

Ss Peter and Paul School

Tuesday, 30 May 2023



Kia ora, Tālofa lava Parents and Caregivers,

This week is **Valiso o le Gagana Samoa** - Samoan Language Week.

The theme for 2023 is 'Mitamita i tau gagana, mau'a iou fa'asinomaga' which means 'Be proud of your language and grounded in your identity'. This year's theme focuses on the importance of the Samoan language and identity.

School Assembly

We look forward to our mid-term assembly on Friday which will include a celebration of Samoan Language week. Our Samoan students are most welcome to wear traditional clothing on this day.

There will be a full programme of sharing from across the school as well as a guest appearance from Sacred Heart students with a Samoan Siva and a barbershop quartet item. Parents and family members are most welcome to join us in the Church for a 9:30am start.

Welcome

A very warm welcome to our new students and families who have joined us since our last newsletter. **Kōwhai** welcomes Zane and **Nikau** welcomes Gianna and Rossie. We hope you have all enjoyed your start to school and feel very much at home here.

Structured Literacy Session

Many thanks to the Kōwhai parents and grandparents who attended Elaine's session on structured literacy last Thursday.

It was fantastic to see you all there. This very important topic, the theory and practice of teaching children to read and write, is one we know our parent community is very interested in. In particular, how home and school can support one another to ensure children are set up for a lifelong love of reading and success in literacy.

The questions and discussion at the session provided us with clarity on where we need to go next. The focus for this initial session was the first

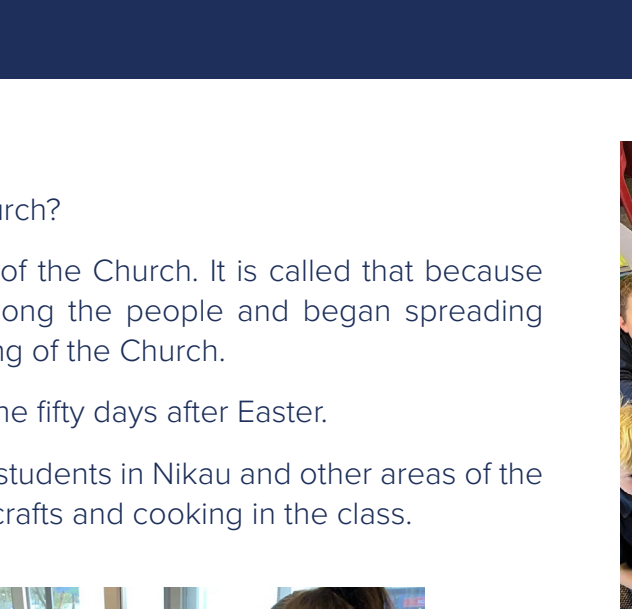
two years of school and we would like to continue building on these ideas.

If you are a parent of an older child and have questions on the teaching of reading and writing then please email Elaine at deputyprincipal@steterpaulschool.nz as this will help shape the content of our next information session.

House Games

Many thanks to our House Leaders for their wonderful contributions to our House Games last week. It was great to see the tuakana-teina relationships in action. This concept comes from te ao Māori and refers to the relationship between an older (tuakana) person and a younger (teina) one.

We know that fostering a culture of well-being is greatly enhanced with the development of warm and trusting relationships between older and younger students. If you would like to know more about the School Houses you can [click here](#) to read the information on our website.



Kay Tester Principal

OUR WEBSITE

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Friday 2 June
Whole School Assembly - all whānau welcome (9:30am)

Monday 5 June
King's Birthday - School closed



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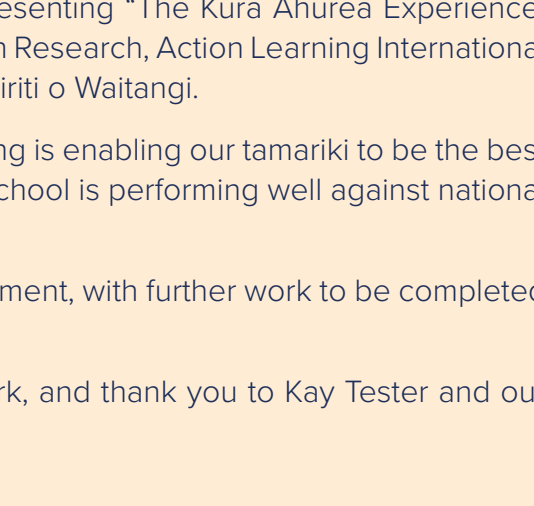
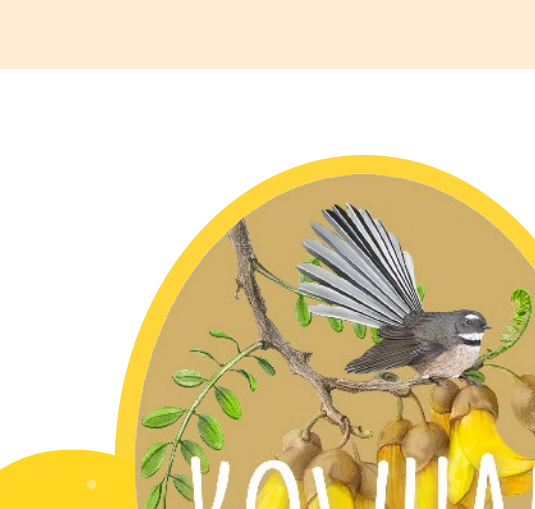
Pentecost

Why is Pentecost called the birthday of the church?

Pentecost is often referred to as the birthday of the Church. It is called that because Pentecost is when the apostles went out among the people and began spreading Jesus' message, thus establishing the beginning of the Church.

The word Pentecost means fifty and refers to the fifty days after Easter.

Pentecost was one of the focus stories for our students in Nikau and other areas of the school. They did fun activities such as art and crafts and cooking in the class.



"We made Pentecost cupcakes for the Church's birthday. It was really to make them." **Kiole**

"I think the Holy Spirit was with us and helping us. We worked together and had fun making cupcakes to celebrate Church's birthday." **Renata**

"Our Pentecost cupcakes were super good and I enjoyed making them. Happy birthday Church!" **Lara**

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

Kia ora Ss Peter and Paul School Community,

As your board, we are excited to get back to a regular series of newsletter updates after each board meeting.

In our recent meeting our wonderful principal, Kay Tester, provided us with an overview of achievements towards our strategic goals. Of particular highlight for me, was hearing that our very own Dr Ivy Abella was presenting "The Kura Ahurea Experience: Developing a Whole School Approach to Te Reo Māori Teaching and Learning" at the Action Research, Action Learning International Congress. It is incredible to be able to showcase how our school ensures we honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

Another highlight, which I'm sure will resonate, was to see how well our approach to learning is enabling our tamariki to be the best they can be. Looking at the data for junior (Years 4-6) and senior (Years 7-8) science, our school is performing well against national averages on the whole, across gender segments and across our cultural segments.

Lastly, we engaged in some robust discussions about our approach to community engagement, with further work to be completed in confirming our approach.

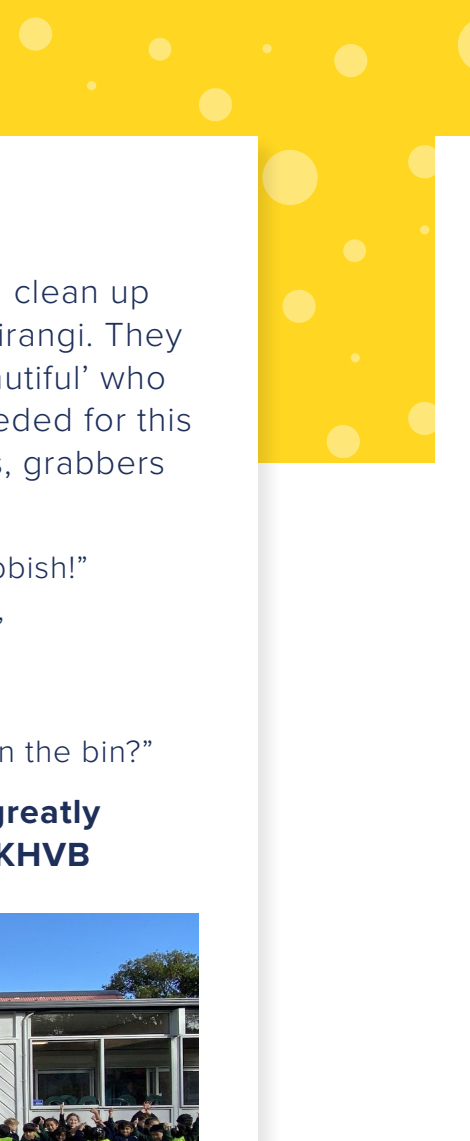
I want to say thank you to the Board for their contributions and time engaging in this work, and thank you to Kay Tester and our teaching staff, who are doing incredible work enabling our Tamariki to succeed.

Ngā mihi

Michael Valli

Presiding Member

Ss Peter and Paul School Board



Kōwhai Taking Action

The students of Kōwhai undertook a clean up along the Hutt riverbank, Te Awa Kairangi. They had help from 'Keep Hutt Valley Beautiful' who providing us with the equipment needed for this clean up such as gloves, hi vis vests, grabbers and reusable bin bags.

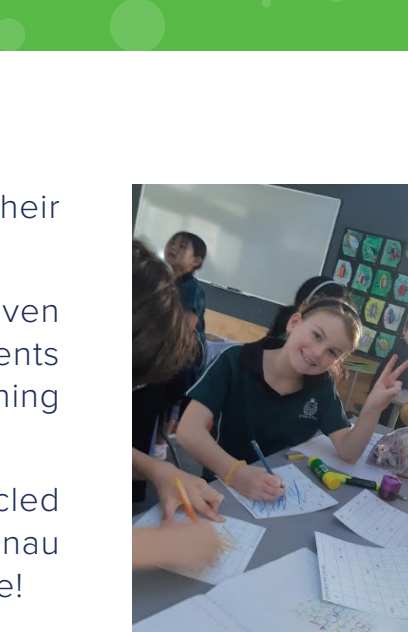
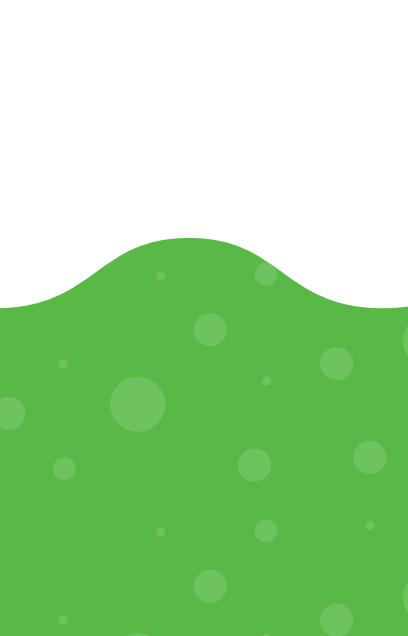
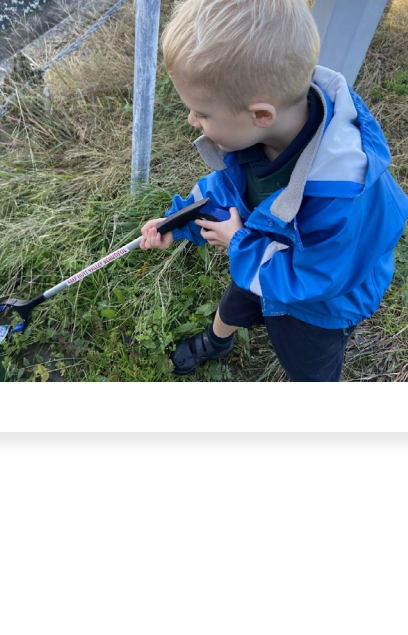
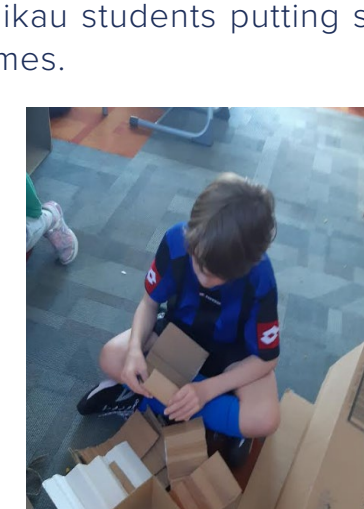
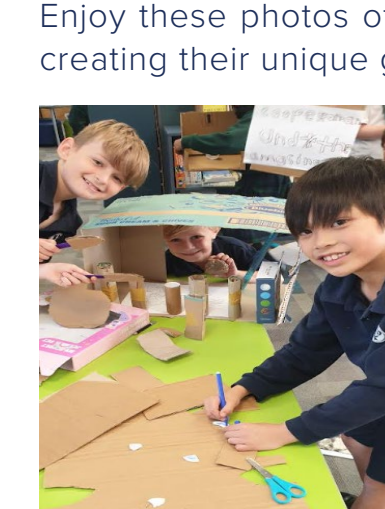
"Everyone should pick up their own rubbish!"

"We might have to do this every week!"

"We had to clean up the streets too!"

"Why is it bin day but the rubbish isn't in the bin?"

"Well done Kōwhai, your effort is greatly appreciated by the community!" - KHVB



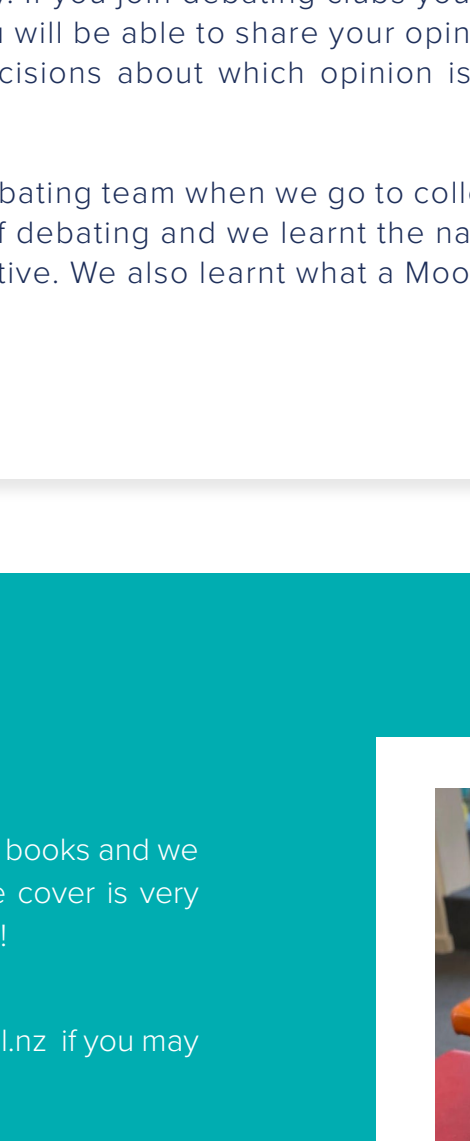
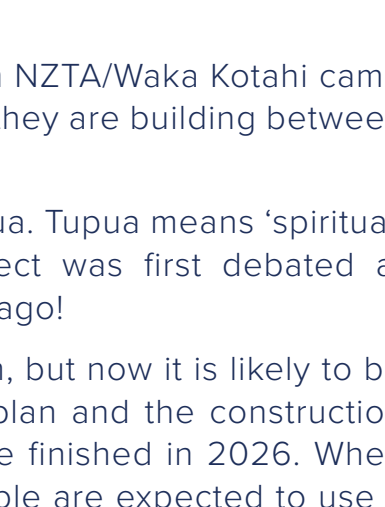
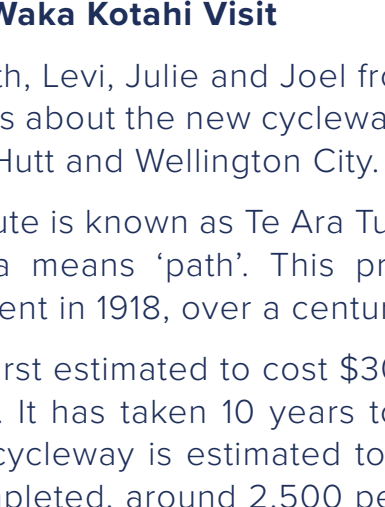
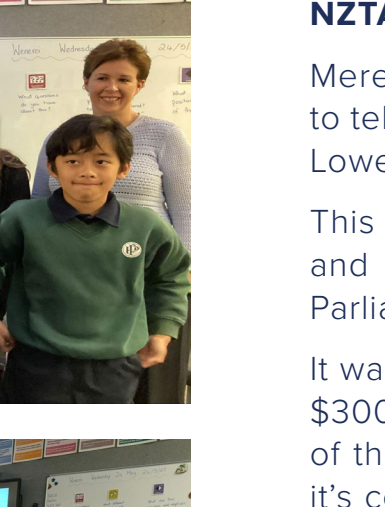
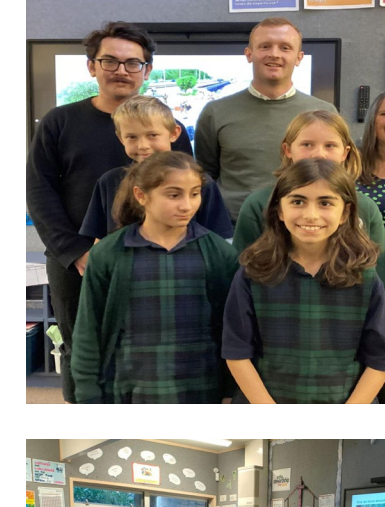
Gala Games!

This week Nikau students have been working really hard on creating their own gala-style games.

This has been part of our Technology unit, in which students were given the focus of designing some fun games to share when we host our parents and friends this Friday from 11am (10:30am if you would like some morning tea).

Students have been using cardboard boxes, would tubes and other recycled materials to create their masterpieces. We love to have our whānau there so feel free to come along and challenge our students to a game!

Enjoy these photos of Nikau students putting some elbow grease in and creating their unique games.



Hutt Science STEM Challenge

Two teams from Pohutukawa Area and one team from Room 17 competed in the Primary section of the Hutt Science STEM Challenge on Wednesday 17 May.

There were 51 teams from schools throughout the Hutt Valley completing a variety of science, maths and technology quizzes as well as practical challenges. They had a great time and enjoyed the challenges.

"I learnt lots of interesting facts about STEM." **Aastha**

"It was great to meet kids from other schools." **Ryan T**

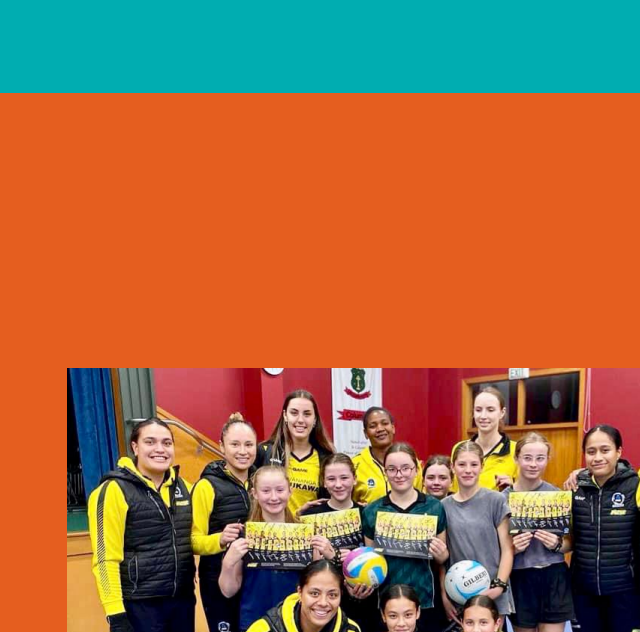
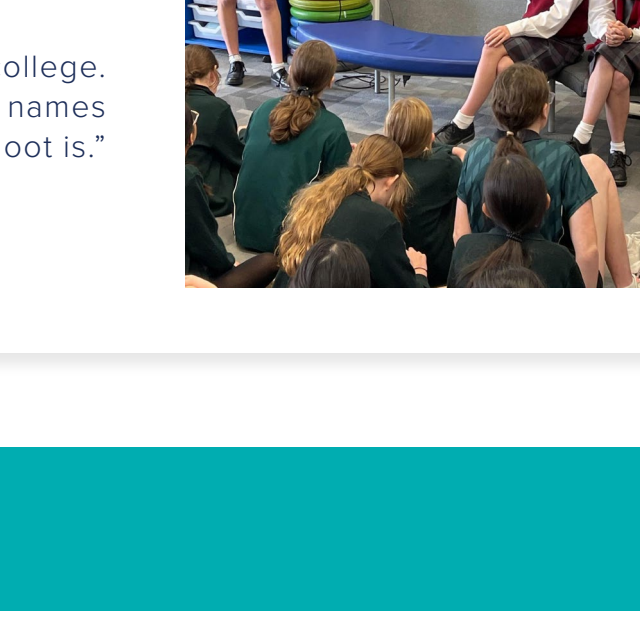
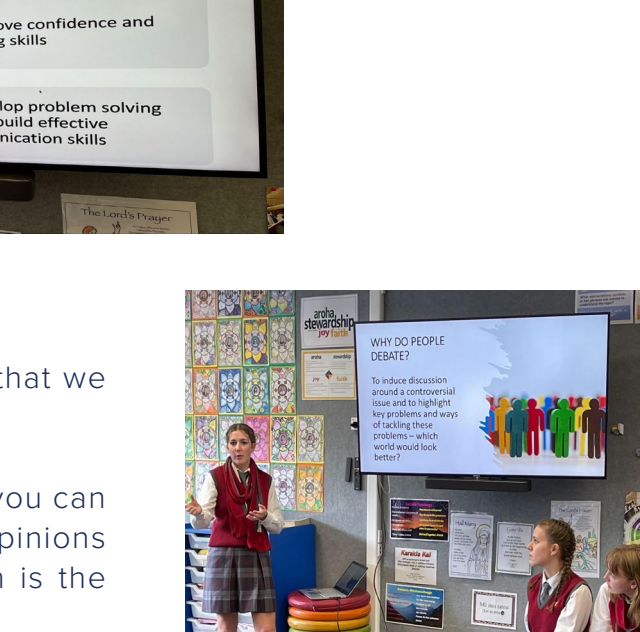
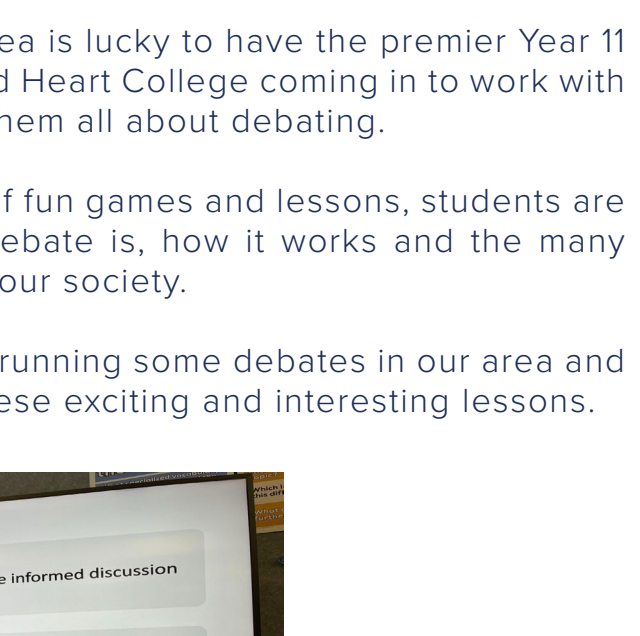
"I really enjoyed the engineering task because we could use a variety of materials." **Grant**

"I really enjoyed the practical challenge where we had to make a rocking chair from everyday items." **Theo**

"It was challenging but fun at the same time." **Jiya**

"I enjoyed the practical challenge of having to make a rocking chair." **Emme**

"I liked the opportunity to expand my knowledge." **Ryan F**



NZTA/Waka Kotahi Visit

Meredita, Levi, Julie and Joel from NZTA/Waka Kotahi came to tell us about the new cycleway they are building between Lower Hutt and Wellington City.

This route is known as Te Ara Tupua. Tupua means 'spiritual' and ara means 'path'. This project was first debated at Wellington in 1918, over a century ago!

It was first estimated to cost \$30m, but now it is likely to be \$300m. It has taken 100 years to plan and the construction of the cycleway is estimated to be finished in 2026. When it's completed, around 2,500 people are expected to use it each day by 2030.

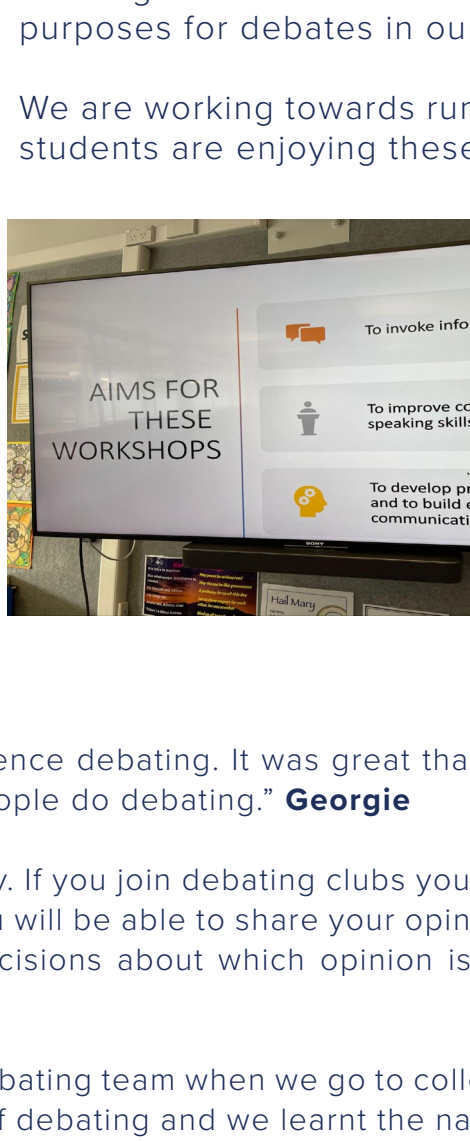
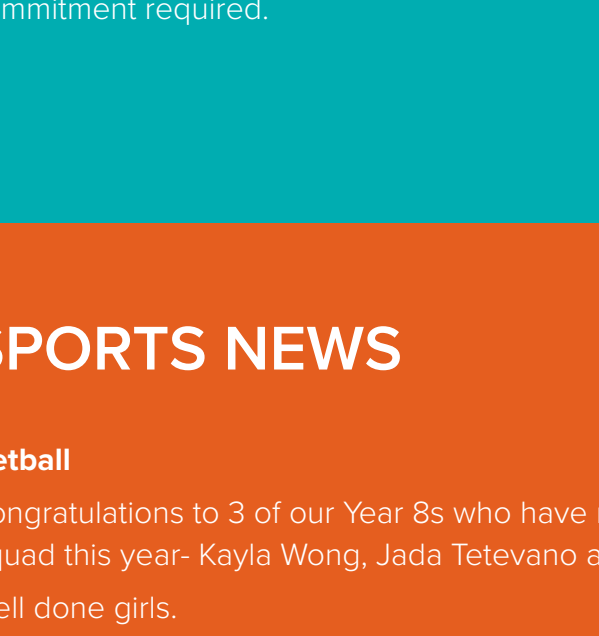
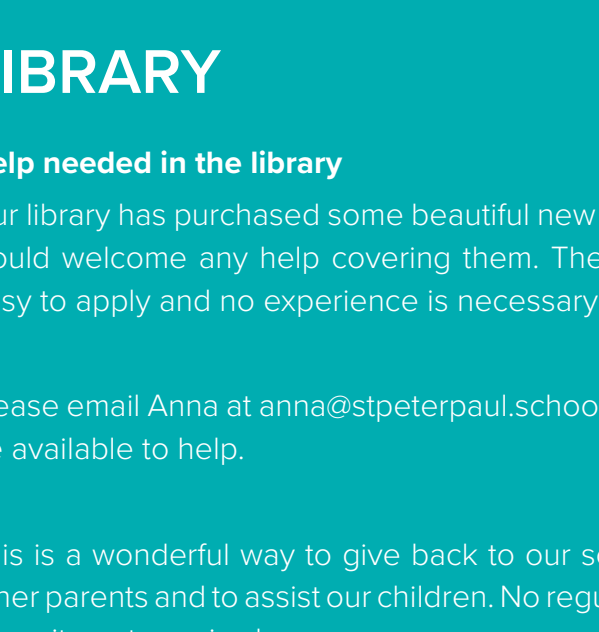
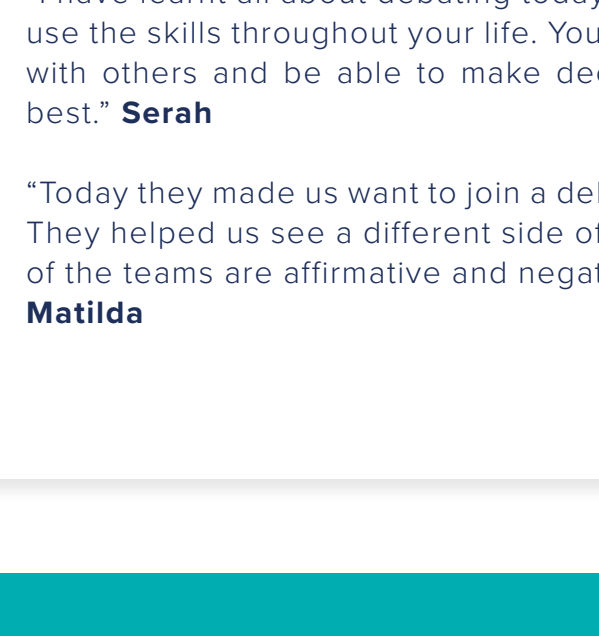
Engineers are trying to make it stable enough to survive a natural disaster, such as an earthquake or tsunami. To do this they travelled overseas to investigate how the seawall and seablocks are constructed.

Birds, marine life (in particular sea slugs) and the ecology have been protected; their habitats have been protected and maintained.

This project involves lots of different groups who came together, environmental organisations, marine biologists, NZ Government, local iwi, KiwiRail, engineers, geologists, NZTA, design and construction companies.

Please watch this [video](#) to see what the finished cycleway will look like.

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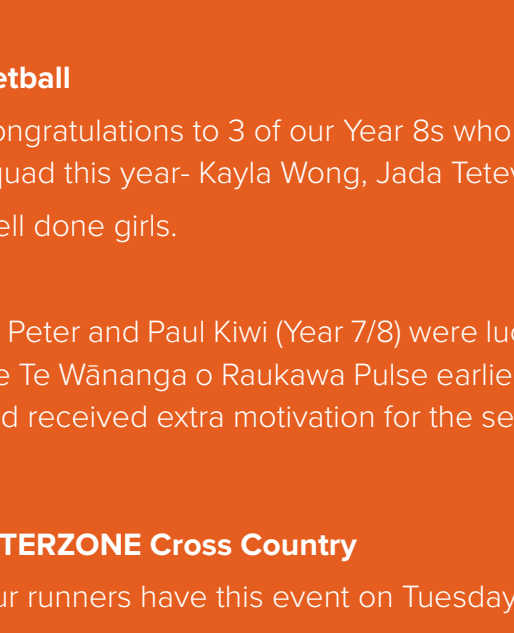
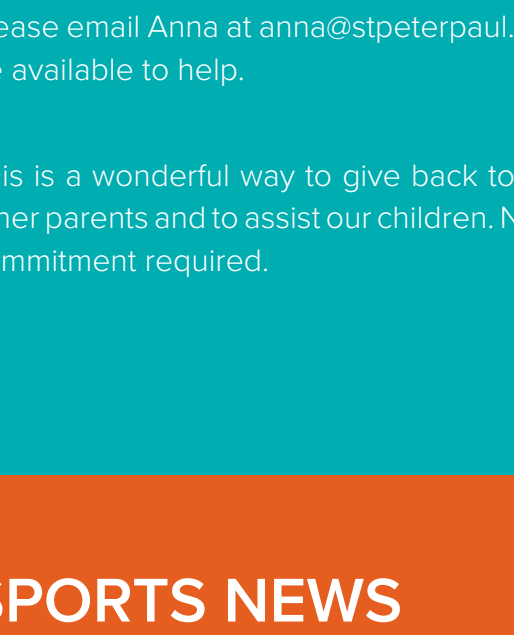
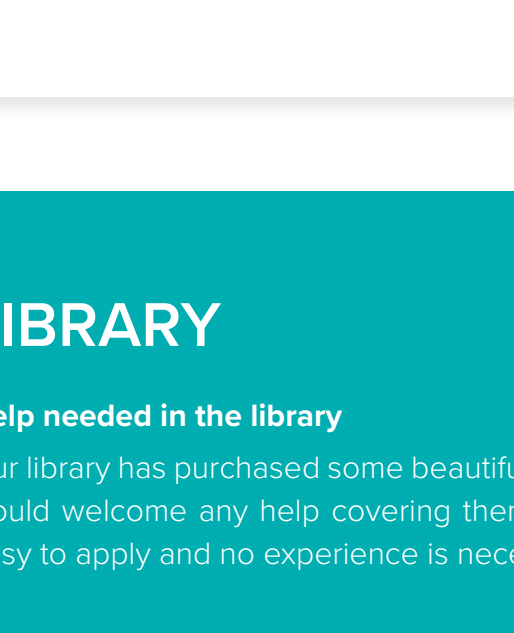
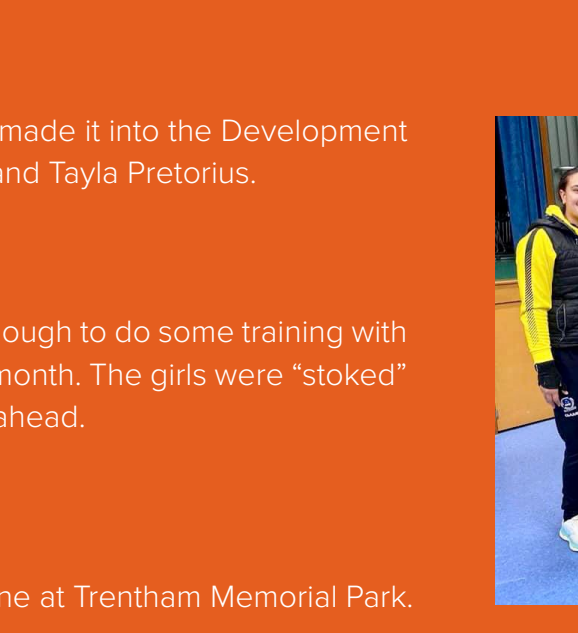


Debating

On Wednesdays, Rata Area is lucky to have the premier Year 11 and 13 teams from Sacred Heart College coming in to work with our students and teach them all about debating.

Through a combination of fun games and lessons, students are learning about what a debate is, how it works and the many purposes for debates in our society.

We are working towards running some debates in our area and students are enjoying these exciting and interesting lessons.



"I liked how we got to try and experience debating. It was great we were all included and I learnt why people do debating." **Georgie**

"I have learnt all about debating today. If you join debating clubs you can use the skills throughout your life. You will be able to share your opinions with others and be able to make decisions about which opinion is the best." **Serah**

"Today they made us want to join a debating team when we go to college. They helped us see a different side of debating and we learnt the names of the teams are affirmative and negative. We also learnt what a Moot is." **Mattida**

LIBRARY

Help needed in the library

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@steterpaul.school.nz if you may be available to help.

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.

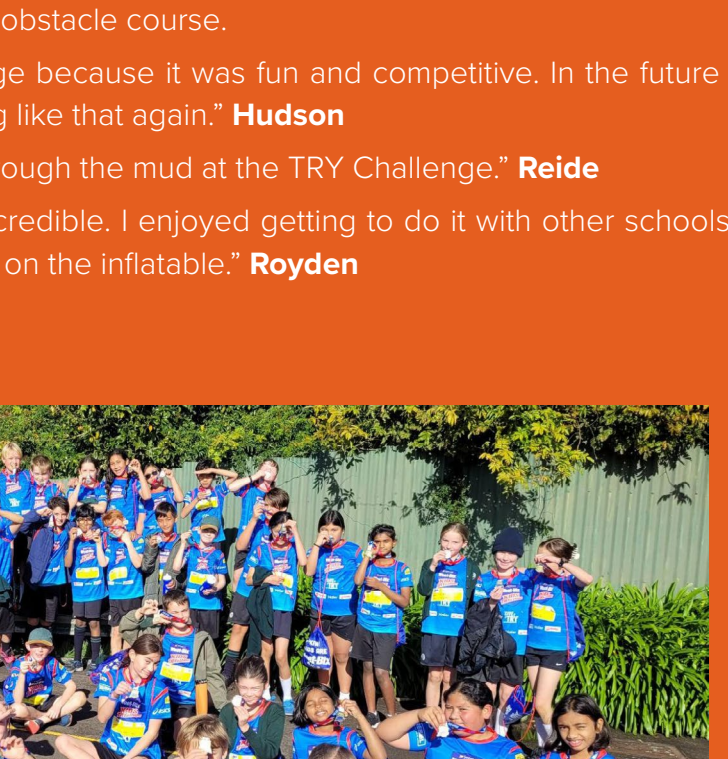


SPORTS NEWS

Netball

Congratulations to 3 of our Year 8s who have made it into the Development Squad this year: Kayla Wong, Jada Tetevano and Tayla Pretorius. Well done girls!

Ss Peter and Paul Kiwi (Year 7/8) were lucky enough to do some training with the Te Wānanga o Raukawa Pulse earlier this month. The girls were "stoked" and received extra motivation for the season ahead.



INTERZONE Cross Country

Our runners have this event on Tuesday 13 June at Trentham Memorial Park.



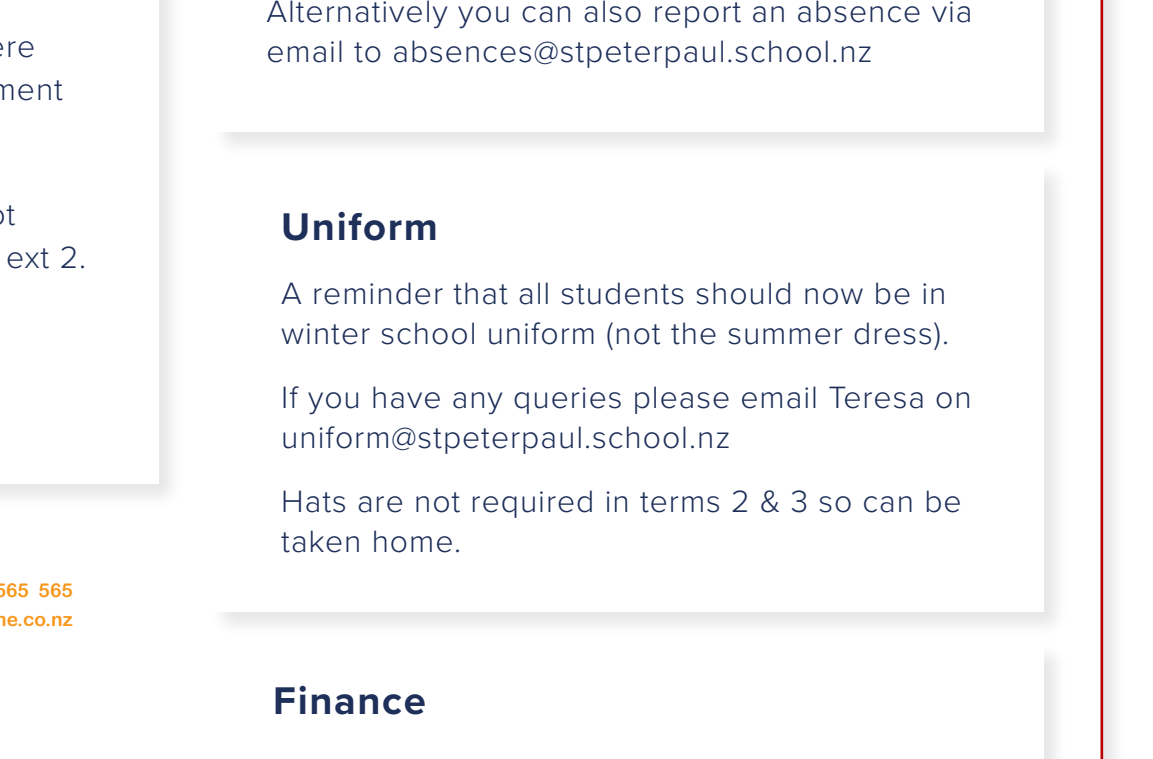
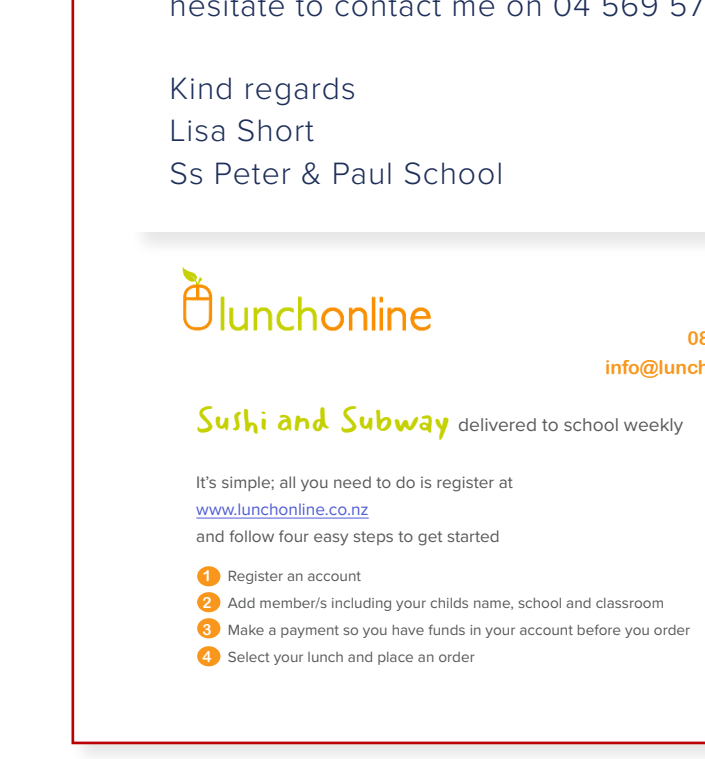
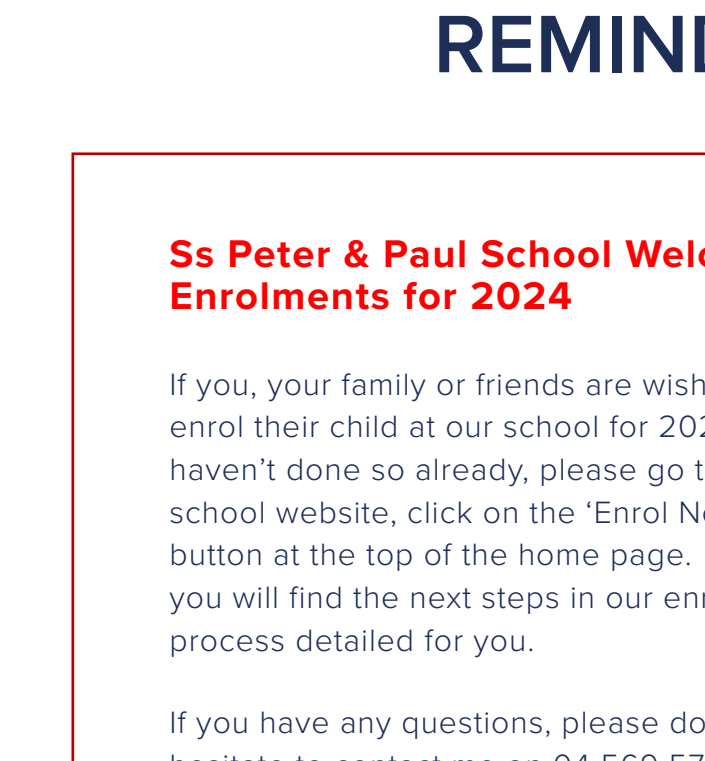
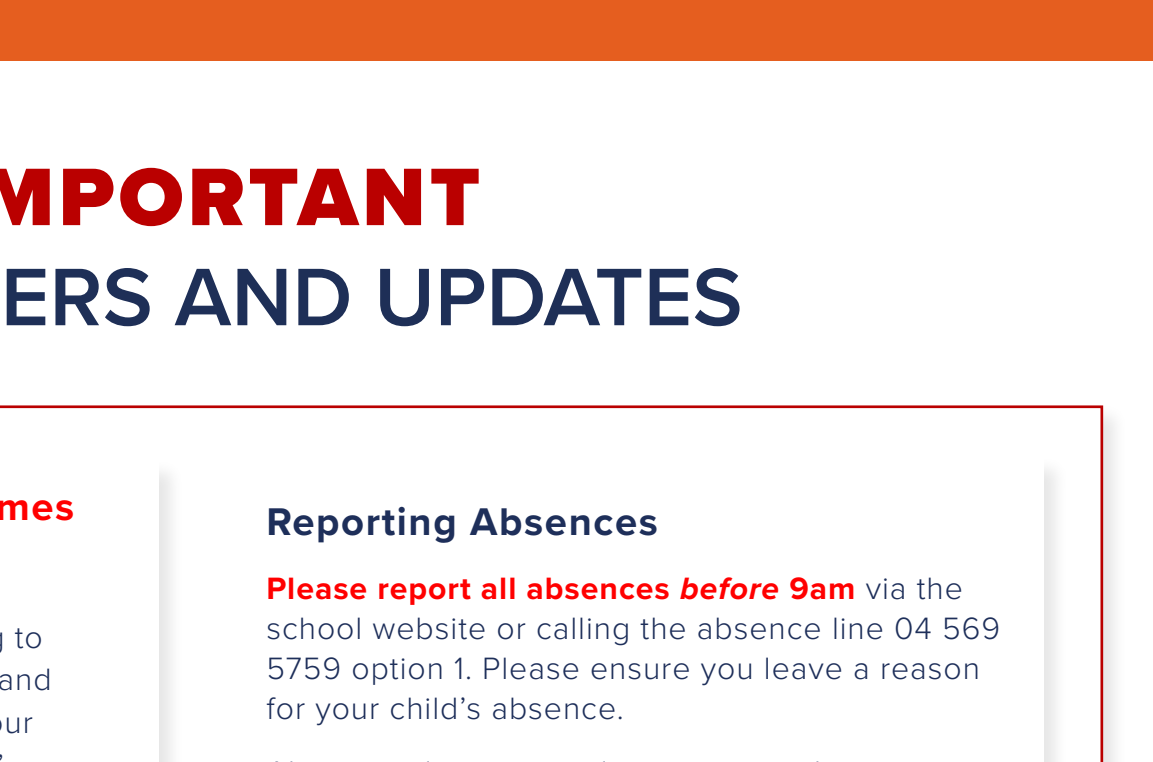
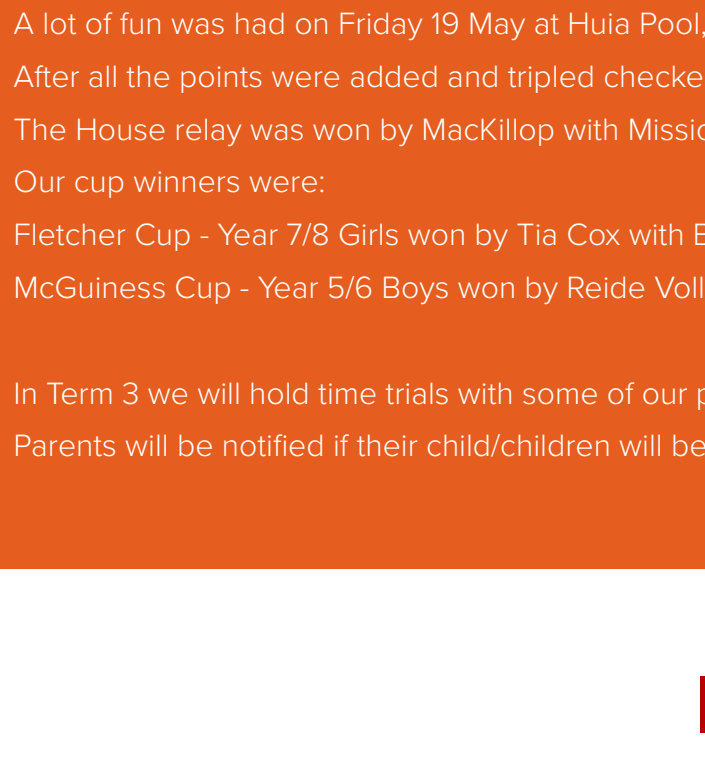
Weightbox TRY Challenge

On Tuesday 16 May Year 6-8 students participated in the Weightbox TRY Challenge at the Hutt Recreational Grounds. They had a great time meeting students from other schools and completing the obstacle course.

"I enjoyed the TRY Challenge because it was fun and competitive. In the future I hope that I will do something like that again." **Hudson**

"I really enjoyed crawling through the mud at the TRY Challenge." **Reide**

"The TRY Challenge was incredible. I enjoyed getting to do it with other schools, diving in the mud and going on the inflatable." **Royden**



Swimming Sports

A lot of fun was had on Friday 19 May at Hui'a Pool, with very enthusiastic participation both in and out of the water. After all the points were added and triple checked the winning house was Williams.

The House relay was won by Mackillop with Mission 2nd and Redwood 3rd.

Our cup winners were:

Fletcher Cup - Year 7/8 Girls won by Tia Cox with Bailey Newbould 2nd and Renny Collins 3rd.

McGuinness Cup - Year 5/6 Boys won by Reide Volier with Ryan Fisher 2nd and Jayden Wong 3rd.

In Term 3 we will hold time trials with some of our place getters to select a team for the Interzone Sports on September 1.

Parents will be notified if their child/children will be involved in the trials.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS AND UPDATES

Ss Peter & Paul School Welcomes Enrolments for 2024

If you, your family or friends are wishing to enrol their child at our school for 2024 and haven't done so already, please go to our school website, click on the 'Enrol Now' button at the top of the home page. Here you will find the next steps in our enrolment process detailed for you.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on 04-569 5759 ext 2.

Kind regards
Lisa Short
Ss Peter & Paul School

It's simple, it's easy, it's free to use to register an account and it's free to use to order your food.

- Register an account
- Add members to your family (kids name, school and classroom)
- Add a payment or your bank details to your account before you order
- Place your order and enjoy your meal!

Reporting Absences

Please report all absences before 9am via the school website or calling the absence line 04 569 5759 option 1. Please ensure you leave a reason for your child's absence.

Alternatively you can also report an absence via email to absences@steterpaul.school.nz

Uniform

A reminder that all students should now be in winter school uniform (not the summer dress).

If you have any queries please email Teresa on uniform@steterpaul.school.nz

Hats are not required in terms 2 & 3 so can be taken home.

Finance

Please ensure when making payments to the school account, that you put your child's name as reference and what the payment is for.



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Te Haka, te whiri, te hauri
Pride, Tradition, Spirit, Vigour
Virtue & Knowledge

Providing a Catholic Education that inspires all students to reach their full potential through an education built on Gospel values, while providing opportunities for leadership and continuing excellence in their chosen pursuits.

Open Mornings 2023
Wednesday 21 June
Thursday 22 June

Time slots 9:00am-10:30am or 11:00am-12:30pm.
Please phone Claire Alaleulu in the school office on 04-566 1089 to book an Open Morning time slot or email enrolments@sacredheartcollege.school.nz

Parents also welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you.