

## **Ss Peter & Paul School**

# Newsletter

Kia ora parents and caregivers,

from the Principal

A very warm welcome back to Term 3 which even provided a beautiful week of weather for our return from a refreshing and enjoyable break. I always love that first day back, watching smiling students as they reconnect with their friends and teachers after their time apart. Many thanks to our teachers for all their efforts over the break to plan and design another amazing range of rich learning opportunities for their students this term.

As I move about the classrooms and playgrounds during the day I am so impressed with the level of engagement students have in their learning and the increasing effort they are prepared to put in to produce work that demonstrates growth and quality. Likewise with the kindness and consideration they show to one another as they engage in their school life. It is very rare that we have a visitor to our school who does not comment on what a pleasure the students and staff are to work with and what a wonderful school we have. We had six already last week and they all relayed that same message!

We look forward to working with you and your children as they continue their learning journey with us this term.



Many thanks to the students of Pohutukawa for their inspiring work last term which resulted in a range of plans for the enhancement of our courtyard area. We look forward to seeing the development of the winning design of Jamie Flynn and Finn Jones as the year progresses.

### **Special Character**





Many thanks to everyone who supported Mufti Mania at the end of the last term. Over \$550 was raised for Doputz Primary School in Papua New Guinea. The money will be used to help get their school up and running with new water tanks, toilets, resources and classroom repairs. We really appreciate your support. God Bless.



Following the Footsteps of Jesus

Tuesday 30 July 2019

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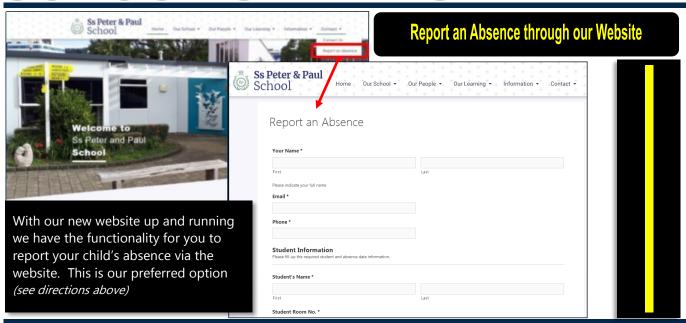
### Feast of the Assumption of Mary

**Thursday 15 August 9:15am** the school is leading this Mass.

All welcome



# **SCHOOL UPDATES**





#### The School and Parish

are inviting all who wish to be baptised this term to show their interest by sending an email to the school office or calling in when you are next passing. We will gather details and pass this on to the Parish Baptism team.

#### ■ SCHOLASTIC

A brochure came home last week 'issue 5', these come home once a term. Orders are to be placed online at

mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz using LOOP (Linked Online Ordering and Payment for Parents). Orders cannot be made at school. When ordering, to find our school you will need to enter the school's postcode '5010' and/or our school's name 'St Peter and Paul School'. All online orders will be sent directly to the school and given to your child.

#### **Closes 3pm Friday 2 August**

#### **Interim Reports**

There are a number of reports still awaiting collection in the office. If your child's/children's report is one of them, please feel free to visit the school office during office hours to collect.

### **ASSEMBLY**

WE were really delighted to have Pohutukawa begin our Assembly at the end of Term 2 with their haka and songs in Te Reo. This also allowed parents who had been unable to see them at our celebrations to see their children in action. Room 7 shared their poems with us and made sure we all knew what to do to be Firewise and we saw Art from Room 17 and Pohutukawa. Writing from different perspectives was also shared by some Year 5/6 students. A special treat was 2 songs from our Year 7/8 choir who entertained us with "Happy Together" and "Somewhere Only We Know".

Once again our House Leaders did well taking charge of this assembly and they look forward to the end of this term for another opportunity to do so.



**Thursday 1 August** is **SCOUT Scarf Day** and we encourage all our cubs and scouts to wear their scarves to school on this day.





On-line Sign-in / Sign-out management system

A friendly reminder that if you are running late and have reported this through the website or telephone, your child will still need to sign-in *(on the tablet)* at the office and take a red card before going to their classroom.

### 100 days of learning



We have been counting the days on our calendar and at last our 100 days of learning has finally arrived. To celebrate, Rooms 4, 5 and 7 made sparkly masks and "100 days smarter" crowns. Then we wore them whilst we danced and sang to some counting songs and some of our favourite songs. We all had a little bag of popcorn whilst we watched a story about 3 little birds and their shadows. We had a

look at our shadows too as we had a little turn on the new playground. We had a very fun-filled, exciting day and sang the "I'm so





Kowhai







### **Garden Project**



12-15

**Students in the Pohutukawa** area have enthusiastically signed up to be a part of our school vegetable garden project. Last week, our first team of volunteers began the job of assessing what is already in the garden and deciding what we need to do next to get the garden ready for planting in springtime. They have been busy removing weeds, dead plant material and also researching the vegetables we can grow in this environment. Our plan is to donate the vegetables we grow to the St Vincent de Paul Society so they can be distributed to families in need. We are always looking for experts in our school community who are willing to support us in this project. If you are a keen gardener and have some free time we would love to hear from you.







Last term during our Kiwiana Unit, Room 18 explored things that are iconic to New Zealand. We enjoyed brainstorming the A-Z of New Zealand and had some interesting discussions as Tip Top was sold while we were completing our art! We used a mixed media of pastels and colouring pencils. We explored new colouring techniques to complete our bold artwork that highlighted objects unique to New Zealand.













### Matariki

To celebrate Matariki, Room 19 explored the cluster of Matarki that includes the stars Waiti, Waita, Waipunarangi, Tupuanuku, Tupuarangi, Ururangi. They created these very effective masterpieces using dye and pastel to create the night sky that shows Matariki.















**Welcome** to all our new students and their families. We trust you feel well supported and your children are beginning to make new friendships and are settling well into school life.



## from the Board

On June 5th we thanked and farewelled our departing Board members – Chris Byrne, Kirsty Voller and Michelle Ruocco. The work and time they dedicated to the Board was highly valued. Blessings and our warmest wishes to them.

The Board had its first meeting with our new trustees on June the 26th. We welcomed new Board members; Michelle Nixon (staff rep) and Michael Bignall (parent rep) and Fr Cirilo (proprietors rep). We are in the process of filling an additional parent representative by selection (as per NZSTA process). I was elected Board Chair and I look forward to working with Kay, the Board and all of you in our learning community to ensure our students reach their full potential, nurtured by our Catholic identity.

Please see the Board of Trustees page under the Our People tab on the school website for meeting dates and further information.

Whauwhia te kete mātauranga – Fill the basket of knowledge. Tanya Wilton





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

**Thursday 1 August** 



# SPORTS update

This term we once again have **Netball** and **Miniball** in action plus our **Year 5,6 Waterpolo** team finally get in the water.

Later in the term we have Interschool fixture for Year 5,6 at Eastern Hutt on September 17th.

This involves 1 Netball team, 1 Rugby and 1 Football. A date for Maungaraki has yet to be confirmed.

**South West Zone** Swimming will be at Huia Pool on Friday 30th August followed by Interzone on 6th September. Entries are based on times and will be selected from our Swimming Sports in Term 1.

Our annual **Collins Cup tournament** against other Catholic Schools will take place on 4th September. Ss Peter and Paul will be defending the Netball Cup and, in association with St Bernards, the overall trophy.

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Report an Absence

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

**Parent Portal** 

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**Contact the School** 

Login details are on the Parent Portal under About Us

etap@school parent portal etap@school app

(contact Lisa in the office if you forget your password)

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* 











#### **Information: Game Time at Chilton St James!**

Students will be placed into teams and after a short warm-up will play mini competitive games run by Capital Basketball.

Depending on numbers registering, the times will be as follows:

Year 1 & 2 will play from 3.30pm – 4.00pm

Year 3 & 4 from 4.00pm - 4.30pm

Year 5-8 from 4.30pm- 5.30pm

Begins 20th August and finishes 24th September

Cost: \$25 for the term

If you are interested please email adennehy@chilton.school.nz