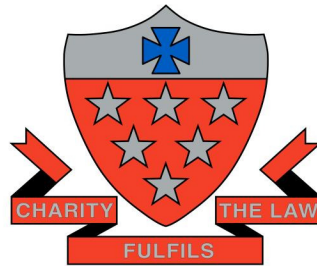
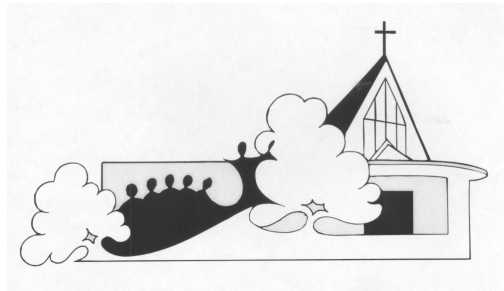


# St Peter's College Gore



## Calendar 2010



# January

St Peter's College

## Our Vision (from the Board's Strategic Plan)

*"St Peter's will be a school that achieves excellence in a wide range of areas. Academic excellence will be a priority. Our Graduates will be young Christian men and women of faith, hope and integrity - people who have a sense of right and wrong, and a sense of their responsibility to make a difference."*

## Our Motto "Charity Fulfills the Law"

This is taken from a letter where St Paul is writing to some early Christians in Rome. He told them: if you love each other person then you have carried out your obligations.  
(Romans 13:8).

And how do we show our love? By respect for each other, looking after each other and supporting each other - all because God has created each one of us and loves each one of us. And, if we can do that, then we should try to respect, support and care for some of the people in the rest of our country and our world, especially the poor, the hungry and those suffering under injustice.

## Our Mission

*Preparation for Life!*

In our environment that means a life of faith, of hope, of charity, of integrity, of commitment, of a whole person, a life with worthwhile employment, a life that will make a difference, the life of a good citizen, a life of teamwork, a life of continuing learning, a life of positive relationships, and a life committed to quality.

## Our History

In 1951 a group of Gore Catholic people with a vision began collecting money for a new school. The school was finally opened in 1969, and was originally staffed by the Mercy sisters and the Rosminian priests and brothers - orders represented by the cross and stars on our crest. We have published a brief history of the college on our website [www.stpetersgore.school.nz](http://www.stpetersgore.school.nz)

## Who to talk to:

At the school: Office Manager, Julie Henry 208 9060  
The Board of Trustees Chairperson, Andy Hunter 208 6184  
Board Deputy Chairperson, Mike Millard 208 4239  
The PTFA Chairperson, Janet Gregory 208 7883  
Hostel Committee Chairperson, Kathryn Impelmans 03 236 8355  
Hostel Manager, Jon McDowall 208 6948

## In a civil emergency we hope it doesn't happen, but...

Until the emergency is over, students will be released to parents and caregivers only (even students with their own transport will be kept at school until we are told it is safe - and then they will only be able to transport their own family members). Emergency services are in charge, and could decide to evacuate students - most likely to the Calvin Church on Robertson Street.

*Hokonui Gold 94.8FM* is the station we use to inform parents. And remember that emergency services will have control of our phones so you are not likely to get through.

## Got a Problem?

St Peter's is a school that solves problems. So, if you have a problem let us know. You can talk to the teacher most closely involved, or the Principal.

If you have a complaint, the best person to tell is the Principal, but you could also contact the Deputy Principal, Lindy Cavanagh-Monaghan, or Learning Tutors: Kate Leebody (Y12 & 13), Ruth Low (Y9-11), Jenny Cleland (Y7 & 8). If you have concerns about decisions of the Principal, please contact the Board Chair Andy Hunter. If the complaint is serious you should put it in writing. The Board has policies on handling complaints to ensure everyone is treated fairly.

## Where to find information

January:	About St Peter's College
February:	Our routines
March:	Partnership with Parents
April:	Our Special Character
May:	Preparation for the world of work
June:	Enrolling at the College
July:	Preparation for life: the whole person
August:	Our discipline system
September:	Choosing the Right Course
October:	Student Leadership & Our Hostel

# January

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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Senior Leadership Training top up	29 Teacher only day – Staff curriculum support day	30
31	Office staff available to confirm appointment times, please phone in to change your time if unsuitable.		First Aid course @ SIT			
	Interviews held for course confirmation with Learning Tutors and Careers Staff Tuesday/Wednesday					

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# February

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## Newsletter

Please ask your youngest child at school for the newsletter. It is also on <http://www.stpetersgore.school.nz>

## Phoning the school

If you call 208 9060 you will get Mrs Henry – but we also have a voice mail system on 208 9061 for you to leave messages about absences etc.

Some common calls:

- ī The Principal – please call the secretary, Mrs Julie Henry on 208 9060
- ī The Deputy Principal – 208 9061 ext 703
- ī Learning Tutors: Kate Leebody (Y12 & 13) 208 9061 ext 714, Ruth Low (Y9-11) ext 704, Jenny Cleland (Y7&8) ext 733
- ī For Guidance Counsellor – Katie O'Connor 208 9061 ext 705
- ī For financial information – Robyn Pullar 208 9061 ext 702
- ī For careers information – Kate Leebody 208 9061 ext 714
- ī Absences – leave a message on 208 9061, Ext 1 – or fill in the slips at the back of the logbook (please date them)

## Leave Passes

Students need a pass from the Deputy Principal whenever they need to leave school during the day, or need to wear non-uniform shoes or clothing – and the Office staff can give you a pass for appointments if you have an appointment card. Please refer to the permission slip in your Christmas mail-out.

## Whole year passes

Students need permission from the Deputy Principal if they wish to go home for lunch, go to someone else's place for lunch regularly, or wish to bring cars to school.

## Uniform reminder

St Peter's expects high standards of dress and behaviour. We need parents' help – please ensure that students keep to the school uniform:

- ī Year 11 to 13 students must have blazers for formal events and terms 2-3, and the tie must be worn when the blazer is worn.
- ī All students wear black shoes in winter and black or brown sandals with an ankle strap in summer.
- ī Uniform jackets are plain red or plain black.
- ī Girls can wear one simple earring in each ear.
- ī Boys must be clean shaven.
- ī There is a College tracksuit for sporting events. It is not to be worn as part of the normal school uniform.

## Bell Times

Students are to be at school by 8:50am each day prepared for lessons.

### Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

Period One	8:55-9:45	Form Time	12:35-12:45
Period Two	9:45-10:35	Lunch	12:45-1:35
Break	10:35-10:55	Period Five	1:35-2:25
Period Three	10:55-11:45	Period Six	2:25-3:15
Period Four	11:45-12:35		

### Wednesday

Period One	8:55-9:40	Assembly	12:15-12:45
Period Two	9:40-10:25	Lunch	12:45-1:35
Break	10:25-10:45	Period Five	1:35-2:25
Period Three	10:45-11:30	Period Six	2:25-3:15
Period Four	11:30-12:15		

## Board of Trustees contact details

*Parent Representatives:*

Andy Hunter (Chairperson)	208 6184
Alastair Gibson	202 7779
Helen Wright	208 7816
Nigel Moore	208 0056
Michael Millard (Deputy Chairperson)	208 4239

*Proprietor's Representatives:*

Andrea Garrity	208 7950
Fr Brian O'Neill	208 9601
Veronica Dawson	208 6733

*Bishop's Representative:*

Tony Millan	208 4512
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# February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Week 1</b> 1/40 Hostel Opens at 5pm	1 Induction of new Year 7-9 students	<b>2 Term 1 Begins</b> Assembly 8:45am Stationery issue Classes start Hostel Retreat leaves at 4pm	<b>3 Hostel Retreat</b> Yrs 7-13	<b>4 Y13 Retreat</b>	<b>5 Y13 Retreat</b>	<b>6 Waitangi Day</b>
<b>7 Week 2</b> 2/40	<b>8</b> House meetings to vote for school captains Rugby Committee meeting 7:30pm	<b>9</b> Ranfurly Shield viewing 1:45pm  PTFA Meeting 7:30pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Year 7 Science Day	<b>12 Opening Mass –</b> Year 13 Parent/Staff potluck lunch	<b>13</b>
<b>14 Week 3</b> 3/40 Hostel Board meeting 6:30pm	<b>15</b> Year 13 Reconciliation pm Teachers/Staff Commissioning Mass 4:30pm	<b>16 Y11 Kiwisport</b> Training	<b>17 Ash Wednesday</b>  BOT Meeting 7:30pm	<b>18</b> Southland Tennis Champs prelims	<b>19 St Peter's Athletics</b> Day	<b>20</b>
<b>21 Week 4</b> 4/40	<b>22 Southland Tennis</b> Champs	<b>23 Southland Tennis</b> Champs – cancellation day  Site Safe course	<b>24 Country Schools</b> Athletics - Menzies	<b>25</b> Hostel Welcoming Mass and House Dinner	<b>26 Year 7 Retreat</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 5/40 Coaching Development Programme 2009 group 4 workshop Southland Bowls pairs and singles	<p><b><u>Log Books:</u></b> All students in Years 7 to 13 have log books. They are an important tool of communication between the school and home. All students are expected to have them open at their desks while they are working. If a student misbehaves then this will be noted in his/her log book. This note must be signed at home. Teachers also write positive comments in the log books and parents are encouraged to write messages to teachers. Log books need to be signed <u>weekly</u> by parents or by a hostel supervisor. Students who lose their log books will be expected to replace them immediately. Because the log book is an essential tool in our communication with parents it is the responsibility of each student to look after his or her log book properly.</p>					
		<p><b><u>Reminder:</u></b> All students who had car and/or lunch passes last year will need to apply for a new one this year. The form for this was in your end of year mail-out or is available from the school office.</p>				

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# March

## PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

*One of our strengths is that all of us are on the same side and we all want the same things for our children. So teamwork is important to us – and not just on the sports field.*

### Partnership

We solve problems. Some people you can call for help are:  
A student's form teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Guidance Counsellor, Mrs Katie O'Connor (Monday, Wednesday & Friday) on 208 9061 ext 705 or text Mrs O'Connor for an appointment on 027 655 7522.

A student's Learning Tutor (listed on February page)

The big fund-raiser of the year is the school Fair, and we aim to raise at least \$25,000.00. This requires hard work, imagination and planning in the months leading up to that day. If you can help, you'll find meeting dates in our newsletters and this calendar.

### Reporting to parents

You will see the organised times below, but if you have a major concern about your child's academic or behavioural development at any time, please call the appropriate Learning Tutor.

### Other Support

Parents also help enormously with sports coaching, driving and management – supporting camps – acting as readers or writers for exams – You can also take your turn on the PTFA committee or Board.

St Peter's encourages partnership – and we rely on teamwork with parents. The continued success of our school depends on your continuing that tradition, so please help where you can.

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
<b>February</b>	Phone Interviews						
<b>March</b>	Attitude Reports Parent Meeting	Attitude Reports Parent Meeting	Attitude Reports Parent Meeting	Attitude Reports Parent Meeting	Attitude Reports Parent Meeting	Attitude Reports Parent Meeting	Attitude Reports Parent Meeting
<b>May</b>	Interviews	Interviews	Interviews	Interviews	Interviews by request	Interviews by request	Interviews by request
<b>June</b>					Curriculum Reports	Curriculum Reports	Curriculum Reports
<b>July</b>					Interviews	Interviews	Interviews
<b>August</b>	Curriculum Reports	Curriculum Reports	Curriculum Reports	Curriculum Reports			
<b>September</b>							
<b>October</b>					Final Reports NCEA Exams	Final Reports NCEA Exams	Final Reports NCEA Exams
<b>November</b>							
<b>December</b>	Final Reports	Final Reports	Final Reports	Final Reports			Testimonial

# March

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<b>Week 5</b> 5/40	<b>1</b> Y12 Geography field trip	<b>2</b> Years 7&8 parent meeting and new parents BBQ	<b>3</b> Y11 Agriculture Field Day	<b>4</b> Eastern Primary Athletics  Hostel closes 5pm	<b>5</b> Work Day Staff Special Character Day Caritas Leadership Day Southland Athletics Champs	<b>6</b> Southland Senior Volleyball Champs
<b>7 Week 6</b> 6/40  Hostel opens 5pm	<b>8</b> Eastern Primary Athletics – cancellation day	<b>9</b> Senior Fabrics fieldtrip pm 5:30pm Hostel information evening Yrs 9-11 Parents meeting 7:30-9pm	<b>10</b> Academic Blues Assembly	<b>11</b> University of Otago liaison visit Year 13 9:45am	<b>12</b> Year 9 Retreat  South Island Tennis till 14 <sup>th</sup> in Timaru	<b>13</b> Otago/Southland Athletics Champs – Invercargill  Paddles Up till 14th
<b>14 Week 7</b> 7/40	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Geography Field Trip Year 11 – ½ day  Yrs 12-13 Parents meeting 7:30-9pm	<b>17</b> Y12 History Research fieldtrip pm	<b>18</b> Y12 History Research fieldtrip pm	<b>19</b> Final day for return of Work Day forms and/or money Southland Equestrian & Show Jumping Champs Primary Schools Athletics South Island Athletics Champs – Dunedin at 5pm	<b>20</b>
<b>21 Week 8</b> 8/40	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Healthy Attitudes Day Southland Golf Champs  PTFA Meeting 7:30pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation South Island Softball Div 2 – Dunedin St Peter’s School Cross Country	<b>26</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation Southland Squash Champs	<b>27</b>
<b>28 Week 9</b> 9/40	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Country School’s Swimming	<b>31</b> BOT Meeting 7:30pm Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival	<b>Cell Phones – School Policy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Cell phones are permitted at school.</li> <li>➤ The school will not be responsible for cell phone theft but may become involved because of malicious use.</li> <li>➤ Cell phones observed in classrooms will be confiscated and placed in our school safe. <b>Parents can collect confiscated cell phones personally from the school office.</b></li> </ul>		

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# April

## OUR SPECIAL CHARACTER

### A Catholic School

First – we are a Catholic school.

The main thing that makes us different is our determination to prepare young Christian men and women for the world of tomorrow.

We do this to help them confidently take their places and live their lives with integrity, respect and love – the values Jesus left us, and values so often lacking in today's society. We use different forms of prayer, and liturgy and retreat experiences to come closer to God in our lives.

And we worship together. We have school Masses and other liturgies throughout the year. We have class Masses. We help with parish Masses, and prayer is a part of every school day.

### Educating the Whole Person

God created each one of us with many different skills and talents and gifts. It is up to us to discover them and develop them.

St Peter's helps students do that through:

- our academic emphasis
- participation in team sports
- cultural activities
- our liturgical life
- leadership opportunities

### Community

Part of the distinctiveness of St Peter's is the closeness of our community. Teachers and parents talk easily on the phone to work on problems. We have newsletters, generous parent coaches/managers/drivers, logbooks, shared responsibility for teaching children about relationships and their own sexuality, the PTFA's projects and the impressive turn-out of parents helping at the Fair.

### Religious Education

On average our students study Religious Education for more than two and a half hours a week. Our programme is approved by the Bishops of New Zealand and taught in all Catholic secondary schools – as well as in a few other schools.

As well as the RE classes, the Special Character of the school is brought into the daily lessons, assemblies, leadership – just about everything we do.

### Our relationships programmes

Living Christian lives with Christian values in a Christian community is really important to us.

We work hard on our relationships in all aspects of our programmes – but we concentrate on them in our Health programmes.

Every year we consult with parents on the content of our Health and Relationships courses – and each year we hold a parent meeting to talk to parents and show them the resources we use.

#### **Winter Uniform:**

**Girls:** Kilt, winter blouse that has a collar band to enable the tie to be worn, plain white ankle socks or black tights.

**Boys:** *Junior* – grey school shirt with buttons at the collar to allow tie to be worn.

*Senior* – white shirt with collar to allow the tie to be worn, school socks – grey with red trim.

*All Seniors:* Blazer and tie.

*All students:* Tie, plain black shoes cleaned and in good repair.

**Jewellery:** Other than a wristwatch, jewellery is not permitted. Earrings for girls if worn must be a simple earring, one per ear.

**Boys: Should be clean-shaven.**

Jackets and coats: **A plain red or plain black jacket may be worn outside.**

# April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Week 9 9/40				<b>1 Term 1 Ends</b> Holy Thursday Easter liturgy  Hostel closes 5pm	<b>2 Good Friday</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4 Easter Sunday</b>	<b>5 Easter Monday</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18 Week 1</b> 10/40  Hostel opens 5pm	<b>19 Term 2 Begins</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Year 12 PE Camp
<b>25 Week 2</b> 11/40 Year 12 PE Camp <b>Anzac Day</b>	<b>26</b> Y13 Geography Field Trip – 2 days  Year 12 PE Camp	<b>27</b>  Year 12 PE Camp  PTFA Meeting 7:30pm	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Y11 Agriculture Assessment Field Day	<b>30</b> Sports Co-ordinators meeting Sports Council 1 <sup>st</sup> meeting	

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# May

## PREPARING FOR THE WORLD OF WORK

### Public Exams Information

Some dates to watch out for in newsletters:

- ï March – Financial Assistance Application forms available from Mrs Bridgman – this helps with the fees for L1-3 NCEA
- ï April – deadline for requests for reader/writer assistance for exams
- ï 1 May – deadline for Financial Assistance applications
- ï August – deadline for all NZQA fees to be paid at Mrs Pullar’s office
- ï 1 September – Final date for withdrawals from subjects

Fees: - 2008 (2009 fees will be published by NZQA early in the year.)

Entry	Fee
Entry for all NQF standards and up to 3 Scholarship subjects	\$75 per candidate
Additional Scholarship entries	\$75 per subject
International Fee Paying Candidates	
Entry for all NQF standards	\$375

### Careers Advice

Young people today are spoiled for choice when it comes to thinking about career paths. Whatever they love, whatever they are interested in, there is every chance that with careful career planning, they will have fulfilling and ever-changing working lives.

At St Peter’s we concentrate on discovering the range of skills, abilities, aptitudes and preferences of each student – and helping them map out the areas of work where they are most likely to be able to find satisfying employment in the future.

We acknowledge that most of our students will have to change careers and retrain a number of times during their lives, and so we help them develop the skills to deal with that – and the attitude that education must continue for the rest of their lives. We also work hard to help students develop the skills and attitudes and values that will make them sought after by employers. It is a measure of our success that most years we have NO students leave who do not go on to work or further training. We have a very experienced careers team headed by Ms Kate Leebody, excellent careers programmes throughout the school, a number of computer-based self-help programmes, and a purpose built careers resource room in our library. Year 11, 12 & 13 students will have access to these and assistance with planning during study periods.

Careers are important to us – without satisfying work people will not be happy; we will have failed in our mission of preparing young people for life!

### Vocational Courses

Some students prepare themselves for University, and others take a shorter route to employment and study a vocational course rather than a more academic one.

St Peter’s offers courses designed for individual needs – and can include such courses as:

- ï National Certificate in Hospitality and Catering
- ï National Certificate in Auto Mechanics
- ï National Certificate in Computing
- ï National Certificate in Business Administration and Computing
- ï National Certificate in Agriculture
- ï National Certificate in Tourism
- ï National Certificate in Travel
- ï National Certificate in Electrical Trades
- ï Introduction to Teaching or Child Care
- ï National Certificate in Retail

These Certificate courses can be available to students in years 12-13 who have an interest in developing a career in one of these fields. The courses can take two years and are assessed internally. As well, students could gain other qualifications such as Young Enterprise certificates, First Aid certification, KiwiSport Leadership, or a Day Skipper’s Certificate. All students will cover things like career planning, communication skills, numeracy skills, legal studies, problem solving, customer service skills, employment contracts, and computing skills.

#### **STAR**

This is a resource that can be used to provide learning opportunities in non-conventional subjects and has links with tertiary providers.

#### **GATEWAY**

Opens new pathways from school to the world of work. It’s a great opportunity to blend school study with workplace learning.

Learning is assessed in the work place, counting towards national qualifications.

# May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2 Week 3</b> 12/40  Hostel Board Annual meeting 6:30pm	<b>3</b> Y13 Tertiary Open Day	<b>4</b> St Peter's School Swimming Sports	<b>5</b> Coaching Development Programme workshop 5  BOT Meeting 7:30pm	<b>6</b> Years 7-10 interviews 3:45-5:45pm and 6:30 - 7:30pm Senior students interviews by appointment	<b>7</b> Year 10 Retreat part 1 (pm) Years 7-10 interviews 3:45-6pm Senior students interviews by appointment	8
<b>9 Week 4</b> 13/40	<b>10</b> Y12 Borland ABL Day	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Southland Cross Country Champs  Borland Lodge Camp Year 10	<b>13</b> Year 10 Retreat part 2 (in camp)	<b>14</b>	15
<b>16 Week 5</b> 14/40	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Winter 7-a-side tournament  Workchoice Day	<b>19</b> Catholic Schools Day	<b>20</b> Y12 Biology Field Trip to Grants Bush	<b>21</b> Bishop's Shield Competition – St Peter's Hosting	22 Bishop's Shield
<b>23 Week 6</b> 15/40 Bishop's Shield Southland Junior Netball Champs	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Eastern Primary Cross Country	<b>26</b> Eastern Primary Cross Country – cancellation day	<b>27</b> Y12/13 Accounting/Economics fieldtrip pm	<b>28</b>	29
<b>30 Week 7</b> 16/40	<b>31</b> National Young Leaders Day					

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# June

## ENROLLING AT THE COLLEGE

*June is the time of year that things start happening in our enrolment process. If people have questions about how we do this please ring the Office Administrator, Mrs Julie Henry – or talk to The Principal.*

### Preference Students

“Preference” is a legal term for families who have the right to enrol children at an Integrated school.

The person who makes the decision on whether a family has that right is normally the local parish priest who is able to take many other considerations into account.

### “Non-preference” students

Every Integrated school has a set number of students they can enrol who do not have “preference” of enrolment. For St Peter’s that number is 26. So each year we have a place for about five non-preference students.

#### The Enrolment Process

If a family wishes to enrol their children in this way there are some steps to follow:

- İ Fill in a registration card (available at our Office). This registers your interest and gets you into the process
- İ In June each year we send out a letter to all of the families who have registered
- İ On the basis of their replies a short list of families are invited to meet our Principal who has the unenviable task of deciding which families will be offered one of the limited number of non-preference places

### Getting to know us

Once students – both preference and non-preference – have enrolled (normally by mid-August) we start preparing the young people for their new school by sending them information about the school by mail and meeting the students and parents for an interview with The Principal. The Hostel Manager, a Learning Tutor and the Principal will come to the homes of hostel students. In early December we have an afternoon when the new students come into the school meet teachers and find out about us (and hostel students have the chance to sleep over in the hostel and meet their new friends).

### Starting the new year

At the start of the new year, new students need to be at school by 8.50am. You will be met and shown where to sit in the hall. Some things to remember:

- İ wear your uniform
- İ bring your lunch
- İ bring your stationery list and your cheque if you haven’t already paid by direct credit the week before school commences
- İ bring your PE uniform (you might have PE later in the day)

After assembly in the hall, you will be taken to a classroom with your year group and put into classes. Class groups stay together for the whole day so you won’t get lost.

We work hard to make sure new students settle in happily. If they do not, we like parents to call us to discuss their concerns. The person responsible for the care of Year 7 and 8 students is Learning Tutor, Jenny Cleland and Y9-11 students is Learning Tutor, Ruth Low.

# June

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<b>Week 7</b> 16/40		<b>1</b> Rockquest rehearsal	<b>2</b> Year 11 Retreat	<b>3</b> Y12/13 Biology Trip to Portobello	<b>4</b> Curriculum reports issued Yrs 11-13  Hostel closes 5pm	<b>5</b>
<b>6 Week 8</b> 17/40	<b>7 Queen's Birthday</b>  Hostel opens 5pm	<b>8</b>  PTFA Meeting 7:30pm	<b>9</b> ICAS Science Exam  Chamber Music Contest	<b>10</b> Judy Bellingham Choral Workshop	<b>11 Y13 Chemistry Day</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13 Week 9</b> 18/40 Y12 2 day Geography Field Trip	<b>14</b>  → Roncalli Exchange, SPC hosting	<b>15</b> Choir Practice	<b>16</b> Southland Badminton Champs  BOT Meeting 7:30pm	<b>17</b> Kia Kaha Reward Day	<b>18</b> Coaching Development Programme workshop 1	<b>19</b>
<b>20 Week 10</b> 19/40	<b>21</b> Sports Ambassadors workshops till 23rd	<b>22</b> ICAS Spelling and Writing Exams	<b>23</b>	<b>24 Eisteddfod</b> Eliminations	<b>25 Eisteddfod</b> Eliminations	<b>26</b>
<b>27 Week 11</b> 20/40	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Raffle books issued	<b>30</b> Verdon Cultural Exchange – SPC hosting			

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# July

## PREPARATION FOR LIFE: THE WHOLE PERSON

*As individual people created by God, we believe that each of us has been given gifts and talents in all sorts of areas. Teachers, parents and students work together to recognise the special qualities given to each person – and then develop these God-given gifts. We look for intellectual gifts in the classroom – and that is our priority – but we also encourage each student to test themselves in a lot of other areas such as leadership, sport, cultural and spiritual activities, and through other experiences like field trips, retreats and camps.*

### Sport

We encourage all students to take part in team-sport – for their own physical development and health – but also for the confidence, leadership, working towards shared goals, commitment, determination and teamwork that team sports help develop.

With so many teams there are just not enough staff to coach them all – so if parents would like to help out please contact Mrs Pauline Cormack here at the College.

### The College code of conduct for sports teams

- *Have fun and help others enjoy their sport.*
- *Notify coach/manager as soon as possible if you are unable to attend practices or games.*
- *Be on time with the correct gear required for practices and games.*
- *Show respect to your team members, coach/manager, umpires/referees and opposition. Be accepting of decisions made. Use appropriate language and behaviour at all times.*
- *Follow instructions the first time they are given.*
- *Be encouraging to other team members – not everyone has the same level of ability.*
- *Subs must be paid by the due date – if there is a problem, your parents must contact Mrs Pullar or Mrs Cormack to discuss this.*
- *When the team is playing an away game, parents will be expected to help with transport by carpooling. If your parent is not taking a vehicle you are to pay the driver of the vehicle you travel in, the amount advised by your coach/manager. This money must be paid before leaving.*
- *The coach/manager is available to hear any concerns or suggestions you have regarding your team or individuals.*
- *If the coach is a student, always work through Mrs Cormack or the Principal.*

### Culture

The cultural life of the school is dynamic with choirs, band and singing and drama groups, and a very competitive Bishop's Shield team (a public speaking competition held between the four Catholic secondary schools in the diocese.)

And there is the Eisteddfod.

This is a cultural festival that takes place near the end of term 2. All year 7-10 students have to take part – and seniors want to be part of it too. Students compete in speech, dance, singing, instrumental and entertainment categories – they can perform on their own, in duets or ensembles. Parents are welcome to the highlights evening.

### Spiritual development

We have public Masses at significant times during the year and week day Masses in the Chapel for all students and for class groups.

We also have reconciliation liturgies during Lent.

All of these liturgical events are taken seriously, with students taking major roles in the preparation and leadership of them. Bishop Colin frequently comments on the sense of reverence and the participation of the students.

Our students are also very involved in social justice programmes, doing their part to make the world a better place. They sponsor orphans, support the local food bank, raise money for Caritas, go door to door for national collections, support missions, work in our community and visit sick and elderly people in the parish. Our motto "Charity Fulfils the Law", is an important aspect of life in the College.

### Camps and retreats

Camps and retreats are an important part of the school's programme. It is important that all students have their camp fees paid beforehand – but if there is a difficulty with this please contact the Principal. The costs are approximately \$200 for Deep Cove and \$200 for Borland (provided the activity credit has been paid).

We are always interested in offers of parent assistance with camps.

# July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Week 11 20/40				1 Feast Day Mass of St Peter and Paul at Blessed Sacrament Anniversary of the death of Antonio Rosmini Eisteddfod Concert Hostel closes 5pm	2 <i>Term 2 Ends</i> Teacher Only Day	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10A Netball Tournament in Christchurch - 3 – 7 July						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Week 1 21/40	19 <i>Term 3 Begins</i> Get 2 Go Challenge – various venues	20	21	22	23	24
Hostel opens 5pm				Ballroom Dancing Yr11	Ballroom Dancing Yr11	
25 Week 2 22/40	26 Ballroom Dancing Yr s 11, 12 and 13	27 Years 11-13 interviews 3:45-5:45pm and 6:30-7:30pm Ballroom Dancing Yr s 11, 12 and 13 PTFA Meeting 7:30pm	28 Final Day for raffle book return	29 Southland Indoor Bowls Champs	30 School Ball	31
				Ballroom Dancing Yr s 11, 12 and 13	← Year 8 Deep Cove Camp →	

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# August

## OUR DISCIPLINE SYSTEM

We believe our rules are fair and reasonable. They are designed to let students get on with their learning – without distractions. As a school, St Peter's is committed to making sure each student gets the best education we can provide – and our discipline system is a cornerstone of this commitment.

### - Our Rules -

#### IN THE CLASSROOM

- ï Follow directions the first time they are given
- ï Be prepared with equipment to begin class at the start of the period
- ï Let others learn
- ï Respect the rights and property of others
- ï Speak and act respectfully to other students and teachers

#### OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

- ï Follow directions the first time they are given
- ï Respect the rights and property of others (this includes bullying and fighting, and care of playground equipment)
- ï Use language that shows respect for each person who hears it
- ï Respect the environment – be responsible for your own litter
- ï Stay in bounds unless you have permission to leave

### Positive Consequences

Students get positive rewards for good behaviour. The most common reward is a word of praise from the teacher and maybe a red sticker in the homework diary – but we also send notes home, and there are reward systems at different levels.

### When the rules are broken

When a student breaks one of the rules above, the teacher will give the student a warning and maybe a white sticker in the homework diary. If a student chooses to continue misbehaving there are other consequences.

### Stepping up

If a student keeps repeating the same negative behaviour and makes no progress in modifying his or her behaviour, the Learning Tutor could decide that the student will step up to a more extreme level.

### Truancy

Students who are absent without leave make up time by attending Thursday or Saturday detentions, making up two hours for each hour missed.

### Saturday detentions

These detentions were established to give students a final chance to sort out unacceptable behaviour. At that stage there is very little more the school can do – we are at the stage of considering serious action for continual disobedience. We know these detentions are inconvenient for parents, but they are the last steps before the Principal is asked to consider serious disciplinary action.

### Severe discipline problems

If violent, verbal or physical bullying, defiant or dangerous behaviour were to occur a student would be sent directly to the Deputy Principal.

### Keeping parents informed

Sometimes when a student gets a punishment for misbehaviour it will be noted in the log-book. We ask parents to sign the log-book to show that you have seen it and acknowledge that the catch up work has been done. It's good if you can check the log-book for homework etc – each weekend. Kia Kaha points are awarded to Year 9 and 10 students each week a parent signature is recorded.

### Uniform & appearance

New students know all about our uniform, but here is a reminder for older students:

- ï Broad-brimmed hats without advertising are allowed for outdoor use in the summer
- ï The plain red or black jacket can be worn outside
- ï The sports tracksuit may be worn only when the student is representing the school in sport
- ï A cross or taonga is allowed around the neck, worn out of sight  
Girls may wear a simple earring in each ear. Other jewellery is not allowed
- ï Hair must be tidy and students must not wear extreme hairstyles or colours, which might be a distraction to other students or have negative overtones
- ï Boys must be clean shaven
- ï The tie must be worn when the blazer is worn
- ï The blazer must be worn in terms 2 and 3 by seniors
- ï The tights girls wear in the winter are black
- ï All shoes are black and sandals with back strap can be black or brown

# August

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1 Week 3 23/40	2	3 ICAS English Exam	4	5 Australian Maths Competition	6	7
Year 8 Deep Cove Camp continued						
←			→			
8 Week 4 24/40	9 Maths Week	10	11 BOT Meeting 7:30pm	12	13 School Mass	14
					→	
15 Week 5 25/40 Feast of the Assumption  Southland Senior Netball Champs	16	17 ICAS Maths Exam	18 Coaching Development Programme workshop 2	19	20 Year 8 Retreat	21 South Island Motocross Championships Tapanui
22 Week 6 26/40	23 Sports and Cultural Blues nominations open	24	25	26	27	28
29 Week 7 27/40	30	31 Yrs 7&8 Life Education  NCEA/Options/Careers meeting 7:30-9pm				

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# September

## COURSE & CAREER INFORMATION

*It is important to us that we prepare our students for a life of useful and worthwhile employment.*

### Using the Careers room

We have a purpose-built careers resource room as part of our big information resource room: the library.

That's where to find the office of Ms Kate Leebody and Mr Darrell Sutton, our Careers teachers.

You will also find a huge paper data base of files and pamphlets on hundreds of careers.

Students can make an appointment for a one-to-one careers discussion with Ms Leebody.

But first: use the careers databases

- ī one that asks about all the things you like and are good at – and then gives you a range of career options that might suit you
- ī the other has thousands of pages of information about all the careers available in New Zealand now and what you have to do to train for them
- ī And – Kiwi Careers are on the internet:  
<http://www.kiwicareers.govt.nz>

### How else we help

The key question these days is not “What are you going to do when you grow up?” but “What are you good at?” or “What careers are you looking at?”

From Year 7 onwards we are asking questions that help students answer these questions. We help them to discover their aptitudes – the things they enjoy doing and the things they are good at.

We help them develop the skills that will make them successful in their careers – organisational skills, personal management skills, communication skills, analytical skills, information technology skills, thinking skills, research skills, time management skills – and all the rest.

### Careers Education in Year Levels

Students have the opportunity to look at the skills required for various occupations using a decision making model for career choice. These programmes are integrated in school programmes. Year 10 will have an opportunity to take part in The Real Game which aims to make connections between school and the work force.

### The Careers Evening

This is a big Expo where parents and students talk to people who work in career areas, and find out about the job and the qualifications required. This year it will be hosted by Gore High School on Thursday 13 August 2009.

### Course selection sheets

Near the end of the year we ask students who are returning the following year to discuss their subject choices with parents and fill in a sheet stating what subjects they want to take.

### Interviews

This is the final step in the course selection process. Students may need to change their courses (maybe because of exam results – or just some hard thinking over the holidays.) Individual students have been given appointment times. Please phone the office staff on 26 and 27 January if your appointment time is unsuitable. These interviews will take place on Wednesday 28 January and Thursday 29 January. If we think a student has chosen unwisely, we will discuss the best course for the year.

### Requirements for entry

Be sure you know what is required to get a job or entry to a tertiary course. For instance, it may be too late to pick up Physics or Calculus or Chemistry at Year 13 if you haven't studied it before. Everybody needs to keep their options open and to start thinking about career choices as early as possible.

### Transition programmes

As students get older and more involved in thinking about career choices Ms Leebody organises a series of experiences for them to develop skills and knowledge related to careers.

- ī work experience for Year 12 students
- ī Year 13 students to tertiary open days
- ī Year 10 'Real Game'
- ī development of skills to present themselves well – in things like interviews and CVs
- ī practice interviews with the employers of Gore to create opportunities for students to learn about business

# September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Week 7 27/40			1 Yrs 7&8 Life Education	2 Yrs 7&8 Life Education  Sports and Cultural Blues nominations close	3 Year 12 Retreat Yrs 7&8 Life Education  Hostel closes 5pm	4
5 Week 8 28/40	6 Teacher Only Day  Hostel opens 5pm	7 Work Experience Yr12 →	8 Y7 EOTC programme  Tournament Week U15 Rugby-Canterbury, Ice Hockey-Dunedin, Netball-Blenheim, Girls Hockey, Boys Hockey, Soccer	9 Y7 EOTC programme	10 Y7 EOTC programme	11
12 Week 9 29/40	13 Y13 History Field Trip	14  PTFA Meeting 7:30pm	15  BOT Meeting 7:30pm	16 Y13 PE Camp	17 Y13 PE Camp	18 Y13 PE Camp
19 Week 10 30/40  Y13 PE Camp	20	21	22	23	24 <b>Term 3 Ends</b> Cultural, Sport and Class photos  Hostel students to be collected by 5pm	25
26	27	28	29	30		

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# October

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP & OUR HOSTEL

*In a Catholic school our model of leadership is the one Jesus gave us when he washed his disciples' feet. This means that leaders at St Peter's are not in it for the glory – but to help and serve each other. They delegate and let others have new opportunities to grow and learn.*

St Peter's students leave the school with our expectation that they will change the world – maybe not in big ways – but we hope they will make small differences to the communities they live in for the rest of their lives.

To do this they must have:

- Integrity – certainty that they know what is right
- Courage – the ability to stand up for what is right
- Energy – and a positive attitude
- Knowledge and skills – and the ability to learn
- Willingness to work with others and help others grow

We call people who have these qualities “leaders”, and we actively look for opportunities for every student to develop confidence in themselves as leaders.

This happens from the beginning of a student's time with us but the opportunities grow as a student moves into the senior school.

The opportunities are:

- Head students
- School and House Captains
- Year 13 leaders
- School Leaders' Council
- Junior Support
- Student representative on the Board of Trustees
- Form time – each form presents a large number of opportunities for student leadership throughout the year – from administrative things like reading the notices to organising students for athletic sports or the Fair, and preparing assemblies
- Fair projects
- Committees for the Rock and the Ball etc
- Sports team leadership
- Other teams (debating, production, choir etc)
- The Liturgy and Social Justice Committees
- Mediation programme

We recognise that not all people are born with leadership skills and abilities – so we try to give each student the chance to develop those skills and abilities – through public speaking in classes, taking part in assemblies and the Eisteddfod, and by encouraging them to use their initiative and take responsibility for creating roles for themselves.

## Our Hostel

Everyone knows that the school-age population of Southland is declining. Having an excellent hostel allows the school to continue to grow.

This means hostel students come to a school with very strong educational standards – and Eastern Southland students have a school big enough to attract good staff, and enough staff to offer the subjects they need for a good education. We all benefit from a strong hostel. We believe our hostel provides the best boarding environment in the Otago/Southland area.

We have a great community at the hostel – approx 60 students, top management and a tremendous group of supervisors.

# October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Blazers for 2011 will sized and ordered this month				1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Week 1 31/40  Hostel opens 5pm	11 <i>Term 4 Begins</i>	12	13	14	15	16
	← Senior Practice Exams Years 11, 12 and 13 →					
17 Week 2 32/40	18	19  PTFA Meeting 7:30pm	20 Coaching Development Programme Workshop 3  Primary Touch Starts	21	22 Sports Co-ordinators meeting Sports Council Meeting  Hostel closes 5pm	23
24 Week 3 33/40	25 Labour Day  Hostel opens 5pm	26	27 Sports and Cultural Blues Assembly Jazz Festival – sound check BOT Meeting 7:30pm	28	29  Years 11-13 Final reports issued	30
31 Week 4 34/40  School Fair						

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# November

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<b>Week 4</b> 34/40	<b>1</b> Final day for Trophies and Cups to be returned to DP	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Hostel Christmas Dinner, Mass & Prizegiving 6:30pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Junior Leadership Forum	<b>6</b>
<b>7 Week 5</b> 35/40	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Mass of Thanksgiving	<b>11</b> Tutorial classes running for Year 13 Normal classes for Years 11 and 12	<b>12</b> Southland Secondary Schools Sports Awards Tutorial classes running for Year 13 Normal classes for Years 11 and 12 Final day for Years 11-13	<b>13</b> NCEA Exams begin for Years 11, 12 & 13
	←		Senior Text Book Return		→	
<b>14 Week 6</b> 36/40	<b>15</b> NCEA Exams begin for Years 11, 12 & 13	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Country Schools Summer 7-a-side	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21 Week 7</b> 37/40	<b>22</b> Year 9 and 10 Exams  Only Literacy and Numeracy for Year 9	<b>23</b> Year 9 and 10 Exams  PTFA Meeting 7:30pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Junior Have A Go Sports Day	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28 Week 8</b> 38/40	<b>29</b> Kia Kaha Reward Day	<b>30</b>				

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# December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Week 8 38/40	The last day to order a Polar Fleece for 2011 will be Orientation Day		<b>1</b> NCEA exams end Year 10 Real Game	<b>2</b> Y11 Tramp  Year 10 Real Game  Junior Support Leaders training	<b>3</b> Y11 Tramp Orientation Day Year 10 Real Game	<b>4</b> Y11 Tramp
5 Week 9 39/40	<b>6</b>  South Island Volleyball Juniors – Dunedin  Year 10 SIT Taster Day	<b>7</b> Years 7&8 Arts Day	<b>8</b> Primary Touch Ends  Yr 7&8 Reward Afternoon	<b>9</b> Christian Service morning  →  Inter-house multi activities afternoon	<b>10 All students required for prize giving rehearsal am</b> Christmas Liturgy 12:15pm – Students leave at conclusion of Liturgy 6:45pm – Students to be seated for Prizegiving Graduation Supper	<b>11</b> New Zealand Athletics Champs till 12th
				<b>BOT Meeting 7:30pm</b>		
12 Week 10	<b>13</b> Final clean up day for Years 7-10 students	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

*The staff and students of St Peter's wish you a blessed Christmas. May the season of celebrating the coming of Emmanuel, God with us allow the message to be heard anew to sustain us in the coming year.*

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