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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL ...

Our final events for the Year 13 class, the Prizegiving and the Graduation Ball, have all been celebrated in the last week. Congratulations to all the prize-winners and especially to the top Year 13 recipients. Special congratulations go to **Lauren Knighton**, awarded the Dux of St Peter's this year, the Otago University Dux Scholarship for 2012, Fonterra Science award, the Fitzsimons cup for Chemistry, the Bertram Quin cup for Physics and the Bruce McKenzie Science Prize.

Many thanks too, to all the parents who filled the gallery in support of the students and the rest of the community. A very special thank you to the Prizegiving planning team, led by **Ms Catherine Gunn** and **Ms Sue Johnson**, who along with all the team have put weeks into the preparations to make this a special event. Our students also deserve congratulations for their exemplary behaviour and participation at the Prizegiving. You really stood tall and showed that you value the celebration of what our community had achieved. Well done to you all!

Our new Head Boy and Girl were announced on the Prizegiving evening and our congratulations go to **Rhys Walshe** and **Alex Barrow** and we wish them all the best for 2012.

Farewell to **Mr Dan Woods** who leaves us to move to Wellington with his fiancé Clair. **Mrs Theresa Wheeler** who has a year's leave to the UK to return to us in 2013, **Mrs Michelle Mollard** who has a year's leave to carry out mission work with her husband Dave in Delhi, India, also to return to us in 2013, **Mrs Jan McLeod** who is taking maternity leave for 2012 to return in 2013, and we also bid farewell to two part-time Long Term Relievers in **Mr Shaun Wason** and **Mr Hayden Marshall** who have taught in the school this year.

Finally may I take this opportunity to wish all of our community a Blessed Christmas and New Year, and may your family time together strengthen those all-important bonds and our understanding of the true Christmas celebration.

*God Bless!*

David Olivier  
Principal

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*Gabriel Field (left) and Eleanor Tootell (right) with their prizes*



*Medallion Recipients after Prizegiving  
(L to R): Lauren Knighton (Dux), Emily Bills (Service to School and House Spirit), Isaac Harris (Head Boy and Service to Special Character) and Charlotte Booker (Head Girl and Service to Special Character)*

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# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING ...

## 2011 Touch Report

This season we entered our Senior Girls team, Junior Boys team and an Intermediate Mixed team into the Secondary and Junior Competitions. The Senior Girls finished 3rd behind Freyberg and PNGHS, winning their final against Awatapu College 4-1. The Junior Boys, playing a mixture of Junior and Senior teams, narrowly lost their final to Awatapu 5-3. Both teams had inconsistent turn outs at trainings at times, which affects the game, as Touch truly is a team game where everyone needs to know the attacking and defensive strategies in order for the team to perform at its best. We can only improve if we have the commitment from all the players. Thanks to **Mr Tim Kearins** for his time and effort in coaching the Junior Boys - he sees the potential there and is looking forward to working with them in the future.

Huge thanks to **Wairakau Greig** for her knowledge, leadership and experience with the girls team. Your presence and mana on the field will be greatly missed, although we look forward to hearing about your Touch future with the Manawatu and New Zealand teams. Also thank you to our departing Year 13 students, who have also given much of their time and experience, particularly **Louise Ingram**.

The Year 7/8 Mixed team are currently involved in the HWC Junior Touch module, playing 2 games each Friday night. This continues in Term One for 6 weeks. Although we haven't won a game yet, the team is improving week by week and it is great to have almost full attendance at trainings. Keep it up as we would love to have a strong mixed team for the future, eventually aiming for Secondary School Nationals. Congratulations to **Nina Hearn** on her selection in the Manawatu Under 13 Girls team, they are training hard for the IPC Tournament in December.

## Super Sport Touch

With a postponed day from Wednesday to Friday, the teams turned up for four tough games against other Intermediate teams for Super Sport Touch at Monrad Park. We entered both grades - boys and girls, and our boys team of seven played with guts and determination, having only one sub, and managing to score a few tries along the way. The girls team had 11 players and all improved throughout the day, with **Nina Hearn** setting **Erika Tavite** up for two awesome tries in the last game against Feilding Intermediate. Congratulations to our tournament MVPs **Paige Lush** and **Alex Nieuwenhuis** for their efforts and game play throughout the day. Thanks to **Ms Black**, **Kate Ryder** and **Kataraina Hapi-Tukapua** for their assistance with the teams on the day.

I would strongly encourage more students to get involved in Touch – it is an awesome game, easy to learn, great for fitness and socialising, and one of the most popular summer games in New Zealand. Touch – what a game!

*Jan McLeod (Teacher In Charge of Touch)*

## Supersport Athletics

Our final Supersports event of the year - Athletics, was held in Wanganui last week. It was a great event with a great team of Athletes from SPC. Congratulations to **Margret Sipa** 1st place Yr 7 Girls Shot Put, **Annie Clark** 3rd place Yr 8 Girls 300m and **Julian Paul** 3rd place Yr 8 Boys 100m. Thank you to **Mr Jonasen** and **Mrs Smith-Rolfe** for your support on the day!

## Volleyball

We've had a great Volleyball season this term with SPC Junior Boys, SPC Yr 11 Boys, SPC Junior Girls Gold winning their grades; we are looking good in our preparation for Nationals next year - Senior and Junior!!!!

Even though school will be finished, our Yr 7 and 8s play semis and finals next week. It would be great to see you at the B&M Centre at Arena Manawatu on Monday from 4.00 pm to support our two teams as they compete!

## VEX Robotics SUCCESS

SPCBots received the Excellence Award during the Lower North Island Regional Championships at the weekend. The team competed with 3 robots, Predator, Marvin and Ralph. Ralph made it to the final, but could not pull off a win. If you are interested in building robots and want to join the team, please see Mr van Haren.

## COMMUNITY ...

### Carols in the Cathedral - the Unity Singers

- **Tuesday 13th December commencing at 7.00 pm.**
- Entry: Donation or can of food for the St. Vincent de Paul Foodbank.
- Stay for tea/coffee/chat afterwards.

## FOR YOUR INFO ...

### 2011 Health Consultation

The Health Survey is on our website for parents and members of our SPC community to complete. This is part of Ministry of Education requirements around consulting with our community every 2 years in order for us to develop and deliver programmes which reflect the needs of our students and values of our community. If you would like a paper copy, call the office to have one sent out.

## PRIZEGIVING ...

### Prizegiving

Top Awards at Prizegiving on Wednesday 7th December:

#### • Junior Awards:

**Caitlyn Shannon** - David Macmillan Trophy, Medallion for Junior Head Girl and Medallion for Service to School Spirit

**Nicholas Dekker** - David Macmillan Trophy, Medallion for Junior Head Boy and Medallion for Contribution to Sport.

**Sam Redmond** and **Megan Chamberlain** were awarded Medallions for Academic Excellence.

#### • Senior Awards:

**Elizabeth Begley** - the Shillington Cup for Proxime Accessit (Runner-Up to the Dux)

**Charlotte Booker** - Medallion for Head Girl and Medallion for Service to Special Character

**Isaac Harris** - Medallion for Head Boy and Medallion for Service to Special Character

**Wairakau Greig** - Medallion for Service to Sport

**Emily Bills** - Medallion for Service to House and School Spirit

**Lauren Knighton** - Medallion for Academic Excellence - Dux of St Peter's College, recipient of Father J Summers Memorial Cup and recipient of the Otago University Dux Scholarship.

## PROMOTING SPECIAL CHARACTER ...

### Baptism Congratulations

Seeker **Wiki Hepi TeHuia** (9By), was baptised, confirmed and celebrated her First Communion on 20th November. Wiki was baptised at St Brigid's in Feilding with her brother and eight other students from Hato Paora. Wiki is shown in the photo below, receiving her baptismal candle from her Godmother.



### Christmas Mass times in the City

- **St Patrick's (Cathedral)** 11.15 pm (Christmas Eve), 7.30 am, 9.00 am, 10.30 am (Christmas Day)
- **Our Lady of Lourdes** 7.00 pm (Christmas Eve at the Arena), 11.30 pm (Christmas Eve Midnight Mass at OLOL), 9.00 am (Christmas Day at OLOL)
- **St Mary's** 11.30 pm (Christmas Eve) 10.00 am (Christmas Day)
- **St Brigid's Feilding** 7.00 pm (Christmas Eve), 9.00 am (Christmas Day)

## CONGRATULATIONS ...

### Head Boy and Girl 2012

Congratulations to **Rhys Walshe** and **Alex Barrow** on their appointment as Head Boy and Girl 2012. We wish them well in their leadership roles in 2012.

### Mathematics Competition Results

- **Mathematics Challenge - Enrichment** (16 weeks)  
High Distinction: **Nicholas Ellery** (Yr 8)  
Distinction: **John Su** (Yr 8)
- **ICAS Maths Competition**  
High Distinction: **Nicholas Ellery** (Yr 8)  
Distinction: **Stephen Palenski** (Yr 7); **Sophie Auckram** (Yr 7); **Fergus Robinson** (Yr 10); **Robin Laven** (Yr 11)
- **Australian Mathematics Trust**  
Distinction: **Nicholas Ellery** (Yr 8); **Robin Laven** (Yr 11)

## 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](http://www.stpeterspn.school.nz), the Office Max Website [www.myschool.co.nz](http://www.myschool.co.nz) or The Warehouse Stationery Website [www.warehousestationery.co.nz](http://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.

## ST PETER'S COLLEGE GALA 2012 ...

Thanks to the families who contributed household items last week - keep them coming please.

The Gala Committee is well on the way with early bird preparations. A heartfelt thank you for giving up your time and energy for the school.

Here are the Gala Committee:

- Pauline O'Donoghue: 326 8986(06)
- Donna McIntosh: 355 2525
- Jon Bowen: 354 4198
- Kathy Hehir: (06) 329 7739
- Chris Morton: 0800 356 656
- Allan Shannon: 354 1182
- Ann Marie Jackson: (06) 329 4777
- Jude Hurndell: 353 0572
- Judith Clarke: 354 4198 extension 769

We are available to arrange pick up if necessary, however if you can drop it of to the school office it would be greatly appreciated.

**For sale** 1 piano (\$200.00 - purchaser to arrange collection) - perhaps for that Christmas gift? Contact Judy Clarke at school 354 4198 extension 769

### Wanted

- 200 x 200 x 4.8 - 5.5 m long posts, for a advertising board (round or square)
- 1/4 horse power motor for a game
- Old gift baskets
- Is anyone moving or down-sizing? If you contact the school office, we will collect your unwanted items.
- Old crockery for the plate smash (every item helps) - drop your bags at the front office.
- Unwanted Christmas gifts.
- Linen, Books

All donations will be gratefully received.

## COMING UP ...

### Important dates for the start of 2012

- **Subject Confirmation Day for Year 12 & 13 students - in the Library** on Wednesday 25th January as follows:
  - 9.00 - 11.00 am for surnames beginning with A - M;
  - 11.00 am-12.30 pm for surnames beginning with N - Z**Students are to go to the Library and MUST bring their NCEA results with them.**
- **Second-Hand Uniform Sale** - this will be held in **S1** on **Thursday 26th January 2012 from 4.00 to 6.00 pm.** Any donated items of uniform would be appreciated.
- **Starting Day for Seniors (Year 11 - 13): Monday 30th January at 9.00 am - report to the Hall. School finishes at 12.30 pm.** No Juniors at school this day.
- **Eucharistic Minister Training will run from 1.00 - 3.00 pm in the Chapel on Monday 30th January 2012.**
- **Starting Day for Juniors (Year 7 - 10): Tuesday 31st January as follows:**
  - 9.00 am - 3.15 pm: Year 7 & 8 - **report to the Hall;**
  - 11.00 am - 3.15 pm: Year 9 & 10 - **report to the Hall.****No Seniors at school on this day.**
- **Full School in attendance on Wednesday 1st February 2012 from 8.45 am - 3.15 pm**
- **Thursday 2nd February 9.30 am - Powhiri** - welcome to new staff and students (**changed date**).
- **Opening Mass: Friday 3rd February at 9.30 am in the Gym (to be confirmed - check website)** Parents are warmly invited to join us in this first celebration of Mass for the year.



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## TERM DATES 2012 ...

- Term 1 30 January 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)

## CHANGES TO CALENDAR ...

Please note that the date for the Powhiri to welcome new staff and students has been changed to **Thursday 2nd February starting at 9.30 am.**

## CALENDAR TERM 1 2012 ...

Mon	23	Jan	- Wellington Anniversary Holiday
Tue	24	Jan	- School Office Opens
Wed	25	Jan	- <b>Subject Confirmation Day</b> Year 12 & 13
Thur	26	Jan	- <b>4.00 - 6.00 pm: Second Hand Uniform Sale - S1</b>
Mon	30	Jan	- <b>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</b>
Tue	31	Jan	- <b>Juniors only at school today</b> - 9.00 am: Year 7 & 8 report to Hall - 11.00 am: Year 9 & 10 report to Hall
Wed	1	Feb	- <b>Full school in attendance</b>
Thur	2	Feb	- <b>9.30 am: Powhiri</b> , then normal timetable
Fri	3	Feb	- <b>Opening Mass (to be confirmed)</b>
Mon	6	Feb	- <b>Waitangi Day Holiday</b>
	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:

Thur	16	Feb	- Swimming Sports - Lido
Tue	21	Feb	- Athletics Sports Day at St Peter's (TBC)
Wed	22	Feb	- <b>Ash Wednesday</b>
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	- <b>St Patrick's Day</b> - <b>Manawatu Inter-Secondary Schools Athletics (to be confirmed)</b>
Mon	19	Mar	- <b>Teacher Only Day 1</b>
Sat	31	Mar	- <b>St Peter's College Food Fair &amp; Gala</b>
Tue	3	Apr	- HPV Vaccination 1
Thur	5	Apr	- <b>Holy Thursday</b> - <b>Liturgy of the Cross</b> - end of Term 1