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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

What a wonderful extended summer it has been, however as I write this the weather does seem to have turned and there is finally an autumnal feel in the air. When the skies opened last Thursday both staff and students looked on in amazement given the length of time we have had without any rain.

The boys have returned from the holidays in good heart and there are lots of opportunities for students to get involved in all that Silverstream has to offer during Term 2 – O'Shea Shield, winter sports, Kapa Haka, Barbershop, Traditional matches, and Polynesian Group, to name just a few. Not to mention the many internal assessments the senior students will need to navigate this term. They will need to be well organised if they hope to perform to their best abilities both in and out of the classroom.

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM TWO

12 May - Open Day

**18 May - Year 12 and 13
Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews**

19 & 20 May - Year 12 Retreats

24 May - School Photographs

3 June - Teacher Only Day

**6 & 7 June - Queen's Birthday
Holiday**

21 June - St Peter & Paul Mass

30 June & 1 July - Year 11 Retreats

**8 July - End Term Two – Data
Reports issued**

9 July - Year 13 Ball

Many people think that when the school holidays arrive the doors are locked and learning is put on hold for two weeks. However when I reflect on the many activities our staff and students have been engaged in during the April break, this is certainly far from the truth. I have chosen to profile a number of these events and activities in this newsletter to highlight what it really means to be involved in education in 2016. Teachers and students are perpetual learners and this learning takes place within and beyond the school walls all year round.

I look forward to welcoming prospective students and families during the Open Day on Thursday 12 May. There are two sessions, one starting at 9am and the other at 1.30pm, beginning in the Chapel. If you have friends or whanau who are considering St. Pats, Silverstream for their son's secondary education, please let them know of this opportunity to view the College in action.

Sectare Fidem

Jeanette Duffy
Acting Rector

■ SPECIALIST CLASSROOM TEACHER CONFERENCE, AUCKLAND

Every secondary school in New Zealand has a Specialist Classroom Teacher. This role looks different in each school, but at St Patrick's College, Silverstream, the role mainly involves me in helping organise and deliver the professional learning for staff in the school.

On 18 – 20 April this year I had the opportunity to attend and present at the National Specialist Classroom Teacher Conference in Auckland at the start of the holidays. When a call for abstracts was asked for last year, Jeanette Duffy and I decided we could offer a three hour workshop on the six year journey so far with Teacher Inquiry and Professional Learning in our school. It was a real privilege to share our professional learning journey with others from around the country and provide an opportunity for them to reflect on what professional learning looks like in their schools. My thanks to Phoebe Walker, Simon Fordyce and Jonny Greaney who agreed to be interviewed and videoed as part of our workshop. As a school we can be very proud of our journey so far.

I'm looking forward to sharing the learning I engaged in at the conference during our professional learning time on Wednesday mornings this term. This will include differentiation skills learnt from Kathleen Kryza, an amazing educationalist from America. The highlight at the conference for me was the "speed dating" where each of the 96 teachers sat in a small group and in 5 minutes shared what we were doing in our schools and the posted the resources onto a shared web page. The ideas were endless and truly inspirational.

Nicola Potts
Specialist Classroom Teacher, TiC Food & Nutrition

■ DRAMA

National Youth Drama School

The National Youth Drama School happens annually in Hawkes Bay and this year Albert Latailakepa and Maurice Tupua-Wilson attended during the April school holidays. The boys had a marvellous time working with other Drama students from all over the country at a very high level.

Maurice participated in courses in Musical Theatre, Cutting Edge Theatre and Dance for Commercial purposes. Albert, who had done strictly Drama courses when he attended the previous year did one intense course in song writing and performance. These workshops culminated in all the students performing in the Hastings Opera House at the end of the course.



Albert Latailakepa, performing during the devised Senior Drama performances at the end of Term 1.

■ DRAMA

National Conference 2016

St Patrick's College, Silverstream, Upper Hutt, Wellington: 21 – 23 April

Drama New Zealand welcomed delegates to meet us at the river. On its perpetual journey, river water crosses land, hills and plains and this is a journey best travelled with others. However, you cannot step in the same water twice; circumstances change and we invited delegates to grow with us, right here at Silverstream. As part of the organising committee I was proud to welcome nearly 100 drama teachers from around New Zealand for three days of keynote speakers, workshops and papers.

Keynote speakers were well-known New Zealand playwright Dave Armstrong and the facilitators of The Conch Theatre Company. We enjoyed workshops on 'Devising', 'Literacy in the Drama Class', 'Empowering Classrooms', 'Shakespeare', 'Physical Theatre', 'Commedia dell' Arte' and 'Mime and Movement'. There was even a paper entitled 'Using Drama as a conceptual bridge into the learning of Science and writing'. Colleagues that I am working with presented a paper on our Teacher Led Inquiry on 'Using culturally-responsive pedagogies in our classrooms' and I also presented a vocal workshop called 'Releasing your voice in song'.

I was ably assisted by some of my current Drama students, as well as ex-students. My thanks to Sinapati Nanai, Year 13 and Brendan English, Year 11 for their support during the Conference, and also Josh Powell, an Old boy from 2015, who is currently doing theatre studies at Vic. Extending manaatikanga to the many Conference attendees was made possible by Jaydee and his wonderful team in the kitchen, as well as Nicola Potts, Sandy Smith and the Food & Nutrition students providing barista coffee to accompany morning and afternoon tea. The drama teachers remarked on the high standard of the boys' baking and the catering was very much appreciated by everyone. My thanks also to Matthew White for organising the Powhiri to welcome our guests. It was an exhausting three days but ultimately I was proud to host a highly successful conference for so many of my drama colleagues at St. Patrick's College, Silverstream.

Susan Hayworth TiC Drama

■ SPORT

■ **First and Second XI Football** held a school holiday pre-season training camp ready for Round 1 of our season. The camp was held in Week 2 of the holiday. First XI drew 2-2 with Rongotai College (played at Rongotai College) as the finale to the camp.

Congratulations

■ Mr Stu Pyne, Assistant HOD Physical Education, Health & Food and Nutrition has been offered the opportunity to be the Technical Director for the Samoan Men's National Football Team in the lead up to the Oceania Nations Cup, a qualification tournament for 2017 FIFA Confederations Cup and 2018 FIFA World Cup. Stu has been granted leave for Weeks 3 - 6 of Term 2 to take up this opportunity. Mr Jason Jamison, a fully qualified PE teacher, will be relieving Mr Pyne's classes in his absence. We wish Stu all the best in this role.

■ **Aiden Viviers claims NZPCA National Eventing title.** Aiden Viviers (Year 13) made the papers for his Eventing over the Term break.

Link: <http://www.stuff.co.nz/dominion-post/sport/college-sport/79323116/St-Pats-Silverstreams-Aiden-Viviers-claims-NZPCA-national-eventing-title>



■ OPEN DAY

Thursday 12 May

Sessions 9.00am and 1.30pm

Enrolments for Year 9 2017 close on Thursday 30 June 2016. If you are unable to attend the Open Day please contact Registrar, Dawn Clark, to receive an enrolment pack on telephone 04 527 1354 or clarkd@stream.school.nz

■ CAREERS

We had four students selected to attend the NZ Defence Force Careers Experience week during the first week of the school holidays at the Ohakea Air Force Base:

Jake Collins
Evan McKenzie
Sam McKenzie
Curtis Tyler

There were 270 applicants throughout the North Island and only 60 places were available, so for our school to have four students selected was fantastic. We met with the Defence Force Recruiting Officer this week and he had nothing but positive feedback about each of our four students which was fantastic to hear. Well done boys!

The **Careers Office** is open every lunchtime and we also have a Facebook page, Stream Careers, which advertises all our upcoming events/visits. Feel free to pop in at any stage if you need any careers advice/information

Career visits from Universities, the Armed Forces and other training organisations are run on Tuesdays during tutor time in the Pavilion. These are advertised in the Ranks notices every day of the week prior, as well as on our Facebook page. Students do need to sign up for these before the day in the Careers office.

Ann Bateman & Di Kurton

■ BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

Call for Nominations

Nominations are invited for the election of FIVE parent representatives to the Board of Trustees.

If you require a nomination form please contact the Returning Officer, Dawn Clark, on clarkd@stream.school.nz

Election 2016 Key Dates

Nominations Close	May 20
Voting Papers sent by	May 25
Meet the Candidates Evening	Tuesday 31 May at 7.00pm
Voting Day	June 3
Count Votes	June 9
Board takes office	June 10

■ EYE SIGHT SCREENING

We will be conducting an eyesight screening study for Year 9 and Year 11 students which will be carried out at St. Patrick's Silverstream from 16 - 27 May 2016. The aim of the study is to find out how common and how severe an eye condition called Keratoconus is in secondary school children.

The Wellington Keratoconus Study is being carried out by Capital Vision Research Trust with a grant from the Lions Clubs of New Zealand. Students in Year 9 and 11 in are being offered **free** eye screening. The eye test is quick, non-invasive and pain free.

Your son will receive a Participant Information Sheet and a Consent Form, if you wish for him to be screened the consent form needs to be signed by a parent or guardian and returned to the school office by 3.00pm **Thursday 12 May. Only students who have parental consent are able to be screened.**

If you have any questions about the study please feel free to contact the Research Manager, Rachel Cox via email tech@capitalvision.nz or phone 022 394 9980.

■ INNOVATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS AT STREAM

Wayne Bingham, our Plant Manager, and his team of workers managed to achieve a great deal across nine working days over the April holiday. Four classrooms were repainted and re-carpeted, and new curtains were hung. Heat pumps were installed in all the upstairs classrooms in Kennedy Block. Some areas have been opened up to create larger learning spaces which are more suitable for our 90 minute lessons. It is wonderful to return after each break and see the hard work going into creating more flexible and welcoming learning spaces for our students and teachers.

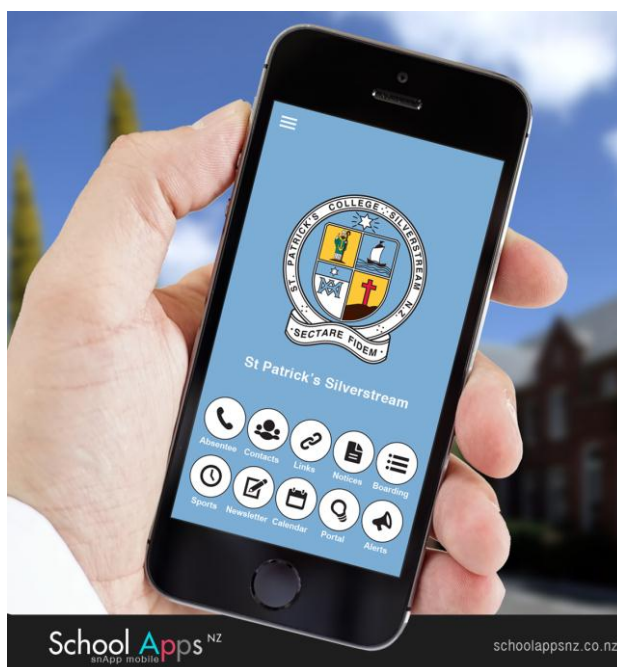
Our grateful thanks to Parents and Friends Association who continue to support the furnishing of our new learning spaces.





■ MOBILE APPS - ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE SILVERSTREAM

Have you downloaded the St Patrick's Silverstream Mobile App to receive notices, events and other important school messages?



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

■ MOBILE APPS – NCEA

➤ New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA)

NZQA have developed two apps, the NCEA Guide and the NCEA Student App, which can be downloaded for free from the Apple and Google Play stores.

To download the apps please go to:

<http://www.edgazette.govt.nz/Articles/Article.aspx?ArticleId=9265&Title=NCEA%20tool%20for%20parents%20and%20students>

NCEA GUIDE APP

The 'NCEA Guide' App provides quick and easy access to key information about NCEA for parents.

It makes practical information about NCEA easily accessible and helps parents understand how NCEA works and how they can support their child studying NCEA.

The information in the app is laid out in a simple way, under two headings – How NCEA works and How to help my child



NCEA STUDENT APP

The NCEA Student App also helps parents to know what their child is studying and how they are progressing.

This app helps students set goals for further achievement and track their NCEA credit progress. It offers a standalone database with a powerful search engine which allows students to easily find NCEA courses and standards that they are doing, or would like to do.

Students and parents have been asking for information about NCEA and achievements to be accessible online, any time, and the App offers that on any mobile device.

It provides the ability to have specific discussions about:

setting NCEA credit goals and targets

progress towards NCEA Levels one, two and three, including Literacy, Numeracy and University Entrance

setting reminders for when assignments are due

recording results as they are achieved and cross checking them with the school or NZQA.

