

Ss Peter and Paul School

Tuesday, 25 October 2022



Kia ora Parents and Caregivers,

A warm welcome to Term 4

I'm sure we all approach this term with a sense of excitement as the warmer weather hints of sunny times to come, as well as a little trepidation because we know how quickly these weeks pass by and how much gets packed into them!

A special welcome to the new students and their families who have joined us this term. Kowhai welcomes Luka, Ayana, Emma, Keon, Cyrus and Jastine. Dyuthi, Marielle and Mary-Grace have joined Nikau while Diya and Indie are now part of the Pohutukawa team. Rounding out the welcomes is Tayla, the newest addition to Rata. We hope you quickly settle into your new school and are very happy here.

Celebration of Learning

We welcome parents, grandparents and caregivers to join us for an open afternoon on Thursday 10 November. Come along anytime after 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. Call into the staffroom and share your thoughts with members of the Board about the future direction of our school.

End of Year Celebrations

We are very pleased to join with our parent community for our end of year celebrations this year. We did try some new ideas last year and we will be taking some aspects forward to this year. The large size of our school means we need to hold a range of events as we cannot all fit in the church. This does allow us to really focus on the

purpose and audience for each event although it does mean that parents may have one, two or even three to attend. Hopefully you are able to organise that to best suit your families. Just a little more detail on each of the events:

Graduation Ceremony - Thursday 8 December from 6-7pm in the Church. We would like all our Year 5-8 students to attend this event. Siblings/ students from other year groups are most welcome of course.

Kowhai Christmas Story - Tuesday 13 December from 5-6pm in the Church. This event is for all our Kowhai students. Siblings from other year groups are also most welcome to attend.

Rata & Nikau Christmas Variety Show - a new addition to the programme this year and a matinee event beginning at 1.45pm in the Church.

Organisation for 2023

We are starting to look at the organisation of classes for next year so would appreciate you letting the office know if your child will not be returning for 2023. Many thanks.

Building projects around the school

The site meeting last week confirmed that all projects are tracking well. We are appreciative of the efforts of the Maycroft team as they complete a variety of work in a busy school environment. I am also extremely grateful for the way our teachers and students adapt to and accommodate this work.

Kay Tester Principal

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SPECIAL CHARACTER

All Saints Day School Mass

You are all invited to join us in celebrating the Feast of All Saints on Tuesday 1st November at 9:15 in the church. We are finally able to come together as a whole school with the Kowhai children too.

Bright Colours Day Fundraiser

A big thank you for all your donations! We raised \$693.00 for the Cancer Society.

Sacramental Programme

We had our first Parent Meeting last week.

Here are the dates for the Masses and the preparation sessions which follow afterwards. If you have any queries, please contact, Kathryn van Woerkom 0276788865.

Sunday 30th October 9am Mass followed by First preparation session

Sunday 13th November 9am Mass followed by Second preparation session

Confirmation Masses 9am and 5.30pm **Sunday 20th November**

First Reconciliation March 2023

Parent Meeting **Tuesday 14 February**, 7.30pm, in the Chapel

9am Mass/session 1 **Sunday 26th February**

9am Mass/session 2/practice **Sunday 12th March**

First Reconciliation **March 26th**, at 2pm in the Church

First Communion June 2023

Parent Meeting **Tuesday 2nd May**, 7.30pm, in the Chapel

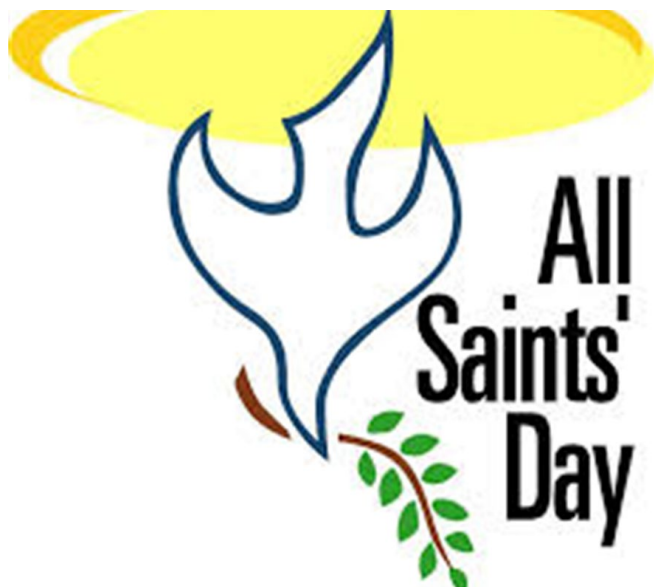
9am Mass/session 1 **Sunday 14th May**

9am Mass/session 2/practice **Sunday 28th May**

First Communion Masses 9am and 5.30pm Sunday 11th June 2023

Aurea Casino

Director of
Religious Studies





from the Presiding Member

Tēnā koutou katoa,

I trust you were able to have some quality time with your Welcome back to the last term of 2022. I hope that you and your whānau had opportunities for rest and rejuvenation during the October holidays and are ready for a fruitful final term.

The school board met in the last week of term three. It has been fantastic to welcome five new members to our school board. George Jose, Michael Valli and Karen Wong were successful in their nominations to the school board. We have also been fortunate to welcome two new proprietor's representatives, Joey Domdom and Mani Kappen.

Fr Patrick Bridgman, Rau Maxwell, Mike Eglinton, Sarah Gilmour, Kay Tester and I continue as members of the school board.

We look forward to continuing the board work this term, representing our school community.

A huge thanks to Héliène Doyle, Genevieve Greally and Mike Bignall, our school board members that stood down at the election. Their contributions were many, thoughtful and always had the good of all our learners at heart. We wish them well with their new endeavours.

Each board meeting Kay Tester, our Principal, reports on the school progress towards the annual plan. This meeting we were heartened by the ongoing energy and enthusiasm from both staff and students to keep our school's special Catholic character at the forefront of school programmes. The sacramental programme is well underway, and we look forward to our school community coming together to celebrate a school mass on All Saints Day, Nov 1st.

Honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi is another strategic goal and was a focus of this Board meeting. Our staff have secured excellent opportunities for professional learning and development in the areas of te reo and tikanga utilising the Kura Ahurea kaupapa which provides links and knowledge from a Te Ātiawa ki Te Whanganui a Tara/ Taranaki Whānui perspective. This will enable teaching staff and students to improve their confidence in using their reo and tikanga practice.

Kay also provided achievement and assessment data provided for our Y5-6 learners in science. The mean scores for our students were higher than the national averages by a considerable margin and this remained when examining differences in gender and ethnicity. It is a credit to our teaching staff that they are encouraging our students to think like scientists. There has been much work behind the scenes to ensure that science continues to be an area of ongoing professional development.

Our board has also been discussing how best we can engage with you, our whānau, in a variety of ways. With COVID restrictions being reduced, we hope that there will be more opportunities for some face to face opportunities. Next year we will be refreshing our three-year strategic plan, and as representatives of our school community we are keen to hear what your thoughts are about the strategic direction of the school. As a starting point our current [strategic plan](#) is on the school website. We continue to work within the Ministry of Education parameters of the National Education and Learning Priorities (NELPs) as well as guidelines from the Catholic School Education Service. There will be an opportunity to speak to board members face to face at the Celebration of Learning afternoon on Nov 10th, so please look out for us if you're keen to discuss. If you're not able to be present on Nov 10th and this is an area of interest for you, please email us via the school office and we will be in touch. Wishing you all an enjoyable and learning filled term 4.

**Ngā mihi nui,
Tanya**

Presiding member

Ss Peter and Paul School Board



Our Learning Week 2, Term 4

Te Awakairangi - A Sense of Belonging

Kowhai created a mural over the past term to capture all the aspects of our learning about 'Our Local Area'. Each individual piece of this mural represents a unique aspect of our learning to fully encapsulate the history of Te Awa Kairangi, the Wellington Harbour and the significant places within. The children have experienced their local area through the lens of those before us and have made a connection between the area and themselves. Each piece of this mural was created by our Kowhai children to create an in-depth depiction of our local area.

"There are important people and places in our area, Mary Dowse loved art, so the museum is named after her, we even saw her gravestone she was married to the mayor" - Lucy

"We all used different blue paper to make the river feel like it is flowing, you can't touch it's just like a museum!" – Ethan

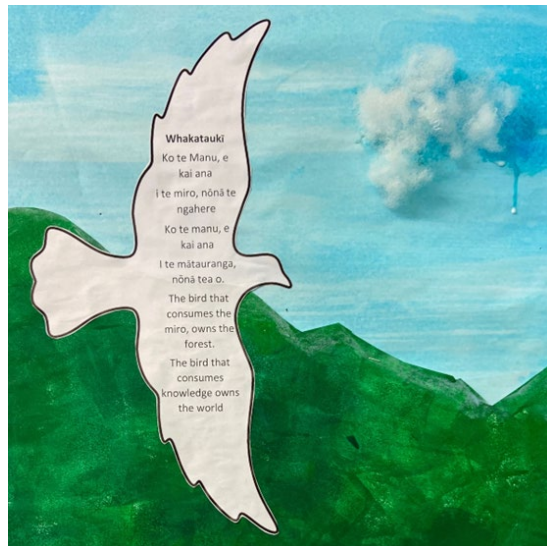
"We used sponges for the hills, crumpled up tissue paper for the river and you can even see some silver rocks!" – Cooper

"We sketched the taniwha in the Wellington harbour and then coloured it in, their names are Ngake and Whātaimai. We got some inspiration from Room 4's artwork." – Harry and Indy

"Kupe is in the Wellington harbour with his wife, she named Aotearoa 'Land of the Long White Cloud'" – Riaan and Jack

"We drew houses with all the classes in Kowhai. It was fun. We made trees and cars too for the roads! I liked it because it is colourful, but we don't touch it, we look with our eyes!" - Kaia

Please come in to enjoy the mural and ask your children about the significance of our place.



NIKAU

Our Learning Week 2, Term 4

Natural Disasters - Earthquakes

In anticipation of the NZ Shakeout next Thursday, Nikau students have been learning what causes earthquakes and how best to keep ourselves safe in the event of an earthquake. We've learnt all about the tectonic plates and tsunamis, all with a focus on what we can do if these events occur. It is important for all families to have arrangements in place and it's a great time to review your plans and discuss these with your children at home. You can access further information at the following link [NZ Get Ready](#).

"Earthquakes happen when the tectonic plates of the world rub side to side (transform), crash into each other (converge) or separate from each other (diverge). I also know that earthquakes can cause tsunamis." - Aastha

"Charles Richter invented the Richter Scale. The Richter scale tells us the strength of an earthquake, its magnitude." - Jiya

"The earth's tectonic plates are always moving but we can't feel them unless they crash, pull away from each other or bump together, because they move very slowly." - Indie



All of New Zealand is at risk of earthquakes. Knowing the right immediate action to take can prevent injury and save lives.

In an earthquake, Drop, Cover, Hold. It stops you being knocked over, makes you a smaller target for falling and flying objects, and protects your head, neck and vital organs.

- **DROP** down on your hands and knees. This protects you from falling but lets you move if you need to.
- **COVER** your head and neck (or your entire body if possible) under a sturdy table or desk (if it is within a few steps of you). Do not run outside or stand in a doorway. Many people are injured while trying to move DURING the shaking. It is safer to Drop, Cover, and Hold until the shaking is over.
- **HOLD** on to your shelter (or your position to protect your head and neck) until the shaking stops. If the shaking shifts your shelter around, move with it.

If there is no shelter near you, crawl to an inside corner of the room and cover your head and neck with your hands and arms. Do not run outside or stand in a doorway. Many people are injured while trying to move DURING the shaking. It is safer to Drop, Cover, and Hold until the shaking is over.

Make a plan today. Find out who can help you and who might need your help. Your local Civil Defence Emergency Management Group has information for your region.

Civildefence.govt.nz



POHUTUKAWA

Our Learning Week 2, Term 4

Pohutukawa Dance Performance

Thank you to everyone who attended our dance performance at the end of Term 3. We had a wonderful morning performing for you and sharing our newly acquired dance moves. If you were unable to attend the performance you still have the opportunity to view an edited version of it by clicking [here](#).

Spending two weeks learning different dance moves with our instructor Mark was challenging at first but over time we were able to learn and do the moves easily. We learnt hip-hop, chacha and jive. We didn't realise that there were so many dance techniques. Some of the steps were the Alemana turn, spot turn, basic step and New York. Performing the dance for our parents was scary but we had gained the confidence to know what we were doing and put on a great show. We feel it was a great experience and worth the time and effort.

By Francesco, Bianca and Lydia (Room 12)



Singing with Patrick

At the end of last term, we were lucky to have Patrick Shanahan come to visit our school and take the Year 5 and 6 boys for some singing sessions. We learned a song that Patrick had written himself and some other waiata that we already knew. Patrick made the sessions really fun by making us sing in silly voices while we were walking around the room, this helped our lungs and voices to get ready for singing. To celebrate our learning, we performed Ka Waiata at our school assembly. Singing in front of the school was challenging but we all felt amazing afterwards.

By Jack and Frankie (Room 15)





RATA

Our Learning Week 2, Term 4

Congratulations to Madeleine!

At the end of term 2 we encouraged our girls to submit a piece of writing into the Stylefit writing competition. Rātā Kaiako are very pleased to announce that Madeline Wilson came 4th in the year 7 & 8 category. This is no small achievement given that Stylefit received 3000 entries. Here is an excerpt from the wonderful piece of writing she submitted:

“While I soak in the atmosphere, we soar to nine-thousand feet from ground level. He whips open the roller door, Shudder-Clang! And now I am hanging off the edge of the small plane, like a banana threatening to slip out of one’s hand and plummet to the floor, then bruise, sinking beneath the cold water of Lake Wakatipu. The wind is racing past my legs, my nerves are starting to kick in, butterflies are raving inside my stomach, he bellows over the sounds of whirling wind, whipping past like a rapid river. “ONE”. Oh

no, the suspense is going to kill me.”TWO”. Maybe my fate is to tragically plunge into the depths of the vast, cold lake. “THREE”...”

Congratulations Madeleine on your well earned achievement, we are so proud of you.



SCHOOL SPORT

Term 4 Sport

This term we have students playing Touch (80 Year 0 to 8) and Netball (40 Year 0 to 4). Thanks to all parents who have volunteered to coach and manage as without their help we would not be able to participate.

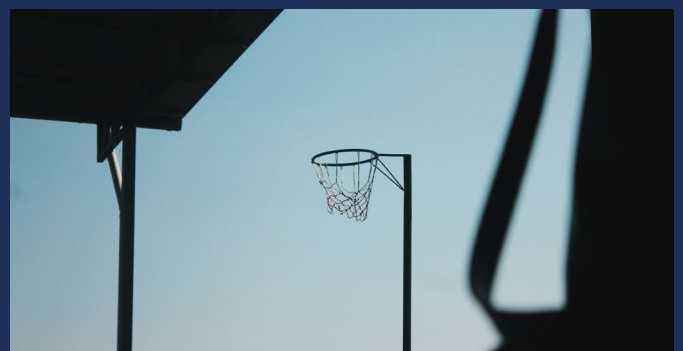
Interzone/Regional Athletics

Tomorrow, after our school Athletics, students who have qualified (met the standard required) finishing in the top 2 or 3 will be named for the Zone event on 22nd November and from there the Interzone on 29th. The Regionals for those who qualify from the

Interzone will be held on December 6th.

Apology RE Swimming

Sorry to Renny Collins who was missed from our Interzone placings last term. She finished 2nd in the Year 7 Breaststroke.



Reminders and Updates



School Photos November 2022

This year photographs will be available for you to view and order OnLine with PhotoLife Studios.

In a few weeks, you will receive an email from Photolife Studios with your unique Access Key. This Access Key will display all the photographs of your child. It is then an easy process for you to shop on-line and purchase the photographs you want.

If you place your order within two weeks of receiving your Access Key you will receive free delivery for your photo orders. PhotoLife has agreed to despatch all the orders back to school and your child will bring their photographs home.

Any orders placed after this two-week period will be sent directly to your specified delivery address and will incur a \$6.00 Postage & Packing charge. You will see this message when you go Online to view and order your photographs.

The school photos will be taken on the below days:

1. Wednesday 2 November - Individual Photos
2. Friday 4 November - Classroom Photos

Please make sure your child is wearing their correct school uniform. Thank you.

UNIFORM

All students must now be wearing sun hats in term 4. These can be purchased from the uniform shop or the school office.

Slouch hat (yr 1-4) \$12

Cap (yr 5-8) \$10

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'.

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PTA NEWS

School holidays movie fundraiser

What a brilliant event held at the Lighthouse, Petone during the school holidays. Thanks to Rewa (PTA Committee) and the amazing help on the day from parents and family members. A group (62 attendees) of very happy children including Stella Masoe, Flynn Mahoney and Martha Rose Imray.

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



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

