



Kia ora tatou

*from the Principal*

A very warm welcome back to the first of our Term 4 newsletters. We hope the holiday break went well for everyone. The students and staff all arrived back looking well refreshed for what is always an exciting and enjoyable term.

Can I please remind everyone that our fortnightly newsletter is our main communication to parents and aims to keep you informed about what is happening at school and what is coming up as well. They come out via email fortnightly on a Tuesday on the even weeks of the term. They are then uploaded onto the school website and the parent portal so they are always available as a reference point.

Emails are another essential way that we communicate with our families as and when required. Group emails come out through eTAP (our school management system) and are sent from the office, an Area Leader or other specific person such as the Director of Religious Studies (DRS). We try and be as specific as possible with the subject line and restrict the correspondence to the relevant group.

We thank you for working with us to ensure we get the communication level right for everyone - not too much and not too little.

### Parent survey

Thanks to those who have already shared their feedback to our community survey. The survey will remain open until Monday so please [click here](#) to share your thoughts and ideas on aspects of school life that will help guide our strategic direction.

### Combined School and Parish Mass

Every term we celebrate a combined School and Parish Mass to acknowledge the special relationship we have with one another. We warmly invite our school families to this term's Mass on Sunday 3 November at 9am. Father Patrick has returned, looking most relaxed from his sabbatical and this will be a wonderful opportunity to welcome him back to our school community.

## Special Character

Next week it is All Saints Day (1 Nov) and All Souls Day (2 Nov). On All Saints Day we remember and celebrate the Saints in heaven with God. God encourages us to be holy and good just like the saints before us. During next week the areas of the school will be each holding a Liturgy for All Saints day, below are the times and days. Feel free to come and join this wonderful celebration.



- Kowhai** - Thursday 2.15pm in Rooms 2 & 3
- Nikau** - Friday 9am in Nikau's Shared Area
- Pohutukawa** - Friday 11.10 in Rooms 13 & 14
- Rata** - Friday 9am in Rooms 18 & 19



### Confirmation

A final reminder that the parent evening is tonight (Tuesday 22 Oct) at 7.30pm for those wishing for their child to be confirmed

Following the **Footsteps** of **Jesus**

Tuesday 22 October 2019

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## FOR MORE INFORMATION

School Website

[Click here](#)

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## School Parish MASS

Sunday 3 Nov

9:00am

our school is leading  
this mass  
all welcome





## NEWS Donations to support the Curriculum

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The Government's new donation scheme for decile 1-7 schools continues to feature in the news as eligible schools decide whether to opt into the scheme or not. As previously mentioned we are **not** able to opt into this scheme as we are a decile 9 school. Education Minister Chris Hipkins has said the government has not ruled out including high-decile schools in the scheme in future.

"Over time, our goal is to ensure that cost is not a barrier for anybody. We have to start somewhere. Decile one to seven is a reasonably significant start and then in time we'll get to look at the decile eight, nine and 10 schools again, I'm sure," he said.

"The reality, though, is that high-decile schools do find it easier to raise locally-raised funds and the numbers clearly demonstrate that."

So the Government have the assumption that all decile 8-10 schools are able to generate this extra funding from the parent community and also that parents are willing to support this.

Here is the situation we face this year. We are hopeful that parents value and are in a position to donate the funds needed to cover costs that are used to support and enhance the delivery of a broad and rich curriculum. This covers all trips (Education Outside the Classroom) and activities such as the swimming programme and the visit from the Life Education Van.

The cost of these trips and activities for all students to be involved in during the year is \$41,280. Teachers carefully plan and budget to ensure we get the best possible experience for students and they cover the breadth of the curriculum. Currently we have had funds in that cover only \$29,472 leaving a shortfall of \$11,807. This is a bigger shortfall than previous years and unless we can address this it will have an impact on our on-going ability to provide these enriching experiences for students.

How can you help:

- Check whether you have made your donation, especially your curriculum donation which covers trips and activities. You can do this by contacting Kirsty in the office.

If not then please consider doing this:

- Kowhai (full year) \$75.00
- Nikau \$80.00
- Pohutukawa & Rata (Yr 5&6) \$90.00
- Rata (Yr 7&8) \$145.00 (includes technology at Avalon Int)

If you are in a position to contribute a little extra for families that may be struggling to contribute, this would be most appreciated.

If you need more information about school donations please read the link on our school website.

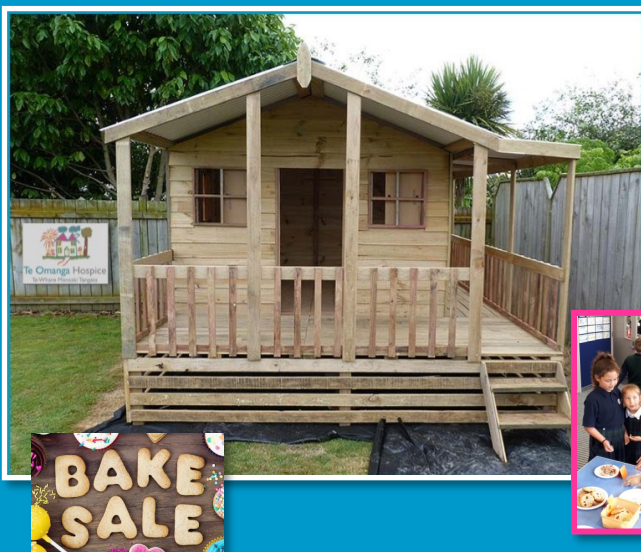
Thanks for your help with this.

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# SCHOOL NEWS

Te Omanga Hospice

Te Whare Manaaki Tangata



A **BIG** thank you to our community in getting behind our three day bake sale last term. The baking was amazing and we raised over \$1100.00, which is going towards the new play house. Your efforts were amazing!



Te Omanga Hospice would like to say THANK YOU and is so grateful for the support they have received from our school community in supplying egg cartons.



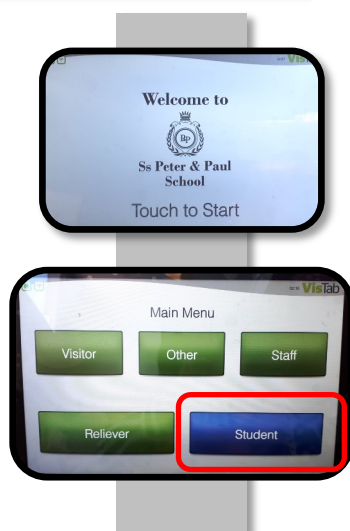
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## SCHOLASTIC

A brochure came home last week 'issue 7', these come home once a term. Orders are to be placed online at [mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz](http://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz) using LOOP (Linked Online Ordering and Payment for Parents). Orders cannot be made at school. When ordering, to find our school you will need to enter the school's postcode '5010' and/or our school's name 'St Peter and Paul School'. All online orders will be sent directly to the school and given to your child.

Closes 3pm Friday 1 November



## School Sign In Procedure

A friendly reminder that if you are running late and have reported this through the website or telephone, your child will still need to sign-in (*on the tablet*) at the office and take a red card before going to their classroom.



## Caring for the Earth **RECYCLING**

As a reflection of our school value Stewardship and caring for the earth we are pleased to be introducing a new recycling initiative.

**From now on we are collecting empty writing implements - pens, felt tips, highlighters, markers, mechanical pens, correction tape and fluid pots, fountain pens and ink cartridges are all included as long as they are empty.**

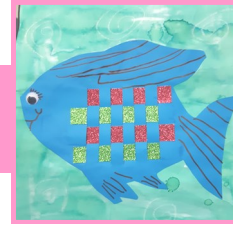
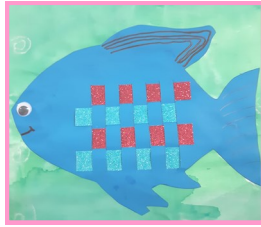
Just drop the items in the box in the **school office** and we take action from there.

**See the posters around the school for clarification**



Kowhai

1-7

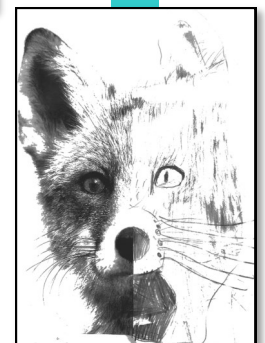
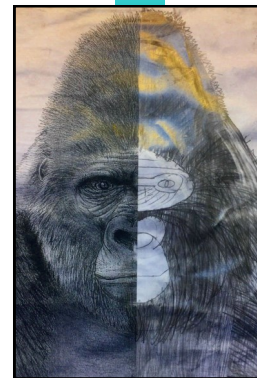


Kowhai are continuing to learn about animals this term. Room two have been researching about different animals. They sketched half of their animal, carefully duplicating the printed opposite side. Then they wrote some fabulous creative stories about what it they would do *if they were that animal...*



## Charlotte the Dog

*If I were a dog...I would suck on piles and piles of bones. I'd chase cats, eat dog sausages, run a lot, howl, bark excitedly when my owner came home.... I would walk a lot, go to the beach, sleep and most definitely not like soap! I love water though and love baths. I love eating and eat a lot, I eat mainly meat. I would kiss people with my slippery tongue. I would have a wet nose, my breed would be a labrador. I would have short fur, long floppy ears. I would bark and wag my tail when I was happy. I would chase a stick into the sea when it was thrown. I would do the same with a tennis ball, I'd bark and wag my tail when I was happy. When I am unhappy I would put my tail in between my legs and whine. My job would be to keep my owners happy. To make myself scary I would howl and bark loudly to let them know that it is my house and my territory. With my friends I would sneak off to the beach and run to the stream, then I would run up and down as fast as I could. I would not be lazy because I would be a hard working dog. My big brown eyes would look for things that the owner has lost. I would hide in the dark closed garage at night. I feel most alive at night. I would use my short soft whiskas to look friendly and make friends. I would lick myself every hour to make me super clean. My point jaws and my loud growl would make me look fierce. I would watch TV on the couch and I would whine to get my own way. I would be sneaky and hide my bitten tennis ball behind the barbeque so I wouldn't get in trouble. I would use my short body to get through small gaps and my small soft paws to make no sound. When my owners go on holiday I would go to Pine Lodge. Pine Lodge is a dog hotel in Otaki, dogs dream about it because it's heaven for dogs, their beds are old couches! That is my life of a dog!*





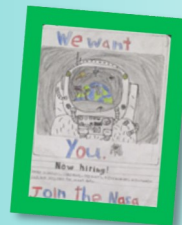
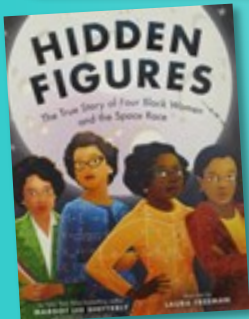
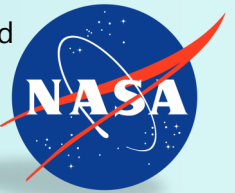
**Last term** in Room 9 we made beeswax wraps that we could take home and reuse, instead of using single use plastic like Gladwrap or tinfoil. If they get dirty then you just wipe them down!

This is how you make beeswax wraps. You need greaseproof paper, grated beeswax, an iron, a washing line, a table or an ironing board and most importantly a piece of cotton fabric. First put your towel on the table or ironing board. Next put your greaseproof paper down (big enough to fold over your fabric). Your fabric should be cut to 25cm wide and 30 cm long. Put your fabric on one side of your paper and sprinkle beeswax all over your fabric. Then fold the other half of the greaseproof paper over your fabric. Iron on top of the paper and pull it off. Leave your fabric to dry and your done!

Look, now you've got your very own beeswax wrap and you can make as many as you want! They are much better for the environment than silly old Gladwrap or tinfoil. *By Pippa Room 9*



**Room 13 and 14** have recently explored the concept of 'change' during literacy activities. Last term the students read the book 'Hidden Figures' and discussed the changes that have occurred over time for women working at NASA. They were then given the task of creating a poster to encourage women to work at NASA as scientists, mathematicians, engineers and astronauts. Their published posters are out of this world!



We have started the term having fun creating change poems. The students were set the challenge of selecting interesting adjectives, verbs and nouns to describe two opposing objects or ideas. They then had to make a change halfway through their poem. A great opportunity for them to see the importance of using a thesaurus to help build their vocabulary!

# CHANGE POEMS





## Celebrating our Successes

*Rebecca Bailey - Wellington Centurions girls under 13s rugby*

At the end of term 3 I made it into the Wellington Centurions girls under 13s rugby team. I went to the first trial of the team which then turned to training because there was not enough girls to make the trial so there was no first trial.

We got a call that they were going to attempt to make another trial but I couldn't make it to the trial so I gave up on my hope of getting into the team.

A week later I found out I got into the team as a bench player because I didn't go to the second trial but I was still happy that I got into the team. I participated in a triangle tournament. This is when there are three teams and one team is facing two teams for each half. First we played Wests Roosters then we played Norths Bloodhounds we won against the West Roosters but lost against the Norths Bloodhounds by one try. It was awesome to be part of this team to get some advice on my techniques which has made a difference in my games. *By Rebecca Bailey*



## Cross

**In-Room 17** we have been working on a RE related cross, using a paper mache and collage technique. The cross represents growth and that God is always with us.



To create the cross we used cardboard to make the cut-out. Once we had the cutout Mrs Coote taped the cardboard with masking tape so that the cross wouldn't come apart. After the tape was on we used paper towels and PVA glue to make the surface white so that the colours would look brighter. We started with the tree trunk followed by the branches and leaves. In between the branches and down the sides of the trunk we put light blue and dark blue korus. Then we started on the rays of light which represent that God is shining down on us. We used different shades of each colour to complete the design.

We hope you can come past Room 17 and see our creation.

*By Natalie Fifield and Mia Sarich*



# SPORTS *update*



**Congratulations** to the year 5/6 water polo team who finished second this season! For a lot of the team this was their first time playing. The whole team can be proud of their improvement throughout the season. It was especially great to see the teamwork and comradery shown throughout the season.

## **Athletics Years 4 to 8**

These are scheduled to be held at the Hutt Rec on Thursday 31 October  
(Postponement date 6 November)

In light of our school Sportstart concept to “run further/faster or longer; jump higher or further; throw further” we are refocusing our sports’ day. This is to focus on participation for all students in activities which reflect this concept no matter their skill level.

All students will take part in sprints.

Throwing events will be finals contested by those who meet the standard required for Zone Athletics after trials at school this week.

While these students are competing, others will be involved in Sportstart activities which reflect the concept above.

At the end of all of the sessions at approximately 12.30 we will complete long distance for those who have entered from Year 5,6 and 7.

Long jump will be held on the 6th to allow more time for classes to work on the necessary skills.. Times your child will be participating will be confirmed at the end of the week however at this stage we will have Year 7 and 8 at the Rec from approx 9.20 to 10.20, Year 4 from 10.30 to 11.30 and Year 5,6 from 11.30 to 12.30 with those in long distance there till approx 1pm. As always we welcome your attendance and support.

## **FUTURE FERNS NETBALL YEAR 0,1,2**

Teams have been notified and posted on the Sports’ Noticeboard. Games begin Saturday 2nd November and you will be notified whether your team plays at 9am or 10am.

## **TOUCH TERM 4**

Teams have been notified and posted on the Sports’ Noticeboard. Games begin Friday 1st November and you will be notified by the Team Manager about games times and, for those who are having them, practice times.

The draw is available on Total Touch website for Hutt Park Juniors once it is finalised.

PTA

EVENTS

DAD'S PIES

Thank you to the school community for supporting the PTA's Dad's Pies fundraiser. We have sold 87 boxes of pies with all profits going towards new sun shades for the school.



SpiceCraft

Upcoming November PTA Fundraiser - SpiceCraft

SpiceCraft is a range of flavoured salts, rubs and seasonings developed by a professional chef, "all the seasonings are naturally gluten free, nut free, no msg, and 100% vegan". Ideal for meat and veges, and spicing up the summer BBQ. SpiceCraft's gift packs, which contain their best-selling flavours, will make an ideal Christmas gift too. More details to follow.



DISCOVER REAL FLAVOUR

You can view a sample in the 'Sports Noticeboard' in the tunnel

PTA Meeting

Join us at our next meeting school staffroom 7:00pm

Thurs 24 Oct

Even if you haven't been before please do come along and find out what your PTA is all about. Everyone welcome!



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Contact the School

Report an Absence

report via the school website or call before 9:00am (extrn1 if your child will be absent or late)

School Policy & Procedures

Login details are on the Parent Portal (under Contacts)

Information line

for up to date school activities and cancellations use extrn 2

Parent Portal

etap@school parent portal (contact Lisa in the office if you forget your password)

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



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# Community News

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We are a summer track and field club, with the season starting Wed 16 October and running through to October. Club night is held at Hutt Rec, Wednesdays 6pm – 7:30pm.

The Lower Hutt Amateur Athletics Club provide a fun environment with a mixture of games for ages 5 and 6, and for ages 7 – 15 years old a mixture of Skill based activities and track and field events. Keen athletes can access specialist coaching and represent Lower Hutt by competing in Interclub events and other competitions through the season.

For more information including details on online registration, visit the website <https://www.sporty.co.nz/lowerhuttaac>