

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

It's hard to believe it is Term 4 already. We have had a busy start to the term with camp and athletics. As we head towards the end of the year we would like to update you on what we are working on and also remind you of some important dates and events that are fast approaching.

Please find below some important dates for your calendar:

#### **TERM 4 - IMPORTANT DATES/EVENTS**

- **School athletics** - Thursday 31 October
- **Year 8 SHC visit** - Monday 4th November
- **Year 6 students to Brookfield for an EOTC day** - Monday 11 November
- **Cultural day** - Thursday 14 November
- **Year 8 movie night** - Thursday 28 November
- **Year 6 bushwalk** - Tuesday 3 December
- **Year 8 retreat** - Wednesday 4 December
- **Extra technology sessions** - Monday 4 November & Thursday 5 December
- **Last day of technology** - Friday 6 December
- **Reports home** - Tuesday 10 December
- **Road patrol pool party** - Wednesday 11 December
- **End of year celebration** - Thursday 12 December
- **Last day - Christmas assembly** - Tuesday 17 December

#### **Learning in Term Four**

##### **Mathematics**

We begin the term with a focus on fractions, decimals & percentages. Students will be working hard to improve their understanding and confidence when converting between fractions, decimals and percentages as well as developing their problem solving skills in this area. In the second half of the term we will move on to statistics, looking at how they are present all around us and have the power to shape and enhance our understanding of the world.

##### **Social Science**

This term we look at New Zealand history. We are looking at how our multicultural population has changed through time with a particular emphasis on immigration and Pacific people.

##### **Reading & Writing**

In Literacy we are reviewing the different types of writing we have explored this year and enjoying an emphasis on poetry and creative writing. Students will look to enhance their ability to create imagery in their work as the show, not tell their audience, using a variety of language features.

##### **Physical Education & Health**

Our health unit on puberty continues this term. Students have also been participating in athletics lessons and a school athletics day event. Upcoming lessons will cover gymnastics, small ball sports skills and fitness activities.

### **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](mailto:admin@stpeterpaul.school.nz) with attention to their teacher's name
- Email directly to [rataal@stpeterpaul.school.nz](mailto:rataal@stpeterpaul.school.nz)
- Drop into school before the day starts or send a note along with your daughter

Ngā mihi nui,  
Laura Rose, Ivy Abella, Victoria McHalick & Freya Coote  
Rata Teachers