

Ss Peter and Paul School

Newsletter Tuesday, 26 October 2021

Kia ora Parents and Caregivers,

A warm welcome back from the long weekend! As I write this I am very hopeful that our Year 4-8 athletics sports go ahead. How fortunate are we that this decision comes down to something as simple as the weather. While we may have to work within Level 2 guidelines for events like this, and for life in general, our students are still able to be together at school with one another and face-to-face with their teachers. As we continue to deal with the implications of Covid-19 pandemic, thankfully not in the Wellington region as yet, the term ahead will require some compromise to the way our end of year events have traditionally been done. We will be looking at all options that ensure an enjoyable, albeit different experience for students, staff and community.

The new traffic light system

With the Government's announcement of a new traffic light system to replace the alert level framework the focus goes clearly on the country hitting 90 per cent vaccination rates in every region.

As previously mentioned, the Government has made the decision that all staff and workers who may have contact with children and students in schools and kura must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by 1 January 2022. This measure has wide support within the education sector including the representative bodies of teachers and principals.

We will ensure the Government's Health Orders are put into practice.

The health and wellbeing of our students, staff, and everyone involved in the safe operation of our school is something we take very seriously. As with other diseases that many of us are vaccinated from (measles, meningitis, pneumonia, tetanus and polio),

without vaccination we're at risk of serious illness, disability and in extreme cases, even death.

A fully vaccinated education workforce provides reassurance for parents and whānau that it's safe for their children and young people to attend school, and benefit from being with their friends and face-to-face learning with their teachers.

We appreciate all the efforts of parents and whānau to keep children and young people safe and engaged in their learning. We will continue to update you with the latest public health and other information as it becomes available.

Best wishes to Sophie

You may not be aware that Sophie Wright, our Director of Religious Studies and teacher in Room 3, has now gone on maternity leave. We wish Sophie and Sam every happiness as they await the arrival of their first child. A very warm welcome to Margie Hahn who will teach in Room 3 until the end of the year. Many thanks to Aurea Casino as she takes on the Acting DRS while Sophie is on maternity leave.

Curriculum donation

Many thanks to those families who have made this year's curriculum donation. Our parent community survey last year gave an overwhelming indication that parents were supportive of the curriculum donation and keeping it at the current level. This week we will be sending a reminder regarding the payment of this donation as currently we face a significant shortfall of anticipated funds. We would appreciate your support and consideration of this.

From the Principal

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Tuesday 2 November
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Thursday 4 November
Wgtn Cricket Coaching -
Pohutukawa

Friday 5 November
Kiwi Hoops

Monday 8 November
Life Education Bus

Special Character

During the last week of Term 3 we had Catholic Schools Day on Wednesday 29 September.

Ss Peter and Paul students were luckily to celebrate together in areas with a liturgy led by the Christain Service Leaders. It was lovely coming together in prayer to celebrate what makes our school special and how we connect to God.

Ss Peter and Pauls was also lucky enough to have a visitor, Michael Stewart from Caritas. He went

around areas and shared Caritas's current focus and how they are helping the vulnerable around the world. He shared stories that linked to the Beatitudes and explored social justice week with students around the school.

Each area had a chance to start or organise an outreach project and have a time to celebrate being part of our wonderful school. Here are a few photos from the day.



Uniform

A reminder that during alert level 2, all orders and payments are to be completed online by emailing Teresa at

uniform@stpeterpaul.school.nz.

Should you need to bring your child in for a fitting, this will be done by appointment only and is to be coordinated through her via email. Please note you will be required to wear a mask at all times (this does not apply to children under the age of 12).

Sunhats and caps may be purchased from the school office.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email her.

News from the Board

We would still love to hear your feedback through our annual community survey. If you do wish to contribute, please click on the below link to the survey, or copy and paste it to your web browser.

The survey will be closing 1 November 2021

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JYFRDYL>

PTA News

Basic-facts-a-thon

The PTA would like to extend a big THANK YOU to all students, their families and amazing sponsors for the fantastic response we have had to the Basic-facts-a-thon. Sponsorship money is still being returned, but we have received over \$6000! We appreciate the support our school families have given this fundraiser, particularly in these unusual times we find ourselves in.

It'd be appreciated if all sponsorship money could be returned by the end of this week, by Friday 29 October. If you are unable to return the sponsorship form, please ensure you have your child's name and room number as a reference.

Thank you very much for your continued support!

Kowhai

Our Learning

This week Kowhai had three special visitors. We felt so lucky to participate in learning about our local area as well as how to stay safe around dogs.

Jane from The Dowse talked about our local river Te Awakairangi and the fauna and flora that live in and around it. She taught us that there are layers of colour within rivers. We learned that all rivers are different. We were also able to enjoy exploring the use of watercolours to create a picture of our wonderful river. Here are some examples.



Our other special visitors were Floyd and Virginia from Lower Hutt City. Virginia taught us that, “If a dog is on it’s own, leave it alone”. Check out the video she shared with us!



Nikau

We have begun Term 4 with a study of space. We are looking at the big idea that Earth's system is a small part of a solar system within the vast system of the universe. We will be learning about the interaction between the Earth, the Sun and the Moon.



“My class has been learning about Galileo. When he was a kid he was playing with his friends and he fell over and looked up at the sky. He started wondering about what was up in space. When he was an adult he invented a telescope that could see better than any other telescope before it. He also discovered that the Sun is at the centre of our solar system, not the Earth.”
Lachlan R9

“I am enjoying learning about the Sun. I have learnt that the Sun could fit all of the planets in our solar system inside it more than 600 times.”
Indie R10

“Our sun takes up 99.8% of the space in our solar system.”
Charlotte R10

“I would like to learn more about black holes because I want to know what is inside them.”
Kora R8

“I am interested in learning more about the multiverse. We watched a video and they talked about how there could be a multiverse.”
Stefan R8

Pohutukawa

Last Friday, Pohutukawa students began a Kiwi Hoops basketball program. The six sessions are run by a pro coach from Capital Basketball with a focus on having fun while also developing their basketball skills. They had a great session and are really looking forward to the next one!

As part of Catholic Schools Day, Pohutukawa students worked

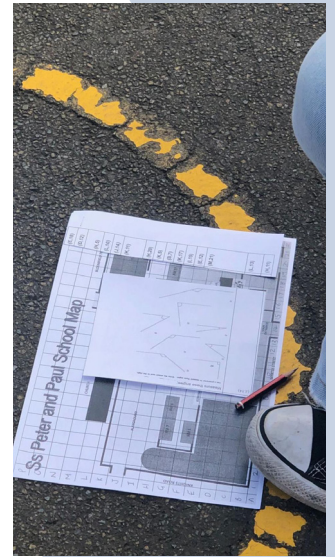
on their outreach project. All students made a card to thank the wonderful essential workers at our local New World for helping our community during Level 4 and 3 lockdown. These lovely cards have been put on display near the counters for all customers to see and remember to thank our essential workers.



Rata

On the last day of Term 3 the school participated in a Basic-facts-athon. Rata Area used the time to reflect on their learning from the term and use this in an Amazing Maths Race. Rata students had to use grid references, find places around the school and solve math problems to earn letters. Once they had collected each letter they had to work out the maths phrase.

Math is awesome! It was a fun, collaborative and energetic activity.



School Sports

Inter Regional Cross Country

Congratulations to the 4 girls from our school who were part of the Wellington team at this event prior to the end of Term 3.

They achieved very well with Jane Doyle 8th in the Year 8 event and Gwen McGrath 20th while Connie Reed was 16th in the Year 6 event and Milana Burt was 26th.

Jane's performance qualified her for a Bronze Medal.

Touch

Thanks to all those who have volunteered to coach and manage teams this term.

Games start on 29th October and while we are in Level 2 there will be restrictions around parental attendance.

Netball - Future Ferns Year 0, 1, 2

We have a keen group of students all set to start their season on the 30th October and a big thank you to those parents who have volunteered to support these teams.



Connie, Milana, Gwen and Jane in their Wellington gear.

School Lunches

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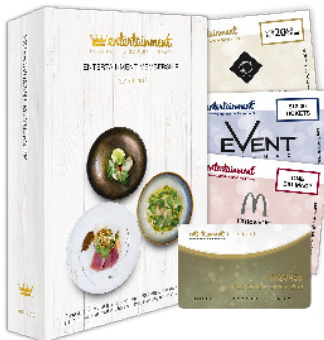
info@lunchonline.co.nz

Sushi and Subway

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- 1 Register an account
- 2 Add member/s including your child's name, school and classroom
- 3 Make a payment so you have funds in your account before you order
- 4 Select your lunch and place an order



Entertainment Books

Entertainment Book is completely digital and runs for 12 months from the date of activation. Books are available for New Zealand and Australia so if you are travelling grab yourself a single city or multi city membership and unlock some amazing savings while at the same time supporting our school!

Contact

School Office
04 569 5759

To report an absence or lateness click [here](#) or phone before 8:50am - extension 1
For up to date school activities and cancellations - extension 2

For further information, please visit our school website
www.stpeterpaul.school.nz