Ss Peter and Paul School

Tuesday, 21 March 2023

OUR WEBSITE

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Kia ora Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome

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Learning conferences

Our teachers are looking forward to catching up with you again on Thursday 30 March or Tuesday 4 April to share with you the student's learning journey so far this year. The face-to-face meeting is the preferred option but a phone conversation can be possible for you, please ring the office team who will book an on-line time that works best with the teacher's conference schedule.

The on-line booking system is now open and will remain up until 4pm on Monday 27 March. Please go to https://www.schoolbookings.co.nz

Select Make a Booking and enter the code wh248

Should you miss the cut-off, you are still more welcome to book a face-to-face conference with us for you from any remaining time slots. Unless in exceptional circumstances, we ask parents to work together before making a booking, so that teachers have only one learning conference for each of their students.

Assessment to improve learning

We use three-way conferencing at the end of terms one, two and three as a mode to present you with clear, comprehensive assessment information. The term 'three-way' is used to explain that students, parents and teachers are all involved in the conference. We believe that these sessions are the most important students and parents to talk to each other about learning and assessment. Although what this looks like for a 5-year old is different from an older student in Year 6, the purpose is the same – to make learning more assessment capable; understanding where they are in their learning and where they need to improve. An important outcome from the conferences is that parents are able to talk easily about assessment with their children and the next steps in their learning that is being shared.

An opportunity to engage

With so many parents coming on site over the next two weeks, it is an opportune time to take advantage opportunity for our community to provide input into direction of the school. A desk will be set up in the vestibule of the Annex along with some hard copy forms for you to respond to some questions about what we do well as a school and what we want our future plans to reflect our community identities, aspirations and needs so please share your thoughts with us.

The Office Team

It is probably quite confusing for some parents to see Teresa in the school office and then again running and corresponding about the school uniform shop. Please note that these are two very separate roles.

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Kia Tapa'u Tapa'u, Principal

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SPECIAL CHARACTER

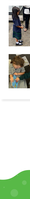
Commissioning Mass

Last week it was lovely to attend the Commissioning Mass as a staff. This is an annual Mass where we as a Catholic schools come together and are recognised and blessed by the Arch Bishop for our role in school.

Thank you to everyone in our staff who received a certificate for successfully completing Religious Education Professional Development.

Ngā mihi mahana,

Aurea Casino
Director of Religious Studies



Dear Parents/Whanau

Here's a lovely response from Anne-Marie Parker, Catholic Caring Foundation Manager, to our fundraising efforts.

Dear Kay and the wonderful students of St Peter and Paul primary,

Thank you so much for your generous support of Bishop Steve's Cyclone Relief Appeal through the Patmanda Family Foundation.

We've all seen the devastation that Cyclone Gabrielle has wrecked across the North Island.

Lives have been lost, livelihoods ruined, homes destroyed, and communities are still reeling from the devastation.

But thanks to wonderfully compassionate donors like you, from all over New Zealand and the globe, your donations are already helping people and communities affected by Cyclone Gabrielle in the Hawkes Bay region and Gisborne/Tairāwhiti.

Cyclone Gabrielle is the second most destructive storm in the history of New Zealand, and the most destructive storm in Hawke's Bay history. The psychological impact that this is having on even the most resilient

Thank you for helping our sisters and brothers in such challenging times throughout the dioceses of Palmerston North and Hamilton.

We look forward to sending you more updates on where your donation has made a difference.

Any questions please email me at drs@stpetrpaul.school.nz

KOWHAI

The Power of Learning

We had a great time celebrating our learning with our families. We showed power in many different ways and we were able to include our grown ups too! Thank you to everyone that came. We hope you enjoyed the power of movement, storytelling, pictures, music and much, much more!

I told my Mummy and Daddy the story of Tane! He had a lot of power! **Athena**

"I showed my Mum the Poutama and the mural She didn't know what it would be like but when she saw it she said "WOW!" That shows the power of our work **Peyton**

"I built a skyscraper and showed it because we had to show our power. It was good and had power. Mum had fun!" **Henry**

NIKAU

Amazing Artwork

We are thrilled to share with you some of the amazing artwork pieces Nikau students have been creating in class. Specifically, we wanted to highlight our self-portrait pieces that showcase their understanding and use of shading, blending, and layering techniques.

The self-portrait topic challenged your children to observe their own features and pay close attention to the details of their facial features and unique characteristics. They were encouraged to experiment with different shading techniques to add depth and dimension to their portraits. This included using light and dark colours to create highlights and shadows, as well as blending to create a smooth transition between these colours.

Layering was another technique that your children were introduced to in this project. They were encouraged to build up their drawings by adding layers of colour, starting with a light base layer and gradually building up darker tones. This helped to create a more realistic and lifelike representation of their features.

Their use of shading, blending, and layering techniques added an impressive level of depth and realism to their portraits.

"I am proud of how I blended 2 colours together to make the skin colour match mine in real life." **Luke**

"I am proud of the black letters I did on my self-portrait." **Abby**

"I am proud of how carefully I coloured in my face." **Hannah**

POHUTUKAWA

As Te Reo Maori

Students in Rooms 13 and 14 have explored the meaning of their Te Reo Māori names. Ko wai mania whenua of Tāma-te-wānanga. They wrote poems that captured an aspect of Tāma's journey to collect the three baskets of knowledge. Their wonderful poems are now on display in the Pohutukawa shared area and you are more than welcome to come and read them

RATA

We had so much fun at the blue light soccer tournament. It was great to be an opportunity for all of us, interacting and socializing with other schools and meeting new people. We learned lots of new things from our amazing parent coaches who put their time and effort into helping us. It was a wonderful experience for each and everyone of us. Big thanks to Warren Wong, team 1, Martina Burt, team 2 and Mari Crighton, team 3. All 3 teams worked extremely hard and team 1 made the semi finals. Great effort girls!

LIBRARY

Thank you to the students who have volunteered to be school librarians this year:

Alessandra Sung, Francesca Ortega, Shania Nocomha, Caelyn Alcedo, Daisy O'Dea, Maria Bautista, Kaya Wong, Brooke Crighton, Jade Ocampo, Ethan Ocampo, Ella Ocampo, Ethan Ocampo, Ethan Ocampo, Isabel Cabacha, Sofia Bautista, Maya Wong, Nina Nocomha, Chiamaka Cowley, Aleisha De Leon, Zach Collins, Milena Burt, Renie Wilson, Liam Cooper and Jessica Alex

Under the supervision of a staff member, these students manage summer reading challenges, issue students first books, reading to younger students, issuing and returning books, and helping to tidy the library. Help is a wonderful opportunity for students to develop their leadership skills and work collaboratively with others.

SPORT NEWS

Netball

Year 1 to 4 are busy with their season and we have Year 3 & 4 teams on Wednesday 22 March to send our teams.

As well we are assessing our Year 5 & 6 students who have registered and looking to have these teams finalised very soon.

Water Polo

Congratulations and being gathered for Year 3 & what have a limited 6 weeks season in Term 1.

There will be a limited season for Year 5, 6 in Term 2.

IMPORTANT

REMINDERS AND UPDATES

School Parent Portal

Most this Parent Portal has been a hive of activity since our place in the old newsletter. It has been lovely to receive feedback on the portal from many of you. For families who are new to our school the Parent Portal provides you with quick and easy to:

- your child's contact details – click on the Student Information tab. Please advise the school office if there are any changes to be made.
- your child's attendance – click on attendance (the statement is view your current balance)
- a school policies, procedures (under the Documents tab)
- view your child's attendance to the year to date (click on report at attendance then scroll down to view)
- be able to report an absence

How to access this ...

Please enter your app store for your phone, either Google Play or the App Store and download the app called Whānau Mobile or to login via the internet go to https://parent.whanau.app/ ... you will then be able to use the username and password that you have received from the school office to download your child. If you have not received your user id and password please contact the Kaiarahi Kaimātaiaho school to have your login details sent to you.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Teresa in Lisa in the school office.

Uniform Items loaned from the School Office

If your child has borrowed or been given any uniform items from our school office, please ensure that it is washed and returned to us as soon as possible, as we are also gathering very low. Thank you.

ViaTab

Please remember, if you are running late and have requested this through the website or telephone, your child will still need to sign in (on the tablet) at the office and take a pass card before going to their classroom.

Basketball

(includes Mindbal and Uniball)

Registrations have closed so teams will be notified by next week. Unfortunately the way the registrations work with Mindbal and Uniball, we have no control over how many teams the clubs create and this has led to many girls with Year 5 & 6 who have been placed in the A Grade. Other teams may be similarly affected.

A message from the Archdiocese of Wellington Attendance Dues Team

The 2023 statements have been sent by email to all accounts that have an outstanding balance.
If you do not receive your statement by 15 March 2023 and believe you have an outstanding balance, please contact our office on 0800 462 725 or email dues@aow.catholic.org.nz. Statements will be posted to accounts without an email address.
Please check the file statement has sent prior to your Spam/Junk inbox and that all your children are listed on the statement.
Payment is due in full by 31st May 2023 unless you have a regular weekly, fortnightly or monthly payment to clear by the end of the school term (November 2023). Payment can be made by Internet banking or pay online using a credit/debit card.
Financial assistance is available to families experiencing financial hardship. Please contact your school to apply.
If you have any questions, please contact us:
Phone: 0800 462 725 Email: dues@aow.catholic.org.nz Text: 021 0890 7902
www.wo.catholic.nz/a-collaborative-e-dues

PTA News

Delivery Date Before and After Easter Sunday
Supporting the Heavenly Suns PTA fundraiser

Selling a selection of hot cross buns, gluten free chocolate and biscuits this year.

Orders to be received by Friday 31st March for delivery before and after Easter Sunday.

Each Heavenly Bun order receives one free Bake coupon and order and sign up into a DRAW to win a $100 cake voucher.

Bake coupons are valid for one month from purchase.

Kia ora school community,

A reminder to order the delicious hot cross buns, biscuits and hot chocolate. Thanks to Silvermeam Bakery and Gozzo Cioccolato for our support with our PTA fundraiser.

Orders will close at 12pm (midday) Friday the 31st of March. Link to order form:

https://forms.gle/ecqFZ3cLkqxrvfR58

A call out for PAPER BAGS to deliver the orders in. If you have any spare paper bags can you please drop them into the school office - thank you.

Please feel free to gather orders from friends and whanau - just make sure they're ordered under your child's name :)

Thanks for your support

PTA Committee

Have you joined the PTA Facebook Group? Lots of information, reminders, discussions, fundraisers, events!

Next Committee meeting

A reminder the next PTA Committee meeting is on Wednesday 29 March at Crooked Elm. Everyone welcome!