



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



Tēnā koutou katoa, Greetings everyone

We are now well over half way through the first term and well into the season of Lent. We begun Lent with Ash Wednesday which began with the Ashes being distributed at Ranks. This represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry. As we prepare for Lent and draw ourselves nearer to God we should remember our daily devotion for prayer and any sacrifices we are making for the Lenten season.

At present there is a lot of meetings and consultation taking place around a document "**Our Schooling Futures: Stronger Together. Whiria Ngā Kura Tūātitini**". It is a report by the Tomorrow's School's Independent Taskforce. It is asking people to have their say about the future of

education. The Taskforce will report back to the Minister of Education with recommendations. This document could/will be responsible for some of the biggest changes in Education since tomorrow's schools which occurred in 1988.

There are a number of recommendations being made especially around the Governance of Schools.

Can I encourage you to visit the website:

<https://conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/tomorrows-schools-review/>

For more information and there is a number of public meetings taking place. Again I encourage you to attend as it will have implications for integrated schools.

As you are aware the theme for 2019 is support. I am pleased to say the boys are engaging this theme and supporting each other well. To parents and caregivers, your support in ensuring the boys are ready for College, well dressed, on time and ready for College is always greatly appreciated.

Just a reminder I am happy to include outstanding achievements in the newsletters, please email me on duffy@stream.school.nz

Kai Kaha Be Brave Be Strong

Sectare Fidem

Grahame Duffy
Rector

Kia tau ki a tātou katoa
Te atawhai o to tātou Ariki, a ihu, Karaiti
Me te aroha o te Atua
Me te whiwingatahitanga ke te Wairua Tapu
Ake, ake, ake, Ā mine

■ SPECIAL CHARACTER

Lent

The season of Lent has begun with the receiving of Ashes. Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving in preparation for Easter, the resurrection of Jesus. This year the Ashes were distributed at morning Ranks, a brief but moving Liturgy. Our students have been encouraged to pray a little more, and look to do something each day for someone else in need.

Sacramental Programme

So far 20 students have applied to join the Sacramental Programme which started this Monday. It isn't too late to talk to your son and if he hasn't received the Sacraments of the Catholic Church then discuss with him whether he would like to join. Email Fr John Walls on wallsj@stream.school.nz

Standing Together

On Friday 22 March we gathered together as a school community. At 1:39pm we observed two minutes of silence for those souls lost in Christchurch. We did this in Solidarity, as a nation standing up against this terrible unjust act, as a sign of our community unifying behind the call for peace.



■ ABSENTEE EMAIL OR SCHOOL APP

If your son is away please email the absentee email address absentee@stream.school.nz or use Absentee on the School App. It is a Ministry of Education requirement for the College to be notified. Please do not contact the teaching staff directly. Parents must notify the Office by 9.15am if the student is away.

■ SPEECH AND DRAMA LESSONS

If you would like your son to have Speech and Drama lessons you can do so with Elisabeth Minards-Black who teaches all ages, group and individual lessons in drama, public speaking and general speech quality. Trinity College London exam tutoring and competition entry available on request. Email eminardsblack@gmail.com for more information.

The link to her form on the website is:

[http://www.stream.school.nz/index/home/Public Speaking and Speech and Drama Years 9 - 13](http://www.stream.school.nz/index/home/Public%20Speaking%20and%20Speech%20and%20Drama%20Years%209%20-%2013)

■ BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2019 TRIENNIAL ELECTION

Becoming a Trustee

Trustees

- are active leaders in our schools; We need more people willing to use their skills and experiences for the benefit of students
- have an important role of supporting strong professional leadership and ensuring effective teaching for all students through informed governance.

Both parents and people from throughout the wider community can be school trustees. It is important that boards represent the diversity of their school communities to ensure a bright future for all our children. The trustee elections give parents of children at state and state-integrated schools the opportunity to vote for candidates who will make a positive difference for all students at their schools. It is an important responsibility, and all eligible parents should use their vote in an informed way.

"Board members are entrusted by the community to ensure the success of our schools and a bright future for our children. We need an education system where all children are expected to succeed and one where we all take shared responsibility in ensuring this happens. As a member of a school board you can make things happen - you can make a difference."

- Lorraine Kerr, NZSTA President

It is time to consider if you are interested in becoming a Trustee – below are the dates for your reference. All parents and caregivers will be sent papers for nomination before Friday 10 May 2019. Please go to the following link for more information or contact Dawn Clark on clarkd@stream.school.nz
<https://www.trustee-election.co.nz/becoming-a-trustee/what-is-a-trustee/>

EVENT	DATE
Nominations Close	Noon Friday 24 May 2019
Voting Papers Sent by	Wednesday 29 May 2019
Election Day (voting closes)	Noon Friday 7 June 2019
Count Votes	Thursday 13 June 2019
Board Takes Office	Friday 14 June 2019

■ OPEN DAY | YEAR 9 ENROLMENTS 2020

Enrolments are open for 2020 on Friday 3 May 2019

Sessions: 9.00am to 10.30am
 1.00pm to 2.30pm

For further information please call Dawn Clark, Registrar on 04 527 1354 or email clarkd@stream.school.nz

■ ¡Noticias en Español!

In Week 7, one of the classes of Year 9 *Español* was very fortunate to receive a visit from Anna and Rudy Torres, as well as their son Diego and family friend Carlos. This is the family of our *compañero* Nano, who is attending the College for two terms. Nano's grandfather, Gerard James Gordon attended Stream in the 1950's. Nano's family paid him a surprise visit from San Antonio, Texas. Anna is a Kiwi and spoke to the boys about the importance of speaking a second language. Being fluent in Spanish has enabled Anna to own her own law firm in Texas and even translate for the court! Rudy spoke to the boys about Texas sports teams, both NFL and NBA, and Tex-Mex culture, topics they were very enthusiastic about.

We are very grateful for the Torres visit and wish them *"¡un feliz y buen viaje!"*

The Spanish language also played an important role in our celebration mass for *Día de San Patricio*. Bradley Mason beautifully read a prayer of the faithful in Spanish. His pronunciation was immaculate and made me and his class very proud. *¡Muy bien, Bradley!*

Hasta pronto,
Dr. L Cartwright



Year 9 Español with Anna, Rudy, Carlos and Diego, Nano's family

■ ENGLISH STUDENTS MEET OUR PRIME MINISTER, RT. HON. JACINDA ARDERN

Mr Fordyce recently accompanied three senior English students to hear the Prime Minister at a Q and A session at Samuel Marsden Collegiate. The occasion was a fundraiser for the Katherine Mansfield Birthplace, and our Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Jacinda Adern spoke about how her love of reading was instilled from an early age and how she is attempting to do the same with her daughter. The students were Ethan Jones, Matthew Jakeman and Noah Brennan.



■ FINANCE

TAX INVOICES FOR SCHOOL DONATIONS

Tax receipts for Voluntary School Donations paid up to 31 March 2019 will be emailed out by the 8 April. If you have any queries regarding your tax receipt please contact our Finance Officer, Mrs Rebecca Wagstaff on 04-527-1357 or wagstaffr@stream.school.nz

VOLUNTARY DONATIONS

We are often asked what the different donations are used for. Here is a summary:

Activity Donation: \$490.00 per year

The Activity donation goes to the Board of Trustees and is put towards activities that are not met by the Ministry of Education, such as staffing and running sports in the school including maintaining the sports centre, equipment, grounds and swimming pool. It also allows us to offer arts and cultural activities and additional experiences for students outside of the core curriculum.

Heritage Donation: \$520.00 per year

The Silverstream Board of Proprietor's is responsible for ensuring the preservation of our Heritage in terms of buildings, land and plant for current and future generations of Streamers to enjoy. This donation helps provide financial assistance to upgrade facilities at the College.

Proprietor's Donation: \$660.00 per year

This is a voluntary donation used to run and maintain areas of the College used by all the students and which are non-integrated or funded by the Ministry of Education, such as the Chapel, auditorium, squash courts, old gym, pavilion and some of the class spaces in the Evatt and Dowling Blocks which are additional to what the Ministry fund us for.

Donations are critical in ensuring we can continue to provide the activities, facilities and heritage that our school community values. Without them this would be compromised. Any level of donation is gratefully received and qualifies for a tax rebate from the IRD.

■ ATTENDANCE DUES TEAM

COMPULSORY Attendance Dues: Paid to the Archdiocese of Wellington - \$1040.00 per annum

Statements have been sent out in the post to all accounts that have an outstanding balance. If you do not receive your statement by 15 March 2019 and believe you have an outstanding balance, please contact our office on 0800 462 725 or email dues@wn.catholic.org.nz.

You can pay attendance dues in the following ways:

Mastercard or Visa Debit/Credit Card - One off payments using your credit card can be made at www.wn.catholic.org.nz/attendance-dues. If you would like to set up monthly recurring payments from your card, please contact our office.

Internet Banking Payments - You can process a one-off or regular payment yourself through internet banking. If you **do not** use internet banking please contact our office or your school for an automatic payment form to take to your bank.

Cash - You can pay in cash at any Westpac branch or in person at our office at 22 Hill St, Thorndon.

Cheque - Make out to Archdiocese of Wellington Attendance Dues Collection Fund. These can be posted to PO Box 1937 Thorndon, Wellington, 6140 or dropped off in person at our office.

Phone: 0800 462 725 Email: dues@wn.catholic.org.nz Text: 021 0890 7902
www.wn.catholic.org.nz/attendance-dues

PAYMENT METHODS	
Automatic Payments	Set this up yourself through your internet banking or directly at your bank
Banking Details:	Account name: Archdiocese of Wellington Attendance Dues Collection Fund Westpac Account number: 03 0518 0000400 00 Reference: Your account number only
Visa or Mastercard	Pay online at www.wn.catholic.org.nz/attendance-dues or contact our office
Cash	At any Westpac branch or in person at our office

■ CONGRATULATIONS

- Dylan Tesoriero-Smith who has qualified in the player selection for New Zealand U19 Men's Floorball National Team for the World Championships to be held in Canada on 8 – 12 May 2019.
- Cricket 1st XI Traditional Caps have been presented to the following students: Flynn McCaul, Seth Loughran, Samuel Morgan and Ryan Jackson
- Tiaki Freeman, Year 11 has been selected to attend YELF Forum to take place in Waikato from 12 to 18 April 2019.
- We have had two Junior teams win their grades at the Hutt Valley Friday night Futsal league. Congratulations to Stream 10A who won the Division One Championship 11 to 4 vs Upper Hutt College. Stream Blue who won Division 3 Championship 4 to 2 verse Naenae College. Thank you to student coaches Kyle Williams and Liam Roseingrave who co-coached Stream Blue.



We have had 10 teams competing every Friday night at Walter Nash for the last six weeks. Any players who still have uniform please return to Mr Greaney asap. Good luck to the Junior and Senior Players taking place at the Secondary School Nationals of Futsal this week in Wellington.

- Congratulations to the Cricket 1ST XI who has made the Premier 1 final against Wellington College at the Basin Reserve on Monday 1 April.
- Basketball: The annual pre-season tournament will be held in the College Blake Centre gym from 12 to 14 April.

■ VEHICLES ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

The main driveway of the College becomes very congested with vehicles before and after school due to the number of students being dropped off or picked up. This is causing some concern regarding safety of pedestrians and the risk of accidents occurring.

We would like to request that where possible students are dropped off outside the school grounds. There is an entrance to the school at the bus stop on Fergusson Drive where students can safely walk on the footpath across the main lawn to get to school.

If you must drive onto the school grounds please remember that the speed limit is 8kph.

■ OUTWARD BOUND COURSES AVAILABLE DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Mind Body Soul Course – for ages 16-18

Outward Bound recently delivered a presentation in school assembly about their upcoming **21-day Mind Body Soul** courses for 16 – 18 year olds.

Running over the school holidays in the beautiful Marlborough Sounds, this course encourages students to take on new challenges with confidence and self-belief whether that's going to university, polytechnic or taking on a leadership role at school.

- 8 April 2019 – 28 April 2019
- 2 July 2019 – 22 July 2019
- 23 September 2019 – 13 October 2019
- 2 December 2019 – 22 December 2019
- 6 January 2020 – 26 January 2020

Leaps & Bounds Course - Scholarships Available



Outward Bound's **8-day Leaps & Bounds** course is the ultimate shared adventure for a parent/caregiver and their teenager aged 13-15 years. Thanks to Outward Bound's generous donors, scholarships are now available for the April & July courses. These scholarships cover 50% of the course fee valued at \$2,680.

Please contact Rachael to find out more: rfrear@outwardbound.co.nz or 0800 688 927

Course dates & prices can be found on our website: www.outwardbound.co.nz/teens



■ MCEVEDY 2019

McEvedy 2019, the 97th event, was a terrific day, with competition close until lunchtime when Wellington College stretched the gap on the two St Patrick's Colleges, finally ending up with a convincing win. We finished in a similar place to the last few years, 3rd, with less points this year than last which was disappointing, but explainable with one star Stream athlete unable to take part due to injury. We ended up with the same number of titles that we did achieve in 2018 which was promising, and Sautia Misa continued to show his class and versatility with a record in the U16 Long Jump of 6.50m, plus taking the High Jump title and points in the 200m, Hurdles, Javelin and relay. Thomas Strawbridge was very dominant in two tough events, showing his huge progress over the last few months to now be a serious contender at National senior level.

McEvedy Final Points 2019

Wellington College	212.5
St Patrick's Town	179.5
St Patrick's Stream	119
Rongotai College	38

Stream McEvedy Champions 2019

Joshua Jordan 3000 U14 10:04.13
Thomas Strawbridge 3000 Senior 9:11.63, 1500 Senior 4:25.67
Hamish Lock Hurdles Senior 15.01
Bronson Schmidt-Uili High Jump U14 1.62m
Sautia Misa High Jump U16 1.86m, Long Jump 6.50m RECORD
Markus McCarthy Triple Jump U16 11.98m
Peter Lakai Shot U16 14.44m
Jesse Bier Javelin U14 38.91m
Thomas Mannix Javelin U16 53.40m



Results

1st Wellington College

2nd St Patrick's College, Wellington

3rd St Patrick's College, Silverstream

4TH Rongotai College, Wellington





The St Patrick's College, Silverstream Senior A Volleyball team is a team that has been on a rapid rise over the last few years and has now won back-to-back Senior Volleyball Regional titles.

This comes after a straight sets victory over their brother school, St Patrick's College, Wellington, in the boys' final of the annual CSW Senior Volleyball Regional Tournament held earlier this month.

A College predominantly known for its tenacity on the rugby field, Volleyball has also proven to be a growing sport of interest for Silverstream, having entered two teams into both Regionals and the upcoming NZSS National Championships held at the end of this month in Palmerston North.

In 2018, Silverstream Volleyball achieved some satisfying feats, which included their first ever Senior Regional title. Two players Roger Sauila and Akira Ieremia, were both selected for the NZL Youth Men's squad that toured Iran, while Roger Sauila won the College Sport Volleyball Award. In addition, a number of Silverstream players at both Junior and Senior level represented Wellington in their representative age group teams.

Head Coach and Volleyball Convenor for Silverstream, Liko Alosio, who is also an Old Boy of the College, puts it down to hard work and exposure. "When I started here in 2015 as a teacher, Volleyball was almost non-existent here," said Alosio. "I made it a goal of mine to revitalise the sport by training them hard and exposing them to the highest level of Volleyball they have ever seen. However, I never thought I could take it this far. I love it!"

Since winning their first Junior Regional title back in 2016, Alosio has retained this same core group of players which has been a major part of their consistent success. Silverstream won this year's Regional Tournament without dropping a single set – winning all six of their matches 3-0.

In their three games on Friday they beat Onslow College, Tawa College and Newlands College. On Saturday they defeated St Bernard's College, Porirua College and St Pat's Town.

Alosio explained that the leadership and experience of key players such as co-captains Roger Sauila and Akira Ieremia was vital particularly under pressure. Their ability to stay calm allowed for explosive players such as Piripi Korent and La'i Leleimalefaga to enforce their attacking power on the opposition.

However, Sauila puts it down to a "team effort" where all players had a key role to play both on and off the court. This was displayed in five players from Silverstream all being named in the Regional Tournament Team with particular mention to setter/playmaker, Kobi Luamanu named as the Tournament MVP.

The Silverstream volley-ballers now look forward to the NZSS National Championships held in Palmerston North at the end of this month where they will head into the competition as the 10th seed in the country.

Key goals and high expectations have been set by their Head Coach Alosio, hoping to make the Top 8 and building higher from there. Silverstream are also currently on top of the table for the Wellington Premier Division and have made the Premier Boys' Final playing THIS Friday against local rivals, Taita College. They hope to add further silverware to their medal haul before leaving on Sunday for Nationals.

Players from Silverstream named in the CSW Regional Tournament Team 2019 were; Akira Ieremia, Roger Sauila, Joshua Tutagalevao, Junior Paulo and Kobi Luamanu who was the tournament MVP.

Written by Bryan Dickinson, College Sport Wellington.



■ MOBILE APP

Don't miss out on important College messages!



Due to some recent changes in the Apple App Store our School App will be migrated over to the SchoolAppsNZ container app.

The key change between our current app and the SchoolAppsNZ container app is that you will now access our school app via the SchoolAppsNZ app, and you will use this app going forward.

Once updated, the SchoolAppsNZ app looks and functions the same as our current school app does now.

You will continue to receive Alerts, and have the same alert group subscriptions, nothing changes there. One difference to point out with the app going forward is that you will access our app from the SchoolAppsNZ app icon, rather than the current icon - the school's logo.

We will be migrating over to SchoolAppsNZ within the month. When your app is ready to migrate you will receive an Alert -- simply follow the steps within the alert and the update to the new container app is automatic, quick and your app will be ready to use straight away.

MEASLES FAQS

The Ministry of Health has modified measles immunisation advice in light of current vaccine supplies.

Note there are currently no measles cases in the greater Wellington region as at 19 March 2019.

What is measles anyway?

Measles is a serious viral illness that:

- is highly infectious
- affects the respiratory system
- spreads easily through coughing or sneezing
- results in one in 10 people in NZ being admitted to hospital.

Measles:

- begins with a fever
- progresses to a cough, runny nose
- sore, red eyes (usually within 2-4 days)
- rash appears 2-4 days after the first symptoms; begins at the hairline, gradually spreads down the body to the arms and legs
- rash lasts up to one week. NOTE: People are most infectious in the days before the rash appears
- usually takes 10-12 days from exposure to the first symptom.

I hear demand for measles vaccine is high but supplies are limited. What does that mean for me and my family in the greater Wellington region?

There are sufficient supplies to maintain the scheduled MMR immunisations at ages 15 months and 4 years across all of New Zealand, and support the Canterbury outbreak response.

Maintaining the 15 months and 4 year immunisation is prioritised. People under 50 years who have not received any previous measles-containing vaccine, and not had measles disease, will be vaccinated as supplies are available.

People who have already had one dose of MMR vaccine and would like a second dose are being asked to wait a couple of weeks before calling their local medical practice to arrange the second vaccination. This will help our medical centres to focus their services on those who need it most.

NOTE: 95% of people who have had 1 dose will be protected from measles disease. The reason we give the second dose is to increase the proportion of people protected to ~99%.

When are you considered protected from measles?

- 95% of people will be protected from measles after 1 dose of measles vaccine (given after 12 months of age)
- 99% of people will be protected from measles after 2 doses of measles vaccine (given after 12 months of age)
- If you have had doctor or laboratory confirmed measles or laboratory evidence of protection
- If you were born before 1 January 1969 - as measles was circulating in NZ before this time.

Currently in New Zealand the first dose of measles vaccine is given at 15 months of age, and the second dose at 4 years of age.

What happens if I/my child has never been immunised and not had measles?

If you, or your child, has never been immunised and your medical centre is not able to offer MMR now, please arrange vaccination at a later stage when demand on supplies has lessened. When vaccine is available, you will be prioritised.

What happens if I'm not sure if I've ever been immunised, or only partly immunised?

Check your own health records e.g. your Plunket or Well Child/Tamariki Ora book first. You can also check with your doctor as the information may be in your medical records. If it's still unclear whether you are protected, vaccination is recommended when supplies are available.

What is the advice for pregnant women?

Pregnant women who become ill with measles risk miscarriage, premature labour and low birth weight infants. If a woman was immunised against measles prior to becoming pregnant, they are almost certainly protected.

NOTE:

- If a pregnant woman thinks they have contracted measles, or have come in contact with someone with measles, they must call their general practice, or lead maternity carer, as soon as possible.
- If not immunised against measles prior to becoming pregnant, women should **not** receive the MMR vaccine during pregnancy.
- Women of child bearing age should avoid pregnancy for one month after having a dose of the MMR vaccine.
- Breastfeeding mothers can receive the MMR vaccine safely.

Women can reduce their chances of catching measles if the people they are in close contact with, eg, close friends, family and work colleagues, are immune. Encourage close friends, family and work colleagues to check whether they have been vaccinated. If not protected, contact their general practice to make a vaccination appointment when supplies are available.

What's the advice for those born before 1969?

Before the measles vaccine was introduced in New Zealand in 1969, almost everyone caught the disease as it is so infectious. Those who have recovered from the disease are almost always immune, so it is very rare to see any measles in people born in New Zealand before 1969.

Measles vaccine was available in some other countries before 1969 so some adults who were born overseas may have received a measles vaccine. It is not therefore generally recommended that people over 50 years be vaccinated with MMR vaccine. However, if you have concerns about whether you are immune, please talk to your general practice or contact the Immunisation Advisory Centre on 0800 IMMUNE.

Where can I get more information?

- [Regional Public Health](http://www.rph.org.nz) (www.rph.org.nz)
- [Ministry of Health](http://www.health.govt.nz/measles) (www.health.govt.nz/measles)
- [Immunisation Advisory Centre](http://www.immune.org.nz) (www.immune.org.nz) 0800 IMMUNE