



Kia ora parents and caregivers,

*from the Principal*

At our last Board meeting we farewelled three of our members, Chris Byrne our Board Chair, Kirsty Voller our Staff Representative and Michelle Ruocco, one of our Parent Representatives. We also welcomed Kelly Carson our new Minute Secretary.

On behalf of all the school community I would like to acknowledge the enthusiasm and commitment they brought to the Board table and thank them for their contribution to the collaborative and positive approach that operates within the Board.

For a Principal new to a school I certainly was blessed to have the support of Chris as my Board Chair and have valued his clear and reasoned thinking along with his genuine interest in all things educational.

Our meeting next Wednesday evening will be the first meeting with the new Board:

Fr. Cirilo Barlis (Proprietor's Rep)  
Genevieve Greally (Parent Rep)  
Helene Doyle (Parent Rep)  
Michelle Nixon (Staff Rep)  
Rachel Jefferson (Proprietor's Rep)

Fr. Patrick Bridgman (Proprietor's Rep)  
Grant Yarrall (Parent Rep)  
Kay Tester (Principal)  
Michael Bignall (New Parent Rep)  
Tanya Wilton (Proprietor's Rep)

At the beginning of the meeting we will be electing our new Board Chair.

### Sharing our learning in Religious Education (RE)

As parents and whanau, you are warmly encouraged to visit our classrooms next Monday to see your children exploring our faith. Children are looking forward to sharing with you what they have been looking at in RE over this last term as well as other examples of recent learning.

During the afternoon we will also host a repeating short conversation on recent Catholic issues focussed on the parent/school partnership. Chris Duthie-Jung will facilitate this chance to look at what's current for parents.

**Timetable** Classrooms of Pohutukawa and Rata will be open from 1.30pm.  
Classrooms of Kowhai and Nikau will be open from 2pm.

**Conversations** with Chris Duthie Jung will run for 15 mins at:

- 1.30pm and 1.50pm (for Kowhai and Nikau parents and whanau)
- 2.15pm and 2.35pm (for Pohutukawa and Rata parents and whanau)

### ERO Report

During the middle of last term a team from the Education Review Office (ERO) visited our school to provide an external review on the education and care of our students. You can read the full report [here](#).

## Special Character

**Pentecost Parish and School Mass** Thank you to all the students and families who came and celebrated our School and Parish Mass on Pentecost. It was wonderful to see the Parish and School community come together during this special time.

**First Eucharist** - This coming Sunday the students who have been preparing for their First Eucharist will be completing the Sacrament at 9am or 5.30pm Mass. If your child has not handed in their scrapbook, they can drop this off to Miss Wright in Room 8. The photographers details will be sent in a separate email later this week.

Wednesday 19 June 2019

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## Preference Certificates

Parents wishing to apply to Catholic Schools and Colleges, certificate signing is at the **SSPP Parish Office today Wed 19 June 3-5pm** or **630-730pm** no appointment time is necessary. If your child has been baptised please bring their certificate along with you.

## School Mass

**Friday 28 June**

Celebrating the Feast of Ss Peter and Paul at 9.15am in the Church



## Board of Trustees MEETING

**Wednesday 26 June**  
**7pm School staffroom**

*All welcome to attend*

## Excess Uniform Items

Families over the last year have kindly donated school uniform items to be used as spare clothing. We do however, have quite an excess now and would like to offer these to our community. Items will be set up in Room 16 (sKids after school care) on Friday 21 June from 8.30am-2.30pm. Our community supporting our families.

PTA

EVENTS

## PTA Meeting

All welcome join us at one of  
our next meetings  
**School staffroom**  
**7:00pm**

**Thursday 20 June**

**Thursday 1 August**

PIZZA  
DAY



## Happy FEAST day to us!

To celebrate the feast of our Patron Saints, we are offering a special PIZZA lunch Friday 28 June.

## Mufti Day Thank you

A huge thank you for your generous donations for Mufti Day on 7 June. We raised over \$700! We are working towards sunshades to keep our children protected in the summer months. We appreciate your ongoing support.



## SPORTS *page*



Registrations Open

## Year 3 & 4 Basketball

[To register click here](#)

If you haven't already registered click the above link to submit your form



**Interzone  
Cross Country  
took place  
yesterday**

*more news to follow*



Kōwhai

1-7



# SCOOTER Safety BY ROOM 7

We have to wear our helmet on our head, so keep our brains and our head safe, because if we fall off our scooter, we could bump our head. Our helmet will protect our head.

*By Mackenzie*

On Tuesday, we rode our scooters at school. We learned that we need to protect our brain and our head by wearing our helmet when we ride our scooter.

*By Lia*



I learned about scooter safety at school. It was fun. I have a cool scooter.

*By Nancy*



We learned about scooter safety at school. We did 'follow the leader' to practise riding on the scooter. When you want to stop, you do 'little feet' to get off safely. We went around the scooter area.

*By Ciara*



8-11

Nīkau

Throughout Term 2, Nīkau students have spent one afternoon each week exploring the arts using the motivation of several Maori myths and legends as inspiration. We have made Maui's fish hooks using clay, we have pretended to be Tane Mahuta as he made space between Papatuanuku and Ranginui in dance, we have created mixed media art pieces depicting Maui slowing Te Ra, explored Ngake and Whaitaitai in drama, and made to accompany the story of Tane and the stars. We all look forward to our Arts afternoon.



## Scooter Safety

Nīkau students had their turn last week to learn an important part of Road Safety and keeping themselves safe as they participated in Scooter Safety at school.

We learnt about how to glide our scooters, how to change feet if our legs were getting tired and how to stop sensibly and safely. It was fun and useful learning for us.





**Pohutukawa**

**12-15**

**Pohutukawa students** have been busy growing plants and learning a lot about them too. To help the students learn more, Mr Higson from the St Bernard's College Science Department came and visited our area. He brought with him some of his staff and students as well as some exciting science equipment. They led us through a range of experiments about plants. The students learnt a lot and enjoyed using the science equipment too!



**Rooms 13 and 14** students had fun building their simple plant ecosystems. They planted different herbs in them and are now busy observing what happens next. They will record how long the different seeds take to germinate and grow depending on how much sunlight they get each day.

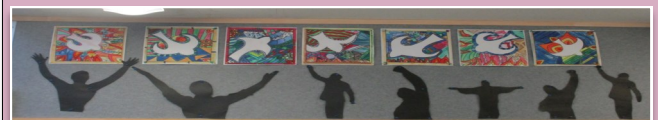


**Room 12** students have been learning about photosynthesis and have created their own terrariums to observe this process. They have also been collecting different soil samples from around the school grounds and testing them to see which soil is better for growing seeds.



**Pentecost Art**

Miss Gilmour and a group of talented students in Pohutukawa area spent time creating a wonderful art display for use in our Church during the Pentecost Sunday masses. You are most welcome to come and have a look at it in our shared space where it is now on display!



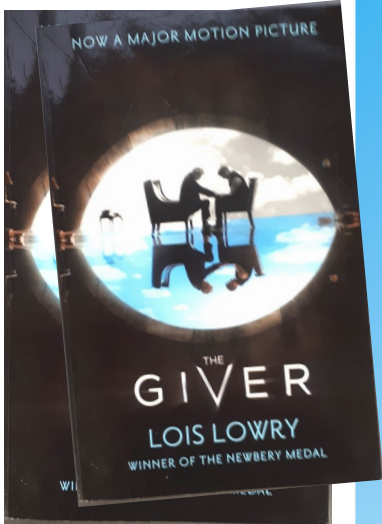


In room 19 we have been reading a novel called 'The Giver' We were asked what our perfect world might be like. Here is a piece written about 'My perfect World'

As I glance up at the clouded sky, I hear the sound of a gushing water-fall. I gaze over my shoulder and see endangered animals thriving in the vibrant green forest. As I walk over the dewy frost covered grass, I smell the strong scent of pine trees, swaying in the wind. I feel the soft touch of an elephants trunk and feel happiness streak through me like the sun, warming me with its rays.

I smile with joy as I wonder how I ended up in this haven of perfection. I couldn't think of anything more perfect. I run towards the flower-filled meadow towards my mother. As I grasp her hand, I smell her alluring scent, a remarkable smell, covering her wrists with a rosy aroma. As I wrap my arms around her, I hear her heart, beating against my cheek and feel her love surrounding me. I release her hand from mine and walk towards the forest, with her just beyond me.

*By Georgia Williamson*



Room 19 we have been looking at New Zealand history and geography. We discussed what makes us Kiwi. We designed a postage stamp representing Kiwiana.

**School Office** [www.stpeterpaul.school.nz](http://www.stpeterpaul.school.nz) **569 5759**

**Absences** parents/caregivers call between 7.30-9.00am extn 1 if your child will be absent or late

**Information line** for up to date school activities and cancellations use extn 2

# Contact the School

**School Policy & Procedures** Login details are on the Parent Portal under About Us

**Parent Portal** [etap@school](mailto:etap@school) parent portal  
[etap@school.app](http://etap@school.app)  
 (if you forgot your password please contact Lisa in the school office)

Thank you for your ongoing support  
 Mā te Atua koutou e manaaki, e tiaki hoki  
 May God bless and care for you  
 Kind regards **Kay Tester - Principal**





# Community News



Fantastical, majestic **Children's Neon Ball** - Greenstone Doors Charitable Trust are hosting a special evening for children (and their parents) at the Dowse Art Museum in Laings Road Lower Hutt on **Friday 19 July from 5-7pm**. There will be a photo booth, facepainting, crafts, dancing, entertainment and food and drinks!

Tickets are \$15 for one adult and one child, \$25 for a family pass. To purchase your tickets for this amazingly awesome night go to <https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/childrens-neon-ball-tickets-63318987797> or purchase your tickets at the door on the night. The event on eventbrite is called 'Children's Neon Ball'.

You can also purchase tickets by clicking on the event on our Facebook page 'Greenstone Doors'.

**ENGAGE**

**Only Adolescent Session in Hutt Valley!!**

**THE ADOLESCENT BRAIN**  
A session to help you understand : and interact more positively

Come along and hear **KATHRYN BERKETT** explain the incredible transition that is happening for our young ones.  
**If you live or work with anyone going through the joys of adolescence, this will make incredible sense to you. And even better, we will talk about WHAT TO DO!!**

We all struggle at times, getting the kids to school, bedtime, getting them to help around the house. A certain amount of 'discussion' can always be expected in a busy household. But when times become more stressed than fun, we really need to consider what is going on.

This session will give you incredible insight, in such a short time, into what is going on for an adolescent, in their brains and in their bodies. This information can be immediately applied to your world. Reports of 'you have changed our household' and 'I get it now' are very common from those who attend this session. Why wouldn't you come along??

Kathryn is a mother of two (both in stages of adolescence!) and has her Masters in Educational Psychology. She will explain what is going on in simple, real language. You will leave her session with practical tips that you can use IMMEDIATELY.

Kathryn has been working in this area and training international audiences for over sixteen years; working with groups such as Police, Teachers, Parents, Social Workers, NZ Rugby and many more.

Come along to this unique, local opportunity to hear what might be the most useful information of your life!

LEARN WHAT TO DO IN THAT MOMENT OF CONFLICT

REAL 'TAKE HOME' STRATEGIES

IDEAL FOR THOSE WITH AGES 10+

EASY TO UNDERSTAND EXAMPLES

Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug  
7:00 – 8:30pm

Sacred Heart College  
65 Laings Road  
Lower Hutt

Tickets from  
[Eventbrite.co.nz](https://www.eventbrite.co.nz)  
**\$15**  
Search  
'Adolescent Brain'

*Excellent presentation, loved the examples, easy to understand. Have heard some of the info many times before however the way you explained things CLICKED for me! – Parent (Whangarei)*

WHAT DO YOU IMAGINE A PEACEFUL WORLD LOOKS LIKE?

**Hutt City Tūmanako**

Children's art, works for a peaceful world **2019**

Supporting an inclusive Aotearoa where all lives are celebrated and commemorating Hiroshima day.

**Place** is not something removed from our daily lives. It starts with being family, rooted in our communities and embracing each individual. (Developing heart to heart) Bonds with others in the place where we are right now — by opening our hearts, acting in friendship, and using our wisdom — is the surest way to build peace. — SGI President Daisaku Ikeda

**Invitation to enter art**  
Children 8 to 15-years-old are invited to create a work of art for a peaceful world. Collaborative works are encouraged.

**Exhibition opening day**  
Celebrate your success with Hutt City Mayor Ray Walker at the opening — 3pm, Sunday 4 August 2019 at Walter Nash Centre, Taita. Enjoy music, food and art for peace.

**Registration**  
It would be really appreciated if you can register your interest for your classes (interest) in participating. This would be a great help to the organisers who want to ensure it's the best display of all the artworks. Registration is here: [www.sginz.org/peace](http://www.sginz.org/peace)  
Enquiry: [tumanako.artwork@gmail.com](mailto:tumanako.artwork@gmail.com)

**Submission**  
Artwork by 26 July 2019, pickups by arrangement.  
For information and resources visit: [www.sginz.org/peace](http://www.sginz.org/peace)

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