



St Patrick's College

Silverstream

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Vision Statement

St Patrick's College, Silverstream is a boys' school of excellence, founded on Catholic and Marist values and traditions where students develop knowledge, skills, attitudes and values which enable them to become compassionate, just and successful citizens. Our students are challenged and motivated to achieve personal excellence in an innovative learning environment enhanced by tradition, superb facilities, quality teaching and a supportive College community



Kia ora koutou; Greetings everyone

The Queen's Birthday break came at the right time for both staff and students after a frenetic start to Term 2. I hope everyone has had the opportunity to recharge and reflect over the long weekend. We are at the halfway point of Term 2 and perhaps more importantly for our senior students almost halfway through their academic year. It is timely then for our young men, tutors and subject teachers, along with whanau to review the goals set at the start of the year, engage in a 'reality check' about progress towards the goals, and focus our efforts on recommitting to all that we wish to achieve in 2016. I trust the Key Indicators uploaded to the college portal before Queen's Birthday provide a starting point for such reflection and learning conversations.

It is a pleasure to profile such a diverse array of curricular and extra-curricular activities in this newsletter. The College is active from dawn to dark. Towards the end of the newsletter a photo montage highlights just some of the activities which were in full swing when I went for a walk after school on Monday 16 June – a fire alarm interrupted my progress so unfortunately I didn't make it to all parts of the College. We are blessed to work and learn in a college where teachers, coaches and managers know the value of providing opportunities for all boys to excel and demonstrate a range of talents, and for students to experience the sense of belonging to many different groups.

As a community we have welcomed the arrival of baby daughters to two of our teaching staff. Norah, was born to Chris Fouhy and his wife, Liz. Reuben Pivac and his wife Maritza welcomed Valentina to their family, a sister for Tomas. On Friday 3 June we farewelled Ann Lincoln, our Office Assistant, after 15 years of service to the College. Ann will continue in her role as Uniform Shop Manager at this time but is looking forward to having more time to spend with her grandchildren and to travel overseas. We thank you Ann for your service.

Sectare Fidem

Jeanette Duffy
Acting Rector

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM TWO

Wednesday 15 June

Traditional v St Bede's College

10.45am Football

11.30am Debating

11.15am Rugby

Saturday 16 June

Try Boarding Weekend

Tuesday 21 June

8.45am Junior Mass

11.30m Senior Mass

Thursday 30 June + Friday 1 July

Year 11 Retreat

Thursday 30 June

Closing date for Year 9 2017

Enrolments

Friday 8 July - End Term Two – Data

Reports issued

Saturday 9 July - Year 13 Ball

■ CATHOLIC SCHOOLS DAY



At Silverstream we celebrated Catholic Schools Day on Monday 16 May by forming a cross in the Ranks quad.

We prayed

Lord we give thanks for Catholic schools in NZ as they extend horizons of hope and mercy.

We pray for all those involved in serving in Catholic Schools, support staff, teachers, religious and priest.

May we as a proud catholic school make the most of all are opportunities to learn. As we grow into the best possible versions of who God created us to be.

Boarders Mass

7:00pm every Sunday night in the Chapel during term time.

Our next mass is Sunday 12 June. We look forward to seeing you there.

Boarder's families are very welcome to join us, as well as any day students and their families.

*Mr Jonny Greaney
Director Religious Studies*

■ CONGRATULATIONS

Sister Francis, a long and valued member of our College community was presented with flowers by Acting Rector, Ms Jeanette Duffy on her 95th birthday last Tuesday 31 May 2016. She spoke about the College with much passion to Ms Duffy and said how much she enjoyed teaching, and how she wished she was still helping young students at the College to read. Sister emphasised the importance of reading and spoke about the successes of students she taught and how grateful they have been since leaving the College.

A long-standing valued staff member, Sister, who was the Mistress of Novices at the Convent at Heretaunga in the 1970s was asked to teach Religious Education and Commercial Practice in the 1980s at the College. During the 1990's she continued to teach part-time Business Studies and Religious Education and assumed a guardianship of spiritual values at the College.

As well as teaching Sister helped Rosalie, who was in charge of the Laundry, with a huge amount of work mending the boarders clothing – jerseys and sewing buttons on shirts. She continued to do this until around 2008-9.



■ DRAMA

The Drama Department is going to be very busy over the remainder of this term and on into the next.

1. 'Tales' by Roald Dahl featuring Year 10 Drama.
This event takes place on the evening of Thursday 16 June in the Auditorium, 6.30pm.
2. 'No 2' by Toa Fraser featuring Senior Drama (DRA).
This event takes place on the evening of Thursday 23 June in the Auditorium, 6.30pm.
3. A group of boys are working with a number of St Oran's girls on presentations for the One Act play Festival, these will be presented during Arts Week at the College sometime between 4 – 8 July. They will then be presented in the local competition on Saturday, 6 August, 7.00pm – 10.00pm at the Cochran Hall, Cashmere Ave School, Khandallah Wellington.

If any of the teams are successful the Regional Competition is in Hastings on Saturday 25th August AND the big final is in Invercargill on Saturday 10th September... But let's just concentrate on entering our first competition in the meantime.

4. 'Wheeler's Luck' featuring Senior Drama (DRM)
This event takes place on the evening of Thursday 11 August in the Auditorium, 6.30pm.



Manase Taulanga

■ SPEECH RESULTS

St Patrick's College Silverstream Speech Results May 2016.
Congratulations to the following boys:

Speech and Drama **ASB Module one**

Pass with Distinction:

Robert Griffith

Pass:

Jack McGoldrick, Josiah Bautista

Grade 8 Module one: Merit Plus:

Charlie Penman

Grade 6 Module one: Honours:

Jack Penman, Samuel Penman

Merit:

Max Griffith

Public Speaking

ASB Module one Pass:

Mudiwa Nyahwa

Grade 8 Module two Honours:

Harry Poland, Zachary Murrow

Merit:

Zachary McLeod

Grade 6 Module two Honours plus:

Marco Mojicevic

Honours:

Harrison Yates, Brendan English, Sean Hewett

Merit plus:

Dylan Bentley

Merit:

Fritz Rayasi

■ WORK EXPOSURE DAY AT WELLINGTON HOSPITAL

Years 9, 10 and 11 Maori students were recently involved in a work exposure day at Wellington Hospital.

The day gave our students a valuable chance to visit new environments, ask questions of health professionals and see jobs in action. Short sharp workshops gave students a brief insight into the day in the life of a health professional and to start thinking about their own career options.

Students thoroughly enjoyed the day giving very positive feedback.

Nga mihi/Thanks to Leigh Andrews from Kia Ora Hauora who organised the day.



■ LEVEL 2 GEOGRAPHY TRIP

Tongariro Crossing

This year we were lucky with the weather and had a near perfect day for the Tongariro Crossing on Tuesday. The Crossing was the busiest we have seen it in early May with lots of tourists and a few other school groups. Most of our boys did the crossing with ease, although a couple did struggle with their fitness.

On Wednesday we were in Taupo where the boys were investigating the impacts of tourism. We visited the Huka Falls, the Huka Falls Jet and Taupo Bungy where Curtis Tyler, James Wilmshurst and Jonathan Ryan did a Bungy jump.

Overall, the students were superb and upheld the values of our school meaning the staff involved could relax and enjoy our time away.

Many thanks to Peter Hicks and Dennis Clark for their help on the trip.





■ ENTER THE GLADIATOR BARBERSHOP

On Thursday March 26, I witnessed probably one of the most courageous moments by any musical group in my teaching career.

Eight Silverstream men from Years 9 – 13 walked out onto the cavernous stage at the Te Rauparaha Arena in Porirua to compete at the Regional Barbershop Competition in front of hundreds of young barbershop singers and audience and 16 judges sitting only a couple of metres in front of them. There were twice as many judges as there were singers in our Barbershop. We were the smallest group by four times, the next smallest had around 40 members in it. We were also the youngest group in term of the time we have been together as a choir, just a term and a half. All of the other schools competing have a very long tradition of competing Barbershops, longer in fact that some of our boys have been alive! They have also been rehearsing since this time last year.

Yet, with all that stacked against us, our Magnificent Eight walked out onto the stage in their shiny new waist coats and bow ties (the only boys' school not in school uniform) and they owned the stage with their two songs. They performed "An Irish Blessing" and "Coney Island Baby" with confidence and showmanship and with pride and they very obviously enjoyed themselves and in the end, that's all that matters. It will be one of those school memories that they will still be recalling years from now.

So how did we go? Well we didn't win. But we came within just 2 points of Wellington College and just 10 points of the overall winner, Tawa College. That bodes really well for our future and for next year in particular.

We are always looking for new boys to join the choir and the Barbershop, every Monday after school at 3.00pm any boy is most welcome regardless of singing ability. We will welcome them warmly and help them find their voice!

I could not finish this without thanking from the bottom of my heart all of the people that helped get us on stage that night.

To all the parents and staff led by Mrs. Newth who bought the material and buttons and cut and sewed the waist coats and bow ties so the boys could look amazing, to the amazing Laura Loach our Barbershop director who brought these boys up from zero to hero in just a term and a half to sound amazing and of course to the Blue Tones. Thank you!



Joshua Newth, Nick Kubala, Rhys Lloyd, Albert Latailakepa, Jack McGoldrick, Jack Penman, Jamie Steere, Maurice Tupua-Wilson

■ SAMOAN LANGUAGE WEEK CELEBRATIONS

Sunday 29 May - Saturday 4 June

To mark the celebration of Samoan Language Week in New Zealand for 2016, our Junior and Senior Samoan Language classes participated in an event hosted by St Bernard's College held in Taita, Lower Hutt. It was an opportunity for schools around the Wellington Region who currently have the Samoan Language as part of their School Curriculum to come together and celebrate the 3rd most spoken language in New Zealand (after English and Te Reo Maori). This proved to be a fun-filled day with plenty of cultural activities for our boys to engage in. This was topped off with a stellar performance by our very own St Patrick's College Silverstream where the boys represented us with pride and honour. The theme for Samoan Language Week this year is **"E felelei manu, ae ma'au i o latou ofaga"** which translates to **"Birds will migrate to environments where they survive and thrive"**. Manuia tele le Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa!



Mr Liko Alosio, Mrs Peta Wilson and Samoan Language students

■ HUTTFEST 2016

Walter Nash Stadium, Taita

Our very own Polynesian Group will be performing on Friday 1 July 2016 6.00pm - 8.30pm. Tickets are only \$5.00 and are NOW available to be purchased from Reception.

Get in quick as this promises to be a popular event which will sell out! For more information, email: huttfest15@gmail.com.

Posters for this event are also displayed around the College.

■ O'SHEA SHIELD

O'Shea Shield was held at Sacred Heart College, New Plymouth over the weekend of 14 & 15 May. Our team of 16 boys competed well and whilst we did not come home with the shield the boys were fine representatives of the college. Of particular note was Albert Fairbrother winning the Oratory section with an oration about the lessons his father taught him before his passing last year. This was a poignant moment over the weekend which was acknowledged fully by the audience. 12 staff travelled with the team and it was wonderful to have such collegial support of the team in their preparations for the competition and over the weekend. One teacher summed the weekend up well when they said; "I'm grateful for the opportunity to be part of a team where the gifts and talents of both staff and students were tested, refined and celebrated!"

O'Shea Shield is bigger than the competition and one of the team members captured the essence of being involved in O'Shea beautifully when he wrote: "It has opened new friendships, new skills in and out of school, but also exploring my faith and what I believe in. Events and experiences like O'Shea I am truly grateful for as there are students and teachers who see talent and potential in me, a group of supportive people who see something special that I might not necessarily see."



O'Shea Shield Team outside the Chapel at Sacred Heart College, New Plymouth



Albert Fairbrother and Ms Sue Carpenter (Coach) with the Bishop Cullinane Trophy for Oratory – 1st Place



*Robert Griffith, debating 'That Freedom of Expression is more important than Religious Sensitivities'.
Negating the moot, St Patrick's, Silverstream won the debate against St Catherine's College*



Michael Allen – Scripture Reading – Michael gained a 6, the highest grade for his reading

■ FOOD AND NUTRITION

On Thursday 2 June, 26 Silverstream Year 6 Primary students walked across the railway tracks and road to venture into a school that they had only seen from the road, our school. They were all very excited after having met the Year 13 Food and Nutrition students earlier in the week. The class had visited to introduce themselves, shoot a few hoops and find out a little about their assigned cooking partners.

No fingers were cut, nor any band aids given out, just lots of great teaching from the Year 13 students. The Food and Nutrition students are currently studying a Nutritional Concern which is how the lack of cooking skills in our homes today is one of the factors causing New Zealanders Obesity epidemic. By teaching the children the Year 13s were imparting knowledge and their own cooking experience in the hope that the primary aged children may see how much fun can be had in the kitchen while preparing wholesome food.

*Nicola Potts
HOD Food and Nutrition*

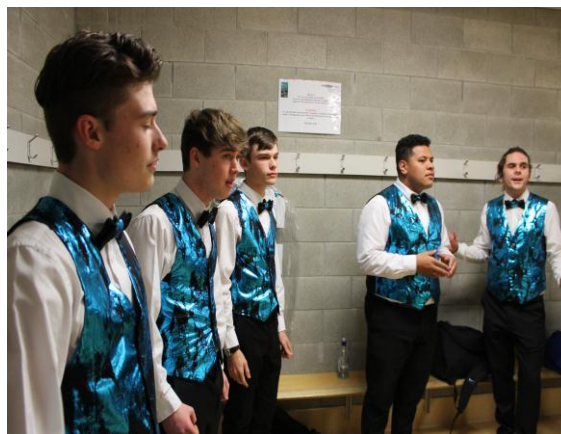


■ STREAM ...

The School that never sleeps Monday 16 May



Pasifika Practice



Barbershop



Year 13 Yoga Session



Weight Training



Senior Robotics Tutorial



Basketball Training

■ BOYS DRIVING TO SCHOOL AND CARPARK USE

Students who drive to school have been reminded about driving safely as they enter and leave the school grounds and carpark.

As the carpark is close to the gym it is a high density area with lots of students on foot before and after school. Boys who continue to ignore the safety warnings will lose the privilege of driving to school.

■ MOBILE APP

Don't miss out on important College messages!



St Patrick's College Silverstream community, (Parents, Students and Staff) are finding the Mobile App a useful tool receiving notices of events and other important school messages, like *"today is Formal Uniform day"*, sporting reminders and if an event has been cancelled due to weather etc.

You can download the app for free on your iPhone or Android by clicking on this link:
<http://is.gd/8aqYWQ>