



St Peter's College Newsletter - 2nd April 2026

Upcoming:

April

- Vietnam Trip Sunday, 29th March - Saturday 11th April
- Last Day of Term One - Thursday 2nd
- Term Two Starts - Monday 20th
- ANZAC Assembly - Friday 24th
- ANZAC Day Observed School Closed - Monday 27th April
- Board Meeting - Thursday 30th April

Principal's Comment

Kieran Udy — March 31st, 2026

Kia ora e te whānau

The end of term one has come around rather quickly, and I first wish to thank all those coaches, parents and volunteers who have supported our various extracurricular activities in term one. Thank you for volunteering your time, expertise and energy to ensure that our students are able to enjoy various artistic, cultural and sporting endeavours. Without your time, we would not be able to offer these opportunities.

Our annual Senior Quad tournament was held this week in Dunedin. Thank you to all the coaches and managers involved in this tournament. A special thanks to Mrs Chittock who organised all the logistics for the day. The students all represented the College well, and the hockey team performed exceptionally well winning all of their games. This tournament is a great way to bring together the four catholic colleges of the Dunedin Diocese.

In the last school newsletter, I highlighted the issue of the staff carpark area being used for picking up students. There have been a couple of close calls recently and to ensure that we are providing a safe environment for our students the School Board has decided that this area will be cordoned off in the afternoons for the duration of Term Two. Please refer to the letter that was emailed out on 1st of April for additional details around this change.

Last weekend we celebrated Ms Prue Scorgie's 50 years of dedicated service to St Peter's College. She very much enjoyed the evening event at Croydon Lodge and the opportunity to reconnect with past staff and students. A real highlight were the video messages from our Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Former Prime Minister Sir Bill English. A special thank you to the organising committee who made this event possible and ensured that Prue's unique milestone was celebrated appropriately.

I ask that you keep Fr Aidan Cunningham the last of the Romsinian Fathers who staffed the College for many years in your prayers. He has recently been unwell and undergone a significant medical procedure. Fr Aidan continues to take a great interest in the College and joined us for the opening mass. He was intending to join us for Ms Scorgie's 50th celebration but due to health complications he could not. Your prayers for Fr Aidan are very much

appreciated.

As we begin the school holidays, I wish all our students and staff a safe and enjoyable break. Hopefully you can take the time to have some rest, reconnect with family and friends and prepare for term two. A reminder that we will be switching into the school's winter uniform for next term.

The season of Easter and most especially Holy Week presents us every year with an opportunity to stop and reflect on the deeper questions of life. It is an excellent time to ponder the question that Jesus asks his disciples "Who do you say I am" (Matthew 16:15). To which Peter replies, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16). Given this school is named after St Peter, one would hope that our reply to that question might be the same or similar. Wishing you all a truly blessed and holy Easter.

Charity fulfills the law

Message from the School Board

Ceri Macleod — April 1st, 2026

Kia ora koutou,

As we reach the end of a busy and productive Term One, I'd like to share a brief update on behalf of the Board. It has been a positive start to the year, highlighted by the purchase of our new school van. The signwriting has now been completed, and it looks fantastic. It is a real asset for transporting students safely and representing our school in the community with pride.

Alongside these visible developments, the Board's core governance work continues. We are continually reviewing finances, policies, and property, and regularly monitoring attendance and student achievement. This ongoing work helps ensure the college operates well and remains in a strong position for the future.

A key part of our role is forward planning. We are working towards strategic goals for the coming years, considering how we can best support student success and wellbeing, strengthen our school environment, and make the most of new opportunities that will benefit our learners and the wider community. This long-term view is important for ensuring St Peter's College remains a place where young people can thrive.

Looking ahead to next term, we ask whānau to please note the upcoming change to pick-up arrangements. The Robertson Street carpark will be closed for pick-up from the beginning of Term Two due to safety concerns. This change is designed to ensure students can exit the school site safely, and we appreciate your support and cooperation as we transition to the new system.

I would also like to acknowledge the outstanding way our students continue to present themselves in public. Whether volunteering at sports events, participating in placements, attending a school ball, or representing St Peter's College in any capacity, they are consistently recognised as positive role models and caring, capable young people. We are incredibly proud of the way they uphold our school values and contribute to the wider community.

Finally, on behalf of the Board, I want to offer our sincere thanks to Mr Udy and all staff at St Peter's College for their hard work and commitment throughout the term. Their dedication underpins every success we see in our students.

As we head into the Easter break, I hope everyone finds time to rest, recharge, and enjoy time with whānau and friends. Thank you for your ongoing support of our school.

Ngā mihi,

Ceri Macleod

Presiding Member, St Peter's College Board



Ms Scorgie's 50 Years of Dedicated Service

SPC — April 1st, 2026

On Saturday night, the St Peter's College community gathered for a truly special evening to honour a remarkable milestone: Ms Scorgie's 50 years of dedicated service, commitment, wisdom and heart that have shaped generations of students and colleagues.

It was a wonderful night filled with warmth, cherished memories and laughter with current and former staff members.

Congratulations, Ms Scorgie! Fifty years at St Peter's College is extraordinary. We are incredibly grateful for everything you have given and continue to give our school.

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Vietnam Travellers

SPC — April 2nd, 2026

Mr Sanson and Mrs Conlan and the other Vietnam travellers set off on their journey on Sunday. Their trip starts in Hanoi and they make their way south, finishing in Ho Chi Min City, before arriving back home on the 11th April. You can follow their trip via a link on our school facebook page.



Year 11 Art Workshop

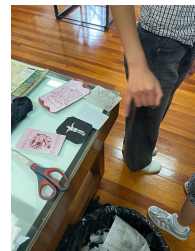
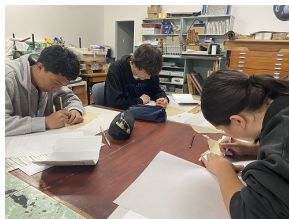
Thanks to everyone involved in the 11ART workshop last Friday! We spent the day learning Tetrapak Intaglio Printing with artist Kyla Cresswell at the East Gore Art Centre.

Tetrapak Intaglio uses discarded cartons as printing plates. Designs are cut or etched into the surface, ink is worked into the lines, the plate is wiped back, and then damp paper is pressed on to produce the print. It's simple, resourceful, and surprisingly nuanced.

The students got a lot out of the experience, gaining confidence with a new process and leaving with a deeper understanding of printmaking through hands-on experimentation.

Thanks to the East Gore Art Centre for hosting, Kyla Cresswell for generously sharing her practice, and Jacqui Byars for making the workshop possible!

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Kids' Lit Quiz - Winners

Heidi Heslip — April 2nd, 2026

Yesterday, we had two teams compete in the Kids' Lit Quiz. Both teams showed incredible knowledge and put in a fantastic performance.

A massive congratulations to the Red team, who took out the top spot as overall winners!

Their victory means they are heading to Wellington this June to compete in the National Kids' Lit Quiz. This is an outstanding achievement, and we are so excited to see how they get on in June.

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Gateway, International programme and Te Ao Haka Teacher

Vanessa Whangapirita — April 1st, 2026

Kia ora, ko Vanessa Whangapirita ahau.

I am a kaiako at St Peter's College, teaching Te Ao Haka and supporting students through Gateway and International programmes. As a fourth-generation member of this community, I am proud to give back to our kura.

I am passionate about helping rangatahi build confidence, connect with their identity, and explore pathways beyond school.

Ngā manaakitanga ki a koutou katoa.



Southland Primary Athletic Champs

Rebecca Chittock — April 1st, 2026

Southland Primary Athletic Champs – Saturday 21st March.

What an awesome turnout for the Southland Primary Athletics in Invercargill. Congratulations to everyone who competed. Thanks to everyone who made the day possible.

Top 10 Results from our SPC Athletes competing for the Eastern Zone;

Florieta Alveraz

2nd 12yr Girls Shot put

3rd 12yr Girls Vortex

9th 12yr Girls Discus

Jude Brook

4th 12yr Boys Discus

5th 12yr Boys Long Jump

Preston Byars

9th 12yr Boys 800m

9th 12yr Boys 1500m

Brock Cunningham

4th 12yr Boys 100m

Rubee Gerken

6th 12yr Girls 800m

Dustin Silvestre

2nd 11yr Boys 100m

2nd 11yr Boys 200m

2nd 11yr Boys Long Jump

3rd 11yr Boys High Jump

Charlotte White

4th 11yr Girls Long Jump

Morgan Wilson

3rd 12yr Girls High Jump

1st - 11yr Boys 4x100m Relay

Dustin Silvestre, Brock Cunningham, Charlie Cooper & Rene Topi

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Construction Course

SPC — April 2nd, 2026

Progress on our house build. The students installed the underfloor insulation and the floor for the house.

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Senior Southern Catholic Schools Sports Exchange

Rebecca Chittock — April 1st, 2026

With an early morning start on Tuesday morning, (6:20am), the Senior A netball team, Senior Boys basketball team, and Senior Mixed hockey team made their way to Dunedin to compete in the annual Senior Sports Exchange with Verdon, St Kevin's and Trinity. In a change to previous years, the Senior Quad, which has historically been held over two days (Sunday/Monday), has been reduced to a one-day tournament and will now be held in Dunedin (central location) every year. Netball and basketball enjoyed playing under the roof at the Edgar Stadium whilst the hockey team braved the chilly but clear conditions at the McMillan Hockey Turf.

There were some excellent results from our teams on the day with hockey leading the way being unbeaten. All our teams showed great sportsmanship throughout the whole event on and off the field/court and were a credit to themselves and SPC.

Huge thanks to our wonderful coaches, managers and referees. Without your valuable contribution this day would not have been possible.

Senior Mixed Hockey Results:

SPC	vs	SKC	SPC 12 - 0
SPC	Vs	Verdon	SPC 14 - 0
SPC	Vs	Trinity	SPC 13 - 0

Senior A Netball Results:

SPC	vs	Verdon	Verdon 24 - 14
SPC	vs	SKC	SPC 37 - 34
SPC	vs	Trinity	SPC 22 - 19

Senior Boys Basketball:

SPC	vs	Verdon	Verdon 90 - 20
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SPC	vs	Trinity	Trinity 56 - 33
SPC	vs	SKC	SKC 72 - 33

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Golf Ball Drop

PTFA — April 1st, 2026

\$3000 Grand Prize Winner and additional Prize Winners.

1st prize - \$3000 **Michael Mardon**

2nd prize – Tuapeka Capture Photography value \$400 – **Grace Mardon**

3rd prize – NS Vets package value \$250 – **Martin Mackereth**

Family prizes (families who sold the most cards went in a draw for a coloured ball)

- Terry family - MLT Stadium voucher
- Chisholm family - Lonestar Queenstown voucher
- Abernethy family – St James Theatre
- Winship family – Shell Voucher
- McKee family Ezy clean and Fuel voucher
- Sayer family Ezy clean and LaHoods gift

- Sanson family – Ezy clean and La Hoods gift

Thank you to all our sponsors:

- High Country Helicopters
- Paper Plus
- Tuapeka Capture Photography
- NS Vets
- MLT Stadium
- Lonestar Queenstown
- St James Theatre
- Ezy clean Gore
- LaHoods Pharmacy

Ball furthest from the hole

Moriarity family – wooden spoon lollies and gold balls

Winter Uniform Requirements: Term two and three

Wendy Blythe — April 1st, 2026

As we prepare for the cooler months, please ensure all students are transitioned into the correct winter uniform for the start of Term Two.

Males:

Long sleeved grey shirts.

Grey shorts or trousers.

Black school jacket/ school jersey.

Females:

Long sleeved white shirt.

Winter kilt (Note: For new 2026 students, the summer skirt is acceptable until your kilt arrives).

Black over the knee socks or black tights.

Black school jacket/ school jersey.

Males:

Long sleeved white shirt and tie.

Grey shorts or trousers.

Blazer/ school jersey.

Females:

Long-sleeved blouse and tie.

Winter kilt, grey trousers, or grey shorts.

Black over the knee socks or black tights.

Blazer/ school jersey.

Please ensure students are wearing the correct black leather school shoes. While they do not have to be the McKinley's brand, they must be similar in style. Black sneakers or "lookalike" sports shoes are not permitted.



Kamar School Accounts

Paula Robertson — March 31st, 2026

All subject donation charges and other chargeable items have now been loaded onto all student accounts.

Kamar statements were issued via email this week to all families. The statements show the following:

- All charges from 1 January 2026 that have been loaded on to the account.
- Any payments made to the account.
- The allocation of those payments against items charged.
- Any prior year debt unpaid to date. These are required to be paid as soon as possible as they are not donations.
- The items left owing for payment – this is what is due for payment at this time. You are welcome to make regular automatic payments during the school year for any donations. Uniform and sport will come under the new procedures policy that came into practice this year.

Chargeable items are those that are goods and services such as uniform, sport and some other items. The donation items are those that are subject and other donations. The donations are not compulsory to pay but we rely on these heavily for those subjects that include trips and school camps to actually make these happen for our students.

Going forward statements will be issued each month. If the account has nothing owing or is a credit balance, you will not receive a statement.

The end of year Rock Magazine has been added to all student's accounts. These are optional. If you do not wish to receive it, please contact us and we will remove it from the account. These will be distributed at the end of the school year.

If you would like a tax donation receipt for Inland Revenue purposes to claim back on your subject and other donation payments, please contact us and we will issue these on request.

Student donation payments are crucial to providing the amazing trips and camps that we offer and without these donations we simply would not be able to manage the costs of organising these.

Paula Robertson

Business Manager

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Lisamarie Harvey

Accounts Administrator

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Rebecca Chittock — April 1st, 2026



Safety and Security Onsite

SPC — March 31st, 2026

To help keep our school a safe and secure environment for everyone, we wish to remind families that CCTV cameras are in operation throughout the grounds.

These are used for general site security and to help us provide a fair and accurate response to any student behavioural matters.

Most importantly, they give us all peace of mind that our grounds and our students are well looked after.



Teacher Aide Position

We are currently recruiting for a Teacher Aide to join St Peter's College on a fixed term basis for a period of 6 weeks from the start of Term 2.

This position is for 2 hours per day, Monday to Friday to support a new student. The fixed term could be continued depending on funding.

Remuneration is based on the Support Staff Collective Agreement.

If you are interested in applying, please send a CV and covering letter to Paula Robertson, Business Manager by 5pm Tuesday 7 April 2026
Email address is execofficer@stpetersgore.school.nz

Paula Robertson — March 31st, 2026

Uniform Information

Wendy Blythe — March 19th, 2026

Please ensure all winter uniform items are purchased before the current school term ends. The uniform shop will be closed during the school holidays.

Update on Kilts

We are currently awaiting a shipment of kilts, estimated to arrive in the second week of the holidays.

- If they arrive earlier, you will be notified immediately to arrange collection.
- If they are not here in time for the first day back term one, students can wear their summer skirt with the black tights, until they arrive.

Sorry for the inconvenience.

Update on School Jerseys

School jerseys are scheduled to arrive at the start of term two.

Payment & Collection

Please make sure the kilt and/or jersey are paid for before collection.



Living Our Values on the Sideline

SPC — March 19th, 2026

Our school values **community, commitment, compassion** don't stop at the sideline. Please remember that the student refereeing or coaching is someone's child, grandchild, brother, sister. They are volunteering their time to make sport possible for our juniors. They are learning to lead just like our juniors are learning to play. Let's make sure that our words reflect the respect and kindness they deserve as they learn and lead.



Southland Social Sciences Fair 2026

The 21st Annual Southland Social Sciences Fair
Invercargill Workingmen's Club

16-20 June 2026

Open to all Year 5-13 students



The fair is an opportunity to show the community what your students are doing and for them to research, to interview people and present a topic of interest. The entry is usually in the form of a free-standing display but can be a model, booklet, poster or digital.

Entry is free thanks to our generous sponsors. We offer a range of prizes in several categories.

Social Science includes:
current events, other cultures, local history, biography, genealogy, favourite places, social issues, conservation, health, disasters, conflict, famous people, hobbies, industry, sports, economic resources and much more.



Make 2026 the year your school adopted the Social Sciences Fair as a school-wide project. Follow up your work by doing the Heritage Award Badge! **Heritage Award** - a smart badge for doing a few not-too-hard heritage projects. Students do three of these five:

- Interview an older resident of your area and ask him or her to tell you about what things were like when they were your age.
- Find out about the history of an old or interesting building in your area.
- Find out about the history of your area - where the name came from, who lived there first and so on.
- Help with a heritage project such as tidying a graveyard, making signs, promoting something to do with local history.
- Research your family history



Lloyd Esler is available to visit your classes and talk about the fair and Heritage Award
- free of charge
Boydealer@outlook.com 03 2130404

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Please put the following Consent information in your Newsletter or share to your whānau sharing platform, thank you.

Consent information YEAR SEVEN VISION SCREENING

The Vision Hearing Technicians from Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora - Southern will be visiting your school to screen all year seven students for distance vision shortly.

Screening Provided:

☐ Distance Vision (Amblyopia & Myopia)

This determines how well your child can see at a distance. It involves reading an eye chart.

The screening results will be given to your child, and a Vision technician will be in contact to discuss any further action, if required.

If your child **WEARS** Glasses or is **UNDER CARE** for their eyes, there is no need to fill in an Opt-Out form.

We will ask each class if there is anyone already wearing glasses or under care.

• Please let your child know to tell us prior to screening.

They will be given a notification slip to take home. These children are **NOT** screened.

By sharing this consent information, we are providing the opportunity for you to Opt-out of our screening programme.

If you **do not** wish your child to be screened, please fill out an opt-out slip, which are available at the school office before our visit.

What happens to your child's screening information? The vision results are recorded on the Ministry of Education data system - ENROL. This information will also be saved via the Vision and Hearing screening team data system. You can access your child's information by contacting the Vision Hearing Screening team: visionhearing@southernhealth.govt.nz or contacting Patient Enquiries:

- Phone: Consumer Experience Feedback Team, phone (03) 214 5738
- E-mail: feedback@southernhealth.govt.nz
- Website: www.healthcare.govt.nz

All staff with access to this documentation adhere to the Health Information Privacy Code.



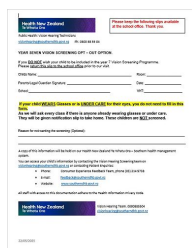
Vision Hearing Team
0608085024
visionhearing@southernhealth.govt.nz
National Public Health Service

15/05/2025

Year Seven Vision Screening

The Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora Vision Hearing Technicians are going to visit your school twice this year. The first visit is planned for:

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Uniform Orders and Payments

Paula Robertson — March 5th, 2026

Jerseys, Kilts and Blazers

These items need to be pre-ordered from the uniform shop. At the time of ordering, they will be added to your child's school account. Full payment will be required before the uniform is collected when it arrives. You are welcome to make smaller automatic payments between ordering and collection to ensure it is paid in full.

Weekly Uniform Shop Purchases

If your child requires uniform supplies at the times our Uniform Shop is open on a Thursday and they are wishing to purchase items, these will need to be paid for prior to taking them home.

Option 1 – please send your child with eftpos to pay at point of sale on the day. They will then be able to take the uniform home.

Option 2 – we will send a payment slip home with your child. The uniform will be held at school until the payment is received, either by bank transfer or eftpos. The uniform can then be collected.

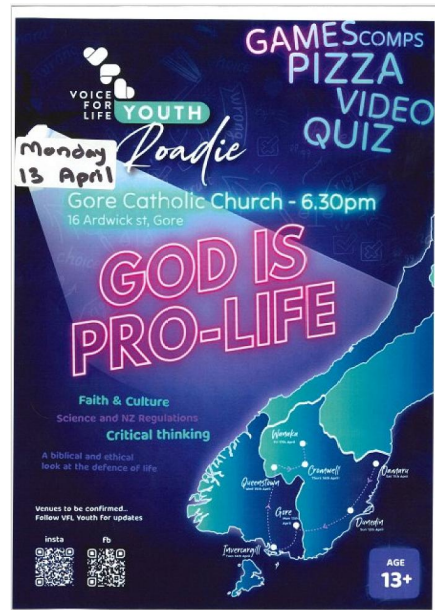
If you have genuine financial hardship, please contact the Business Manager Paula Robertson on execofficer@stpetersgore.school.nz to arrange a payment plan or alternate arrangements.

The school's bank account details are as follows:

St Peter's College Board

12 3434 0012635 000

Reference: Your child's name, uniform

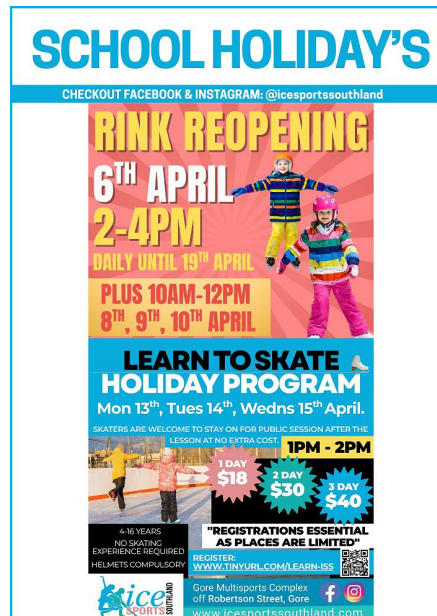


Voice for Life Youth are coming to Gore on the 13 April, 6.30pm at the Catholic Church.

A fun night for the youth (and not so youthful too), to have some fun, pizza and a quiz on abortion, and learn some facts too.

These young people are giving up their holidays to come South and it would be brilliant if you are over 13 years old to come along for pizza and an evening with vibrant youth, and to support them.

For further information and the content too. Please contact Margaret MacKenzie 0272120570 or Andrea Garrity 027 764 5915



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SPC — February 20th, 2026

We kindly ask that dogs are kept off our school field. Our students regularly use this space for sports and activities, and it is unpleasant when they come into contact with dog waste. We appreciate your support in helping us keep our field clean and enjoyable for our students.



LETTING US KNOW

Please let the school know if your child is going to be late, has an appointment, needs to leave early, or will be absent, along with the reason. This allows us to correctly record attendance in line with the Ministry of Education guidelines and is also important for health and safety.

You can contact the school in the following ways:

- Kamar - Absence Report (please complete all required boxes)
- School App - Absentee
- Phone - Ring and/or leave us a message 208 9060
- Text or call - 021 037 4924

If your child needs to leave school for an appointment and we have not heard from you, we are unable to let them leave until we have spoken with a parent or caregiver. Students must also sign in if they arrive late, sign out if leaving during the day, and sign back in when they return. This helps us maintain accurate records and keep all students safe.

Amy-Rae Rooijackers — February 4th, 2026