

Ss Peter & Paul School

Newsletter

Kia ora tatou

from the Principal

Many thanks to all members of our school and extended community who were able to join us for our school / parish Mass on Sunday morning. It was such a lovely occasion and a perfect example of the Special Catholic Character of our school in action as we gathered together in Liturgy.

Calling all parents of Year Two students - your child's faith adventure continues!

In Year Three our children continue their sacramental journey by preparing for and receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. First Reconciliation and Communion follow the year after. As collaborators on this faith journey we will assist you in your role as your child's first educator in faith. Come and find out more - join us on Thursday 21 November for an hour of exploring what this will mean for you and for your child. 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).

Many thanks for all the parent and grandparent support the teachers receive as they plan the amazing array of trips and activities this term. The sight of Kōwhai Area community heading off to the Zoo on two double decker buses on Friday was a priceless example of this!

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Special Character

All Saints Day

Last week on Friday Ss Peter and Paul School celebrated All Saints day with Area Liturgies. In areas of the school students have looked closely about what a Saint is and how they can be more Saint like. Here a few pictures from the liturgies and work students have done.











was amazing to see you all there.



Following the Footsteps



SCHOOL NEWS

Parent Information Evening

"Hazardous Journey Productions presents 'Our Kids Online: The Porn Epidemic' parent information evening"

There are many uncomfortable conversations we need to have with our children as they grow, but discussions around internet safety and pornography are not something we would usually think of with primary aged children.

In NZ the average age for first viewing pornography is now 10 years old, which means that half of children are under this age. This is due to it being free and widely available on the internet. We can have internet restrictions set up in our homes, but it may still be introduced to your child from outside. Whilst it may not be something we like to think about it is important to be prepared for such conversations with our children when they arise. From toddlers to teens, the fallout from exposure is affecting both their emotional and physical wellbeing.

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 this subject.

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

A gold coin donation at the door will go to SafeSurfer in Tauranga

Safe Surfer, it is a charitable organisation that was set up to help prevent children being able to access pornography online. They have invented the Life Guard Box which filters pornography and violent and harmful content on your home network and mobile devices.

More information about the work Rob and Zareen are doing can be found on the website www.ourkidsonline.info

We look forward to seeing you there.







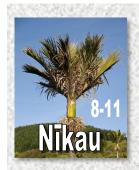
We have a wonderful selection of new library books and we would love some help to cover them. The plastic cover is very easy to use and we are happy to show new people how to use it. If you are able to help, please see Anna or email the library:

library@stpeterpaul.school.nz.



On Friday the students of Kowhai set off on their highly anticipated zoo trip. The sun was shining and we were all very excited! We left just after the bell on two double decker buses. When we arrived at the zoo we set ourselves up for morning tea and eagerly awaited the arrival of Charles, Tim, Claudia and Robyn - our Zoo Crew. During our visit they taught us all about the behaviour and habitat of the otters, kiwi, capuchin monkeys and gibbons. We even learned to sing like the gibbons with Charles! Throughout the day we got to explore the other animals in the zoo with our teachers and adult helpers. In 'the nest', Kunjuka, one of the African Cheetahs, was having a root canal operation. Another highlight was our picnic lunch with the cheeky ducks and their ducklings. We had a fantastic day and have lots of stories to share! A big thank you to all the parents and grandparents who came along and helped to make our trip a success.







On Tuesday 29 October Nikau sent a team of Year 3/4 players to participate in the Lower Hutt Primary Schools Teeball festival at Fraser Park. They had an outstanding day, winning all their games. Thank you so much to the parents who transported the students and volunteered to support the team on the day. Kai Pai everyone!



A huge congratulations to Rodney So'oialo who has made the under 10 Wellington Representative mixed touch team. Penny Houlihan has also been selected to play for the under 10 girls touch team. We are all really proud that you have been given an opportunity to continue to develop your sporting talents as you participate in these teams. Ka mau te wehi!





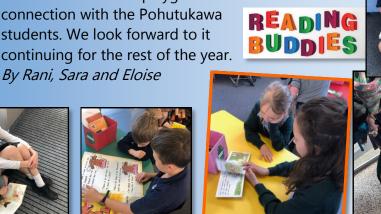
Room 12 has been enjoying working with the adorable Kowhai Children. Every Monday we go on an adventure through the school to the Kowhai classes. We spend time getting to know our buddies and encouraging them by listening to their incredible reading skills or taking time to read to them. This has helped build stewardship with them so they have a familiar face in the playground and a connection with the Pohutukawa students. We look forward to it

By Rani, Sara and Eloise













Room 19 have been trying to write stories that are *exactly 100 words long. We are* using a site call storyathon which gives us our writing prompt. This term the prompt is It wasn't me". Check out one of our stories written by Bethany.

As I walked into the kitchen, I felt elated.

I had kept it secret for so long. Nobody had found out. I was proud.

But it was gone. There was nothing.

I looked around in anguish. Somebody had found out. Somebody had taken it.

Determined to catch the culprit, I inched my way to my bedroom door, heart pounding. 500 beats a minute.

I opened the door, and found the thief, hidden by a black mask.

The thief saw me and laughed.

My twin brother yanked off his Halloween mask, chocolate streaked around his mouth.

MY chocolate bar, now found.

SPORTS update



Congratulations to all students for their enthusiasm and participation last Thursday. We had great weather and the very positive attitude of all the Year 4 to 8 students made for a great day. Thanks to all the parents who attended and to the staff for their efforts in support. We are busy finalising the results for the long jump and house competition. The team to attend the South West Zone Sports next week on the 13th has been named for those events in which we have final results and parents notified.

I will send further information and a timetable out to all parents whose children are involved by Friday.



Touch & Future Ferns Netball

The first games took place last Friday and Saturday so thanks to all those involved.









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.

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.







Add to meat before

you bbq

Click here to purchase your Spices

Mixed Pack \$24



Salt Grinders \$32



Rubs/Seasonings \$32



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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

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*



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)



