Ss Peter and Paul School

Tuesday 12 April 2022

Kia ora Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to School!

It was great to see our tamariki back in the classroom on Monday. Thank you for your patience with the **Covid-19 Protocols** and school **Bubble** operations over Week 1. We hope you had a great Easter and enjoyed the school holiday time with your families.

At the end of the term we had a very **busy Week 10**. We farewelled our Year 6 students on their Pilgrimage to Cathedral College, we had our Cross-country, Year 6 Camp, Year 6 Graduation Ceremony and the Kids Katch Show. We also learned, we are the winners of the Kaitiaki Awards for our Environmental Sustainability initiatives. Well done everyone!

We have very exciting **calendar events** coming up this term. We have our Cross-country, Kapa Haka Festival, Science Week, Fresh Day, Concert and Mention Assembly. Please refer to the calendar for dates and times.

Y 6 Self Governing Sports

Our Year 6 students will be organising and supervising Self Governing Sports on Friday 22 April. Please refer to the Sports Schedule for details. Please ensure your child has a hat, sunscreen and water bottle for this event. Thank you for your support with this event.

Students are invited to wear non-uniform clothing on Self Governing Sports Day. We ask that our students wear appropriate clothing for the day. Please refer to the Sports Schedule for details. Please ensure your child has a hat, sunscreen and water bottle for this event. Thank you for your support with this event.

Reporting to parents about mid-year progress and achievement

Our three way learning conferences and interactive reports will be sent home in Week 5 of Term 2.

I have been very fortunate to attend a number of Kapa Haka Festivals and Cultural Festivals in our community over the last few weeks. It is very heartwarming and very inspirational to see our students so focussed and enthusiastic and interested in learn.

Our Kapa Haka Festival is on Friday 29 April. We are very fortunate to have Kaiarahi Kapa Haka coming to our school for a workshop with our students. We have been the best of English Kids that we could be, preparing our students for their performance. We are very excited about our Kapa Haka Festival.

Ka Tiaki Ki Te Ao Tapu

Mary Ann Dempsey
Principal

SPECIAL CHARACTER

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to our students who received their First Communion last Sunday 3 June - celebrated by Father Sam and Mrs Fiona Jones-Kemp at St. Peter Chanel. We hope it was a special day for all of you.

A huge thanks to Kathryn van Meerkerken and Nicola Bagnall for all the work they did preparing the children on behalf of the parish.

Prayer Day

A celebration for St Peter and Paul's Feast Day is on Friday 29 June. This year this also happens to be when our celebration Mass is on Saturday, so school will be closed. Our School Feast Day celebrations will take place the day before, on Thursday 28 June, when we will have our Mass and Prayer Day in the morning. Mass at St Peter and Paul's Church, at 9:15am.

We hope to see the Grandaddies & Uncle's there.

Blessings
Director of Religious Studies

Bible Reading Competition

Congratulations to our Bible Reading competitors and contestants who represented the team and all the students who participated in the Bible Reading Competition.

We Thank and Congratulate Year 3 to 6 readers and we were lucky enough to have two year 6 judges (Grace Ma-Jackson and Ruby Ryan) who helped us with the difficult task of choosing the winners. Congratulations to our winners, Year 3 Kaiarahi of Belonging is Georgia and runner-up is Ava Lucas; the Year 4 winner is Lucas Ma-Jackson and runner-up is Ruby Ryan.

Congratulations to our Year 5 winner, Lucas Ma-Jackson and runner-up is Ruby Ryan.

	First place	First place2	Second place	Second place2
Year 3	Georgia	Ava Lucas	Ashleigh Ma-Jackson	Ruby Ryan
Year 4	Lucas Ma-Jackson	Ruby Ryan	Ashleigh Ma-Jackson	Ava Lucas
Year 5	Lucas	Ruby	Lahnie/Ruby	Ava/Ashleigh
Year 6	Ruby	Lucas	Ashleigh	Ava Lucas
Year 7	Grace	Ashleigh	Lahnie	Ruby
Year 8	Ashleigh	Lucas	Ava	Lahnie

Christine Bennett

KOWHAI

Our Amazing Body

Kowhai Class have been exploring our amazing bodies and how we are all different and how we need our bodies to be healthy and happy.

"I am a Mountain to Sea for my talents, my heart and my mind. I am a Mountain to Sea because I am a Kowhai."

Lahnie Grace

"I am grateful to God for my eyes so I can see." **Lahnie**

"I am grateful to God for my ears so I can hear." **Ashleigh**

"I am grateful to God for my hands so I can do my work." **Ava**

"I am grateful to God for my feet so I can walk." **Lucas**

"I am grateful to God for my mouth so I can talk." **Ruby**

"I am grateful to God for my nose so I can smell." **Georgia**

Bible Reading

Most of our morning this term has been our bible reading challenge, Jesus told us to obeys in the law, and one way we can do this is, to spend time with Him and listen to His words.

Our bible reading challenge for the month of April was to read 5 days in a row and then a whole chapter, this is what happened.

"Reading the Bible was fantastic! I am very happy for my friend, she received her gift of grace. I wanted to read the bible because I want to be like Jesus and I want to be a good person."

"I felt nervous about not reading for 5 days but I did it and I can be a Disciple of Christ."

"I felt happy because I read the bible because I want to be a good person and I want to be like Jesus."

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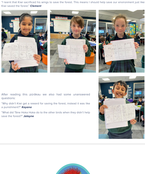

We had a lovely visit from our Parish Priest, Father Sam, who spoke about our commitment to our Kowhai and service.

Ka pai Kowhai.

Year 3 Ava, Ashleigh, Ghiraan, Charlotte, Jack, Ashleigh, Georgia, and Jacob

Year 2 Ryan, Ezekiel, Gracie, Sophie, Jack, Marlina-Rose, Ariel, Maria, Kanoa, Solmin and Ashmael

Congratulations!

NIKAU

How Kiwi Saved the Forest

"Where students learn about how kiwi saved the forest and learn about what people can do to protect the environment. This helped many people and animals. Kiwi saved the forest by planting trees, cleaning the land, positive and negative environmental impacts on people and animals and the environment."

"We connected this problem to how we can look after our environment. Here are some of our thoughts and workings."

"My favorite part of the story was when Kiwi ate the bugs of the forest. I felt happy because I learned how we can look after our world so people to how we environment just like that did." **Micah**

"I felt happy because I learned how we can look after our world so people can survive." **Ruby**

"Part of the story in the story which I liked is when the forest and animals were happy." **Ashleigh**

"I liked that Kiwi saved the people to save the forest. This helped, school helps save our environment just like Kiwi." **Ashleigh**

After viewing this problem, we also had some unanswered questions.

"Why didn't Kiwi ask a council for saving the forest, instead it was the a government?" **Jacob**

"What did Tane Mahuta do to the other birds when they didn't help save the forest?" **Ashleigh**

POHUTUKAWA

Mountain Measurement

How would you measure a mountain? Pōhutukawa students have been asking themselves this question. We have been learning about the Canterbury Earthquakes and how people measured the damage to the city and surrounding areas. We looked at the Sumner Rock Slide and other Christchurch landmarks, graph data and measuring cups.

We then had a lesson on how to measure volume using the Archimedes Principle. The students learnt that a mountain has a volume, measurement and weight. We then had a lesson on measuring mountains.

To measure the volume of a mountain, the children put the mountain in a bowl filled with water. The water spilled into a jug. The students then measured the water in the jug using measuring cups. They also learnt that water weighs 1kg per litre. They also had fun using the metric method to measure and compare the weight of their mountains.

"I have enjoyed the volume activity and observing the water. Working out of the bowl." **Lunchie**

"I felt watching the water flow out of the jug into the bowl and measuring the liquid with measure cups." **Kaito**

"I felt learning how to measure the mass of an object using the scales." **Micah**

"I felt I learned how to use a measuring cup and measure the water." **Ashleigh**

"I felt I learned how to measure the volume of a mountain." **Ruby**

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RATA

Capital E Lights, Camera, Action!

Rata students have been busy preparing to run a TV studio in Capital E. We visited the studio to see what it looks like and what equipment we need. We were very impressed with the studio and the volunteers, who helped us learn how to use the equipment.

Back at school we had to learn how to use the equipment ourselves.

Our first attempt was a disaster! We had forgotten to plug in the camera, so we ended up with an empty screen! But the students were amazing! First, it rained and then it snowed!

Our second try was much better. We had to be very quick to plug in the camera, but we did it! We had to be very quiet to record our lesson and we had to be very quick to move the camera and change the lighting. We had to be very quick to move the boom microphone and change the lighting. We had to be very quiet and we had to be very quick to record our lesson. We had to be very quick to do it all!

Capital E was very well impressed by our lesson because it had the sort of the comfort and relaxing feel they were looking for. We had to be very quiet and we had to be very quick to record our lesson. We had to be very quiet and we had to be very quick to record our lesson. We had to be very quiet and we had to be very quick to record our lesson.

Sophie

Two Row Dolores and a Giraffe - Visit and Competition

Rata students are very excited to visit Two Row Dolores and a Giraffe this week.

This is a fun clothing show packed full of ideas for mix-and-matching healthier, ecoland ecofriendly wardrobes. We will be discussing the clothing and how it affects our lifestyle and our environment. We will be discussing the clothing and how it affects our lifestyle and our environment.

KURA AHUREA

High technology in practice at Tonic Alternative where fashion with your wellness.

SPORTS NEWS

Cross Country

Congratulations to all our participants in the Cross Country. This day 90 runners in each group ran and gained results on the Cross Country Leaderboard.

Congratulations to the following:

Year 3 Ashleigh Ma-Jackson
Year 4 Ruby Ryan
Year 5 Lucas Ma-Jackson
Year 6 Ashleigh
Year 7 Lahnie
Year 8 Ashleigh

The Year 6 & 7 students who finished in the top 30 of the school proceed to the Inter Keystones to join a Wellington team.

IMPORTANT
REMINDERS AND UPDATES

School Parent Portal

For families who are new to our school, the Parent Portal provides you with quick access to:

- Your child's timetable, class lists, staff lists, school calendar, school events, school notices and more are only changed on the Parent Portal.
- Your child's attendance, school fees, school reports, school notices, school events, school calendar, school lists, school lists, school lists