



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

from the Principal

Many thanks to the large number of parents who are supporting our swimming programme at the moment. We would not be able to offer this opportunity for all our students without your help. Likewise to those who have been able to help with the recent sporting events of non-stop cricket and last week's very successful Futsal tournament. Coming up on the Wednesday of the last week of term is our Year 4-8 school swimming sports; involving width and length events. We will be very appreciative of any parental help on offer for this too.

We know the immense value that children and young people can receive from participating in quality sport and recreation. Therefore throughout the course of the year we aim to offer our students a range of opportunities, suitable to their age and development. This will be through classroom programmes, participation in our local Zone events and any other suitable activities that arise.

Sport NZ highlights research that informs us that when involved in sport and recreation, children and young people highly value the intrinsic rewards gained from learning a new skill, or simply being involved in activities with their friends. We are very much guided by such a participant-centred approach.

News from Ms Haley

Ms Haley (Patty) has made the decision to step back from her role as Nikau Area Leader to take on other areas of leadership within the school such as the Teacher with Library Responsibility and areas of Literacy development. Ms Aitken (Jane), a current member of the wider Nikau team, will take over the role of acting Area Leader.

Teacher Only Days

You may remember from information shared last year that all primary schools have 8 teacher only days to use between 2020-2022. Please note the following dates for your diary as we know this may involve quite a bit of organisation for some of our families:

- Term 2 - Friday 4 June (the Friday prior to Queen's Birthday weekend (week 5 of term))
- Term 3 - Monday 6 September (week 7 of term)
- Term 4 - Monday 29 November (week 7 of term)

Special Character

St Vinnies Easter Egg Appeal

This Easter we are supporting our local parish St Vinnies group by collecting Easter eggs. If you would like to donate any Easter eggs please get your child to drop them off to the school office.



Caritas Challenge

On **Thursday 1 April** we are having a 'Get on your Feet Day'. It is a **Purple Mufti Day** (gold coin donation). This means students can wear an element of purple whether it be clothes or accessories. If students don't have purple they of course can wear regular mufti clothes. There are Caritas Koha boxes in the office for any donations towards the Caritas Lent Appeal.

Tuesday 23 March 2021

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Sacramental Dates

First Reconciliation

Sunday 28 March
3.00pm

First Holy Communion

Parent Meeting
Tues 4 May
7.30pm
in Chapel 

Prep Sessions

First Holy Communion

Sun 9 & 23 May
9.00am

First Holy Communion Masses

Sun 6 June
9.00am & 5.30pm

SCHOOL UPDATES

After school pick ups

We are very appreciative of the efforts families have made to avoid undue congestion at pick up time such as meeting in a pre-arranged spot a distance from the school. However it has been brought to our attention from members of our local businesses that some of our students are having to wait outside their premises for quite a period of time and in some instances their behaviour is causing a nuisance for the business owners and customers. Students can safely remain behind the entrance gates at Knight's Road, Bloomfield and the ones through the school car park for you. Alternatively there are places available at our AfterSchool programme if you are routinely unable to collect your children within 5-10 minutes of the end-of- school bell.

SWIMMING LESSONS



REMINDER

Swimming lessons continue so please don't forget swimming gear and check their class swim time with your child's class teacher

House Gathering

Next **Wednesday 31 March** all students are invited to come to school with a coloured item/s that identifies which house they belong to:

McKillop

Mission

Redwood

Williams

Students can arrive wearing their item with their uniform or keep it in their bag to put on for the House Gathering from 11am until lunch time. Please note this is **not** a general mufti day, rather a fun way of raising all student and staff awareness of who and what our House system is all about.

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St Peter & Paul School
joy faith



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.



SPORT *updates*

NETBALL

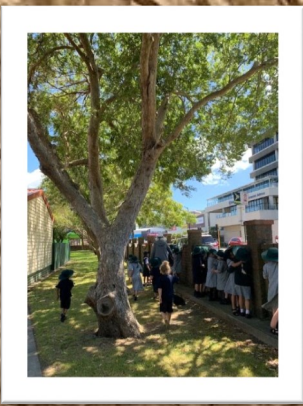
Trials for Year 7,8 are underway and teams for Year 3 to 6 are being worked on.

WATERPOLO

Thanks to those who showed they were interested and they have received their registration forms. We now have enough interest and offers to coach.

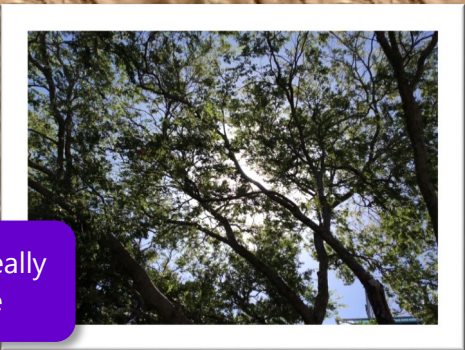
Kōwhai

1-7



In Kowhai, we have been learning more and more about creation and structures. We decided to take a walk around the school ground to identify which structures were created by God and what was created by humans. We have taken some beautiful pictures of God's creations and even managed to meet some little creatures along the way!

"There's a picture of me because God made me!" - Hunter



"God made bees, they work really hard at their jobs" - Frankie



"God must have taken his time like we do with our pictures for the tree trunks" - Cici



God didn't make my shadow but he did make the sun!" - Parker



"How beautiful is all of this!?" - Greta



We also found some shamrocks/ clovers for St Patrick's Day!





Over the last few weeks Nikau students have been very busy pursuing physical activity.

We are in the middle of our swimming block, swimming in small groups at the Huia Pool. We are making good progress in our swimming lessons and it is a great way to start the day!

Swimming
Swimming



Non Stop Cricket

Recently lots of us went to a 'Non-stop Cricket Tournament' that was also heaps of fun! We had a great, sunny day at Fraser Park where we played cricket all day. Our learning back at school on hitting balls, catching and throwing were put to the test, as was our team work.



Ball



Strike Fun

Last Friday, Capital Football hosted an '**All Girls Futsal Tournament**'. Nikau had 6 teams of girls wanting to give this a go. Amazing effort girls! This was another fantastic day of footy fun. Some little voices said "I have never played football before but I played all day!" and another on returning school, "I'm pooped" accompanied with the biggest smile ever.



None of this happens without the support of parents and teachers - we want to thank all who gave up their time to help us with our sports over the last wee while. We hope you had as much fun as us!



Pohutukawa

12-15

In Rooms 13 and 14 the students have been learning to form questions that are opened ended rather than ones that are closed and easy to find the answer to. Using a shared text about Marie Curie, the students worked in small groups to brainstorm and write their questions. They found it challenging to write open ended questions and spent time reworking and refining them. Here are some of the questions they wrote.



- What traits did she have that lead her to be the successful scientist she was?
- What events or people influenced Marie Curie to become a scientist at a time when females weren't encouraged to study science and maths?
- What motivated Marie Curie to be successful and what characteristics did she have that helped her to achieve success?
- What kind of conditions did Marie Curie have to work with and did they help motivate her in her work?
- What kind of challenges did Marie Curie have to face during her research and how did she respond to them?
- What purpose drove Marie Curie in her research and work?

School Vegetable Garden Update



The latest crop of tomatoes and apples from our school vegetable garden were delivered to the Home of Compassion soup kitchen. They were very happy to receive them and will use them to help create delicious meals for those in need.

Some Pohutukawa students are busy working on the purchasing of a composting system for our school. They will be sharing with the other students in our school the reasons for why we will be composting and the logistics of how this system is going to operate. We hope to have the system up and running by Term 2!

Futsal Festival Walter Nash photos

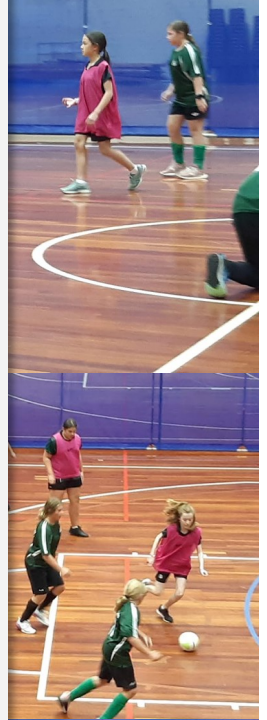




On Friday Rata Area, Pohutukawa and Nikau girls all went to Walter Nash Stadium to play Futsal. Multiple schools played Futsal, as did the girls from our school. The only other year 7 and 8 team playing were Avalon Intermediate, so we had to play other Ss Peter and Paul teams. The Ss Peter and Paul girls played fast and hard!

We had special guests; two from the women's Football Ferns, one was called Francesca and the other was Sarah. They showed us skills and talked about what it is like to be a player. Our host's name was Maya, she made us feel excited about our Futsal games. We were told that if we really enjoyed our matches we could sign up for a girls futsal team to try something new. Everyone had an amazing time and everyone was supporting all the different teams which was really positive.

A big thank you to all the parents for helping us. We couldn't have gone without you. *Written by Trizebelle and Violet*




School Office www.stpeterpaul.school.nz **569 5759**

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 etap@school_parent_portal
etap@school_app
 (forgot your password contact Lisa in the school office)





Community News

Come along to the
Te Awakairangi Parish Picnic
at
St Michael's Church, Taita
on
Sunday 11th April 2021
after the 10.30am Mass

Bring a picnic lunch or some ethnic food to share

Enjoy the company of new and old friends

There will be fun games and activities too!



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Pompallier Catholic College
50th Jubilee

Queen's Birthday Weekend 2021 June 4th - June 6th

Pompallier Jubilee
jubilee@pompallier.school.nz

Pompallier Catholic College will be celebrating 50 years since the College was opened in 1971.

All past pupils, families, benefactors and staff are warmly welcome to be part of the celebrations.

Go to the College website: www.pompalliercollege.school.nz, and click "Jubilee" for further information and to register.

We look forward to celebrating with you.

"Diligere Verum" "Love the Truth" "Arohatia te Whakapono"

SCHRÖDINGER'S BOOKS

Schrödinger's Books presents another evening of books!

- When: Wednesday 5th May at 6pm (for a 6.15 start)
- Where: 137 Jackson Street, Petone (cnr, Nelson Street, opposite Beannie Café)

Please come along to an informal get-together with other librarians and teachers, where you will have the opportunity to meet and ask questions of book reps from a variety of publishers, including:

Gecko Press, Simon and Schuster, Exisle Publishing, Hardie Grant Egmont, One Tree House, Allen & Unwin, Penguin and HarperCollins.

There will be catalogues and other goodies to take away, samples to look at and order as well as the opportunity to purchase on the night.

We offer a 20% education discount on books purchased on account. If your school doesn't already have an account with us, please get in touch beforehand to set one up.

RSVP by Friday 30th April 2021

petonebooks@gmail.com