



Kia ora koutou

from the Principal

Last week we had the release of the reform of the Tomorrow's Schools system. The proposed changes are intended to put more frontline support closer to schools and to address what Education Minister Chris Hipkins has argued as aspects of the system that do not work well for all students. You can read more about these changes, [click here](#).

Calling all parents of Year Two students - a reminder that as your child's first educator in faith, you are warmly invited to join us this Thursday 21 November for an hour of exploring what it will mean for you and your child as they continue their sacramental journey next year. Two meeting options are planned – either 3-4pm or 7-8pm. Child care will be available for your children at the 3pm session (RSVP helpful but not essential).

Enrolments for 2020

As we begin the process of organising classes for 2020 we would be most grateful if you could inform us of any plans that would involve your child not returning to our school next year. We currently have students on a waiting list for places that might come available within the year groups, so being fully informed would be most appreciated.

Confirmation this Sunday

Congratulations to the large number of our students who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this coming Sunday and to the smaller group who will be baptised during the Masses as well.

Many thanks to Sophie Wright, our DRS who has supported the Parish team to deliver the programme and to all parents and extended family who have supported their children on this special journey of faith.

Tuesday 19 November 2019

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Special Character

EOY Celebration Y3 - Y8

Tues 10 Dec 5:45pm for 6pm start
Ss Peter and Paul Church

This is a special celebration where we as a community come together to celebrate and we have loads to celebrate! We will acknowledge some of the highlights from 2019, the gift of our Year 8 girls and Year 6 boys who have contributed to the life of the our school. This is a wonderful occasion. Your support is greatly appreciated.

All students to wear their school uniform

Kowhai Christmas Carols

Tuesday 17 December
5pm till 6pm

Ss Peter and Paul Church

The Kowhai students have been working hard on their class items for this evening's celebration. Bring your best singing voices to join in with the carols. A special occasion to be shared by all.

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Confirmation Mass

Sun 24 Nov
9am & 5:30pm
Cardinal John Dew
will be officiating

Final School Day

School will close on
Wednesday 18 Dec
12:30pm



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

Class Placements

2020

As we begin the process of classroom organisation for 2020, I would like to explain what we take into account as we do this.

When considering the makeup of classes we look for:

- *A mix of students' learning abilities, behaviours and dispositions*
- *A good gender balance*
- *The age range of students*
- *Specific needs of students*
- *Friendship groupings*

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All teachers have input into the classroom organisation as they bring knowledge of who works well together, who might benefit from being in a separate grouping etc. Much time and effort is dedicated to getting a good mix for everyone.

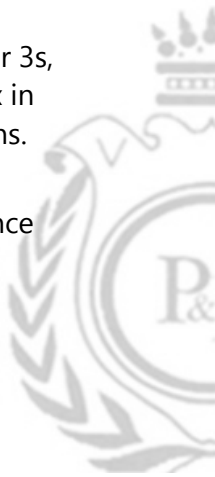
If there is any 'specific need' you would like us to take into account for your child's placement then please do email me (principal@stpeterpaul.school.nz) outlining what this might be. We will always take this into consideration when making decisions but cannot guarantee they will be reflected in the final decision. This must take into account the balance and needs of all students. Please do not email with specific requests for particular teachers or classes.

Our roll has all but closed for 2020 enrolments. To ensure that we do not have overcrowding in our junior classrooms we must start the year with most classrooms at their maximum capacity. The Ministry provides a teacher - pupil ratio that takes into account that as children get older and become more independent learners there can be an increase in the class size. As such:

- *Year 4-8 students are staffed on one teacher to approximately 29 students*
- *Year 2-3 students are staffed on one teacher to approximately 23 students*
- *Year 1 students are staffed on one teacher to approximately 18 students*

Some of our year groups are particularly large at the moment. For example we will have 73 students in Year 5 and 67 students in Year 6 next year. The Pohutukawa Area can accommodate a maximum of 120 students. Therefore the structure for 2020 will look slightly different from the last few years. There will be a Year 2/3 class in Room 3 (Kowhai), a Year 4/5 class in Room 11 (Nikau) and a Year 6/7 class in Room 19 (Rata). These classes will be made up of the older year 2s, 4s and 6s and the younger Year 3s, 5s and 7s. There may be some adjustments made because of ensuring we have a good gender mix in the classes, or in special circumstances such as parent decisions around the placement of their twins.

Class information will be included in the envelope that contains school reports and sent home on Thursday 12 December. We thank you for your support in this area as this will make all the difference for a smooth transition.



SCHOOL NEWS

Parent Information Evening Reminder

Ss Peter & Paul School are pleased to host Zareen and Rob from Hazardous Journey Productions, filmmakers who are halfway through making a documentary to help educate and empower parents on the difficult subject of navigating internet safety and pornography.

Zareen and Rob will share their knowledge, research information and thoughts on this topic, as well as give advice and access to resources to keep our children, regardless of age, safe. The aim of this talk to help our parents and school community to be better prepared and approach this subject with confidence.

Join us for a presentation **Wednesday 27 November at 7pm in Rooms 13 & 14.**
We look forward to seeing you there.



Board of Trustees MEETING

Wednesday
11 December
7pm

School staffroom

All welcome to attend

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Kowhai

1-7

Collage Art

This term we have been exploring collage art. We have been learning different techniques such as tearing, cutting, gluing and layering. All our students have enjoyed experimenting with a range of materials and textures, colours and ideas. We have woven our animal topic and collage together, and have been creating animal and habitat pictures. Pop into your child's classroom to see the artworks they have created.





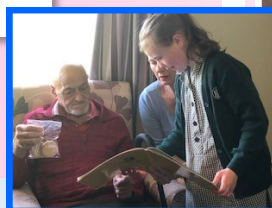
SVA - Intergenerational Project

Our team visited Riverleigh where we spent time with some of the residents. We gave a small concert and handed out gifts of book-marks, planted sunflower seeds and biscuits we had decorated. We spent a lot of time talking with them, some of us brought pictures of our families and pets and some of us shared stories and books. Norah shared her little brother! Thank you to the parents and grandparents that helped us. We really enjoyed our time at Riverleigh, we look forward to visiting again.



On the way I was pretty nervous but I had a buddy. He was nervous too, so I was happy I wasn't the only one. When we got there I felt a bit of relief. It was good. It was fun seeing all the people smiling when we gave them our gifts. I felt good walking back. *Sam Rm 9*

We did it because we wanted to help a different generation and because some old people are lonely. The best thing about it was that I did something nice to some one else that I didn't know. *Evan Rm 9*



Our group was intergenerational. We read books to them it made feel really happy. They laughed at us. We gave them cards, bookmarks and the lady named Jackie, she kissed my head. *Jamison Rm 10*



A big project with smaller projects



Working on our conversation cards



Getting ready for a big day of baking



Cupcakes all decorated and ready to be eaten



Making yummy chocolate chip cookies.

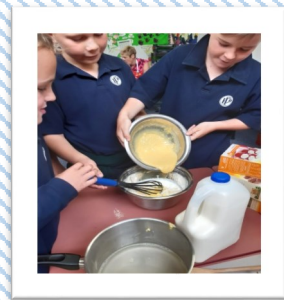
We went to a rest home to visit people who do not have a family. When we got there, we walked into a room where we talked with all the elderly. We gave them baking and sang songs. At the end they felt happy and warm inside. It was special because we did a little bit of good in the world and it made me a little happy. *Elijah Rm 10*

I visited the elderly at the Enliven rest home. To make the elderly happy my group sang. I talked to 7 people. I felt so proud of myself. *Charlotte Rm 11*

On Wednesday 13 November my SVA group went to a rest home. We showed aroha, joy, faith and stewardship to all of the elderly. My job was a storyteller. I Loved it! I'm pretty sure the elderly loved it too. *Alair Rm 11*



We went to an old folks home and Te Omanga Hospice. We went to make some people happy. We gave them bookmarks and flowers. The jars were marbled. At the start I freaked out a little bit but then I met Ron. I enjoyed talking to him. Going there improved my skills on talking to strangers. *Toby Rm 8*



Projects for those in need



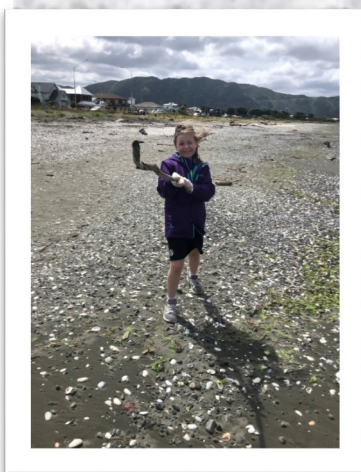
My favourite part was when we asked the elderly questions. That made them happy. I was a bit nervous to start with, but then I got used to it. I liked it. *Cooper B Rm 8*



The best thing about SVA for me was giving plants and seeing how happy everyone was. *Ruby W Rm 8*



Environmental Group



Our SVA group is the environmental group. We did a beach clean up at Petone beach. My job was the planner. We did it because we wanted to help the sea and the sea creatures. I felt really good when I was doing it because I was helping the environment. *Olive Rm 9*

I think it's good to get your hands dirty for the community. *Matilda Rm 10*

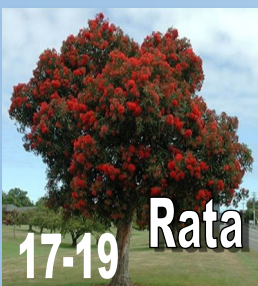
It was special because we were helping nature and being part of *Laudato Si*. *Katherine Rm 10*



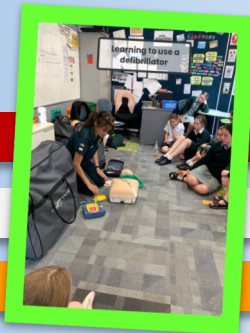
This term we decided to organise a bake sale to support our local Cancer Society. We wanted to help the Cancer Society, so we could see brighter lives and a better place for this world. We really wanted to help the people who are going through the battle of cancer and are missing their families, friends and homes. We went to Mrs Senek with our plan and told her about the idea. We then had to set to work to make order forms and bake all the food with the help of our mums. We were so happy that we raised \$318.90. Erin from the Cancer Society then came to visit all of us in Pohutukawa area. She told us the money would be used to support families in Lower Hutt who are affected by cancer and how every little bit helps.

We were so happy to help and really thankful to all the kids in Pohutukawa who supported us by buying from the bake sale.

By Caitlyn, Kayla, Annabel, Carly, Zephna, (Room 15)



Last week each of the classes in Rata Area received some basic first aid training. Christine from St John's was fantastic and taught us CPR, including how to use a defibrillator, how to deal with burns, what to do if someone is having an asthma attack, what to do when someone is choking and how to put someone in the side position so they are safe. We also learnt what to do and say when dialling 111. We had a great time and learnt a lot of new skills.



Entrepreneur Talk

Our area has been looking at entrepreneurship. We were very lucky to have a skype session with Tim Pointer from Uprise - Digital Marketing Solutions. Tim, along with a friend started their own business in a spare bedroom at Tim's parent's house. Their company now employs over 30 staff. Tim gave up an hour of his time, talking to us about his experiences at starting up a business, including what drives him to succeed, what he thinks are important values when dealing with clients and staff, how to overcome challenges and what he enjoys about his company.



SPORTS *update*

SOUTH WEST ZONE ATHLETICS

Thanks to all our participants for their hard work last week plus those Year 8 students and parents who supported as marshals and event organisers.

Today we have over 30 students competing in the Interzone event.

Our main place getters from last week were:

Bri Garrety- 1st 1500m, 1st 100m and 2nd 200m.
Alyssa Jarvis - 2nd Long Jump
Tyrah Onesemo - 1st Discus, 2nd Shotput
Ashleigh Manks- 2nd Discus
Leilani Collins - 2nd 100m, 2nd Shotput
Arnika Lahood- 2nd 200m, 2nd 1500m
Rebecca Bailey- 2nd Vortex
Lachlan Wallis - 2nd Quoit
Sian Villon - 2nd Vortex
Norrie Williams - 1st Vortex, Quoit, Long Jump 2nd 80m
Gwen McGrath - 1st 800m
Niamh Woollett - 2nd Vortex
Zephna Williams 1st 150m
Rodney So'oialo - 1st 60m, 100m,
Cooper Larkin - 2nd 60m
Kallan Baldwin - 1st Quoit
Holly Pereira - 1st Quoit
Year 8, Year 5 Girls, Year 4 Boys 1st in Relays
Year 7, Year 6 Boys 2nd in Relays

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Report an Absence

report via the school website or call
before 9:00am (extn1 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 Contacts)

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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PTA

EVENTS

SpiceCraft

PTA Fundraiser - SpiceCraft

The PTA is running this Spicy fundraiser to raise money towards new sun shades for various locations around our school.

Get started on your Christmas Shopping early and conveniently by ordering these SpiceCraft Gift Packs. There are three packs available for purchase. [Click here to make your purchase](#)

Mixed Pack - \$24 (3 pack)

Flavours - Smokey Garlic, Original and Kiwi

Salt Grinders - \$32 (4 pack)

Flavours - Original, Lamb, Beef and Chicken

Rubs / Seasonings - \$32 (4 pack)

Flavours - Moroccan, Kiwi, Mexican and Jerk

All money is to be deposited directly into PTA Bank Account
- see within google form

Final orders and payment close 3pm, Friday 29 November.

Delivery - Friday 6 December

For further information email pta@stpeterpaul.school.nz

Your support is always appreciated.

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