



Kia ora Parents and Caregivers,

Supporting

Our 'Onesie Day' on Thursday was great fun! The huge array of comfy pyjamas etc was absolutely amazing and perfect for the cold weather. Many thanks for getting behind another of our 'outreach' opportunities to support a very worthy cause. Kirsty was out and about taking photos so you will enjoy seeing those later in the newsletter.

Alert Level 2

We continue to be in Level 2 for at least another week so:

- Drop offs and pick ups at the gate or other pre-arranged spots continue to work very well
- Parents needing to come on site for drop offs and pick ups please register using the COVID app. Our school QR code is on the main entrance doors. Otherwise please wait for a staff member to register you at the Myrtle St or Knights Road gate.
- Please contact the office to organise any communication with teachers as we are unable to have parents pop into classrooms during Level 2.

Many thanks for supporting us to meet the Level 2 health requirements for schools.

Curriculum Donations for 2020

We have had a great response to our recent emailing out of individual financial statements so many thanks for this. We wouldn't want to lower the level of trips and activities that children experience just because parents were unaware of their current financial statement and hadn't had the opportunity to address this.

It has highlighted that quite a number of parents have yet to activate and access the information on the Parent Portal. We appreciate that this does involve the use of a password and that keeping track of passwords is challenging for the vast majority of us.

Last Friday afternoon Lisa sent out the login details for the Parent Portal to all students' families who have not accessed the @schoolapp. If using the App is not a preferred option for you, that same information i.e. user ID and password can be used to access the Parent Portal via the link on our website. You will find this at the bottom of the Home Page in the Community Connect section. Please do not hesitate to contact Lisa if you have any difficulties with any of the above.

from the Principal

Tuesday 8 September 2020

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Prayer, Reflections and Resources from our local parish

Feel free to have a look on Te awakairangi website for ideas around prayer and reflections. Inside is a link to Cardinal Johns Facebook page where you can join him in daily reflections and Live Streamed Sunday Mass. There is also a link to Pope Francis prayer intention for September based on **Respect for the planet's resources and Laudato Si** <http://teawakairangi.nz/prayers-reflections-and-resources/>

Special Character

Area Masses and Liturgies

This term all areas will be holding Masses and Liturgies with Father Patrick. With the current COVID level continuing at least until the 16 September Rata and Pohutukawa are unable to invite family and whanau to their liturgy.

If level 1 is announced on Wednesday 16 September then families of Nikau and Kowhai areas are invited to join in their area Liturgy and Mass.

Rata Mass (Ss Peter and Paul Chapel) Tues 15 Sept at 9am

Pohutukawa Mass (Room 13&14) Wed 16 Sept at 11am

Nikau Mass (In the Shared Space of Nikau) Thurs 17 Sept at 11am

Kowhai Liturgy (In Rooms 2&3) Fri 18 Sept at 9.15am



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

SCHOOL UPDATES

Learning Conferences *Bookings now open*

We were planning to open bookings tomorrow however have decided to do so today as we are all set to go.

Rooms 1 to 3 and 7 to 19 will be available on both days from 3.15pm to 4.45pm and 6pm to 7.30pm.

Rooms 4, 5 and 6 will be available both on the Tuesday sessions but only from 3.15 to 4.45pm on the Thursday.

Booking will close on Friday 18 at 1pm to allow for printing and distribution to teachers to aid in their preparation.

To book:

Follow this link <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code?code=y6zq8>

or alternatively www.schoolinterviews.com.au and the code is **y6zq8**

Please do not approach teachers or the office about alternative times - if you have any things to discuss around the scheduling please email me at deputyprincipal@stpeterpaul.school.nz and I will discuss the matter and get back to you.

Please note: Students are a part of the discussion as they talk about their learning with the parents under teacher guidance so students should be present for this Learning Conference although we appreciate there are circumstances where this cannot be managed by parents.

Board of Trustees MEETING

Wednesday 23 September 7pm School staffroom

All welcome to attend



YEAR 4 TO 8 SWIMMING SPORTS

Unfortunately the Covid levels have made it very hard for us to plan an event that parents can attend and we cannot get a booking in Term 4.

The Interzone Sports due this Friday have been cancelled so we will take the opportunity to swim our Fletcher and McGuinness Cup races based on time trials done earlier this year.

Spectator numbers are limited so only the parents of those swimming have been advised of the details.

CALENDARS

Thanks to all those who completed orders and payments by the closing date

No late orders have been accepted and we are presently processing all orders. There are some issues with the photograph orders so Christine will contact you if this problem exists regarding your photo.



Onesie/PJ Day


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FREE AMBULANCE
kia ora te tangata
We are the ones. 111

Over \$1050 raised for Wellington Free Ambulance



Gym Trip



A wonderful happy time was had by all the junior school at Sacred Heart College Gym. Liesl the Lion gave us a great furry, fuzzy welcome and we soon started our warm up exercises to music.

Then we explored all kinds of gym equipment and challenges. We

Climbed up the frame... like spider monkeys.

Swung on the ropes... like Tarzan in the trees.

Bounced... like beach-balls from mini-tramp to 'horse' to big bouncy mat.

Balanced on the beam... like cats on the wall.

Shook out the parachute... like a rainbow cave

Hop skip and jumped... like kangaroos.

Somersaulted and cartwheeled... like roly-poly puppies...

Moved and grooved... like cool-cats, with Leisl the lion. It was all awesome!

Thank you to all the mums and dads that helped us walk all the way there and back.



A big thank you too, to Sacred Heart student and teachers for sharing their talents and facilities so kindly with us.





This morning, two people named Sheree and Patrick came from Hutt City Council to teach us about Scooter Safety. We learnt that you have to wear a helmet when you're on wheels. This is because if you smack your head on concrete without a helmet your brain can vibrate and it can start to swell and that is dangerous! We learnt to stop with 'baby steps', how to glide and to swap feet. and where to park our scooters safely. We learnt about scooter hazards such as sticks, stones and wonky footpaths. My favourite part was when we went in a big circle and our instructor said to do something like swap feet or do 'baby steps'.

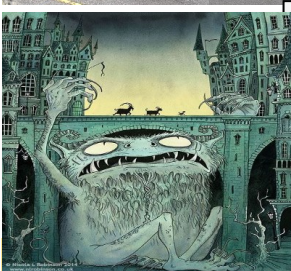
Ruby Jones



Today we did Scooter Safety with Sheree and Patrick from Hutt City Council. We learnt to always wear a helmet and how to swap feet. We also learnt to stop with our feet on the same side and not in between the scooter. We went to Scooter Safety because we needed to learn how to use a scooter properly and safely. I enjoyed gliding and learning to swap feet the most. Emily Clark



We learnt about scooter safety because if we aren't scootering safely we might have a fall and end up in hospital. During scooter safety I learnt it's always important to wear a helmet so your head is protected. I now know the right way to stop. I realised I had been stopping the wrong way for a long time! I realised it's important to share the path and be kind to others. Now I know to swap feet and I'm getting better at using my right leg to scooter. I really enjoyed learning scooter safety with my friends. Katherine Clover



Room Nine has been busy working on their writing. Here are a couple of gems about this troll!

*I'm a troll, an ugly troll. I live underneath a bridge in London. Everyday I live in is dark and gloomy. Why am I here, you ask? Well because people treat me like a monster and a huge ugly fellow. All I eat is bones and bricks from the bridge and I drink...well, sewer water. My life is horrible, absolutely horrible. If I could be anything other than a troll I would take my chance! The reason I live under this bridge is because of two things that I wish I didn't have to deal with. Number one, whenever I go into sunlight it will burn me badly. Number two, if I were sun protection and everything the humans would chase me down to the bridge with torches and pitchforks. All I wear is bear skin on my private parts. Well sure, it's a bit disgusting but it's all I have to wear - so don't judge me! Here's some things that humans call me monster for; I have big beady eyes, sharp dirty nails and rotten yellow teeth! There, is that enough for you? **Elia MacDonald***

*I am a troll. My name is Bobby. I get sad when people call me ugly. Yes, it is true that I am enormous and I have sharp teeth that can cut through metal. I have one hairy tummy, my nails are especially sharp, my arms are skinny, boney and hairy! When people walk on my bridge I feel like eating them. **Jamison Thornton***



Pohutukawa

12-15

Learning to Compost

The students in rooms 13 and 14 have been busy learning how to compost! Firstly, they learnt about the difference between green and brown materials and how these contribute to the process of making a compost. They then had to create a sandwich bag compost by choosing the ratio of green to brown material they wanted to use, measuring it and adding water. Over time the students will observe what happens as the different materials begin to break down.

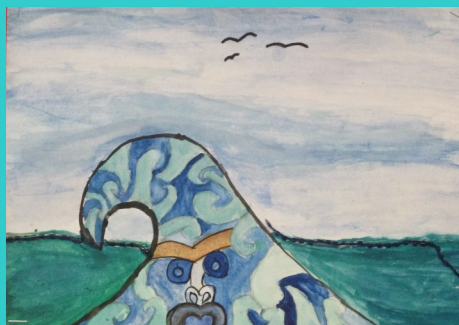
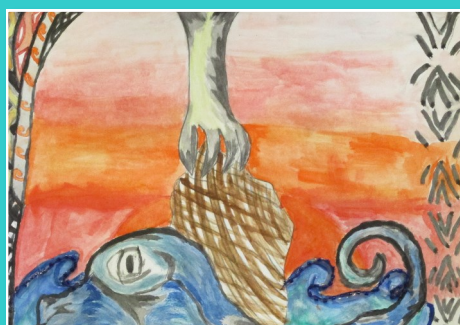


Some students in the Pohutukawa area were also lucky to have Mr Higson, a science expert come to school and teach them about what happens in the process of composting. He shared with them about the role bacteria, air, worms, food waste, plant material all play in the process of creating compost. Using old recycled milk bottles, they made mini compost systems that are now in our school garden.



Visual Art

As part of our Te Reo Maori programme, Mrs Spink spent time exploring the story of Rangi and Papa with the students of Rooms 13 and 14. They learnt about the different gods and how they represented aspects of our natural world. The students chose one god from the story to paint with a focus on blending colours and incorporating koru patterns. They all look fabulous and are on display in Pohutukawa shared space.





Parliament - Trevor Mallard

On Tuesday the 1st of September we were very lucky in the Rata area to be visited by the parliament education team and the current 'Speaker of the House', Trevor Mallard. The team used a backdrop of the chamber of House of Representatives and arranged the seating to be just like the real thing. We had lots of interesting questions from the students for Mr Mallard. This was followed by a politician's debate which was run by the speaker himself. It was a lot of fun and so great to see the students having a go and sharing their opinions and ideas. Some of the students were lucky enough to be given specific roles within the debate. We had a prime minister, leader of the opposition and even a 'clerk of the house'. Our debate was finished with a vote by the MPs and an invitation from the speaker to visit his offices on our future trip to parliament. What a great morning!



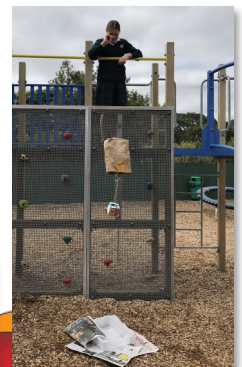
SCIENCE - FORCES, FLIGHT & MOTION

Parachutes for eggs; easy right? Well, it's a little bit more complicated than that. The Rata area has been studying "Forces, Flight and Motion". One of their projects was to create a functioning parachute that safely carried an egg to the ground without cracking. Many pairs of students attached a padded box or cradle to absorb a bit of the shock from hitting the ground. This also kept the egg well attached to the parachute. The parachute also has to be large enough to be air-resistant. Air-resistance is the force of gravity from the egg pulling the parachute down and the air/wind pushing up.

Egg Drop Experiment

There was just one problem. Since we were dropping the eggs from the top of the playground, the bark at the bottom (meant to stop children hurting themselves, if they should fall) was too shock absorbent. Some students accidentally dropped their eggs at the top, and the egg still survived. So, we compromised and moved to the intermediate deck, where there is concrete below. Since it was a shorter drop, we used a chair to expand it. Though, we did put a thin layer of newspaper underneath the balcony encase of any mess!

After that, some parachutes glided down and the egg was safe, but some were not so lucky. Approximately, 25 pairs in total cracked their eggs. This was a fun experiment for all the students to cooperate with each other and put their learning into action!
Alice H-Hunt and Jane Doyle.



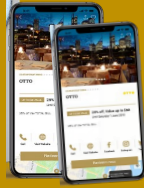
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EVENTS

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](#)

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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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