# Ss Peter and Paul School

Tokoroa, South Waikato District

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Cross Country Day, Adult Mass Cluster

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Cross Country Day, 2:15 Year 4 Mass

**Friday 19 August**
Cross Country Day, 2:15 Year 4 Mass

**Mid August**
Mini Vinnies Fundraiser


## Kia ora Parents and Caregivers,

**Welcome**

We currently enrolled students from 16 schools for Term 3. Welcome to our new students and their families. We hope you settle well into our school community.

Expected enrolments for new students and families: Year 1 Ethan Ngatai, Year 2 Ruby Ngatai, Year 3 Ethan Ngatai, Year 4 Ethan Ngatai, Year 5 Ethan Ngatai, Year 6 Ethan Ngatai, Year 7 Ethan Ngatai, Year 8 Ethan Ngatai.

We also welcome Kaiako Kate Tom into our Kowhai Kapa Haka Teacher in Room 3 and Lucy Barclay who will be teaching in Room 4 for the remainder of the term.

**Kowhai** Kapa Haka Practice Tuesday 9 August. Cross Country Day and Mass Cluster Thursday 11 August.

**Mass** Cluster Mass Thursday 11 August, 2:15 Year 4 Mass Friday 19 August and Mass Friday 26 August.

**Mini Vinnies** Fundraiser Mid August.

**Pasifika** Cultural Day Friday 26 August.

**Sports** Cross Country Friday 12 August, Athletics Day Friday 26 August.

**Kura Ahurea** Kapa Haka Practice Friday 26 August.

**Attendance**

The Ministry of Education has provided an updated guide for schools on how to calculate attendance. Attendance is now calculated as a percentage of the number of half days students are at school.

In Term 2024, the Government set a target of 70% attendance for Māori students. Our Māori students achieved 68%.

Our Term 3 Summary

Māori Year 1-8 Attendance: 68% (Below target)

**Overall** Attendance: 72% (Below target)

**What were the main reasons given for absence during the term?**

- Illness / medical 35%
- Unjustified 25%
- Accidental (not unjustified) 20%
- Justified (other) 20%

**Is there many students absent on Mondays or Fridays?**

**Yes** There is a trend where the last day or the first day of the week is the day students are absent most. This can correlate with home weekend activities. We will be working with our Māori students and their families to ensure they are at school every day. We want our students to have a great achievement in all areas and we cannot achieve this without them.

Our school's overall attendance data is written in the Ministry of Education's Attendance Service and is shared with our Board of Trustees. Our school's attendance data shows specifics by ethnicity and year level.

**Principal's Report**

We have particular concerns for students who are absent frequently or who are chronically absent. Our Māori students are our largest cohort of students and we want them to have a fantastic experience. These learning relationships are important and we want our students to be at school every day to learn and achieve. We want our students to be at school every day to learn and achieve. We want our students to be at school every day to learn and achieve.

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