



*from the Principal*

Kia ora Parents and Caregivers,

A very warm welcome to the second week of Term 3. We were fortunate to at least start and end the week with bright sunny days! There certainly was plenty of warmth in the smiles and laughter as our students reconnected with their teachers and one another after their well earned two week break.

### Welcome

A very warm welcome to all our new students and their families who have joined us this term. We hope that everyone has settled in well to their new classroom environments; making friends and feeling confident about how the school day works. A special welcome to our new teacher in Room 19, Alison Butler. Alison replaces Michelle Nixon and will be teaching in Room 19 until the end of the year. Alison is well known by many students in the school as she has been doing a considerable amount of relief teacher work for us over the last 18 months.

### Changes to planned teacher only day

Earlier in the year, we notified our parent community that school would close for a Teacher Only Day on Wednesday 9 September where we were to join with staff from other Catholic Schools to spend a day with international speaker David Wells. We wish to advise parents that due to the impact of travel restrictions, David's visit has been cancelled and this day will no longer go ahead. We have transferred the Teacher Only Day to **Monday 31 August** and will be focussing instead on our school wide approach to Positive Behaviour for Learning and the links to our school values.

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**Our Website**

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### School Opening Time

Just a friendly reminder that school classrooms are open for students from 8:15am.

Classroom teachers are very busy prior to this getting ready for their day and need the time and space to be able to concentrate on this. We really do appreciate your support with this.



## Special Character

On the last day of Term 2 we asked students to come dressed in the mufti clothes. Some students decided to wear their favourite outfit or even wore special clothing that showed their cultural background. We raised \$670 for our parish refugee fund. This money will be going towards helping a family of 8 who are coming to New Zealand.



On that last Friday we also were blessed to hear the Rata girls singing a special waita to farewell Mrs Nixon, who has moved on to become the deputy principal at Dyer Street School. The whole school sat in awe listening to the beautiful song 'Hareruia'.



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



*from the Principal*

## **Pick ups and drop offs**

Many thanks for your continued efforts to keep the positive benefits experienced under Level 3 going. As previously mentioned these were:

- An increased level of independence and resilience in our students as they gather up their siblings, meet parents at prearranged spots or just wave bye at the school gate
- A far more settled start to the day. There has been a very noticeable decrease in tears, separation anxiety and the flow on effect of this to other students
- Teachers have enjoyed the increased time at the start of the day to chat informally to their students as they arrive at school. These chats allow them to get to know their children really well and to deepen their relationships with them

As also previously mentioned we do appreciate that a number of parents enjoy catching up with one another at the end of the school day. Please continue to keep that up but we ask that you delay coming onto the school grounds at the end of the day until at least 2.40pm and please keep well back from the classroom and cloak bay areas. Our Kowhai teachers, in particular, are noticing an increase in disturbance to the end of the school day both from adults and preschoolers and would really value your support to avoid this.

Please also note that parents and other family members are always welcome to pop into the classrooms and have a quick chat to the teacher or a look at something special your child would like to share with you. We just ask that you keep the timing brief. Should you want to discuss something more substantial with the classroom teacher then making arrangements for a phone call or a meeting is the best way to go.

## **Knights Road Connection**

The Hutt City Council has been very proactive in its approach to include schools along Knight's Road in the consultation process as they look to make the road more people-friendly. The project involves a trial of temporary changes to Knights Road to better connect Waterloo Station to Lower Hutt's CBD.

Involvement in the project offers our students a genuine opportunity to see how a local council interacts with its community to bring about change. Next week members of the project team will spend 45 minutes with each classroom to do a travel mapping exercise and travel surveys with the students. There will be discussion with children about their current journeys and experiences on Knights Road and what they would like to see there.

We also hope to organise a workshop here at school for parents to talk about what they would like to see and also to voice any concerns. In the interim you might want to attend a community workshop to hear more about this:

## **Community Workshops**

**When:** Tuesday 11 & Thursday 13 August, 6.00pm-7.30pm

**Where:** Pelorus Trust Sports House, 93 Hutt Park Road, Seaview

**RSVP** or find out more: [innovatingstreets@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:innovatingstreets@huttcity.govt.nz)



## from the Board

### Health and Wellbeing

During the latter part of Term we conducted our Well Being Survey with Years 4 to 8. In order to maintain consistency each group had the survey administered by Christine Bartlett who is also the only person, other than Kay Tester, who has access to the completed surveys. The information was collated and presented to the BOT at their June meeting.

The information received continues, as it has in previous years, to give us an encouraging picture of the way our students perceive their safety and well-being at school as well as providing us with areas of action and focus and identifying students who may need further support in developing their behaviours towards others.

The pleasing response to the question re teachers being interested in a child's family and background continues to reinforce the importance of relationships and shows effort made over the past year in this area. This is also the situation with other areas where there has been extra focus.

While percentages of students disagreeing with various statements are not high they do, as always, indicate for us areas where we can continue to do better and highlight students who may be in need of some specific support or action.

A continued decrease in the number of students identified as specifically displaying inappropriate behaviours as identified by others is pleasing and we feel have been contributed to by measures put into place in 2018 and 2019.

The strengthening of these and continued efforts at improvement will be part of our future work in this area as we widen our use of the PB4L work we have begun and strengthen the links to our school values highlighting the appropriate behaviours which demonstrate these for our students so they see the connections.



### Message from the Attendance Dues Team

#### **Are you struggling financially to pay Attendance Dues?**

Please contact our office as soon as possible so we can help you. We have some options available for payment plans and rebate assistance so we encourage you to please get in touch by calling us on 0800 462 725 or email [dues@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:dues@wn.catholic.org.nz).

We look forward to being of assistance to you during this difficult time.

**Phone: 0800 462 725**

**Email: [dues@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:dues@wn.catholic.org.nz)**

**Text: 021 0890 7902**

**[www.wn.catholic.org.nz/attendance-dues](http://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/attendance-dues)**

# SCHOOL UPDATES

## Uniform Reminder

Our school winter uniform is, as per our Uniform Regulation Brochure set out by the Board of Trustees [view here](#)

*(a number of parents appear to be unaware of our regulations)*

**Uniform Shop**  
**Wednesday's**  
**2pm-4pm**

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).



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

 **SCHOLASTIC**

**Closes 4pm Friday 7 August**

 **SCHOLASTIC**

A brochure will come home this week 'issue 5'. Orders are to be placed online at [mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz](http://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz) using LOOP (Linked Online Ordering Payment for Parents). Orders are unable to be processed through the school. When ordering, to find our school you will need to enter the school's postcode '5010' and/or our school's name 'St Peter and Paul School'. All online orders will be sent directly to the school and given to your child.



## SPORTS Page

### ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

This event is scheduled for the 4th August at Sladden Park. All parents of students involved have been emailed required information and a map. If you haven't seen these then please email me at [sport@stpeterpaul.school.nz](mailto:sport@stpeterpaul.school.nz). I can get the information to you. Thanks to those who have responded and offered transport. I will be in touch on Thursday.

### INTERZONE SWIMMING SPORTS-FRIDAY SEPT 4TH

Due to problems with schools completing their own swimming sports because of the lockdown etc the LHPPSA have decided (after surveying all schools involved) to have no Zone Swimming Sports but to go straight to Interzone based on times. Once I have clarified these and checked with those from our trials I will let students and parents know who will be attending based on the number of entries we are allowed.

### SWIMMING SPORTS YEAR 4 TO 8

As the Zone sports were cancelled I managed to take the booking they had cancelled at Huia so our school sports will be held on Friday 28th August from 9.15. More information will follow but these sports will not involve timing or be a house competition however we will have the house relay and our 2 cup races - the McGuiness and Redwood Cups.

### TERM 3 SPORTS

This term we have teams involved in Netball (10) Basketball (5) and Waterpolo (1). None of these teams could participate without the fantastic support we receive from the parents and others willing to coach and manage these teams so thanks to them all for their commitment this term.

### COMPETITION WINNERS

Congratulations to Caitlyn Ferrari and Corbin Matheson who were presented with Rugby Balls by Tara Fevre Senior Recreation Programmer at Hutt City Council after they were declared the winners of a fitness competition that was conducted in lockdown by Sporty in the Hutt. Both students had to submit a video of how they were maintaining their skills during the lockdown period. Caitlyn shared her roller hockey moves and Corbin his rugby catching with a rebounder.





# TE AWAKAIRANGI

A Catholic Parish of the Archdiocese of Wellington

 *News from the Parish*

## We Need You!

Kia ora all Parents and Caregivers,

My name is Kim Penman and I am responsible for organising the altar servers and projectionists for our Ss Peter and Paul's church of Te Awa Kairangi parish.

Father Patrick and I would love some more young, enthusiastic people to join our church community in both roles.

The wonderful group of altar servers we currently have are amazing, yet sadly several will be moving on due to their age, at the end of the year. We would like to take this time to allow them to help support new young people into the role. Please consider encouraging your young person (from Year 5 or older) to train for this essential role in our parish community. It is a great opportunity to learn about our faith, gain confidence, and help our masses run smoothly.

Father Patrick and I will be having a training session on the afternoon of Saturday 8 August, for old and new altar servers. I would love to hear from you, if you have a young person who would like to give this a go.

I am happy to respond to any enquiries about the projectionist role as well. I am particularly keen to hear from parents with older children/siblings who have left our school, who could support learners in this role. It would be greatly appreciated.

Warm regards,

**Kim Penman**

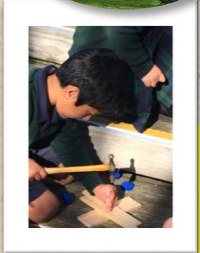
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# Kōwhai

1-7



This week in Kowhai we were able to get out in the sunshine to have a go using carpentry tools to build our own creations. Room 5 read the shared story "Bubbles". We enjoyed blowing our own bubbles ... they went, up, up, up ..... Pop!



# Nikau

8-11

Nikau students are enjoying their well-being fitness rotation which we have begun this term. We have four activities and exercises which we are focusing on - breathing, stretching, yoga flow and mindfulness. Children of all ages can benefit from being given the opportunity to focus on their well-being. These activities help our students to engage in the simple practice of bringing a gentle and accepting attitude to the present moment. We hope our well-being rotation will help promote happiness, relieve stress and be tools students can use both at school and in their everyday lives. Mindfulness can be fun too and as teachers and students, this is what we are all aiming to do.

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Pōhutukawa

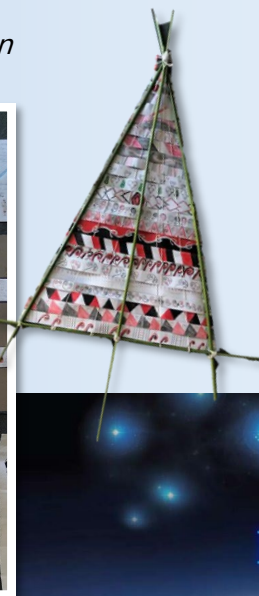
12-15

With the help of Miss Gilmour Room Twelve made a Matariki kite to represent our understanding of the Maori New Year. We used traditional Maori patterns and designs to create strips to construct our kite, to create the base of our kite we used natural products connecting to the resources around us. Room Twelve collaborated and used their knowledge of art and communication together to improve our cultural skills. On this journey we learnt that the Maori culture is very important to New Zealand.

*Written By Grace Simmonds and Blake Gerritsen*



MATARIKI



Last term, we let you know about our awesome zoom call with an architect and how he spoke to us about town planning for our geometry unit. At the end of the term, we finished our 2D cities and then chose two blocks to build in 3D. The nets turned out to be tricky to make, especially the hexagons and rhombuses but our finished products are amazing and the girls are proud of their collaborative work. They are on display in our shared space so come and check it out!



17-19

Rātā



2D

### Shelter

As part of our Shelter Inquiry, we looked at ways we find emotional and physical shelter. One way we looked at finding shelter was in the form of a korowai. Together, all students from Rata Area took a feather and balanced the use of black and white to zentangle an individual pattern. Everyone's feathers contain a word that is personal to them in what gives them shelter. This was then built into a beautiful korowai.



PTA

EVENTS



**Pizza Day**  
Wed 12 August



**Onesie Day**  
Thurs 3 Sept

**PTA Meeting**

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

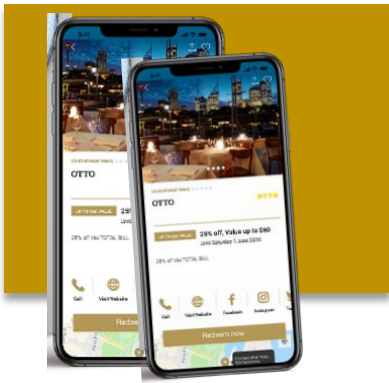
**Wednesday 29 July**

**PTA Facebook Page**

Keep up with all the latest school community and fundraising events by joining the PTA Facebook page

Like us on **Facebook**

[click here to join PTA Facebook](#)



## Entertainment Book

Entertainment has gone 100% digital, this year there are no physical books available to purchase.

All new memberships are valid for 12 months from date of activation rather than 1 June as in previous years.

Your support is gratefully appreciated. Click on the link to purchase your copy.

[Click here to order your copy](#)

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

# Contact the School

**Absences** to report an absence or lateness [click here](#) or phone the school before 8.50am extn 1

**School Policy & Procedures** Login details are on the Parent Portal under About Us

**Information line** for up to date school activities and cancellations use extn 2

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

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**

