

Ss Peter and Paul School

Tuesday, 8 August 2023



Kia ora Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome

A very warm welcome to our new students and families who have joined us this term. **Kōwhai** welcomed Felix and **Nikau** welcome Irene. **Pohutukawa** has two new additions to their Area - Edwin and Flora. We hope you have all enjoyed your start to school and feel very much at home here.

Internet safety evening for parents

We are very aware of the challenges that parents face in the ever-changing digital world. With this in mind we organised a parent information session run by **Netsafe** on Thursday 31 August at 7pm in Rooms 13 and 14 (Pohutukawa Area). We encourage all our families to take advantage of the advice and guidance that will be shared. For more information on who **Netsafe** are and what they offer parents, please click [here](#).

Health and well-being

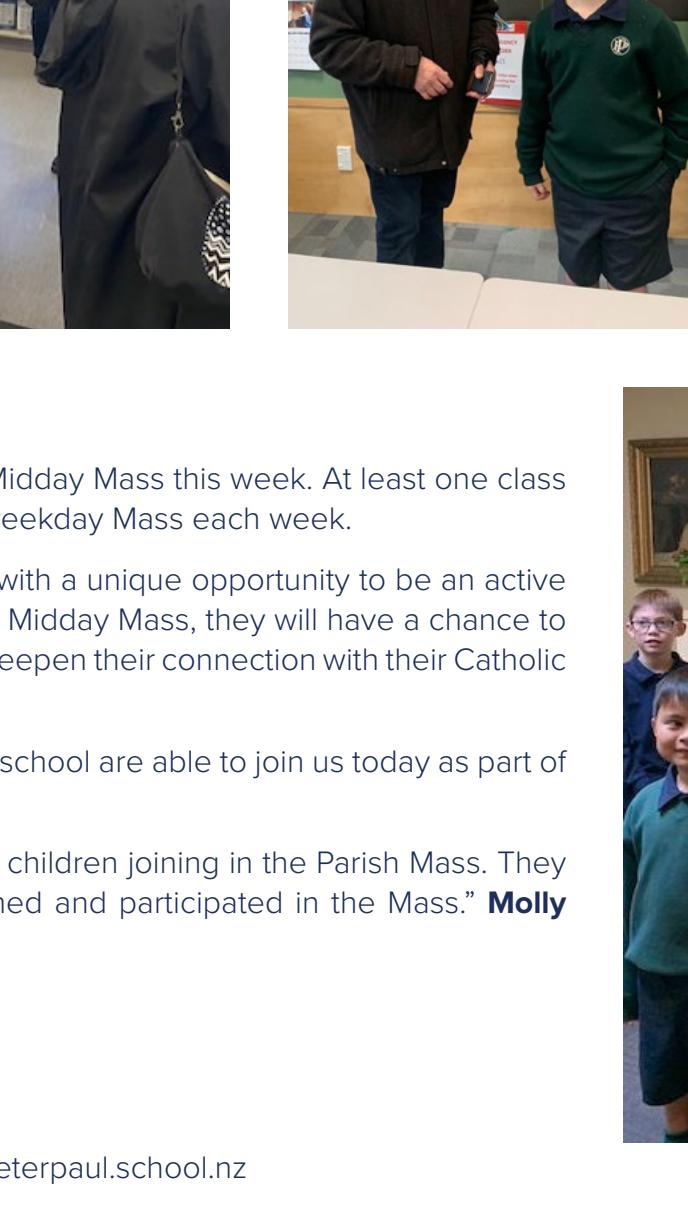
Exercise

The importance of exercise for children's growth and development cannot be understated; both for the physical and mental benefits. Numerous research studies show that children who develop healthy lifestyle patterns at a young age are more likely to carry them into adulthood, promoting lifelong health benefits.

These benefits are not only physical but can improve mental well-being as well. Here is an interesting piece from **Sport NZ** where they outline the importance of play [Sport NZ Principles of Play](#).

Using technology in the classroom

Technology can be used to promote an engaging learning environment. Last week we were pleased to add a further 6 smart TVs to classrooms, bringing our total to 8. Your children may have mentioned this if they have one in their classroom or attended an Area gathering.



We spend a lot of time reflecting on the type and amount of technology that we use at school. We are aware that one of the most consistent findings in educational technology research is that what really makes the difference to students' learning is teachers.

Their decision-making and what they do matters most rather than the presence or absence of a particular tool.

Kay Tester

Principal

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Events

Saturday 12 August

PTA Quiz Night

Tuesday 15 August

Feast of the Assumption Mass - all whānau welcome (1.30pm)

SPECIAL CHARACTER

Grandparent's Day Celebration

What an amazing celebration we have had!

A big **thank you** to all the grandparents, special friends and families who came and joined Nikau students for St. Joachim and St Anne's liturgy.

We received a lot of positive and encouraging comments from our school community. It was also a great opportunity for the grandparents and families to visit our classes.

Nikau students were so proud to have shared their class learning and some artwork with them.

Midday Mass

Our school has begun participating in the Midday Mass this week. At least one class from our Year 3-8 students will attend the weekday Mass each week.

This initiative aims to provide our students with a unique opportunity to be an active part of the parish community. By joining the Midday Mass, they will have a chance to engage with the church congregation and deepen their connection with their Catholic faith.

"It is really lovely that the students from our school are able to join us today as part of their faith journey." **Father Patrick**

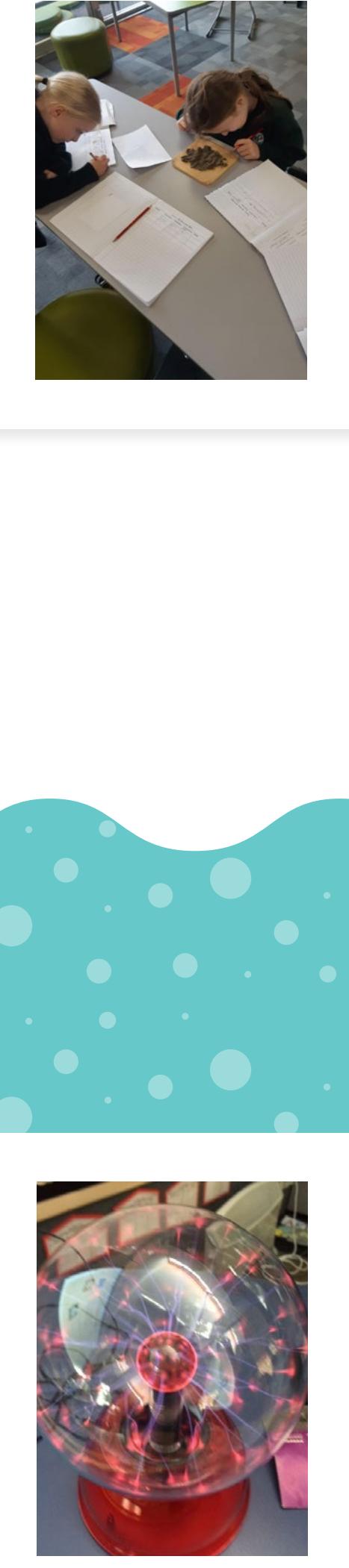
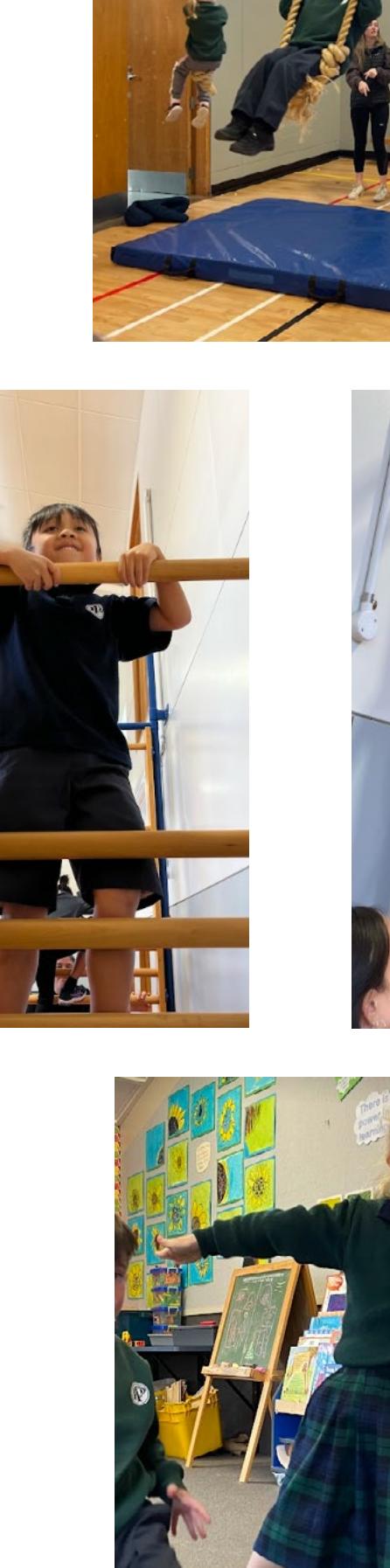
"What a wonderful idea to see some of the children joining in the Parish Mass. They were very respectful in the way they listened and participated in the Mass." **Molly Hoffman - Te Awakarangi Parishioner**

Ngā mihi mahana,

Aurea Casino

Director of Religious Studies

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



Gymnastics

Kōwhai have been learning the shapes and movements of gymnastics. We have explored the basic shapes, how to travel, the different ways to roll and many ways of balancing. We are beginning to put all of this together to create our own simple routines, so look out for this at home!

Thank you also to Sacred Heart for hosting us on Friday! We had an amazing time and enjoyed learning even more about moving our bodies and having fun doing so! A special thanks too to our helpers - we really appreciate your support!



NIKAU

Science

Nikau has been learning about gathering and interpreting scientific data through mixing and melting. We have been doing this by experimenting with many materials such as salt, sand, jelly crystals and butter. The experiments have been a great way to use our observation skills and build our scientific language.

This is what some of the students have thought about our learning in science so far.

"I received mixing two different coloured jelly crystals because it changed. I also predicted that sand and water would turn to mud but it actually turned into wet sand." **Honor**

"I have enjoyed mixing different substances together especially the sand and water where it created a sticky and muddy texture." **Harry**

"I have learnt how to mix things together and finding out what they turn into after adding different things, like water." **Samuel**



Kei te aha koe?

What's up?

Kei te mahi Working

Kei te whakatū On a break

Kei te pikumahī Busy

Kāre kau Nothing

I poto rawa Too short

I pal Good

I ora nei au Revitalising

I roa rawa Too long

"Taiea ana!"

Looking good/fine/flash!

I pēhea tō wā whakatā?

How was your break?

I poto rawa Too short

I pal Good

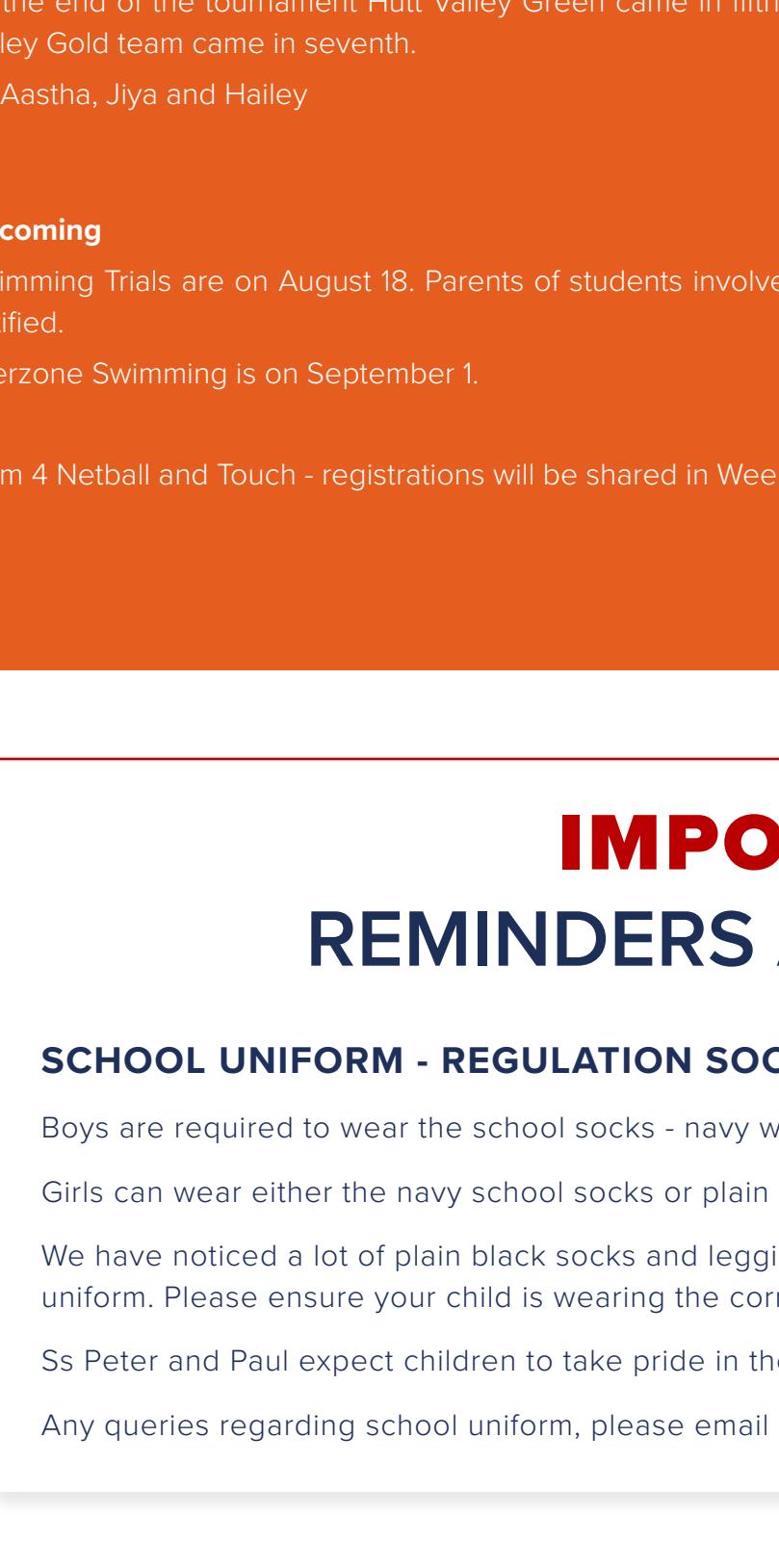
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KURA AHUREA

Te reo kupu/kīanga to practise at home. Kōrero: simple Te reo with your whānau.



Kei te pēhea koe?

How are you?

Kei te pai Fine

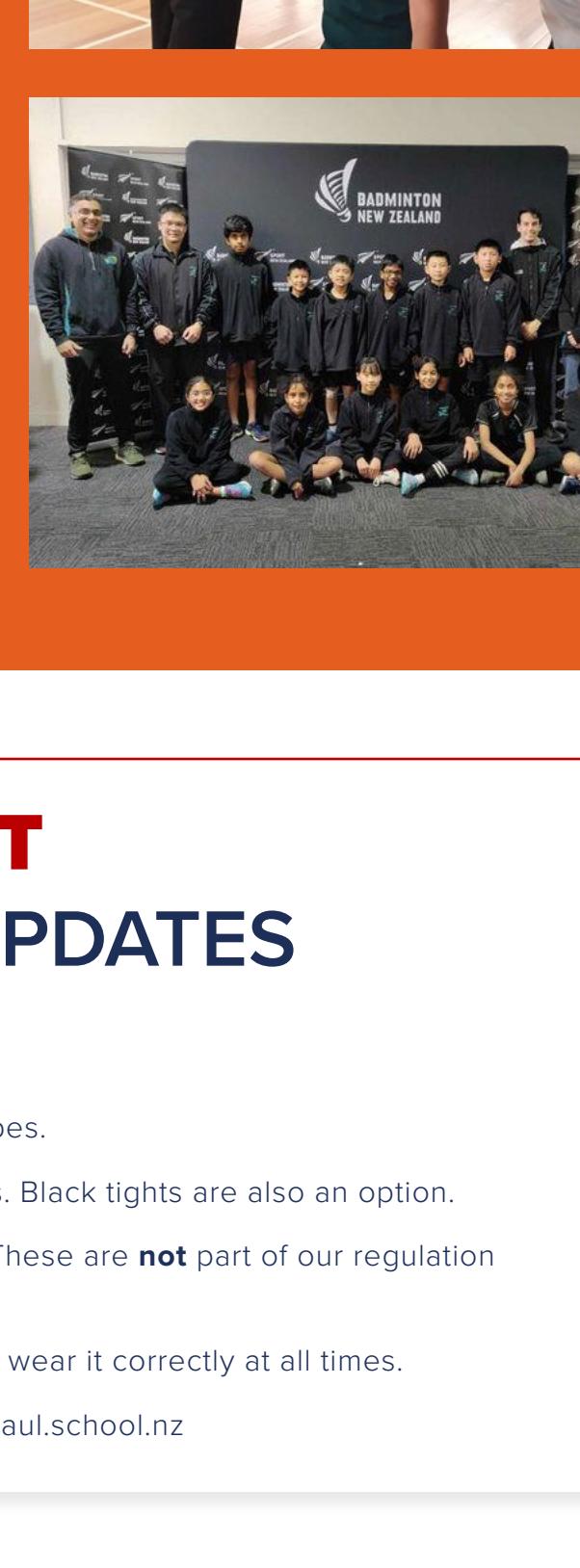
Kei te ngegne Tired

Kei te pōuri Sad

Kei te ora Well

Kei te mātū Unwell

Ko te ihu and hoki (name, name)



SPORTS NEWS

National Badminton Competition

From July 1-5, Hutt Valley Badminton U13s went to Badminton Nationals in Palmerston North. In the two teams there were three students from Porutukawa Area (Aastha, Jiya and Hailey). The competition was held at the Pascall Stadium.

"We played two games a day for the four competition days. The teams we played came from Counties Manukau, Waitakere, Whanganui and the host team Manawatu.

The games were a mix of singles, doubles and mixed doubles".

By Aastha, Jiya and Hailey

Term 4 Netball and Touch - registrations will be shared in Week 7.

Ngā mihi mahana,

Upcoming

Swimming Trials are on August 18. Parents of students involved have been notified.

Interzone Swimming is on September 1.

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Ngā mihi mahana,

Science Investigations

Pohutukawa students have begun their science investigations into the power of forces.

During this inquiry, they will be engaged in lots of fun experiments and learning about the power required to launch a rocket into space.

Their first experiment was exploring how the different heights of a ramp and learning about moving our bodies and having fun doing so! A special thanks too to our helpers - we really appreciate your support!

POHUTUKAWA

Kei te pēhea koe?

Kei te mātū Unwell

Kei te mātū Unwell