

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We hope the start of term 4 finds you well as we head into the summer and festive season. Students have settled into our new home, as the Rata building is re-roofed, and are making the most of spending so much time in our wonderful school library.

Please remember to read our school fortnightly newsletter to stay ahead of what is happening this term. It is full of important and helpful information. We encourage parents to also keep an eye on the school calendar on our website for upcoming events.

For your convenience, please see below dates for your calendar and an outline of the main events coming up this term.

Important Dates

- Monday October 20 - Akau Tangi Sports Day
- Monday October 27 - Labour Day
- Monday November 10 - Akau Tangi Sports Day
- Thursday November 13 - Cultural Day
- Tuesday November 18 - Year 8 Retreat Day at Home of Compassion
- Tuesday December 2 - End of Year Mass and Parent Helper Morning Tea
- Wednesday December 3 - Rata Show
- Monday December 8 - Road Patrol Pool Party
- Tuesday December 9 - Graduation Event
- Wednesday December 10 - Year 8 Movie Night
- Friday December 12 - End of Year Assembly
- Monday December 15 - Last day of school for 2025

Religious Education & Health

Our topic for this term is Te Atua - God. We will be looking at the concept of revelation and how God reveals God to us in our everyday lives. The beauty of creation will be explored and an appreciation of the love and complexity of what God has created. We will develop an understanding that we may not always feel the presence of God, but that God is always with us and we can continue to search for this throughout our lives. We will also look at human sexuality through the Catholic lens - more information will follow on this subject.

Mathematics

This term students will be learning about statistics and completing statistical investigations in class. Students will learn what makes a good research question and how to effectively gather data. We will cover different types of graphs and learn how to interpret and analyse the data that they show. Students will draw conclusions and critically reflect on their own investigations.

Literacy

We will be completing in-depth novel studies this term. Students will explore the setting, characters, plot and themes in the novels that they read. Our writing focus this term will be

editing and proof reading. Students will work on critically reviewing their own written work to improve the overall quality and effectiveness of their writing.

Health & Physical Education

This term we have school athletics. For some students this will lead onto zone, interzone and regional events. We are also attending three multi-sport days at Akau Tangi Sports Arena in Wellington in the first half of the term. This will be a great opportunity for enjoyment and development as we try several new and exciting sports.

Arts

We look forward to our area show at the end of the term. Students will participate in acting, dancing and singing opportunities as we prepare for the show and then get the chance to perform for the school and their families.

As always, thank you for your support. 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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