



Followers of Christ

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

DATES TO REMEMBER

March

30-31 Art Roadshow

April

1st Year 7/8 Work Day

7th Science Roadshow Yr 5-8

8th Room 6 Assembly

13th Fluoride Treatment

15th Term 1 finishes

NSW COMPETITIONS

A letter will be sent home today to parents of all Year 4-8 students with details and costs of NSW Competitions. These competitions are run by the University of New South Wales and are designed for the more able students. If you would like your child to participate and feel your child would benefit from sitting these "formal tests" please have the form and money in to the school office before the end of term (15 April). **As registrations are sent to Australia, no late entries will be accepted.**

UNIFORM CHANGEOVER

 From the start of Term 2 winter uniform may be worn, with it becoming compulsory after Queen's Birthday Weekend. Please note that students may not wear a combination of both summer and winter uniform.

The Uniform Shop is open every Thursday morning term time only) from 8.30-9.30 am.

YEAR 5/6 HOCKEY

We have registered a Year 3/4 & Year 5/6 team in the Cambridge Primary Hockey Competition,  however due to large numbers in our Year 5/6 team we would like to be able to register a second team. If your child would like to play hockey and they are a Year 5 or 6 and haven't already registered, please let Mrs Warwick in the office know by this **Friday (1st April)**.

HEAD LICE

There has been a case of head lice reported in Room 7. Could parents/caregivers please check their children's hair regularly and if headlice are found treat appropriately.

LUNCH ORDERS

Lunches are available for purchase on a Thursday only. Please write your child's name on an envelope, ensure that the correct change is included and hand in to the School office BEFORE 9.00 am. No cheques please. Lunches will be available for the child to collect at 12.30 pm in the office foyer. A lunch menu is on the school website.

Principal's Reflection



On Holy Thursday the school gathered for our Easter Liturgy. This year the students took us through a moving liturgy focusing on the Stations of the Cross. The prayers helped us to focus on Jesus and see how we need to treat others in our lives. The students read these prayers beautifully. Thank you to Mrs McCreery for your work putting our school liturgies together and working with the teachers and students. I trust you had a lovely Holy Easter – with glorious weather and many family filled moments.

HEALTH & SAFETY

As custodians of your children, health and safety is our top priority both inside and outside the school. Recent legislation changes in Health and Safety and the introduction of The Vulnerable Children's Act have implications on schools. To ensure our school continues to implement Ministry of Education best practice guidelines, the Board of Trustees and I have begun reviewing all our Health and Safety policies and procedures.

On the whole, our current procedures are robust and based on 'best practice' guidelines. However, we will be introducing a couple of extra steps to ensure we are taking all reasonable steps to ensure the safety of our students.

Police Vetting

We will be police vetting all parent helpers we take to camp. This will cover all our Years 5-8 EOTC camp experiences. We will introduce police vetting of our voluntary parent helpers who regularly help in our classrooms.

HEALTH & SAFETY INSIDE OUR SCHOOL

End of Day procedures - We NEED your help!

We have reviewed our End of Day procedures.



Can I ask parents to support us with the following:

- We are telling the children to cross at our safe pedestrian Kea Crossing - seeing adults using our safe crossing reinforces this important safety message for our children.
- Please collect your children from the seats in the cobbled area by the school hall.
- Please DO NOT park on the yellow lines outside our school.
- BUS CHILDREN – We need to know if your child is not taking the school bus on their usual days. The Duty Teacher needs to account for all bus children before allowing the bus to leave the school.

We have four teachers on duty from 3.00 pm to 3.15 pm please talk to your child's teacher either before school or after 3.15 pm.

Thank you for your support as we clarify these health and safety procedures for our children.

THE SAINTS BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAMME

This week we welcome Rachel Leatham (previously The Big Backyard) who will be running a before/after school care programme from our school hall. She currently caters for approximately 18 of our children. It is exciting that we are a position to offer this wonderful resource to our families.



Before School Care starts at 7.00 am every morning and After School Care runs from 3.00 pm until 5.30 pm in the hall. There are plenty of fun activities to do, as well as quiet time, games, arts, crafts and relaxing movie time. The Programme is run by experienced childcare professionals. For more information contact Programme Supervisor Rachel Leatham 021 541437 or email rkleatham@orcon.net.nz or Programme Co-ordinator Jacqui Leatham 027 4575464.

FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



FOCUS: LOVE

Easter is the celebration of Christ's resurrection from the dead. It was celebrated on Sunday, and marked the end of Holy Week, the end of Lent, the last day of the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday), and is the beginning of the Easter season of the liturgical year.



As we know from the Gospels, Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the third day following his crucifixion, which was Sunday. His resurrection marks the triumph of good over evil, sin and death. It is the singular event which proves that those who trust in God and accept Christ will be raised from the dead.

Since Easter represents the fulfilment of God's promises to mankind, it is the most important holiday on the Christian calendar.

SUNDAY MASS TIMES:

Saturday - 5.30 pm Sunday - 8.30 am

"Caught Being Caring"
Logan Boss, Elsie Williams, Patrick Fisher

SCIENCE ROAD SHOW



We have booked our Year 5-8 students into an 80 minute session at the 2016 Science Roadshow, being held at Cambridge Middle School on 7th April.

This exciting and entertaining programme offers live shows and hand on exhibits that broaden student's knowledge of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

The cost per child is \$8.00. Payments may be made at the school office by cash or EFTPOS or can be deposited into the school bank account Westpac 03 1568 0009985 00 Reference "Science".

REAL ART ROADSHOW

The Real Art Roadshow is New Zealand's biggest mobile art exhibition, travelling in two collections, featuring paintings, sculptures, ceramics, photography and more by over 100 renowned and emerging New Zealand artists.



This week we are fortunate to have the Real Art Roadshow visiting our school. All classes will have sessions today and tomorrow in the Art truck.

Phone **827 6623** for absentees

TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC

Wednesday, 13th April

Our student leaders are organising a whole school Teddy Bear's Picnic on Wednesday, 13th April.



Come along dressed in your House colours and bring a shared yummy (but healthy) lunch to eat with your House. There will be fun activities including a teddy bear colouring in competition, teddy bear technology challenge and dress up your favourite teddy bear competition. Prizes and certificates will be awarded on the day.

CLASS AWARDS

ROOM 1: *Phoebe Jones* - for excellent focus with her learning and 'taking risks' with hard spelling words.

Matthew Sommerville - for sharing well-thought out reasons and explanations with our 'Inquiry Focus' of Metamorphosis.

Pippa Owsley - for showing the Fruit of Generosity with her school mates.

ROOM 3: *Kirsten Young* - for thinking smart with maths and applying her knowledge of basic facts to work out tricky problems.

Rory Harrison - for working hard to be organised, responsible and making good choices.

Katie Millen - for showing the Fruits of the Holy Spirit in her every day interactions.

ROOM 4: *Aden Jospeh* - for a fantastic start to St Peter's Catholic School. Welcome to Room 4.

Bianka Ross - for including lots of factual details in her life cycle of a butterfly.

Oliver Turpitt - for a positive attitude to all his learning.

ROOM 5: *Adam Pierce* - for showing an excellent attitude during Room 7's assembly and being an outstanding MC.

Sophie Millen - for stepping out - believing in herself and showing her confidence.

Sebastian Mehrtens - for challenging himself to set a goal and work 'after hours' to reach it.

ROOM 6: *Luca Carter* - for including his thoughts and feelings in his writing about the NZ flag.

Keelah Bodle - for displaying enthusiasm and commitment to her 'leadership' roles.

Gemma Hall - for writing a detailed and descriptive letter to her critical friend.

Gracie Jolley - for her excellent leadership of the Ukelele groups.

ROOM 7: *Riley Martinovich* - for being a kind and considerate member of Room 7.

Nicole Jackson - for showing determination during maths lessons and

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Cambridge Rugby Holiday Programme: The Rugby Camp is run over four days at the Hautapu Rugby Grounds (Memorial Park) from Tuesday, 19th April-Friday, 22nd April from 8.30 am-3.30 pm and Monday, 25th April-Thursday, 28th April, 8.30-3.30 pm. The programme covers all the core skills: tackling, passing and handling, footwork and evasion, kicking, rucking, mauling, scrummaging and the lineout. It is ideal for 6 to 12 years of age. Building from the basics, children will learn individual and team skills using a game sense approach. Booking and Pricing: www.nzyfs.co.nz/cambridge-rugby-camp or for more information email calebgwebb@hotmail.com

Netball Development Day:

Cambridge High School Premier netball team are providing a fun and active netball development day, designed for younger players (Year 4-8) on 26th April at the Cambridge High Gym - 9 am-2.30 pm. The day will include netball skills for defence, attack and shooting and a few games at the end to practice those new skills. Cost is \$45. For more info contact Natasha Metcalfe natmetcalfe@xtra.co.nz or phone 0211307024.

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