

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Term three has gotten off to a chilly but fun start, and we look forward to a great term of learning ahead. So far, students have enjoyed technology challenges, a Sacred Heart College roadshow performance, Information report presentations using google slides and a lawn bowls session with an expert!

Please see below dates for your calendar and an outline of what is coming up this term.

Important Dates

- August 11th-15th - Winter Book Festival
- August 5th - Mass, Feast of the Assumption, 9.30am. All welcome
- August 21st - Filipino Language Day
- September 3rd - Indian, Onam and Diwali day
- September 4th - Learning Conferences
- September 10th Learning Conferences
- September 11th - Science Roadshow
- September 19th - End of Term Assembly

Religious Education

Our topic for this term is Being Church. We will focus on the individual and collective actions in relation to God's Catholic church family. We will explore aspects like discipleship, catholic social teaching, virtues and human relationships.

Mathematics

We begin our studies with a unit of work on Algebra. Students will learn how to solve one and two step linear equations. We will look at the rules of integers, laws of operations and simplifying algebraic expressions and more complex equations.

Literacy

Oral language skills of public speaking will be a big part of our learning in Literacy. Students have presented Information Reports, will participate in our bible reading competition and work towards writing and presenting persuasive speeches to their class. We will end the term with a poetry unit of work.

Health & Physical Education

Starting this week, we have the Life Education Trust truck on sight. All classes will participate in a series of three lessons looking at making good choices, dealing with peerpressure and building resilience. These lessons are designed to empower our students and promote confidence and assertiveness.

Arts

We will have an arts focus on reading musical notes and understanding the different vocal ranges used in choral music. Students will sing in large and small groups to apply this learning.

Science

We will learn about the material world this term. Lessons will cover the structure of matter and its states. By way of experimentation, students will learn about its physical and chemical properties, and the changes it undergoes.

As always, thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing you all at the end of term for learning conferences. If you need to get in touch with us please use the following methods:

- Ring the office to make an appointment or to ask their teacher to give you a call
- Email admin@stpeterpaul.school.nz with attention to their teacher's name
- Email directly to rataal@stpeterpaul.school.nz
- Drop into school before the day starts or send a note to school with your daughter

Ngā mihi nui,

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