



# 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

It's Daffodil Day today – a chance for the boys to wear mufti, but more importantly, an opportunity to donate to the Cancer Research cause. I hope they have given generously (and that it wasn't all your money!). Yesterday provided a chance for students to attend Mass (optional) to pray for people/families affected by cancer (probably most families). Fr John reports that well over 100 students attended, which is great. This was a chance to stop and think about and pray for loved ones – a little time in the busyness of the school week to reflect.

Today is also National Poetry Day. I developed a love of poetry through my 6<sup>th</sup> Form (Year 12) English Teacher, Fr Bob Graham. Fr Bob came from the USA and taught at Stream for one year. He was passionate about the poetry of Robert Frost and his passion was infectious. So a class of us with little previous interest in or understanding of poetry, got hooked.

And this is the gift of the teacher – to take something that we have no interest in, and unlock the joy, the knowledge, the insight, the experience of whatever is under study. A gift that sets us up for the rest of our lives to further our understanding and our enjoyment.

I hope this is the experience of your sons while here at Stream – that at unexpected times, in unexpected subjects, the light goes on, the passion is ignited and a lifelong love is opened up.

I am so grateful to Fr Bob for the gift he gave us back in 1978.

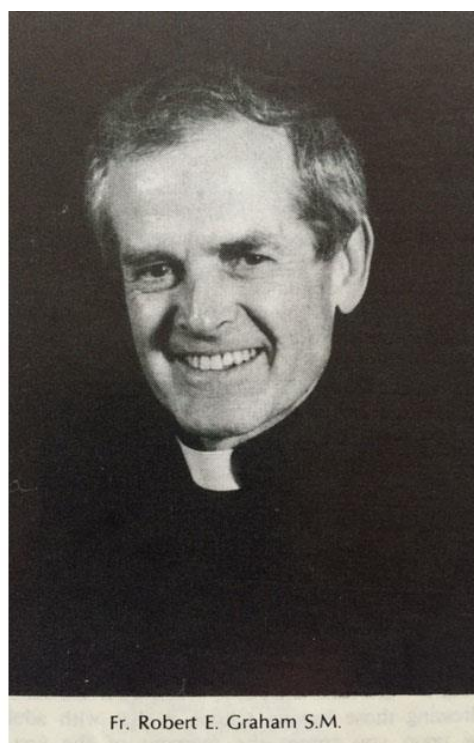
And for the record, my three favourite Robert Frost poems are:

- *Mending Wall*
- *The Road Not Taken*
- *The Death of the Hired Man*

On a different note, I wish to congratulate our 16 students who took part in the Sacramental Programme this year. It takes real courage to so publically declare one's faith and commitment

Sectare Fidem

Gerard Tully  
Rector



Fr. Robert E. Graham S.M.

## ■ MASS OF THE ASSUMPTION

After three months of learning and reflection, sixteen students received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion at Mass on the Feast of the Assumption. Four of the sixteen also received the Sacrament of Baptism. The ceremonies - Mass for the Junior School, and then mass for the Senior School - were very moving and had an obvious impact on the students at each ceremony.



*Laying on of Hands - part of the Sacrament of Confirmation.*



*Top row: Toby Crosby, Mason Wildon, Shaydon Sutherland, George Karaitiane, Ryan Jennings, Luca Garcia-Hernandez  
Front Row: Jack Miller, Daniel Masoe, Kahutia Whaanga-Davies, Fr John Walls SM, Jacob Nixon, Luke Bidois*



*Family members attended and supported the students – Caleb Jones, Year 12, with his Nana, Lyn Jones*



*The Taumata family with Fr Bob Lee SM, the oldest Old Boy of the College – Darren Taumata, Year 9. Carter Taumata, Year 13*

The next two pages contain some updates on Student Leadership at Stream in 2017, from a student perspective. The leaders are assigned into five Pou, based on their own personal preference:

## ■ KOTAHITANGA

Kotahitanga - focus - the unifying nature of school activities e.g powhiri, assemblies, supporting the arts/sports. *How to acknowledge multiculturalism in and around the school. This includes Waitangi Day and Anzac Day.*

We have been able to support not only school events but community events as well. Being included in the Waitangi Day celebrations at Orongomai was a great event and experience for all.

Our Anzac Day celebrations included remembering the 45 old boys and 1 Marist Father who sacrificed their lives for our country and freedom

Inspiring and the keenness of members of this group to provide extra support for students wanting extra tuition has been a huge success

Taking charge of assembly was a challenge for all. Each student was given the task to lead and provide a message of pray, hope and inspiration.

To all the members of Kotahitanga we are proud of you all and thank you for your service and the precedent you have set for the future here at St Patrick's College.

## ■ MANAAKITANGA

The Manaakitanga Pou is responsible for looking after members in our community. Our focus for the year was our major fundraiser which was to be the Stream Stampede. Unfortunately our idea to create a community friendly event didn't attract as much interest as we had hoped. We decided to go back to Hoops for Hope and this will be held on September 16th. We are busy organising this event to raise money for the Young Neighbours Trust.

This year we have also done some pop up events and fundraisers - Free pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, a surprise BBQ for teachers, and this week we have organised a Daffodil Day fundraiser and also celebrated mass in dedication to Cancer victims and families.

Our group has also been working in pastoral care looking out for our younger brothers who might be struggling or need some guidance. We still have a bit to do, but are loving being a part of the Manaakitanga Pou.

## ■ NGA WHARE

### **What is our house comp about?**

To kick off the 2017 house competition the college received Wharetoa. It means champion house, the strongest House and is a taiaha carved from the Great Tree Tane Mahuta. This generous gift was donated by Mr Herbert and represents what the house competition is to embody leadership, strength, unity, courage, Faith and Support. We hope it will become the most sort after trophy in the school.

Our house competition is about bringing the students and staff of St Patricks Silverstream College together and help us succeed. We have done this by competing in a range of activities, such as athletics, swimming, chess, and even St Patrick's Day became part of the house competition.

The competition was also designed to match what Wharetoa symbolises. An opportunity for all of us to embody the Gospel values of Courage, Faith, Humility, Unity and Support in our Marist way e.g. humble in victory and gracious in defeat. With the inclusion of weekly notes this year, the house competition is also influencing students to be the best they can be in class and not just on the sporting ground. We are also trying to give back to the community by making fundraising part of the competition to encourage students to get behind the cause. We hoped that every aspect of our college life would be represented as part of the competition and we believe as a leadership group that we have developed a strong foundation for future Nga Whare members to build on in the years to come. May the best house win!

## ■ WHAKAPONO

This year our Pou has endeavoured to renew the sense of vibrancy to our large school masses. At each of our whole school masses we have had a different student written and performed drama. By doing these, our liturgies have help lead to an increase in student involvement and participation. Several different students have stepped up and supported us which has meant that the message has been clear and refreshing. Even though this is a small new initiative, we believe that our small contribution is making a difference, as the faith and religious side of our college has seen major change in terms of energy, involvement and interest. This is evident in the amount of people turning up for voluntary mass on Thursdays and the amount of students (16) receiving their sacraments of Initiation. The general nature of the college's faithful side has changed considerably and the Marist values have become far more present and lived amongst our students. Which has been our hope.

## ■ WHANAUNGATANGA

Whanaungatanga, meaning relationships that create a sense of belonging, is the leadership pou at Silverstream dedicated to mentoring our Year 9 students. Two Year 13s are allocated to each Year 9 class, each of them given the responsibility to ensure our newest boys realise the importance they hold as a member of the Silverstream community. Essentially, we as Year 13 Mentors are the Year 9s' 'big brothers'.

Our role as leaders is constant. Every day begins with ranks, where we take the opportunity not to grill our classes about lining up straight or straightening their ties, but to say "G'day" and have a yarn with each of the boys. It certainly makes the bitterly cold mornings brighter, and it is an opportunity to build the relationships that embody the purpose of our mentoring group. Tutor Time is another important period in which mentors lead activities and exercises for a variety of outcomes. As a broader concept, the purpose of these exercises is to assist each individual boy in their personal growth and developing their identity - something they may find difficult entering a new environment.

Moving beyond the structured allocation, it is the duty of Whanaungatanga to be role models present amongst all the boys, not only Year 9s. In any case, we seek to look out for the little man and create a more inclusive atmosphere. Our guiding force, Mrs Kirton, puts us on the right path to being the most effective role models, and we are thankful for the considerable time and effort she puts into mentoring our pou.



## ■ CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE WINNING TEAMS:

### Under 55 White



### Under 15 A



### Under 15 Div 3



## ■ CONGRATULATIONS cont...

### 2<sup>nd</sup> XV



### 1<sup>st</sup> XV



More rugby finals tomorrow – and football finals Saturday 2 September at Rongotai College



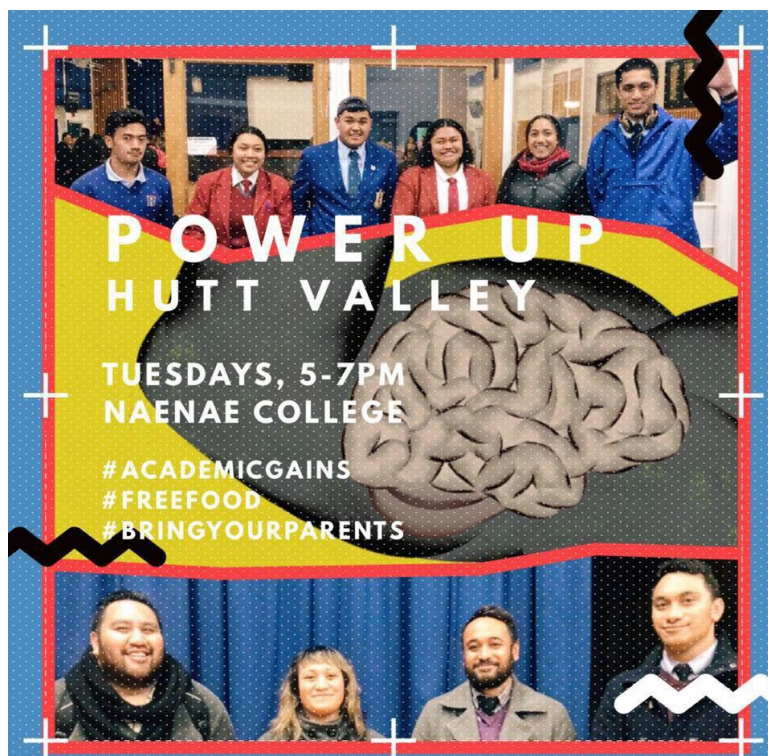
## ■ POWER UP HUTT VALLEY

**EVERY Tuesday 4.45pm-7.00pm**

Power Up is back and has now started! Power Up is a national initiative introduced by the Ministry of Education for all students from Primary to Secondary including PARENTS & FAMILIES to attend for specific assistance on academic learning. Teachers, mentors and providers are committed to helping both students and parents to reach their full academic potential and providing parents with key ways in helping their child/children with their studies and/or homework within the home. So come along to Power Up Hutt Valley held **Every Tuesday** at **Naenae College** from **4.45pm-7.00pm**. There is **No cost** and **food** is available for all to enjoy. A chance also to mix and meet with students, parents and families from schools around the Hutt Valley region.

Check out these great photos of some of our very own Silverstream boys along with teachers and parents who have been attending the last three sessions!

For more information, contact Mr Alosio at [alosiol@stream.school.nz](mailto:alosiol@stream.school.nz) or on 02102647539. Fa'afetai lava.





Unfortunately Stream Stampede will not be going ahead, however we will be running Hoops for Hope instead. Saturday 16 September, 2017 in the school gym. \$20 per person, teams of 5 or more will play in two hour timeslots for fun and to raise money for the Young Neighbours Trust.

We are still encouraging all students to get behind this cause and raise as much money as you can – don't limit yourself to \$20 as we are trying to help young people gain the opportunities that we have here at stream.

Check out our Facebook for more info @ Stream Hoops For Hope 2017



## ■ PUBLIC SPEAKING/SPEECH AND DRAMA

Several boys take the speech classes option at St Pats. The majority of boys choose to do Public Speaking and have found this course of huge benefit in gaining confidence to present in front of an audience. The course covers how to structure and deliver an effective speech. A variety of different types of talks eg informative, persuasive and social speeches are taught. These are invaluable skills for life and will be an asset in whatever career your son chooses to follow. Interview skills are covered also. We are all aware that the candidate who interviews with confidence has a greater chance of securing a job.

Some boys choose the Speech and Drama option as they are interested in acting, literature and poetry speaking. This course also covers public speaking ie speech structure and delivery.

Classes are offered from years 9 -13. Assessments are conducted by a Speech NZ examiner and the successful candidates receive a certificate to go into their CV. This is a national qualification.

If you are interested in your son taking classes in 2018 please look at the school website. Click on forms and then speech and drama. [http://www.stream.school.nz/index/home/Online\\_Forms](http://www.stream.school.nz/index/home/Online_Forms)

The form will be there for you to fill out and send to me. Please contact me if you have any queries.  
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## ■ SPEECH RESULTS, AUGUST 2017

### Public Speaking

ASB Module 2 Pass:	Harry Poland
Grade 8 Module 3: Honours:	Sean Hewett
Merit plus:	Harrison Yates
Merit:	Brendan English, Marco Mojicevic
Grade 6 module 2: Honours:	Joseph Gray, William Hadfield
Merit plus:	Christian Schneider
Merit:	Jonathan Roche

### Speech and Drama

ASB Module 2: Pass:	Sam Penman
Grade 7 module 1 Honours:	Jack Penman
Merit plus:	Sam Penman, Max Griffith

## ■ 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.

New Feature: Subscribe to Year Level notices.

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

## THE ROAD NOT TAKEN

By ROBERT FROST

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,  
And sorry I could not travel both  
And be one traveller, long I stood  
And looked down one as far as I could  
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,  
And having perhaps the better claim  
Because it was grassy and wanted wear,  
Though as for that the passing there  
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay  
In leaves no step had trodden black.  
Oh, I kept the first for another day!  
Yet knowing how way leads on to way  
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh  
Somewhere ages and ages hence:  
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I,  
I took the one less traveled by,  
And that has made all the difference.