Over the first four weeks of Term 3 I was lucky enough to have the opportunity to attend World Youth Day in Madrid, Spain, along with 35 other people from the lower North Island. We flew out of Auckland on August 1st, arriving in Paris 26 hours later. After spending a couple of days sightseeing in Paris, we made our way down through France and Spain, stopping at Taizé, Lyon, Lourdes, San Sebastian and Ponferrada, before arriving in Madrid for WYD week. We joined with almost 2 million other young Catholics from all over the world to welcome Pope Benedict XVI, celebrate Mass together, and show off our flags and country pride. It was incredibly inspiring to see so many Catholic young people gathered in one place, praying and worshipping together in many different languages. I have never truly appreciated just how essential basic sign language is when you are surrounded by people who don't speak English!

Once WYD was over we spent our final two days in Guadalajara, Spain, staying in a hotel (which was a luxury after spending our week in Madrid sleeping on the floor). Those last days were spent relaxing and reflecting on our pilgrimage: the things we'd learnt, how we'd grown closer to God, and what we were going to do in our parishes once we got back. Finally we headed home, leaving Madrid at 3.00 am on Wednesday 21st, and not arriving in NZ until midday on Friday 23rd. I almost felt like imitating the Pope and kissing the ground when we stepped out of the plane!

Attending WYD was an amazing experience, especially as we were able to visit some of France and other parts of Spain as well. It is fantastic to be a part of a worldwide event that celebrates being young, Catholic, and proud of it. We met hundreds of people who were so excited to hear that we were from NZ – we were quite a novelty, and I lost track of the number of times people stopped us and asked for a photo with our flag.

WYD is held every two/three years in different countries all around the world. It is a truly life-changing event, so if you ever get the opportunity to go, I suggest you take it! The next one will be in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 2013 – will this be the year you attend?

Emma Dodson

FROM THE ALUMNI SOCIETY ...

The College Alumni Society are hosting an Ambrose Golf tournament on **Sunday 6th November at the Feilding Golf Club**. Transport to and from Feilding will be provided, as will a barbecue. Entries are still being taken for teams of four and we still have a few sponsorships available for holes and prizes. Email alumni@stpeterspn.school.nz for more details.

FROM THE SPORTS DEPARTMENT ...

Winter Sports Codes Prizegivings

- **Netball:** Congratulations to those who won Awards at the 2011 Netball Prizegiving. The list of Award recipients can be found on the school website.
- **Rugby:** in the Hall on **Tuesday 27th September**. Set up at 3:30, afternoon tea at 4:00 pm, formalities at 4:30 pm, clean up at 5.00 pm before the annual SPC 1st XV vs Old Boys game kick off at 6pm!
- **Football:** in the Hall on **Wednesday 28th September** from 3:30 pm.

We would like to invite all our SPC Rugby players and Footballers, as well as their supporters, to their respective prizegivings. Players are asked to remember to bring a plate of food for their afternoon teas.

Canoe Polo, Hockey and Basketball Prizegivings will be confirmed shortly and then notified through the Daily Notices, Team Captains and on the Gym classroom window.

Summer Sports

Registration forms are now available for Badminton, Cricket, Softball, Summer Hockey, Touch and Volleyball, and can be collected from the Sports Office or from the school website. If there are any other sports you are interested in, please pop in or email the Sports Office and we will see what we can do about offering YOU the sports that YOU want! We can never have too many people help us out with our sports teams, so if you would like to be a coach or a manager or a ref/umpire or supervisor of any of our Summer Sports Codes please contact Tracy at the Sports Office on 3544198 ext 741 or email sports@stpeterspn.school.nz I look forward to hearing from you!

Reminder: ALL Winter Sports Uniforms are now due back to the Sports Office URGENTLY PLEASE.



The Palmerston North group at the top of the Eiffel Tower in Paris, (from left: Kealagh Robinson (former SPC student), Catherine Hughes (former SPC student), Andrew Aitken, Anna Wafer (former SPC student), Emma Dodson, Sean Ryan



Thousands of people wait for the Pope at the vigil in Madrid, Spain

COMING UP ...

Junior Dance - Friday 30th September

The Junior Dance for Term 3 is going to be on **Friday 30th September and will start at 7:30 pm, finishing at 10.00 pm**. Tickets are \$5 each and will be able to be purchased from M2 from the week of Monday 26th September through until the Friday. The theme for this dance is **FORMAL**, so dress up! See you there!

Caitlyn Shannon & Nick Dekker (Junior Head Girl & Boy)

St Peter's College Hangi - Thursday 6th October

There will be a Hangi at school on **Thursday 6th October at 5.50 pm**. The tickets cost \$10 each and there is a choice of take-away or dine in. Please encourage family members or friends to buy a ticket.

We ask that you please consider giving donations of food or grocery vouchers. Anyone who is able to help out on the day, please do so, as it would be much appreciated. If you have any inquiries, please contact Year 12 students on the Hangi Committee - Samara Meads, Hannah Relihan, Ryan Starnes, Danielle Tokley and Samantha Wastney or text 021 234 7869 or email the office at office@stpeterspn.school.nz.

Thank you!

Bernie Wastney

COMMUNITY ...

Marist Tennis Club

Marist Tennis Club Registration Days are on **Saturday 17th and 24th of September** from 9.00 am to 11.00 am at Vautier Park on Puriri Terrace (opposite the hospital) wet or fine. Marist welcomes all new and returning members for Interclub, beginner club coaching right through to adult. Tennis for all family members - ring John 0274 808 808. Trials for Interclub are on **24th September** from 9.00 am with teams from Junior C through to Premier Grade on offer.

Youth Space Opening - You are Invited!

On **Friday 23rd September** the City Council is celebrating the opening of the new Youth Space near the library.

We have a special invitation from Mary Grace Williams who used to be a Campus Minister at St Peter's. The building is open all day with a focus on youth from 3.00 pm to 8.00 pm. Drop in to check it out! Mary Grace will make you doubly welcome if she knows you are from St Peter's!

CALENDAR CHANGES ...

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

NCEA NEWS ...



National Certificate of Educational Achievement

TAUMATA MĀTAURANGA A-MOTU KUA TĀE

- Students should access the learner-login area of the NZQA website to view their NCEA results in early January 2012 and Scholarship results in early February.
- Printed NCEA result notices will not be distributed to all learners automatically. Learners who require a printed result notice must request one from the learner-login between September and December.
- Scholarship result notices will be distributed to all candidates in February 2012.

So this means that if you want an official printed result notice (as students have received in past years) you must request one from the learner-login between now and the end of the school year.

CALENDAR ...

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	- 7.30 - 10.00 pm: Junior Dance
Thur	6	Oct	- Year 9 Report 5 issued - 5.50 pm: Hangi at school
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
Fri	4	Nov	- L3 PE Studies Gorge Run
Tue	8	Nov	- 7.30 pm: PTFA Meeting - Staffroom
Wed	9	Nov	- Senior Mass - Cathedral - Last day for Seniors - Supersport Touch
Thur	10	Nov	- NCEA Exams begin
Fri	11	Nov	- Year 7 & 8 Vaccinations - Year 10 Report 4 issued
	14 & 15	Nov	- Year 10 Retreat
Fri	25	Nov	- Year 9 Report 6 issued
Wed	30	Nov	- Supersport Athletics
Fri	2	Dec	- Year 7/8 Report 4 issued - Pool Party
	3 & 4	Dec	- Duke of Ed Expedition
Wed	7	Dec	- Prizegiving - Regent Theatre
Thur	8	Dec	- Sign-Out Day
Fri	9	Dec	- Junior Mass (to be confirmed) - Last day of school