



# 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

A question I have been asking since arriving back at the College this term is: What are the practical ways that we “love our neighbour” at Silverstream?

In the August newsletter one of our Deputy Head Students, Josiah Bautista, shared some of his reflections on this question.

Over the last three weeks I have had a white board available in the Ranks Quad where primarily students, but sometimes staff, have been able to add their thoughts. Below are the responses to date:

- Students snapping other students onto buses - or giving them money
- Students sharing food e.g. lunch with others
- Academic Support Group - talented students giving their time to help others
- Senior students coaching junior teams
- Social Justice class going regularly to the Home of Compassion
- Students helping with the breakfast programme at St Michael's
- Sitting down and talking with students who are by themselves - this happens a lot - but is generally unseen
- How we handled Rhys' death - supporting each other - and this is on-going
- Teachers and staff putting in extra hours after school - to help us learn better
- The small conversations the seniors can have with juniors
- Year 13 mentors in junior tutor groups
- Young Vinnies
- Supporting a staff member at his mum's funeral
- Supporting Daffodil Day (\$1,154)
- Supporting secondary school sport by having all rugby finals here
- Supporting community and school music by having Wellington Band and Orchestra Festival (from around New Zealand)
- We were nice to our friends today
- Asking the Home of Compassion to come to Mass and help them to get here
- Being nice to our mums
- Opening doors for others
- Helping others
- Prayers for others
- Being kind to other people
- When I lost my bank card and someone handed it into the office

- Welcome all the new Year 9's on their first day with a handshake
- Collecting on our day off for Challenge 2000
- Smile, show appreciation to others
- Strike up a conversation - don't be afraid to talk to people
- Be courteous - even to those you may not like
- Be fun to talk to
- Talk to random students
- Respecting staff
- Being happy even when we don't feel like it
- Always be kind you never know what is going on in a person's life - they could be really unhappy or sad about something we will never know about, i.e. family illness, death, problems in their household.
- Respecting the rules and other students
- Laugh with, not at
- Throwing rubbish in the bin rather than on the ground so that it is a nice place for everyone to enjoy
- Letting public first onto buses - helping elderly off the bus
- Shake hands and say "hello"

After a rather slow start, you can see that the ideas have flooded in. Many of them are very simple ways that on a daily basis we can help and support each other in our College community and in the wider Hutt Valley and Wellington communities.

It is heartening to see our students thinking about this important aspect of putting their faith into action.

A very busy term (aren't they all) has come to an end. I hope all the students – and staff and families – get the opportunity for a great rest in the holidays, as a way of preparing for the most important fourth term. While resting and recharging is the priority, I suggest that most senior students would benefit greatly from applying themselves to some study/academic preparation (perhaps 60/90 minutes a day in the second week of the holidays).

Sectare Fidem

Gerard Tully  
Rector

## ■ GOVERNANCE

### Board of Proprietors



Clare Couch, Brendan Boyle, Fiona Rammell, Dawn Clark - Secretary, Mark Ligtenberg - Board Chair, Mark Roberts, Francis O'Riley. Absent: Tom Roseingrave

At St Patrick's Silverstream we have two Boards for governance – the **Board of Proprietors** and the **Board of Trustees**. These two boards work together closely to govern the school.

St Patrick's College, Silverstream is a Marist school and is owned by the Society of Mary who has established a Board of Proprietors. Members of this Board are chosen from the local community and are invited by the Provincial of the Society of Mary to govern the school in a collective wisdom. As an Integrated School, the College is governed and managed under the dictates and regulations of the PSCI Act 1975. In brief, the Act requires the Proprietor (in this case, the Board of Proprietors) to take responsibility for:

- a) the Special Character of the College (i.e., thoroughly Marist and Catholic)
- b) the land and buildings necessary to enable the functioning of the school, in accord with Ministry of Education requirements.

The Board of Proprietors appoints up to four Appointees to the Board of Trustees who act as full Trustees with the responsibility of monitoring maintenance of Special Character in the College.

Members of the Board of Proprietors are: Mark Ligtenberg (Chairperson), Brendan Boyle, Tom Rosengrave, Clare Couch, Katrina Mannix, Francis O'Riley, Mark Roberts, Fiona Rammell.

### Board of Trustees



Gerard Tully - Rector, Stephen Wilson, Clare Couch, front row: Josiah Bautista, Katrina Mannix - Board Chair, Heather Clegg. Absent: Guy Smith, Patrick Thomas, Andrew Stopps and Dawn Clark - Secretary

Kia ora koutou

Almost another year completed at St Patricks, Silverstream and perhaps a time to reflect on the year's progress. The face of the Board of Trustees changed in 2016, with the election of four new trustees – Stephen Wilson, Guy Smith, Patrick Thomas and staff representative, Andrew Stopps.

The custodianship for the operational governance of our College has exchanged hands seamlessly from outgoing members Andrew Fox (past Chair), Matt Fage, Nicolas Williams, George Fa'alogo and our staff representative, Nicola Potts. Thank you to past and present Board members for your unwavering support of our young men at Stream.

The introduction of 90 minute learning was a significant change to our College this year, which has proven to be a successful move to achieve deeper learning of topics. Taking the decision to change historic practise has taken a great deal of commitment from staff and students – and we believe that confident learning will follow with continued commitment from all involved. I'd like to acknowledge the amazing resilience of our College community this year – through tragedies, loss, change and disappointment we have seen no individuals – but joint, group support of care and love.

In this year of Mercy – it is heartening to see Jesus' love in action here at St Patrick's College, Silverstream.

*Katrina Mannix, Board Chairperson*



## ■ CONGRATULATIONS

To these teams who have won their grades this winter:

Rugby 2<sup>nd</sup> XV – Premier 2  
Under 80's A

Under 65's A

Football 2<sup>nd</sup> XI



2<sup>nd</sup> XV captain Te Tahinga Whaanga-Davies makes a speech after the 2<sup>nd</sup> XV's victory over Tawa College 1<sup>st</sup> XV in the Premier 2 Final



Above, the Under 15A team, and their St Patrick's College Town counterparts, pray together at the end of a tremendous final, won 26-24 by Town. What a wonderful demonstration of their shared faith, and their sportsmanship – humble in victory, gracious in defeat. New Zealand sport would be in a great place if we could see more of this!

## ■ DRAMA

During a Term 1 devising unit Manase Taulanga, in Year 1 found himself without a reliable group to work with. I asked Albert Latailakepa, if he would step in and help Manase out. The resulting devised piece was remarkable. When I began rehearsals with three other groups (including girls from St Oran's) for the One Act Play festival I asked the boys if they could possibly fine-tune and script their piece. They did this and in the programme they were described like this:

### THE DRAMASTREAM BROTHERS

#### ***Brown All Round***

By Albert Latailakepa & Manase Taulanga

Directed by Albert Latailakepa & Manase Taulanga

Two boys look at the preconceptions the world has about Pasifika people and compare stereotypes with aspirations

They were immensely successful in the local competition and were awarded joint **Best Actor Awards** and **Best Production** which meant they got to compete in the **Regional Finals** in Hastings.

I organised a trip for our two remaining teams to go through to the Hawkes Bay and at that competition Albert and Manase gained the award for **Best Production of a Youth Play** and entry to the finals in Invercargill.

Thanks to staff donations, and with the help of our Marist colleagues in Invercargill who paid it forward by hosting the boys down there, we managed to get them to the finals. Around \$400 was raised by the staff and we have also had a wonderful and significant donation given anonymously to Albert.

*Susan Hayworth, TIC Drama*

The boys exceeded all expectations and returned home with:

- **The Jannet Aitchison Award for Distinctive Emerging Players**
- **The Bryan Aitken Award for Best Youth Production**
- **TNZ Book of Honour for Overall Best Production**





## ■ CHALLENGE 2000 STREET COLLECTION

Friday 2 September was a day off for most of our students. But 17 Year 12 and 13 students gave up their sleep in/day off to train into Wellington City and collect for youth and social justice agency Challenge 2000.



This was a very generous effort from each of these students, and they contributed, despite the poor weather, to a successful collection day for Challenge.

Challenge 2000 commented in a letter to us: "The students looked impressive in their school uniforms and attracted a lot of attention. They handled themselves very professionally and were able to answer questions posed by the public about Challenge 2000. Their commitment was above and beyond the call of duty so please convey our utmost thanks for their time and effort"

Thanks to each of these young men, and also to Mr Greaney and Miss Bryan for enlisting the volunteers and joining the boys for four hours on Lambton Quay too!



*Three of the students didn't quite make the "team" photo.*

## ■ HOOPS FOR HOPE

Hoops for Hope was held in the school Gym last Saturday 17 September. We had over 40 teams register and play back to back games of basketball over 12 hours. The money we raised is being donated to the Young Neighbours Trust which supports the Next Door community.



We had over 40 teams with players from 12 different schools registered on the day. There was an awesome atmosphere among the teams and the supporters who came to enjoy the event. It was great to see so many of our young men not only getting behind a great cause, but helping out on the day whether it be refereeing a game, doing the scoreboard, selling food or just being welcoming to our visitors.

The Young Neighbours Trust & Next Door partners with local school communities to help support the education and development of young people in isolated rural parts of Aotearoa. Through developing authentic relationships with community leaders and young people, they aim to be responsive to the needs that exist in these communities and to address the barriers to education in the most locally appropriate and sustainable way.



If you would like to know more about this initiative or to donate, visit the following website: <https://givealittle.co.nz/org/youngneighbours>

Thanks to all of the young men who have been planning this event for some time now. We are still counting how much was raised on the day and look forward to reporting this number to you in the near future.





## ■ HOOPS FOR HOPE cont.

Thanks to all the staff who played and for those who came to support the game. We had an awesome turnout from the boys - The gym was full with plenty of money being raised for a good cause. It was a close score, but Staff pulled through with a win in the end.

Photo below of the teams after the staff v students match.





## ■ “FIRST IMPRESSIONS CONCERT LEAVES AN IMPRESSION



On September 7, 60 musicians took to the stage at Expressions Arts and Entertainment Centre for the first of our Annual concert series. This one was called “First Impressions”. It was an opportunity for all of the new ensembles at the College to showcase what they have been working on and give everyone a “first impression” of things to come”.

There were 20 performances and 2 hours of music ranging from our beginners Concert Band, the member of which have only been playing their instruments for 6 weeks when they took to the stage for their first ever public performance. The audience was amazed how well they played for such a short time. Every item was a highlight but the Barbershop was excellent as always and our “Descant Housewives” from our evening music class made up of adults was also a hit.

Other performers included the Drum Squad, Silver Strings, Intermediate Concert Band, Senior Jazz Band, All Comers Choir, various small ensembles and soloists. All in all our first impression was a good one. We are looking forward to next year’s concert already, “A Night at the Proms”.

## ■ JOSHUA NEWTH IN TOP NATIONAL BARBERSHOP

Year 11 student Joshua Newth, who is a member of the Blue Tones, our Barbershop Chorus, successfully auditioned for Vocal FX two weeks ago and was accepted into that choir. Vocal FX is a young men's a cappella chorus based in Wellington. They are ranked 7th in the world as a barbershop chorus and first in New Zealand. This is quite an achievement for Joshua and we are very proud of his success in the Music Department.



## ■ STUDENT STATEMENTS AND PAYMENTS

The latest student account statements have been sent out this week. Please check your statements carefully to ensure all charges and payments have been recorded correctly. If you have any concerns please contact either Mrs Rebecca Wagstaff (527-1357, [wagstaffr@stream.school.nz](mailto:wagstaffr@stream.school.nz)) or Mrs Leigh Cooke (527-1353, [cookel@stream.school.nz](mailto:cookel@stream.school.nz)). Payments may be made by automatic payment, internet banking, eftpos, credit card or cash. The school bank account for payments is 12-3142-0173808-00. If paying by cash please take note of our new process and place the money in an envelope with the student's name, reason for payment and amount enclosed and place in the secure drop box at reception. Receipts will be issued by Finance staff on request, otherwise you will be able to confirm your payment has been received through the parent portal.

## ■ SCHOOL DONATIONS

Over the last few years the College has been working hard to provide a first class learning environment for its students. This has included the construction of the Fr Peter Blake (SM) Centre for Physical Education and Sport, ongoing upgrading of our classrooms, introducing greater information technology into the school, employment and professional development of specialist teachers focussed on promoting our special character, re-invigorating our music programme, plus continued delivery of a first class sports programme. There is no doubt that both students and staff are embracing and benefiting from all these things and the College is in good heart.

However, major expenditure associated with earthquake strengthening (including over \$1m for the Chapel), unexpected replacement of critical AV & IT equipment and an unexpected reduction this year in our regular grant from the Ministry of Education have meant that we now have very limited funds available to complete our programme of work for this year which includes our classroom upgrades and enhancements to our special character and music programmes.

This means that we are relying more than ever on the goodwill of our community in paying the voluntary donations requested by the school in order to assist us in completing our programme of work in 2016. Any donation you are able to make will assist us greatly in continuing to provide the variety of activities and facilities that are currently offered to students.

## ■ BLUE AND WHITE MAGAZINE

Orders for the 2016 Blue & White Magazine close on Friday 2 December. The cost of the magazine this year is \$20 and payment must be received by 2 December to secure a copy. Copies will continue to be held in the library and on-line on our website [http://www.stream.school.nz/index/home/Blue\\_and\\_White\\_Archive](http://www.stream.school.nz/index/home/Blue_and_White_Archive)

## ■ UNIFORM

Following consultation with our staff & students last year we have introduced a new design of trouser this year, to be worn with the winter uniform. The style is more modern and narrower through the leg. We are mindful of the cost involved in having to purchase new uniform items and so a staggered approach will be used before this style of trouser becomes compulsory for senior students. The new style trousers will be compulsory for all students entering Year 11 from 2017 onwards. Students currently in Years 11 or 12 this year may continue to wear either the old or new trousers for their remaining time at the College. This will mean all senior students will be expected to be wearing the new trousers by 2019.



## IMPORTANT DATES TERM FOUR

### Monday 10 October

Term 4 Starts – Summer Uniform

### Tuesday 18 October

Parents and Friends – all welcome

### Monday 24 October

Labour Day – College Closed

### Thursday 27 October

Sports Prizegiving at 1.00pm

### Friday 28 October

Year 13 Graduation: Mass at 5.30pm

### Saturday 29 October

Year 8 Scholarship

### Friday 4 November

Years 11 – 12 Prizegiving at 1.30pm

### Tuesday 8 November

Pasifika Prizegiving at 6.00pm

### Tuesday 15 November

Parents and Friends - all welcome

### Friday 2 December

Big Boys' Breakfast

### Tuesday 6 December

Parents and Friends – all welcome

### Friday 9 December

Junior Prizegiving at 10.30am

Term Ends at 12.00noon

## ■ 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>