

# Ss Peter and Paul School

Tuesday, 24 May 2022



## Kia ora Parents and Caregivers,

**Many thanks** to Brian Hutchison who has stepped down as President of our PTA after six years in this position. Brian's commitment to leading our dedicated PTA team has seen the school benefit enormously through projects such as the library upgrade and the development of our new senior playground. Here, he even spent a number of hours on a digger preparing the area and saving a significant amount of money in the process.

Thanks also to another very committed member of the group, Michelle Ruocco, who has also stepped down after a fine service in the secretarial role. We are fortunate they will both remain part of the committee until the end of the year.

### Catholic Character Review

We were pleased to receive very positive oral feedback from the review team. They spoke of the high quality of lessons they observed and the warm and respectful relationships they observed between the students and staff. We look forward to receiving and sharing the full written report with you in due course.

### Preparing for teacher absences for COVID-19 / Flu & other winter ills

We have been spending time planning what we would need to do should we be faced with the situation where, due to teacher absence, classes need to be split and students spread around other classrooms. Last week we had to do this for a day in Kowhai as there were no relieving teachers available at all.

We have considered how long this could be sustained, depending on the age of the students involved and decided:

Rata - one, potentially up to two weeks

Pohutukawa - one week

Nikau and Kowhai - 2-3 days

Our plans:

- Preventative measures - mask wearing in-doors, ventilation, social distancing, hand sanitising
- Utilise our part time teachers who may be able to work extra days when required.
- Organise relievers - we share an increasingly small pool of relievers with other schools but the demand for them is incredibly high.
- Mrs Stewart, our Deputy Principal, and I can both step in for part of the time.
- Spread students across Areas and potentially across the school

Should we exhaust these measures outlined above and be unable to sustain split classes then we would need to move to a hybrid model and ask where possible, that parents keep children at home until we have the staffing levels back again.

### Reporting to Parents

We received such positive feedback from parents about the extra opportunity to meet with teachers through the Learning Conferences that we have decided to repeat this for 2022. Therefore the format for the remainder of the year will be:

Term 2 - Learning Conferences on Thursday 30 June & Tuesday 5 July with a modified written report provided to parents at this time.

Term 3 - Learning Conferences on Thursday 22 & Tuesday 27 September

Term 4 - Written report goes home Friday 9 December

Throughout each term your children will continue to bring home examples of their learning from across the curriculum areas to share with you. Prior to this coming home Area Leaders will send an email explaining what is coming home and offer some suggestions about how you might support your child to talk about their learning with you. Some children talk readily and confidently about their learning and for others, some guiding questions can help with focus and detail.

### Teacher Only Day

Hopefully you already have this in your diary but just in case, a reminder that we have a Teacher Only Day on the Friday of Queen's Birthday Weekend - **Friday 3 June**.

### Keeping everyone safe getting to and from school

We appreciate your efforts at pickup and dropoff time as these can be challenging times, particularly when it's raining. Our Road Patrollers are out there doing a wonderful job so please support them and always use the crossing when they are on. Could we also ask that if your pick up arrangements are on Knights Road to please avoid having children wait for you on the kerbside by yellow lines or in the bus stop.

### Welcome

A special welcome to our new students and their families who started with us since our last newsletter. Kowhai welcomes Hebe, Samuel & Mary. Nikau welcomes Mathew and Pohutukawa welcomes Sancho and Serah. We hope you quickly settle into school life and make many new friends.

*Kay Tester* Principal

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Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm

### Friday 3 June

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### Monday 6 June

Queens Birthday





## Religious Education Wall Displays

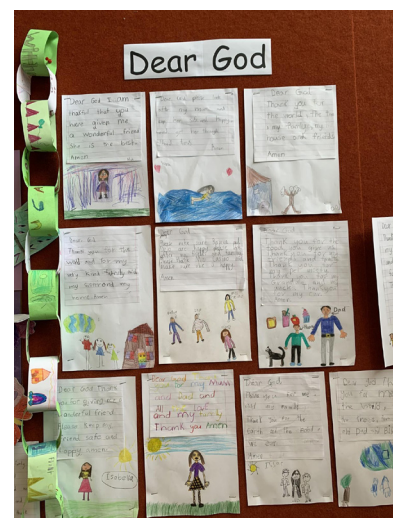
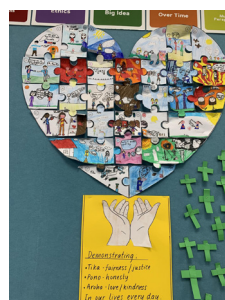
Here are some snapshots of the Religious Education learning that has been going on over the last few weeks in the various areas of the school. Our visitors from the Special Character Review Office also got the opportunity to view these and the learning that went with them. You are always welcome to come along and visit your children's classrooms, view the displays and discuss their faith journey learning. Our current focuses are as detailed below:

**Kowhai** - We are unique and special to God

**Nikau** - Jesus respected tapu in people by showing tika justice, pono integrity, and aroha love.

**Pohutukawa** - Understanding traditional Prayers and Psalms

**Rata** - The Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist



# Reminders and Updates

## Ss Peter and Paul Church Carpark

This is a reminder to avoid making use of the Church car park for parking or as a drive-through for drop offs and pickups. Our Parish Team are very appreciative of this. Many thanks as always

## A Message from Finance

Please ensure when making online payments, that you put your child's name as reference and what the payment is for in particulars. This helps to allocate the payment correctly. Thank you in advance

## 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.



## 2023 Enrolments

### We welcome enrolments from our school community for 2023

If you have friends or family members who are interested in enrolling their child at our school for next year please remind them that enrolment forms are available on our school website or hardcopies are available from the school office. Thank you.

Any queries regarding an enrolment please contact Lisa in the office on 569-5759 ext 2

## 2022 House Leaders

We are very proud to introduce our House Leaders for 2022.

### Mission House

Olivia McIntyre & Sam Molenaar

### Williams House

Jorja Hutchison & Charlie Davidson

### Redwood House

Maya McLay & Boston Maxwell

### MacKillop House

Ellie Moemai & Noah Jeun

COVID restrictions mean a little more creativity around holding House events and this is just the group to put something exciting into action. We all look forward to their leadership as the year progresses.



Olivia



Maya



Ellie



Jorja



Charlie



Sam



Noah



Boston

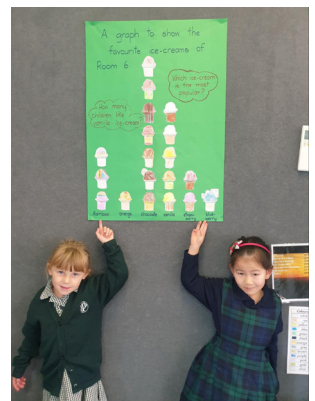


# KOWHAI

Our Learning Week 4, Term 2

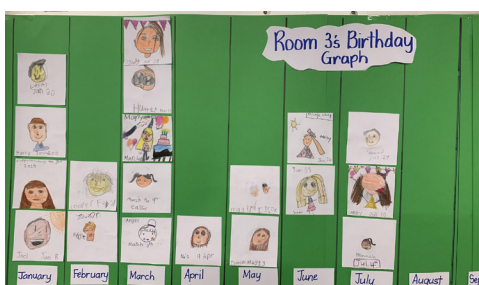
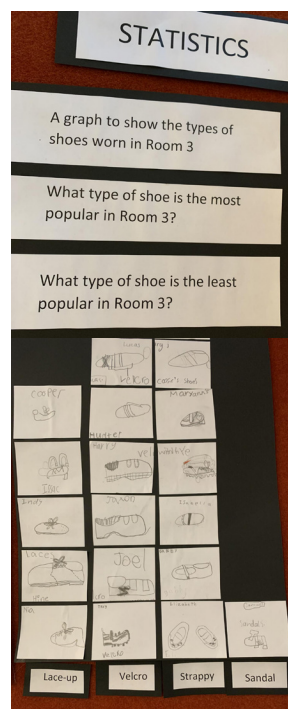
## Statistics

Students in Kowhai have been learning about statistics. We have posed questions, collected data using tally marks and presented it in different ways such as; bar graphs and pictographs. We were then able to comment on our data using vocabulary such as more, less, most and least. You could try this at home when counting or organising for something such as dinner time or planning a playdate - who would prefer...?, Create a list of things you might see on your trip to the supermarket e.g. colours of cars and count up using tally marks, organise toys into categories and explain why they are in a specific group. Statistical investigation can be applied anywhere so keep a pencil and notepad nearby for future family adventures!



The fruit in Room 1 lunchboxes.

Item	Tally	Total
Mandarin		8
Grapes		5
Apple		7
Banana		4
Kiwifruit		3
Strawberry		1
Tomato		2
Pear.		1



**“Whenever you get to five with a tally mark close the gate then you can count in fives” - Lucy**

**“We found out new things about each other, it was nice” - Elizabeth**



## Our Learning Week 4, Term 2

The students of Nikau have been exploring music by making soundscapes as a way to create musical experiences and different atmospheres. They have been using musical instruments as well as their bodies as body percussion to develop their understanding of the different ways to create music.

Here's what some of our students' thought about creating a musical soundscape....

**"I learned how to play new instruments. It was lots of fun!"** - *Mia Room 10*

**"I enjoyed playing with the instruments and how they made different sounds"** - *Sofia Room 10*

**"I liked how the instruments made cool and loud sounds"** - *Night Room 10*

**"I enjoyed working together as a team to create something cool"** - *Peyton Room 11*

**"We recorded and edited our soundscape which was really fun"** - *Billy Room 11*





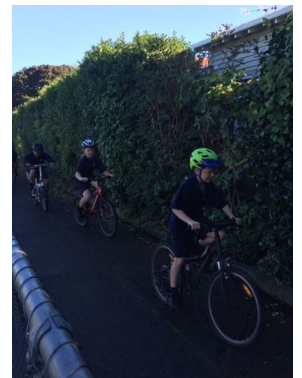


# POHUTUKAWA

Our Learning Week 4, Term 2

## Bike Skills Programme

Despite the challenging weather conditions last week, Pohutukawa students had the opportunity to improve their cycling skills with help from the Hutt Cycle Team. The instructors worked with each class and took the students through 2 sessions focusing on bike and helmet safety, riding correctly by understanding road rules and using hand signals to indicate in which direction they were turning. The Hutt Cycle Team look forward to coming back and working with more students at our school this year.



## Vegetable Garden Update

Lower Hutt Foodbank were very happy to receive the latest bounty from our school vegetable garden. They said that fresh vegetables were always greatly appreciated by the people who use their service. Well done again Pohutukawa gardeners!





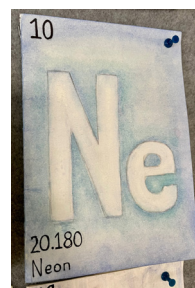
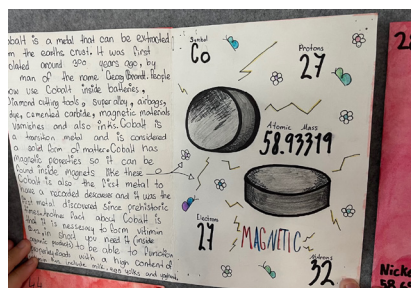


# RATA

Our Learning Week 4, Term 2

## Chemistry and the Periodic Table of Elements

The Rata area investigated the relationship between chemistry, the elements that make up the world around us and our daily activities. We learnt about the different elements and their atomic numbers, atomic masses, element symbols, origins, human uses, and natural occurrences. This knowledge of elements was turned into an area wide, collaborative periodic table of elements. We also worked out how to calculate the subatomic particles of an element. Finally, we completed a series of experiments that demonstrated different chemical reactions. We hypothesised, carried out, observed the results of these experiments and wrote up conclusions.



# Periodic Table of Elements

1 H Hydrogen 1.008																	2 He Helium 4.0026						
3 Li Lithium 6.941	4 Be Beryllium 9.0122																	5 B Boron 10.811	6 C Carbon 12.011	7 N Nitrogen 14.007	8 O Oxygen 15.999	9 F Fluorine 18.998	10 Ne Neon 20.180
11 Na Sodium 22.990	12 Mg Magnesium 24.305																	13 Al Aluminum 26.982	14 Si Silicon 28.086	15 P Phosphorus 30.974	16 S Sulfur 32.06	17 Cl Chlorine 35.45	18 Ar Argon 39.948
19 K Potassium 39.098	20 Ca Calcium 40.078	21 Sc Scandium 44.956	22 Ti Titanium 47.88	23 V Vanadium 50.942	24 Cr Chromium 52.00	25 Mn Manganese 54.938	26 Fe Iron 55.845	27 Co Cobalt 58.933	28 Ni Nickel 58.69	29 Cu Copper 63.546	30 Zn Zinc 65.38	31 Ga Gallium 69.723	32 Ge Germanium 72.64	33 As Arsenic 74.922	34 Se Selenium 78.96	35 Br Bromine 79.904	36 Kr Krypton 83.798						
37 Rb Rubidium 85.468	38 Sr Strontium 87.62	39 Y Yttrium 88.906	40 Zr Zirconium 91.224	41 Nb Niobium 92.906	42 Mo Molybdenum 95.94	43 Tc Technetium 98	44 Ru Ruthenium 101.07	45 Rh Rhodium 102.91	46 Pd Palladium 106.36	47 Ag Silver 107.87	48 Cd Cadmium 112.41	49 In Indium 114.82	50 Sn Tin 118.71	51 Sb Antimony 121.76	52 Te Tellurium 127.6	53 I Iodine 126.91	54 Xe Xenon 131.29						
55 Cs Cesium 132.91	56 Ba Barium 137.33	57 La Lanthanum 138.91	58 Ce Cerium 140.12	59 Pr Praseodymium 140.91	60 Nd Neodymium 144.24	61 Pm Promethium 145	62 Sm Samarium 150.36	63 Eu Europium 151.96	64 Gd Gadolinium 157.25	65 Tb Terbium 158.93	66 Dy Dysprosium 162.50	67 Ho Holmium 164.93	68 Er Erbium 167.26	69 Tm Thulium 168.93	70 Yb Ytterbium 173.05	71 Lu Lutetium 174.97							
87 Fr Francium 223	88 Ra Radium 226	89 Ac Actinium 227	90 Th Thorium 232.04	91 Pa Protactinium 231.04	92 U Uranium 238.03	93 Np Neptunium 237	94 Pu Plutonium 244	95 Am Americium 243	96 Cm Curium 247	97 Bk Berkelium 247	98 Cf Californium 251	99 Es Einsteinium 252	100 Fm Fermium 257	101 Md Mendelevium 258	102 No Nobelium 259	103 Lr Lawrencium 260							







# SPORT

## Netball

Congratulations to Nevaeh Manaena and Ellie Moemai of Year 8 who have been named in the Netball Hutt Valley Year 8 Development Squad for this year.

The Year 7 squad will be selected in June.

## Cross Country

Thanks for all the support we received for the School Cross Country.

Congratulations to following students who were successful in making the school team for our South West Zone event today, Tuesday.

**Year 8:** Shakira Brown, Ellie Moemai, Nevaeh Manaena, Jenna O'Leary

**Year 7:** Brooke Crighton, Milana Burt, Jada Tetevano, Caprie Falleni-Tonga

**Year 6:** Sam McGrath, Kaiser Rona, Rylee Page, Ben Cleland, Joel McGuiness, James Hogan, Tom McIntyre, Olive Hall, Katherine Clover, Vethmi Kotalange, Emily Clark, Samantha Alzona

**Year 5:** Hudson and Ruby Thom, Aidan Abhilash, Caleb Reed, Lache Vaughan, Harper Bennett, Callum Bulloch, Stefan Doyle, Gerarrd Solia-Gibb, Lottie Theobald, Ella Sparrow, Isabella Baliwag, Rosie Elya, Ellie Cunningham, Giselle Barrett-Dobson, Harper Turner

**Year 4:** Paul and John Coote, Noah Jordan, Billy Sloan, Angus Theobald, Carter Wilson, Declan Mai, Kaleb Corin, Sara Howard Fortune, Sophie Turner, Gabrielle Ynigo, Chanelle Brion, Mila O'Connor, Jiya Jobin, Ciara Wehrly, Georgia Cameron.

## Water Polo

Registrations have been sent out for Years 7, 8 and Years 5, 6. These close tomorrow (Yr 7, 8) and Thursday (Yr 5, 6) If you wish to receive the registration information please email [sport@stpeterpaul.school.nz](mailto:sport@stpeterpaul.school.nz) directly or you may miss the deadline.



 **lunchonline** 0800 565 565  
[info@lunchonline.co.nz](mailto: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

## 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 any-time by clicking [here](#)



# PTA

## news & updates

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



Fund-raisers play an important part of supporting the school in raising money for special projects. Together this year the school and PTA have chosen to focus fundraising efforts to make improvements to the environment and landscape of the junior playground.

### PTA's upcoming fundraisers include

- movie night
- pizza day/non uniform

Keep an eye out for details on each of these events through the upcoming newsletters or the PTA Facebook page. They make an enormous difference in our school, for our students, and unite our wonderful community.

### Movie Night

A reminder to purchase movie tickets before they sell out! Top Gun - Maverick on Sunday the 12th of June at 5pm at Lighthouse Petone. Tickets are \$22 each [via this link](#). The physical tickets will be given to your children to bring home with them (or you can collect them from the school office should you prefer) once payment has been received.



## Other news

### Message from The Attendance Dues Team

Just a friendly reminder that full payment of the Attendance Dues for 2022 is due by 31 May 2022. If you are paying by regular instalments, payments should be set up to close the balance by 30th November 2022 or by arrangement with the Dues team.

The Term 2 invoice will be emailed to all families shortly. Please check that the invoice has not gone to your Spam/Junk Inbox and that all your children are listed on the statement.

Financial assistance is available to families experiencing financial hardship (loss of income/ redundancy, family reasons, etc.). It is a condition of the assistance application that the family has an affordable regular payment in place.

If you have any questions, please contact us:

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Text: 021 08907902

