



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

from the Principal

What a wonderful community event we had on Sunday and what perfect weather! Many thanks to our PTA who put this fabulous afternoon together and to everyone who pitched in to help on the day and turned out in such great numbers to enjoy the fun.

Thanks also to the incredible number of parents, though whose support, we were able to send 14 teams to the non-stop cricket tournament last Tuesday. Your efforts with running those games throughout the day and looking after our students were so much appreciated. Cricket Wellington were very pleased with the way the tournament demonstrated 'The Spirit of Cricket' as was their intended focus as they seek to encourage and keep young people involved in the sport.

Teacher Only Days during 2020

During the 2019 negotiations between the Ministry of Education and the primary and secondary school unions an agreement was reached that allows all schools eight additional teacher-only days to support improved workload for teachers and principals. These days are to be taken over 2020, 2021 and 2022 and will not extend the school year. We will be taking three of these days during 2020 and they will occur on:

- Term 2 - Friday prior to Queen's Birthday weekend 29 May
- Term 3 - Wednesday 9 September (*chosen so all staff can attend a one-day seminar organised by the Archdiocese, with International Speaker, David Wells*)
- Term 4 - Monday 23 November.

Tuesday 10 March 2020

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School/Parrish Mass

Sunday 22 March
 9.00am
 All students and families are encouraged to attend

Sacramental Dates

Second session
 22 March reconciliation
 after 9am Mass

First reconciliation is
 29 March 3pm in the
 Church

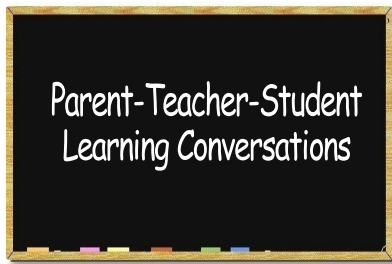


In class this term your child may be focusing on Caritas in Action where they learn about countries or places in need. Some of the countries include Kiribati, Timor Leste, Cambodia, Solomons, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Tonga and Fiji. This year's Caritas theme for Lent is *Restoring Hope and Spreading Love*. Inside classrooms and at the office are the Caritas donation boxes where students and families are encouraged to donate money to these countries in need.



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

SCHOOL UPDATES



Bookings now open

**All booking will close on
Monday 23 March
at 5pm**

These are scheduled for **Week 8 Thursday 26 March** and **Week 10 Tuesday 7 April** with the usual appointments from 3.15pm to 5pm then 6pm to 7.45pm.

Please note: Room 7 and Room 10 have their 2nd night in Week 9
- Wednesday 1 April
Rooms 4 and 6 will only be doing 1 evening session
- Thursday 26 March

As advised by an email earlier today bookings are now open so please go to:

www.schoolinterviews.com.au.

Choose: Make a Booking and enter the code 775hj.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Photos scheduled for
Wed 25 March - Classroom
Fri 27 March - Individual

There will only be group class photos (Wed) and individual photos (Fri) taken. You will receive notification of the online order process as last year.



Tissues

While not a specific stationery requirement this year, teachers do find that boxes of tissues are very useful to have in the classroom, particularly for our younger students who might not be so easily able to manage their own pack of tissues. If you are happy to send a box along to your child's classroom for general use, that would be most appreciated. Alternatively should your child be in need of tissues please ensure they have a good supply of tissues sent along to school with them.

2021 Enrolments

We welcome enrolments from our school community for 2021

If you have friends or family member who are interested in enrolling their child at our school next year please remind them that enrolment forms are available on our school website www.stpeterpaul.school.nz and hardcopies are available from the school office. Information on our enrolment procedures is included on the enrolment form.

We will be looking at all enrolment enquiries for 2021 in May this year.

If you have any queries an enrolment please contact Lisa in the office on 569-5759.



Travel

Some of our families may be planning overseas travel during the holiday break. Please ensure that you keep fully updated on the Ministry of Health's website about travel to countries and areas of concern should you need to self-isolate following your return to New Zealand.

Uniform Update

If you are unsure about any items of uniform please contact the office before making a purchase that may need to be replaced.

A potential example of this is our black leather shoes (no white soles).



As per the School Uniform Information/Regulation/Expectations and Guideline brochure. [view](#)

SCHOOL UPDATES

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.

PTA Meeting

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

Thursday 2 April



If your child is participating remember to email your absence through to our website

[Click here](#)

The day is nearly here, **Thursday 12 March**, get your togs, your bike, and running shoes ready!!

8:00-9:15am CHECK IN Opens - head straight to the tents at Transition with all your gear to have your event bib number scanned and to receive your Arena Swim Cap.

Ss Peter & Paul School Area

Come and find us, look for the school banner and marquee, thanks.

10:00am EVENT Starts.

The TRYathlon will be followed by Prize Giving, so you should plan to be at the Hutt Rec until approx. 1:30pm.

Good luck

Covid-19 Update

The Ministry of Education continues to provide schools with regular updates and encourages all school communities 'to be informed and keep checking the information on the [Health website](#) and [our website](#) for education-specific information'

Some further facts from the World Health Organization that you might not be aware of:

- Evidence from China shows that only 1% of reported cases do not have symptoms, and most of those cases develop symptoms within 2 days.
- Young people 18 years and under represent less than 2.4 per cent of those who have contracted the virus.
- From the data we have so far, COVID-19 does not transmit as efficiently as influenza.

It continues to remain that the best thing to do is to practise good preventative measures, particularly good hygiene:

- Washing hands with soap and water for 20 seconds before and after eating as well as after attending the toilet
- Covering coughs and sneezes with clean tissues or with an elbow
- Putting used tissues in the bin
- Encouraging staff and students to stay home if they are unwell

It also remains very important that we all get information from reliable sources – the Ministry of Health being the prime source for New Zealand.

SPORT *updates*

Thank you to all those who have completed Netball registrations - we are at present putting teams together and these should be available in the next 2 weeks.

A great thank you is due to all those parents who have notified us they would coach or manage teams. Without these people we would not be entering teams as volunteers are becoming difficult to recruit.

Fantastic effort from the parents in Nikau and Pohutukawa who went with teams from these areas to a Non Stop Cricket event last Tuesday.

We were able to send 112 students because of their commitment.

BASKETBALL/MINIBALL/TINIBALL

A registration e mail for these sports was sent today. Registrations close Monday 16th March at 3pm. The short turn around is to avoid missing out as some teams did in 2019. Please read the information re the days and levels plus parental support needs carefully.

SWIMMING SPORTS

Please note that our swimming sports for 2020 will be held on Friday 22nd May in the morning. They can not take place closer to our swimming lessons because of pool availability. We will need parental assistance on this day so please mark it in your calendar.

TERM 2 CROSS COUNTRY

The school Cross Country is scheduled for 12th May (Week 3) with our usual Hutt Rec course so you may like to give your child some training over the holidays! In Term 2 we will publish the timetable for each year group as they only attend for their event.



St Mary's College

Science Laboratory Technician



St Mary's College is seeking a highly organised, reliable lab technician who shows initiative, works well independently and with others in a fast-paced, team-oriented environment. The position requires a mix of practical and administrative tasks completed on a daily basis. Chemistry Lab experience is essential. The job involves purchasing and preparing chemicals as well as maintenance and preparation of science resources to be used in labs and classrooms.

An understanding of the Guidance to the Code of practice for School Exempt Laboratories, 2016, and current health and safety standards is an advantage.

The position is part-time, in school term-time only, for 20 hours per week. Remuneration is aligned with the NZEI Support Staff in Schools' Collective Agreement and dependent on the candidates background and experience.

Upholding the special character of St Mary's College as a catholic mercy college and being able to work collaboratively as part of our high performing Sciences team.

Applications close Monday 16 March 2020 at 12 noon.

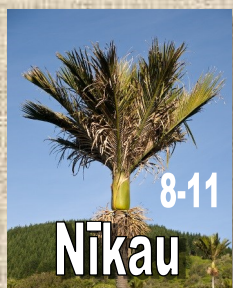
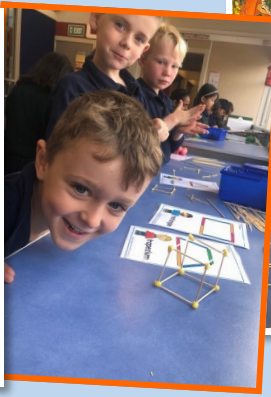
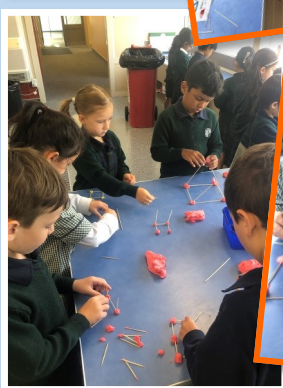
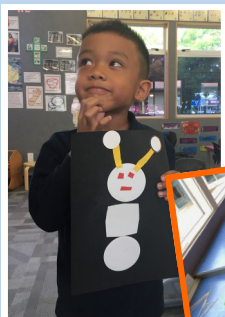
Please send a letter of application and your C.V. to Principal@stmw.school.nz with a cc to Head of Science, Trevor Keough at trevor.keough@stmw.school.nz.

[Click here for more information](#)



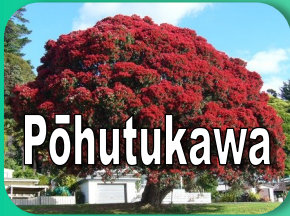
Rooms 1,2 & 3

Kowhai have been exploring how to identify, sort and classify different shapes by comparing and contrasting them. Last week Room One, Two, Three came together to learn about shapes. One of their favourite activities was building 2D and 3D shapes using playdough and skewers. This helped them see how many sides or corners a shape has. Rooms 1, 2 and 3 are really enjoying having the opportunities to work together and collaborate. Rooms 4, 6 and 7 have been focusing on 2 dimensional shapes broadening their understanding of a range of shape names and using mathematical vocabulary to share their growing understanding of shape properties. Nathan said, "This is an alien. It has white circles, squares and rectangles. A square has 4 sides."



Recently nearly 80 Nikau students participated in a Non-Stop Cricket tournament with other schools in the Hutt Valley. We played cricket using the striking and fielding, catching and throwing skills we had learnt during PE. We enjoyed the opportunity to play sport with our friends in such a fun way. Many thanks to our amazing parents and grandparents for their support, coaching, scoring and transporting us to the park. We hope you had fun too!





Pōhutukawa

12-15

On Tuesday 3rd of March we played in a non-stop cricket tournament run by Lower Hutt Primary Schools' Sports Association and Cricket Wellington. It was held at Fraser Park. We played four games in total. We left at 9:15am and came back to school at 1:30pm with around 120 students attending from our school.

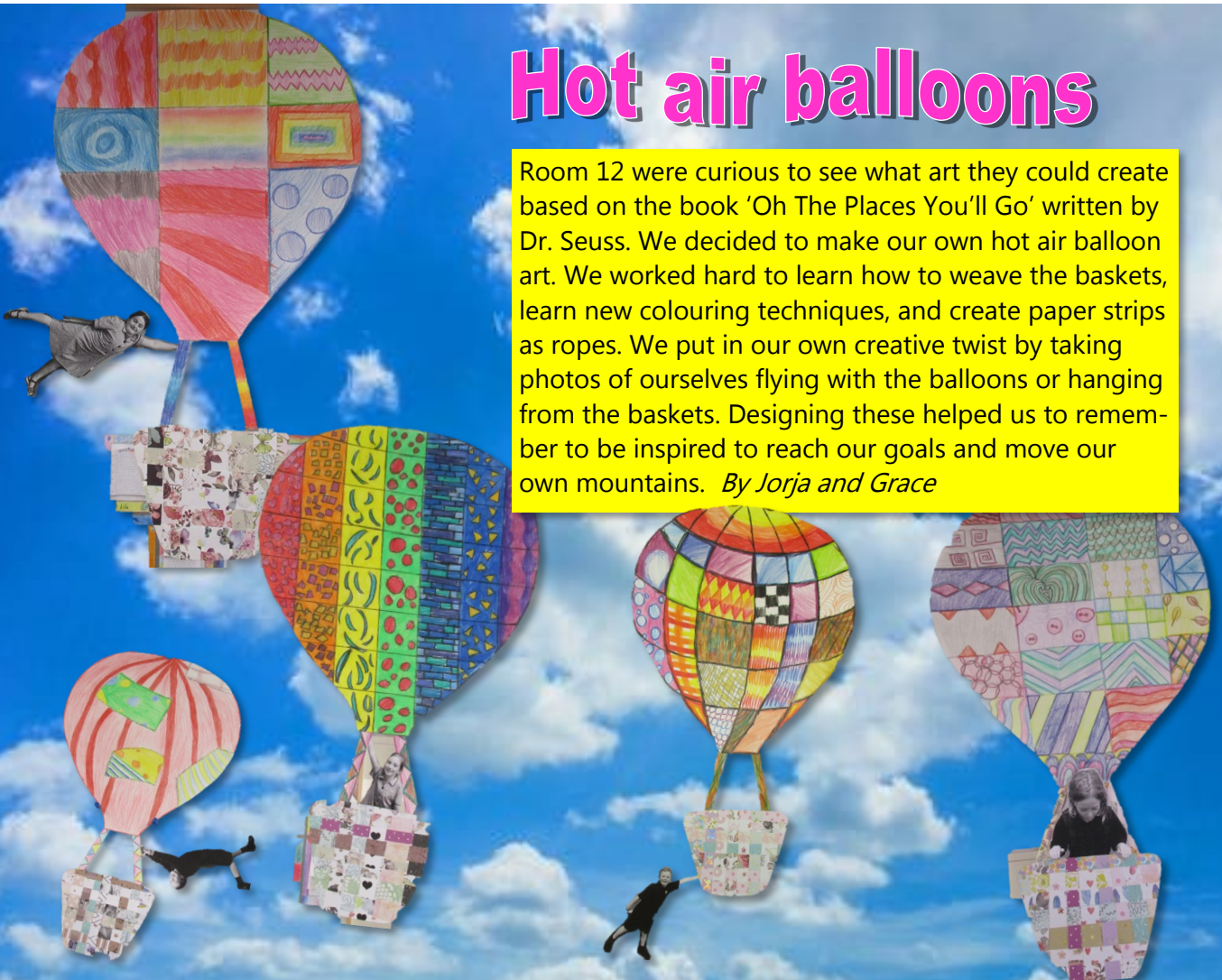
I enjoyed playing non-stop cricket because I got to leave school and play the sport. I loved it. While it was slightly different to normal cricket I enjoyed it. I also got to play with all my friends. It was a lot of fun. (Edward Earles)

I enjoyed the games of cricket because the games were not only fair but also had a theme of fun. You only had to know the real basics of the sport. It was a lot of fun. (Madeleine Wilson)



Hot air balloons

Room 12 were curious to see what art they could create based on the book 'Oh The Places You'll Go' written by Dr. Seuss. We decided to make our own hot air balloon art. We worked hard to learn how to weave the baskets, learn new colouring techniques, and create paper strips as ropes. We put in our own creative twist by taking photos of ourselves flying with the balloons or hanging from the baskets. Designing these helped us to remember to be inspired to reach our goals and move our own mountains. *By Jorja and Grace*





In the Rata Area, we have been very lucky to have Mrs Owen join our classes on either a Wednesday or a Thursday. She has been working with the classes on observational drawings of the nature around us. She has also been teaching us how to blend and shade using watercolour paints. This has resulted in some stunning artwork that is on display in our classrooms. The girls are very proud of their work and look forward to seeing what they can create using the new skills Mrs Owen has taught them.



from the Board

Strategic direction 2021 - 2023

As outlined in a letter sent to all parents earlier in the term, part of the Board's work plan this coming year, is going to be revising our strategic plan. We would like to hear what aspects of education are important to you and your families.

Thanks to those parents who have already provided feedback through our survey or following the parent information sessions. The survey remains open and you will find the link here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WL2BVNW>

A further opportunity for your input will be an evening session on Thursday 19 March at 7.30pm in the staffroom. This will allow more time for discussion of these topics:

What do you hope your child gains from their time at Ss Peter and Paul School?

What future do you think we need to prepare our students for?

What have you noticed are positive aspects at our school?

Are there things that you would change about our school? What are they?

How do you see we can strengthen the Catholic Character of our school?

How can our school ensure that every learner is included and have equal learning opportunities?

We look forward to seeing you there.

PTA

EVENTS



WOW! What a fantastic time had by all at the Rainbow Run on Sunday! Organised as a fun event for our school community, \$3400 was also raised! We have received really positive feedback from our school community which makes all the effort so worthwhile. Thank you to all our volunteers and helpers, we could not have done it without you, particularly the 14 students from Sacred Heart College, also the Lower Hutt Fire Brigade for making the slip and slide a truly fun way to end the course. A BIG thank you to Steve Joll for leading his MC talents to the event. We have loads of photo's on the PTA Facebook page, [click here to join](#) and to keep up with PTA events.

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TE AWA KAIRANGI

Rainbow Run

School Office

569 5759
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

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(forgot your password contact Lisa in the school office)



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