Ss Peter and Paul School

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Kia ora Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome

A warm welcome to our new students and families. We are pleased to have you with us and look forward to your children's learning journeys.

Our school has been wonderfully Capistrano our whole term, with our students having a great time learning the skills and stories of our Patron Saint.

We hope you have all enjoyed your start to school and that every child is happy.

Staffing

The transition and learning of mathematics has been very much in the spotlight over these weeks. We have had our Assistant Principal, David Pomeroy, a senior lecturer in Mathematics Education at the University of Auckland and Kate Lee-George, a lecturer in Mathematics Education at the Faculty of Education and Social Work at Victoria University of Wellington, working with our teaching staff.

Over the last 5 years we have had a strong focus on mathematics and have seen great growth in our students' proficiency. This year we have been focusing on our teaching practices in mathematics and have moved sessions and contributed support to ensure our students are receiving the support they need. We haven't been there not been opportunities for schools to access their own support. We have been very fortunate to have David and Kate.

This year all classroom teachers received a copy of our classroom release time (CRT). This year CRT hours were used to release Year 3 and 4 teachers.

Last week teachers from Pōhutukawa and Kōwhai attended a day of professional learning with Kate Brown, on their mathematics teaching practices. Kate and David are doing the same over their release time.

Our students do well in tests, however, we want them to develop a rich and balanced programme that develops our students' mathematical proficiency. We appreciate the support recommended by mathematics advisors.

Leadership

I am fortunate to belong to a principal cluster where we meet regularly to share ideas and support each other. The school I'm in is just a little bit above me in the cluster, so I'm able to draw on their experiences and support.

We have had a term in which to prepare, write our 3-year strategic plan and spend time sharing ideas with our staff and board. We have a lot of work to do in stage one of the plan, but having spent some time on it, we feel it is a good plan. We have had a lot to learn the principal talk about aspects of leadership, governance and strategic planning.

Last Tuesday the principal cluster put school fees data broadly presented with the commitment to our Catholic education system and our Catholic schools.

We spent time in the beautiful capital that is our country's capital. We met with our local MP and discussed Catholic education. We had a very productive discussion and I think that we gave our MP a good understanding of our system and the challenges we face. We also had a good time in the capital. We had a very productive and enjoyable time.

Our Catholic Bishops forward to next week with our **Ka Pono Ka Marama** Ka Pono Ka Marama Catechist day at the end of the week is always a highlight. It is a great day for our staff to come together and have inclusive conversations about our Catholic education system and what it means for us, and how we can ensure our school is thriving.

Kia Tūpato

Kia Kaha

Kia Manaaki

Kia Pono

Kia Aroha

Kia Ngākau Tūwhera

Kia Ngākau Nui

Kia Ngākau Tapatahi

Kia Ngākau Mahi

Kia Ngākau Tūmanako

Kia Ngākau Tūhāhā

Kia Ngākau Ngāwari

Kia Ngākau Ngākau Pai

Kia Ngākau Ngākau Ora

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