



Kia ora koutou,

*from the Principal*

This is our final newsletter for the term so you might need a cup of coffee and a good sized screen on hand as you read it.

This weekend saw the celebration of Advent begin, a very special time as we prepare for Christmas. Many thanks for the generous flow of items to our St Vincent de Paul appeal.

Thanks also to those parents who attended out recent parent information sessions. We are very grateful for the input of Dr Chris Duthie-Jung to our sacramental programme and Zareen and Rob's sharing of their proactive work on keeping children safe on-line. You can hear more from Zareen later in the newsletter.

### End of year reports and information for 2020

Your children will be bringing this information home in an envelope next Thursday 12 December. During the afternoon teachers will be sharing which classes their students will be moving to in 2020 and these lists will also be available in the classrooms. Please refer to information shared in our 19 November newsletter about how classes are organised. Every year offers an opportunity for our current teachers to consider a change of level and to welcome new teachers to the staff. Changes for next will see Miss Martin and Miss Wright swop classes. Miss Wright will be teaching the year 2/3 class. A new teacher, Miss Jenna Dyson will be joining us all the way from Scotland and teaching in Room 2. Mrs Freya Coote, who has been working in a shared teaching position in Room 17 this year, will take up a full time position there for 2020.

Moving to a new class or area can cause some anxiety for students and we appreciate your support to make this as smooth a transition as possible. Teachers will be working very hard to achieve this aim as well.

### DATES TO REMEMBER FOR 2020

|                             |                             |                         |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Uniform Shop Open:</b>   | <b>Wednesday 29 January</b> | <b>10:00am - 3:00pm</b> |
|                             | <b>Thursday 30 January</b>  | <b>10:00am - 3:00pm</b> |
| <b>School Office Opens:</b> | <b>Monday 27 January</b>    | <b>9:00am</b>           |
| <b>School Commences:</b>    | <b>Monday 3 February</b>    | <b>8:50am</b>           |



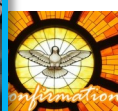
[Click here for 2020 Term dates](#)

### Special Character

Last weekend Cardinal John Dew, Father Patrick and Father Cirilo celebrated three Baptisms and two Confirmation Masses. Matilda Hoerara-Hunt, Georgia Sparrow and Ella Sparrow were Baptised and Confirmed during mass. Over fifty of Ss Peter and Paul students and parish members were confirmed this day.



BAPTISM



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

Tuesday 3 December 2019

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### FOR MORE INFORMATION

**School Website**

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### Final School Day

**School will close**

**Wed 18 Dec**

**12:30pm**

**Y3-Y8**

**EOY Celebration**

Tues 10 Dec

5:45pm for 6pm start

**Kowhai Christmas Carols**

Tues 17 Dec

5pm-6pm



# Parent Survey Update

Many thanks for the responses to our recent survey. The views of our school community are very useful in helping us to put our thoughts and ideas into action.

The Survey sought input into several areas. The first question was a request for ideas around establishing school wide expectations of behaviours that are aligned to our school values of joy, stewardship, faith and aroha. There were many ideas ranging from suggestions for implementing these values in our wider community to ideas specific to our school including friendship buses or benches and ways to display empathy and acceptance of others.

Our second question asked for ideas on pastoral care and reaching out to our wider community. Suggestions included making cards and praying for hospital patients, visiting retirement homes, visiting/donating to Greendoor, donating to refugee families and hospices, and river/beach clean ups. It was great to see Nikau putting their pastoral care into action recently with visits to [Riverleigh] Retirement Village, and a beach clean-up at Petone beach.

Question three asked about resources that parents have knowledge of that may help us bring the New Zealand curriculum to life within our own community. There were many useful suggestions including approaching the Hutt City Council with ideas to improve Hutt City and exploring how the Council works, visiting the District Court, forming bonds with local iwi and the Tokelauan community, visiting the Settler's Museum and Dowse, tree planting, beach clean ups, visiting Refugee centres, using libraries and their programmes and improving links with Sacred Heart.

We asked about cultural inclusiveness and whether people's experiences of our school were welcoming for their own culture. We had many positive responses as to the welcoming nature of our school and also some suggestions for how we could improve things, for example a kapa haka group, cultural clubs, more focus on Maori Language Week, having a Cultural Day. It has been great to hear about the children practising their kapa haka performance over the last weeks and we will be looking to implement some of the other suggestions over the next year.

Question five asked for thoughts on flexible learning environments such as those in rooms 13 and 14. There were a variety of responses, many reporting positive experiences for their children in rooms 13 and 14 and some expressing concern that reticent or children with learning issues may be 'lost' in these environments. We are very aware that as well as benefits there can be problems in open learning environments and we will continue to work on these issues. We appreciate that the volume in Nikau is relatively high and some children have found this difficult. In our plans for the upgrade of Nikau we have ensured that measures are in place to reduce noise, such as insulated materials and double-glazed sliding doors.

Question six asked for any further comments or ideas. Again there was a wide range of responses, many positive including praise for Book Week. Suggestions for improvements included better links with early childhood centres, more community events, a Friendship Bench, more of an arts focus, fewer emails, and ways to access what is going on during the day. We agree that community events are important - the PTA is organising a Rainbow Run in March which promises to be a wonderful community event, please come! To avoid numerous emails we have tried to make the newsletter the focal point for information such as important dates and also a resource for parents to learn about what has been happening during the school week. We are aware that parents are receiving email notifications from the parent portal as well the actual email and we are trying to resolve this. Thank you again for responding to our survey, it is always encouraging and very useful to hear the views of our community. We have taken all of the comments in your responses on board.

# Parent Information Evening

## **- a message from Zareen**

Hazardous Journey Productions Presents - Our Kids Online: The Porn Epidemic

Thank you so much to everyone who attended our talk on Wednesday 27th. And a huge thank you to Kay for being so proactive in helping educate parents and protect our children online.

We have had awesome feedback 😊 And a lot of questions!

To recap on the reason for this talk for those of you who were there, and to give some more information to those of you who could not make it, Rob and I have spent the last year researching and making a documentary 'Our Kids Online: The Porn Epidemic' about the harm being caused to children due to exposure to today's genres of free pornography online.

We started talking to leading experts and organisations focusing on this topic, as well as communities. We have been travelling within New Zealand, across the USA and are heading to Australia early next year to complete our interviewing.

A combination of the changing landscape of porn towards more violent and degrading, the availability of this type of porn on handheld devices and gaming devices and a lack of understanding and protection, has seen a massive increase in children from all walks of life being emotionally and physically harmed in life changing ways.

What we have also discovered on this journey is a massive gap between parents' knowledge about the ease and frequency with which porn is being accessed by children, the actual issues this is causing and what to do to keep them safer online. Our documentary, upcoming book, resource website and talks in schools to parents is our way of trying to close that gap, by giving all this missing information.

We are blown away by how much parents jump on board to start taking steps to keep their children safer every time we speak to them. How much hearing the information is extremely confronting and hard to hear, but how relieved they are to know it, and know what they can do. This is an issue which is becoming increasingly urgent as we have noticed such a massive change even the last few months, in terms of headlines in the news about children being harmed.

There are so many great resources out there to help parents navigate this issue.

Read-a-long books to help start the conversations, online courses for parents, webinars, articles, TEDx Talks, short videos. We created our website <https://www.ourkidsonline.info> as a place to put a lot of the resources we have come across, as well as some of our own, for parents.

Rob and I are also available if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via our website.

Thanks so much,  
Zareen

# SCHOOL NEWS

## Kiwi Christmas Appeal



Thanks to all families who have been able to donate to our Christmas Appeal this year. We have an amazing response and the students have enjoyed seeing the pile slowly growing in their areas. The appeal continues till Tuesday 10 December so if it has slipped your mind there is still time to send donations along to your child's classroom.



## FAREWELL

The end of the year will see us say a very fond farewell to Mrs Tina Falkner from Room 2. Tina joined the staff at the beginning of 2017 and we are very grateful for the many contributions she has made during her time with us. The community at Postgate School in Whitby, Porirua are very fortunate to have Tina join their teaching team.

## 2019 Final Uniform Shop Day

The Uniform Shop final open day for 2019 is Wednesday 11 December from 2pm-4pm. Please make sure you have ordered all items by this date. You can email [uniform@stpeterpaul.school.nz](mailto:uniform@stpeterpaul.school.nz) These can be collected either 29 or 30 January 2020. Thank you.

Uniform Shop

## BIBLE QUIZ

As an added extra to our House Competition we are conducting a Bible Quiz with all our students over the next couple of weeks. This will be on similar lines to the Book Quiz we held during Book Week and all classes have been told the stories that will be included in the quiz so students can do some further familiarisation with them all.

## Library Amnesty

We are just rounding up the library stocktake for 2019. Thank you to everyone who has returned all library books! This keeps our library running and enables us to buy many new exciting books. There are still over 200 books missing from our library, many of which were never issued. This represents a huge portion of our library budget. We know you are busy but please take the time to search high and low for ANY sign of a library book. These can be returned to the box outside the library. NO QUESTIONS ASKED!!!

## Board of Trustees MEETING

Wednesday

11 December

7pm

School staffroom

*All welcome to attend*

## COLLECTION OF MEDICINES - BY WEDNESDAY 18 DECEMBER

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

All medicines which are kept in the office for your child/children are available for collection at any time with the cut-off being 12.30pm on Wednesday 18 December 2019. Any medicines left at school will be taken to a local pharmacy for their appropriate disposal. Thank you for your co-operation.

## MANDARIN

This week we have farewelled our MLA for 2019 Yutian. She has provided our students with an interesting and varied programme over the 4 terms. Yutian has always been well prepared and keen to extend the students understanding and experiences throughout the year and we have thoroughly enjoyed hosting her.

We wish her well in her plans for completing similar work in another part of the world.

In 2020 we will not be continuing our involvement with the MLA programme (3 other schools in our cluster have made the same decision) as neither college most of our students go to provide the subject and have no plans to do so as far as we are aware. We will continue to review the language programme we offer our students.



Kowhai

1-7

In Kowhai, we have been exploring a range of movement skills through our Physical Education Programme. We have been practising how to run faster, with control and how to throw accurately. Angus, one of our top athletes from Room 4, says, "When I throw, I put my left foot out and throw with my right hand. I look at the hoop." Ethan offers some good advice on running. He says, "To run fast, you need to eat Weetbix for breakfast and swing your arms."



With the weather warming up, Nikau students are welcoming the sunshine and are relishing being outdoors. Recently some classes have held morning karakia outside and relaxed in the morning sun while enjoying a story. We have also been practising our striking and fielding skills by participating in a variety of drills and games. Our Physical Education lessons not only focus on teaching fundamental skills, but they also provide the children with an opportunity to demonstrate and display our school values. It is wonderful to see so many of our students displaying excellent fair play as well as encouraging and supporting others on their team. A highlight for many children is being able to challenge another class to a game of diamond ball (similar to T-ball).



This week we have also looked at the meaning of the Advent and the symbolism with the Advent wreath. We had a chance to create our own wreaths as you can see in the pictures below.





12-15

# Pohutukawa

# EOTC Trips

Over the last two weeks Pohutukawa students have been busy adding to their learning about pre-European history of Wellington and the Hutt Valley. Firstly, they all went on a trip to Wellington Museum to learn about the Maori stories of Maui, Kupe and the taniwha legend of Wellington harbour. They then boarded the boat to Matiu Somes Island to explore and learn about how it has been used and changed over time by different groups of people. Lastly, they all walked the Korokoro stream track to look at the significance it had for Te Puni and his iwi and how it has changed over time too. A big thank you to all the wonderful parent helpers who came with us to help and support the students in their learning. We couldn't have done it without you!



Wellington Museum

Listening to the story of the Maui and Kupe at



Reading about the history of Matiu Somes Island



Matiu Somes Island



All aboard the ferry for our trip across the harbour to Matiu Somes Island



Quarantine check before we can go any further



off we go exploring the island!



## Korokoro Stream Track





# St Bernard's College *Science Day*

**Last week** on the 12 November, Rata Area went on a trip to St Bernard's College for our annual science day. We experienced three subjects relating to science. They were Biology, Physics, and Chemistry. We learnt so much and would like to share what we did.



In biology, we started out with finding out how much starch was in a doughnut. Turns out it was quite a lot! We also mixed milk with a benedict solution which turned the milk purple meaning that there was a definite sign of calcium. Then when we had finished that, our Mr Higson came around with a lamb's hearts and started handing them out to our groups. We started dissecting the heart and cutting it in half so we could experience what it felt and looked like inside, including seeing the 4 chambers. Mr Higson then started blowing through a pipe to make sheep's lungs inflate which was interesting to see but slightly gross!



In chemistry, we learned about light and electrons. Say you light a candle and the flame doesn't catch straight away; that is because the electrons have not reached your eyes yet. We learned that the flame on the candle isn't actually on the wick it is a cloud of electrons jumping to our eyes. We lit a piece of magnesium on fire that was very bright and we also got to see which chemicals changed the colour of the flame. Different chemicals caused the flame to turn pink, green, blue, pink and a really bright orange. We had a lot of fun trying to see what chemical turned the flames a certain colour.



Lastly, we went to physics. In physics, we understood what actually happens to be given an electric shock and the difference between an electric shock caused by electricity and one caused by heat. We learned that light travels faster than sound and it also travels in straight lines. If it was curved, we would be able to see around corners which is pretty interesting! We used prisms to create a rainbow with the lightbox and we created a circuit where we learnt what conductors and insulators were. Metal is a conductor and made our light bulb turn on, whereas plastic was an insulator and the light bulb didn't work when attached the piece of straw to our circuit.

Overall, we had a really awesome day at St Bernard's. We would like to thank all the teachers that taught us there and especially Brenten Higson who organised this amazing day for us. We can't wait to come back next year! *By Charlotte and Eva*



# SPORTS *update*

## ATHLETICS

Congratulations to all those who took part in the Interzone Athletics.

From this event the following students are involved in the regionals tomorrow, Wednesday, because they placed in the top 3 in their event or in the case of the relay they were first.

### Year 4

Rodney So'oialo 60m (1st) 100m (2nd)

Cooper Larkin 60m (3rd)

Kallan Baldwin Quoit (1st)

Rodney, Cooper, Kallan, Jayden Keil and Isaac Johnston Relay

### Year 5

Rani Stephens- Williams Quoit (1st)

### Year 6

Gwen McGrath 800m(2nd)

Norrie Williams Long Jump

### Year 7

Arnika Lahood 1500m (3rd)

Rebecca Bailey Vortex (3rd)

### Year 8

Tyrah Onesemo Discus (1st) Shotput (2nd)

## 2020 SPORT

There is a very quick turn around for sports taking place in Term 1 each year so towards the end of January we will distribute forms for Touch and Year 1,2 Future Ferns Netball.

All closing dates will be adhered to and payments will need to be received by the due date as we have to meet the deadlines set by the organisations. All registrations will be online and payments into our bank account so the office will not be accepting them.

If you want to complete enrolments and payments before the end of this year please email [sport@stpeterpaul.school.nz](mailto:sport@stpeterpaul.school.nz) with your request.

Netball for all other groups will also be out late February as will Basketball and Flippaball if this is going ahead.

School Office

**569 5759**

[www.stpeterpaul.school.nz](http://www.stpeterpaul.school.nz)

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@schoolparentportal](mailto:etap@schoolparentportal)  
(contact Lisa in the office if you forget your password)



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PTA

EVENTS

Ss Peter and Paul  
**RAINBOW  
RUN**

8 MARCH 2020

MCEWAN PARK - PETONE

1PM - 4PM

FIRST RUN 1:45PM

**\$10 PER TICKET | \$30 PER FAMILY**  
**TICKETS TO BE SOLD FROM 10 FEB 2020**

SAUSAGE SIZZLE | BRING A PICNIC BLANKET AND SOME LUNCH  
WEAR WHITE T-SHIRTS..... PAINT WILL COME OUT  
PAINT IS SAFE / NON TOXIC | ESTIMATE OF 2K RUN - WEAR COMFY SHOES!  
FANCY WASHING OFF IN THE SEA AFTER - BRING TOGS!

**PTA Meeting**

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

**Thursday 5 December**



**Mufti Day**  
**Friday 13 December**  
**XMAS THEME**

**Wear a Christmas tree,  
Santa Hat, Reindeer  
Antlers or Elf Ears**

**Cost is \$2**

Funds going towards our  
playground sunshades



**PTA Sausage Sizzle**  
**Monday 16 December**

**More information  
to come**

**Say it with savings this festive season!**

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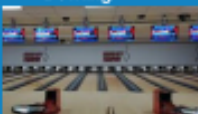
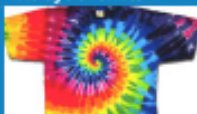







**The Gift of Entertainment** is a new Digital Membership valid for 12 months from the day of activation (not the day of purchase as before). You can buy that special someone a Single City or Multi City Membership (see list of available cities in NZ and Aus by clicking on the link below to the order page) so they can save year-round on everything they love to do. Simply buy it, print it, gift it!



Safe Kids In Daily Supervision  
**sKIDS St Peter and Paul**  
 Myrtle Street, Ss Peter and Paul School

# Holiday Programme

|                              |                       |         |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|---------|
| trip day/short day           | 08:00 a.m.-03:00 p.m. | \$50.00 |
| Trip Day                     | 08:00 a.m.-06:00 p.m. | \$60.00 |
| Full Day                     | 08:00 a.m.-06:00 p.m. | \$45.00 |
| Trip with entrance fee       | 08:00 a.m.-06:00 p.m. | \$60.00 |
| Half Day AM                  | 08:00 a.m.-01:00 p.m. | \$25.00 |
| Public Holiday/ No Programme | 08:00 a.m.-06:00 p.m. | \$0.00  |

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|--|--|--|---|--|
| <p><b>No Activity</b></p> <p>Mon<br/><b>16</b><br/>Dec</p>   | <p><b>No Activity</b></p> <p>Tue<br/><b>17</b><br/>Dec</p>   | <p><b>No Activity</b></p> <p>Wed<br/><b>18</b><br/>Dec</p>   | <p><b>Christmas cards</b></p> <p>Thu<br/><b>19</b><br/>Dec</p>  <p>Make your whanau and friends Christmas cards for them to treasure!</p>  | <p><b>Christmas Baking</b></p> <p>Fri<br/><b>20</b><br/>Dec</p>  <p>AM: Christmas baking PM: Have a Christmas party to celebrate the end of the year!</p>   |
| <p><b>Boot Camp</b></p> <p>Mon<br/><b>06</b><br/>Jan</p>  <p>Start the new year off with a fun boot camp. Try different activities and work as a team to challenge yourself.</p>                              | <p><b>Harcourt Park</b></p> <p>Tue<br/><b>07</b><br/>Jan</p>  <p>Come for a paddle at Harcourt park, then a picnic lunch. Have a go on the flying fox or play cricket on the grass.</p>                           | <p><b>Wacky Wednesday</b></p> <p>Wed<br/><b>08</b><br/>Jan</p>  <p>Come to sKIDS in your wackiest outfit! Face painted and hair sprayed. Do some wacky artwork, play wacky games, make some wacky food!</p> | <p><b>Zealandia trip!</b></p> <p>Thu<br/><b>09</b><br/>Jan</p>  <p>Go on an adventure to Zealandia, have a guided tour of the wildlife. Go to the botanical gardens for a picnic lunch.</p>          | <p><b>Arts Galore!</b></p> <p>Fri<br/><b>10</b><br/>Jan</p>  <p>Come in and get your creative side active. Try shadow art with your friends and make a wind chime to take home.</p>                     |
| <p><b>Obstacle course!</b></p> <p>Mon<br/><b>13</b><br/>Jan</p>  <p>Spend the day being physical doing an obstacle course, help create your own. Do a scavenger hunt and work as a team.</p>                | <p><b>Movies at Monterey C</b></p> <p>Tue<br/><b>14</b><br/>Jan</p>  <p>Come along to the movies for some popcorn and the latest film. Have a picnic lunch at Maidstone Park then a play at the playground.</p> | <p><b>No bake cooking!</b></p> <p>Wed<br/><b>15</b><br/>Jan</p>  <p>Spend the day making and eating yummy treats without even cooking them!</p>   | <p><b>Raumati Water Park!</b></p> <p>Thu<br/><b>16</b><br/>Jan</p>  <p>Spend the day at Raumati Water park. Bring your togs for the sprinklers. Have a play and a picnic lunch.</p>                | <p><b>Mish Mash Day!</b></p> <p>Fri<br/><b>17</b><br/>Jan</p>  <p>Spend the day choosing what you would like to do. Arts on Crafts, games, cooking, outdoor activities this day is all about you!</p> |
| <p><b>Wellington Anniversa</b></p> <p>Mon<br/><b>20</b><br/>Jan</p>  <p>No Programme</p>  | <p><b>Bowling</b></p> <p>Tue<br/><b>21</b><br/>Jan</p>  <p>Go ten pin bowling at Petone, challenge your friends to a game! Have a picnic lunch at the beautiful Percy's reserve.</p>                            | <p><b>Tie dye t-shirts</b></p> <p>Wed<br/><b>22</b><br/>Jan</p>  <p>Spend the day making yourself a tie dye t-shirt. You choose the colours and pattern, then just let it dry. Wear it with pride!</p>    | <p><b>Outdoor Fun Day!</b></p> <p>Thu<br/><b>23</b><br/>Jan</p>  <p>Come along and spend the day outdoors playing games, bbq lunch. Team games against each site plus a water fight to finish!</p> | <p><b>Icely treats!</b></p> <p>Fri<br/><b>24</b><br/>Jan</p>  <p>What a way to spend a Friday! Make yummy icy treats to keep you nice and cool. Make smoothies and give ice cream making a go!</p>    |
| <p><b>Cooking Challenge!</b></p> <p>Mon<br/><b>27</b><br/>Jan</p>  <p>If we gave your team some ingredients what do you think you could make? Be creative and work together. Compete for the top place!</p> | <p><b>Awesome Bounce!</b></p> <p>Tue<br/><b>28</b><br/>Jan</p>  <p>Spend the morning at Awesome Bounce Indoor Park in Parirua. Then go to Aotea lagoon for a play and picnic lunch.</p>                         | <p><b>Tunnel Gully</b></p> <p>Wed<br/><b>29</b><br/>Jan</p>  <p>Spend the day at Tunnel Gully. Go for a walk, have a picnic, play ball games, enjoy being outdoors and walk through the old tunnel!</p>   | <p><b>Movies at Monterey</b></p> <p>Thu<br/><b>30</b><br/>Jan</p>  <p>See one of the latest movies out at Monterey Cinema, Upper Hutt. Stop at the park on the way back for a picnic lunch.</p>    | <p><b>PARTY DAY!</b></p> <p>Fri<br/><b>31</b><br/>Jan</p>  <p>Celebrate the end of the holidays in style! Games, yummy food, come dressed in costume for a disco if you would like to!</p>            |

Come along and have some fun! Bring your morning tea and lunch. A change of clothes and sunhat are great. Bring your togs and a towel for water play.  
 For more information, call +64-276162639 Or 0226577399  
 or email stpeterpaul@skids.co.nz

Register now at [www.sKIDS.co.nz](http://www.sKIDS.co.nz) click on



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