



# RATA

# **Welcome!**

**Room 18 – Mrs Freya Coote  
(Syndicate Leader)**

**Room 17 – Mrs Ivy Abella**

**Room 19 – Mrs Laura Rose**

**& Miss Victoria McHalick  
(Syndicate Release)**

# Mrs Coote - Room 18

**Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.**

**Ko te Ruapehu maunga e rū nei taku ngākau**

***Mt Ruapehu is the mountain that speaks to my heart***

**Ko Te Whanganui a tara te moana o mahea nei aku māharahara**

***Wellington harbour is the sea that alleviates my worries***

**Nō Ireland and Scotland ōku tīpuna**

***My ancestors are from Ireland and Scotland***

**I tipu ake au ki te awa kairangi**

***I grew up in Lower Hutt***

**Ka mihi hoki au ki ngā tohu o te rohe nei**

***I acknowledge the important landmarks of this area***

**Ko tēnei taku mihi ki ngā tāngata whenua o te rohe nei**

***I acknowledge the indigenous people of this area***

***Ko Freya Coote tōku ingoa***

**Nō reira tēnā koutou katoa**

***Greetings to you all***



# Mrs Abella - Room 17



**Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.**

**Ko te Samat maunga e rū nei taku ngākau.**

***Mt Samat is the mountain that speaks to my heart.***

**Ko Te Whanganui a tara te moana o mahea nei aku māharahara.**

***Wellington harbour is the sea that alleviates my worries.***

**Nō Philippines ōku tīpuna.**

***My ancestors are from the Philippines.***

**I tipu ake au ki Bataan.**

***I grew up in Bataan.***

**Ka mihi hoki au ki ngā tohu o te rohe nei.**

***I acknowledge the important landmarks of this area.***

**Ko tēnei taku mihi ki ngā tāngata whenua o te rohe nei.**

***I acknowledge the indigenous people of this area.***

***Ko Dr Ivy Abella tōku ingoa***

**Nō reira tēnā koutou katoa.**

***Greetings to you all.***

# Mrs Rose - Room 19



**Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.**

Ko te Eastbourne puke e rū nei taku ngākau.

*The Eastbourne hill is the hill that speaks to my heart.*

Ko Te Whanganui a tara te moana o mahea nei aku māharahara.

*Wellington harbour is the sea that alleviates my worries.*

Nō Ingarangi, Aerana ōku tīpuna.

*My ancestors are from England and Ireland.*

I tipu ake au ki Kent.

*I grew up in Kent.*

Ka mihi hoki au ki ngā tohu o te rohe nei.

*I acknowledge the important landmarks of this area.*

Ko tēnei taku mihi ki ngā tāngata whenua o te rohe nei.

*I acknowledge the indigenous people of this area.*

Ko Laura Rose tōku ingoa.

*My name is Laura Rose.*

Nō reira tēnā koutou katoa.

*This my greeting to you all.*

Kia ora Parents & Caregivers,

We have had a fantastic start to 2023 in rooms 17, 18 & 19. It has been wonderful to meet new students and to see everyone making new friends and working so well together. Thank you for your support in helping your daughter to be at school on time and prepared for learning.

### ***Our Vision***

***“To nurture independent and collaborative learners who are creative, critical and caring in their thinking, strengthened by their Catholic Identity.”***

In Rata area we believe in providing a safe, challenging and enjoyable learning environment for our students. As our students grow we encourage them to become more self driven and aware of their strengths and needs as learners.

Please read through the following presentation to familiarise yourself with our expectations and how our Area works.



# School Values

At the heart of our school lies our values of AROHA, STEWARDSHIP, JOY & FAITH. These values guide us in the classroom, playground and as we live our special catholic character. Students are encouraged to reflect on how they can live our values and how they enable us to make the most of our opportunities.



# 2023

2023 is set to be a fantastic year and this goes along with our return to a more 'normal' school experience for students.

The past three years have been both irregular and challenging for our students and as we embrace whole school events and learning activities that we could not enjoy during recent years, we look forward to fostering in students a renewed sense of fun at school and a strong work ethic.

We particularly look forward to tamariki being able to take full advantage of leadership opportunities as senior students in our school.

# Universal Concept

The Universal Concept across Ss Peter & Paul School for 2023 is **POWER**. This concept will be threaded through our learning across curriculum areas and throughout the year.

**POWER** and the use of the **Depth & Complexity** thinking tools are combined so that students can enhance and extend their learning in Rata this year.



# Term 1 Curriculum

## Religious Education

This term, we're learning about God as the almighty and powerful Father who wants his people to grow in virtue and recognise that his desire for all is happiness and the fullness of life on earth.

## Mathematics

We begin the term with a focus on decimal place value, basic facts and word problems. Our aim at the start of the year is set up a fun and challenging math learning environment where students are comfortable to make mistakes and develop perseverance when a task requires more than one attempt.

## **Literacy**

We begin our writing in 2023 with a unit of work on poetry. This will be followed by information reports and explanations which will be linked to our science learning.

## **Social Science & Science**

We have begun the term with Aotearoa New Zealand Histories. Specifically a focus on Te Tiriti o Waitangi and how it has shaped the evolution of Aotearoa. We are exploring how different groups have been impacted by Te Tiriti and how perspectives have changed over time.

## **Physical Education**

We run a daily fitness programme and will have a sports and swimming focus this term.

## Health

This term we are working on building relationships, communication and cooperation skills and teamwork. We are also thinking about what personal habits and decisions are conducive to learning and growth.

## Technology

Our year 7 & 8 students are enjoying technology learning at Avalon Intermediate school. All students have a school gmail account and we are setting up clear expectations around safe and appropriate use of devices at school.

## Art

Students are completing visual Pepeha to be shared with whanau later in the term. Year 6 students are participating in the art, dance, drama and music rotation with Pohutukawa on Friday afternoons.

# In Rata ...

**We encourage students to join in, have a go and take responsibility in being organised for their day.**

- **PE Uniform** (Required daily Monday - Thursday)
- **Electronic devices** – phones/smart watches to be handed in every morning
- **Leadership Opportunities** - Christian Service, House leaders, Cultural Leaders, Road Patrol & Librarians.
- **Extra Opportunities** - Choir, Sports Teams, Tournaments, STEM Challenge, Kapa haka, Camp, Production, Technology at Avalon Intermediate School.

# General Information

- **Sharing of Learning**

Throughout the year illustrations of your child's classwork and learning will be shared. These include some assessment by both teacher and student. Our aim is to provide an authentic context and audience for students and give parents a window into their child's progress and needs. Some of this learning will be shared via the SEESAW app. Information on how to join your child's account will be shared with you soon.

- **Learning Conferences**

At the end of terms 1, 2 & 3 whanau will be invited to book and attend learning conferences with their child and their child's teacher. These are an opportunity to share assessment results, share learning illustrations and discuss your child's interests, goals and learning. We look forward to seeing you all there!

# General Information

- **Behaviour Management**

At Ss Peter & Paul School we have a strong and consistent behaviour management plan. We believe in a restorative practice approach. This encourages students to explore any issues that may arise at school in the classroom or playground, take responsibility for their own actions and then repair any harm. We look to empower students with strategies and tools to help them moving forward. We ask that you please encourage your child to let their classroom teacher or a duty teacher know if they have any issues in the class or playground. This enables us to help out in a timely manner.



# What's happening this term?

- **Assessment** (Math, Basic Facts, Reading, Writing & Spelling) The results of these assessments will be shared via learning conferences in weeks 9 & 10.
- **Learning conferences** will be held on Thursday of Week 9 and Tuesday of Week 10.
- **Swimming lessons** are in weeks 7 & 8. Students will need their togs, towels and goggles with them for every swimming day. A raincoat in case of bad weather, along with a hearty lunch is also a good idea.
- **Ash Wednesday Liturgy**, 9:30am, 22 February 2023 in Ss Peter & Paul Church. We would love parents and whanau to join us for this occasion.
- **School Assembly**, Friday 3 March 9.30am in the Church. Parents and whanau are most welcome to attend.

# Social Media

- In recent years this has been a consistent trap for some of our students causing social and self esteem issues.
- Young people this age often need support with managing social media.
- Children do not always understand the long term implications and the permanence of photos, videos and messages that are on the internet. It is easier for them to cross lines in their behaviours when dealing with others online that they would not dream of crossing in person.
- Issues/conflicts that arise from social media activity occur outside of school hours on private social media accounts. When they do spill over into school we then need to try and deal with the fallout, which is no easy task. It takes many hours or days of staff time, and, it pulls us away from our core job of teaching.

It is helpful to monitor your child's use of social media and spend time discussing their responsibilities when using these platforms. For further support and specialist advice for parents you may find the following links helpful:

[Netsafe Parenting Advice](#)

[A recent interview between Jessie Mulligan \(RNZ\) and pediatrician Michael Rich](#)

[Digital Wellness Guide for Parents & Families](#)

## Uniform Expectations

*We appreciate your support in maintaining our uniform standards at Ss Peter & Paul School. For specific details around uniform expectations please see the [school website](#) for guidelines.*

# Making contact



- ✓ Appointments/phone calls - request through the office [admin@stpeterpaul.school.nz](mailto:admin@stpeterpaul.school.nz)
- ✓ When the notice arrives home please connect to your daughters SeeSaw account so you can see what we are learning about in class.

- Your support is valued and much appreciated.
- If you have any further questions about your daughters' classroom programmes please contact your daughters' teacher.
- We look forward to meeting you all later in the term at our learning conferences.

# Thank you !

