



St Peter's College Newsletter - 6th March 2026

Coming up:

March

- Southland Secondary Schools Athletics Championships - Saturday 14th
- School Ball - Friday 20th
- Year 12 Biology Trip to Grant's Bush - Monday 23rd
- Southland Secondary Schools Golf Championships - Monday 23rd
- Southland Secondary Schools Bowls Championships - Friday 27th
- Ms Scorgie's 50 Year Teaching at SPC celebration - Saturday 28th
- South Island Secondary School's XC Motorcross - Saturday 28th
- Vietnam Trip - Saturday 29th March - Saturday 11th April.
- Senior Quad Tournament - Tuesday 31st

April

- Last Day of Term One - Thursday 2nd
- Term two starts - Monday 20th

Principal's Comment

Kieran Udy — March 5th, 2026

Kia ora e te whānau

I was fortunate enough to join our Year 12 PE class on their surf camp in Dunedin. During the camp several members of the public took the time to come and introduce themselves and comment on how great our students were. They were all great ambassadors for the College demonstrating our school values of compassion, commitment and community. This was a good reminder that wherever we go as a school we represent the College, and the impression we make is noted by members of the public.

Our celebration of Ms Scorgie's 50 years of teaching at St Peter's College is fast approaching. I would strongly encourage you to purchase your tickets from the school finance office next week before sales close off on 20th of March. It will no doubt be a fantastic evening.

During the storm in term three last year several of our trees around the property sustained significant damage. We have had an arborist look at these and provide some advice on the best way to manage these moving forward. Given the health and safety risk posed by large trees falling, we need to remove several of them. There is a large oak tree that was split in half and so needs to be removed. In addition to this, the poplar trees along the Kakapo Street boundary need to be removed. The root systems of these trees have been compromised and are no longer deemed to be safe. We realise that these trees were planted by first day pupils of the College, and so will be inviting them or their families to come at a later date and plant

replacement native trees in this space. The safety of our students must take precedence in this situation.

I would also encourage you to support the PTFA golf ball drop fundraiser by purchasing the tickets that are currently on sale. The golf ball drop will be happening on Monday 30th at 1:30pm. The PTFA are fundraising towards replacing the Susan Horrell Courts that are in desperate need of an upgrade.

As we move through the season of Lent, hopefully we take this time to reflect on the things that are drawing us away from God and our purpose as human beings. Lent is a time to shed those habits and practices that prevent us from growing in faith, hope and love. My hope is that we all make the most of this season of renewal.

Charity fulfills the law



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:

Message from the School Board

Ceri Macleod — March 5th, 2026

The School Board recently held our first meeting of the year, and it was great to get back into the swing of things. We started the year with some positive news, approving the purchase of a new school van. This will make a real difference for both students and staff by making it easier to get to sporting events, activities, and learning opportunities beyond the classroom.

At the beginning of each year, the Board elects its leadership positions. I'm delighted to have been re-elected as Presiding Member, with Catherine Sayer returning as Deputy. I'm grateful for the continued support of the board and look forward to working together again over the coming year.

As always, our focus remains firmly on our students. Whatever decisions we make as a board, we keep the wellbeing, learning and opportunities of our young people at the centre, guided by the Catholic values that underpin our school community.

We look forward to a great year ahead for the St Peter's community.

Ngā mihi,

Ceri



Debating Competition

LeeAnne Kortbaoui — March 3rd, 2026

We had three teams competing at the Southland Regional Schools' Debating competition at James Hargest College over the weekend, up against around 25 teams from across the Southland region.

Our junior team was made up of Tomas Kortbaoui, Max Matthews and Lily Gemmill.

Our senior debaters were Matilda McLeod, Clodagh and Eilish Greene, Rehansa Karunaratne,

Matilda Gemmill, Julia Morus and Anthony Lambert.

Our team scores were 1/3, 2/3, and an impressive 3/3 for our senior girls. They debated well but lost to a split decision, to Southland Girls' High School in the semi-final. What an achievement!

A special congratulations to Matilda McLeod, who received a Highly Commended award for being one of the top speakers in the tournament, and earned a place in the New Zealand Schools' Debating Society Southland Development Squad.



Gore Harvest Show and National Daliah Competition Results

Lisa Perkins — March 4th, 2026

Muffin

1st Elsie Vallely

2nd Jessie-Lee Whitley

3rd Sadie Brandish

Pikelet

3rd Celia Wilson

Chocolate chippie biscuit

1st Maria Roxy

2nd Indiah Shakell

3rd Holly Parish

Decorated cake

1st Kya Katayama

There was great enthusiasm with around 20 entries in the baking competition. The organisers of the event were rapt to see this input from our school as the entries for such competitions nationally has been declining. Students spent the lunchtime of Friday baking and the entries

were on display over the weekend at the Town and Country Club.

Well done to all our students that entered and to the students that won places. St Peter's has many keen and capable bakers!

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International Student's Day out in Queenstown

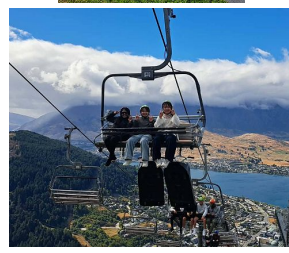
Nikki Cunningham — March 4th, 2026

Queenstown was the place to be on Monday, 2nd March. Our International students had a wonderful time on the Gondola and Luge, as well as plenty of eating and shopping (no photos of the latter!)

The sun was shining, and Amy-Rae and Nikki had to be super fast with the camera to get the Luge photos, as there was some extremely fast and furious competition on the Luge track.

Kaya and Ruka had requested a Queenstown trip as one of their final outings before they head back to Nagoya, Japan in a couple of weeks and they weren't disappointed. They also enjoyed a

Gallery



SPC Athletic Day Results

Rebecca Chittock — March 4th, 2026

SPC Athletics were held on Tuesday, 17th February, in cool but calm conditions. Thank you to our staff who did an awesome job out on the track and in the field, and also to our fantastic parent helpers who made the day run smoothly.

House points were allocated for placings, records, and participation.

The winning House on the day was **Finlay!** Congratulations.

Finlay - 802

McAuley - 656

Pompallier - 626

Rosmini - 612

We had four existing records broken this year. Congratulations to Millie and Kate.

- Senior Girls 800m Record of 2.32mins held by Millie McFadzien (2025) broken by **Millie McFadzien, running it in 2.30mins.**
- Senior Girls 1500m Record of 5.04mins held by Millie McFadzien (2025) broken by **Millie McFadzien, running it in 4.59mins.**
- Senior Girls 3000m Record of 10.41mins held by Millie McFadzien (2025) broken by **Millie McFadzien, running it in 10.26mins.**
- Under 14 Girls Triple Jump Record of 8.18m held by Kate Hicks (2025) broken by **Kate Hicks, jumping 8.74m.**

SPC Age Group Champions for 2026:

Points accumulated for students' best 4 performances and then taking into account a 5th event and records broken if required.

Under 12

Boys: Dustin Silvestre

Girls: Isla Templeton

Under 13

Boys: Preston Byars

Girls: Libby Richardson

Under 14

Boys: Archie Jackson

Girls: Kate Hicks

Under 15

Boys: Isaiah Mitchell

Girls: Lily Gemmill

Under 16

Boys: Blake Sayer

Girls: Madelyn Chittock

Senior

Boys: Jude Terry

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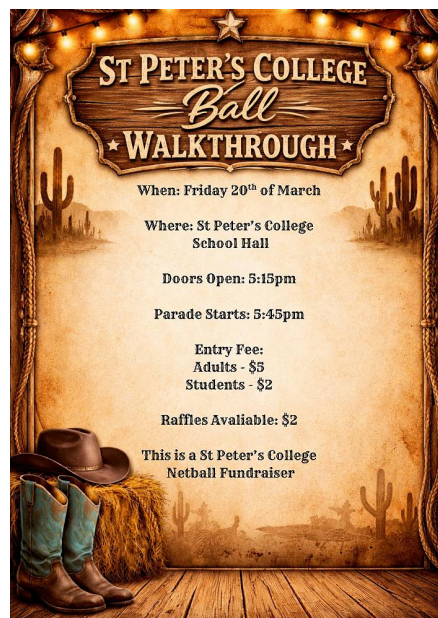


School Ball

To ensure everything runs smoothly for the Ball, please make sure forms are handed in and payment is completed by .

Tickets can only be issued once payment has been received - no payment, no ticket.

If you have any questions, please contact the office.





Work Day Forms

SPC — March 3rd, 2026

Please return your completed form along with any donated money to the school office as soon as possible.

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed - we really appreciate your support in helping us make a difference.

Hole in Won Fundraiser \$3000 Prize



Golf Ball Drop

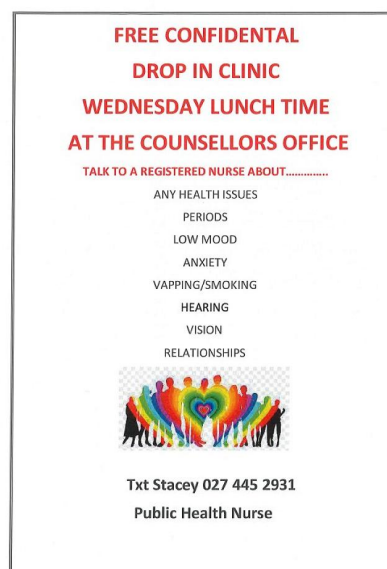
SPC — March 3rd, 2026

Thank you so much for supporting our PTFA as we raise funds for the Susan Horrell Courts. We really appreciate your support!

If you have already sold your ticket and would like another one to sell, please return the completed ticket to the school office and we will happily issue you a new one.

We are also on the lookout for golf balls for our Ball Drop fundraiser. If you have any golf balls at home that you no longer need, we would greatly appreciate them being dropped off to the school office.

Thank you again for getting behind this fundraiser - every ticket sold and every ball donated makes a difference.





Ero Research Centre

Links to two parent and whānau surveys links and information below.

ERO's research centre wants to hear from parents and whānau about their children's use of AI, as part of a national project. Here is the link to a 5-min survey: [Parent survey AI in schools](#)

ERO's research centre wants to hear from parents and whānau about your experience at the school, as part of a project about supporting schools across the country. Here is the link to a 3-min survey: [Parent and whānau survey School supports](#)

The links give you information about the project and consent before the survey starts.



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.



Hokonui Fashion Design Awards 2026

Entries are now open for the 2026 Hokonui Fashion Design Awards, and we would love to see students from your school involved in this nationally recognised event celebrating emerging fashion talent.

The awards are open to designers of all ages and experience levels, including dedicated school sections for primary, intermediate and secondary school students.

Key Dates:

- **22 May 2026** – Entry deadline
- **24 June 2026** – Garments must be received in Gore
- **30 June 2026** – Written submissions due for Narrative, Auaha and Sustainable awards
- **24 July 2026** – Hokonui Strictly Design Evening (School Section winners announced)
- **25 July 2026** – Hokonui Gala Awards Evening (Open Section winners announced)

2026 Entry Sections

Open Sections

- Gala
- Winter Solstice
- Avant Garde
- Androgynous
- Collection
- Aotearoa

School Sections

- From the Earth

- Gala
- Preppy
- Androgynous

Entry fees start from **\$20 for school section entries**, **\$50 for open section entries** and **\$65 for a collection entry**. Entrants from schools and design schools are able to select an **invoice payment option** when completing the online entry form.

We encourage teachers and tutors to share this opportunity with students interested in fashion design, textiles, or wearable art. Full entry information and submission forms can be found on our website.

For details and to enter, please visit:
<https://www.hokonui.fashion.co.nz/enter-2026>

If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Tori Tremaine

Entries Co-ordinator

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Monday 16th March
 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Buy tickets through
www.hokonui.fashion.co.nz
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Maruawai College Hall
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A COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY EVENT WITH:
 Maruawai College. Blue Mountain College.
 Menzies College. St Peters College

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Amy-Rae Roojackers — February 4th, 2026



**EASTERN
UNITED**

MENS HOCKEY TRIALS

DIVISION 1&2 TRIALS
WEDNESDAY 11th & 18th MARCH
6-7:30pm
GORE HOCKEY TURF

CALL AIDAN FOR MORE INFO 022 613 0891

The poster features a green and blue color scheme. At the top, the words 'EASTERN UNITED' are in large, bold, white letters with a black outline. Below this, 'MENS HOCKEY TRIALS' is written in white on a blue background. The central image shows three players in blue and white uniforms in action on a green field. At the bottom, a dark blue banner contains the event details in white text. A logo with 'E' and 'U' and crossed hockey sticks is on the right side of the banner.



**RIVERSDALE
HOCKEY
OPEN NIGHT**

MARCH 17TH FROM 6.30PM

GORE HOCKEY TURF, GORE
MULTISPORTS COMPLEX ON
ROBERTSON STREET

Team Categories:

- WOMENS DIVISON 1
- WOMENS DIVISON 2
- DIVISON 3

• Open to all players Year 9 up
• We welcome all new & existing players
• Competitive & Social

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The poster has a black background with a white dashed line forming a semi-circle. At the top, a photo shows players in blue and white uniforms. The text 'RIVERSDALE HOCKEY OPEN NIGHT' is in large white letters. Below it, the date and time 'MARCH 17TH FROM 6.30PM' are shown next to a clock icon. The location 'GORE HOCKEY TURF, GORE MULTISPORTS COMPLEX ON ROBERTSON STREET' is listed next to a location pin icon. A list of team categories is provided, followed by a list of bullet points about the event. At the bottom left, a phone icon and the contact number 'JO FOR ANY QUERIES 0273191277' are shown. A Riversdale Hockey logo is in the bottom right corner.

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