



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

After a wonderful summer of weather, there is now a definite chill in the air. The approach of winter at Silverstream brings with it the excitement of forming the very many sporting teams in a range of codes. As I have commented before, the students of our College seem to be at their best and happiest at this time. A Year 13 student said to me this week, "I just can't wait to start playing rugby, and see all the rest of the boys out there playing as well".

So this long first term is drawing to a close with the students in good spirits.

There have been some notable successes. The move to primarily three 90 minute lessons per day has seen both staff and students quickly adapt to a new style of teaching and learning. Feedback gathered indicates that most in the College are seeing this as a very positive change to improve the engagement and achievement of our students. And it has been a joy to be able to be back in the Chapel, and observe the renewed sense of reverence that all are bringing to this special place.

You might be interested to know that during Tutor Time on a Thursday - when the students have the option of going to Mass - the numbers attending Mass have varied from 50 to 150.

BOT Elections

May/June sees the BOT elections taking place. I wish to sincerely thank and acknowledge our current Board members. They have served our College so well. A number of our Board will be stepping down, generally because their sons have left the College.

I do encourage you to consider standing. The College needs passionate, committed parents and friends to continue to lead, guide and govern Silverstream. A great strength of our recent Board members has been their lack of single-issue agendas and their absolute dedication to enhancing the holistic education offered at St Patrick's College Silverstream. It is a very Marist commitment – significant work behind the scenes – often unnoticed.

Late Start Wednesdays

We are making one minor change to our timetable for the rest of the year. The "late start" on Wednesdays for students continues, but with Ranks now at 9.00am rather than 9.10am. This is to allow for a 40-minute lunch break (rather than the current 30 minutes). While it is a late start for the students, it is an early start for the staff who use this time very productively in professional development.

Farewell and welcome

Thank you to Mr Phil Dutton who returned to the College at short notice to help us in the Science Department in Term One.

Welcome to Catriona Gower who joins us in Science from the start of Term 2, and Monique Sowden who will be covering classes in the Social Sciences in Term Two while I am on sabbatical.

And it's "Adios" from me as I depart New Zealand for a few months. I depart knowing that the College is in good heart.

Sectare Fidem

Gerard Tully
Rector

SCHOOL DONATIONS

At the College we are very fortunate to have the use of a number of great facilities such as the chapel, auditorium, music suite, old gymnasium and sports pavilion. These buildings are all in addition to the maximum floor area the Ministry of Education deems necessary for a school of our size. As a result we receive no funding for the maintenance and modernisation of these areas from the Ministry of Education. This is where we rely on the generosity of donations to the College. Without donations the future of these buildings could be at risk and with declining donations and increasing costs there is a very real threat that in time the school will no longer be able to sustain the upkeep of these facilities. We urge you to please consider the impact the loss of any one of these facilities would have on the College when considering whether or not to donate to the school.

All donations to the school are eligible for a tax rebate of 33%. Many employers also now offer the option of Payroll Giving to schools and further information on this can be found here <http://www.payrollgivinginfo.org.nz/>

Tax receipts for donations made to the College in the 2015 tax year will be emailed out during the April school holidays.

We are extremely grateful for any donations made to support the facilities and activities we are able to provide for your son.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

Calling all prospective School Trustees

What do Boards do?

How do they do it?

Who can be a trustee?

What is expected of them?

Thinking of standing at this year's election?

Come along and hear the answers to these questions and any others you may have. All welcome – parents, caregivers, whanau, community members. This is your chance to find out what being on a Board involves.

7.00pm, Tuesday 10 May 2016 at Fergusson Intermediate, Hikurangi St, Trentham.
Organised by the Upper Hutt Boards Cluster.



UNIFORM SHOP

Boys are to wear **Winter Uniform** during Terms Two and Three.

Formal Uniform is to be worn every Monday (Assembly Day) during Terms Two and Three.

Winter uniform consists of:

Shirt	White long-sleeved button-up
Tie	College blue & white striped tie Year 13s may wear the Year 13 tie Recipients of Academic ties may wear the Academic tie
Trousers/Shorts	College trousers (no track pants, chinos, jeans or casual pants), OR College shorts <i>Seniors (Yr 11 – 13) must wear trousers on formal occasions.</i>
Jersey	College Jersey (Navy blue long sleeved jersey with College crest) <i>No hoodies/sweatshirts are to be worn at any time during school hours. This includes hoodies/sweatshirts for college sports teams.</i>
Blazer	College Blazer <i>Must be worn on Mondays during Term 2 & 3 and on other formal occasions.</i>
Vest	Year 13s only may wear the College Vest
Jacket	Official College endorsed Jackets only
Scarves/Beanies	Only College endorsed (crest/logo) scarves and beanies are to be worn <i>Scarves/Beanies are to be removed during prayer, in Chapel and Assemblies.</i>
Shoes	Black leather shoes with a heel that will take a shine <i>No sports shoes, boots or casual shoes.</i>
Socks	College socks only
Belt	Black only

College Jacket

Students were consulted during 2015 and a decision was made to change the style and design of the College jacket. The jacket is modelled below by Max Press, Year 13. The cost of the jacket is \$125.00. All College endorsed jackets are still acceptable to wear at this time.



College Trousers

Students were also consulted about the College trousers and a decision was made to change the colour and style. They are a slightly darker charcoal shade and have a narrower leg.

Unfortunately our supplier has not been able to get this new stock to us for the start of Term 2. We are hopeful the new trouser will be available by Week 3 of Term Two. In the meantime, any senior boys who have grown out of their current trousers may wear shorts on Formal Uniform Mondays until the new style is available for purchase.

College blazers

If you have a blazer on order it is now available at the Uniform Shop.

Thank you in advance for ensuring your sons are wearing the correct uniform for all occasions and that they meet the grooming regulations. If your son does not have the correct uniform for any reason then a note/email should be directed to the Dean at their year level, or Mr Mike Savali, Assistant Rector, Pastoral Care – savalim@stream.school.nz

CONGRATULATIONS

Evan McKenzie and Jake Collins have been accepted into the NZ Defence Force Careers Experience week held at Ohakea this term break.

There are very limited numbers for this course and students apply nationwide. We are particularly proud to have two students attending from St Patrick's College, Silverstream/.

PENCARROW FUN RUNS AND WALK

Sunday 8 May 2016. Half Marathon, 10KM and 5KM for all the family runners and walkers. All finishers receive a medal.

Visit www.capitalmultisports.co.nz for full details.

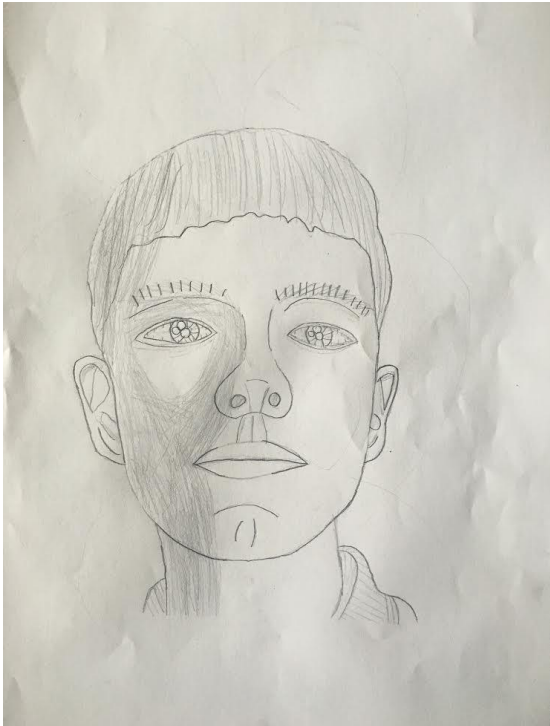
FEIJOAS AND LEMONS

Mrs Potts, Teacher in Charge of Food and Nutrition would be extremely grateful to receive any spare Feijoas and Lemons if you have trees laden and you don't know what to do with them.

YEAR 13 GEOGRAPHY TRIP



Developing a self-portrait, Ethan Mellor-Killalea



9HI CROSS-CURRICULAR FIELD TRIP

The Great War Exhibition & Pukeahu Park

9HI enjoyed a cross-curricular field trip to The Great War Exhibition and Pukeahu National War Memorial Park on Wednesday 6 April. The trip allowed the boys to pull together their Science learning about disease during wartime, and their Social Science learning about New Zealand's role in World War 1 and how it defined our identity as a nation. The boys also saw first-hand the conditions the soldiers endured during the warfare as captured in the poetry they have been studying. The boys participated in a wreath laying ceremony in the War Memorial, taking time to reflect on the sacrifices made by many New Zealanders in wars past. Brayden Lomax and Brayden Howsan laid the wreath on behalf of the class, whilst Te Atatu Patelesio and Karan George read the Ode of Remembrance in Te Reo Maori and English respectively.



SPORT

Athletics



Satuuu Titie was our standout performer at the North Island Secondary School Championships, with a win in the junior javelin with a personal best of 43.56m, and he took 2nd in triple jump with 10.99m and 9th in discus with another personal best of 37.65m.

- Josiah Lealamisa came 4th in the Intermediate Shot Put
- Max Press 5th in the senior 1500m
- Liam Kennedy 6th in the senior 1500m
- Hamish Tustin 5th in the Open 300 Hurdles
- Jacob Minshull 7th in senior 200m, 1st in 4 x 100 Wellington team
- Hamish Lock 6th in the Intermediate 100 Hurdles, with a 14.29 sec personal best in the heats
- Oliver Barrass came 4th in the Open 2k steeple

The photo shows Max Press and Liam Kennedy in the 1500m senior final.



Waka Ama

Two teams competed at the Waka Ama national competition held in Rotorua's Blue Lakes last week. The two teams were made up of Year 10 and 11 students who are novices to the sport. There were 1500 competitors at the competition and 58 teams in their grade.

The two events on the schedule were the 500m which involves a turn and the 250m which is a straight line race. The Year 11 crew came 2nd in the plate section of the 500m race and 9th in the championship section of the 250m race. The Year 10 team were in the bowl section for the 500m and whilst they won their semi-final, were disqualified for some infringements on the turn. In the 250m they finished 26th out of the 58 teams.

Big thanks to Paora Ammunson and Katrina Mannix for their efforts with the team.



Basketball

Silverstream Basketball hosted another edition of the Easter Invitational tournament a couple of weeks back. It was an opportunity for over 200 students from 16 teams sent by the 8 participating schools to have a preseason hit out and just some general fun. The tournament was a success with many visiting coaches and coordinators commenting on the buzz around the stadiums and how welcome they felt.

In the Junior grade which featured 8 teams, Rongotai College were the champions winning an exciting final against our Silverstream Junior A 42-32. This strong Rongotai team were the 2015 College Sport Wellington Junior Premier Champions and with many of the team back for Year 10 it was always going to be a tough final. Year 10 Reihana Dalton won the Player of the Final for Silverstream with an outstanding effort on both ends of the court.

Bowls

Congratulations to Jayden Taylor and Jake Anderson for winning the Pairs title at the Wellington Secondary Schools Championships.

In the Senior grade the Silverstream Senior A took out the final also against Rongotai in the final 2 minutes where the game was all tied up and Year 13 Conor Souness scoring 7 of the last 8 points as Silverstream pulled out to a 45-37 victory. Year 12 Eduard Korent was the MVP of the Senior Final.

A big thank you to all the parents and others in the Silverstream community who pitched in to help with the running of the tournament along with the following local businesses who donated spot prizes and awards: Laxmi Convenience, Silverstream Espresso, Silverstream New World, One Sushi, Silverstream Burger Wisconsin and Maidstone Sports in Upper Hutt Mall.



MOBILE APP FOR STREAM



St Patrick's Silverstream now have a Mobile App for notices, events and other important school messages.

To download the app for free on iPhone or Android click this link:
<http://is.gd/8aqYWQ>