



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

*from the Principal*

A very warm welcome back to school. It is always fun to see everyone return feeling refreshed from a change of routine and activity. During the break teachers have spent time together preparing for the new term and designing a rich and broad range of learning opportunities to engage and challenge their students. We look forward to sharing these in more detail with you as the term progresses. This regular sharing of quality learning information forms an important part of the way we report to you on your child's progress and achievement.

### Learning Conferences

Many thanks for your attendance at the end of last term. Feedback from teachers and parents was very positive. Continuing to improve the quality and consistency of information shared during these sessions is an on-going aim for us, as is supporting your children to share their learning with you with increasing clarity and confidence. Schools are required to ensure that good quality assessment information is communicated in writing at least twice a year but there are different ways of meeting this intention. We continue to explore options that are both manageable and effective and will be seeking your feedback on any changes we make.

### Cross Country Festival

The students' response to this new initiative has been very positive which is great to hear, especially for someone who asked her younger son to go for a run with her through Otari Bush in lieu of a Mother's Day present. However we do want to run it in pleasant conditions so we are watching the weather forecast very closely. Should we need to postpone the Festival Event we will look to hold it later in the year. Unless the conditions are very poor we will still go ahead with the competitive races though. An email will go out tomorrow afternoon with the final decision and any other relevant information. Unfortunately I will not be able to help at the event as I travel to Dunedin tomorrow and then onto Invercargill in my role as a member of the New Zealand Principals' Federation Executive. We look forward to connecting with our Southern colleagues along with holding our normal meeting.

Tuesday 11 May 2021

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**Preference Certificates**

**Signing Days**

**Thursday 20 May**

3-5pm, 6.30-7.30pm

**Wednesday 26 May**

3-5pm, 6.30-7.30pm

**Ss Peter & Paul Church**

**Sacramental Dates**

**Prep Session**

**First Holy Communion**

Sun 23 May

9.00am

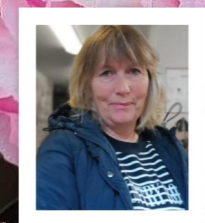


**First Holy Communion**

**Masses**

Sun 6 June

9.00am & 5.30pm



On Friday we bid a very fond farewell to our wonderful teacher aide for the past 25 years, Stasia Tkacz. How blessed has our school community been over these many years to have someone so caring and dedicated as Stasia. We wish Stasia and John every happiness as they move north to be closer to family.

## Special Character

We have our **School/Parish Mass coming up on Sunday 23 May at 9am**. This Mass will celebrate Pentecost. We welcome all families and students to attend and look forward to seeing you there.



### Mothers Day

Last week all the students at Ss Peter and Paul School worked hard to decorate Mothers Day bookmarks. These were shared at the Masses on Sunday.

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



# from the Board

The Board met on the 14 April, it was gratifying to learn that the program Building families of Faith, that has been trialled at our school by Chris Duthie-Jung, will now be offered to all primary catholic schools of the archdiocese.

The six sessions over 3 years aim to engage parents in growing the faith of their children especially in the years leading up to the sacramental program.

Following up on our strategic goal to honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi, a Hui was held in December with the Whanau of the Maori Students at our school. Students and teachers shared the work that has been happening around the school in learning Te Reo and the Kapa Haka group. This was very positively received by the whanau. Other initiatives are being put in place around the NZ history curriculum, working with the other schools in link with our local iwi.

We acknowledge the work the Christian Service Leaders did with Sophie Wright, leading to some very successful events around Easter liturgies and Caritas "Moving Day".

On Anzac day Mrs Senek, Toby and I had the privilege of representing our school community and laying a wreath to honour the soldiers who served in our Armed forces both here and overseas. It was amazing hearing the stories and appreciating that it is so much more than going to war - lots of peacekeepers have lost their lives too. One by one schools and organisations were called up to lay their wreaths on the memorial and then it was our turn... we walked up, laid the wreath and bowed our heads in solidarity for the soldiers. I wore my Great-Grandfather's WW1 and Grandfathers WW2 medals which is a special connection. **By Annie O'Sullivan**



A big thank you to Annie and Toby for taking time out of their school holidays to represent our school at this important community event. Ka rawe korua!

On Anzac day, I volunteered to represent our school community at a special commemoration in front of the War Memorial Library. Our job was to lay a wreath in remembrance of New Zealand and Australian soldiers who have fought and died in wars. It felt good to be there in remembrance of them and be a part of a special national ceremony. **By Toby Jones**

# SCHOOL UPDATES

 SCHOLASTIC

Order close 4pm Friday 21 May

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Last week your child would have brought home brochure 'Issue 3'. 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.

## THE BOOK CORNER LIBRARY



**Take the 31 DAY READING Challenge**

**Hey Kids!**  
Colour in a book on the Reading Rocket to log each day you read in May and blast-off into a galaxy of endless stories and adventures!

National Family Reading Month is celebrating 25 years of encouraging families to read more together. This May we ask you to make reading a priority and a part of your daily routine by taking the challenge at [scholastic.co.nz/nfrm](http://scholastic.co.nz/nfrm)

**CHALLENGE ACCEPTED**   
Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

## National Family Reading Month

May is Scholastic's National Family Reading Month. It's not too late to sign up to the Scholastic family reading challenge and go in the draw to win one of ten \$200 book vouchers.

Find more information in the latest Scholastic Book Club.

## Uniform Reminder

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

*(we thank you for your support in keeping our uniform looking smart)*

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

If you are unsure about any items of uniform please contact the Uniform shop 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)

## Swimming Sports



The recent Swimming Sports have allowed us to identify a group from whom our Zone team for Term 3 will be chosen however this cannot be finalised until we get the entry information. Thanks to those parents who volunteer to do timing and placings for us.

## After School Sports Updates

We have Netball, Basketball and Waterpolo all in action this term and as always we have to thank those parents who have put their hands up to take responsibility for various teams. Without them the school could not participate in these outside school activities.

### **NETBALL UMPIRES**

Can you help or know anyone who can? Each of the Year 5 to 8 teams need to provide umpires for their games. This year we are for the first time struggling to fill these positions. We do pay them so if you know someone we might approach or can help us out yourself please email [sport@stpeterpaul.school.nz](mailto:sport@stpeterpaul.school.nz)

### **IN SCHOOL ZONE EVENT - CROSS COUNTRY**

From the event this week our Cross Country team for the Zone will be chosen. Runners do have to complete the course in a set time and we are only able to enter 10 runners in each Year and gender group. The Zone event is at Petone on May 25th with postponement day May 27th.

## 2022 Enrolments

### **We welcome enrolments from our school community for 2022**

If you have friends or family members who are interested in enrolling their child at our school next year please remind them that enrolment forms are available on our school website [www.stpeterpaul.school.nz](http://www.stpeterpaul.school.nz) and hardcopies are available from the school office. Information on our enrolment procedures is included on the enrolment form.

Any queries regarding an enrolment please contact Lisa in the office on 569-5759 ext 4.



### 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.

### SCHOOL LUNCHES

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

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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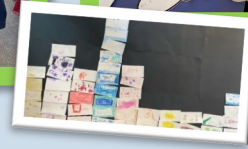
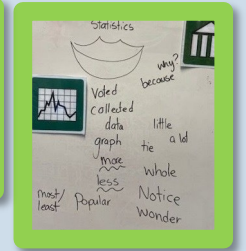
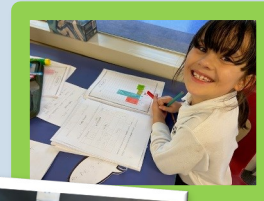
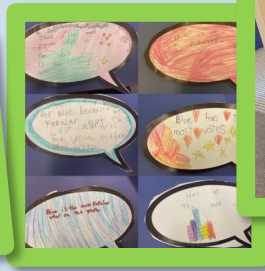


### Tissues

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.



**Kowhai** has been learning about statistics! We looked at types of cats, favourite colours and most popular toys. We have learned so much about our friends! We have been creating questions for our friends to answer, organising information, analysing data and communicating what we see to solve problems.



**Room 7 investigation:** What types of cats would Room 7 like to have? We drew pictures of cats to gather information to help our investigation. We sorted the cat pictures into groups and helped our class create a pictograph.



Some cats like to climb trees, by Maryann



Some cats like to have fun in the sun, by Gabby



Some cats have different coats, some are black, some are orange, some are white, by Poppy



8-11

**Nikau**

**ROLLING  
THROWING  
TARGET**

This term our PE focus is around target games. We are developing accuracy when throwing an object towards a target and we are exploring a variety of techniques including throwing, kicking and rolling. Some of our favourite activities have been Bean Bag Golf and Wall Archery.



We have started this term with a measurement focus in maths. We have been working on estimating lengths of up to a metre. You can help your child find objects at home that they estimate to be 1cm, 10cm, half a metre, and 1m long. Using a ruler, they will be able to show you how they have learnt to carefully measure the objects to check their estimations.

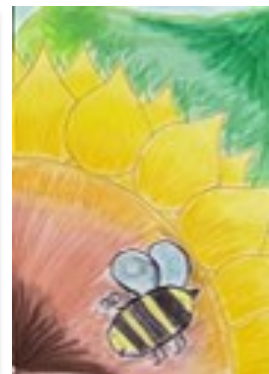


**RULER MATHS CENTIMETRE METRE**



Pōhutukawa

12-15



The sunflowers in our school garden have been a wonderful inspiration to the artists in Rooms 13 and 14. The students have enjoyed looking at them in detail and noticing the interesting patterns and formations of petals, leaves and different shades of yellow. They also viewed the variety of ways artists have captured the image of sunflowers in a visual form. This motivated them to produce their own artistic representation of a sunflower.



17-19

Rātā

## RATA COLLAGE SELF PORTRAITS

Rata students have had lots of fun creating and completing some mixed media portraits that show elements of their characters and their thoughts.

### 'My Head is so Full'

In Rata area, we have been looking at Dada portraits. Dada was a revolutionary art movement created during the First World War. People wanted to bend the 'rules' of art, experimenting with controversial concepts and new ideas. We decided to create our own Dada portraits, exploring our identity, thoughts and emotions through mixed media portraits. We thought about how we saw ourselves, and how we would represent our values and interests. This took some thoughtful planning, and after mapping up our portraits we were ready to begin. We took photos of ourselves and snipped pieces off, cut lines through and cut holes in our photos. We pasted on pictures from magazines, painted designs and drew pictures, resulting in a unique piece of art. Thank you to the amazing Mrs Owen for organising this for us! - Ruby M



These portrait illustrations were created through the combination of mixed media-collage, drawing, paint and ink. In the 20th Century nonsense, spontaneity and free thinking were celebrated through the Dada Movement, and this was historical context for the topic.



# PTA EVENTS

Our next PTA meeting will be held on **Wednesday 12 May at 7PM** in the staffroom and everyone is welcome

We have many long term PTA members entering their last terms on the PTA. Without more members joining our small but dedicated team, our school community risks missing out on such activities. We desperately need new members! We need to pass on our knowledge gained about all things fundraising before it leaves our school! Please come along and see what we are all about. But if meetings are difficult to attend, you can still help out. Please email us on [pta@stspeterpaul.school.nz](mailto:pta@stspeterpaul.school.nz) to let us know you are able to help and we will contact you when we need an extra pair of hands with delivering pizza's to classrooms or helping sell glow products at the disco. We very much look forward to welcoming new members!

## 'Happy Hospital Day'



Gold  
Coin

&



### Happy Hospital Day Thursday 27 May

is our community fundraiser for this year. Our new regional hospital needs funds to complete its fit out and equipment wish list, so this was an easy choice. Come dressed in your **Hospital Themed Dressup** gold coin donation collected on the day will help us all contribute to this amazing facility that cares for our families when necessary.

**Our Pizza lunch will also be on 27 May** click on the link below to order your pizza slices.

<https://forms.gle/RMtninR5opVCSM228>

### Up and coming .....

- **Jesse's Roti and Butter Chicken Sauce Fundraiser** (ordering info will be emailed out soon)
- **Annual School Disco at the Dowse** - Friday 17 September - dancing and glow products galore
- Elaine Stewart will be presenting a **Junior Literacy Skills Workshop Thursday 20 May 1.30pm** in the staffroom. Hosted by the PTA.



### Entertainment Book

#### More ways to enjoy everyday!

Entertainment Book is completely digital and runs for 12 months from the date of activation. Books are available for New Zealand and Australia so if you are travelling grab yourself a single city or multi city membership and unlock some amazing savings while at the same time supporting our school!

[Click here to purchase](#)

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#### [PTA Facebook Page](#)

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



## School Office

**569 5759**

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

## Absences

parents/caregivers call 7.30-9.00am ext 1 or via School [website](#) 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](mailto:etap@school.parent.portal)

[etap@school.app](mailto:etap@school.app)

forgot your password, email [admin@stpeterpaul.school.nz](mailto:admin@stpeterpaul.school.nz)



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St Peter & Paul School  
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## Community News

**Catholic Social Services**

people helping people āwhina tātou

### Experienced Social Worker

Full time role – 37.5 hours per week

Catholic Social Services is seeking an experienced social worker to increase our team based in Wellington

For a copy of the job description or additional information please email [reception@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:reception@wn.catholic.org.nz) or phone 04 385 8642.

Applications close at 3pm on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Please email your CV and covering letter to [reception@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:reception@wn.catholic.org.nz)



## SACRED HEART COLLEGE



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*Pride, Tradition, Spirit, Vigour*  
*Virtue & Knowledge*

Providing a Catholic Education that inspires each student to reach her full potential through an education built on Gospel values, while providing opportunities for leadership and continuing excellence in her chosen pursuits.

### Enrolments for 2022 now open!

Please head to our school website [www.sacredheartcollege.school.nz](http://www.sacredheartcollege.school.nz) to enrol online

### St Bernard's College Open Day

St Bernard's College will be holding an **Open Day on Saturday 29 May 2021** from 10.00am until 2.00pm. Prospective students and their parents are invited to visit during these hours to find out more about St Bernard's College and what it can provide. St Bernard's College is a Year 7-13 Catholic boys' college.



For further information please see our website: [www.sbc.school.nz](http://www.sbc.school.nz)  
or contact the office at  
183 Waterloo Rd Lower Hutt Ph 560 9250  
Email: [office@sbcschool.nz](mailto:office@sbcschool.nz)

As St Bernard's College has reached its maximum roll, the Board of Trustees will be accepting applications for enrolment in accordance with its enrolment policy.

**The closing date for 2022 applications is 9 July 2021**