



# 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

Most Mondays at Assembly we have a Senior student – almost always a Year 13 student – share a reflection with the school. These reflections give valuable insight into the thinking and issues important to our students. They are usually of a very high quality. With his permission, this Newsletter features Eddie Korent's reflection from Monday 25 September. The purpose is to give you an idea of the deep, thoughtful and inspiring words that our senior students share regularly with our whole school:

*Every week, individuals are asked to either do a prayer, or reading and reflection which explains a piece of scripture that is relevant to them and how it relates to the students and community of St Pats. This often sets the tone for the week and can really resonate with some students, giving them that extra support and motivation.*

*The reading I have chosen is from Philippians 4:8 - "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."*

*An idea made clear to me from reading this verse is to value your own version of excellence. To recognise your talents, boundaries and next steps. This piece of scripture resonates with me because it talks about setting realistic and attainable goals in order to excel. Furthermore it's helped me to realise that excellence and perfection are in fact two different things. So I ask, is your pursuit for success perfection, or excellence?*

*The way I see it, striving for excellence motivates you, but perfectionism is demoralising. It could be easy to confuse "excellence" with "perfection" but the two are as chalk and cheese. Perfectionism is defined as: "the setting of unrealistically demanding goals accompanied by a disposition to regard failure to achieve them as unacceptable and a sign of personal worthlessness." instead, excellence motivates us to be the best versions of who we are at the core level. Perfectionism is about the task at hand. Excellence is about the bigger picture of our lives and our whole being. Consider these comparisons;*

*Perfectionists strive for impossible goals,  
Pursuers of excellence enjoy meeting high standards that are within reach.*

*Perfectionists value themselves by what they do,  
Pursuers of excellence value themselves by who they are.*

*Perfectionists, when they run into difficulty, get easily overwhelmed and give up,  
Pursuers of excellence experience temporary disappointment, but they keep going.*

*Perfectionists can be devastated by failure,  
Pursuers of excellence can learn from it.*

*Perfectionists remember mistakes and dwell on them,  
Pursuers of excellence correct mistakes and learn from them.*

*Perfectionists want to be number one,  
Pursuers of excellence can live with not being the best, especially when they know they've tried their hardest.*

*Perfectionists hate criticism,  
Pursuers of excellence see criticism as a way to learn.*

*So to you boys I say, value your own version of excellence and realise that all it takes is for you to promise yourselves right now that you'll always do things in an excellent way. And finally I ask you this, in leading up to our critical time of external examination, will you perfect, or will you excel?*

*Sectare Fidem, Hold fast to the faith. Thank you – Eddie Korent*

Gerard Tully, Rector

## ■ UNVEILING OF POU

On Friday 1 September staff, students and members of our community attended the unveiling ceremony of a pou representing the Ngati Tama chief Te Kaeaea who came from Taranaki to Wellington around 1824. The pou was carved by local carver Ihaia Puketapu from a Tawa trunk recovered from the Tararua range. On one side Te Kaeaea looks towards Taranaki and on the other he looks over the land in the Hutt where he lived as an old chief with fellow Ngati Tama. The pou was commissioned by the Friends of the Mawaihakona Stream and is located near the tennis courts which was the site of a former Ngati Tama pa.

The pou is a great addition to the school grounds and provides a lasting reminder of local history, the interactions of local iwi and the coming together of Maori and Pakeha cultures. We are thankful to all who were involved in the project, particularly Bart Hogan who was the driving force behind it all.



## ■ HPV FINAL VACCINATIONS

The final date for the HPV vaccinations will be Tuesday 28 November. They will be available in the College Auditorium between 8.30am and 12.30pm. This is after most of the NCEA exams have finished. If students can't come to the College they can visit their doctor or the Queen St Medical centre.

The vaccination will be free. Their records are on a National Register and any doctor can access them. It is very important that students complete all vaccinations.

## ■ 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 or 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 as detailed below.
- \* Contact the student's parent/caregiver or emergency contact and advise them of the situation, requiring them to attend 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.

## ■ WELL DONE:

Liam Gullery, Year 12, has completed this electric vehicle in the Technology Department:





## ■ HOOPS FOR HOPE



Hoops for Hope 2017 was held on Saturday 16 September in our Gym. We had 40 teams register for the event which was held over 12 hours. 96 games of basketball were played in total.

Thanks to everyone who was involved, whether you donated, participated or helped out on the day. We have managed to raise just over \$6000 which will be donated to The Young Neighbours Trust.

A special mention to Mr Sales, who gave the boys a target to reach in order to let them shave his head and beard.





## ■ HOOPS FOR HOPE cont...



## ■ VISUAL ART, PAINTING AND PHOTOGRAPHY NEWS

We've had an exciting year so far in Visual Art, full of enthusiastic students, powered by creative thinking.

This term Juniors, Years 9 and 10 have been working on a Pacifika unit of work where they have entwined their own identity into Pacifika inspired works where we replicated Tapa Cloth and the traditional techniques of painting on Tapa, Siapo (Samoa) and Ngatu (Tongan). An exhibition of these works by the boys will soon be hung in the reception area for all to see and enjoy. The boys were engrossed in this project and produced some great individual results. Come have a look at the exhibition in the reception area, at the beginning of Term 4.

Seniors have been hard at work on their portfolios devised around their own personally chosen themes, but we have managed to squeeze in some inspiring art trips into Wellington City. In July Year 12 and 13 Painters visited the inspiring exhibition of Colin McCahon and Petra Cortright (<http://pantograph-punch.com/post/cortright-mccahon>). We compared the works of these two artists and not only were student's exposed to the question of, 'What impact does the time you live in has on the art you create?', but they were also exposed to new possibilities for their own art works. As a bonus, we got to have a look around the water front on the most amazing Wellington day, full of sun with not a breath of wind. We were also lucky to happen upon the artist, Romuald Rudzki at the academy art gallery, promoting his new art movement 'Prealism.' This was a hands-on experience for the boys. They got to have a go at Prealism, and were taken on a visual adventure by the natural born story teller's rich life experiences, a great experience for all.

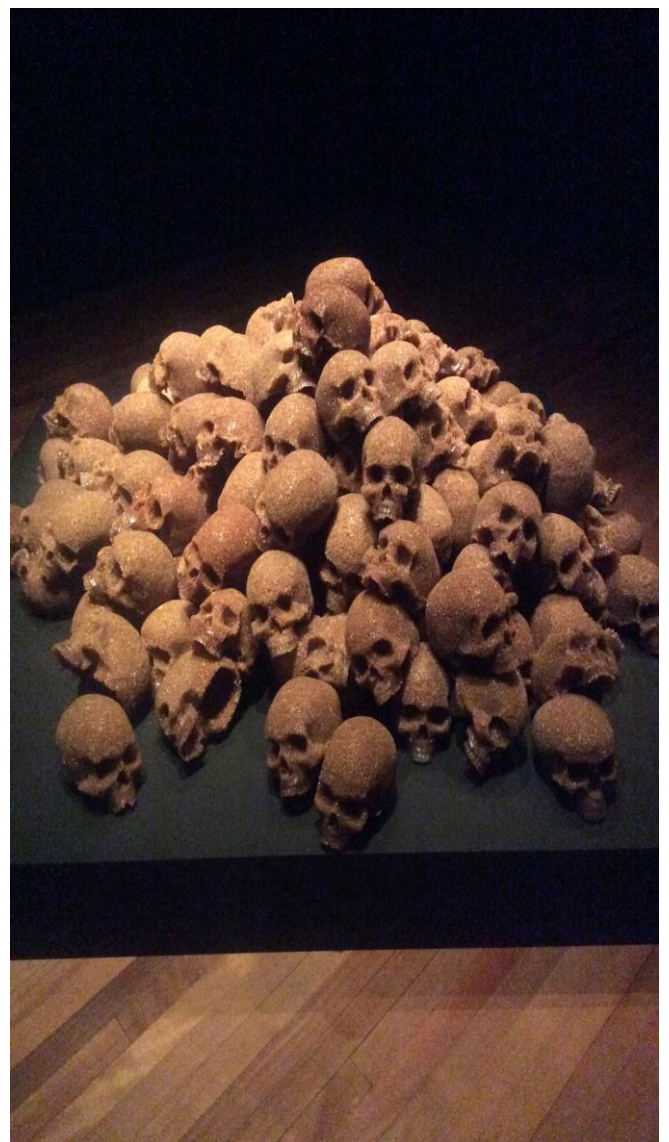
And, last week the Year 11's hit the streets of Wellington for their turn. We went to the 'Occulture' exhibition at City Gallery (<http://citygallery.org.nz/exhibitions/occulture-dark-arts-0/>) followed by a 1 hour workshop. This exhibition, so inspiring, was packed full of works by many artists that provided students with plenty of examples for uses of media and processes they can apply to their own work in the classroom and beyond, in self-expression through art. Some have already applied this learning to their work already. Some of the exhibitions, especially colonial sugar (<http://citygallery.org.nz/exhibitions/colonial-sugar/>) literally blew the boys away with their visual power and emotive story.

Wrapping up a busy year for the seniors, with still more engaging and exciting learning experiences to come for the junior boys.

Please view the embedded links to learn more about the exhibitions the boys went to see.







## ■ CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE WINNING TEAMS

### Under 80's Rugby



### 4th XI Football



### Senior B Basketball



### Senior Division 5 Basketball



## Congratulations also to:

- Jack Clout 4<sup>th</sup> place in New Zealand Secondary Schools' Golf competition
- Jayden Ford 2<sup>nd</sup> place in New Zealand Secondary School's Golf Under 18 competition
- Under 15A Rugby team – winners, Hurricanes Under 15 Rugby Tournament