



Kōwhai Area News

DEAR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

Kia ora koutou katoa

We trust that you are keeping warm and well, and are all geared up for this exciting and busy new term! To our new families, we extend a warm welcome to our school community. We also welcome Miss Lucy Bambry to our teaching team. Lucy has been working in our school supporting students with their school transition and is a trained teacher who has previously worked as an Early Childhood Teacher. She is pursuing her interest in the early years of education and as of this term, will be working in Room 5, supporting the classroom teaching of literacy and numeracy.

It feels that we have had quite a mild winter, and we look forward now to the arrival of spring! With the seasonal changes in mind and a number of trips and outdoor activities planned, we ask that all children come to school with a jacket each day.

We are beginning to notice a number of non-uniform items being worn to school. Please note that for cold winter days, we encourage the girls to wear woollen tights with their winter pinafore. We do not have leggings as an option. To find out more about our School Uniform options including hair accessories and jewelry, please refer to our uniform brochure. You can find the link [here](#). We thank you for your support in helping us to promote pride in how our students wear their uniform.

CURRICULUM AND INQUIRY

We will continue this term with our overarching concept of 'Exploration'. A reminder that the 'Big Ideas' we have been relating our learning to this year are:

- Exploration is learning
- Exploration is when I wonder
- Exploration opens my eyes

Religious Education

Our focus for RE this term will be around Holy people and objects. We will be visiting the church to identify what makes something Holy and what it makes us feel. We will grow in an understanding that the Church is a Catholic community of God's family in which we are welcomed.

Along with this, we will be looking at the assumption of Mary and celebrating the way in which Mary responded to God with love and grace. The children will also learn the Hail Mary prayer and understand that it is a great **Taonga** that belongs to Catholic people. We will explore Faith as a whole-life experience, developing our understanding that it isn't just something we know in our minds, or feel in our hearts.

Social Sciences

This term we will have a closer look at the NZ Histories curriculum. Through our learning we will begin to understand that we are connected to other people in NZ and around the world. We will look at the history of voyaging, discovery and trade. We will explore how migration has influenced and shaped New Zealand over time and how it has affected the ideas, technology and values of people in Aotearoa.

Understanding the Curriculum

Mathematics

There are many ways you can use everyday experiences and equipment at home to explore Mathematics and support your child's learning at school.

Click [here](#) to find out more

Literacy

Please send your child's book bag to school every day.

Children love to copy you (as their favourite person in the world) and if you read often, they begin to see it as a great thing to do too.

- [Here is a useful link](#) with ideas on how to support your child at home in Literacy.



Coming up this term

Thursday 15 August - Kowhai Fun Day at Walter Nash Stadium

If you are able to help with this trip, please advise your child's classroom teacher or email kowhaial@stpeterpaul.school.nz, deputyprincipal@stpeterpaul.school.nz, admin@stpeterpaul.school.nz, or phone the office on 04 569 5759

Friday 16 August - Feast of the Assumption of Mary Liturgy. Please note that we will be holding our Liturgy on this day as we are away on our trip on Thursday. All are welcome to join us in Rooms 2 and 3 at 9:15am.

PTA Disco - please note the date and time will be made available on the community calendar

Learning Conferences - Thursday 19 September and Tuesday 24 September

Sharing of Learning this term – Evidence of Religious Education, NZ Histories and Writing will be sent home throughout the term. Please keep a look out for this special piece of work that is evidence of how your child is going at school. An email will be sent closer to the time to remind you to look out for this work.

School PTA Facebook Page

Join the Ss Peter & Paul School PTA Facebook page to hear news about upcoming PTA events, how to support the school community and connect with school parents.

Simply search for "Ss Peter & Paul School PTA" and add yourself to the group. It's a closed group so there are security questions (name of your child's teacher etc.) so we can make sure it's a safe community school page.

Any questions please email pta@stpeterpaul.school.nz

Have you joined the PTA Facebook group yet? Stay up-to-date with school community events by joining our page!

