



Principal's Comment

Kia ora e te whānau

We are quickly moving through Term Three with a range of events happening at the College. Firstly, well done to those students who represented the College at Bishop's Shield in Dunedin. We had some great results, and all the students were fantastic ambassadors for St Peter's.

I also wish to make a mention of our Kapa Haka ropu (group) who performed at Polyfest in Invercargill and made the College proud. They certainly were a crowd favourite and we received a lot of positive feedback on the way that the group embraced a wide variety of cultures in their performance.



As the winter season moves through, I would like to remind parents and caregivers that if your child is unwell, please do keep them at home. You will no doubt be aware that the flu, influenza, and other sickness have been moving through the Gore community. The best way to prevent further spread of this is to remain at home and to take all the usual steps to remedy the various illnesses. Please do make sure you notify the school office if your child is going to be away from school sick.

Goodluck to all the sports teams that are participating in the Winter Tournament Week whether they are competing locally or travelling away. All of our extra-curricular activities would not be possible without the support and expertise of the many volunteers that make them happen. Whether that be providing transport, coaching, managing or fundraising thank you to the parents, staff and friends of the College who make this happen for sports, the performing arts and our cultural activities.

Enrolments for 2027 are steadily coming in and we are in the process of planning for next year. If you know of anyone who is wanting to enrol their child at St Peter's for 2027 please encourage them to make contact with the school office to arrange an enrolment interview.



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A reminder to all parents that we have a Teacher Only day on Monday the 7th of September, which will be a staff special character day. This is to ensure that the staff are provided with the required hours of professional development on the catholic character of the College.

The prefab classrooms next to the Susan Horrell Courts, which have been used by the Maths Department for some time, are currently being prepared for removal. These classrooms are being taken to St Gerard's School in Alexandra. Once they have been removed, a volleyball court is to be installed in the vacant space which will give us additional facilities for our students to use.

I would encourage you to support the PTFA movie fundraiser that is being held on Thursday, September 3rd. Our PTFA do tremendous work on behalf of the College, raising funds for equipment and facilities that we otherwise would not be able to have. In November the Susan Horrell Courts will be resurfaced thanks to the enormous efforts at fundraising undertaken by the PTFA. Your support of them is very much appreciated.

This week the Church celebrated the feasts of St Augustine and St Monica. Both are great examples that we can learn a lot from. Monica was a mother who never gave up on her challenging and wayward son, Augustine. She spent years praying for the conversion of her son from his wild ways. St Augustine then went on to become a great teacher of the faith and a man of great holiness and wisdom. In his famous biographical work *Confessions*, one very famous quote is "For you made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you." Let the example of these two great saints continue to inspire us today.

Charity fulfils the law
Kieran Udy
Principal



New Authors

The week of the 17th of August marked New Zealand's first official "Aotearoa New Zealand Children's Book Week." To celebrate, we hosted our SPC Illustrated Story Competition, and we are very proud to introduce the winners to our community: Jack Butterfield and Ivy Cowley!

Jack's graphic novel, "Jack's World The Beginning", is a crazy adventure that befalls Jack and his mates when they decide to buy their friend Josh a birthday present. Think crystal monsters, walking garbage bins and amazing coincidences!

Ivy's children's book is about a cow-crazy girl named Izzy, who runs away with her pet Jeffry when her parents won't let her go to the show. Ivy is a bit of an expert on the subject, having a history with showing calves herself, which shows in all those little details that make her plot authentic and her illustrations interesting!

Both winners received a copy of their new hardcover book, with the option to purchase a few extras for friends and family. We are delighted to add their stories to our SPC Library. The books have been highly sought after since their release.





Support Tinig SPC | Sabayang Pagbigkas '26

Our very own Tinig SPC has officially entered Sabayang Pagbigkas '26, and now we need YOUR help to bring them across the line!

Five points of their total score depend on the engagement their entry gets on Facebook and YouTube — so every like, comment, and share genuinely counts.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1MHQ2qJtMT/>

Youtube: <https://youtu.be/1NblMi9SJho>

Please like, comment, and share with your own family and friends — it's also a lovely way to celebrate the hard work and heart this team has poured into their performance!

Voting closes Monday, 31 August 2026, so please get your support in before then. And mark your calendars — the winners will be announced on Friday, 4 September.

Go Tinig SPC!





Bishop's Shield

What a fantastic weekend at the Bishop's Shield!

From public speaking and debating to drama, impromptu speaking and scripture, the event showcased an incredible level of talent, dedication, and sportsmanship. While photos capture some memorable moments, they can only hint at the commitment, hospitality, and strong sense of fraternity that made the weekend so special.

The competition was, as always, of an exceptionally high standard. Although the overall results didn't quite go our way this year, our students represented both themselves and our school with pride, confidence, and grace. Congratulations to Trinity Catholic College on taking out this year's Bishop's Shield.

Here are our place getters

- Eilish Greene – 1st Prepared Speech and winner of The Hibernian Cup
- Livai Porima – 2nd Senior Te Reo Māori
- Andrei Morus – 2nd Impromptu
- Lily Gemmil – 2nd Junior Scripture
- Aaliyah Silvestre – Most Promising Senior Dramatic Performance, winner of The Boyce Family Cup

A huge thank you to our wonderful hosts, Trinity Catholic College, for their warm hospitality. Likewise, we are indebted to the staff who gave their time and expertise to prepare and support our students throughout the competition.

Looking ahead, we are excited that St Peter's will proudly host the 83rd Bishop's Shield in August next year. We can't wait to welcome schools from across the diocese and continue this outstanding tradition.





Miharō Murihiku Polyfest



Photo create to Miharō Murihuiku



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Year 13 PE Takes on Cardrona!

Our Year 13 PE class recently hit the slopes at Cardrona Alpine Resort. For many of our students, this was a new experience and they thoroughly enjoyed it.

It was a mixed bag with the weather but the students took it in their stride.

A big thank you to Mr Sanson and Mrs Conlan for taking us on the trip and making this experience possible.



Harold and the Life Education Bus Visit St Peter's!

During the week of August 17th, Pip, Harold and the Life Education bus visited our Year 7 and 8 students. The sessions focused on developing key life skills, with a strong focus on managing emotions and building resilience.

Thank you to Pip and Harold for providing such valuable and engaging lessons for our students.



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A Special Thank you to Mrs Hunter

A massive thank you to Mrs Hunter for managing the Senior A netball team for the past eleven seasons!

Eleven years of dedication, organisation, and unwavering support. We are incredibly grateful for the immense time and heart you have given to our players, coaches and netball community. Mrs Hunter, you have been an absolute rockstar.

Thank you very much, Mrs Hunter



Southland Regional Rotary Speech Competition

Congratulations to Eli Puna for taking first place in the Southland Regional Rotary Speech Competition on August 18th, in Invercargill! He delivered an incredible performance and will now be heading to Dunedin this September for the grand final.

A huge well done to Zara Bell for an awesome performance in the competition as well.

Both students showcased remarkable skill, confidence, and pride in representing our school community.



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St Peter's College School Board Elections 2026

Student Election Results Declaration (no voting election required)

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Names

Talaivosa Pulu

Signed

Julie Henry
Returning Officer

PTFA FUNDRAISER

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**ST JAMES MOVIE THEATRE
GORE**

**THURSDAY
3 SEPTEMBER**

7PM
DOORS OPEN 6:30PM

**\$20
PER TICKET**

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM
THE ST PETER'S SCHOOL OFFICE

CASH SALES

DOOR SALES FOR TICKETS
ON THE NIGHT

RAFFLES ON THE NIGHT

PROUDLY THE FIRST SCREENING
OF THE MOVIE IN GORE.

**ST PETER'S
COLLEGE**
GORE

PTFA FUNDRAISER
Funds raised to support initiatives
that contribute to wellbeing, care
and positive experiences of our students.

PPTA Fundraiser

Support our students by getting behind the PPTA's latest fundraiser. Funds raised will support initiatives that contribute to the wellbeing, care and positive experiences of our students.

Grab a ticket and spread the word to family and friends.

Cash sales only.

Thank you for supporting our school community.

Let's make this fundraiser a success together.



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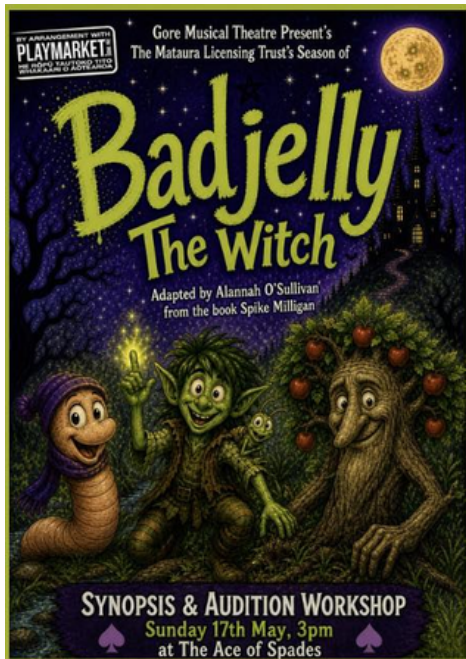
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	01 TOURNAMENT WEEK	02 TOURNAMENT WEEK	03 TOURNAMENT WEEK	04 TOURNAMENT WEEK	05	06
07 TEACHERS ONLY DAY	08	09 Y12 GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP TE ANAU	10 Y12 GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP TE ANAU OTAGO/SOUTHLAND ARGI FUTURES CLASH OF COLLEGES	11 Y12 GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP TE ANAU YEAR 11 PE CAMP COLUMBA	12	13
14 TEAM SPORTS PHOTOS	15	16 CULTURAL DAY	17 Y13 GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP QUEENSTOWN	18 Y13 GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP QUEENSTOWN Y8 DEEP COVE CAMP	19 Y8 DEEP COVE CAMP	20 Y8 DEEP COVE CAMP
21 Y8 DEEP COVE CAMP	22 Y8 DEEP COVE CAMP	23 Y8 DEEP COVE CAMP	24 Y8 DEEP COVE CAMP	25 CLASS ACT LAST DAY OF TERM 3	26	27
28	29	30				



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Gore Musical Theatre invite young people aged 10-19 years to come along to the synopsis and audition workshop for their 2026 youth show "Badjelly the Witch". Ace of Spades rehearsal rooms, Mersey Street, 3pm on Sunday 17th May. For more information, see the Gore Musical Theatre Facebook page or contact Mr McAllister.

