

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

We hope this update finds you all well and warm in these colder months. Term three has got off to a great start with swimming lessons for everyone going well.

We enjoyed seeing so many of you at our learning conferences at the end of last term. We look forward to touching base about your child's learning at the end of term 3. Please find below some important dates for your calendar:

TERM 3 - IMPORTANT DATES/EVENTS

- Swimming - Week 1 (22-25 July) & Week 2 (29- 31 July, 2 Aug)
- Sacred Heart College Arts Roadshow - 1 Aug
- Feast of the Assumption Mass - 15 Aug
- Book Week - 19-21 Aug
- Year 7 Immunization- 2 Sept
- Interzone Swimming- 6 Sept
- Social Justice Week - Week 8 (9-13 Sept)
- Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori - Week 9 (16- 20 Sept)
- Learning Conference I - 19 Sept
- Learning Conference II - 24 Sept
- End of Term Assembly - 27 Sept

Learning in Term Three

Mathematics

We begin the term with measurement, moving towards algebra mid way through the term. Students will be exploring the multiple ways we measure, this includes measuring angles, time, temperature, weight, capacity & distance. Following this students will move onto learning about algebra. Our maths programme continues to be a combination of teaching sessions, workshops, independent practice and problem solving activities. Growing mathematical confidence continues to be a priority with an emphasis on engagement and enthusiasm being paramount.

Science: Forces, Flight and Motion

We are learning about energy in all its forms and how it is present in the world around us. We are integrating literacy by exploring this topic through reading comprehension activities.

Reading & Writing

Students will be writing their own picture books with an opportunity to read them to the junior school later in the term. Book Week is fast approaching where we will share the students underwater information reports as well as their picture books.

Physical Education, Health, & Technology

Our physical education programme has started with swimming lessons and later in the term students will choreograph a simple gymnastic routine to perform in the area. Students are

expected to have their PE gear at school Monday through Thursday. Technology at Avalon Intermediate School continues to be on Friday and we ask that all students bring a raincoat on Fridays in case of bad weather.

At the end of this term we will complete a health unit on sexuality education, with a focus on depth of knowledge about pubertal change. More detailed information will be sent home closer to this time.

Camp Reminder

A reminder to all year 7 & 8 student families that their registration form for camp has been sent home via email. This is now due. If you have any questions at all regarding camp, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Contact

As always if you have any questions or would like to contact your child's teacher please use the following methods:

- Ring the office to make an appointment or to ask their teacher to give you a call
- Email admin@stpeterpaul.school.nz with attention to their teacher's name
- Email directly to rataal@stpeterpaul.school.nz
- Drop into school before the day starts or send a note along with your daughter

Ngā mihi nui,

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