



Kia ora parents and caregivers

from the Principal

I hope you all had a most enjoyable Queen's Birthday weekend complete with a pretty impressive southerly blast and then typically, a beautiful day to follow. This week we have a number of meetings with parents new to the school who have enrolled their children for 2020. It is always a pleasure talking to groups about our school and then taking them on a tour of the classrooms 'in action'.

This Sunday we join with the Parish to celebrate Pentecost, the gift of the Holy Spirit, at 9am Mass. We warmly welcome a great turn out from our parent community at this Mass; a genuine way of demonstrating your commitment to supporting our faith based activities.

A number of students have a particular contribution to make such as leading the singing in the choir, reading a prayer or enacting the Gospel. We ask that parents let the school know should any of these students be unable to attend as it is a big ask of children to suddenly step into a role at the last minute in front of a big crowd.

Wednesday 5 June 2019

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Special Character

Last Tuesday we joined other Catholic Schools around New Zealand to celebrate Catholic Schools Day. This is a special celebration, a day on which we remember all the things that are done in the name of Jesus and for which we can be grateful. Here is a collection of photos from the day.



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Following the **Footsteps** of **Jesus**

Calendar

Term Dates



Preference Certificates

Parents wishing to apply to Catholic Schools and Colleges, certificate signing is at the **SSPP Parish Office** Wed 12 & 19 June. **3-5pm** or **630-730pm** no appointment time is necessary. If your child has been baptised please bring their certificate along with you.

Meals for those in need

We have established a database of parents willing to cook meals for members of our school community who may be experiencing difficulties such as illness or bereavement. If you would like to help, please email Genevieve Greally gen.cain@gmail.com. Many thanks.



Volunteers Needed



to cover New Library Books



We have a wonderful selection of new library books waiting to go out on the shelves. We just need help with the covering. We are happy to show new people the ropes. The plastic cover is very easy to use. This is a great way to contribute to our school.

Please email the Library - library@stpeterpaul.school.nz

or drop into the library on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday after school. Thank you!

Uniform SHOP HOURS

Wednesdays
2pm - 4pm

uniform@stpeterpaul.school.nz

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School

School photos have arrived and have been sent home with your child today

Photos

Reporting

Absences



If your child is going to be absent or late to school it is important you advise the office so that we know that all of our students are safe and accounted for.

Your child's absence or lateness can be advised by:

Calling the absence line between 7.30am and 9am on 569 5759 ext 1, sending an email to admin@stpeterpaul.school.nz or via the website www.stpeterpaul.school.nz 'Report Absence'.

Following up on unadvised absences can be very time consuming and your support with this is very much appreciated.

Warm Jackets

With the weather taking a decidedly colder turn could we please ask that children bring a warm jacket to school with them every day, even if it's just in case they need to put it on while they play outside before school or during the breaks. Thank you.

Entertainment Book

Don't forget your 2018-2019 Entertainment Book (last year's) ran out last Saturday 1st June. Don't panic you can purchase your new copy for 2019-2020 right here!! Just follow the links below.....couldn't be easier.

The Entertainment Book saves you a small fortune over the year!! You're choices are not limited to just Wellington, you can buy a book for other areas in New Zealand and Australia!! And you can purchase in hard copy form or digital.

Please share our information below with your family, friends and colleagues!!

Click here to order
your copy



SOUTH WEST ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

On a variable weather day last Tuesday the school participated in the South West Cross Country at Sladden Park. Competition was strong in all age groups. Congratulations are due to

First Placings	Jane Doyle - Year 6 Girls Bri Garrety - Year 8 Girls
Second Placings	Penny Houlihan - Year 4 Girls Gwen McGrath - Year 6 Girls Anika Lahood - Year 7 Girls Alyssa Jarvis - Year 8 Girls
Third Placings	Tyrah Onesemo - Year 8 Girls
Fourth Placings	Rebecca Bailey - Year 7 Girls

Congratulations to these runners plus others who made the Interzone team alongside them- Rodney So'oialo, Garrie Coote, Milana Burt, Brooke Crighton, Georgia Sparrow, Isla Cumming, Stanley Campbell, Abi O'Reilly, Josh Curran-Mongan, Hannah McCluskey, Isobel Church, Kiara Dodson, Ruby Hall, Holly Russell, Maia Deadman and Zoe Foss.

Thanks are due to all the parents who supported us especially Justine Houlihan who volunteered to marshall on the course for the whole morning. These events cannot happen without such support.



PTA

EVENTS

PTA Meeting

All welcome join us at one of
our next meetings
School staffroom
7:00pm

Thursday 20 June

Thursday 1 August

PTA

Mufti Day

Friday 7 June

We are raising funds to purchase sun shades to help further protect areas around the school, especially in the vicinity of Kowhai and Nikau.

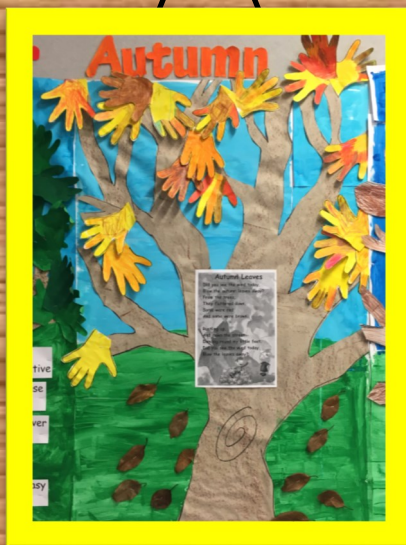
\$2 gold coin donation

Thank you for your support
From the PTA Committee



Concept of 'Change'

This term we continue to develop our understanding of the concept of 'Change' under the big idea of 'Think safe, be safe'. Over the last few weeks we have observed the seasonal change of autumn to winter. Room 1 had fun observing changes in their fellow classmates from baby to now. It was fun working out which baby photos belonged to the teachers!

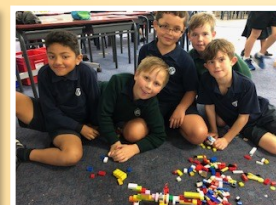


Last Tuesday our school celebrated Catholic Schools Day. In Nikau we enjoyed spending time together in prayer, sharing food, getting to know each other and playing together - just like the followers of Jesus did in the Early Church. Well, maybe not the playing!



We had a liturgy followed by a shared morning tea that we invited parents to. Later during the day we joined in dancing fun favourites like 'The Bird Dance' and 'The Macarena' with as much laughing as dancing.

The afternoon block was our choosing time. Each space was set up with different activities such as building, crafts, doing plays, playing board games or watching a movie. It was a fun day!





12-15



Constable Blue and the Hutt City Council cycle team visited Rooms 12-15 to help teach the students the skills needed to ride safely on the road. The students had a wonderful time riding their bikes around the school grounds learning to stop safely, make the correct hand signals and to look out for obstacles they may encounter while riding on the road. They also learnt to check their helmets and bikes to make sure they were in the safest condition for riding. At the end of the session the students were proud to receive a certificate to show they had successfully completed the training course.



HUTT STEMM FESTIVAL



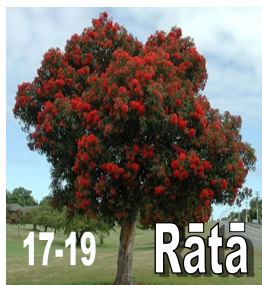
On Tuesday 28 May 2019 a group of students from Pohutukawa area went to the Hutt City Science STEMM challenge along with around 15 other schools. The group of students from Pohutukawa area were split into two teams named Titipounamu and Piwakawaka.



The STEMM challenge consisted of 5 rounds of quizzes, four being 10 question rounds and one round which was a practical challenge. The 10 round questions consisted of different subjects ranging from history, science to mathematics. In the practical round there were three challenges an elements challenge, a building challenge and a coding challenge. For the elements challenge we were provided with items and had to identify which elements most correspond with the objects. For the building challenge we were marked on how high of a structure we could build with the following materials, string, tape, raw spaghetti, scissors and a marshmallow that went on the top of the structure. In the coding challenge we had to code a bee bot around a virtual race track. After each round the scoreboard was updated with the new points, the total amount of points possible you could score was 50 points. At the end of the challenge everyone was happy and congratulating Titipounamu for coming 2nd overall.

By Joshua Hamlyn and Liam Carson





A **Big** congratulations to Rebekah Hogan from Room 19 who had her amazing artwork published in the latest edition of Toitoti magazine. Toitoti is a magazine that celebrates the talented young writers and artists of Aotearoa. Congratulations, Rebekah, your work was beautiful.



Wellington Museum Trip

On Tuesday 21 May, Rata Area travelled into Wellington to explore our beautiful city. In class, we are learning about Kiwiana and about all the things that are special to our culture and our country. We started the day with a scavenger hunt around the Wellington Waterfront, where we had to locate points on the map and complete the hunt. We saw the mast by Frankitts Park that belonged to the Wahine, as well as Shed 5 which is the oldest building on the waterfront. We then went to Te Papa to find out more about our Maori culture. Finally, the day finished at the Wellington Museum. A highlight of the Wellington Museum was the Attic. In the Attic were lots of different statues and trinkets that are special to Wellington, including taxidermied lions from the Wellington Zoo and the time machine. We also loved the hologram viewing of local Maori Legend Ngake and Whataitai. It was a fantastic day out and a big thank you to all of our parent helpers who helped us out on the day.



School Office

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www.stpeterpaul.school.nz

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parents/caregivers call between 7.30-9.00am extn 1 if your child will be absent or late

Information line

for up to date school activities and cancellations use extn 2

Contact the School

School Policy & Procedures

Login details are on the Parent Portal under About Us

Parent Portal

etap@school parent portal
etap@school app
(if you forgot your password please contact Lisa in the school office)

Thank you for your ongoing support
Mā te Atua koutou e manaaki, e tiaki hoki
May God bless and care for you
Kind regards **Kay Tester - Principal**





Community News

BRANCH OUT STUDIOS

SPEAK**OUT** STAND**OUT**

BRANCH OUT STUDIOS SPEECH & DRAMA CLASSES ARE NOW RUNNING AFTER SCHOOL AT HUTT CITY BAPTIST CHURCH FOR STUDENTS YEARS 4-8.

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confidence | creativity | communication



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