



# Ss Peter & Paul School

## Welcome back

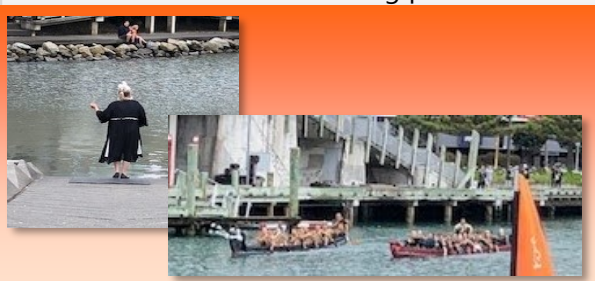
Tuesday 9 February 2021

Kai ora Parents and Caregivers,

A very warm welcome to our 2021 year. I hope everyone enjoyed their Waitangi weekend. I was fortunate to be invited to the Official Opening of Waitangi day which was commemorated with a breakfast in Te Raukura, Te Wharewaka o Poneke, in the Capital City's marae precinct. This event also celebrated Te Raukura's 10th year on the waterfront. My invite came because of our school's involvement in the Kura Ahurea Education Programme, an initiative from our local iwi to assist classroom teachers to teach Te Teo Maori with confidence and to help schools enable their students to progress with their learning of the reo as they move through the year levels.

*from the Principal*

The programme started as a pilot in 2019 with 7 schools, increased to 23 in 2020 and this year there are 40 schools involved. I felt very proud to hear the name of our school announced as being part of such a worthy initiative.



After breakfast and presentations from a very interesting range of speakers we gathered outside in Whairepo Lagoon to view the waka fleet on water and traditional waka salutes. It was a most enjoyable experience.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION  
Check out the school website



**9:15am** BEGINNING MASS  
Friday 12 February

**Friday 12 February** we will celebrate the beginning of a new school year with a Mass. Parents and family are always welcome to join us.



### Ash Wednesday

Lent begins with **Ash Wednesday, 17 February** and to celebrate our Year 5 to 8 students will be attending our parish Mass and Year 1 to 4 will have a liturgy here at school.

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;

- 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



### Sacramental Programme

Preparations for First Reconciliation will begin with a parent meeting on;

**Tues 23 February**  
**7.30pm in the Chapel**

#### Reconciliation Preparation Session 1

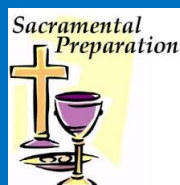
Sun 7 March 9am

#### Session 2

Sun 21 March 9am

#### First Reconciliation

Sun 28 March



**aroha**  
**stewardship**  
**joy faith**



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



Nau mai, haere mai!

On Thursday 4 February, the students and teachers welcomed our new staff Janine O'Styke, Ivy Abella and Jenny Hudson as well as all our new students to Ss Peter and Paul School with a Powhiri.

We had the powhiri on the astro turf in brilliant sunshine.

Our waiata was sung beautifully, and the students who spoke in their first languages, as well as the girls who called the Karanga, did an amazing job!

We are so glad to have all of our new people join our school whanau.

## Nikau Area Upgrade

The progress to date on this much awaited project is tracking very well. Every two weeks I have a site meeting with the project manager, architect and contractors which keeps me well informed of where things are at. As previously mentioned this is a six month project and all things going well (particularly around supplies), we hope to be able to move back into the Area at the beginning of term 3.

My huge thanks to the teachers of Nikau who have spent much time and effort organising and planning for how their classrooms will operate over these two terms in the spaces available around our school. Also to the students who have so quickly and willingly adapted to their new learning environment.



**Please remember** to register your child/ren through Lunchonline, see instructions on the flyer. Lunches start Thursday 11 February.

If you have any questions please contact Lunchonline directly. Information can be found on our website.

**Note:** The school cannot take any orders, this must be completed online.

**WOW**

### Sushi & Subway delivered to Ss Peter & Paul School weekly

Sushi first delivery Thurs 4th June  
Subway first delivery Fri 5th June !!

It's simple; all you need to do is register at [www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz) and follow 4 easy steps to get started

- 1 Register an account
- 2 Add member/s including your child's name, school and classroom
- 3 Make a payment so you have funds in your account before you order
- 4 Select your lunch and place an order



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### Cell phones / smart watches

Teachers are noticing that some of our younger students are arriving at school with a smartwatch that enables messaging or phone calls. Please note that these fall under the same procedures we have for cell phones:

- They must be put in the classroom minding box on arrival at school and will be returned to the student at the end of the school day
- Failure to follow these procedures will mean the device is removed from the student, sent to the office and parents will be rung to collect the item at their convenience.

Should the school need to contact parents for any reason during the school day you will receive a phone call from the office about this. This very simple process has worked effectively for many decades now and allows parents to feel confident that their child is well looked after during the school day. The widespread use of cell phones has certainly meant schools can more quickly communicate with parents should anything arise. As you can imagine, the main reason for contacting parents during the school day is due to illness or an injury on the playground.

## Parent Information Evening

You are warmly invited to attend our parent information evenings next Wednesday and Thursday where you will hear a wide range of information about how each of the Areas operate.

Below you will find the timetable for these sessions and the initial gathering space. The doors between the rooms will be opened to allow a comfortable space for parents.

### Thursday 18 February

#### 5.30pm Kowhai

(Rooms 1-7) - Location Rooms 2 & 3

#### 6.00pm Nikau

(Rooms 1-7) - Location Rooms 13 & 14

#### 6.30pm Rata

(Rooms 17- 19) - Location Rooms 18 & 19

#### 7.00pm Pohutukawa

(Rooms 12- 15) - Location Rooms 13 & 14

## Emergency Contact Form

The oldest child from each family will have brought home an Emergency Contact Form. This is separate from the details we keep on the Student Management System, and require these details at the start of every year. The contacts need to be people who you are happy to pick up your child if the school had to close or a civil emergency. Normally this would be because of adverse weather conditions or an earthquake so please consider who would be able to easily reach the school when completing this form. **Please return the form to the school office by the end of this week Fri 12 Feb.**

## SCHOLASTIC

A Scholastic Book Club Brochure will come home this week. A brochure will come home once a term. Orders are to be placed online by **4pm Fri 12 Feb** at **mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz** using LOOP (Linked Online Ordering and Payment for Parents). Orders cannot be made at 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.

School Office

**569 5759**

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

Report an Absence

report via the school website or call **before 9:00am**  
*(extn1 if your child will be absent or late)*

Information line

for up to date school activities and cancellations use extn 2

## Contact the School

School Policy & Procedures

Login details are on the **Parent Portal** *(under Contacts)*

Parent Portal

[etap@school](mailto:etap@school) parent portal  
*(contact Lisa in the office if you forget your password)*

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**



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