



Kia ora Parents and Caregivers,

from the Principal

School Website

To support ease of communication, our School Community Calendar can now be found 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.

Farewell Ms Haley

On Friday Ms Haley leaves us after 15 years of caring and dedicated service to our school. Patty's keen interest and knowledge in literacy has been of enormous benefit to students and staff as has been her strength and knowledge of our Catholic Faith. She has taken on a number of leadership roles in recent times and we thank her for her efforts and contributions. However, her 'happy place' has always been the classroom and whenever I wandered through, I was always struck by the sense of calm and warmth that prevailed there. We wish her well with her on-going career.

Mathematics evening (now to be rescheduled due to COVID case news)

Mathematics and statistics play an important role in our everyday lives, allowing us to make sense of the world around us and to manage our lives. We know that being confident with maths is strongly associated with achievement in mathematics. Therefore we are really pleased to team up with our wonderful PTA in their latest fundraising venture 'Basic Facts-a-thon'. A quick recall of basic facts is a perfect way of building confidence.

If you would like to hear more about:

- the broad picture of students progress and achievement in mathematics and statistics learning in primary schools like ours
- how the Ministry of Education is responding to key findings
- what we are doing here at school to build confidence and lift achievement levels for all our students

Come along to a one-hour session this evening from 6.30pm to be held in Rooms 13 & 14 with our guest speaker Ian Stevens. Ian has a wealth of experience and expertise, understanding both classroom practice and educational theory. I'm sure you will enjoy hearing of the work Ian has been doing in many schools across NZ, including ours.

Planning for 2022

To support our enrolment process for 2022 it would be most appreciated if you could inform us via email lisa@stpeterpaul.school.nz should your child not be returning to our school next year. This is not necessary for current year 6 boys or year 8 girls.

Parking concerns on Myrtle St

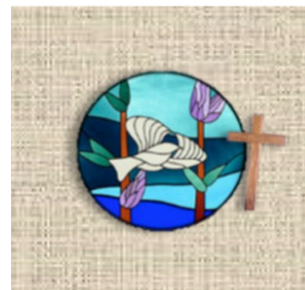
There has been an increase in the following behaviours, particularly in the morning, so we ask parents and caregivers to avoid:

- Driving into the staff car park or squeezing between the cones that have now been placed there
- Stopping across the staff car park driveway for drop offs
- Parking in the bus stops

There have been quite a few near misses recently and drivers who ignore safety rules and considerations do make it very stressful for the students and staff on road patrol. Finding a parking spot straight outside the gates at peak times is very challenging and we are very appreciative of the extra effort and planning taken to work around this to keep everyone safe.

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SPECIAL CHARACTER



Marist Colts Visit

On Friday 6 August our school was visited by the Marist Colts Rugby team who were touring New Zealand. These players are all under 23 years old and play for their local Marist Rugby club. There are a total of 29 Marist clubs in New

Zealand. They traditionally visit Catholic schools and colleges while touring New Zealand and this year we were fortunate to be on their list.

The team reminded us all of the history that the Marist order has in New Zealand and the role Marcellin Champagnat has played in the growth of the Catholic Church in New Zealand. Four of the players shared their thoughts on what our school values would mean to them which was most appreciated by students and staff. The Colts team then gave away some rugby and footballs by selecting students and staff to be lifted for a lineout with some amazing results.

Sacred Heart College Visit

We also had Sacred Heart College come and visit. Their choir, bands and dancers were amazing to watch. I think they definitely inspired some of our students to share their musical talents or to take up an instrument. It is always wonderful to see other and previous students sharing their joys and passions with our school. We are definitely very blessed in our community. Here are a few photos below.

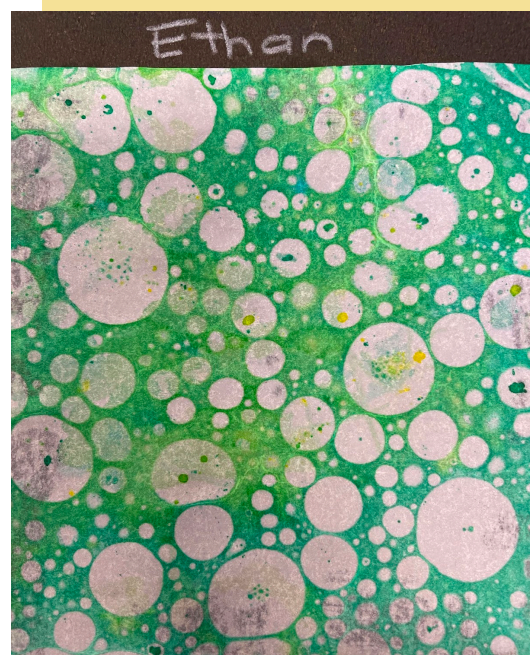


KOWHAI



We have been busy learning about the three states of matter: Solid, liquid and gas. We also explored other examples of liquid. We mixed oil and water to create an artwork.

We found out that oil and water do not mix because oil is lighter and less dense than water.



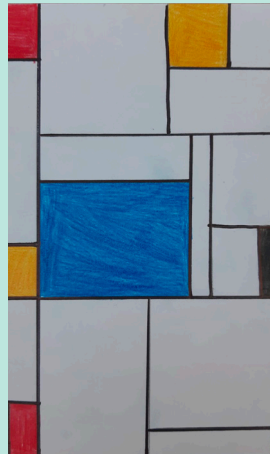
My Mum

"Her hair is as smooth as silk.
Her eyes are as brown as mud.
My mum's lips are red like a cherry.
She smells like lavender.
Her laugh is like a piano."

- Raiha

WRITING

In Nikau we have been learning how to make our writing more descriptive. Room 8 has been enjoying learning about similes. They used similes to write poems about their mums.



My Mum

"Her hair is as smooth as bunny fur.
Her eyes are as brown as chocolate.
My mum's lips are as red as blood.
She smells like fresh lavender.
Her laugh is like a sweet lullaby."

- Ben

MATH

As part of our Geometry unit, we have been looking at artists who are known for their use of geometric shapes. We have explored art by Mondrian, Klee, Kandinsky and Delaunay.



POHUTUKAWA

Pohutukawa students have been busy each Friday afternoon working on their visual art. Over the course of the term they will explore 4 different printmaking techniques. It has been great to see the children so enthused and willing to have a go at creating their own designs and learning how to use different printing equipment. By the end of the term they will have collated a portfolio of work to share with their families.



Rata area have been working on collages inspired by the assumption of Mary. We have created symbols and pictures using magazines, coloured paper and watercolor paints. On Sunday our collages were hung on the altar of the church for the Assumption of Mary school parish mass. They were very detailed and the effect of so many small pieces of colour was like stained glass windows.

Madelyn & Jemma



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Basic-facts-athon

Coming up this term we have our biggest PTA fundraiser. Working in conjunction with our teachers and classroom learning, we are holding a "Basic-facts-athon" to support our students in practicing and learning their basic facts in mathematics. In week 3, students will bring home examples of basic facts to practice for three weeks, while gathering sponsorship. At the end of week 6, they can show off their math skills with an in-class quiz based on the facts they have been practicing at home and in class. Keep an eye out for more information about the Basic-fact-athon.

Maths Information Session (now to be rescheduled)

Reminder - Parents can learn more about the NZ Mathematics Curriculum tonight, Tuesday 17th August at 6.30pm in Rooms 13&14. The PTA will be hosting an information evening with guest speaker Ian Stevens, a mathematics educator who has been working closely with our school. Ian will discuss the NZ Primary School Mathematics Curriculum and also provide helpful tips on how you can help your child grow their math skills. Suitable for all year levels. We hope to see you there!

Upcoming PTA Event

Save the date! School disco at the Dowse on Friday 17th September.



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PTA Facebook Page

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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**



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