

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

As term two comes to an end we would like to take the opportunity to thank parents for coming to our learning conferences to discuss your child and how we can best help them to learn. It has been a busy term with lots of fun and learning, particularly in the areas of math, science, writing, reading and New Zealand history. Students have enjoyed a trip to Government House and the Wellington waterfront, a visit from microbiologists, swimming sports, cross country, Weetbix Try Challenge, a visit from a game designer and so much more. Thank you to all the parents who have given up their time to accompany us on trips or come into school to help our students, your contribution is so important!

Reports and Learning Illustrations

For those parents who were unable to attend learning conferences this term, please keep an eye out for your child's school report and learning illustrations as these will be coming home today.

Safety online

One of the challenges that young people face today is the safe use of smartphones and the internet. At times we have to follow up on issues that arise for our students online when they have unsupervised access to the internet. These are often difficult and time consuming for all involved, and unfortunately can result in us having less time to focus on our role as teachers. Of even greater concern is the dangerous and unsafe nature of some of the online activity that our students can participate in and be witness to. We would like to refer you all to the [Netsafe Parent Page](#). This helpful resource has information and advice around talking to your children about their online activity and helping to keep them safe.

It would be greatly appreciated and beneficial for all students who have access to a smartphone if parents could take some time over the holidays to check in with their children's smartphone use. We encourage you to have discussions around what they can do if they witness anything unsafe or unkind on the internet.

As always if you wish to contact us to discuss anything, please do not hesitate to do so through admin@stpeterpaul.school.nz.

Wishing you all a safe and happy holidays,

Freya, Ivy & Laura
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