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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

*from the Principal*

Many thanks to everyone who made it along to our parent information sessions last week. We hope you found them informative and engaging as well as an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and other parents in the class. Area newsletters will have or will soon be arriving in your inboxes to keep you informed about what's coming up this term as well as other helpful information and reminders.

We are very pleased to join with 17 other schools from around Wellington and Lower Hutt to take part in Kura Ahurea, a cultural support programme based on the Ministry of Education's Curriculum Guidelines for Teaching and Learning in Te Reo Maori. Kura Ahurea has been designed by Wellington mana whenua to support teachers with these guidelines and also to provide their perspective on local historical narratives, tikanga and kawa.

Last week we also welcomed Andrea Spink back to the classrooms and the sound of beautiful waiata could be heard from all the Areas as she made her way around the school. Andrea will also be supporting both students and staff with their development of te reo.

This morning we also welcomed Anna Meuli from the NZ Centre for Gifted Education to school. Some leadership staff have been working with Anna over the last two years on a framework of tools that teachers and students can use to go beyond surface level understanding of a concept and enhance their ability to think critically. Staff who have been on the course implemented it in one Area of the school and have seen an increased level of engagement in learning and an improved level of critical thinking. The work is very aligned to where the current refresh of the NZ curriculum is heading. This year our aim is to widen the opportunities for staff and students to experience this way of working across the whole school.

## Ash Wednesday

Lent begins with **Ash Wednesday, 26 February** and to celebrate Rata and Pohutukawa will be joining the 12.10 Parish Mass. Kowhai liturgy 9am in Rms 2 and 3 and Nikau liturgy 12pm in their area. It is a period of forty days of prayer, fasting and charity in preparation for Easter. During Lent your child has the opportunity to give up something important or do something extra to try and be more like Jesus. Possibly ideas could be;

- give up TV or a favourite show
- donate food to the foodbank
- wake up five minutes early to pray
- donate money to charity
- go to Mass
- donate toys to others
- give up dessert
- do one extra chore per day



We are pleased to announce our  
Christian Service Leaders for 2020



Christian Service Leaders

Zoe Byrne, Liezl Herrera, Alice Hoerara-Hunt, Phoebe Jefferson  
Jesse Penman, Elijah Ursua, Sam Knowles, Jesse Rivera

# SCHOOL UPDATES



**Mission** Gemma Sutherland, Sam Pannu  
**Williams** Leilani Collins, Max Mooney  
**Redwood** Mia Sarich, Edward Earles  
**McKillop** Eva Robertson, Lukas Evans

## SWIMMING LESSONS



### REMINDER

Swimming lessons start **Monday 16 March** so please don't forget swimming gear and check their class swim time with your child's class teacher.

### Swimming

Thanks to the parents who have returned their swimming forms indicating their child's level of achievement.

If you haven't can we please have these by Friday 28 February. If you have misplaced this the office has spare sheets.

## PTA Meeting

Join us at one of our next meetings  
School staffroom  
7:00pm

**Thursday 2 April**

## Uniform SHOP HOURS

Wednesdays  
2pm - 4pm  
*Term time only*

[uniform@stpeterpaul.school.nz](mailto:uniform@stpeterpaul.school.nz)



Subway is available every Thursday and Friday. All subways cost \$6 for a Sub or Wrap Combo. Envelopes available from the classroom.

Correct money and one order per envelope.



## Sports

Well done to all those students who have begun their Term 1 sport involvement with Touch and Future Ferns Netball.

A reminder that **Netball Registrations for Years 7,8 close at 3pm tomorrow Wednesday 26 with full payment required by that time.**

We are planning to hold trials for this group on Monday 2 March and Monday 9 March at Eastern Hutt School courts from 3.30. We will escort the girls to Eastern Hutt but they will be required to either be collected from there at 5pm or catch buses from Queensgate as usual.

**Year 5,6 and Year 3,4 Registrations** close on Monday 2 March at 3pm with full payment required by then.



# Kōwhai

1-7



Kia ora! Ko Ivory ahau.



We have been getting to know each other in Kowhai Area. We are learning to acknowledge others and respond to greetings. We can greet and farewell each other in Te Reo and we are learning to introduce ourselves and others, responding when others introduce themselves.



8-11

# Nikau

## Welcome to Nikau!

We have used the ideas of protection, partnership and participation found within Te Tiriti o Waitangi as a foundation for writing our own class treaties. We have thought about our school values of aroha, stewardship, faith and joy, as well as how we need to behave in order to learn to the best of our abilities. We are also celebrating our individuality, our cultures and our blessings, just as we strive to do on Waitangi Day as New Zealanders.



# Pōhutukawa

12-15



The school vegetable garden has produced a bountiful crop this summer. The gardening students have made 3 visits to the Lower Hutt Foodbank to deliver a range of vegetables and fruits. A great way to put our school values into action supporting our local community!





17-19

Rātā

## Technology

A highlight of our week is when we go to Technology at Avalon Intermediate on a Friday afternoon. Here, the Year 7 and 8 girls develop a large set of skills from their rotations of sewing, cooking, art, woodwork and multicraft. The girls spend 8 weeks in each subject before rotating to the next one. It is amazing to see the girls creativity as they make some amazing treasures that often become gifts for birthdays, Fathers' Day and Mothers' Day. Watch this space as some of their amazing creations are often featured in the school newsletter!



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!**

**CLICK HERE**

Register  
for tickets

Thank you to the senior girls who have been promoting the Rainbow Run to our students.

If you would like to get an idea of what the Rainbow Run is about, please click on this link to view an explanatory [YouTube clip](#).

Please email the pta at [pta@stpeterpaul.school.nz](mailto:pta@stpeterpaul.school.nz) for any queries and watch our Facebook page for updates.



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PTA Facebook

## School Office

**569 5759**

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

## 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

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 About Us

## Parent Portal

[etap@school](mailto:etap@school) parent portal  
[etap@school](mailto:etap@school) app  
(forgot your password contact Lisa in the school office)



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