



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

I attended the National Association Principals of Catholic Secondary Schools Conference in Auckland at the beginning of last week.

The theme of the conference was *"Persevering in Love"*.

So let us care for one another, guide and encourage one another, and experience this as part of our family spirituality - Pope Francis

I came across this reflection and address on *"What is Spirituality"*

What is Spirituality?

There was an extremely bright high school student. This young individual baffled adults with quick replies. One day, during a school academic evaluation, one of the visitors asked, "Young person, if you can tell me where God can be found, I'll give you a golden coin". Without blinking an eye, the student responded. "And I'll give you two gold coins if you can tell me where God cannot be found".

The response of this student contains a spirituality an orientation, a way to relate to God impacted in experience. Let us examine some of the assumptions contained in the student's inner vision. I'll give you two gold coins if you can tell me where God cannot be found"

First there is the faith stance that God exists. No small feat in our present day culture ... either for an adolescent or an adult.

Second there is a faith stance that the presence of God is active in Creation. God is close at hand, God is near. As Gerard Manley Hopkins poetically captured it: "The world is charged with the grandeur of God".

Third ... and this is the critical interior wellspring of any spirituality ... This faith stance is the formative vibrant core of values in the person. It is this precious inner-awareness, which allows the individual to appreciate reality differently. Because of this nurtured spirituality, she or he can see into the heart of the matter. Events and experiences are not just physical, hard data realities, they are spiritual encounters and mysteries as well. Thus, for the person on the journey, there is a developed inner life, which facilitates the awareness of the presence of God in the ordinary.

How does one live in the present? How does one keep one's interior compass on true North?

1. Be aware
2. Where am I right now?
3. What is the conversation, experience, event?
4. What am I feeling?
5. God is present as gift, mystery and beauty

What does one do if one slips out of the present moment? Return the compass to true north. Simple. Also, it is important to remember that this is a process. Some days we are able to maintain the compass on true North better than others. So, we approach this spirituality with a gentleness and kindness.

From an address "What is Spirituality?" by John P. Mossi SJ, delivered at a CORD workshop, "Finding God in our Classrooms ... Teaching and a Spiritual Ministry".

Staffing

Welcome

- Paula Townsend who is covering for Jess Bryan while she is away on leave.
- Claire Oakley who has returned from maternity leave to work part-time in the English Department
- Gerard Bajema who joins us from Chilton St James School to teach Physics
- Three Gap students Moritz Stehmann, Malte Rinde from Germany and John Boehme from Canada

Sam Dean will be Year 12 Dean for the remainder of 2018.

With a few other shifts we are fully staffed, which is great for Stream as teacher supply is under pressure at present.

Assembly

Assembly is now each Tuesday morning and Tutor Time has been transferred to Monday. A reminder that students must be in formal for Tuesday's Assembly.

Student Successes

Often I get results of student success in the College I am happy to share this at Assembly or in the newsletter, as recognising success creates a culture of acceptance and excellence. Please feel free to email me at duffy@stream.school.nz

Sectare Fidem
Grahame Duffy
Rector

■ STUDENT ILLNESS

Viral Gastroenteritis

If your son has symptoms; nausea, stomach cramps, diarrhoea and vomiting please keep him away from school until he is symptom free for 48 hours.

We have noticed an increasing number of students contacting their parents to collect them without first coming to the office and following the procedures below.

From the College Website

Student Illness or Injury

In the event of a student becoming ill or receiving a minor injury during the school day the student will be sent to the College Office, along with another student.

Students must not contact parents / caregivers to be picked up.

The office receptionist will appraise the seriousness of the student's illness erring on the side of caution.

Possible actions are:

- * Refer the student to the College nurse.
- * Monitor the student for a short period of time at the College office area and administer medication (if allowed paracetamol)
- * Contact the student's parent/caregiver or emergency contact and advise them of the situation, requiring them to attend to the student.

In the case of Boarders the Director of Boarding will be contacted.

This process must be followed correctly so the College can keep track of all student attendance during school hours.

■ RAIL SAFETY WEEK (13 – 19 AUGUST 2018)

To mark Rail Safety Week students and whanau are reminded of the importance of always looking for trains when crossing railway tracks, and particularly taking care to look for the second train.

The message from the Rail Safety Week is back to basics - 'Look right, look left for trains'.

It's also really important to always wait until the bells and lights have stopped operating before crossing.

This link to a Drax Project music video is an excellent way to show how we can all stop, look and think when getting across a level crossing, and particularly how important it is to not use headphones around railway tracks. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ge_TTLAK0k.

For younger children, as well as looking and listening before crossing, please make it clear to them that if bells and lights are going, it's because **a second train could be coming and it's not safe to cross**.

Thank you for your support in spreading these safety messages.

For more information about safe behaviour around tracks and trains, see Tracksafe.co.nz.

■ PATHWAYS EXHIBITION/SUBJECT SELECTION INFORMATION

AFTERNOON – MONDAY 20 AUGUST

The Pathways Exhibition will be held on Monday 20 August at 3.15pm to 5.30pm, in the School Auditorium.

Each department will be available to talk to parents and students about the details of subject courses, prerequisites, career possibilities. This is scheduled before the Learning Conferences in Weeks 8 and 9 (11 and 18 September – Boarder Conferences 28 September) where students will finalise their subject choices for 2019, in discussion with their Tutor Teacher.

The curriculum handbook <http://www.stream.school.nz/index/home/Curriculum>

■ LEARNING CONFERENCES

Change of date for the Learning Conferences this term. The first date is unchanged and is down for 2.00pm - 6.00pm on Tuesday 11 September. School will finish at 12.55pm. The second Learning Conference has a change of date and was Wednesday 19 September but has now changed to Tuesday 18 September from 2.00pm-6.00pm with school finishing at 12.55pm. Boarder Learning Conferences for families of boarding students will happen on Friday 28 September from 12.30pm to 2.30pm. School finishes at 12.15pm.

■ STUDY LEAVE FOR YEARS 11, 12 AND 13

Students in Years 11, 12 and 13 will have study leave (not required at school) on Wednesday 19 September. This is the day before the School Derived grade examinations which take place on Thursday 20 September, Friday 21 September, Monday 24 September and Tuesday 25 September. Students will only be required to attend school for their school examination or workshop. Students have an individual copy of the examination timetable and it is present on the school website.

■ YEAR 8 TASTER AND ASSESSMENT DAYS

As part of preparations for 2019 we are looking forward to our 2019 Year 9 students joining us for two days. The first day is on Friday 31 August for assessments. The second day is on Wednesday 19 September for option tasters. We require your son to attend both days.

The Learning Support Department will organize assessments through the day on Friday 31 August. This allows us to best cater for your son's entry to the College in 2019. In the afternoon your son will have the opportunity to participate in some fun games with the PE Department in the afternoon.

During the second day, Wednesday 19 September, your son will have an opportunity to experience most of the options on offer to Year 9s in 2019. The purpose of this 'try before you buy' format is to provide Year 8 students with a whirlwind experience beyond the core subjects and assist with their option choice selection for 2019. Selection for the option choices for next year is via an online process and you will be notified when this is available.

■ ART

Level 2 Illustration are creating an art magazine to be published at the end of the year, which will then be distributed for free to the general public. This magazine showcases art from Year 11 and 12, which has been created throughout the year focusing on the theme, 'The Power of the Teenager'. This magazine promotes positivity of youth.

We are seeking advertising. Your advert in this magazine will ensure publicity for your company in at least 250 colour copies that will end up in the hands of many people in the Wellington region. This will result in enduring exposure for your company.

The advertising prices are GST inclusive.

\$650.00 for A5 (210x148mm)

\$280.00 for A6 (105x148mm)

\$140.00 for A7 (105x74mm)

Contact thapaj@stream.school.nz for more details.

www.instagram.com/visualartatstream



'Purppill' by Ethan (Year 12)

■ KILEY FAMILY MEMORIAL TRUST SCHOLARSHIPS

The Kiley Family Memorial Trust Scholarships are awarded to assist:

- Secondary school students to pursue their secondary school studies
- Tertiary students to complete their chosen degrees.

Preference is given to students in needs of financial assistance who meet the following criteria (in order of priority).

Students who:

1. Wish to attend a boarding school or tertiary institution away from home
2. Have included agriculture in their field of study
3. Desire ultimately to take up a career in farming, farm management or an agriculture-based industry
4. Intend to enrol, or have enrolled, at St Patrick's College, Silverstream (preferably) or at any other Catholic Boarding School
5. Live in the Taranaki/Wanganui area
6. Have an interest in the care of horses
7. Are actively involved in sport

The link to the application forms can be accessed via <https://www.publictrust.co.nz/grants/how-do-i-find-one>.

There are a couple of changes this year:

Secondary and Boarding Applications – Application via editable PDF Application Form

Tertiary Applications – Application via online portal

If you would like to discuss this scholarship please see Mrs Ann Bateman or Mrs Dawn Clark in the Rector's Office.

■ ATTENDANCE DUES

Parents are reminded of the attendance dues payment details:

Archdiocese of Wellington Attendance Dues

Westpac bank account 03-0518-000-400-00

Please contact the **Archdiocese of Wellington** office urgently if you have any queries on your account or have not received a statement.

Telephone: 0800 462 728

Email: dues@wn.catholic.org.nz

Text: 021 0890 7902

■ YEAR 13 PHYSICAL EDUCATION TRIP TO HILLARY OUTDOOR CENTRE

Two weeks ago we took our first group of students to the Hillary Outdoor Centre. During this week the boys developed their leadership, communication, team work and lots more skills. They performed numerous outdoor activities such as caving, bush bashing, flying fox, canoeing to an island and then camping overnight, team building games, just to name a few. They had educational presentations from the instructor during the evening and also enjoyed relaxing in the local thermal hot pools. The boys even managed to squeeze in 3 L3 credits during the week. They represented themselves and the school with distinction and they certainly learnt a lot about themselves.



■ SPORT

From the Rector's Desk

Congratulations:

■ to our 1st XV who won the 1st XV Premiership Final 29 – 22 against St Patrick's College, Wellington. A very hard fought game - this gives the 1st XV back to back 1st XV Premiership wins in the Wellington Competition. Congratulations to Tim Mannix, Head Coach; Nigel Bingham, Assistant Coach; Tony Clout Manager; Dan Thompson, Trainer; and Jess Schweizer, Physio on their success. Congratulations to Luke Mannix, Captain, and the team.

The 1st XV will play Hastings Boys' High School in Wellington next week in the Hurricanes play off.



■ our 2nd XV who had a great win over Aotea 13 – 10 to win Premier 2 of the Secondary Schools. With a “never give up” attitude, in difficult conditions, this is the third year in a row we have won this competition. Congratulations to coaches, Mitchell Forbes, John Herbert and Mike Robinson.

■ to our Under 80's who won the grade competition with a comfortable victory over Wellington College 64 – 17. Well done to coaches John Eggleton and Robbie Schneider.

■ to the Under 15's who lost 8 – 7; what a great game and effort losing the St Patrick's Wellington in the last few minutes, St Patrick's College Wellington had beaten the U15 previously and to see the effort from our boys was tremendous. Well done to coaches Warrick Bowden, Brent Morgan, Shaun Crockford and Manager Karen Edmonds.

■ to the 1st XI Football who beat Rongotai 2 – 1 in the semi-final. A great game and this sets them up to the College Sport final against HIBS. This game to be played at 7.30pm on Wednesday 22 August at Memorial Park grounds (by the old Sladden Park). Let's get along and support the team. While Hutt International Boys' School were top qualifiers Silverstream have beaten them twice. What a great night it will be.

■ Fraser McHale and Ryan Jackson who are part of the Wellington U22 indoor Cricket team won the Nationals. Fraser was MVP and both boys were picked for New Zealand in the upcoming Trans-Tasman series. Ryan has also made the New Zealand U19 team.

■ Jonathan Higham, who came 12th in the Asiago/Roana 2018 Inline Hockey World Championships held in Italy.

■ Thomas Strawbridge 11th NZ U18 Cross Country Championships and member of winning U18 Wellington team.

■ Jayden Ford on his success at Junior British Open at St Andrews Scotland finishing 3rd.

■ Tyler Robb, named in the New Zealand U15 softball team to play in U17 Queensland State Championships.

■ Wellington Centurions Under 18 Team

Chris Hemi, Iona Apineru, Luke Chisholm, Maika Fifita, Neyla Masima, Olly Wrigley, Sam Clarke, Shaun Hurdle

■ Wellington Community Under 18 Team

Julius Masoe, Luke Mannix, Rocco Berry, Scott Svensen

■ Wellington Samoan Under 18 Team

Akira Ieremia, Fritz Rayasi, Mika Felix

■ Wellington Under 16 A

Mitchell Southall, Peter Lakai, Riley Higgins, Tony Solomona

■ Wellington Under 16 Development

Michael Matagi, Jona Bartley

■ Wellington Under 13

Manakaa Dudley-Kiikoro, Noah Tipping, Patrick Solomona

■ Anthony Hocking won the NZ Ministock Championship at Oxford Speedway. This is a massive accomplishment being that Anthony not only races but builds his own race engine and does all his own steel fabrication including Welding. Anthony brings his skills to his Metalwork classes.

■ Under 65A Rugby Team saying a prayer at the end of the game wishing the teams well for the rest of the games.



■ 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.

Everything to do with the College is featured on this app i.e.:

- Subscribe to Year Level notices
- Daily student notices
- Absentees
- Newsletter
- Website

All students should check the notices each day before Ranks.

You can download the app for free on your iPhone or Android by searching St Patrick's College Silverstream

ROTI FUNDRAISER



Now is the perfect time to stock up with our
Roti fundraiser

Jesse's Roti's are locally made, contain no preservatives and are great to freeze. They are perfect to eat with curries, stews or soups, make great wraps or pizza bases

10 ROTI PER PACK FOR \$15

(Each pack sold earns our School \$5)

Order forms to be emailed
(also available on the School Website in printable version)

Please share with family, friends and work colleagues

Orders & Payments by:
Delivery:

Thursday 30th August
Thursday 20th September

ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE | SILVERSTREAM
Parents and Friends Committee





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Internet Banking: Parents & Friends Committee **Account: ASB 12-3142-0378096-00**
 Details to include (**Family Surname/Son's Tutor Group/and ROTI** - in the references)
 (Please do not pay into the school fees account)

Delivery Options: ☐ Send home with son ☐ I shall collect (from 1.00-6.00pm, School Hall Foyer)

Contact: Paula 021 2431108 or email parentsandfriends.stpats@gmail.com

(Orders & payments need to be in by Thursday 30 August – Delivery date Thursday 20 September)

Name	Phone	Email	No of Packs	Total Cost
<div> <div>Thank you for supporting St Patrick's College, Silverstream</div> <div>TOTALS</div> </div>				\$



ST MARGARETS' CHURCH CRAFT BONANZA

25 August 2018
10am - 1pm



Dunns Street, Silverstream, Upper Hutt

ENQUIRIES: LORNA 528.2681

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