

# Ss Peter and Paul School

Tuesday, 8 November 2022



## Kia ora Parents and Caregivers,

November is a very special time of memory and prayer for all our loved ones who have passed away. The month started with the celebration of All Saints and All Souls. We appreciated the number of parents, grandparents and parishioners who were able to join us for the first whole school Mass we have had in almost 3 years. Many thanks to all staff and students who prepared so well for this lovely celebration of All Saints Day.

A special welcome to Jordan who is the newest member of Room 7 and joins his big sister Jennifer at school. We hope Jordan settles very happily into school life.

### Celebration of Learning

We welcome parents, grandparents and caregivers to join us for an open afternoon this coming Thursday 10 November. Come along anytime from 1.30pm and see the school in action. Visit the classrooms, look around the Areas and catch the following performances on the deck area in the courtyard: Junior choir 1.45pm, Choir 2pm and Senior Kapa haka at 2.15pm. Should any wet weather arrive our way we will move these performances to Room 17 in the Rata Area.

Don't forget to take a moment and call into the staff room to share your thoughts with members of the Board about the future direction of our school. There will be posters highlighting our current strategic goals:

- We live our Catholic Identity
- We honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- Our approach to learning, empowers our learners to be the best they can be
- We work in partnership with our whānau
- Our school is a vibrant and valued part of our local community

There will be sticky notes for you to add any comments or you can share your thoughts and ideas with Michael, Mike or Rau.



### School helpers

Term 4 is always a busy term with lots of requests for volunteers to help with school events such as our recent athletics events. Our staff and students are very appreciative of your support with this as it enables us to offer a range of enriching activities and experiences, both within and outside the classrooms. Make sure you book Friday 2 December in your diaries for our 'Thank you morning tea for all our wonderful helpers'.

### Collecting students during the school day

Could I just give a friendly reminder to everyone about our procedures for all visitors to school. You can find these in full on the SchoolDocs website which you access through the Parent Portal/ Contacts. A key requirement is that all visitors on site, except those dropping off or picking up students before and after school, are asked to report to the school office.

There are times where appointments must be made during school time such as specialist, doctors and dental visits. This is totally understandable. It would be most appreciated if other non-urgent appointments could be arranged after school has finished wherever possible. This reduces the need for the office staff to leave the office to collect children from around the school and avoids classroom interruptions. Many thanks for your support with this.

*Kay Tester* Principal



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SEASONS FOR GROWTH



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Wednesday 9 November

7pm Board Meeting

Thursday 10 November

Celebration of Learning - open afternoon from 1:30pm



A day to honour, reflect and offer our prayers to all the saintly and wonderful people we have known.

We had a beautiful celebration of the Feast of All Saints. It was lovely to be able to share this with our wider school community. A big thank you to the parents and families who came.



***“Not because we are good, but because the sanctity of God has touched our life...We can compare the Saints to the church windows which allow light to enter in different shades of colour. The Saints are our sisters and brothers who have welcomed the light of God in their heart and have passed it onto the world, each according to her or his own hue.”***

Pope Francis



#### **Sacramental Programme reminders:**

Next Preparation Session will be on Sunday 13 November, Mass at 9:00 am. A practice will follow after the Mass.

Please remind your child to complete the ‘flame sheet’ and bring it with you on Sunday.

Confirmation Day - Sunday 20 November, 9:am Mass and 5:30pm Mass

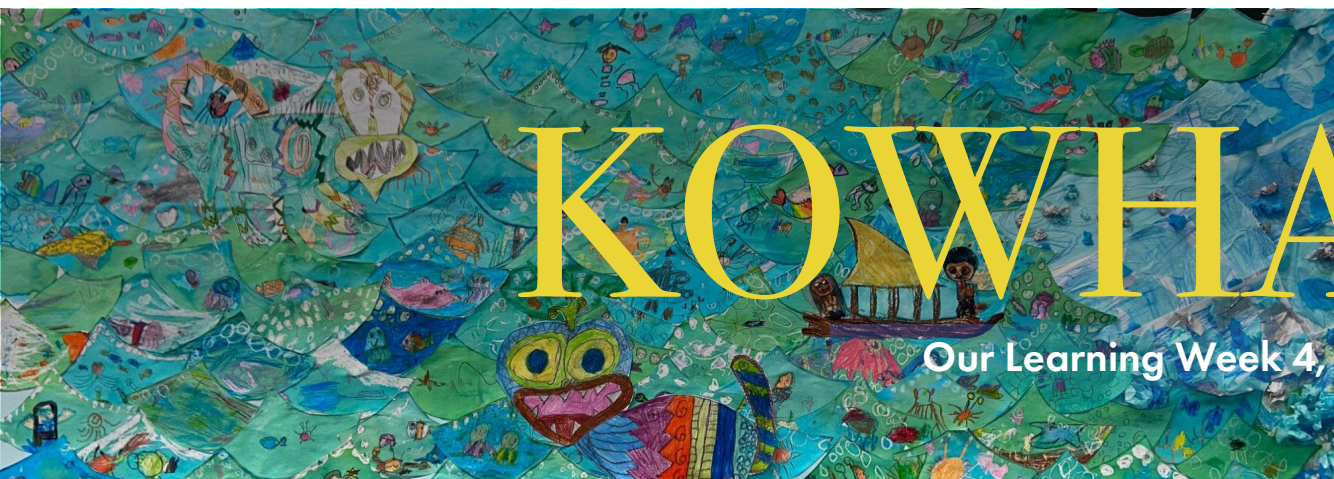
Nga mihi mahana,

**Aurea Casino**

Director of  
Religious Studies







## Visual Arts

Kowhai have been exploring visual art this term. We have been working to identify techniques used in various art pieces and have created our own pieces with this as inspiration. We have been sketching, mixing colours and considering textures to use within our own pieces of work. The visual arts learning opportunities have been full of great experiences to really get us thinking like Artists.



*"We had to go over something and colour it so that we will learn how it feels!" Sithmi*

*"We used bright colours called pastels for our jandal art" Skyler*

*"We used paint and mixed it to make new colours. It didn't always go well but we tried our best!" – Payton*

*"We made dots after reading "The Dot" we didn't give up! We made lots of colours" – Xavier*

*"We were sketching and copying a real life plant. We had to shade it to make it light and dark. Everyone looked at a different side so they should all be different like different perspectives" - Johnny*



**Please take some time during our open afternoon to have a look at our wonderful work!**

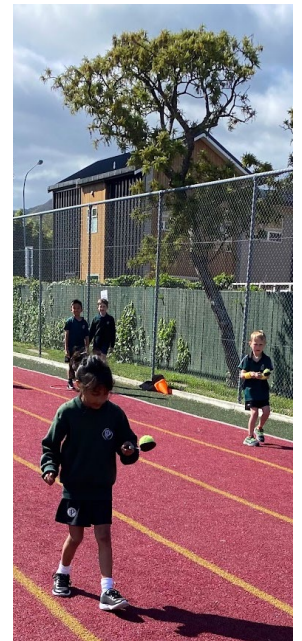


# NIKAU

Our Learning Week 4, Term 4

## Run, Jump, Throw

Our Year 3 students enjoyed a mini athletic event run on our school's astro turf. There were a variety of activities including a classic sack race, an egg and spoon race, hurdles, vortex throwing and speed ladders. We finished the morning with sprint races which were exciting as some of them were very close.



*I enjoyed doing the vortex because I went the furthest. - Luka*

*I really liked jumping in the hula hoops because my dad was a helper at that station. - Blake*

*I liked doing the speed ladder. We had to jump and skip and hop. - Kloie*

*I liked doing the sprints. We had to run all the way to the end of the sprint track. - Ryan*

*I enjoyed throwing the vortex. Mine went really far. - Cici*

*I liked throwing the vortex because I was allowed to throw it as hard as I could. - Jacob*

*I had lots of fun doing the sprint race. I tried my best and was so close to making the final. - Jamie*

**Thank you to all the parents who kindly helped make the morning a great success!**

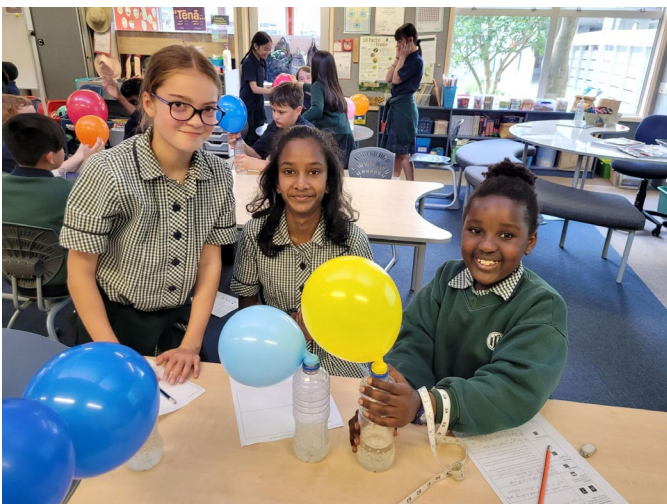
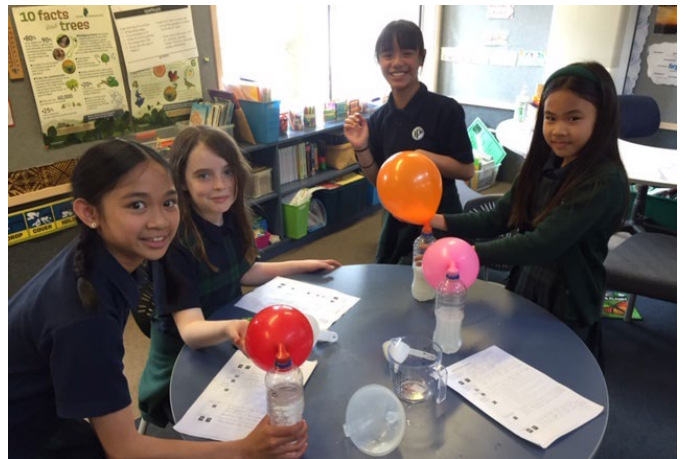
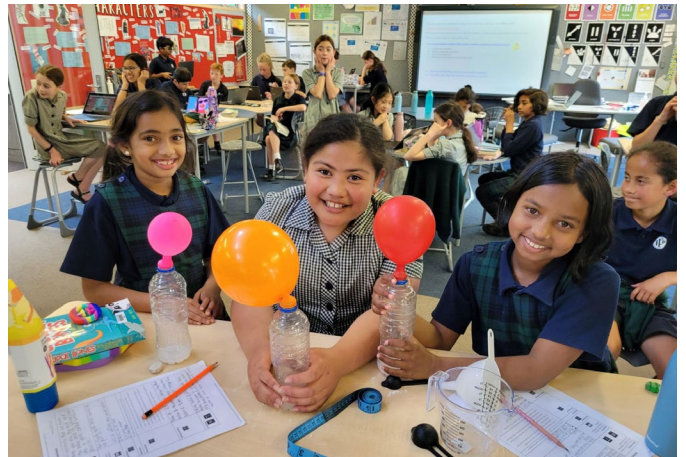


# POHUTUKAWA

Our Learning Week 4, Term 4

## Science

The children have completed the last of their experiments relating to our topic on chemical reactions. They had a lot of fun planning and using their science skills of observation, measuring and inferring to help them predict which balloon would inflate the most. They look forward to sharing their results with their whānau this week.



## Keeping Ourselves Safe

Our health focus this term in the Pohutukawa area is about learning how to keep ourselves safe. We have been following the personal safety programme developed by the NZ Police and Education services. The children have been learning strategies to help them identify when a situation is not safe, who to ask and how to ask for help if they, or someone they know is feeling unsafe. We have encouraged the children to talk with their families about making and following personal, family and school safety rules.





# RATA

Our Learning Week 4, Term 4

## Force, Flight and Motion

In Science, Rata area is learning about the physical world, specifically force, flight, and motion. By making a balloon popper out of a paper cup, a deflated balloon and a small paper cannon ball, we demonstrated Newton's third law of motion, which states that for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction. We launched the paper cannon ball five times, measured the distance and graphed the results.



*I discovered that we used force to propel the paper ball out of the cup. We accomplished this by pulling on the balloon that was covering the bottom of the cup. I thought it was a fun experiment that could be used for a variety of purposes. Many other people would enjoy making this as well. - Rishka, Y8*



*We cut a hole in a balloon and stretched it over a paper cup. Then we crumpled a sheet of paper and wrapped it with tape. It was a fun experiment to measure distance and find out how forces work. -Jia Li, Y7*



# SCHOOL SPORT

## Athletics Year 4 to 8

At our school event the following students were successful in meeting the required standards for the SW Zone Sport.

*Year 8 - Ellie, Niamh, Riley, Zephna, Maya and Amelia*

*Year 7 - Milana, Caprie, Jada, Kayla, Caitlyn, Gabbi, Rosabelle and Amber*

*Year 6 - Rylee, Kaiser, Samuel McG, Jacob, Boston, James, Connor, Charlie, Nadia, Olive, Isla C, Roma, Katherine, Emily and Matilda.*

*Year 5 - Ellie C, Ella S, Harper, Jessica, Ruby T, Lotte, Ella C, Sianne, Chido, Peyton, Indie C, Ruby J, Charlotte, Gerrard, CJ, DeAndrei, Callum, Hudson, Reide and Jayden.*

*Year 4 - John, Paul, Billy, Declan, Carter, Noah, Reagan, Harleigh, Sara, Gabrielle, Mila, Ivory, Mia, Sophie, Aastha and McKenzie.*

These students will take part in a variety of events such as Sprints, 800m (Yr 5, 6), 1500m (Yr 7, 8), High Jump, Long Jump, Quoit or Discus (Yr 7, 8), Vortex and Shotput (Year 7, 8) and the day will finish with Relays.

We have yet to finalise our Long Distance representative so names are still to be added.

Those who finish in the top 4 of their events (as long as they meet the qualifying standard) will represent our Zone at the Interzone one week later and from there successful students will progress to the Regionals in Masterton the next week.

A big thank you to the parents who volunteered to help out with the school event as each activity does involve extra helpers to be successful.



## Reminders and Updates

### UNIFORM

Please check that all uniform items are clearly named. This makes it so much easier for us to reunite lost or discarded items to their grateful owners.

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos went smoothly last week. Thank you for presenting yourselves so well. Please keep an eye on your inbox for further correspondence.



# PTA NEWS

## Wine fundraiser.

As the weather is warming up – don't forget to make your order for the Summer Wine PTA fundraiser!

[Here is the link to make your Matahiwi Estate order](#) – orders close on Thursday 17 November. (Click here for PDF Order form)

The school PTA earns \$5 per bottle and with the mixed pack the bottles cannot be exchanged. Thanks for your support with this fundraiser.

If you have deliveries being shipped directly to different people, please complete a different form PER ORDER. For larger bulk or business orders, please email [pta@stpeterpaul.school.nz](mailto:pta@stpeterpaul.school.nz)

## McKenzie Pool Party

As the weather gets warmer we get closer to when the McKenzie pool in Petone opens for the summer! A fantastic event coming up for the school community and families to enjoy. Come along to McKenzie Pool on 9 December (details on the poster). No need to pre register or pay, just turn up on the day. Any questions please email [pta@stpeterpaul.school.nz](mailto:pta@stpeterpaul.school.nz)



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

