



from the Principal

Kia ora Parents and Caregivers,



A very fond farewell

After 30+ years of dedicated service to Ss Peter & Paul School, our Deputy Principal, Christine Bartlett, has decided to move into a well-deserved retirement at the end of the year. As you can well imagine, being part of our community for such a length of time, will leave a legacy that we will both miss and cherish.

Parents and caregivers coming on site at Level 2

Many thanks for your efforts to ensure we are following the requirements expected of schools during Level 2. I appreciate this might feel like a nuisance at times but thanks for persevering with these important health measures.

Just a reminder that parents and caregivers who come onsite need to be noted in the visitor register (or if only doing drop offs or pick ups, you can check in using the NZ COVID Tracer App via our QR Code poster in the main office window, if there is no staff member at the gate).

Please remember that parents are unable to go into classrooms during this time. If you wish to meet with a teacher please make an appointment through the office.

After signing in at the office, you will be taken to an arranged meeting space.

Teachers are very keen to keep off-site activities going under Level 2 so thanks for your help as they manage that with the health measure required.

COVID-19 information on Ministry of Education parent website

The MoE [parent website](#) has information about COVID-19 alert levels for parents and whānau. It will be regularly updated as they get new information.

Special Character



Wacky Wednesday was a huge success with students coming to school with all sorts of interesting hair. The mufti and wacky hair day brought in **\$690** of gold coin donations for the Child Cancer Foundation.

Area Masses and Liturgies

This term all areas will be holding Masses and Liturgies with Father Patrick. Depending on the upcoming COVID 19 levels we would love to invite our parents and whanau community to come and join us for these special masses. We will update you closer to the time as things change.

- Kowhai Liturgy** (Rooms 2&3) Fri 18 Sept at 9.15am
- Nikau Mass** (Shared Space of Nikau) Thurs 17 Sept at 11am
- Pohutukawa Mass** (Room 13&14) Wed 16 Sept at 11am
- Rata Mass** (Ss Peter and Paul Chapel) Tues 15 Sept at 9am



Tuesday 25 August 2020

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REMINDER

School closed

Monday 31 August

Teacher Only Day



SCHOOL UPDATES

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.

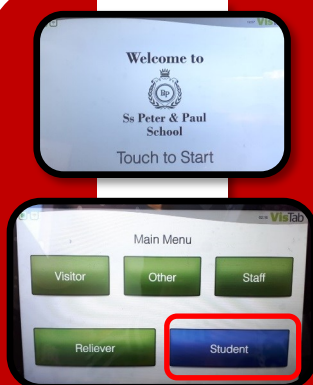


from the Parish



Parking Reminder - please remember to avoid making use of the Church carpark for parking or as a drive through for drop offs and pickups. Thank you.

from the Office



A friendly reminder that if you are running late or coming from an appointment and have reported this through the website or telephone, your child will still need to sign-in at the office and take a red card before going to their classroom.



Hard copy order forms were sent home yesterday Monday. There are samples of the possibilities available for you to see at the office and the diaries or sketch books do add an extra dimension for those gifts for family at Christmas along with the cards and calendars. Just a reminder that all forms come back to the office and payments are made online as detailed on the form. **Closes 3pm Friday 4 September.**

Please contact deputyprincipal@stpeterpaul.school.nz if you have any questions.

SPORTS Page

Thanks to the Netball, Waterpolo and Basketball parents who are working through the restrictions imposed due to Level 2 to ensure our teams still get to play.

Interzone Cross Country - as we will still be in Level 2 this will not be held and a team for Regionals will be announced based on Zone criteria.

Interzone Swimming Sports - (TBA due to Covid19) 4 Sept - team still to be finalised across our Zone

Year 4 to 8 Swimming Sports - (TBC) 11 September

Heads Up Term 4

The sports involvement will include Touch, Year 1,2 Netball and School Athletics. Information will be sent out at the end of this term.

SCHOOL UPDATES

Teacher Only Day - Monday 31 August

Just a reminder that school will be **closed** this coming Monday, 31 August for a Teacher Only Day. As mentioned in a previous newsletter we were to join with staff from other Catholic Schools to spend a day with international speaker David Wells on 9 September but due to the impact of travel restrictions, David's visit has been cancelled. We 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.



Keeping Kids Safe Online



Keeping children and young people safe online is an ongoing concern for schools and parents. Here at school we have safe and secure protection provided by Network for Learning (N4L). During our Level 3 & 4 lockdowns a message was sent to the community about N4L's new 'Switch on Safety' filter to keep children safe online beyond the school gate. It's free for parents to use. If you haven't done this already, just follow the instructions at <https://switchonsafety.co.nz> to apply it to a child's device. Once activated, children won't be able to get to unsafe websites and content unsuitable for young eyes.

While not at the same level of protection that we have here at school it is still a valuable layer that helps keep children safe online.

CURRICULUM DONATIONS FOR 2020

Following the previous newsletter piece on this topic we have had a number of payments through so many thanks for those. To ensure everyone has the opportunity to make their Curriculum Donation and therefore avoid the need to reduce trips and activities for students in 2021, a current financial statement will shortly be sent home to those families who have yet to make the donation. We are aware that some parents are still having difficulty accessing their financial statement through the Parent Portal so this will ensure everyone is fully informed.

LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

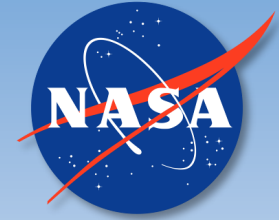
These are scheduled for **Week 10 this term on Tuesday 22 and Thursday 24 September**. Bookings will open on Tuesday 8 September at 3pm when you will receive an email with all the information. This will also be in the newsletter that comes out that day. Bookings will close on Friday 18 September.



A BIG 'Thank You' to all of the students and families for your generous donations from your mufti day towards the Refugee household collection. The Government and the Red Cross are working hard to bring the family of 8 into New Zealand as soon as possible and the Parish really appreciates your support.



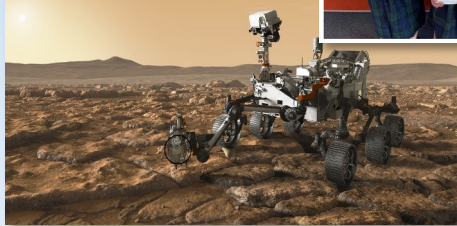
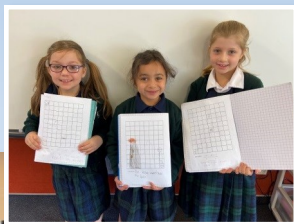
Room 2 has been learning about directions, position, movement and orientation so we decided to make maps and write instructions for the Mars 2020 Perseverance Rover's mission. We sent our maps to NASA and even received a reply! Hopefully our hard work will help the rover explore Mars and get around any obstacles it might face. Over and out!



Thank you for your message to NASA and for sharing your classes' ideas for the Mars 2020 Perseverance rover! We're glad to hear that you and your students are following along with the mission. We've forwarded your maps to the Mars Team at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Thank you for your interest in bringing the excitement of space to your classroom. NASA will continue to inspire the next generation of explorers through our bold vision to land the first woman and next man on the Moon by 2024.

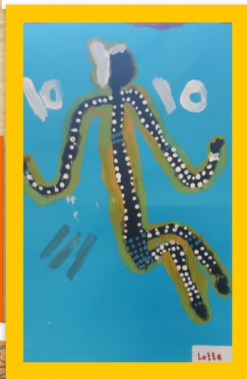
NASA's Office of STEM Engagement



This term the Nikau syndicate is doing an Arts Through Time rotation. Each class spends two art lessons learning about a style of art from a time period. We are learning about the stories these artworks tell, the techniques they use and what society was like at the time they were created. Then we have a go recreating our own versions of the artworks. We are looking at Aboriginal dot art, ancient Greek amphoras, Picasso's cubism portraits and contemporary Maori art inspired by Gottfried Lindauer portraits.

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Pōhutukawa

12-15



Dance lessons with Mark

Pohutukawa students have been very lucky to have a talented dance teacher called Mark who is coming in each day to teach us dance. He has been teaching us different styles of dance which is a lot of fun. We have been learning hip hop, salsa and the lindy hop. We started our lessons on Monday the 17 August and will continue them this week. All classes will then combine to dance in one big performance. We are very grateful to have an expert like Mark come in and teach us! *By Renny Collins and Tania Mladenovic*



Writing Writing Writing

At the beginning of this term, Rooms 13 and 14 focused on two areas of creative writing. One was called 'Catch It' which was based on a short film made by four french directors on a website called The Literacy Shed. The other was called 'Teacup,' a picture book written by Rebecca Young.

We had four options to write in response to Catch It, they were...

- Describing the beautiful African Plains
- Commentating about the rugby scene in Catch It
- Writing a monologue from the vulture's perspective
- Writing from the meerkat's perspective.



After we read the book 'Teacup' we chose a thinking tool from our classroom wall to help us dig deeper with our writing. We had to choose to write either a sequel or a prequel for the story which was great because we got to think creatively. Later on, we designed a pattern to draw on a teacup which is displayed beside our writing. We all really loved the choices we had for our writing. Our writing is on display in class and it looks great!

By Sam Cleland and Samuel Knowles



Balloon Powered Cars

In the Rata area we are doing Science involving forces, flight and motion.

We had to make a balloon car powered by air, the first balloon car Sophie and I made was out of a plastic bottle, this was probably the most popular design for the balloon car. The plastic bottle design was cool but it went very slow because it was so heavy and the balloon could not produce enough energy to get it moving really well. The second design was lighter and faster because it used a piece of cardboard as its main structure. This design was faster because instead of one straw coming out of the balloon there were two straws so the balloon could pump out air twice as fast, creating a lot of energy. The third and last design we made was the fastest and definitely the lightest. The main structure for it was a very small piece of cardboard that would make the car go even faster. When we blew up the balloon all the air inside the balloon was potential energy and when it all got released the air getting pumped out transformed into kinetic energy. Reducing friction in the axles helped our cars to go much faster. We think the last design was the best because it was the fastest and the lightest.

This experiment was super fun and we would definitely do it again! *By Sophie O and Matilda H*

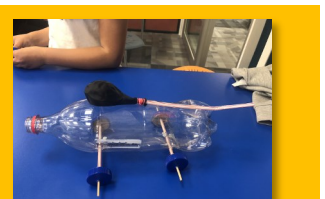


17-19

Rātā



Sophie, Matilda and Julienne with their final and most successful design



PTA

EVENTS



PTA Pizza Day



We really enjoyed our pizza day, it was yummy



WELLINGTON FREE AMBULANCE
kia ora te tangata

We are the ones. 111



Thursday 3 September

(Onesie's, PJs, fluffy jackets, tracksuits etc)

Fundraising for the Wellington Free Ambulance
- gold coin -

PTA Meeting

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

Wed 16 Sept

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

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www.stpeterpaul.school.nz

Absences

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

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



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