

Ss Peter and Paul School

Tuesday, 17 October 2023



Kia ora Parents and Caregivers,

Warm welcome to Term 4

It was lovely to be back to school last week and watch the students reconnect with their friends and teachers. Every term has its special moments but there's something particularly special about Term 4 when the warming weather hints of sunny times to come and the events calendar is action packed.

A special welcome to the new students and their families who have joined us this term. **Kowhai** welcomes Liu, Jude, Jewel and Alan. **Nikau** is pleased to welcome Johan. We hope you quickly settle into your new school and are very happy here.

Term 4 end-of-year celebrations

Please keep an eye on the school calendar as we aim to have all events on there as soon as they are confirmed.

The large size of our school means we need to hold a range of end-of-year events as we cannot fit in the church. This allows us to focus on the purpose and audience for each event although it does mean that hopefully you may have one, two or even three to attend. Parents will be able to organise things to best suit your families and workplaces.

The Nikau Show - Tuesday 5 December beginning at 2pm in the Church.

Pohutukawa and Rata - Monday 11 December from 6-7pm in the Church. An end of year celebration for these Areas, including the graduation of our Year 6 boys and Year 8 girls. Siblings/students from other year groups are most welcome.

Kowhai Christmas Story - Wednesday 13 December at the new time of 1:30pm in the Church.

Health & well-being

Please take time to look at this very useful link [Online Safety Parent Toolkit | Netsafe](#)

This is of particular importance for parents who allow their children on social media platforms. Page 12 begins with:

'The minimum sign up age for Facebook, TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter and YouTube is 13. This is because a child's social and emotional capability is still developing, making it more difficult to identify and manage challenges that occur on a platform designed for adults and teens. If your child is under 13 and keen to use social media, consider their capability to manage potential challenges before setting up a profile. It's better if your child is honest with you then you can help them to stay safe.'

The section goes on to discuss ways to help them stay safe, along with how to deal with unwanted digital communication. The monitoring and managing of student on-line behaviour that occurs outside of school hours primarily resides with families. This toolbox is an excellent support for this.

Attendance

Term 3 attendance

At the end of each term we receive a detailed report from the Ministry of Education on our levels of attendance. Some important points to note from last term:

- 59.3% of our students attended school regularly (with over 90% attendance, missing fewer than 5 days of school in a standard 10 week term).
- The percentage of our students attending regularly has been highest in Term 1 (69.8 %)
- Among students not attending regularly, the most common reason for absence was (M) illness.
- The most common reason for unjustified absences was (G) holiday.
- 73.7% of our students arrived to class on time during Term 3.

Moving into the warmer months should see an improved attendance rate this term. Please remember to ensure the school is informed of the reason for any non-attendance. If Teresa hears nothing back from you then the requirement on schools is to code the absence as (T) for truant.

It would be a great achievement to have more students here before the bell goes and lift that 73.7% rate so all efforts with this would be most appreciated.

Kay Tester Principal

OUR WEBSITE

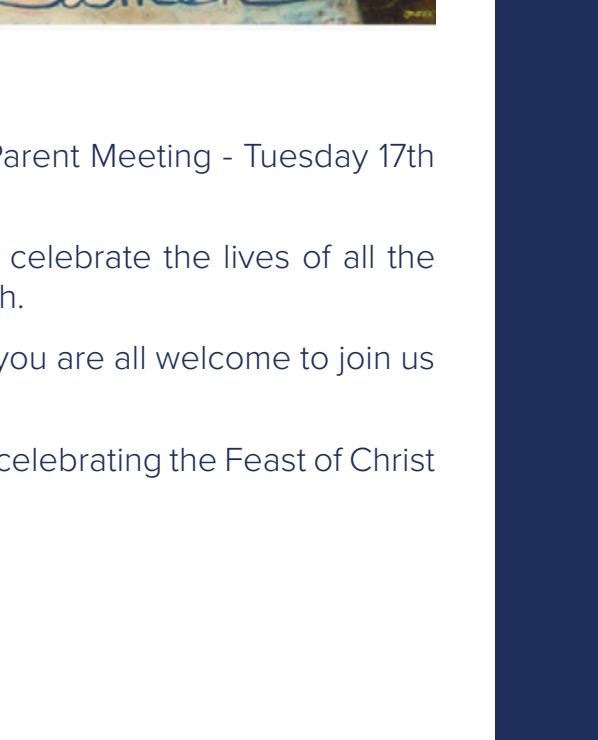
PARISH WEBSITE

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- From our Principal
- Special Character
- News from the Parish
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Events

- Tuesday 17 October**
Sacramental Programme Parent Meeting 7:30pm
- Monday 23 October**
School closed - Public Holiday
- Thursday 2 November**
All Souls Mass 9:30am - whanau welcome
- Friday 17 November**
School closed - Teacher Only Day



SPECIAL CHARACTER

After a busy term, we are moving on with more celebrations and activities.

There are some key dates to keep in mind this term and we kick off with a focus on the month of October as the month of the Rosary.

"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God..."

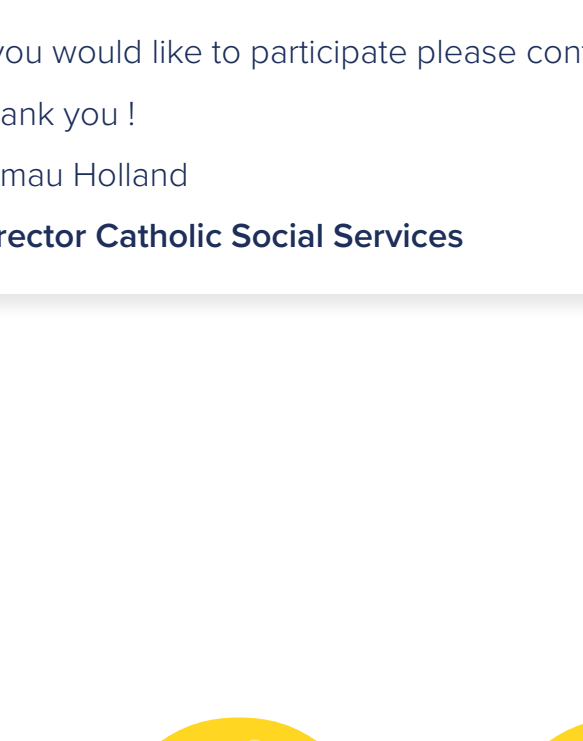
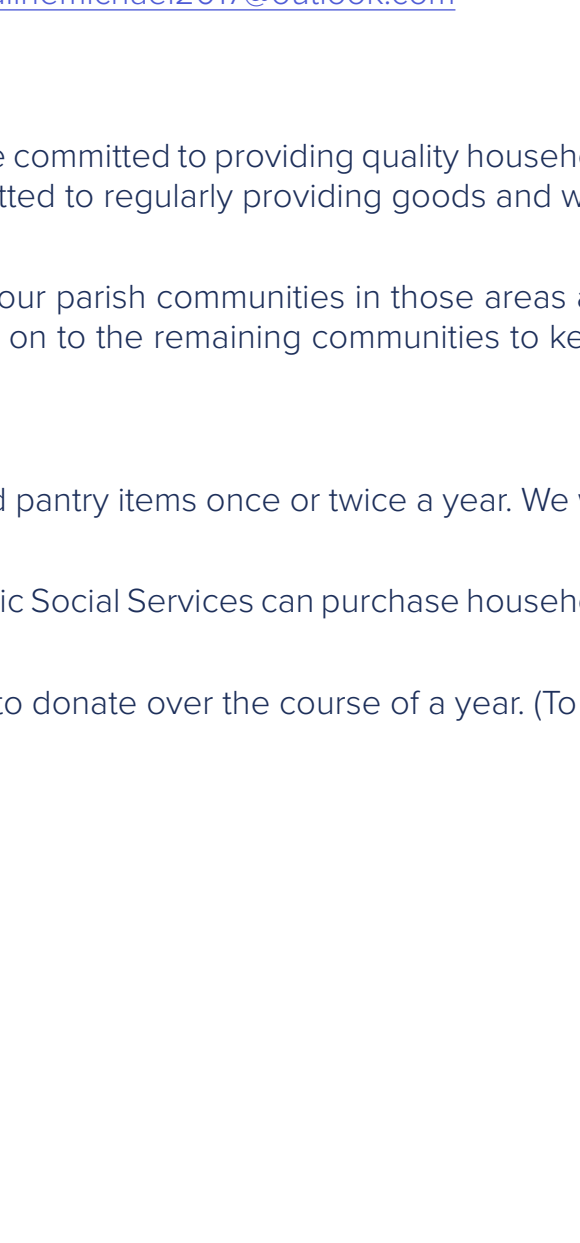
Pope Saint Pius X

Ngā mihi mahana,

Aurea Casino

Director of Religious Studies

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



Key dates

Sacramental Preparation Programme 2023/24 Parent Meeting - Tuesday 17th October at 7:30pm in the Chapel.

All Saints Day - Wednesday 1st November - we celebrate the lives of all the people we call saints and their holy lives on earth.

All Souls Day Mass - Thursday 2nd November - you are all welcome to join us at 9:30am.

Confirmation Day - Sunday 26th November, also celebrating the Feast of Christ the King.

NEWS FROM THE PARISH

Would your child like to take part in the Christmas Eve nativity play?

The nativity play will be taking part please at 6:30pm on Christmas Eve in St Peter & Paul church.

If you are interested in your child taking part please contact Pauline Prendergast paulinemichael2017@outlook.com

Catholic Social Services Refugee Resettlement Project needs your help

This project has been running since 2015. This is a long time for our communities to be committed to providing quality household goods and pantry items. We are so grateful to all those communities who are committed to regularly providing goods and who have made this project possible.

Newly arriving families are also being settled in the Wairarapa and Levin. Rightly so our parish communities in those areas are supporting the local resettlement efforts. This means that greater pressure now falls on to the remaining communities to keep on supporting this ongoing project in the Wellington area.

We really need your help:

Option 1 Become one of our regular volunteer groups who provide a house pack and pantry items once or twice a year. We will provide you with a list of items.

Option 2 Gather some like-minded people together and start fundraising so that Catholic Social Services can purchase household items and pantry packs as we need them.

Option 3 Be an ongoing gatherer of good quality electrical goods and kitchen ware to donate over the course of a year. (To be stored at CSS) The following items are the ones most in need:

- Electric Jug
- Microwave
- Rice cooker
- Vacuum cleaner
- Pots and pans
- Dinner set
- Cooking utensils

If you would like to participate please contact us at refugees@wvn-catholic-social-services.org.nz

Thank you!

Kamau Holland

Director Catholic Social Services



Fun in the Sun!

It has been a sunny start to Term 4!

Kowhai are very happy to be back at school and have settled back into routine with ease!

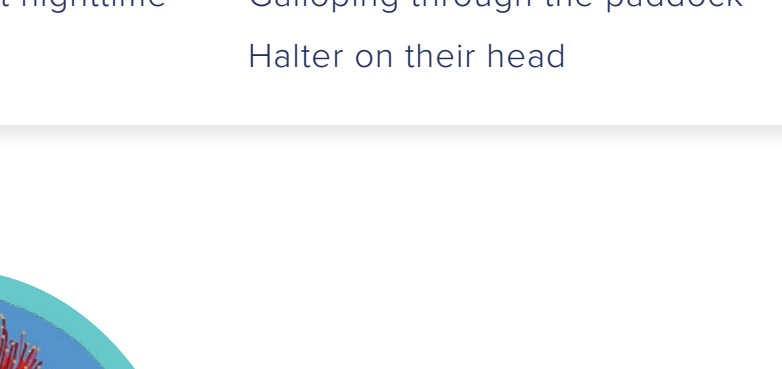
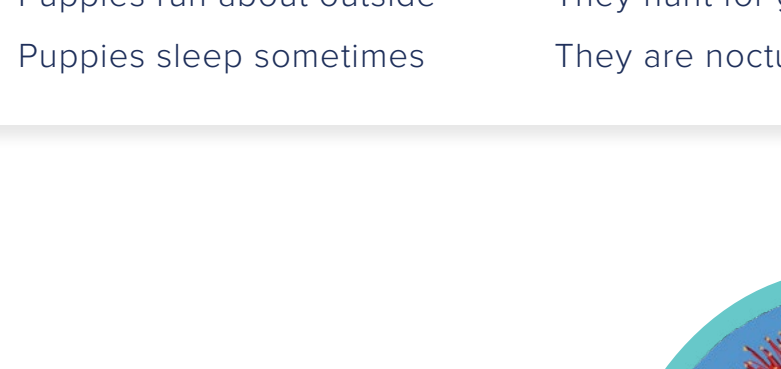
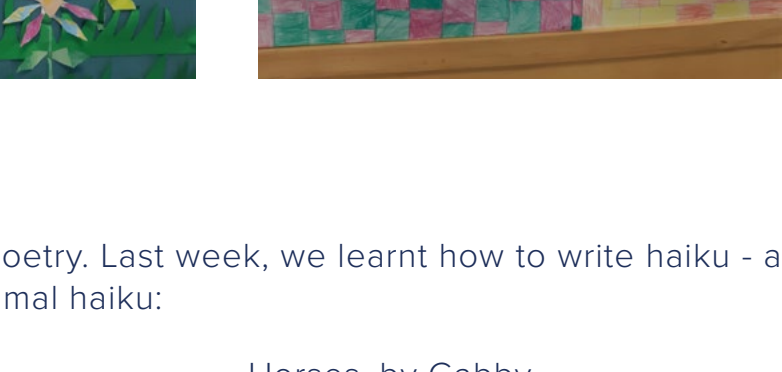
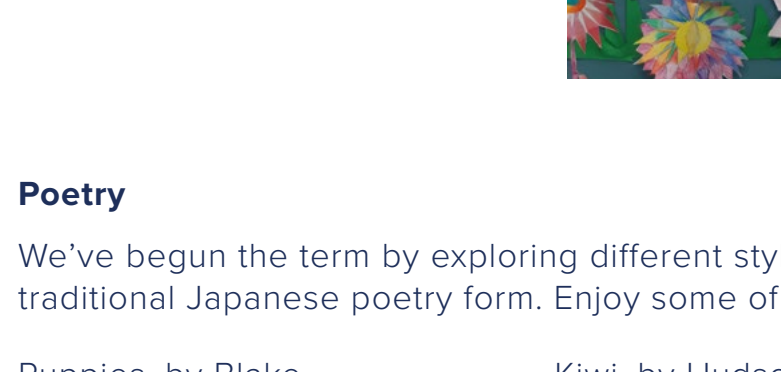
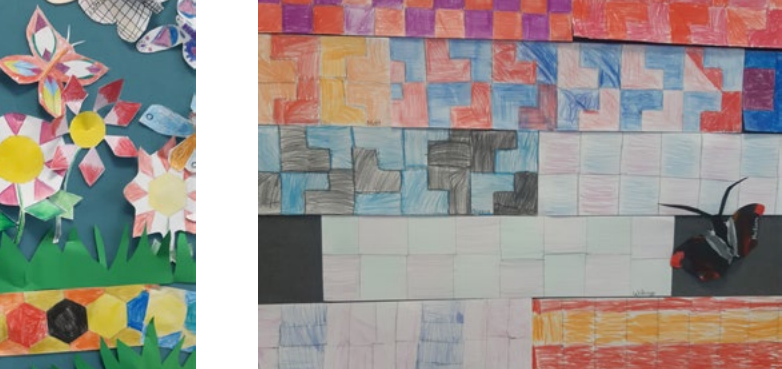
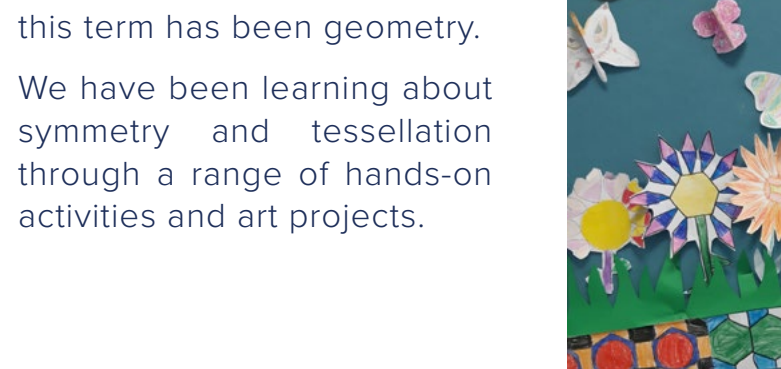
"I love being back at school to play with my friends!" **Isabelle**

"I like learning with my teacher!" **Elwin**

"I am glad to be back at school to play with my friends and learn more!" **Oliver**

"I like reading so I am glad to be back and reading with my teacher!" **Willow**

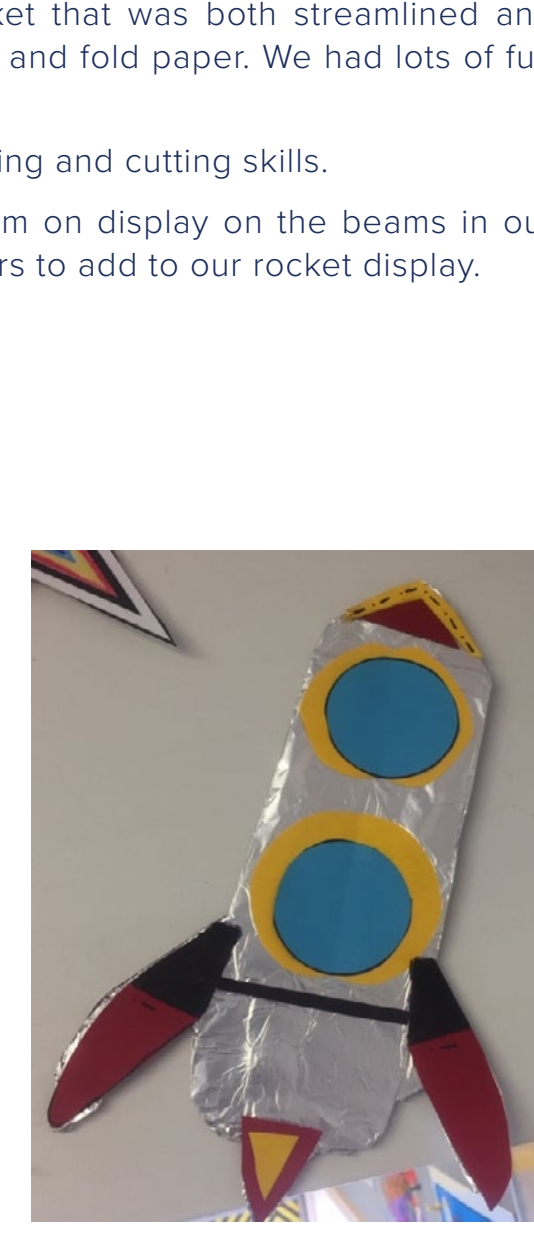
Please remember that sun hats are a must during this Term so that we are sunsafe. The hats will stay at school throughout the term so that your child can participate and play outside with their friends.



Geometry

Our maths focus for the start of this term has been geometry.

We have been learning about symmetry and tessellation through a range of hands-on activities and art projects.



Poetry

We began the term by exploring different styles of poetry. Last week, we learnt how to write haiku - a traditional Japanese poetry form. Enjoy some of our animal haiku:

Puppies, by Blake

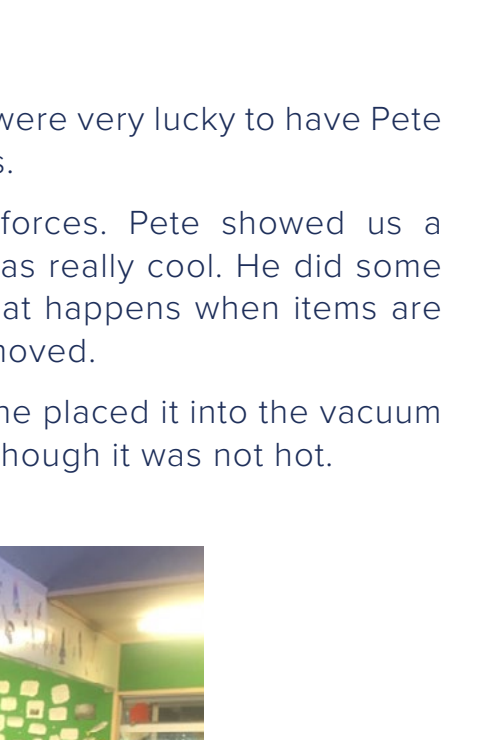
Puppies like to play
Puppies run about outside
Puppies sleep sometimes

Kiwi, by Hudson

They walk on the ground
They hunt for grubs at nighttime
They are nocturnal

Horses, by Gabby

They're taller than me
Galloping through the paddock
Halter on their head



Room 13 Rocket Art

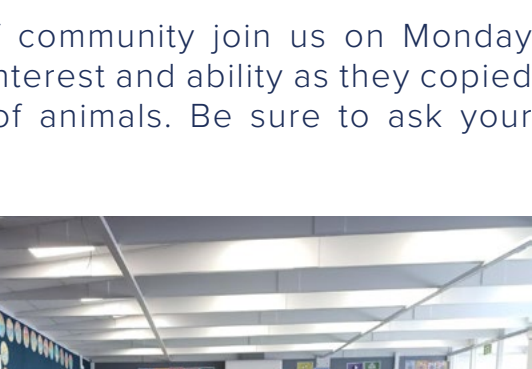
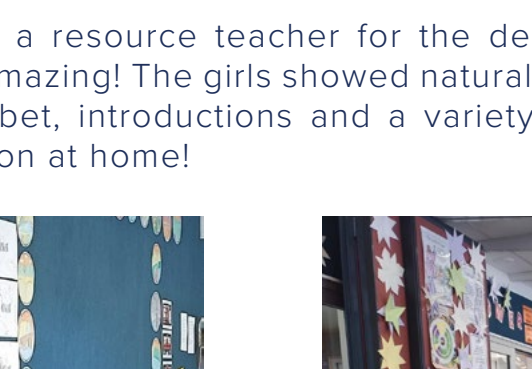
In Room 13 we created rockets that included these resources: colourful card, paper and tinfoil.

We were asked to create a rocket that was both streamlined and symmetrical and had to cut, stick, and fold paper. We had lots of fun making the rockets.

This activity made us use our folding and cutting skills.

After we had finished we put them on display on the beams in our classrooms and created some stars to add to our rocket display.

By Madison and Harper

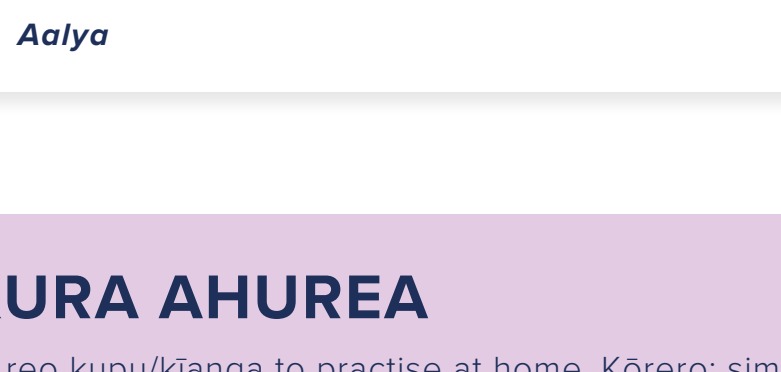


Science experiments

At the end of last term Pohutukawa were very lucky to have Pete Mclay (Leela's Dad) come to visit us.

Our inquiry last term was about forces. Pete showed us a vacuum chamber he made and it was really cool. He did some experiments with us to show us what happens when items are placed inside it and all the air is removed.

First, he put in a jar of water. When he placed it into the vacuum chamber, it boiled and fizzed even though it was not hot.



He also showed us a marshmallow, a balloon and shaving cream. They all expanded! The marshmallow got thicker and the balloon looked like it was going to pop.

Thanks for coming in Pete, we were all so interested and it made us very curious.

By Fei, Sophie, and Lyanne



Sign Language

This term Rātā are lucky to have a resource teacher for the deaf community join us on Monday afternoons. Our first session was amazing! The girls showed natural interest and ability as they copied Erin. The girls covered the alphabet, introductions and a variety of animals. Be sure to ask your tamariki to give you a demonstration at home!



Erin is teaching us NZSL (New Zealand Sign Language) this term. Erin has been teaching sign language for many years and so far we have learnt the alphabet, and animals. We are going to learn some songs, food items, sports and some important words.

We learnt you do not sign the word 'is' when signing a sentence or question. We also learned Erin's sign name which means drama because she used to teach drama, and that only someone from the deaf community can give a sign name.

We have picked up on the alphabet very quickly and have been signing words to each other, we even do the roll in sign language all thanks to Erin. We really appreciate Erin coming in every Monday to teach us."

Aaliya

KURA AHUREA

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

Ngā kupu wehenga Farewells

Ka kite anō i a koe
See you again

Hei āpōpō
Until tomorrow

Ā tōna wā

Until next time

Haere rā
Goodbye
(to someone leaving)

E noho rā
Goodbye
(to someone staying)

Pō mārie

Good night

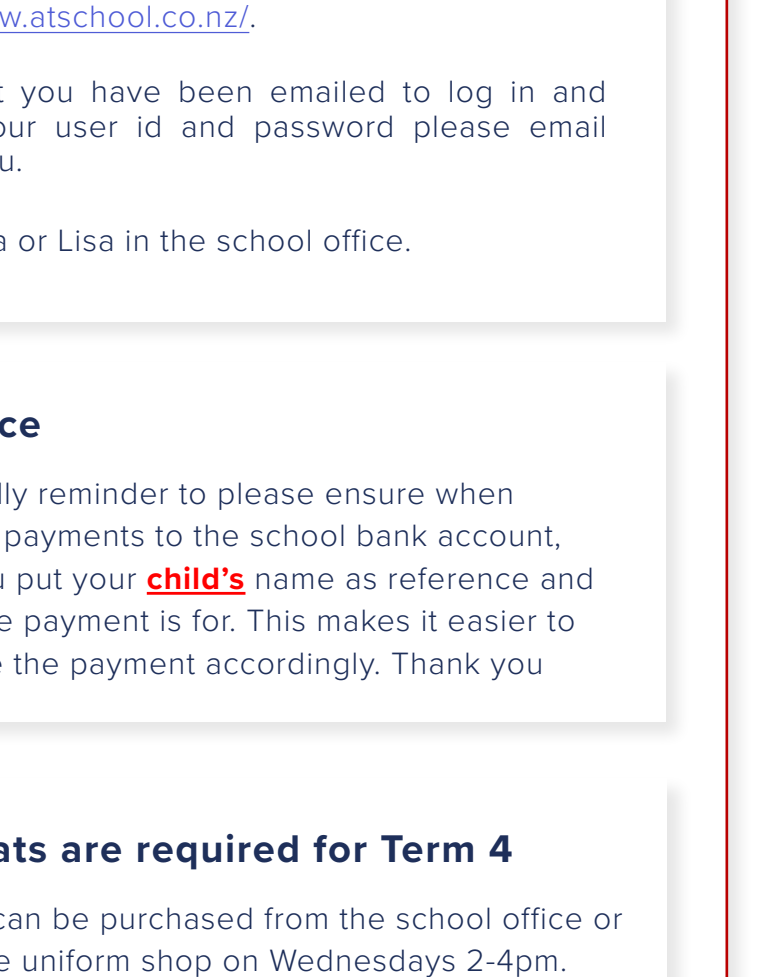
SPORTS NEWS

Water Polo history was made!

For the first time since its first presentation in 1994, our Year 5/6 Water Polo team won the A grade, and the trophy they are pictured with here.

Congratulations to St Peter and Paul Mako especially their coach, our ex pupil Shannon Doyle, their manager Richard Doyle and all the players Stefan Doyle, Ryan Thomas, Peyton Kelekolio, Ryan Fisher, Paul Cootie, Lexie Jensen and John Cootie.

Do look at the window near the school office to see the trophy.

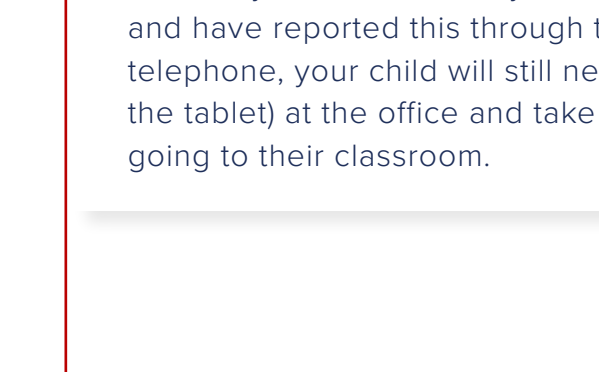


Basketball

Following the end of their second term playing, St Peter and Paul Korimako won Grade A Pool 1, the top Year 5/6 Grade. Congratulations to this team - CJ Love, Chanelle Brien, Jerone Ortega, Katsanah Pedro, John Cootie, Paul Cootie, Neo Jean, Ryan Fisher and their coach Jason Love.

St Peter and Paul Weka finished 3rd in Grade A Pool 2. Other teams assure me they all enjoyed their games.

Thanks are due to all our coaches and managers - Ahmed Hemady, Joe Ortega, Jason Love, Chontel Foley, Trent Ropati, Maria Ropati, Andrew Turner, Louisa Turner, Kate Smith, Dan Mooney, Kate Mooney, Karyn Donaldson, Sandra Geejay and Kerry Johnston.



Back row, John Cootie, Ryan Fisher, Katsanah Pedro, Jason Love (coach)
Front row, Neo Jean, Jerone Ortega, CJ Love, Paul Cootie, Chanelle Brien

Term 4 Sports

Touch teams and Future Ferns Yr 0-4 have been notified. Thanks for your patience with these.

Zone, Interzone and Regionals this term is Athletics with the first event on Tuesday 7 November.

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 our 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.stpeterpaul.school.nz/>

You will then be able to use the username and password that you have been emailed to log in 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.

Reporting an absence

It is a requirement from the Ministry that you inform the school if your child is going to be absent.

Please report all absences before 9am via the below options:

1. Through the school website.
2. Call the absence line 04 569 5759 option 1.
3. Email absences@stpeterpaul.school.nz

Please ensure you leave a reason for your child's absence. Any unexplained absences will be coded as unjustified and truant.

VisiTab

A friendly reminder that if you are running late and have reported this through the website or telephone, your child will still need to sign-in (on a tablet) at the office and take a red card before going to their classroom.

Finance

A friendly reminder to please ensure when making payments to the school bank account, that you put your **child's** name as reference and what the payment is for. This makes it easier to allocate the payment for accordingly. Thank you

Sunhats are required for Term 4

These can be purchased from the school office or from the uniform shop on Wednesdays 2-4pm.

This term we have introduced the option of a navy bucket hat also.

Caps (Yrs 5-8) \$10 and slouch/bucket hats (Yrs 1-4) \$12.

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- Send your lunch and enjoy it!