



ST PETER'S COLLEGE
PALMERSTON NORTH, NEW ZEALAND

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL ...

We have once again arrived at the time of the year where we have farewelled our senior students as they prepare for their final examinations. Our farewell Mass at the Cathedral was a fitting and emotional farewell to our Year 13 students, and our thanks go out to Mr Delany and Mr Bowen and their team of helpers who made the Mass very special for all who attended.

NCEA exams are now underway. Many students have taken advantage of the tutorials offered during the study break to prepare for the exams. We wish the students well in their forthcoming exams.

It gives me great pleasure to let our community know that our numbers in the College are growing quite substantially, particularly in the Junior School. We have already employed additional teaching staff in the Junior School for the 2012 year in order to keep our teacher pupil ratio at the levels we desire. It will help tremendously with our planning if any of our current parents intending to enrol siblings of current students, that have not completed the enrolment forms, please do so immediately. Please do not wait until the end of the year or even the beginning of next year as that will cause a delay in employing additional staff and may result in us having to use a waiting list system until further staff are employed.

We are aware that there are also some outstanding enrolment forms in our community that have not yet been returned. Please get these in to us as soon as possible. If you know of any parents from outside the College who are planning on sending their children to St Peter's for the first time, please let them know that they need to enrol as soon as possible or they may face a waiting list scenario until we are able to employ further staff. We will introduce all the new staff to the community in the final newsletter.

Our College Prizegiving is on **Wednesday 7th December at 7.00 pm at the Regent Theatre**. We do expect all our students to attend this formal occasion in our academic year.

However, there may well be reasons that prevent your children from attending on the evening and we ask that you provide us with a note of explanation to the Form Teacher. This is especially important if they are on our prize winners list. We will as usual take a roll call and your note to the Form Teacher will help facilitate this process.

Please do keep our senior students in your prayers during the exam weeks that still lie ahead.

David Olivier
Principal



Photo from the Senior Mass last Wednesday

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ST PETER'S COLLEGE GALA 2012 ...

Gala Preparation

Last year proceeds from the Gala went to upgrading some B block classrooms with new curtains/blinds and wallboards. They look refreshed. Planning has begun for next year – the date for the Gala is **Saturday March 31st 2012.**

Wanted:

- 200X 200 x 4.8-5.5m long posts, for a advertising board (round or square)
- 1/4 horse power motor for a game
- old gift baskets

General items

- Is anyone moving or down sizing? If you contact the school office, we will collect your unwanted items. Any donations gratefully received.
- Old crockery for the plate smash (every item helps) - drop your bags at the front office.
- Unwanted Christmas gifts.
- Linen, books

Welcome to the new members on the Gala Committee. Thank you to all those who have agreed to help again next year.

Next meeting of the committee will be on **Tuesday 31st January 2012 at 7.00 pm in the Staffroom.**

Feel free to contact me:

Judy Clarke

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FOR YOUR INFO ...

Former Student's Concert

Ben Booker (former student and Dux in 2008), will be presenting a concert entitled "**Classical Contrasts**" with eight timeless pieces by four monumental composers - Bach, Chopin, Haydn and Liszt. The concert will be held on **Sunday 20th November at Te Manawa Art Gallery, Main Street, Palmerston North, at 3.30 pm.** Entry by **donation to Caritas.** Come along and show your support for Ben and Caritas.

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Parentline

Blended Families Workshop on **Saturday 26th November.** It's an all day workshop 9.30 am - 4.00 pm for any combination of family where at least one adult is not a biological parent to at least one child, and explores issues that blended families may experience. Lunch is provided and couples are expected to stay onsite through the lunch period. Cost per couple is \$20 (covers lunch). Contact Parentline Manawatu 2nd Floor, Community House, 77-85 King Street, Palmerston North, phone 06 355 1655 for more information.

Neighbourhood Support

Neighbourhood Support is a community organisation which aims to build community networks to help people to support each other, reduce criminal offending and effectively react to emergencies in their area. Research has shown that over the past 12 months, 62.5% of the burglaries in Palmerston North occurred in areas without a Neighbourhood Support presence. Help to make your community safe and join a Neighbourhood Support Group today! Contact Warren Wealleans, phone 355 4468 or email pn.neighsupport@xtra.co.nz or check their website www.pncitysupport.com for more information.

STATIONERY ...

Stationery Lists for Years 7 to 10

Back to School Stationery Lists for Years 7 to 10 can be obtained either on the College Website www.stpeterspn.school.nz, the Office Max Website www.myschool.co.nz or The Warehouse Stationery Website www.warehousestationery.co.nz (click on Back to School), where you can also purchase online. Lists are also available from the College Office.

By purchasing stationery through these two stores - whether for school, home or office, St Peter's College receives rewards. This is another way in which you can support your College.

CAN YOU HELP? ...

Library volunteer

We are looking for a volunteer to work in our library for 3 to 4 hours per week during 2012. Contact our Executive Officer, Mr Neil Mullooly on 354 4198 extension 761 for more details.

FROM THE PTFA ...

Second-Hand Uniform Sale

The PTFA will be holding a Second-Hand Uniform Sale on **Thursday 26th January from 4.00 to 6.00 pm in S1.** A range of second-hand uniform items are available to purchase. Come along and grab yourself a bargain!

As the end of year approaches, please consider donating any second-hand items of uniform to the school. Please bring any donated uniform items to the school office or S1.

COMMUNITY ...

St Mary's School Gala

This will be held this coming **Sunday (20th) at St Mary's School Grounds (opposite the Hospital) from 11.30 am.** Come and join in the fun and activities - Bouncy Castle, Spin the Wheel, Artworks and Crafts, Raffles, Cakes/Sweets, Candy Floss and more! Live performances! Massive Garage Sale and loads more interesting activities. Yummy food and fun for everyone! Great prizes to be won, including \$500 room decoration by Gary Dyer Painters/Decorators; tickets to Sleeping Beauty at The Regent; Gravity Canyon Gift Vouchers! See you there!

COMING UP ...

Full School Prizegiving

As advised in the calendar of previous newsletters, this year's Prizegiving will again be held at the **Regent Theatre on Wednesday 7th December at 7.00 pm**, and will be for the entire school. It is compulsory for all students to attend. Students must be in **full and correct winter uniform**, with polished shoes; girls with long hair tied back, boys clean shaven. **All students must report to the Regent Theatre at 6.30 pm** and must sign in with their Form Teachers. Prizewinners will be notified prior to Prizegiving and should **confirm their attendance at the office. Prizewinners must report to Ms Johnson on arrival at the Regent.** Supper will be served for Year 13 students and their parents after Prizegiving.

Sign Out Day

This will be on **Thursday 8th December from 10.00 am in M2**. Year 13 students must complete Sign Out forms. Year 11 and 12 students complete Clearance Forms. Students are to return Text Books and accounts must be fully paid before students can collect the Petrus school magazine.

Junior Mass - Friday 9th December

Parents are warmly invited to join us at the **Junior Mass at 9.30 am on Friday 9th December 2011** in the Hall.

Start Up Days 2012

Please note that the start of Term 1 2012 will be **Monday 30th January for Seniors and Tuesday 31st January for Juniors** - these dates differ from the dates advertised in previous publications - full details in the Calendar for Term 1 2012 at right.

CALENDAR ...

Mon	21	Nov	- 5.00 pm: Sports Committee Hui - Gym classroom
	24 & 25	Nov	- Year 10 Retreats
Fri	25	Nov	- Year 9 Report 6 issued
Wed	30	Nov	- Supersport Athletics
Fri	2	Dec	- Year 7/8 Report 4 issued - Pool Party
Sun	4	Dec	- Leavers' Mass and Graduation Dinner
Wed	7	Dec	- Prizegiving - Regent Theatre
Thur	8	Dec	- Sign-Out Day
Fri	9	Dec	- 9.30 am: Junior Mass - Hall - Last day of school

CALENDAR CHANGES ...

There are no changes to dates advertised in previous newsletters.

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TERM DATES 2012 ...

- Term 1 30 Jan to 5 April (10 weeks)
- Term 2 23 April to 29 June (10 weeks)
- Term 3 16 July to 28 September (11 weeks)
- Term 4 15 October to 7 December (8 weeks)

CALENDAR TERM 1 2012 ...

Mon	23	Jan	- Wellington Anniversary Holiday
Tue	24	Jan	- School Office Opens
Wed	25	Jan	- Subject Confirmation Day Year 12 & 13
Thur	26	Jan	- 4.00 - 6.00 pm: Second Hand Uniform Sale - S1
Mon	30	Jan	- 9.00 am: Seniors (Year 11 - 13) report to the Hall; no Juniors at school today - school finishes at 12.30 pm - Eucharistic Minister Training from 1.00 - 3.00 pm in the Chapel
Tue	31	Jan	- Juniors only at school today - 9.00 am: Year 7 & 8 report to Hall - 11.00 am: Year 9 & 10 report to Hall
Wed	1	Feb	- Full school in attendance - Powhiri, then normal timetable
Fri	3	Feb	- Opening Mass (to be confirmed)
Mon	6	Feb	- Waitangi Day Holiday
	7 - 10	Feb	- Year 13 Leadership Camp
Wed	15	Feb	- ID Photos - School Photos (to be confirmed)

The following dates for Term 1 are indicative only, and will be confirmed in Newsletters at a later date:

Fri	17	Feb	- Swimming Sports - Lido
Tue	21	Feb	- Athletics Sports Day at St Peter's (TBC)
Wed	22	Feb	- Ash Wednesday
Thur	23	Feb	- Athletics Sports Day at Massey Track
	27 Feb - 1	Mar	- Year 10 Camps
	5 - 7	Mar	- Year 9 Camps
Fri	9	Mar	- Reconciliation (to be confirmed)
Fri	16	Mar	- Mufti Day (St Patrick's Day)
Sat	17	Mar	- St Patrick's Day - Manawatu Inter-Secondary Schools Athletics (to be confirmed)
Mon	19	Mar	- Teacher Only Day 1
Sat	31	Mar	- St Peter's College Food Fair & Gala
Tue	3	Apr	- HPV Vaccination 1
Thur	5	Apr	- Holy Thursday - Liturgy of the Cross - end of Term 1
	6 Apr - 22	Apr	- Holidays
Mon	23	Apr	- Term 2 begins