



From the Principal Reflection

Please remember to keep Father Brian (College Chaplain) in your prayers. He is still in Gore Hospital and the prognosis is not good. This is a difficult time for his family, the diocese, the parish and the St Peter's community. Your acts of kindness and prayers are very important. Thank you for your interest and support. In these circumstances we are fortunate that in a Catholic school we can acknowledge the hope of our faith tradition publicly and especially at this time after Easter. Easter is the cornerstone of the Christian message (Resurrection) and is one of hope. There are a number of other families and members of our community who are also dealing with sickness and death, please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

PTFA Report

The annual meeting of the Parent Teacher and Friends Association was held on Tuesday night. Thank you to those who supported this and it was a good turn out. The meeting accepted the resignation of Mrs Janet Gregory as Chairperson. Our thanks go to Janet for her leadership and work over the last few years. Mrs Sharron Taylor was elected Chairperson with Mrs Margaret MacKenzie and Mrs Jacque Lloyd re-elected as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. The support of this organisation for your children is vital in helping to school them and support the opportunities that could not be run or done without community input. The agreement to fund a new basketball strip at the meeting to replace the ageing ones is a good example of this. The major project on the books at present is the commitment to develop a fitness/adventure playground for the College.

Others

We are hosting the Education Review Office next week and it will be good to get their 'take' on the college. The framework for the review is centred on **how effectively the St Peter's College Curriculum promotes learning, engagement, progress and achievement for the students.** Staff and students are gearing up for Year 10 Camp. This is a fine example of how the St Peter's Curriculum does promote learning, progress and engagement. We are fortunate to have staff committed to this.

Sad News

It is with real sadness we learnt of the death of Mr Mark Febery in Southland Hospital early this morning. Mark retired at the end of 2008 after many years of service at St Peter's College. There will be an Obituary in next weeks newsletter. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family at this very sad time. *John Hogue*

Slalom Kayakers

Congratulations to Kane Wyatt and Malcolm Gibson who have recently competed in the New Zealand Secondary Schools' National Slalom Kayaking Competition on the Waipori River near Dunedin. Malcolm won bronze medals in the K1 and C2 classes, and Kane won a bronze in the C2 class and finished eighth in the K1 event. They both then travelled to the Roaring Meg on the Kawerau River near Queenstown to compete in the New Zealand Open Slalom Nationals. Kane won a silver medal in the K1 teams event and finished 11th in the K1 and 11th in the K1 individual competition. Malcolm claimed an impressive gold in the C1 and K1 teams event and was fourth in the individual K1 event. The K1 event required sitting in the kayak, whereas the C1 event involves kneeling and paddling on the craft. Malcolm has been selected to represent the county in the Junior World Slalom Kayaking Championships in Fois, France, in July. It is fantastic to see these two fine young men performing to such a high standard on the national stage. Malcolm's achievement in being selected to represent New Zealand at least the second if not third time is testament to the incredible amount of training he has been putting in for several years as well as his obvious natural talent. Clearly he has been a great role model with Kane now potentially setting out on a similar path. *Lindy Cavanagh-Monaghan - Deputy Principal*



WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IN AN EMERGENCY AT SCHOOL?

Please cut this out and tape it to your Civil Defence information inside the back cover of the phone book.

When an emergency occurs during the school day, the school has to remain responsible for students until one of the following occurs:

- ⇒ The children are returned to, or collected by, their parents or custodial caregiver. They will not be released to neighbours or relations whose names have not been given to the school and listed in student's records.
- ⇒ The Emergency Services assume responsibility. They may evacuate the children to a safe place. In our case this would be: Calvin Community Church - 25 Robertson Street, Gore.

The more likely decision would be that the Emergency Services will hold our students in the school hall. Senior students with their own forms of transport will not be permitted to leave until the school has been advised that it is safe to do so. They will not be permitted to carry home anyone other than their siblings and then only if they are on a full licence.

In an emergency, information will be disseminated through the local radio station Hokonui Gold 94.8 FM. Please listen to the radio. Do not try to ring the school in these circumstances. The lines will be needed for Civil Defence and Emergency Services.

Swimming Sports

School swimming sports will be held on Tuesday 4 May at the Gore Multi Complex. Students are to go to P1 and then meet in the school hall at 9.50am. After the roll has been taken they will be walking over to pool. You may wear mufti. No students are to leave the swimming complex. If you are available to help as a time keeper please ring Mrs Pauline Cormack at school ext 744.

Rugby Players

All rugby players have been given the ACC forms and they need to be handed into Mrs Pullar's office by Monday 3 May along with sub.

World Youth Day 2011 Pilgrimage Information Night

Are you thinking about coming on pilgrimage to Madrid for WYD 2011 (August 15-18)? If you are the following information night is for you! World Youth Day is for ages 18-35 years old at the time of travel, so consider this an invitation to come along for the experience of a lifetime. The information will consist of a presentation on WYD, the planned pilgrimage, costing and questions. Life's too short to live with regrets, come and hear about the wonderful things this pilgrimage is offering.

Be 'Planted and Built Up in Jesus Christ, Firm in the Faith'

Sunday 9 May 7:00pm Gore Church foyer

For further information please contact Fr Vaughan Leslie frvjpleslie@xtra.co.nz or telephone 03 225 8158.

Rev Fr Vaughan J P Leslie - Parish Priest

Menzies College Netball Club Camp Thursday 15 and Friday 16 July 2010

All Year 6,7 and 8 netball players from Southland and beyond are invited to register for the Menzies College Netball Club Camp from Thursday 15 to Friday 16 July 2010 at Menzies College, Alma St, Wyndham. With a new and exciting programme on offer, this very popular overnight camp will incorporate seven coaching sessions designed to meet the needs of all players from Year 6 – 8 and a Tournament to showcase skills learnt throughout the camp. Cost is \$85.00 which includes a free t-shirt and camp photo posted out after camp. Registration is essential before Friday 25 June 2010 with payment to ensure you get a spot in our popular camp. This is limited to the first 80 players with completed registration forms and payment received by Camp Co-ordinator. Camp programme begins at 9am on Thursday 15 July and finishes 4pm Friday 16 July and promises to be heaps of fun. All food is provided along with **player awards, a FREE camp t-shirt and other spot prizes**. Coaching will be provided by the Menzies College players and coaches, plus the possibility of **Southern Steel players** and Netball Southland coaches. Caregivers, supervision and chaperoning will be provided by Menzies College Netball Club parents. For further queries or registration forms please email the co-ordinator Gail Poole at gailpoole@hyper.net.nz or telephone 206 6771.

Lenten Challenges

Last term the School's two Lenten Challenges were Live Simply Day and Survive a Slum. Together the two challenges raised \$702.60, which is a lovely contribution to the Caritas Development programme in Timor Este.

Lucy Barron

Captain of Christian Services



Cell Phones

If parents/caregivers need to get a message to a student during school times could you please refrain from texting during class time as this can be distracting for the student as well as the class. Please text during the break times between 10.40 - 11.10am or 12.50 - 1.35pm or leave a message at the main office. Thank you.

Hostel Theatre Restaurant

May 6 to 8 and 13 to 15. Tickets available from Cairns Music Works, Irk Street, Gore.
Cost \$35 per person (includes a three course meal)



Bishop Shield - Billets Required

St Peter's College is hosting this year's Bishop's Shield which is over the weekend of 21 - 23 May. The Bishop's Shield is an annual competition in Public Speaking among Catholic Secondary Colleges of the Diocese of Dunedin and the four schools taking part are St Peter's College, Kavanagh College (Dunedin), Verdon College (Invercargill) and St Kevin's College (Oamaru). Students participate in prepared speech, impromptu speech, scripture, drama and debating. There are Junior and Senior sections. St Peter's College is defending the Shield, which we won last year in Dunedin. As the host School, we have a responsibility to billet sixty eight students. This means we are looking for **sixty eight beds over two nights** (Friday 21 and Saturday 22 May). As all morning/afternoon teas, lunches and dinner are provided the only requirement will be breakfast on both Saturday and Sunday. **WE SEEK YOUR SUPPORT**. Please contact me asap if you are able to help. Telephone St Peter's College on 208 9060 or after hours 208 5655. *Viv Tambllyn - Arts Co-ordinator*

Good News

Well done Jenny Mitchell who recently auditioned on Sticky TV3 Karaoke and made it into the finals of the competition. If you want to check out her performance go to www.stickytv3.co.nz.



Congratulations to the following students who received trophies at the Hokonui Club prize giving:

- Sian Davis - Age Group Champion and most improved in Butterfly in her division
- Lucy Barron - Club Captain and 2 Club records
- Tracey Brinsdon - Attitude and Achievement Trophy
- Henry Sullivan - Runner-up in his age division

Borland Lodge Camp - Term 2, Week 4

Money and the completed forms are due in to Mrs Pullar immediately please. If you think you will have trouble meeting the cost of the camp please contact Mrs Robyn Pullar at the school as soon as possible and an arrangement can be made. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at school. *Stephanie Green - HELA Science*

Technology

In Level 1 Materials Technology this year our students are designing and making lights for their NCEA projects. They need to develop their products by using a range of stakeholders for guidance and support to develop their knowledge, ideas and skills. This week Ian Cupit from Laser Electrical in Gore came in to talk to each of our students about their final design ideas and advise them on the electrical fittings they could use and discuss the safety issues that they will need to consider. This was an extremely useful session for the students to help them take their projects to the next stage. Ian was impressed with the range of ideas our students have, and with the way they could use their design work in their discussions to convey their ideas to him. Ian has been an essential stakeholder, as an electrical expert, to help our students realise their ideas into finished products. In the photograph he is talking to Brodie Carroll about his idea. *Toni Tippett - HELA Technology*



The Days Ahead ...

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| 3 May | Year 13 Tertiary Open Day |
| 4 May | Dan Davin Writing Workshop |
| 4 May | St Peter's School Swimming Sports |
| 5 May | BOT Meeting 7.30pm |
| 5 May | Coaching Development Programme Workshop |
| 6 & 7 May | Year 7-10 Parent Interviews 3.45 - 5.45pm and 6.30 - 7.30pm |
| | Senior Students interviews by appointment |
| 7 May | Year 10 Retreat Period 5 and 6 |



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<http://www.stpetersgore.school.nz>