

# Ss Peter Paul School

Newsletter Tuesday, 14 September 2021

## Kia ora Parents and Caregivers

A very warm welcome back to school. It was such a relief to return to Alert Level 2 where we know it is safe for all children and young people to go to school (other than specific exceptions). We are so pleased to have such an excellent return rate. Thanks also for the prompt messaging and clear explanations for any non-attendance of school.

Our first days back appear to have gone smoothly. If children were anxious about going back to school, these feelings eased pretty quickly once they reunited with their classmates and teachers. Throughout Level 4 & 3 teachers have been monitoring children's learning and engagement and our upcoming Learning Conferences will provide an ideal opportunity to talk together about this. Your insights, always valued, are particularly important at this time and I encourage parents to speak with your child's teacher if you are worried about your child's learning due to COVID-19 disruptions or any other reason.

The Ministry of Education has developed some ideas you may wish to draw on [our advice for parents and whānau](#), including [wellbeing tips](#), if you do have concerns about your child's return to school or general wellbeing.

## Events and activities

School events or activities like performances, cultural events and sports can continue. Students and teachers do not need to physically distance. But parents, carers and whānau who visit the school should try to keep 2 metres apart from people they do not know.

Unfortunately though, the rules for gathering have meant a number of planned activities can no longer go ahead:

- Artsplash (singing and dance) has been cancelled for 2021. With the increased restrictions in level 2 and the uncertain duration of level 2 it was not possible for the organisers to proceed with this event. However, we will be looking for other ways our students can perform for family and friends next term.
- The Zone and Interzone swimming sports have been cancelled for 2021
- Church buildings cannot be used during Level 2 so that, along with indoor school assemblies continuing to be higher-risk activities for transmission of COVID-19, mean the unlikelihood of our end of term assembly, school singing, planned Area Masses and Liturgies.

Area Leaders are currently trying to rebook any trips and activities missed in Level 3 & 4. They are also planning well in advance for next term where we know buses and venues will be at a premium as other schools scramble to do the same thing. It promises to be a busy, exciting term!

Don't forget that the School Community Calendar is now available on the school website rather than through the Parent Portal. You will find access under the 'Information' tab. We hope to keep it as up-to-date as possible so that you have plenty of notice about upcoming events. Sometimes teachers have to move very quickly to secure these so please bear with us if this notification is on a tight timeframe.

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# Special Character

This term we had planned for Area liturgies but unfortunately lockdown prevented these from happening.

Looking forward: On the 29th September we have Catholic Schools Day which is a wonderful opportunity to look closely at our school values and celebrate as a community of Faith.

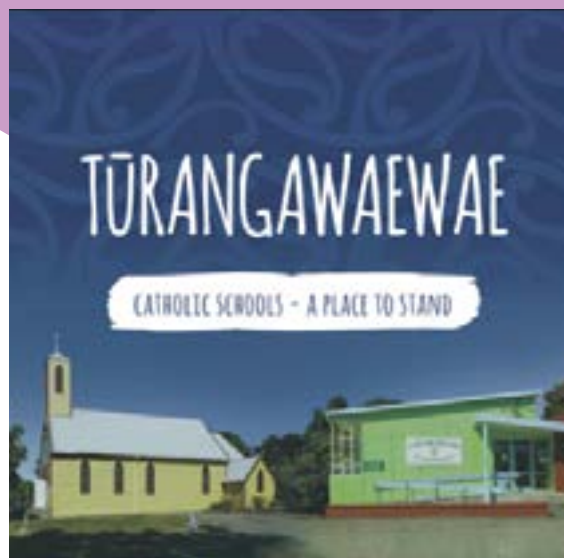
Our 2021 theme of Tūrangawaewae: Catholic Schools - A Place to Stand, reminds us that: It is through our baptism we become te whānau whakapono.

Our school and parish is a place where we feel connected and inspired.

Our school is a place to strengthen our faith and commitment to te whānau whakapono.

Pope Francis calls us to be companions on this journey.

During the day there will be a liturgy per area run by the Christain Service Leaders, a visitor Michael



**CSD21**  
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS DAY  
WEDNESDAY 29 SEPT 2021



Stewart from Caritas NZ to talk about social justice week and area community outreach taking place. This day also provides us with a chance to celebrate being at Ss Peter and Paul school together.

## Learning Conferences

### Bookings now open

The bookings are now open for the upcoming Learning Conferences due to be held on Thursday 23 and Tuesday 28 September 2021. The sessions are available from 3:15-5:00pm and 6:00-8:00pm both days.

You will notice Room 8 (Pru Martin) has some altered times and the addition of Wednesday 22 September. Room 5 (Gina Manning) will be only available on the Tuesday.

Online bookings will close on Thursday 16 September at 3pm.

To book, please visit

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/>

Select 'Make a Booking'

Enter the code cbza8

Or click here

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



Bee Healthy

From tomorrow - Wednesday 15 September - the Bee Healthy Van will be on site. The van will be available for students dental check ups until Tuesday 28 September.

Dental care is free\* up until their 18th birthday... That's something to smile about!

Baby teeth are important for eating, speaking, smiling, and holding space for adult teeth. Looking after baby teeth early helps set up healthy habits for life - which mean strong, healthy adult teeth!

For further information about Bee Healthy, visit <https://www.beehealthy.org.nz/dental-care-for-children/>

## News from the Board

### Dear Sts Peter and Paul School Community,

Thank you all for your positive response to the changed school situation we went through, with the rapid move to level 4 restrictions, and now thankfully, back to level 2 and back to school. It's unsettling to have to change routines, so thank you everyone for doing your best in these tricky circumstances. While it wasn't easy, I hope that all whānau, learners and staff found some positives in the experience. Our whānau were impressed with the level of engagement of our learners and the creative way that learning experiences were offered. A big Ngā Mihi/Thank You to Kay Tester and to all our staff, who as well as managing their own households, continued to support each other and our students in such a variety of ways.

This upcoming week is both Te Wiki o te reo Māori/Māori week and Social Justice week. We, as a Catholic community, are called to enter into a culture of encounter – to be an inclusive church to others. He Ahurea Tūtaki ki Ētahi atu; Me noho ko koutou te Hāhi.

Caritas has shared this prayer and offers us the opportunity to pray.

*Almighty God,*

*E te Atua Kaha Rawa,*

*We thank you for your love.*

*We thank you for the gift we share;*

*Being part of your church.*

*Help us to be love and light.*

*Help us to bring joy and peace.*

*Help us to give time and hope.*

*Shine through us.*

*So that we will be your church in the world.*

Wishing you every blessing,

On behalf of the School Board,

Tanya Wilton



# Maori Language Week

This week is Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori and at midday we joined what the Māori Language Commission have dubbed a [Māori Language Moment](#) as we gathered outside and sang waiata together.

It was wonderful to gather together as a kura and to be a part of this national wide moment for Te Reo Māori.



MĀORI LANGUAGE  
**MOMENT**

12PM | 14 SEPTEMBER 2021





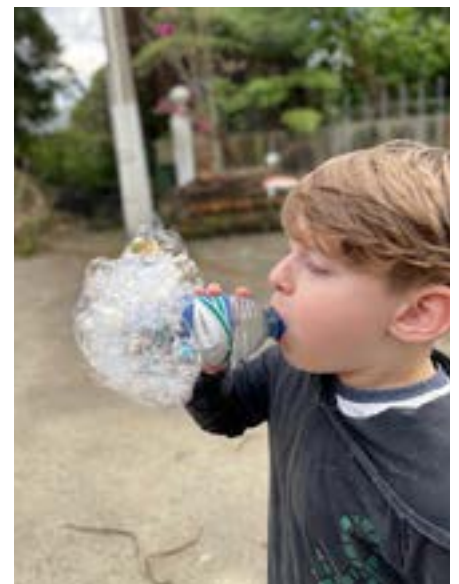
# Kowhai



For our distance learning in Kowhai, we followed a recipe to make playdough then used it to explore fractions through fair sharing.



We also did some science experiments related to water. At home and at school we were able to investigate solid, liquid and gas forms.



Nikau



Over in Nikau, we focused on our wellbeing by writing about our favourite place.



We worked on poetic writing.

"If I was a bubble I would taste the moisture inside me  
I would absorb the cleaning powder inside me  
I would see the city as I blast off at the speed of light  
into the sky.

I would smell the dirty rubbish bins above the city  
I would hear the birds squawking  
I would feel the bubble getting ready to pop  
And I'd pop at my fate."

By Caleb Rm 10

"I adore my favourite place.

I see happiness, glowing faces.

I smell roast potatoes half cooked.

I hear chittery chatterly voices.

I taste chicken in my mouth.

I touch crinkled up wrapping paper.

I feel joy rising up, up, up inside of me.

My favourite place makes me feel like bursting with  
happiness.

I love my favourite place. It's great for having fun.

CAN YOU GUESS MY FAVOURITE PLACE?"

By Lydia Rm 11



We also explored fractions and measurement through cooking.

"I love my favourite place,  
I see beautiful pandas on a duvet,  
I smell fresh air,  
I hear nothing but silence,  
I taste minty toothpaste on my lips,  
I touch soft materials with my fingers.  
My favourite place makes me feel comfy and relaxed.  
I love my favourite place."

By Lydia Rm 11

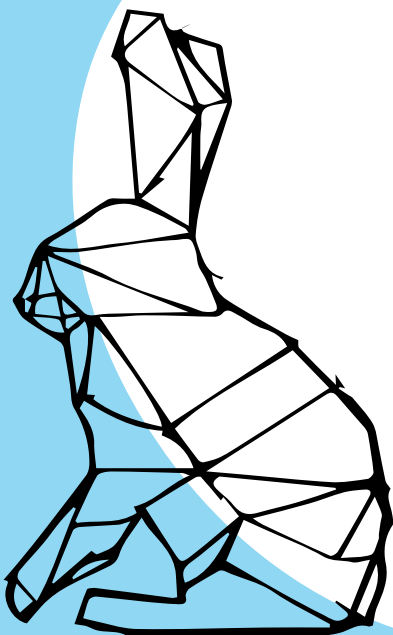
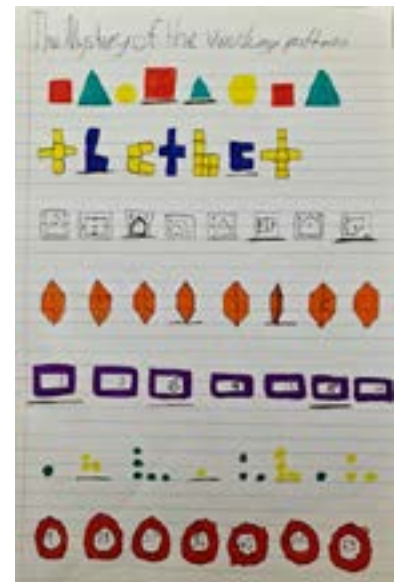


# Pohutukawa

Our distance learning included exploring structure. Using objects around us we were able to participate in our Tower Challenge.

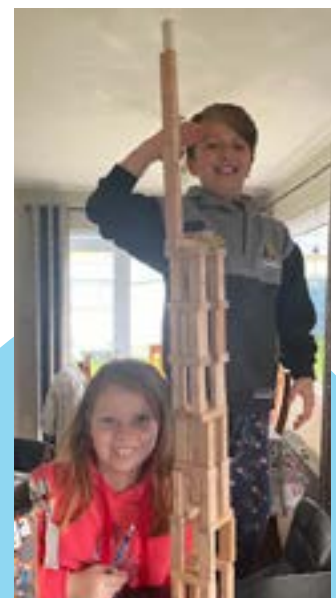


We've also used pieces around the house to create and investigate patterns.



Geometric art by Tia (Room 14)

Another of our focuses have been learning about space. Check out Olive's solar system cookies!



Over lockdown we continued our learning in geometry with some amazing origami. It required patience and precision but was so rewarding.



Learning about the properties of 3D shapes was much more fun when we got to make some 3D shapes ourselves!



We also enjoyed making some creative sculptures from our recycled rubbish and had another chance to be creative with our Mandala's, making patterns with the things we gathered on our daily walks.



# School Sports

Lockdown has certainly had an impact on our Term 3 Sports organisation.

## **NETBALL**

The season has ended early so the final games were before lockdown. There has been lots of positive feedback about improved skills and ongoing enthusiasm from all the players involved. Our thanks as always to the volunteer coaches and managers who make it possible for our students to be involved by giving up their time for not only the games but also regular practices. They are a very dedicated group.

Thank you to Angela Moriarty, Debbie Poutua, Denise Mackenzie, Melissa Cain, Bridget Hutchison, Janine O'Styke, Anna Tapa, Kelly Pereira, Katherine Smith, Bridget Flynn, Kate Smith, Donna Ferrari, Natalie Stephenson, Tina Lyons, Nadine Stembridge, Nikki Larkin, Meg Rapson and Edna Bell.

An extra acknowledgement to the girls from Sacred Heart who coached teams for us at Year 7, 8- Stef Rees, Abbie Wallis, Dakota Wallis, Ella Cain, Isabel McMillan and Jasmine Kaur. It is great to have them give up their time to encourage and upskill our teams

## **WATERPOLO**

Unfortunately Level 2 requirements have meant that Waterpolo cannot continue for our teams.

We have had some experienced and new players, all who have played with enthusiasm throughout the season. We have to thank Peter Doile, Shaila McClay who have coached and managed our Year 7 and 8 team along with Lauren Hudson and Donna Ferrari who have filled the same roles for our Year 5,6 team.

## **ZONE AND INTERZONE SWIMMING**

Both of these events have been cancelled due to difficulties with rescheduling.

Congratulations to the following students who were to have represented the school at the Zone Event- Madison Thornton, Shannon Doyle, Violet Durno, Niamh Woollett, Maya McLay, Aniela Moriarty, Madeleine Wilson, Samuel Li, Lucas Taylor, Garrie Coote, Mateo Kelly, Zac Mullins, Carly Tapa, Renny Collins, Bayley Mayo, Kayla Wong, Charlie Davidon, Jacob Greally, Boston Maxwell, Francesco Ruocco, Roma Moriarty, Ruby, Wrigley, Olive Hall, Reide Voller, Hudson Thom, George Gerritson, Peyton Kelekelio, Ella Sparrow, Isabella Baliwag and Kora Gee.

## **TOUCH TERM 4 2021**

Please note the registrations for these teams closes at 3pm Friday 17th (this week). Links to registration forms for all levels were sent out last week and thank you to all those who have already registered. Please note games are on Fridays.

If you cannot find these in your email box please contact Christine at [sport@stpeterpaul.school.nz](mailto:sport@stpeterpaul.school.nz) by Wednesday 3pm and she will send out the link. No hard copies will be accepted and all payments must be online.

## School Disco

Sadly we have had to postpone the annual School Disco at the Dowse due to level 2 covid restrictions on gatherings. We will definitely look to hold this fun event next year!

## Basic-facts-a-thon

Fortunately our Basic-facts-a-thon is able to go ahead as planned. Teachers report that many students took the opportunity while in lockdown to learn and practise basic facts in mathematics. Tomorrow (Wednesday 15th September) students will bring home a

sponsorship form provided by their classroom teacher and can continue to practise their basic facts over the next two weeks while gathering sponsorship. On the last day of term (Friday 1st October), students can show off their math skills with an in-class quiz based on the facts they have been practising at home and in class. Keep an eye out for this material coming home on Wednesday. We thank you for your support with this school fundraiser.



# School Lunches



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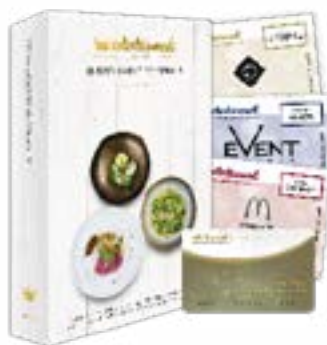
info@lunchonline.co.nz

## Sushi and Subway

delivered to school weekly

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



## Entertainment Books

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!

## Contact

School Office  
04 569 5759

To report an absence or lateness click [here](#) or phone before 8:50am - extension 1  
For up to date school activities and cancellations - extension 2

For further information, please visit our school website  
[www.stpeterpaul.school.nz](http://www.stpeterpaul.school.nz)