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Principal's Comment

Kia ora e te whānau

You may have noticed that we have moved the school newsletter from fortnightly to once a month. We will be trialing this for the remainder of the year and are happy to receive feedback from parents around this change.

Recently as an SLT, we have looked at prize giving and taking onboard the results of a staff survey and have decided to make some changes to how we run our prize giving and some of the awards. We will be including Academic Gowns to staff as a way of making the event more formal for this year. Another change is the top scholar financial contribution will no longer happen for Year's 7 – 11 but will remain for the Year 12 and 13 students. There is also a clear criterion established for this which is available from the school as to how we will calculate this award for Year 12 and 13.



Thank you to all those parents who have completed the surveys which have been sent out around Boys Education as well as the Graduate Student Profile. Both of these surveys will help to shape up what we are offering our students and how to best support their learning moving forward.

As the winter sports season progresses, I would also like to take the opportunity to thank those parents, staff and community members who volunteer their time to coach, manage and transport various sports teams. Without the support of these volunteers, it would be impossible to offer the wide range of sports that we do for our students. For all those students who are playing please make sure that you commit fully to your teams, turning up to practices and games and when you cannot turn up, you let your coaches know. We are fortunate to have these volunteers, and their efforts and time need to be appreciated.

Well done to those students and coaches who took part in the Junior Quad tournament in Dunedin. This is a highlight of the calendar for school spirit and an opportunity to gather with our other Catholic Secondary Schools in the area. Thanks also to Mrs Chittock for all the work she puts into organising this.



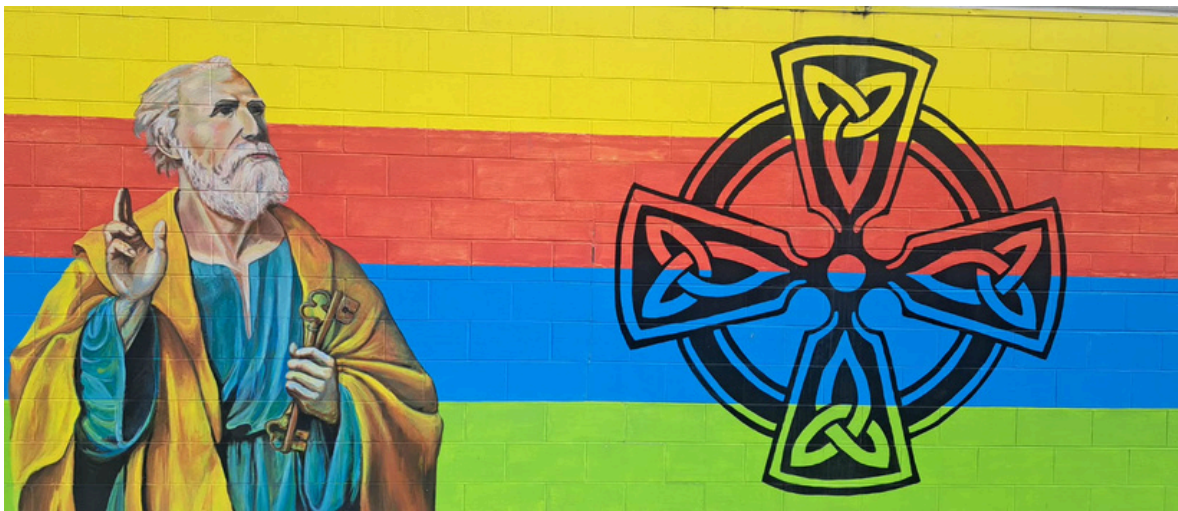
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I would also like to take this opportunity to encourage all our students to participate in the upcoming Eisteddfod competitions. This is a great opportunity to grow in confidence and skill when it comes to public speaking and performance. These skills are beneficial for so many careers and pursuits in adult life, so take the opportunity while you are at school to engage with this.

On Friday 26th of June we will celebrate our patronal feast day mass at The Blessed Sacrament Church. Whānau and parishioners are welcome to join us for this mass where we give thanks to God for the example of St Peter as well as the blessings that the College has been to us as individuals and a collective. When thinking of St Peter I often think of the fact that he started out as not the most dependable or courageous disciple, yet through Grace he became a fearless leader, preacher and witness to the Gospel. We can learn a lot from the life and example of St Peter in our modern world.

Charity fulfills the law
Kieran Udy





Year 8 Deep Cove Camp 2026

Year 8 students have an exciting opportunity coming up at the end of Term 3 with our annual Deep Cove Camp! Nestled in the heart of Fiordland, Deep Cove is a truly special part of New Zealand, offering students four days and three nights of adventure, including hiking, boat rides, fishing, waterfalls, native bush, and experiencing our unique Aotearoa birdlife. Permission slips will be sent home next week in both paper and digital form, and we ask that these are returned as soon as possible so final planning can be completed. We are also looking for parent helpers for both camps and would love to hear from anyone keen to be involved. In particular, we require a camp chef for each camp to oversee meal preparation, with all recipes and ingredients provided. If you are interested, please email Mrs Brensell with a brief description of the skills and experience you could bring to this fantastic experience. Deep Cove Camp is always a highlight of the Year 8 calendar and an unforgettable opportunity for students to challenge themselves, build friendships, and experience the incredible outdoors of Fiordland.

Gabrielle Brensell

TIC Camps

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Rugby Quiz Fundraiser

The St Peter's College Rugby Quiz Fundraiser was held on Friday, 15th May at the Gore Town & Country Club. It was an awesome night, and we genuinely thank everyone who came along and made the night such a great success.

The SPC Rugby Committee would like to thank the following people who helped make the night a success.

- The Gore T&C and Manager David Rance
- Quiz Master - Brendan Terry
- Bar Manager – Justine Abernethy
- Auctioneer - David Morrison
- Parents - All the amazing Parents who helped on the day and throughout the night

Thank you to all the teams who participated in the quiz. Your support is very much appreciated. We hope you all had a great night.

Thanks to all our auction and raffle winners. We hope you enjoy your purchases.

Thanks also to the players who helped out on the night. You all did a great job.

Finally, thank you to all the amazing businesses which supported our fundraiser. We are so grateful for your support.

Abernethy Contracting	Advance Agriculture	Agricentre South	Amigos
ANZ	Arizto Real Estate - Kate Bratschi	B&B Sport	Ballance Agri-nutrients
Bill Sheddin Plumbing	BW Electrical	Carters Tyres	CMC Contracting
Combined Vets	Country Living	Croydon Innovations	Derek Ayson Rally Sport



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DeVine Hair & Beauty	Dusky Downs - Hamilton Family	Ewan Allan Honda	Farmsource
Goldpine	Gore Flooring Xtra + Curtains & Blinds	Gore Town & Country Club	HW Richardson Group
Harrisons Supplies	The Highlanders	Highlands Motorsport Park	House of Travel
HRT Andrews Transport	iHIRE	JJ Ltd	K2 Kontracting
KeelowCraft	La Hoods - Life Pharmacy	Livestock Supplies	Mataura Four Square
Mataura Licensing Trust	McDowall Painting	New World Gore	PGG Wrightson
Pioneer Rugby Club	Placemakers Gore	Rabobank	RB Rural
Regional Ford	Repco	Rugby Southland	Shift, Mind & Body
Shooters World	Skyline Queenstown	Smart Recovery	Southland Farm Machinery
St James Theatre	Stuart Timber	The Langlands Hotel	The Sanctuary Beauty & Hair
Unichem Quins Pharmacy	Vetsouth		



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Eastern Zone Primary Cross Country

Awesome afternoon out at the Waimumu Field Days site for the running of the Eastern Zone Primary Cross Country Champs.

Well done to all our SPC runners, who all gave it 100%.

Our Top 10 placegetters from Thursday are below. The top six from each age group go through to the Southland Champs next Friday at Waimumu.

11 Year Old Girls:

9th	Stella Walker
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12 Year Old Boys:

2nd	Ardi Kahukura
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5th	Thomas O'Neill
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12 Year Old Girls:

5th	Indiah Shackell
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6th	Celia Wilson
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13 Year Old Boys:

2nd	Preston Byars
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9th	Mills Walker
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13 Year Old Girls:

2nd	Anneliese McFadzien
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4th	Rubee Gerken
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7th	Pixie Wilson
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Southern Catholic Secondary Schools Junior Exchange

Wednesday 3rd June 2026:

After an early morning start at 6:20am, our SPC netball, basketball, rugby, and futsal teams made their way to Dunedin to compete in the annual Catholic Secondary School Junior Sports Exchange.

Congratulations to all our teams, who came away with some excellent results and showed great sportsmanship throughout the whole event, both on and off the field/court, against our fellow Catholic schools St Kevin's, Trinity, and Verdon.

We would like to thank our wonderful coaches, managers, officials, and staff who made the day seamless: Janelle Conlan, Duncan McAllister, Lisa Sanson, Elmer Sollano, Lydia Benge, Emma Parish, Shaylah Holland, Matilda Gemmill, Kaila Wilson, Jamie Chittock, Dave Duffy, Jacqui Dillon, Mark Wells, Hayden Byars, Shannon Wells, Hunter Coxshall, Hannah Hargest, Jack Yang, and Jude Terry. Without your valuable contribution, this day would not have been possible.

Also, a huge thank you to all our parents and supporters who travelled up to Dunedin and cheered our teams on from the sidelines. We especially appreciate a couple of amazing parents and grandparents who stepped up at the end of the day to help us get the kids home safely!

Netball - Year 7/8's

St Peter's 10 - 9 Trinity

St Peter's 10 - 8 St Mary's

St Peter's 8 - 3 Verdon

Netball - Junior A

St Peter's 18 - 0 St Joseph's

St Peter's 21 - 7 Trinity

St Peter's 11 - 8 Verdon



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Netball - Intermediate A

St Peter's 6 - 18 Verdon

St Peter's 8 - 18 Trinity

St Peter's 7 - 20 St Kevin's

Basketball - Year 7 & 8 Boy

St Peter's 18 - 48 Trinity

St Peter's 32 - 40 St Joseph's

St Peter's 23 - 33 Verdon

Rugby - Year 7 & 8

St Peter's Red 30 - 5 Verdon

St Peter's Red 14 - 36 Trinity

St Peter's Blue 31 - 42 Trinity

St Peter's Blue 61 - 19 Verdon

Basketball - Year 9 & 10 Boys

St Peter's 17 - 77 Trinity

St Peter's 29 - 52 St Kevin's

St Peter's 32 - 35 Verdon

Rugby - U15

St Peter's 33 - 12 Verdon

St Peter's 7 - 17 St Kevin's

St Peter's 47 - 0 Trinity

Basketball - Year 9 & 10 Girls

St Peter's 26 - 63 Trinity Gold

St Peter's 62 - 16 Trinity Red

Futsal - Year 7 & 8

St Peter's 2 - 4 Trinity

St Peter's 1 - 7 St Joseph's

St Peter's 0 - 10 Verdon

St Peter's 5 - 4 Trinity





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Big thank you to our incredible local businesses for supporting our Construction course and sponsoring jackets for our students! This project wouldn't be possible without their support

Council Visit to Hear Youth Voice

Today, we had the absolute pleasure of welcoming Gore District Mayor Ben Bell and our local councillors and Mr McKerchar to St Peter's College. They visited to hear firsthand from our young people and listen to their visions for the future of Gore.

The session kicked off with a brilliant presentation from Eli Puna, Jude Terry, Arzen Baua, Cody Eslava and Noah Berrio which sparked a fantastic, two-way discussion. Mayor Bell and the councillors had plenty of great questions for our students, and our youth weren't shy about asking a few tough ones back!

Before heading off, the visitors also took some time to check out our latest student construction project and see our hands-on learning in action.

Thank you so much to Mayor Bell and the councillors for taking the time to visit, engage with and value the voice of our students.





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Freeze ya Bits off Busking

Lily Macleod was shortlisted for the finals after a very cold couple of hours busking on Main Street last Saturday. She then performed at the St James Theatre alongside the other finalists on Sunday, where she was named runner-up in the Under 18 Upcoming Artists section against some very strong competition.



This well established and highly regarded programme is for Year 12 students with a strong interest in science, technology, and mathematics, helping them to explore tertiary pathways and future careers in STEM.

Application Dates:

Monday 1st June 2026 - Sunday 9th August 2026

What to include

- A letter of recommendation from the Principal or Head of Science/Tech/Maths.
- A letter to your sponsoring Rotary Club.



Uniform Shop is Open
Thursdays
11:00-11:30am
(morning tea time)

