

Ss Peter and Paul School

Tuesday, 13 September 2022



Kia ora Parents and Caregivers,

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori 2022 Celebration

Māori Language Week has been celebrated in Aotearoa since 1975. This special week is an opportunity for the concentrated celebration and promotion of te reo Māori, helping to secure its future as a living, dynamic, and rich language. This week sees our students and staff taking part in a range of activities to celebrate Te Reo Māori; playing our part to support the language to survive and thrive. On Thursday at 11.30am we will gather on the Astroturf as a school community to sing waiata and play Te Reo Bingo!

Measles and chickenpox

You are most likely aware of the growing concern around low vaccination rates for childhood illnesses such as measles and chickenpox. Measles in particular, is a serious illness caused by the measles virus that lives in the nose and throat mucus of an infected person. It can easily spread to others through coughing and sneezing. Measles can cause serious complications in children and adults. As COVID-19 restrictions ease, measles outbreaks are likely to happen.

Your continued efforts to immediately inform the office about reasons for student absences, offer vital protection for our students who have chronic medical conditions. The sooner the children's families are informed of infectious exposure, the sooner they can get the appropriate treatment to prevent potentially serious complications. Many thanks for your vigilance with this.

Many thanks to our PTA and helpers for organising and running the first discos since 2019! They were much anticipated and the fun filled vibe was an absolute pleasure to experience. We look forward to many more opportunities to get together as a school community as the COVID restrictions ease.

Learning Conferences

Our teachers look forward to catching up with you again on Thursday 22 and Tuesday 27 September. The on-line booking system is now open and will remain so until 4pm on Monday 19 September. After that you are most welcome to ring the office and one will be organised for you from any time slots still available. Our preference is face-to-face meetings but an on-line session will still be available should that be more convenient for you. We ask that unless in exceptional circumstances,

parents work together before making a booking, so that teachers have only one learning conference per student.

We hope you are able to take advantage of this opportunity to hear more about your child's progress and achievement. Students are very much part of the assessment process and our intent is they have a positive attitude towards assessment and understand it as being fundamental to their learning.

The sessions are from 3.15-5.00pm and 6.00-8.00pm. If you are booking for more than one child you might like to allow 15 mins between each booking. Alternatively, quick movement between sessions will be important should you book back-to-back. Thank you.

Please go to <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz>

Select 'Make a Booking'

Enter the code 7a55w

Or [click here](#)

Just a reminder that there are two conference options:

1. In-person meetings
2. Video-conference meetings (instructions will follow if you choose this option)

If you have any difficulties please email us at admin@stpeterpaul.school.nz or call the school office during normal office open hours.

Building Work

We have some building project work beginning next week so if you are about the grounds you will notice health & safety measures such as fencing etc getting underway.

NZ Principals Conference

I am away in Christchurch for the rest of the week attending this event, along with over 800 of my colleagues across the motu. So much has happened to Christchurch since the last conference was held there back in 2008. I'm really looking forward to being part of the experience as I know there will be strong emotions amongst the Cantabrians as they welcome us back to their new convention centre.

Kay Tester Principal

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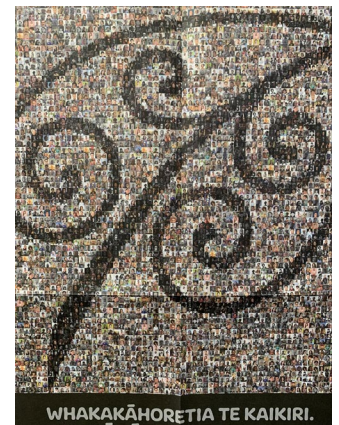
Social Justice Week Learning

Our teachers and students really enjoyed many stories from the Caritas resources. The stories helped the students to understand and make connections that we are all different but we are one in Christ. This also resonates with our school values of aroha, faith, joy and stewardship.

Some students also had an opportunity to focus on the Gospel story of The Good Samaritan, as part of their learning for Social Justice.

The parable of the Good Samaritan reminds us to reflect on how we see ourselves in relation to other people – particularly those whose language or culture may be different from our own. Jesus radically transforms the old way of seeing and understanding things. He greatly enlarged the meaning of the word “neighbour”. This has profound implications for who we see as our neighbour, both in Aotearoa New Zealand and throughout the world.

“We are one in Christ Jesus told the parable of the Good Samaritan in answer to the question: “Who is my neighbour?” The word “neighbour”, in the society of Jesus’ time, usually meant those nearest us. Jesus, himself a Jew, completely transforms this approach. He asks us not to decide who is close enough to be our neighbour, but rather that we ourselves become neighbours to all.” – Fratelli Tutti, (80) Pope Francis



Kowhai's poster for Social Justice Week conveys a message using the students' faces to remind us that we are all part of one human family. We may be different in many ways, but we can come together as followers of Christ and together promote God's kingdom of justice, peace and love. The kōwhaiwhai pattern symbolises movement and change. (Inspired by the Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand logo.)

Aurea Casino

Director of Religious Studies



SAVE THE DATE

Cancer Society Fundraising

Bright Colours Day, **Friday 30th September**

(Non-uniform) Wear your colourful clothes, shoes, etc.

Gold coin donation

FINANCE

School payments

We appreciate how many of you pay by internet banking. Occasionally, payment is made to the PTA account instead of the school account and vice versa. When this happens it delays the payments being allocated to your child's account. Please ensure you use the below account:-

Ss Peter & Paul School

12-3142-0297974-00

Ref: child's name

Part: what the payment is for



For Social Justice week, Kowhai have been focusing on Celebrating Culture. We have been looking at the different cultures within our class and school community. We have enjoyed learning more and more about each other through this;

"We're all kind of the same but different like, we all eat bread but different bread like Naan bread or croissants"
Hudson and Jirah

We had a visit from Michael Stewart From Caritas who thanked us for our hard work during the Caritas challenge. He reminded us how to be welcoming of those who have different backgrounds through a story from Sione the Bear. We have shown solidarity with each other as a cohort and have created some amazing pieces of art together. We have focused on being one with Christ and celebrated this through our liturgy for Social Justice.



Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who joined us for the lovely celebration of culture, community and Christ.

"I am a good friend to everyone, I like them all" *Scarlet*

"Everyone is kind to me, I think that is Social Justice" *Olivia*



NIKAU

Our Learning Week 8, Term 3

Gymnastics

Jump, swing, climb, balance, play, dance. This is what the Nikau students did when we visited Sacred Heart school last Tuesday. It was the penultimate gymnastics event to end our learning.

Sacred Heart teachers and students opened their gymnasium to Nikau students and led them through a series of activities. They were encouraging, supportive, warm and kind. It was a fantastic event and Nikau students thoroughly enjoyed themselves. A big thank you to all those involved and to our parents, who kindly volunteered to help.



POHUTUKAWA

Our Learning Week 8, Term 3

Science Fun in Pohutukawa!

In Pohutukawa we have started our science topic on 'Fizzing and Foaming.' We had fun putting mentos lollies into different soda drinks to see what would happen. We had to make observations and think about what was causing these reactions. We noticed that lemonade produced the smallest amount of fizz and foam. Diet Coke had the greatest chemical reaction and created the highest fountain of foam. When the liquid and Mentos reacted, we heard a big "Woosh" followed by a hissing sound which sounded like a snake. Now we are wondering what causes these reactions. We will be doing more experiments and learning to think like a scientist by observing and making inferences.

By Ella Sparrow and Ruby Thom





Our Learning Week 8, Term 3

Unique Aotearoa!

Week 6 saw the Rātā area visit Te Papa as part of their science and literacy investigation into the living world. Our ākonga were given a specialist talk from a Te Papa expert and then enjoyed some time exploring the interactive nature exhibition looking for information to include on their own informative reports. Look out for them at our parent teacher interviews in the coming weeks.

Here are some photos of our time at Te Papa. A big thank you to all of our parent helpers who attended the trip, we could not have done it without you.



SCHOOL SPORT

Netball

The season for Year 5 to 8 has now finished. We have to offer our thanks to the following parents who have coached and managed for us during the season - Debbie Poutua, Sulami Moemai, Lucy Duncan, Tanya Wilton, Karen Wong, Melanie Harding, Josee Proctor, Jasneet Kaur, Angela Curtis, Tina Lyons, Kate Smith, Louisa Turner, Melissa Dobson, Sarah Alaifatu, Louise Thom and Nadine Stembridge.

We were very pleased to have Josee and Jasneet from Sacred Heart College who volunteered to coach for us this year.

Registrations are being accepted for Year 0 to 4 Netball for Term 4 until Friday 23rd September. If you have list the link to the registration form please email sport@stpeterpaul.school.nz.

Waterpolo

The students who participated in this competition have had a great season. A big thank you to Martina Burt and Michelle Ruocco who coached and managed our team. Congratulations to the following students Roma Moriarty, Nadia Burt, Francesco Ruocco, Ruby Wrigley and Millie Hawthorne who will be playing in the mixed school teams next week for a special final's night game.

Touch

Registrations close on Friday 16th for Term 4 Touch. It is important to have parents willing to assist with these teams as at the moment we have a very small number of volunteers to coach/manage which could limit our entries.

If you are unable to find the email sent previously with the link to the registration form please email sport@stpeterpaul.school.nz.

Please ensure you have made the required payment if you have registered or are registering your child for either or both of these sports as we will not be following up on non payments once registrations close.

Interzone Swimming

This event is due to take place on the 16th September at Huia Pool and all parents will have received information from us re organisation etc.

PTA NEWS

School Disco

Wow, what a night! Epic turnout, epic fun ... thank you school community for supporting the PTA Disco at the Dowse! Our children had so much fun, it was great to see our school community together again. Many thanks to all those involved in making it such a successful and memorable occasion. All proceeds raised will go towards the junior playground refurbishment.

Parish Soup Kitchen - Thank you, volunteers!

The Ss Peter and Paul Church Parish ran a Soup Kitchen for the community (15 June - 31 August every Wednesday) by providing soup and toast to anyone in need of a warm meal.

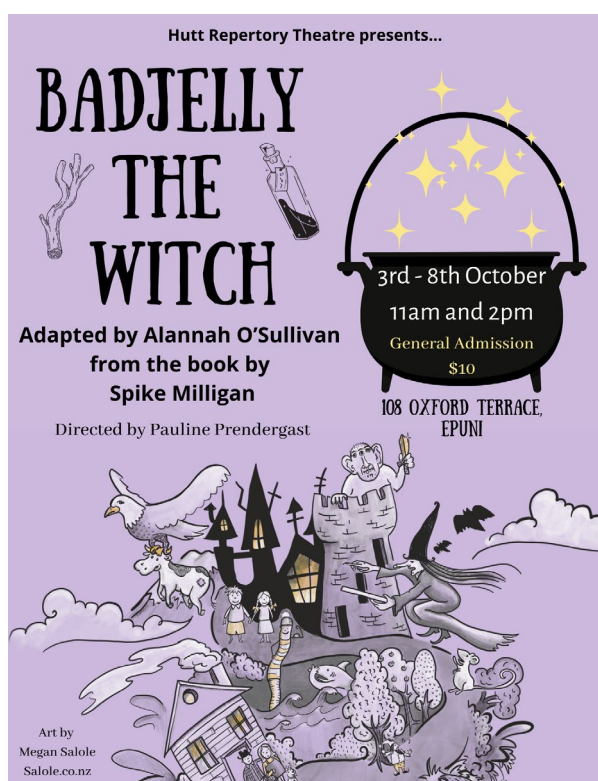
Thanks to the school families that were able to prepare soup and/or help on the day with serving. We appreciate your help!

Upcoming PTA Meeting

Wednesday 21 September, 7pm (Staffroom)

You are welcome to come and attend the next PTA meeting to connect with other school parents and share ideas. It would be great to see you there.

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



TXT: 021 137 7519 / PH. 04 939 7529
www.huttrep.co.nz



LIBRARY

Volunteering in the library

Are you available on any Friday mornings between 9.00-10.30am this term?

Our library has purchased some beautiful new books and we would welcome any help covering them. The cover is very easy to apply and no experience is necessary!

Please email Anna at anna@stpeterpaul.school.nz if you may be available on any Friday.

This is a wonderful way to give back to our school, to meet other parents and to assist our children. No regular or ongoing commitment required.



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