

Ss Peter and Paul School

Tuesday, 13 June 2023



Kia ora Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome

We enjoyed welcoming parents and extended family to our recent school assembly and it was absolutely amazing to see the large numbers who were able to come along and enjoy Nikau's Gala Games in the following session. All the children loved the amount of time you were able to spend learning about and playing their games.

Learning conferences

Our teachers are looking forward to catching up with you again on **Wednesday 21** or **Tuesday 27** June to discuss and share your child's learning journey at this mid-point of the year. The face-to-face meeting is by far the most useful but should that option not 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 so until 4pm on Monday 19 June. Please go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Select "Make a Booking" and enter the code **6f2tv**.

Should you miss the cut-off, you are still most welcome to ring the office and one will be organised for you from any remaining time slots. Unless in exceptional circumstances, we ask parents to work together before making a booking, so that each of their students.

Interim progress report

At the learning conferences you will receive a written report that will include:

- a summary statement of where your child is achieving in relation to curriculum levels in reading, writing and mathematics
- a summary of the learning that has been shared during the term and at the learning conference
- an RE comment
- a statement, written partly or completely by students, depending on their year level. Students have been encouraged to reflect on themselves as a learner and young person; to identify their strengths and areas they want to develop more. They have been encouraged to think about challenges they may have faced and what they want to focus on as well as highlight successes throughout the term.

You will also be provided with an information sheet that explains how curriculum level expectations typically relate to years at school.

Learning to live with change and loss

Change and loss are issues that affect all of us at some stage in our lives. Here at school, we recognise that when changes occur in families through death, separation, divorce and related circumstances, children and young people may benefit from learning how to manage these changes effectively.

We are therefore again offering the very successful education programme **Seasons for Growth** which will commence early next term. This programme is facilitated in small groups over 8 sessions and is based on research which highlights the importance of social support and the need to practise new skills to cope effectively with change and loss.

The programme focuses on issues such as self-esteem, managing feelings, problem-solving, decision-making, effective communication and support networks.

Who is it for?

Anyone who has experienced change and loss in their lives. Many factors can cause change such as:

- Friends can come and go
- Loss of someone or something you love
- Parents and families separate
- Moving to a new place
- Impact of illness
- Family work-life changes

Please note the programme is for children who have experienced an identifiable change or loss, rather than preparing children for potential future change or loss. If you think your child would benefit from Seasons for Growth we encourage you to talk to him/her about participating in the programme.

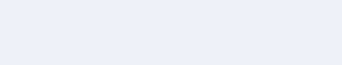
We are pleased to be able to offer this important programme and are confident that it will be a valuable learning experience for those who request to be involved.

If you require further information or would like your child to take part, please email me principal@stpeterpaulschool.nz

Our programme coordinator, Anna Gerritsen, is happy to discuss any questions you may have or provide you with further information.

Kay Tustin Principal

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SPECIAL CHARACTER

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to our students who have diligently prepared for their First Holy Communion this year.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the parents who have wholeheartedly supported their children throughout this meaningful faith journey.

Eleanor Bignall, Harry Pescynski, Jacob Ursua, Jax Duncan, Jesse Harding, Kloie Conception, Leo Waitt, Lucy Turner, Lyanne Managuelod, Manuel Hertanto, Mataya Donaldson, Max Chevallier, Nathaniel Manahan, Natty Hadfield, Ryan Camacho, Adam Fisher, William Cleland, Aastha Stephen, Ameya Blessen, Ethan Healy, Hine Wilson, John Coote, Jaime Reynolds, Laetitia Vergara, Lavinia Mahoney, Layla Allen, Luka Barthel, Luke Eglington, Paul Coote, Maritta Kako, Nezia Parrenas.

Ngā mihi mahana,

Aurea Casino

Director of Religious Studies

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

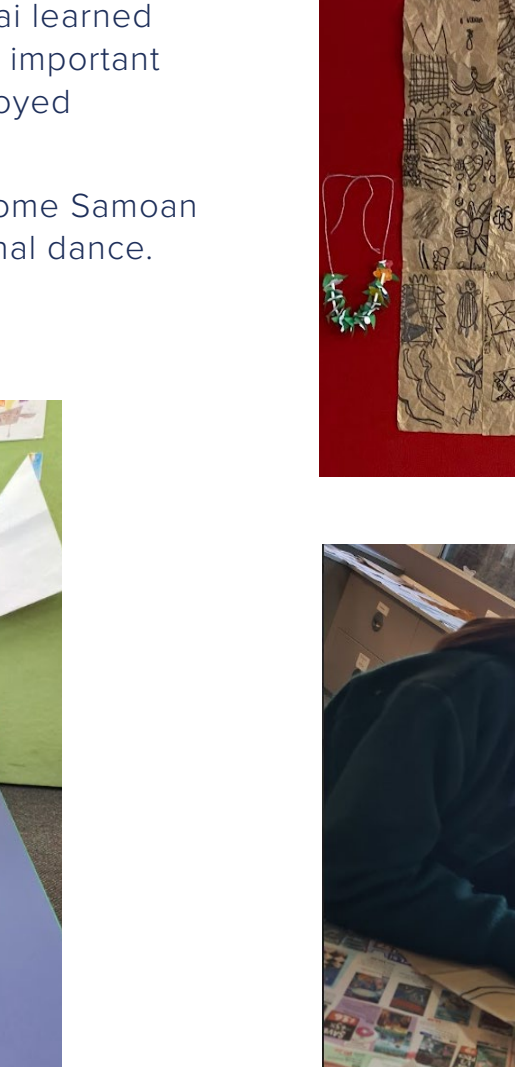


Save the date!

Another exciting event is coming up!

Save this date - last day of Term 2, Friday 30 June.

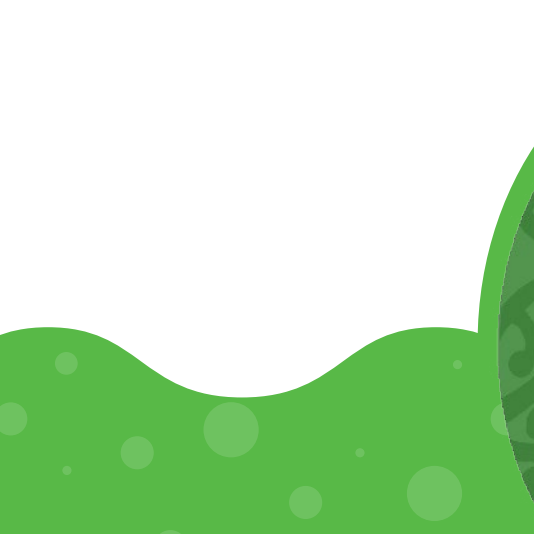
YCC Day - Caritas fundraising day. More details to come soon.



Talofa lava!

For Samoa Language Week, Kōwhai learned about tālāvala and why it is such an important traditional piece of clothing. We enjoyed creating our own tapa cloth and lei.

Thank you to Rata for teaching us some Samoan language through song and traditional dance.

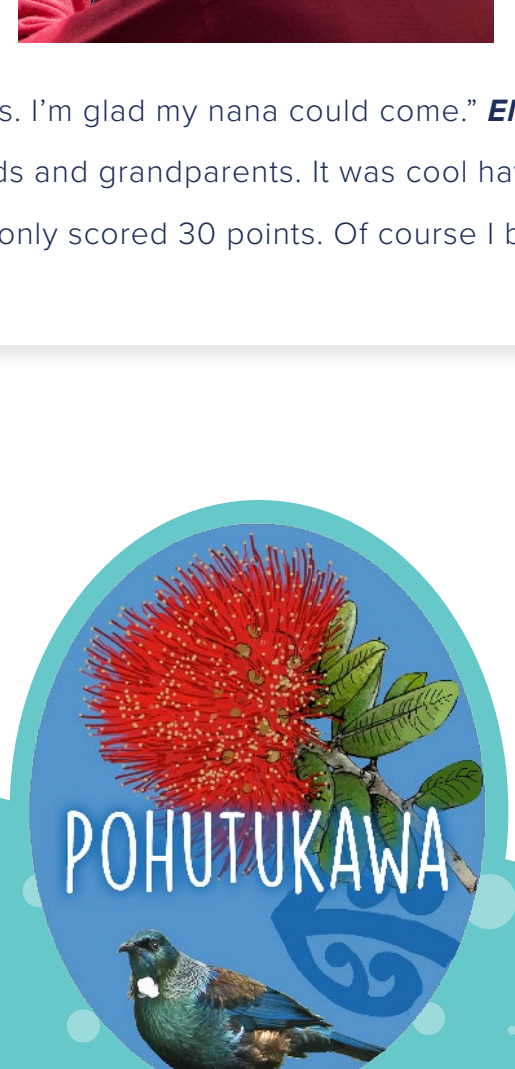
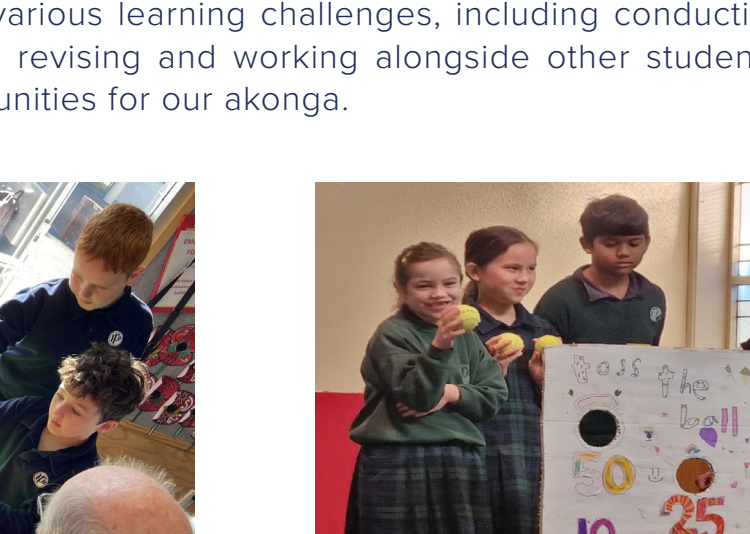
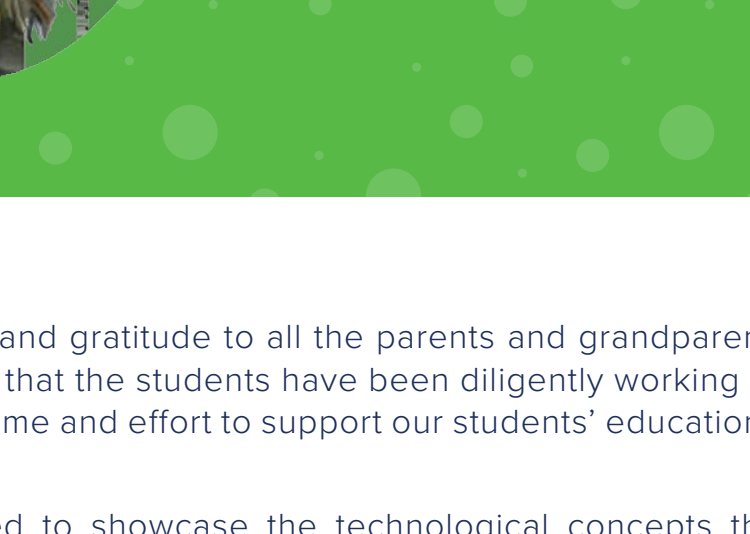


"We got some string and we decorated flowers and leaves to make a beautiful lei!" **Sylvie**

"We sang a song called 'Savalivali' - that means go for a walk!" **Emma**

"The lei was so cool it was tricky to make but I think I made mine look my own" **Abel**

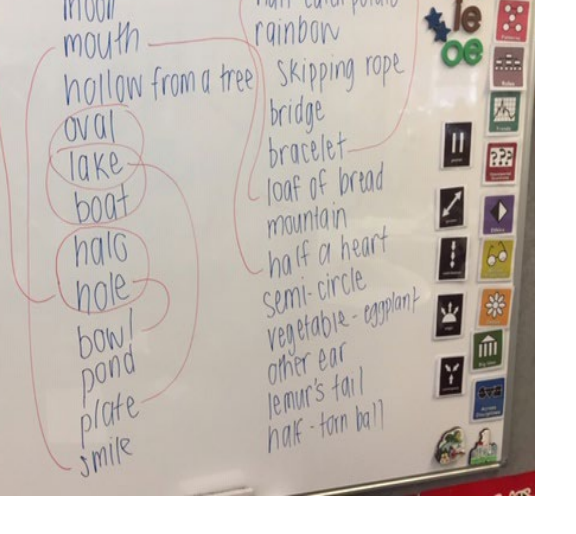
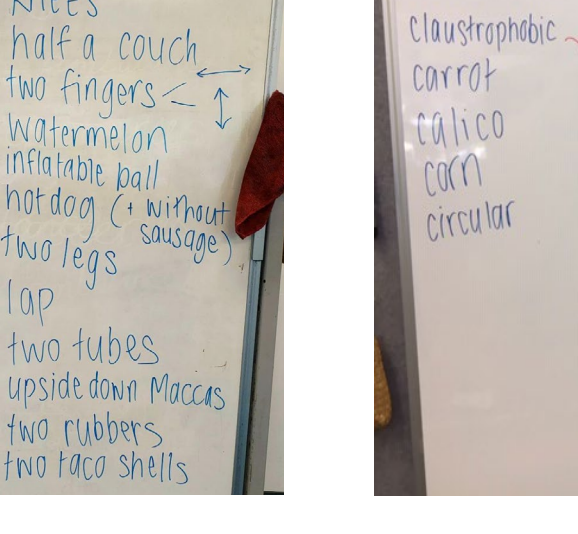
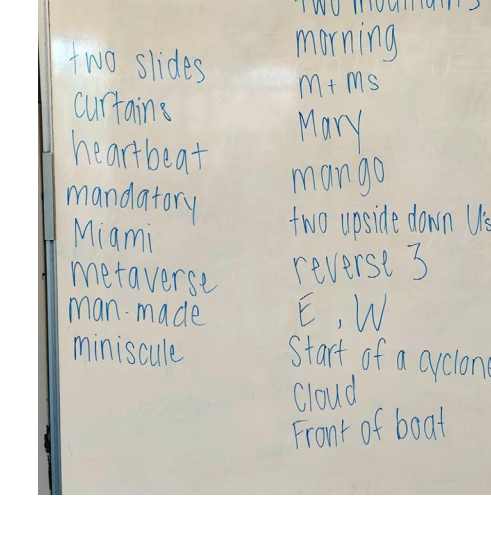
"The dances were so pretty and beautiful" **Aishani**



Nikau's Amazing Open Day

We are delighted to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to all the parents and grandparents who attended and participated in the gala-style games that the students have been diligently working on for the past few weeks. Thank you for dedicating your time and effort to support our students' educational journey.

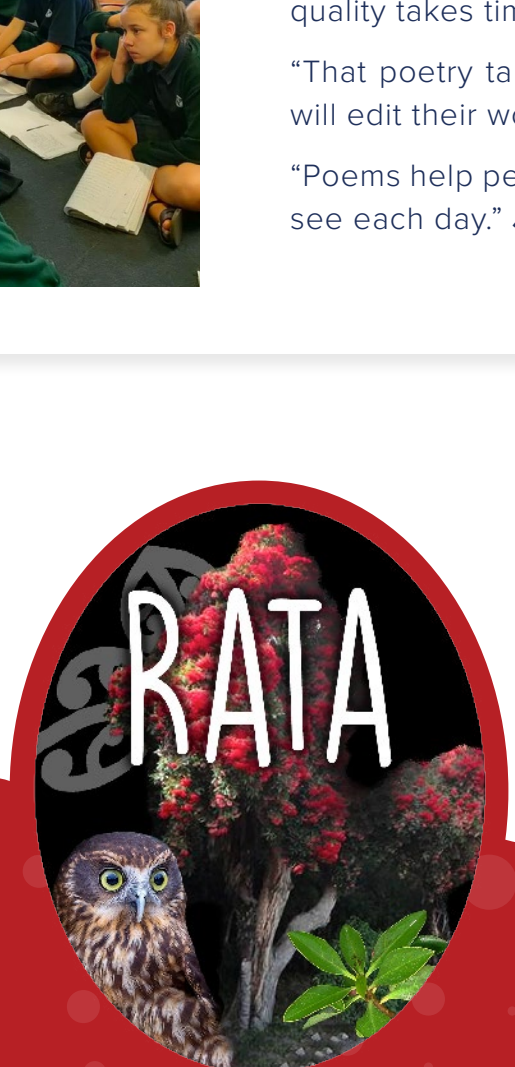
The gala-style games have been meticulously crafted to showcase the technological concepts that our students have been exploring. They have faced various learning challenges, including conducting research, gathering materials, designing, and testing, revising and working alongside other students. These experiences provide invaluable learning opportunities for our akonga.



"I had fun playing other people's games. I'm glad my nana could come." **Eleanor**

"My class was crowded with mums, dads and grandparents. It was cool having my dad there though." **Jack**

"I liked how my dad came and how he only scored 30 points. Of course I beat him with 100 points." **Hudson**



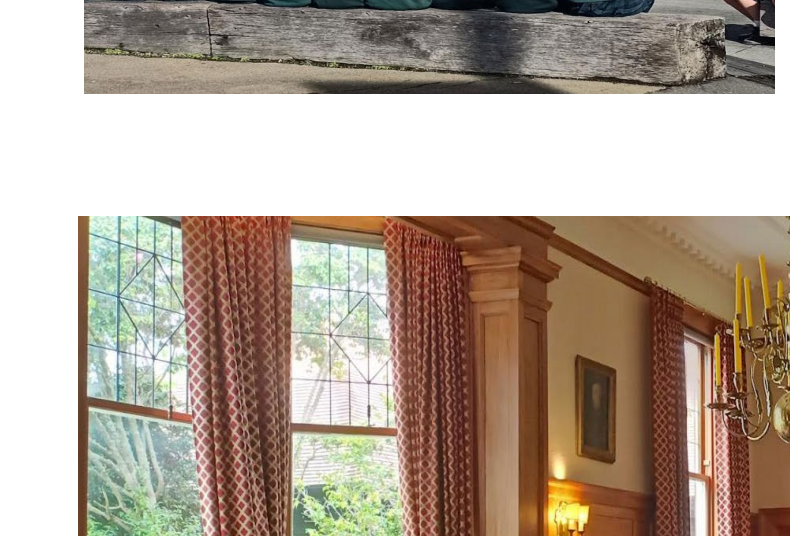
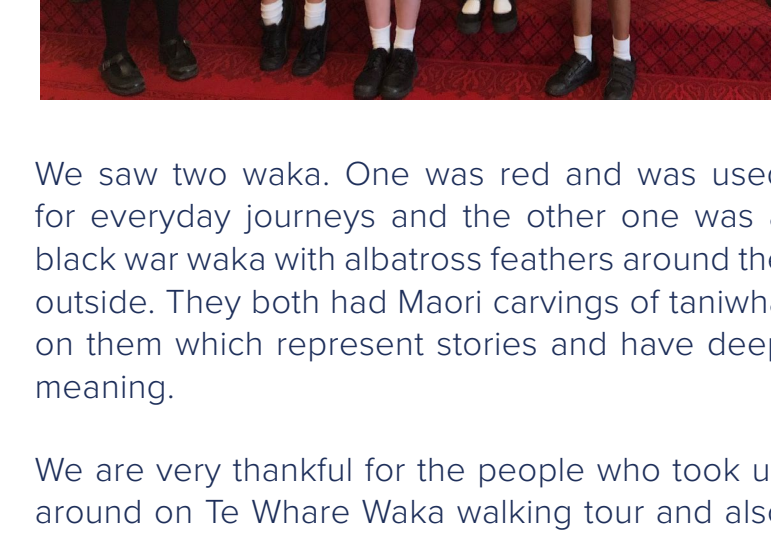
Poet Laureate of New Zealand

Pohutukawa was fortunate to have the Poet Laureate of New Zealand, Chris Tse, come and speak to us recently. Chris was selected as the Poet Laureate for New Zealand from 2022-2024.

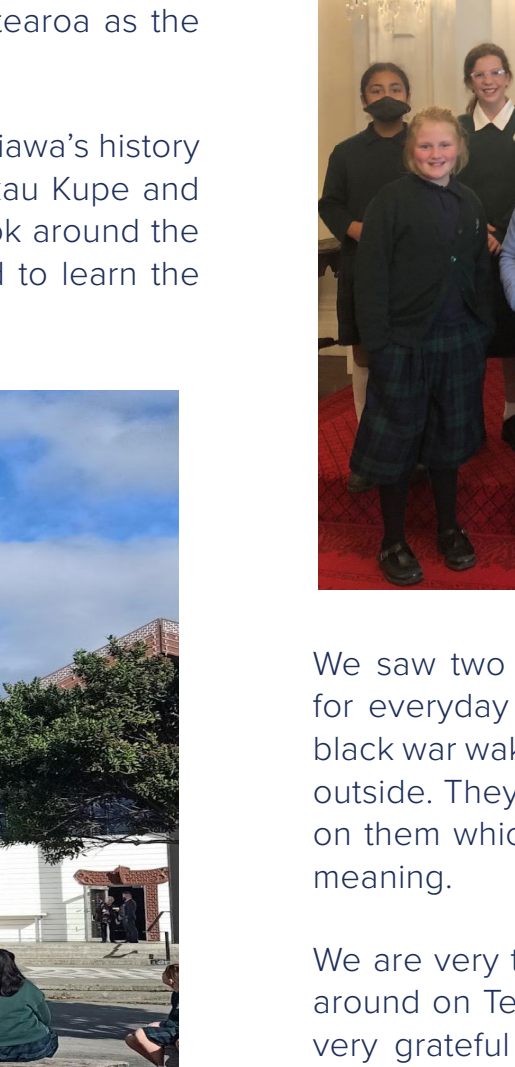
He grew up and was educated in Lower Hutt. Chris shared with us his journey into poetry and what continues to inspire him.

The children in Pohutukawa loved the activity that Chris did with them which opened their mind to the creativity they are capable of when given something as simple as a letter of the alphabet to start with.

Chris read us a poem he wrote about his childhood in Kelson.



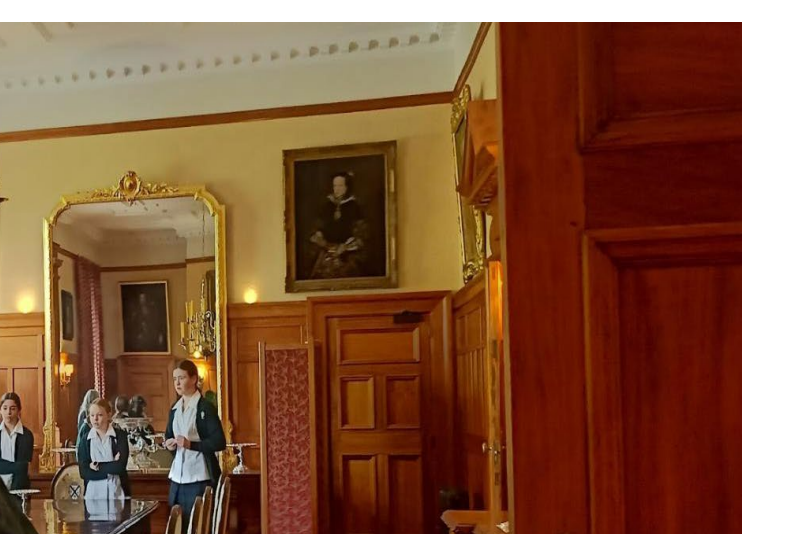
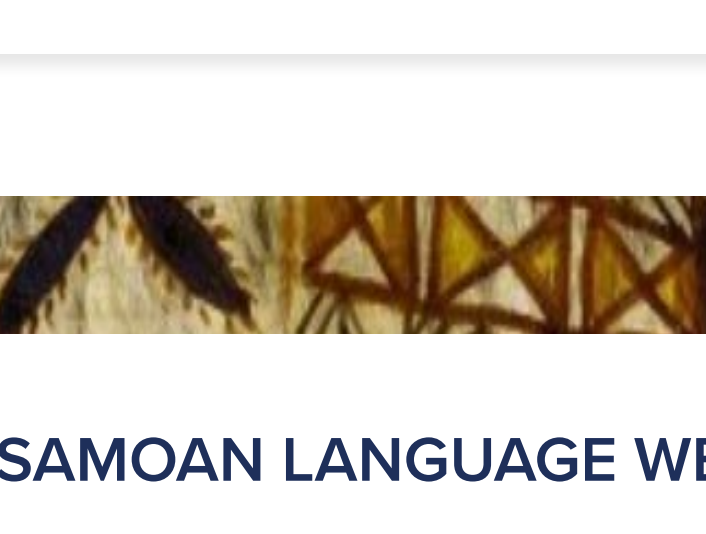
What did we learn from Chris....
"That poems don't necessarily need to rhyme and that editing your poem is perfectly fine." **Chido**
"That the simple things you see can help you write a poem." **Madison**
"That poetry doesn't need to be rushed and that quality takes time." **Lucas**
"That poetry takes time to create and a good poet will edit their work." **Paul**
"Poems help people to be inspired by things we can see each day." **Sancho**



Rātā Trip

It was an incredible experience to explore Government House and learn about its history. It was very exciting to look inside each room and know what each room represents. We were happy to see the Governor-General and to know more about her role in serving Aotearoa as the King's representative.

We all enjoyed learning about Te Atiawa's history and learning more about the pūrakau Kupu and the Wāheke. It was fascinating to look around the different places of significance and to learn the background stories.



We saw two waka. One was red and was used for everyday journeys and the other one was a black war waka with albatross feathers around the outside. They both had Maori carvings of taniwha on them which represent stories and have deep meaning.

We are very thankful for the people who took us around on Te Whare Waka walking tour and also very grateful to experience Government House and know what it's like.

By Caitlyn and Serah

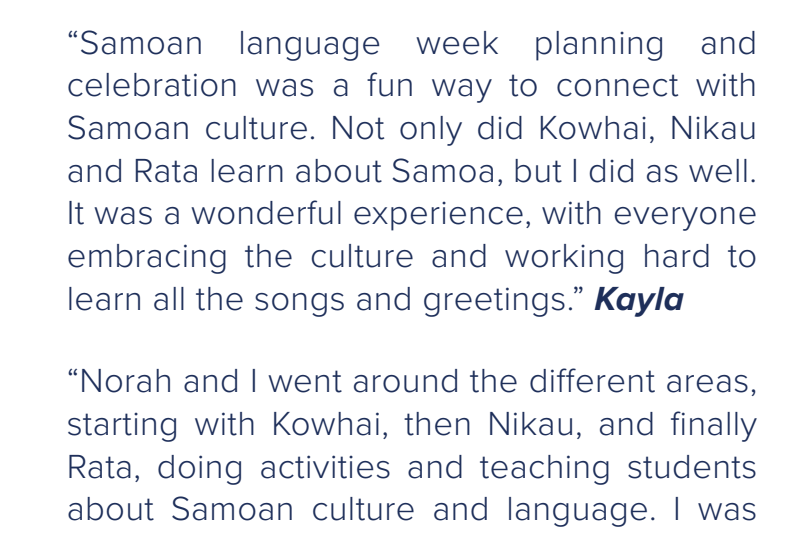
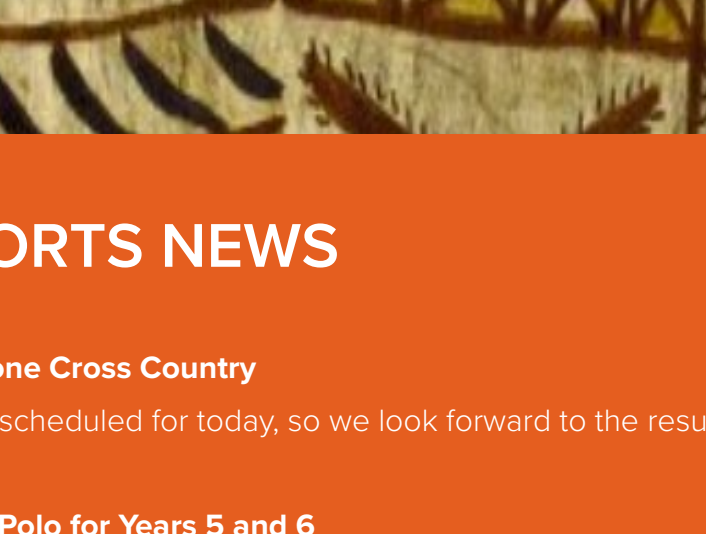


SAMOAN LANGUAGE WEEK

On 1 June 2023, our cultural leaders and their peers organised a simple but meaningful celebration of Samoan Language Week.

"The Samoan Language Week was amazing! I liked teaching the little kids and seeing their smiles as we stepped into the classroom. We taught Kowhai and Nikau some enjoyable activities as well as a song. Overall, celebrating Samoan language week was a lot of fun, and I love being able to represent my culture. Fa'afetai lava!" **Gabi**

"We were around Kowhai, Nikau and Rata to celebrate Samoan language week. To encourage students to understand more about Samoan culture and language, we taught them the lyrics to Savalivali (a Samoan song). It was a fantastic experience for everyone, and I hope they continue to learn about Samoa." **Jada**



"Samoan language week planning and celebration was a fun way to connect with Samoan culture. Not only did Kowhai, Nikau and Rata learn about Samoa, but I did as well. It was a wonderful experience, with everyone embracing the culture and working hard to learn all the songs and greetings." **Kayla**

"Norah and I went around the different areas, starting with Kowhai, then Nikau, and finally Rata, doing activities and teaching students about Samoan culture and language. I was nervous but it was a lot of fun." **Nina**

"In celebration of Samoan language week, we went around the school teaching students a song called Savalivali and greetings like talofa lava. I believe it was a wonderful opportunity for young children to learn about Samoan language, and I enjoyed sharing my culture. Manuia Fa'afetai!" **Norah**

SPORTS NEWS

Interzone Cross Country

This is scheduled for today, so we look forward to the results in the next newsletter and to seeing who will attend the Regionals.

Water Polo for Years 5 and 6

An email has been sent to all parents of Year 5 and 6 re an option to play Water Polo next term.

Note, this closes on Thursday 15 June.

Contact sport@stpeterpaul.school.nz if you are interested and would like the link to the form.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS AND UPDATES

School Parent Portal

For families who are new to our school, the Parent Portal provides you with quick access to:

- your child's contact details – click on 'My Child'. Check contact details. Please advise the school office if there are any changes to be made.
- view your child's account (under accounts, download the statement to view your current balance)
- school policies & procedures (under contacts)
- view your child's attendance for the year to date (click on 'report an absence' then scroll down to view)
- be able to report an absence

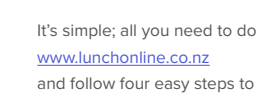
How to access this ...

Please visit your app store for your phone, either Google Play or the Apple App Store and search for the app called @School Mobile or to login via the internet go to <https://www.stschol.co.nz/>

You will then be able to use the internet and see information about your child.

If you have not received your user id and password please email admin@stpeterpaul.school.nz to have your login details sent to you.

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



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- 4 Select your lunch and place an order

PTA News

PTA Annual General Meeting

The PTA Annual General Meeting scheduled for Wednesday 14 June has been postponed. A new date and details to be advised shortly.

PTA Committee

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

