



Ss Peter & Paul School

Our Mission:

• enriching education

- *Whaia te Matauranga hiranga ake*

• enthusiastic children

- *Akiaki Tamariki ngakau koropupū*

• Catholic values

- *Whaitikanga katorika*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & SPECIAL CHARACTER

Ss Peter and Paul School is a Catholic Primary School. We are very proud of our Catholic Tradition. We are committed to living by Gospel values, to showing care and concern for all, to the common good and to witnessing Jesus in our community.

The New Zealand Catholic Bishop's Conference in 2014 quoted Saint Pope John Paul II in stating the primary goal of Catholic Schools:

Catholic education is above all a question of communicating Christ, of helping to form Christ in the lives of others.

The Special Catholic Character of our School is brought to life through the Religious Education programme, our Sacramental and Liturgical programme and through our Pastoral Care.

The Religious Education Curriculum for Catholic Primary Schools is truly Catholic in its presentation of elements of a living Tradition, appropriate for children in primary schools. It uses the best current educational practice, and integrates with the other essential learning areas of the New Zealand Curriculum. The curriculum has six Learning Strands for each of the eight years of primary school; "God", "Jesus", "Holy Spirit", "Church", "Sacrament" and "Communion of Saints". There are also three Learning Modules for each year; "Liturgical Year", "Prayer and Sacramental Celebrations", and "Myself and Others".

Our School's Sacramental and Liturgical programme includes preparation programmes for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion as well as celebrations of Baptism from time to time, and liturgies to celebrate special occasions and Feast days within the Church's year. The School celebrates in a special way the feast of our patrons, Saint Peter and Saint Paul each year towards the end of June (29 June is the feast of Ss Peter and Paul).

As a Catholic school, we are called to serve the pastoral needs of those in our community. Pastoral care is a compassionate presence in imitation of Jesus' care of people, especially those who are hurting and in need. This pastoral care includes financial support, physical support (meeting basic needs such as food and clothing) and emotional support.

Our School shares a strong relationship with our parishes and our pastoral area, in particular with the Ss Peter and Paul Parish of Lower Hutt.