

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

It has been great to see our students together again after the holidays and we look forward to an exciting and busy term ahead. Term one flew by, and we expect this term will be just as busy and full of learning.

Thank you so much for coming to our learning conversations in the final weeks of term one. It is incredibly valuable to have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress and learning goals. We look forward to seeing you all later in the term at our term 2 learning conferences.

TERM 2 - IMPORTANT DATES/EVENTS

Please note these important dates in your calendar:

- Sacred Heart College Deputy Principal Visit - Tuesday 14 May
- Sacred Heart College - Adventure EOTC Activities - Thursday 16 May, Wednesday 29 May & Thursday 30 May
- Blake NZ - Virtual Reality Experience - Monday 27 May
- Cross Country Zone Event - Tuesday 28 May
- Teacher Only Day - Friday 31 May
- King's Birthday - Monday 3 June
- Bible Reading Competition - Week 6 (3 - 7 June)
- Capital E on TV experience - Tuesday 4, Wednesday 5, Thursday 6 June
- Cross Country Interzone Event - Tuesday 11 June
- Sacred Heart Open Morning - Thursday 13 June
- Swimming Sports - Friday 21 June
- Extra Technology Session - Monday 24 June
- School Feast Day - Thursday 27 June
- Learning Conferences - Tuesday 20 June & Tuesday 2 July

Learning in Term Two

Mathematics

We begin the term with a focus on multiplication and division of both whole numbers and decimals. Students are exploring a variety of strategies to help them solve equations and word problems with growing understanding and confidence. Our math programme continues to be a combination of teaching sessions, workshops, independent practice, and problem-solving activities.

Inquiry Topic

Our Topic is Science focussed and explores life and the environment 'Under the Sea'. This learning is further supported by a virtual reality experience that will be coming into the school this term. In literacy we are further exploring this topic through reading comprehension as well as students carrying out their own research and writing their own information reports.

Sports and PE

Our physical education programme is focused on football, basketball & mini tennis. Please encourage your girls to have their PE gear at school Monday through Thursday.

For your information, here are two links from Sport NZ specially developed for parents of older girls:

[Balanced Female Health Handbook](#)

This new resource for adults supporting young people in community sport.

Developed by health professionals working in the sport sector, this resource covers changes throughout

female puberty, the menstrual cycle, and factors that impact the physical health and mental wellbeing of all young people.

[Keeping Girls in the Game](#)

A 'how-to' guide with tips for coaches, sports organisations, parents and supporters

And there's more....

Later in the term we will attend Capital E in Wellington where students will enjoy an 'On TV' learning experience. We are also moving on to writing picture books later in the term and illustrating these in preparation for our school Book Week in term 3.

Technology at Avalon Intermediate School continues to be on Friday with one additional session this term, the date of which can be found above. We invite you all to attend the learning conferences later in the term where we will be sharing reading, science and writing assessment results, your child's mid-year report as well as some of your child's learning illustrations.

Contact

As always if you have any questions or would like to speak to your child's teacher we are contactable through admin@stpeterpaul.school.nz or Rataal@stpeterpaul.school.nz

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