



# Ss Peter and Paul School

Tuesday, 7 June 2022

## Kia ora and Talofa lava Parents and Caregivers,

Last week we enjoyed celebrating Samoan Language Week, an annual event to celebrate the culture and language of Samoa. This year's theme for Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa was Fa'aāuāu le Folauga i le Va'a o Tautai – Continue the Voyage with Competent Wayfinders of the Ocean. A number of our Samoan students wore their traditional dress to school on Thursday to help us learn more about its significance to their culture. They also shared prayers, song and dance. We are so fortunate that our school community is such a richly ethnically diverse one.

### COVID updates

Since the beginning of the term our number of positive cases have been low (1-2 a week). However we have had a sharp rise of 10 positive cases over the weekend and an increase in children isolating as household contacts as well. Face masks continue to be the best way to suppress the spread of the virus so we appreciate your efforts to encourage your year 4+ children to wear their masks when inside the classrooms. Ensuring we have teachers in front of classrooms is proving to be a daily challenge at the moment so working together to keep things going as smoothly as possible is the best way to go.

### A very warm welcome

A special welcome to our new students and their families who started with us since our last newsletter. Kowhai welcomes Olivia, Tahlia and Martha-Rose while Luis joins the Pohutukawa Area. We hope you quickly settle into school life and make many new friends.

At the beginning of Term 3 we will be fortunate to welcome Margie Hahn back to our teaching team. Margie, a regular reliever at school, looked after Room 3 when Sophie Wright went on maternity leave during Term 4 last year. Margie will be starting up Room 7 for all our new entrants who arrive in Terms 3 & 4.

### Thanks to our PTA

My husband and I remember going to see the original Top Gun movie when it was released on the big screen back in 1986 so we're looking forward to the Maverick one on Sunday evening. Thanks to the PTA Team, particularly our new President Hannah Stewart and Secretary Louisa Turner, for organising this event for us.

I hope you all had a most enjoyable long weekend. As we work our way through our third year of COVID times, these breaks to refresh and recuperate are proving so important for overall health and well-being.

*Kay Tester* Principal

## SPECIAL CHARACTER

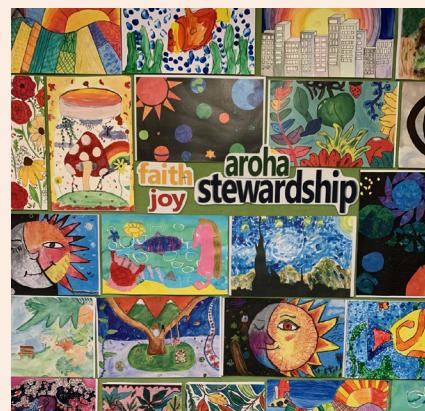
### Pentecost Blessing

*May the abundant Spirit of generous radiance flow through, over, beneath and above our world and our hearts,*

*May the dancing Spirit's infectious love swirl us into joy and freedom,*

*May the gentle Spirit of warm hospitality spread welcome and healing in every corner of our being.  
Amen*

Act Love Walk – Ann L Gilroy RSJ



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## Events

### Sunday 12 June

PTA Movie Fundraiser

### Monday 13 June

Nikau Rms 10 & 11 Petone Settlers Museum trip

### Tuesday 14 June

Nikau Rms 8 & 9 Petone Settlers Museum trip

# continued SPECIAL CHARACTER

## Pentecost

This Christian holy day commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit in the form of flames to the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ, as recorded in the New Testament in Acts 2:1–31.

The Holy Spirit allowed the apostles to speak in other languages, and they started preaching the word of Jesus to the Jews, who were in Jerusalem for the Feast of Pentecost. As Father Patrick pointed out, “the Feast of Pentecost invites us to recognise that Jesus’s love for us means that in sharing his Spirit he makes his home with us”

## Sacrament of Baptism

From time to time we get inquiries about Baptism.

In normal circumstances, a minimum of three to six weeks notice is required for Baptism. Baptisms are celebrated during weekend masses or on the 1st and 2nd Sunday

afternoon of the month at 2pm, by arrangement with the priests or the parish office.

Please contact :

Email: [secretary@teawakairangi.nz](mailto:secretary@teawakairangi.nz)

Telephone: 04 566 3088

***“Baptism is the initial step of a faithful heart.”***



## A Letter from the Presiding Member

### Tēnā koutou katoa,

I trust you were able to have some quality time with your whānau over the long weekend and hope that you are all back in action for the week ahead. I wish to draw to your attention to the upcoming School Board Elections, midway through term 3, on 7th September. The Board at Ss Peter and Paul school is made up of five elected parent/whānau representatives as well as a staff representative, the Principal and up to four Proprietors representatives. Our proprietor is Cardinal John Dew.

The community election in September is for the five parent/whānau representatives. A staff representative election will also occur at this time.

I urge you to consider nominating yourself or another family member or school community member to stand for election to the Ss Peter and Paul School Board. It is a great opportunity to contribute to the governance of our school and to provide a school community perspective in governance matters.

There is some really helpful information about what being on a school board involves on the [NZ School Trustees](#)

[Association \(NZSTA\) website](#). The current school board is also offering an information evening on Wednesday, June 22nd at 7pm in the staffroom. This will be a chance to find out in person what is involved in being a school board member and also hear from current board members reflecting on their experience on the school board. There will also be an opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

This meeting will be available online at the same time on this link; [Board information evening](#). If you attend in person, please wear a mask.

We look forward to seeing you and thank you for giving your consideration to this important role.

**Ngā mihi nui,**

**Tanya**

*Presiding member*

*Ss Peter and Paul School Board*

# KOWHAI

Our Learning Week 6, Term 2

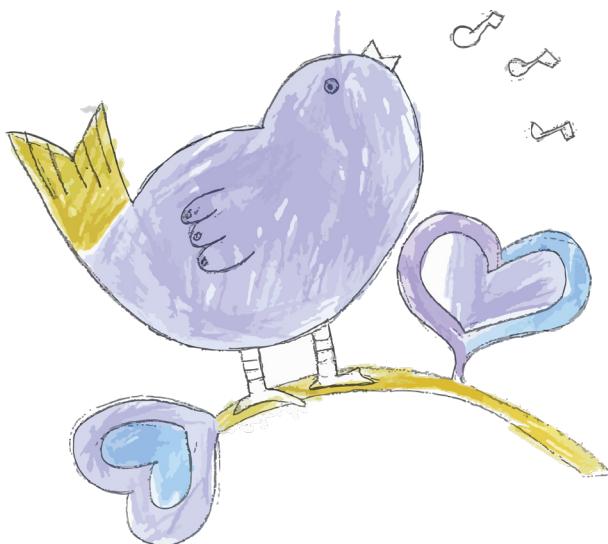
## Talofa lava!

For Samoan Language Week, Kōwhai learned about lāvalava and why it is such an important traditional piece of clothing. Students were able to make connections to their own experiences of family activities as well as their experiences of wearing special clothing for these activities and celebrations. This links to our big idea – Relationships have connections to other things. We used some traditional Samoan designs to create a collaborative piece of artwork. We also had a visit from some of the talented senior students who showed off some traditional Samoan dancing!

**"That was so beautiful and gentle!"** - Rm4

**"I can say Talofa lava to my teacher"** - Rm5

It was great to experience new learning as part of Samoan Language Week!



## Little Birdy

Little birdy on a tree, on a tree, on a tree  
Little birdy on a tree, singing a song for you and me

Si manu laititi sa i luga ole lá àu  
Sa i luga ole lá àu, sa i luga ole lá àu  
Si manu laititi sa i luga ole lá àu  
O lo'o pese mai ia te a'u



# NIKAU

Our Learning Week 6, Term 2

Last Thursday we held our Nikau team hui. This hui was quite special. We had a number of performances which we all enjoyed. As last week was Samoan Language week, we had three special performances showcasing the Samoan culture.

Some students from Rata came to perform a beautiful dance, Pohutukawa students shared some language and a prayer in Samoan and finally Harleigh, Angel, Peyton and Ivory - all Nikau students - performed another Samoan dance. Our Hui also gave us an opportunity to celebrate some units of work which had come to an end.

Room 11 students used puppets to retell the Pūrakau of Ngake and Whataitai. They were very entertaining and were so much fun to watch. Room 9 students shared a dramatisation of Pentecost. Those who didn't perform helped make a stunning prop to really bring this story to life.



## These are a few of the things we know about Pentecost and the importance it holds

Pentecost is important because it is when the Holy Spirit came down from heaven and now the Holy Spirit is with us all. *Lincoln, Rm 8*

Pentecost is important because it is the Church's birthday and the Holy Spirit came down to the disciples. God had given them the Holy Spirit. *Ameya, Rm 9*

At Pentecost the Holy Spirit helped the disciples speak in different languages so they could tell people about Jesus. *Maddie, Rm 8*

# POHUTUKAWA

Our Learning Week 6, Term 2

## Samoan Language Week

For Samoan language week, a group of Samoan students from Pohutukawa visited each class and shared a prayer in Samoan, explained about their traditional clothing and when they wear it. They also shared the song 'Savalivali' which means go for a walk.

**Jiroh** - It makes me feel happy and proud because I got to share about my culture.

**Ceylon** - It felt really good to go to each class and share.

**Demetrius** - I really liked wearing my lava lava, Samoan shirt and 'ula. I enjoyed sharing about my culture so the other kids could learn about it.

**Norah** - I was nervous but excited to share about my culture

**Raiha** - I felt nervous but happy to share about my culture

**Gerrard** - I felt proud sharing about my culture.

**LeAniva** - I felt confident and proud to share about my Samoan culture.

## Photography

For our Visual Arts focus, students in Pohutukawa have been exploring and improving their photography skills. They learnt about the rule of thirds, close ups and editing to create an image that communicated the theme of relationships. On the next page is a small selection from different classes. They look forward to sharing them with their Whānau.



The relationship in this photo is that the leaves are changing colour due to the time of season, and that means that relationships can change over time. This also shows that the dark leaves are taking over the bright, colourful, yellow leaves. The technique I used was thirds, so the picture was split because the tree is in the first two thirds of the picture. **By Francesco (right)**



This photo is showing that everything is related in some way like this girl is holding onto the wood and wood is from trees and God made trees and humans. The technique I used, was angling the camera so it was off centre. **By Kora (left)**

This photo is quite confusing but also very interesting. This is a double sided basketball hoop. In this photo I have made an upwards angle so you can see all the way through the hoop. I also wanted the metal pole and hoop to be in the foreground and the grey sky in the background. **By Tom (right)**



In this photo the flower and the bee have a relationship because the bee takes the pollen from the flower to make honey but also pollinates the flower. This shows the big idea about how relationships are a way things are connected. The photo technique I used was the rule of thirds and close up. **By Samantha (Left)**



## Samoan Language Week

**Talofa lava!**

On Friday the Rātā area became a hive of activity with student led dances and language instruction, lei making, tapa designing and Samoan bingo. A huge thank you to our students who assisted in the instruction and delivery of these activities in particular Zephna, who read the numbers at our bingo session in Samoan, Ellie, Neveha, Naimh, Sara and Gabbi who planned, practised and performed a beautiful Samoan dance around the school. It was wonderful to see our students beam with pride and take the leadership opportunities to present their culture and heritage.



# Reminders and Updates



## 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



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](#)



### South West Zone Cross Country

Congratulations to the 25 students who have made it into the South West Zone team for the Interzone Cross Country.

Special mention for Paul Coote who won the Year 4 Boys event.

Also well done to Hudson Thom (5th Year 5 Boys), Olive Hall (4th Year 6 Girls), Samuel McGrath (4th Year 6 Boys) Milana Burt (2nd Year 7 Girls), Jade Tetevano (3rd Year 7 Girls), Brooke Crighton (4th Year 7 Girls), Caprie Falleni-

## SCHOOL SPORT

Tonga (5th Year 7 Girls) and Shakira Brown (4th Year 8 Girls).

Others to represent our Zone are Sophie Turner, Mila O'Connor, Billy Sloan, Noah Jordan, Lottie Theobald, Ruby Thom, Ella Sparrow, Katherine Clover, Emily Clark, Samantha Alzona, Vethmi Kotalange, Rylee Page, Kaiser Rona, Jenna O'Leary, Ellie Moemai and Nevaeh Manaena.

### Water Polo

We have entered one team in the Year 5, 6 Competition and they are in action from next week.

# PTA news & updates

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



**Save the Dates**

Wednesday 29 June      Friday 1 July  
Pizza Day                  Non uniform Day  
Feast Day

Details advised soon!

## Calling volunteers for Parish soup kitchen

The Ss Peter and Paul Church Parish are asking if any volunteers can help at/with the parish 'soup kitchen'.

It runs from 15 June - 31 August every Wednesday 1230-2pm, providing soup and toast to anyone in need of a warm meal. Its run out of the parish kitchen. Help required is during the soup kitchen dates and times above or making soup for the day.

We appreciate any assistance you may be able to provide to the Parish community, even if its one hour during one of the days mentioned above.

Please contact the PTA on [martinaburt@gmail.com](mailto:martinaburt@gmail.com) if you can help or if you have any questions.

## PTA Raffle 12 prizes to be won!

We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of our amazing community who have donated some incredible prizes. We wanted to give the whole school an opportunity to participate in this amazing raffle. Examples are:

1. Winter warmer -\$50 Bed bath and beyond voucher & \$40 The Vic Tavern
2. Spoil yourself -\$50 Queensgate voucher & \$40 Speights Ale House
3. School holiday survival - SwimCity school holiday swimming lessons, Staglands family pass, Hangdog climbing lesson, Strike voucher
4. Across the strait -\$150 Blubridge voucher, \$50 PaknSave

If you would like to buy tickets the PTA will be selling them at drop off and pick up times in the school grounds or alternatively you can transfer to PTA bank account

12-3478-0004688-01 (please note this is NOT the same account as the school bank account). Most importantly, please ensure you use your child's FIRST name, SURNAME, and ROOM number as references when making payment. You can also purchase tickets at the Movie night.

Tickets are \$2 for one or \$5 for three (exact change is appreciated). All tickets go into one draw for any one of the 12 prizes. The raffle will be drawn at the "Top Gun" Movie Night (Lighthouse Petone)

SS PETER AND PAUL SCHOOL PTA FUNDRAISER

**TOP GUN: MAVERICK MOVIE  
AT LIGHTHOUSE CINEMA  
PETONE**