

Ss Peter and Paul School

Tuesday, 21 June 2022



Kia ora Parents and Caregivers,

On Friday Aotearoa/New Zealand will celebrate Matariki as a public holiday for the very first time. There have been so many inspiring stories to read and listen to that help us understand how this beautiful celebration has made its entrance into the consciousness of our country. The columnist Te Hāmua Nikora refers to Matariki as 'The slow rebuild of something beautiful.'

Here at school students have been engaged in a variety of learning experiences designed to support their (and our own) growing understanding of the stories behind the stars. On Thursday, weather permitting, we hope to gather as a school at 11am on the astroturf to share some of this with one another, along with special karakia linked to Matariki and waiata. Parents are most welcome to join us.

A very warm welcome

A special welcome to our new students and their families who started with us since our last newsletter. Kowhai welcomes Olive, Gabriel, Abigail, Sarah and Jack while Taylor-Grace joins the Nikau Area. We hope you quickly settle into school life and make many new friends.

Learning Conferences

Our teachers are looking forward to catching up with you again on Thursday 30 June or Tuesday 5 July to discuss and share your child's learning journey at this midpoint of the year. For your convenience we continue to have the three options to meet but I do encourage you to take the face-to-face one if at all possible.

At the learning conferences you will receive a modified written report that will include:

- A summary statement of where your child is achieving in relation to curriculum levels in reading, writing and mathematics
- A summary of the learning that has been shared during the term and at the learning conference
- An RE comment
- A statement, written partly or completely by students, depending on their year level. Students have been encouraged to reflect on themselves as a learner and young person; to identify their strengths and areas they want to develop more. They have been encouraged to think about challenges they may have faced and what they want to focus on as well as highlight successes throughout the term.

We appreciate there may be quite a lot to digest at the learning conference with teachers talking, students sharing their learning, parents sharing and asking questions and a written report, albeit modified, to take on as well. However we hope you find them interesting and informative. You will also be given a diagram to take home which clearly shows how curriculum levels typically relate to years at school should you need further clarity about this.

We are keen to have 100% turnout for our learning conferences if at all possible. The on-line booking system will be open until 4pm on Monday 27 June. After that you are still most welcome to ring the office and one will be organised for you from any time slots still available. Unless in exceptional circumstances, we ask parents to work together before making a booking, so that teachers have only one learning conference for each of their students.

COVID updates

We continue with 2-3 daily positive cases. We are most appreciative of your vigilance with keeping unwell children at home or picking them up promptly in what can sometimes be challenging work or transport circumstances. We know this is helping us to reduce the spread of all the winter bugs that are out there at the moment.

Feast Day Plans

Next Wednesday, 29 June, is the Feast of Ss Peter & Paul. While being mindful of gathering in numbers at the moment, we are so pleased to be able to celebrate this in a variety of ways including:

A Mass at 9.15am for our Year 4-8 students (with masks).

Liturgies for Kowhai (Rooms 1 & 2, 1:40pm) and Nikau's Year 3 students (Nikau Area, 9:15am)

Variety shows in the Church for Nikau & Kowhai at 11.10am and Pohutukawa & Rata at 1.40pm.

Parents and grandparents are most welcome to attend any of these events (please remember a mask)

Kay Tester Principal

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SPECIAL CHARACTER

First Holy Communion

On Sunday, some of our students had their First Holy Communion. It was also the Feast of Corpus Christi, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

WE WELCOME TO THE TABLE OF THE LORD AND PRAY FOR

Thirby Bacheller, Kallan Baldwin, Ivory Ball, Hannah Bonita, Chanelle Brion, Therese Briones, Georgia Cameron, Ruby Cameron, Emily Clark, Kaleb Corin, Isla Davie, Prince Del Socorro, Sofia Dick, Olivia Dutton, Thomas Dutton, LeAniva Feaunati, Sophia Flores, Archer Galuszka, Anna Henry, Elysa Inocencio, Harper Ives, Alexandra Jensen, Riley Jones, Siane Jones, Cooper Larkin, Isla Larkin, Declan Mai, Nancy Mollo, Mia Moriarty, Raiha Nanai, DeAndrei Pingol, Macally Smith, Indigo Taylor, Lia Tesoro, Angus Theobald, Liam Tongco, Sophie Turner, Ciara Wehrly, Emme Wilton, Gabrielle Ynigo, Lucas Yuseif

Aurea Casino

Director Of Religious Studies (Acting)



HOUSE COLOURS NON-UNIFORM

Don't forget that tomorrow, Wednesday 22 June, we are holding a non-uniform 'Come in your House Colours Day'. Be as creative as you like (or your wardrobe allows) and wear your House Colours and/or accessories. We will be taking a big House photo and are including a competition for the best dressed outfit from each House. We can't wait to see all your outfits tomorrow!

From your House Leaders

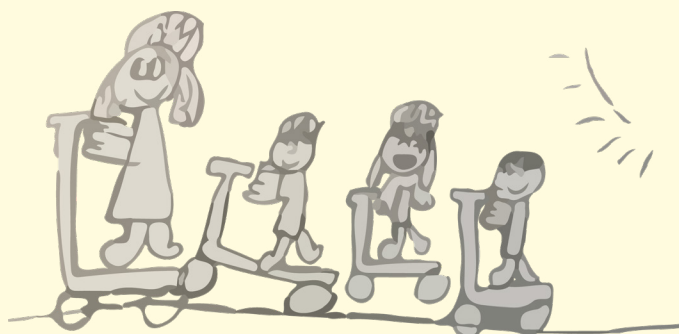
KOWHAI

Our Learning Week 8, Term 2

Scooter Safety

Recently, Kowhai have been learning about how to keep ourselves safe. We were lucky to have some visitors who helped us learn how to ride our scooters safely and responsibly. We learnt how to use 'little feet' to slow down and stop, and learnt the importance of having both feet on the same side of the scooter when stationary. We rode around the playground and had so much fun.

Thank you, Daniel and Sheree!



At Scooter Safety I learnt when you stop you do little feet. I did gliding and scooting. You slow down with your back wheel when you're going too fast. Stop when you see a car going through a driveway to their home. The leader was Sheree. We had free time.

Lucy



Our Learning Week 8, Term 2

Trip to the Petone Settlers Museum (Te Whare Whakaaro o Pito-one)

Last Monday and Tuesday we had a trip to the Petone Settlers Museum to finish up our NZ Histories unit of work. We have been learning about our local area and the stories that tell its history.

‘Before I visited the Petone Settlers Museum I knew about Matiu/Somes Island. I learned that Te Puni was a chief in Petone.’ - *Luka*

‘I learnt that the early European settlers traded with the Maori people living in New Zealand and that when Te Puni died there were lots of people at his funeral because so many people knew him.’ - *Chanelle*

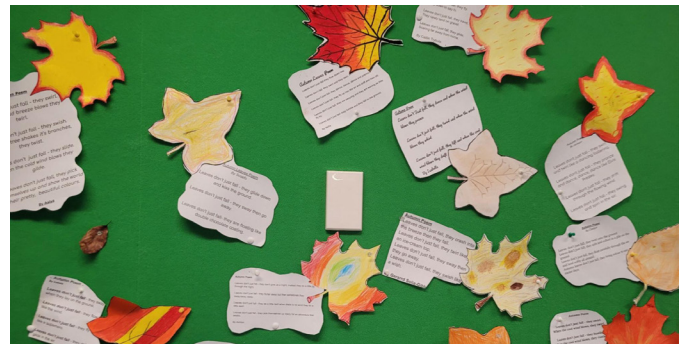
‘Before I went to the Petone Settlers Museum I knew that Matiu Island was named after one of Kupe’s nieces. Today I learnt that the island next to Matiu was named after another one of Kupe’s niece.’ - *Lexie*





Our Learning Week 8, Term 2

Pohutukawa students have been exploring poetry. They have been reading poems and writing some too. Here are some poems on the theme of autumn and emotions.



Leaves don't just fall - they fly.
When the autumn wind blows,
they go right by.
Leaves don't just fall - they sway.
When people are watching, the
leaves blow away.
Leaves don't just fall - they flow.
Before winter comes and covers
them in snow.
Leaves don't just fall- they finally
land.
Autumn has gone and winter has
began.

By Esme

Happiness is light yellow
It tastes like ripe bananas
Happiness smells like a
sunflower that has just bloomed
It looks like bright yellow kowhai
flowers
Happiness sounds like the
soothing sounds of music
Happiness makes me feel like I
can do anything!

By Grant

Leaves don't just fall - they glide.
They fly and slide like they're on
a carnival ride.
Leaves don't just fall - they swirl.
They swirl and swirl like how
ballerinas twirl.
Leaves don't just fall - they flow.
They slowly flow and when the
sun hits them they certainly
glow.
Leaves don't just fall - they spin.
They spin and spin like a
spinning pin.

By Brooklyn

Anger is dark red
It tastes like spicy hot noodles
Anger smells like smoke from a
raging force
Anger looks like a blasting
geyser
It sounds like shouting and
screaming
Anger makes me scared and
frightened

By Samantha

Leaves don't just fall - they try to
fly
across the cloudy autumn sky.
Leaves don't just fall - they glide
like a toddler on the slide.
Leaves don't just fall - they swirl
when the cool wind blows they
twirl
Leaves don't just fall - they drift
when the cold wind blows they
shift.

By Ruby

Joyfulness is a sunny yellow
It tastes sweet, like ice cream on
a hot summer's day
Joyfulness smells like butter
popcorn
It looks like the golden sun
Joyfulness sounds like kids
laughing
It feels very smooth and soft

By Neha

RATA

Our Learning Week 8, Term 2

Persuasive Speeches

In Rātā area we have been working hard on our persuasive writing. We have learnt how to hook our audience in when writing an introduction and how to back up our reasoning with examples to make our writing even more convincing. After careful editing, our speeches have been published onto cue cards. We have practised speaking clearly and with expression to engage our audience. Everyone is performing their speech for their classes. It is so interesting to hear about all the different topics that students have chosen and wonderful to support each other as we step outside our comfort zones and have a go at some public speaking! Well done to everyone, all that hard work really paid off!

“I was nervous and excited. I chose dancing as my topic because it’s something that I love to do in my spare time. It was difficult to not laugh during my speech because there lots of eyes on me, but I managed to not laugh and finish my speech. After I felt proud of myself for finishing.”

Imogen Parton

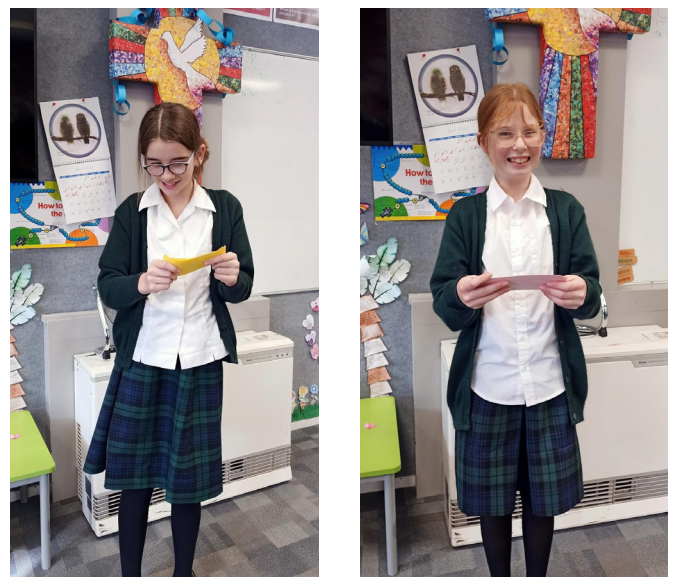


“Before I went up I was very nervous and I thought I was going to make mistakes. To calm my nerves I took a deep breath and read from my cue cards. The cue cards helped me feel more comfortable at the front of the class. I learnt some interesting facts about swimming.”

Tianna Cox

“Before I did my speech I was very nervous but I kept reading from my cue cards and got through it. By the end of my speech I felt much better and did not have butterflies in my stomach any more. I learnt to turn the nerves I felt into excitement to complete a difficult task. I am proud of myself for saying my speech to the class.”

Zoe Miller



PTA

news & updates

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



Pizza Day - Wednesday 29th June

Wednesday the 29th of June is Ss Peter and Paul Feast day, so we thought it would be a great idea to make it a Pizza lunch day!

The following options are available

Pizza flavours:

- Hawaiian
- Pepperoni
- Cheese
- Gluten Free Cheese (please note we can't guarantee this is completely GF as Dominos are unable to guarantee that)

Cost:

\$2.00 per slice

All money is to be banked directly into the PTA Bank Account (see details within the form)

You also have the option to "donate a slice" for any children who may otherwise miss out.

Orders and payment close on Monday 27th at midday (12pm) [Order here](#)



REMINDER

PTA meet tonight at 7pm.
Everyone is welcome!

Fun Friday - Non Uniform Day - Friday 1 July

As we approach the end of term Fun Friday gives the students an opportunity to have a non uniform day. No particular theme other than its Fun and its a Friday! Coin donation appreciated. Fundraising towards the PTA (refurbishment of playground).

Movie Fundraiser evening

Great to see the school community gather at the Lighthouse cinema on Sunday 12 June. Over \$1200 raised to contribute to upgrading the environment of the school playground. Thanks again to the local business sponsors for your support.



SCHOOL SPORT

Cross Country

Our Interzone has been postponed until the 28th so we will have results of who goes to Regionals after that date.

Continuing Sports

At present and into Term 3 we have teams competing in Netball Yrs 5 to 8, Miniball Years 3 to 6 and Waterpolo Yr 5,6.

Thanks to all parents who make this participation possible and to our enthusiastic students who get the chance to take part.

REMINDERS AND UPDATES



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- 4 Select your lunch and place an order

Uniform

Reminder all students should now be wearing their winter school uniform. If you have any queries please email Teresa on uniform@stpeterpaul.school.nz