



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

Staff Leaving

On Wednesday morning, we had what the boys no doubt refer to as another “late start”. For staff members this is actually an early start, and we call it “Professional Learning”. Every Wednesday, we gather sometimes in small groups, sometimes as a whole staff – and examine our practice, reflect on what we are doing well and what we need to improve on. It is often led, as on Wednesday, by a range of staff members, of different ages, levels of experience and subject areas. I sat back and really enjoyed a number of aspects of our staff learning – that we were considering feedback from student surveys (student voice) teacher surveys and what our 2017 achievement data was telling us. Wednesday’s lead teachers were challenging us on our next steps as a staff around our particular topics – how we could look to provide an even better educational experience for our students. I love that this learning does not depend on just one or two people to lead it, and I love that our staff are prepared to challenge themselves and try new strategies/techniques. All of this, I believe, has really positive effects on the learning environment for our students.

Holidays

We all enjoy a break in the middle of winter. As always, I encourage all our students to get lots of sleep and really relax and enjoy themselves. I also encourage them, particularly the seniors, to put aside perhaps an hour a day in the second week, to catch up on any missed work or to get a head start on work due early in Term Three.

On a personal note

This is my first opportunity to address you as our parent/family community since it was announced that I am finishing as Rector at the end of the year.

I want you to know that it was a really tough decision – I loved this place as a boy, and now I have grown to love it in a different way as a staff member. I believe passionately in what Silverstream offers to developing young men, and I am really proud of so many things that we have achieved together as a community in the last few years. But I do believe it is time for me to move on. This school is in a strong place, and I am confident that it will continue to go from strength to strength. I also commit to you all that I will be striving “to be the best that I can be” as Rector for the last two terms of 2017.

Sectare Fidem

Gerard Tully
Rector

■ FAREWELL TO MS JEANETTE DUFFY

Today is Ms Duffy's last day at Silverstream. She has made such a tremendous contribution to life and learning here. She has had numerous roles – Head of English, Head of Learning Support, Deputy Rector. Not only has she been an outstanding leader in our College, she has also been a fantastic teacher.

We are so proud of her as she moves to St Oran's College as Principal. We are also delighted that she will stay connected to Stream, at least until the end of the year, as a parent.

A group of students (primarily her current Year 13 Tutor Group) and staff will accompany Ms Duffy at her Powhiri on day one of Term Three at St Oran's College. We "hand over" Ms Duffy, extremely grateful for her contribution at Stream, and confident that she will do a great job at St Oran's College.

■ NEW DEPUTY RECTOR

We are delighted to announce that our new Deputy Rector is Mrs Katie Rawles. Mrs Rawles will start with us on Monday 21 August. She has been Head of Music for 15 years at Wellington College, and this year a Teaching Fellow at Victoria University.

■ FAREWELLS AND WELCOMES

We also farewell today Mr Stu Pyne from the PE/Health/Food and Nutrition Department after 3 ½ years at Stream. Again, we are hugely grateful for his contribution both in the classroom and on the sports field, where football has been his passion. We wish Stu and his wife well for their new teaching adventures in Dubai.

Mr Pyne is replaced by Mr Carlin Linklater who starts on 24 July. Welcome to Mr Linklater.

Our three Gap students Alex Wagenhals, Max Freitag and Quinn Plant depart after one year at Stream. We wish these three outstanding young men every best wish for their future.

Thank you to Mrs Bronwyn Beaver who has been with us for the Second Term. We appreciate the knowledge and experience that Mrs Beaver has contributed this term.

Mrs Potts returns from Study Leave for the start of Term Three and we look forward to welcoming her back to Stream.

■ THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

It is with huge sadness that we learnt that one of our recent Gap students (2015 – 2016), Jakob Elefant from Germany, passed away in his sleep this week. Our sincerest thoughts and prayers are with Jakob's family at this hugely distressing time.

■ PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Dear Parents

On behalf of the Parents and Friends Committee of St Patrick's College, we would like to thank you all for your support and participation with our recent Roti Fundraiser. \$1,860.00 was raised from this event.

The Committee are always looking at ways of fundraising additional funds for our School (and looking for new Members). If you know of any fundraising options which would benefit the School, we would love to hear from you - email parentsandfriends.stpats@gmail.com.

Special thanks to the Office Staff for their assistance.

■ THANK YOU TO PARENTS AND FRIENDS

A big thanks to the Parents and Friends Committee who work hard to support the College through the organisation of fundraising and other community events. We are grateful that they have recently funded a set of Chromebooks for use within the school. They have also arranged for a shade sail to be installed in the Br Stephen quad during the school holidays, together with an upgrade to the outdoor seating around the school. We are very appreciative of the work they continue to do on behalf of the College.

Further details about Parents and Friends can be found on our website
http://www.stream.school.nz/index/home/Parents_and_Friends

■ HPV VACCINATIONS

The next HPV vaccinations will be for students 15 and above only- this includes students who turn 15 this year.

They will happen on Tuesday July 25th, which is the second day of term 2.
Students under 15 only need two shots, and will be included in the final vaccination in November.

Mike Cole
College Counsellor

■ DAY BOYS' LUNCHES TERM 3

Payments must be made in the first week of term. Cash / Eftpos or the school account with your son's NAME and LUNCH as a reference.

Term 3 Lunches ; \$245 (*Lunches cannot be added to the school account*)

■ ART DEPARTMENT

Kia ora Koutou parents and students, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, Jo Thapa, the new teacher of **Junior Visual Art** and **Senior Visual Art** and **Photography** in D7, Dowling block.

We have a thriving art community within the walls of our art and design classrooms here at Stream where developing creative thinking in the minds of our young men is at the centre of all learning experiences. We believe the ability to think creatively empowers our students for future success in the modern and changing world they will be entering into upon leaving school.

It is an honor to be able to have an impact on the future of our young men's lives. I have many ideas for an engaging and dynamic learning environment here in the art and photography department. I promote self-management and resourcefulness in students and welcome diversity and student input. The art classroom is a community in which we can share ideas and inspiration, learning off each other.

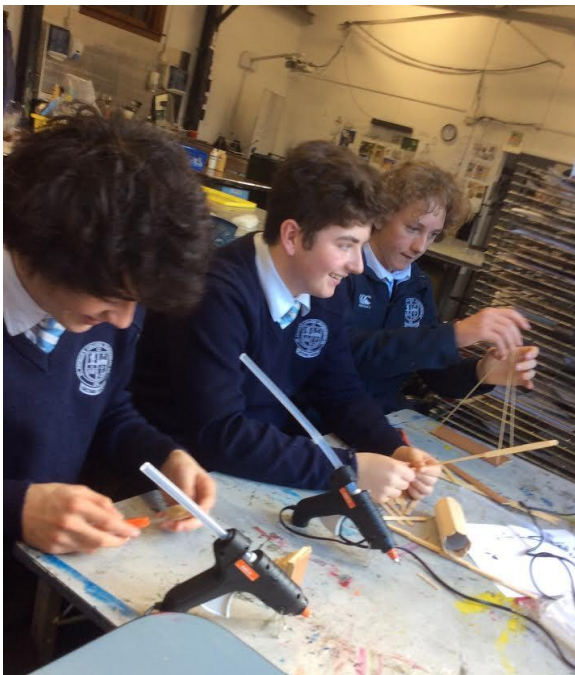
Facebook will be used as a portal to support learning next term for all senior students within art and photography, with PaintStream, PhotoStream and 100Stream pages being active on Facebook. This is where students can easily access their work requirements, plus inspiration and support to achieve the grades they deserve.

The art and design rooms will open twice during the holidays for senior students to catch up on work, Monday 17 July, and Wednesday 19 July from 11.00am -2.00pm.

We also have a new Instagram public account www.instagram.com/visualartatstream/
Please take time to check out what's been going on in our classes.

I welcome whanau input and suggestions to engage our students. If you would like to get in touch, email me at email - ThapaJ@stream.school.nz





■ ART DEPARTMENT cont.

Please also see below our other Art and Design Department links:

<http://www.wearecreativestream.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/CreativeStreamSPC>

<https://www.pinterest.com/createstream/>

<https://instagram.com/thecreativestream/>

<https://twitter.com/CreativeStreamB>

Our more recent addition is our

YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6icTTfsl1hVYp39i6byEcw>

We will be uploading teaching and learning experiences for our students and yourselves to watch. I have begun prototyping one for Design and will build on others in the Department as it is developed.

The concept is based on a “Flipped Classroom” model which is access into a pedagogical commitment. This article here helps you further to understand it <https://cft.vanderbilt.edu/guides-sub-pages/flipping-the-classroom/>.

The hope is that we will be able to use the “Flipped Classroom” model to transform our teaching, and learning in our courses. We would appreciate any feedback.

Blair Hungerford

Head of Department Art+Design



■ STREAM STAMPEDE

This year our school, along with all of the other schools of the National Network of Marist Schools will be raising money for The Young Neighbours Trust. Our school will be doing this through the event “Stream Stampede”.

What: An obstacle course colour run

Date: Saturday 16 September 2017

Where: St. Patrick’s College, Silverstream

Costs: We are asking ALL students of St. Patrick’s to raise a minimum of \$20, regardless of whether or not they are participating in the event.

For those participating, the cost to register is \$10 for Students, and \$20 for anyone who is not a student at SPC. This registration cost will cover the cost of a T-shirt & the coloured paint used on the day. Friends and whanau are welcome to participate.

Why have we asked all students raise a minimum of \$20?

As Catholics, we are called to look after our neighbours as we do ourselves. Many of our students do not realise how lucky they are to have access to good education, which ultimately opens up more pathways in their future. The Young Neighbours Trust supports young people living in rural and isolated parts of Aotearoa to gain a college education, which can be hard to do due to the location of their homes. This means that most have to go to boarding schools which have significant costs attached. If each student at stream can raise a minimum of \$20, it means that we will reach our goal of \$14,000 which is equivalent to the cost of one year at Boarding school. If all boys save at least \$2 a week between now and then, this is a very achievable goal. Fundraising will be part of the house competition, so raise as much as you can to help out other young people succeed.

A few ways to raise money:

- Ask friends and whanau to donate or sponsor you
- Door knock in your local area
- Offer to do some labour for neighbours e.g. mow lawns
- If you have a job, ask if you can put a donation jar at work.
- If you have a job, save 10% of each pay to put towards fundraising
- Have a yard sale

If you are able to help out in anyway, donating money or goods for raffles, please email bryanj@stream.school.nz

To find out more about what the Young Neighbours Trust does, go to:
<https://givealittle.co.nz/org/youngneighbours>

■ POLY GROUP VISIT TO ST BRENDAN'S SCHOOL

On Friday 30 June, the Poly group performed at St. Brendan's assembly in preparation for their performance at Hutt Fest on Friday 7 July. The boys did a great job representing St. Patrick's, and had a great time hanging out with some of the younger students afterwards. It is fantastic to see such a great bond developing between students of both schools with our regular visits.

Polynesian Group performing (below)



Our boys with St Brendan's students (below)

Brothers Fiti (Yr 9) & Iosefo Siu



■ CONGRATULATIONS

- Five students selected for the Hurricanes Under 18 Rugby Camp, Todd Svenson, Kienan De La Rambelje, Albert Polu, Harrison Boyle and Josh Southall.
- Miguel Veilofia for his success at the recent Tongan Youth Awards.
- Jack Clout and Jayden Ford for selection in the Wellington Men's Golf Representative Team.
- To our Kapa Haka and Poly Club performers for their dedicated and enthusiastic cultural presentations.

■ TRADITIONAL RESULTS

Rugby – 1st XV

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| v New Plymouth Boys' High School | won | 46 – 17 |
| v Wellington College | won | 26 – 3 |
| v St Bede's College | won | 56 – 0 |
| v Palmerston North Boys' High School | won | 71 – 0 |
| v Rongotai College | won | 60 – 0 |

Football – 1st XI

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| v New Plymouth Boys' High School | lost | 0 – 2 |
| v Wellington College | lost | 0 – 4 |
| v St Bede's College | won | 2 – 1 |
| v Palmerston North Boys' High School | won | 2 – 1 |
| v Rongotai College | drew | 1 – 1 |

Basketball – Senior A

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| v Wellington College | lost | 68 – 73 |
| v Rongotai College | lost | 56 – 77 |

Hockey – 1st XI

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| v Rongotai College | lost | 2 – 3 |
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■ 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>