

# Ss Peter and Paul School

Tuesday, 5 July 2022



**Kia ora Parents and Caregivers,**

## Learning Conferences

Our teachers look forward to welcoming a second round of parents to our Learning Conferences today. We appreciate this is a busy time with people juggling work and often family illness too, but hope you have been able to take advantage of the options available.

## COVID updates

We continue with 1-3 daily positive cases although we are noticing an increase in the numbers isolating as household contacts. The Ministry of Education is providing children's masks for all schools and we hope to have those available for any students keen to take up that offer at the start of next term. They certainly are more comfortable to wear than some of the cloth ones available.

## Teacher Only Day

An important note for your diaries - Monday 29 August will be a Teacher Only Day. This will be the

last of the 8 teacher only days provided to schools from the Ministry of Education over the last 3 ½ years. These days have been very productive for us here at school and we hope they have not proved too difficult for our parent community to accommodate.

As we head into the term break we hope it provides everyone time for refreshment and recovery from the number of illnesses we are currently experiencing. Safe travels for families heading away. On behalf of all the staff, can I express our sincere gratitude for all your wonderful support this term. We've enjoyed being able to go on trips and hold significant events like our recent Feast Day Liturgies and Variety Shows, and our Matariki Celebrations, all of which you can enjoy in today's newsletter.

*Kay Tester* Principal

## SPECIAL CHARACTER

### Ss Peter and Paul Feast Day Celebration

What an amazing Feast Day celebration we had. Our day started with the Mass celebrated by Father Joy while the other students had Liturgies in their own areas at school. It was great to see some parents who were able to join us on the day as well. We also had a very entertaining Variety Show hosted by our students. We had the Choir, Kapa Haka, House games, Ss Peter and Paul quiz, and a little 'stage show'.

The students also had the chance to do some outreach activities, such as creating artwork for our church and the Kowhai students made lovely bookmarks that were given out to the parishioners last Sunday.

### Aurea Casino

Director of Religious Studies



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Board Meeting 7pm

**Friday 8 July**

Last day of Term 2



# ! IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

## Sts Peter and Paul School

### Board Elections 2022

#### Parent Election Notice

Nominations are open for the election of 5 parent representatives to the school board.

All eligible voters will receive a nomination form. Use this form to nominate yourself or someone in your community. You will also receive a nomination cover letter calling for nominations. Information on who is not eligible to be a board member is provided with the nomination form.

If you need more nomination forms, contact the school office.

Nominations close at **noon on the 3rd of August**. You may provide a signed candidate statement and photograph with your nomination.

The electoral roll is held at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

As nominations are received, there will be a list of candidates' names kept at the school up until election day, which you can view.

Voting closes at **4pm on the 7th of September**.

Please ensure the school has your most current contact details on file. If you need to update any details, you can do so by emailing:

[admin@stpeterpaul.school.nz](mailto:admin@stpeterpaul.school.nz).

**Teresa Evans**

Returning Officer

## SCHOOL MATARIKI CELEBRATION

On a sunny Thursday before our first national celebration of Matariki, the whole school gathered together. We began with a karakia, taking time to remember and pray for those in our whānau that had passed. From singing, drama to dancing, each area shared an item related to the theme of Matariki. It was a lovely opportunity for us to come together and have fun celebrating all the fantastic learning we had been doing about Matariki.



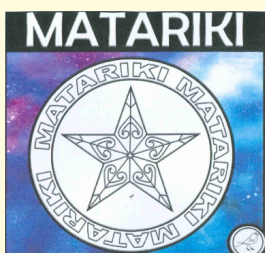




## Kowhai's Matariki

For the past few weeks Kowhai students have been busy learning all about Matariki and getting ready to celebrate this special new holiday. Students explored star symmetry and rhythm in numeracy, pūrākau and stories in literacy, and created beautiful stars and lanterns in art. We also had a lovely puppet show to share all of these amazing storytelling skills!

On Thursday we were very excited to gather as a school and perform a special Matariki poem. We loved watching students in Nikau, Pohutukawa, and Rata share their learning.



Matariki stars shine bright,  
When the dawn-sky brings its light.  
Time for whanau to come close,  
Time for Kai we love the most,  
Korero our stories, then  
Time for play and dance and friends!



## Dowse Trip

Kowhai also went to The Dowse as part of our learning around our local environment and connection to Te Awa Kairangi. This was a very enjoyable hands-on experience that explored relationships between our te ao maori leaning, our local area and the river that connects us all.





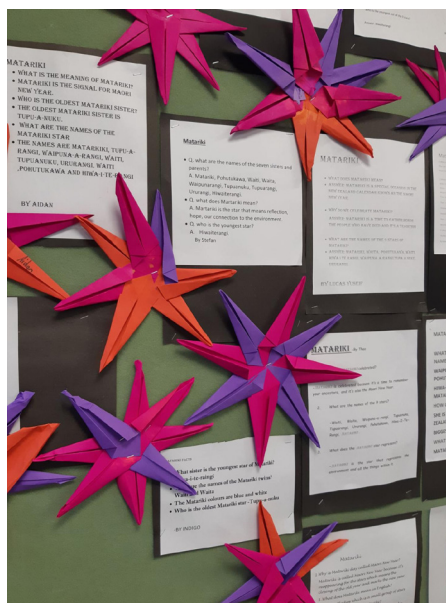
## Maths

The students in Nikau have been learning about maps. We have learnt about coordinates and how to read a key on a map. Through Digital Technologies, we have been learning how to write algorithms to direct a “robot” through a map.

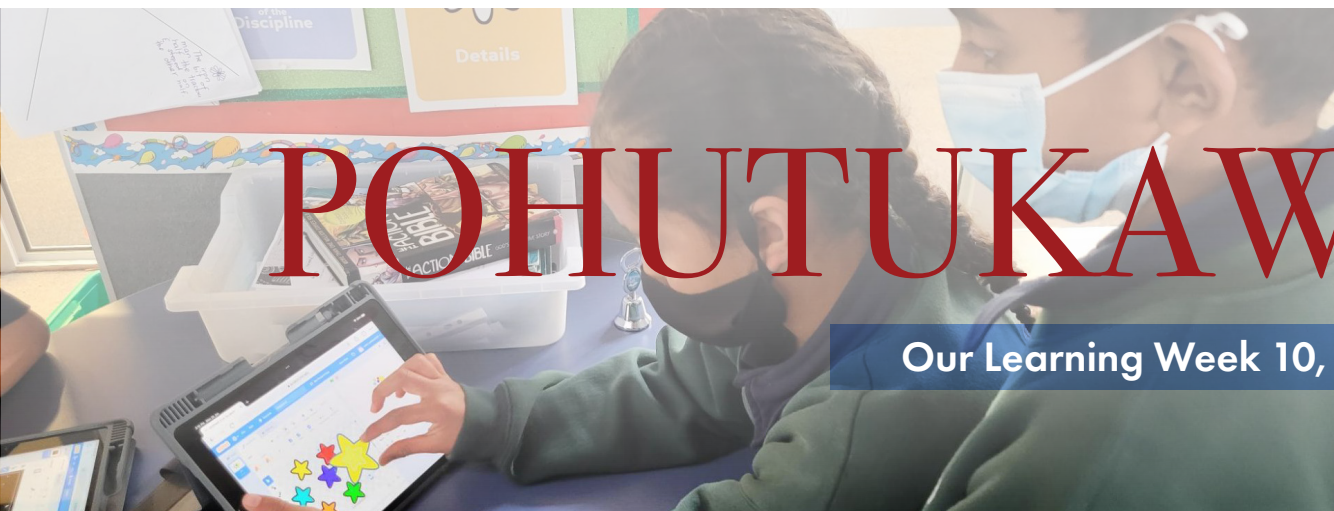


## Matariki

Through sharing pūrākau, research in literacy, and a range of activities in drama, dance, waiata and visual art, Matariki has been a time of rich learning in Nikau. We even iced and decorated our own Matariki star biscuits.



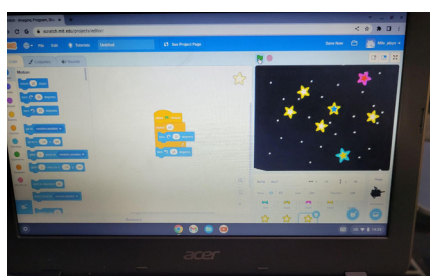




## Our Learning Week 10, Term 2

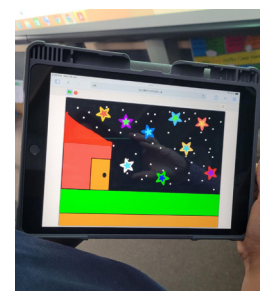
### Inquiry Learning - Predator Free New Zealand

Pohutukawa area were very lucky to have H  l  ne Doyle visit and share her knowledge and experiences of belonging to a local predator free group in the Hutt Valley. She shared how the groups set, bait and clear the traps as well as helping people choose the right trap for their environment. She brought in different traps to show the children how they work and the best bait to use in them. It was wonderful to have someone in our parent community share their local knowledge with the children. Thank you H  l  ne!



### Matariki

Pohutukawa students enjoyed using Scratch programming language to create animated stars that represented the Matariki constellation. It was lovely to watch them engage in the project by working together and sharing their coding skills with each other.







# RĀTĀ

Our Learning Week 10, Term 2

## Rātā Parliament and National Library Trip

Last week Rātā enjoyed an informative tour around Parliament House. As well as an exploration of the He Tohu exhibition at the National Library, which holds Te Tiriti o Waitangi, The Declaration of Independence and the Women's Suffrage Petition. The informative trip raised more questions than answers from our inquisitive girls who questioned our tour guides at parliament extensively. Great job girls!

"At Parliament I found it interesting how all the pictures along one of the halls showed photos of the political parties from when parliament began in Aotearoa. At the start of the hall everyone in the pictures was male. Whereas in recent pictures there were more female politicians present. This Shows that in the past women were not treated fairly and given a chance to become members of parliament like they are today. It was inspiring to see more female politicians in the pictures".

*Bonnie*

"As I walked through the doors I could see swirling letters just beneath the handle. I asked the tour guide what they were. He informed me that they were the initials of the king of England at the time Parliament was built, King George V. I also learnt about the meanings of the different carvings within the debating chamber, lots of them represented the different wars New Zealand soldiers have fought in"

*Carley*

"First we went to the small version of the debating chamber where our guide taught us about how the seats are arranged in the real debating chamber and where the political parties sit. She also taught us about the role of the Speaker and how he is there to keep members of parliament from arguing, he also has the power to make them leave if they are not following the debating rules".

*Amber*







## Interzone Cross Country

In great weather on Thursday 30th our qualifiers went into competition against the top runners of other zones at Trentham Memorial Park.

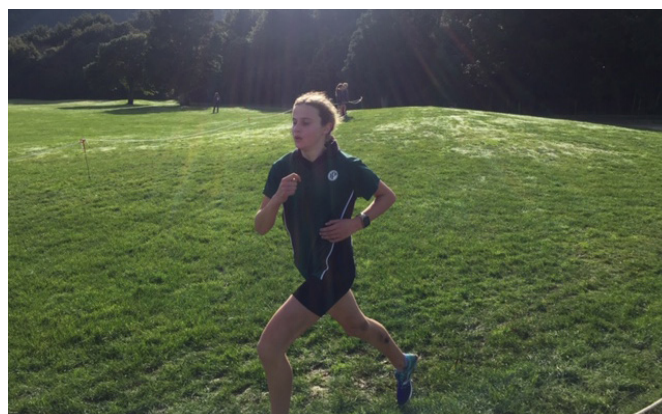
The top 10 placegetters in each event qualified for the Regionals this week.

Congratulations to Shakira Brown, Milana Burt, Brooke Crighton, Sam McGrath, Olive Hall, Hudson Thom, Ruby Thom and Paul Coote whose places mean they are representing the Lower Hutt Primary Schools at the Regionals.

Special congratulations to Sam McGrath who finished 2nd in Year 6 Boys and Paul Coote who finished 3rd in Year 4 Boys.

From this event students from Year 5 to 8 who finish in the top 10 have the opportunity to represent the area at the Inter Regional Primary and Intermediate Cross Country held in Nelson in September.

We also have three reserves who may get to run- Lottie Theobald, Rylee Page and Noah Jordan.



## Volleyball

Year 5, 6, 7 and 8 students were invited to participate in a fun volleyball tournament at Walter Nash Stadium. They had a great time playing other teams from a variety of Hutt Valley primary schools. A big thank you to all the parents who looked after a team on the day we couldn't have done it without you.

# PTA

## news & updates

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



### Feast Day - Pizza Day

An incredible number of pizza's ordered on Feast Day - 102!

We had a LOT of very happy children.

Thanks to the teachers and office staff, everyone behind the scenes, PTA members and the intermediate girls for your support. Its much appreciated to ensure it runs smoothly on the day.

Thanks also to families that were able to donate extra slices. The school kids enjoyed the pizza and we still had enough left over to donate to the Church Soup Kitchen.

It was also great to see so many new helpers, we as a PTA can't run these events without parents like you so thank you very much and hopefully we see you again soon.



## REMINDERS AND UPDATES



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

### 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](mailto:uniform@stpeterpaul.school.nz)