

Ss Peter and Paul School

Tuesday, 22 March 2022



Kia ora Parents and Caregivers,

We were very pleased to welcome [Joe McMenamin](#) back to work with our Rata students recently. Joe returned for Part 2 of the project that began at the end of 2021 to work with the students to design and paint murals that highlighted the four Areas of the school. Last year it began with the design brief where I, 'the client', was interviewed by Joe and the students about what the school wanted to achieve through this work.

I spoke of a 2017 survey of students that began the process of changing the names of the Areas from Junior, Middle, Senior, Intermediate to names that were more inclusive of the range of year groups that were present within the spaces. For those of our parent community who have a long memory of the different names the buildings have been called, you will remember when they were initially called Units.

The students were very keen to have native trees or birds and it was a very close decision as to which way it went in the end. The students investigated the heights of the favourite trees voted for and arranged them in order to match the ages of the children within the 4 Areas. What you will notice from these murals is that we have included some of our beautiful native birds as well. In the not too distant future you will see a digital form of the murals on our school website.

Joe's work with the students last year included a drawing workshop on birds where he noted the level of skill the students displayed. This year he was impressed by how quickly the murals progressed on the Friday and how great it was to have the students' input into their design. We

are currently working on a creative community grant application which could enable Pohutukawa students to work with Joe to complete a mural on the back of the Rata building.

COVID-19 updates

We continue with an average of 4 reported Covid cases a day. What we have noticed though is a big improvement in our attendance which has ranged from a number of days at 20-30% absence, and then a good leap back to around 13% absence.

I have found it to be quite a markedly different experience being in self-isolation than in lock down. Then you were all in it together and now you have to work hard to stop the spread from within a family unit. I wish all our families well as you work through this. All things going well, I look forward to being back at school tomorrow.

Welcome

A special welcome to our new students and their families who started with us since our last newsletter. We have Arvir, Ishmael and Lucas who have joined Kowhai. We hope you quickly settle into school life and make many new friends.

We also welcome our new Property Manager, Cyril Goldberg. This is Cyril's first time working in a school environment and we've assured him that he's definitely going to be pleased he made that choice.

Kay Tester Principal

OUR WEBSITE



PARISH WEBSITE



DON'T FORGET:

Teachers Only Day
Monday 28 March



SPECIAL CHARACTER

Big Congratulations to Ss Peter and Paul School's Christian Service Leaders 2022

Julienne Tesoro **Room 18**
Zephna Williams **Room 17**
Myron, Satishkumar **Room 14**
Raphael Astronomia **Room 12**
Sam McGrath **Room 13**

I am looking forward to working alongside these students in their faith journey within our school community. It will be a privilege to see them apply our school values of aroha, stewardship, joy and faith as they work with their new responsibilities within our school.

ONE DAY Caritas Challenge

The Caritas Challenge is an annual event for schools and youth groups around New Zealand to demonstrate solidarity for those living with poverty or injustice.

This year our school will take on an activity to raise awareness of social justice and collect donations to help Caritas support people who are in need.

You can watch the promo for the event [here](#)

Our school wide ONE DAY will be held next Thursday 31 March.





KOWHAI

Our Learning Week 6, Term 1

Discovery Time

All classes across Kowhai have been exploring discovery play this term and it has been a wonderful experience. Discovery play allows children to learn about the world and how it works. It is an opportunity to experience new activities with new friends. The beautiful weather this term has led to discovery taking place outside and as a result our students have been able to explore the sandpits, and try out a range of new PE equipment. The children have been using their imagination and developing social skills to connect with others and create some fantastic architectural works.

Other favourite activities include the dressups, musical instruments, and creating chalk masterpieces!



"I like playing with the soccer ball. It's fun with my friends." - Hudson

"I like to play with the hula hoops. I'm sorta really good at it!" - Honor

"I like to make creations with the boxes and paper. I've made games and used my imagination." - Lucy

"I'm always roaming around finding different things to play with. I normally try new things and work with my friends when I can and make creations for my house and my family." - Mikaela





Niaku students have been doing fitness challenges. We have done: around the world, squat jumps, star jumps, figure eight and an obstacle course. When I do it I feel sweaty and tired!

By Mila

At school we have been doing 60 second challenges at fitness time. My favourite so far is the obstacle course. I forgot my water bottle and I sweated like a pig in a running race!

By Indigo

We are practising really hard in fitness to win medals. We can get bronze, silver or gold medals. We've had to do squat jumps, star jumps, around the world and figure eight. My favourite fitness activity is the obstacle course that the intermediate girls have set up for us to do. Fitness is making my legs strong and it makes me sweat!

By Mary

We have been doing really cool fitness. We do activities and an obstacle course. I feel puffed and I sweat heaps.

By Billy



POHUTUKAWA

Our Learning Week 6, Term 1



Apples delivered to the Compassion Soup Kitchen!

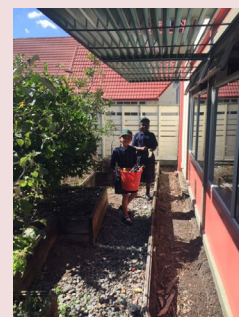


This week we have been back in the vegetable garden planting some lettuce, kale and spinach to grow over the autumn months.

School Vegetable Garden Update

On Wednesday of Week 6, Rooms 13 & 14 went out to the school gardens to do some gardening and clear it up a bit. Last year, the Nikau area was refurbished and rebuilt. However this meant the garden had to be dug up and neglected. Sadly the plants and crops got old and destroyed. Rooms 13 & 14 decided to show some stewardship and cleared up the garden a bit. The apples were picked, the lavenders were trimmed, and the weeds were dug up. The apples were sent to the Compassion Soup Kitchen in Wellington where they provide food to people in need. Our aim is to give back to the community and to continue to show stewardship.

By Milly & Esme





RATA

Our Learning Week 6, Term 1

For PE we have had Rannay from Yeah girls! Cricket come into school and work with us on bowling and batting. We have learnt how to bowl properly. It has been cool to learn new fun games. We really enjoyed having a go at bowling. We have two more sessions with Yeah Girls! Cricket. We look forward to learning new games and skills.

Zoe M & Arrow S



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- 3 Make a payment so you have funds in your account before you order
- 4 Select your lunch and place an order

PTA Reminder



Don't forget to order your Hot Cross Buns! Orders will close on Thursday 24th March. We are running two delivery dates, the first will be delivered on Thursday 31st of March and the second on Wednesday the 13th of April. You can order for one or both delivery dates! Goodies will be delivered to your child's classroom for them to bring home at the end of the day. Please feel free to gather orders from friends and whanau, but please ensure they make internet payment with your child's name as a reference, otherwise we will not know who to deliver the goods to.

Have you joined the PTA Facebook group yet? Stay up-to-date with school community events by joining our page!



ABOUT OUR MEDIA

Be sure to keep an eye out on our school website for further news about what our students are getting up to. You will find these under 'Our Learning'.

Please leave feedback about our newsletter at anytime by clicking [here](#)