A special welcome to our new students and families who have joined us since our last newsletter.

We also welcome Antoniette Cagalawan, our new teacher in Room 8. Antoniette steps in for Pru, following the safe (and slightly early) arrival of her

We hope you have all enjoyed your start to school

The teaching and learning of mathematics has been very much in the spotlight over these last days. I have included this comment & analysis from David Pomeroy, a senior lecturer in Mathematics

Education at the University of Canterbury and Lisa Darragh, a lecturer in Mathematics Education in the Faculty of Education and Social Work at University of Auckland, Waipapa Taumata Rau, for your information. Over the last 5 years we have had a strong focus on implementing a structured approach to literacy across the school. This has not been at the expense

of mathematics. Although teachers across NZ may not have received any centralised support for their maths teaching for two decades now, that doesn't mean there have not been opportunities for schools to access their own support. We have certainly taken every opportunity to do this. This year all classroom teachers receive 2 further days of classroom release time (CRT). The start of this term saw an increase from 3 to 4 days per

Last week teachers from Pohutukawa and Kowhai spent one of these days working together in their Areas, on their mathematics programmes. Nikau and Rātā will be doing the same over these next two weeks.

term.

**SPECIAL CHARACTER** 

We can always do more of course and welcome any initiatives that support improvements to mathematics achievement. **Principal Cluster Visit** I am fortunate to belong to a principal cluster which incorporates 15 schools from around central

Lower Hutt. The vision for our group is that 'We are a connected community that strives to understand perspectives and build capacity.' We meet twice a term to listen to speakers, work on our strategic plan and spend time sharing ideas and learning from each other. We have decided

to begin one of the days by visiting each others' schools where we will have a tour of the school and listen to the principal talk about aspects of their school that are particularly special to them.

Last Tuesday the principals visited our school. They were really impressed with the environment and how engaged and focused the students were in their learning.

We spent time in the beautiful space that is our

school library. Our very talented library team,

Anna and Victoria, shared the story of our library's

development over these last years and spoke with

such enthusiasm about where we are heading next in this place that nurtures a love of reading and learning.

I'm really looking forward to next week with our Dive into Reading Book Week theme. The book character day at the end of the week is always a highlight. This is a chance for your child to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book, or as an ocean creature, a pirate, a sailor, or any costume that embraces our ocean theme.

Principal

**Feast of the Assumption** 

You are warmly invited to join us for either of these occasions.

### From our Principal Kōwhai

PTA

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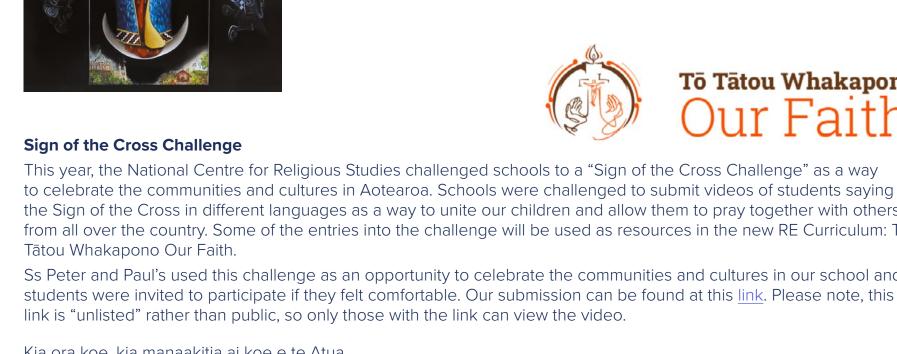
**Events Thursday 15 August** whānau welcome (9.15am)

Kōwhai Fun Day - Walter Nash Centre Feast of the Assumption Mass - all Friday 16 August Kōwhai liturgy for the Feast of the

Assumption - all whānau welcome (9.15am) 19-23 August Book Week: Dive into Reading Wednesday 21 August BOT meeting, 7pm

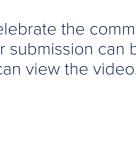
Friday 23 August Book character day

Nikau, Pōhutukawa and Rātā Areas will be celebrating the Feast of the Assumption



Tō Tātou Whakapono

with a Mass this Thursday 15 August, starting at 9.15am (in the Church). Kōwhai will be celebrating with a Liturgy on Friday 16 August, also at 9.15am (in Rooms 2 and 3).



from all over the country. Some of the entries into the challenge will be used as resources in the new RE Curriculum: Tō Ss Peter and Paul's used this challenge as an opportunity to celebrate the communities and cultures in our school and students were invited to participate if they felt comfortable. Our submission can be found at this link. Please note, this

Kia ora koe, kia manaakitia ai koe e te Atua Janine O'Styke

the Sign of the Cross in different languages as a way to unite our children and allow them to pray together with others link is "unlisted" rather than public, so only those with the link can view the video.

Director of Religious Studies

our friends." Yasmine and Xavier

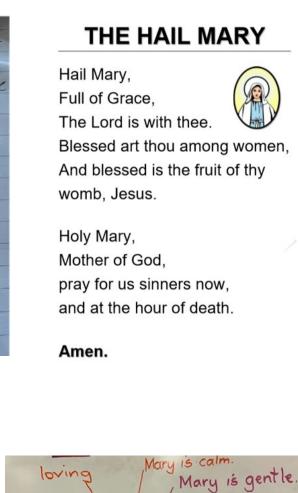
**Our Mother, Mary** We have been learning about Mary and the importance of her role in Jesus' life and our lives. We can talk about the importance of Mary and identify the people we have that are like Mary in our own lives, especially our mums and mothers-to-be like Miss Manning! We have studied the word 'Holy' and what it means, as well as how we can show holiness or find it in our lives through others. We understand what it means to show holiness and that God wants us to share this with others to help us grow in our spiritual journey. We will celebrate The Assumption as a special day on Friday 16 August and welcome all whānau to come along at 9.15am to Rooms 2 and 3 for our liturgy.

"Mary is a part of God's whānau which is a very special family!" Paco

"Holy means you are being a helpful human, it can be in prayer time but it can also be in playtime like helping

"Mary was chosen out of all of the women to give birth to a very important person, Jesus." Gianna





Mary was chosen

from all women

Special.

She is really

Mary went up

nice

Mary is.

holy

Mary is a rt of God's

family.

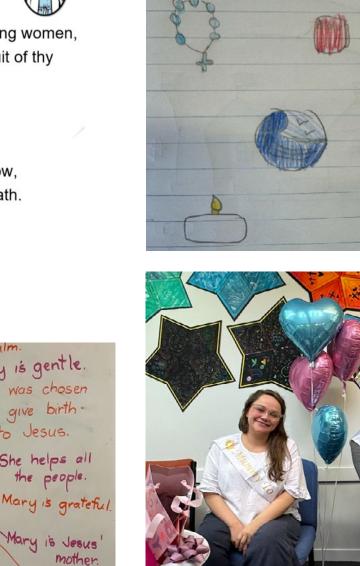
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She helps all

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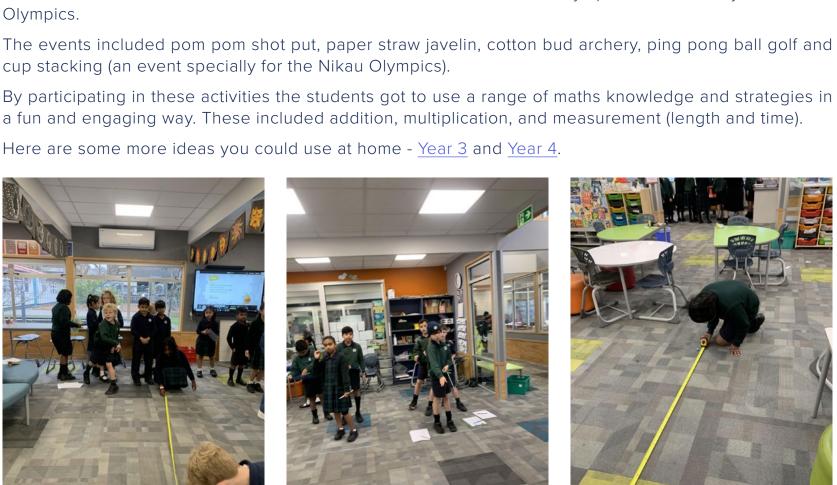




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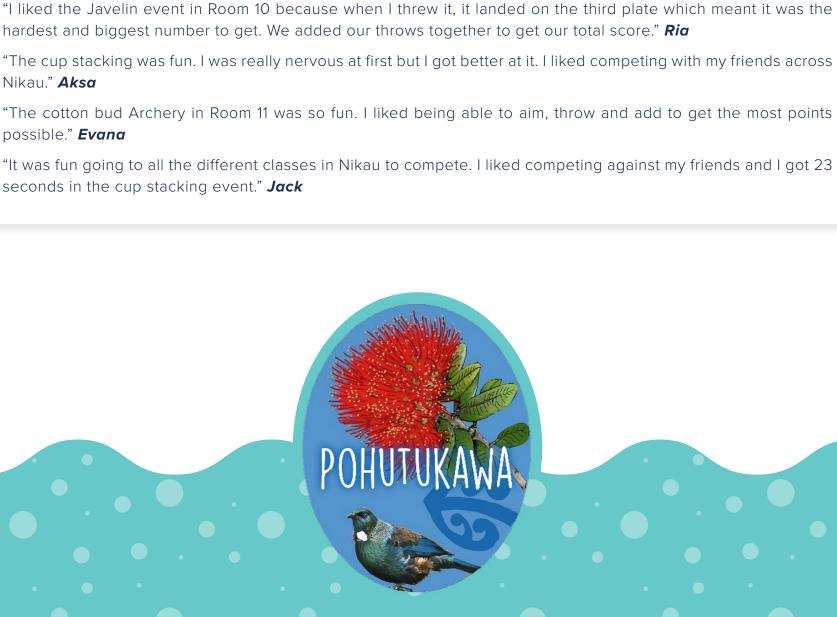






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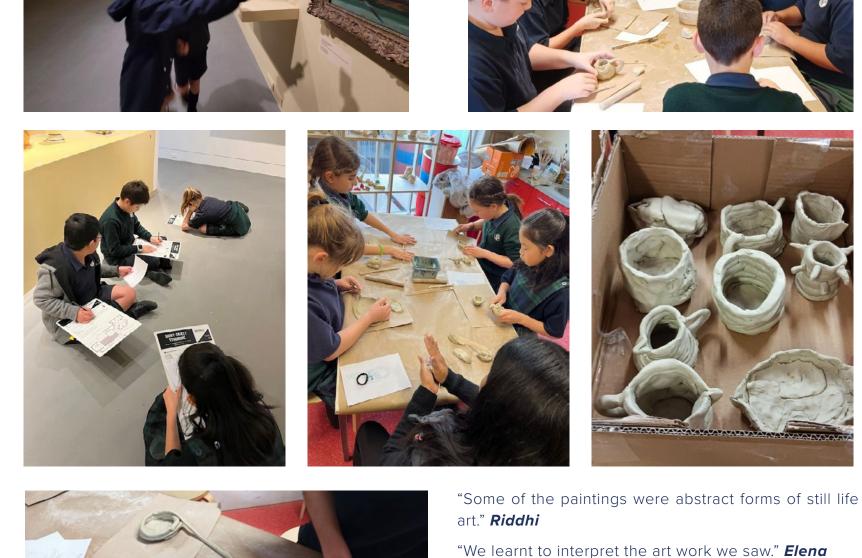




**Dowse Art Museum Trip** 

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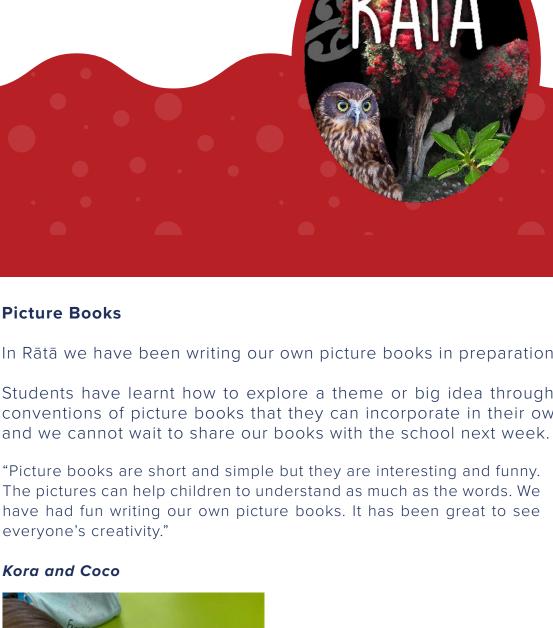


"Different art can tell different stories." Sandra

Norah

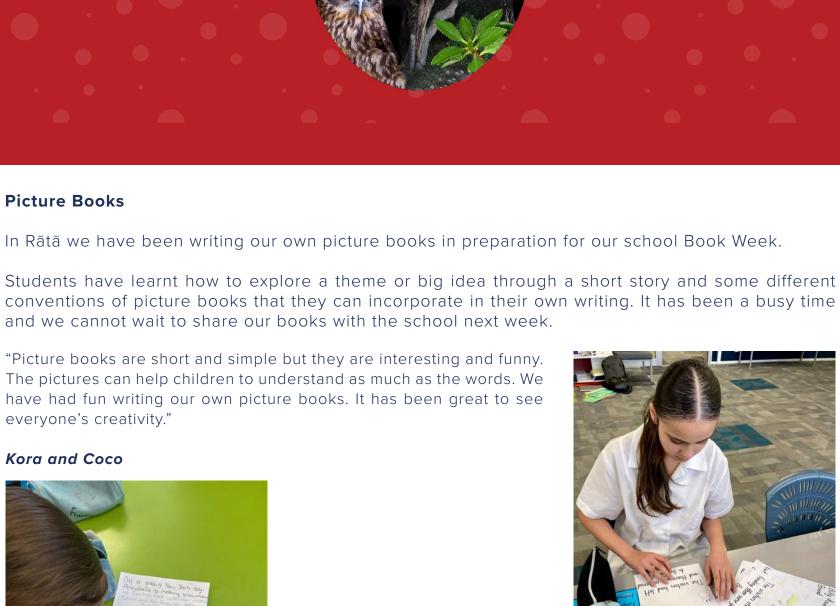
"All the artwork was from New Zealand artists." Laetitia

"It reinforced still life art and my understanding of it."



**Picture Books** 

**Kora and Coco** 



"There is a lot more to picture books than you might think. They are quite deep in their meaning and the illustrations help us to understand the important messages in the books. It has been really enjoyable finding our story, writing it and creating the characters. It is different to other types of writing we have done, but it has been just as challenging."

Look here!

Look over there!

Come here!

Go!

Get up!

Be quiet!

Wait on!

Leave it!

Listen!

Term 4 Netball (Yrs 0-4) and Touch (Yrs 0-8)

please keep an eye out for this.

**IMPORTANT** 

**REMINDERS AND UPDATES** 

• your child's contact details - click on 'My Child'. Check contact details. Please advise the school office if there are any changes

Please visit your app store for your phone, either Google Play or the Apple App Store and search for the app called

You will then be able to use the username and password that you have been emailed to log in and see information about your child. If you have not received your user id and password please email admin@stpeterpaul.school.nz to have your login details sent to you. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Teresa or Lisa in the

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

• view your child's account (under accounts, download the statement to view your current balance)

• view your child's attendance for the year to date (click on 'report an absence' then scroll down to view)

We will be sending out registration information in September, so

Amelia and Charlotte

**School Parent Portal** 

• be able to report an absence.

**Uniform - reminders** 

team at admin@stpeterpaul.school.nz

shirt and black school PE shorts.

**Uniform - guidelines** 

navy)

**Finance** 

stock is running low.

How to access this....

school office.

school policies & procedures (under contacts)

to be made.

**Curriculum Donations** We want to express our gratitude to everyone who has already contributed to our curriculum donation this year. This donation will cover all of our trips and activities, both within and outside the classroom. Our school does not receive funding from the Ministry for these extra-curricular activities; instead, we rely on donations from parents. Thank you very much for considering this.

@School Mobile or to login via the internet go to https://www.atschool.co.nz

If your child has borrowed any uniform from the school office, please ensure that it is washed and returned as our We still have plenty of second-hand uniforms available. Feel free to stop by the office to take a look, or email our office If your child is representing the school in any sports activity, the correct PE uniform must be worn - green school PE • Hair - Will be clean, tidy and off the face. Clips, ribbons, bands, must be of school colours. (bottle green, black or Make-up - Make up and nail polish are not to be worn. Jewellery - For safety reasons **no** jewellery is to be worn with the exception of watches, medical bracelets and

**Signing Out** 

A reminder when making payments to the school bank account, to put your child's name and what the payment is for as reference. Thank you for your assistance.

small, plain stud earrings. (Approved religious/cultural emblems may be worn under shirts)

Extra Clothing - Shorts or coloured t-shirts are not to be worn under regulation uniform.

• Lost Property - Parents and children may check this at any time (located in the tunnel).

Picking up and dropping tamariki off at school? How you park and drive can protect them,

or put them in danger.

Drivers and children need good visibility

reason - to protect our tamariki.

around schools to be able to see each other. Parking restrictions are in place for this

As a driver, you can help to reduce the risks:

Choose alternatives to driving - allow

your child to walk to school, start a

walking school bus, or find another

family to carpool with

parking are illegal and risky moves that endanger children and other pedestrians. If you choose to stop or park illegally you risk receiving a fine. Stopped / parked on broken yellow

**PTA News** 

Ölunchonline Sushi and Subway delivered to school weekly It's simple; all you need to do is register at and follow four easy steps to get started 2 Add member/s including your childs 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

Source: Morrison, 2019

Double parked Park legally and safely at all times Stopped / parked in front of or within 1m of a vehicle entrance or driveway Do not exceed P5 or P10 time limits Park further away and walk with your Stopped / parked on a bus stop child to or from the school gate Stopped / parked on the footpath If you need to turn around, find a safe Stopped / parked on or near a place well away from the school gate pedestrian crossing Always slow down as you approach a Any stopping or parking that is busy school or pedestrian crossing

\$40 \$60 \$40 \$60 \$60

Jackets - Tidy jackets may be worn in wet/cold weather. They are not to be worn in the classroom.

\$60

for a school patrol sign (fine and 20

Please put children's safety first at all times. Enforcement by Police and parking wardens is designed to keep all road users safe Find out more: hutt.city/saferschools

Tuesday, 13 August 2024

0800 565 565

# demerit points)

info@lunchonline.co.nz

\$12

Please ensure you sign your child out at the school office if they are leaving the school grounds during school hours. It is important that we know where

inconsiderate to other road users, including pedestrians Exceeding a P5 or P10 time limit (by up to 30mins) Failing to stop and remain stopped \$150

On behalf of the school and the PTA, we want to express our sincere gratitude to the many kind offers for meals in our recent call out. We have been overwhelmed by your generosity and we now have lots of meals for this family, so will cease taking any further meals at this time. So wonderful to see the incredible community support and spirit. Thank you!

## **Community thanks School Disco**

**Mathematics** 

Kōwhai welcomes Nathalie and Jessica. beautiful baby boy, Ezra. and feel very much at home here.

Kia ora Parents and Caregivers, Welcome Our students do well in maths. Teachers work hard to provide a rich and balanced programme.

**SPORTS NEWS** Collins' Cup Netball This is scheduled for Wednesday 21 August at Taita Courts. This involves one netball team from Year 7/8 and they should have been advised as to who is required etc. **Swimming** Trials for Interzone are on Friday 30 August. Parents of participating swimmers have been given the required information.

**KURA AHUREA** 

Ngā kupu/kīanga to practise at home.

Korerohia simple korero with your whanau.

Titiro mai!

Titiro atu!

Haere mai!

Haere!

Maranga!

Hoihoi!

Taihoa!

Waiho!

Whakarongo!

When the command word has more than two vowels, we simply drop the e.

your child is, in case of an emergency. Reporting an absence It is a requirement from the Ministry that you inform the school if your child is going to be absent. Please report all absences before 9am via the below options: 1. Through the school website. www.lunchonline.co.nz 2. Call the absence line 04 569 5759 option 1. 1 Register an account 3. Email absences@stpeterpaul.school.nz Please ensure you leave a reason for your child's absence. Any unexplained absences will be coded as unjustified and truant. **Parking safely** near schools Stopping on broken yellow lines, across driveways, on a bus stop, and double

Save the date for the next school disco - Friday 13 September. More details to follow soon.

"I really enjoyed the cup stacking because we used time and I got 15 seconds, setting a Nikau Olympic record."

Back at school the children continue to explore creating still life artwork as part of their visual art focus