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ST PETER'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

DATES TO REMEMBER

June

- 6th Queen's Birthday - school closed
- 8th Rms 1 & 2 visit Baptist Church - 1 pm
- 8th PTFA Meeting - 7.00 pm in Staffroom
- 9th School Sports Photos
- 13th NSW Writing exam
- 15th NSW Spelling exam
- 16th Rooms 5, 6 & 7 Mass - 9 am
- 17th Assembly - Room 2

St Peter's Catholic School BOARD OF TRUSTEES' ELECTION

Dear Parents/Caregivers

It's time to vote for your school board of trustees.

The voting period for the 2016 School Trustee Elections is now underway. School boards play an important role in New Zealand's schools and by extension, New Zealand's future. Our Board needs people who have the skills to ask the right questions and make the necessary decisions to influence and support educational opportunities for each and every student in our school.

Make sure your vote counts. Vote for the candidates who you believe will bring the best skills to the board. All parents of full-time students can, and should, vote in the elections. Look for your voting papers in your letterbox and post them back, or put them in the ballot box in the school office, by **Noon on Friday 3 June 2016**.

Make a difference! Ki Te Whakapiki!

I encourage every eligible voter to get their vote in by noon on Friday 3 June 2016.

Yours faithfully

Phil Deason
BOT Chairperson

UNIFORM CHANGEOVER

After Queen's Birthday Weekend winter uniform is compulsory. 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. Orders can also be left at the school office.

Principal's Reflection

He aha te kai ō te rangatira? He Kōrero, he kōrero, he kōrero.
(What is the food of the leader. It is knowledge. It is communication.)

Effective communication is crucial to build positive relationships between school and home. Teachers strive to establish partnerships with parents to support student learning. Strong communication is fundamental to this partnership and to building a sense of community between home and school. I would like to highlight some communication strategies and opportunities we use in our school.

- Fortnightly newsletters emailed to all parents every second Wednesday. The newsletter is uploaded onto our webpage. We also display the latest newsletter in the noticeboard on our entrance boardwalk, and in a folder in the office foyer.
- Class teachers provide a weekly newsletter which focuses on the learning and school activities of particular interest.
- Twice a term Mrs Warwick publishes "Sports Fuel" newsletter celebrating healthy and active bodies in our school community.
- Class assemblies communicate learning highlights.
- Emails are used for whole school reminders and teachers use emails to contact parents when needed.
- Class teachers endeavour to be in their classrooms from 8.30am to be available to both students and parents.

We would like to encourage parents to make contact with teachers if they have any concern with their child. Sometimes a short conversation can sort a query, however please appreciate making an appointment with the teacher to discuss an issue provides time for the teacher to prepare for the meeting and provides uninterrupted focussed time for effective communication. For your information we have a clear complaints procedure which can be accessed on our website www.stpeterscatholic.school.nz



We are committed to building positive relationships with our students and their families. We want happy children who are learning to their potential and enjoying school.

PROPERTY CONSULTATION

The BoT and PTFA would love to share the latest plans for our Outdoor Learning Environment with our parent community.



Friday, 10th June 2016 @ 2.45 pm-3.30 pm in our school hall.

Please come along for an informal gathering where I will share our latest plans, estimated costs and timeline for completion.

ABSENCES

As winter approaches we are noticing an increase in sickness among our students. Parents are urged to keep their children at home until they are better to stem the spread of these bugs.

If your child is going to be absent for any reason, please contact the school office by phone **directly** by 9.00 am. Students that are late or returning to school from an appointment, should check in at the school office before going to class.

YEAR 7 & 8s HIT KAWAU ISLAND!

Last week, St Peter's Years 7 & 8 students rocked up to Kawau Island and had a blast. Kawau Island is as stunning as many say it is, especially when the sun is shining. Lucky for them the weather was great, so they got to experience everything to its full potential.



It was a normal start for all on Monday morning, kids arrived at school with smiles bigger than their suitcases! Everyone chatted amongst themselves as the bags were loaded onto the large trailer. People heaved and grunted as they attempted to lift their over packed suitcases.

They then gathered in room 6 for their final orders, many were restless and couldn't help but talk. The urge for the students to just get going was immense. Roll call was called for the last time before they hit the road. The drive was long, but they handled it with a few beats and some sneaky lollies. A quick stop off at Pokeno School left the kids all played out and chockablock full of their last packed morning tea for the week.

Once they arrived at Sandspit with all luggage finally loaded, the ferry, and three parent's boats, took off for Kawau Island. Top deck on the ferry was overloaded with eager parents and even more excited children. Many admired the beautiful scenery around them, taking snapshots either in their heads or on their cameras. With Camp Bentzon in sight the students clambered their way to the front of the boat urging for a sneak peak.



On arrival at camp everyone unloaded the luggage onto the jetty, followed by huge bags and trolleys of food. They then set off on a tramp with Erin, co-manager of Camp Bentzon. Killer Hill the track was called, and from what they saw, it's name was NOT an exaggeration! Heavy pants and yowls for help were echoing up the hill as people attempted to make it to the top. Inside, they were screaming, but putting on a brave face. Legs were pushed to breaking point, and the unsettled dirt did not help their journey. Straight to showers after their long, hard day.

The girls were up before 7:30 am, many were disturbed by their early awakening. An action packed day lay ahead so the kids needed a hearty breakfast. Yummy cereal and fruit followed by hot spaghetti and warm toast. Groups were split off into different directions, carrying the many items they needed for the day. Sailing, kayaking, abseiling and fishing were the incredible activities the St Peter's Catholic School kids got to take part in. They raced back from their activities, full of outrageous stories to share as they munched on brownie and sipped on hot milo.



For round two, they ventured off again with huge smiles and 'ready to go' attitudes. The day passed quickly and many were sad that it was over. Alizee Paine expressed her favourite activity over dinner, "Sailing was definitely my favourite activity, because it was a first experience and I didn't realise how much fun it was!"

The next morning Mrs Paine set her alarm to be prepared for the early birds, but she was shocked when she stood in the empty hallway listening to nothing but snoring and heavy breathing. First up on Wednesday morning was the Confidence Course and Bivouac Building. There was huge competition over on the confidence course with Clodagh Bartlett smashing 30 lengths of the monkey bars and Josh Bam getting the fastest time on the tyre swings. Lots of fun was had by all, especially by the men who threw the buckets of water over the bivouacs to test their water tightness.

The ferry then arrived spot on time, to take everyone to the beautiful Mansion House, where they were mesmerised by its history and beauty. Finally to top off a great day for all, Jumanji played as the kids screamed at the top of their lungs on the Burma Trail.





Pumped for their last day of activities the children raced downstairs with huge smiles. It was going to be the same day as Tuesday, except abseiling sadly had gone but raft building was there! Prepared and ready, children grabbed their gear and headed off for another huge day, but this time, much more confident. They were given a few refreshing rules about their activity but most were straight into it.

"Fisher-people" came back with stories and straight out of Mr McGregor's boat came the whopping 48 cm snapper caught by Eli Cody, so he collected the winning prize of a new fishing rod donated by the McGregor family. Natalie Espin came a very close second with her giant snapper measuring 47.5 cm.

Finishing off with a bang, the camp concert left everyone feeling full of laughs and seeing new tricks from others they didn't know they could do!

Friday was a packing up day, with many falling asleep on their trip home. Camp was a fantastic time for all, everyone left tired but full of stories to share for many years to come.

Report written by Elsie Williams

CAMP PARENT SNIPPETS:

I had a thoroughly enjoyable week with your students, and I really enjoyed getting to know other school parents and teachers better during our camp.

During our week away, I was particularly impressed with the behaviour of all students, and was humbled by the level of respect and manners shown by all. I was very proud to be working alongside each and every person on camp to help make it the success it was. I loved seeing students grow during the week, and was incredibly impressed by how everyone pushed through their fears or perceived limitations to give every single activity their all.



Some stand out moments for me include the great fishing experiences, kayaking to the island to eat oysters, and watching Eli lead a spine tingling haka. These memories will stay with me forever. - Rachel Paine

I would just to say thank you to you all and St Peters school for a truly fantastic 5 days at Kawau. It was an experience I'll always treasure and gave me such a buzz relaying the stories of events that took place to family and friends. Being part of the camp, working, enjoying and sharing time with everyone involved was a real pleasure and extremely uplifting.

The staff, parents and children were magic, I feel honoured and privileged to be associated with St Peter's Catholic School and to have our son attending such a dynamic school. - Gus Flower

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for such a wonderful week away with all the Year 7 and 8s. I thought everything ran like clockwork, all the children were well fed and very happy. - Tara Wilson



FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



FOCUS: SELF CONTROL

On the Feast of the Body and Blood of Jesus, we give thanks for the food that we call the Eucharist.

Just as our bodies require the proper nourishment for energy, we also need the proper nourishment for emotional and spiritual needs or hungers.

People can be hungry not only for food but also for things like love, friendship, caring and forgiveness.

As we celebrate the feast of the Body and Blood of Jesus, we are thankful for the gift of the Eucharist, the meal that feeds us on our spiritual journey.

SUNDAY MASS TIMES:

Saturday - 5.30 pm Sunday - 8.30 am

"Caught Being Caring"

Zoe Deason, Sam Innes, Sophie Risi, Josh Flower, Carter McNab, Phoebe Jones, James Knowles, Josh Lawrey, Kendall Muir, Matthew Sommerville & Kyle Finan

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.



A special welcome to Tru Cockburn who started school this week. We hope you enjoy your time at St Peter's Catholic School.

PTFA NEWS

FUNDRAISER - OXFORD PIES

Order forms will be sent home soon with your child for Oxford pies. This is a very popular fundraiser with a selection of yummy pies and cakes available. Start making some space in your freezer to stock up for the winter! Thank you for your support.



PTFA Meeting: Wednesday, 8th June @ 7.00 pm. All welcom.

WAXWRAP- THE FUN LUNCHBOX WRAP

WaxWraps are a fun lunchbox wrap made from 100% cotton and beeswax. They keep food fresh and can be used for sandwiches, filled rolls, wraps, sushi rolls etc. They are reusable, can be used for months and only require a quick wipe down with a cold damp cloth after every use.

WAX WRAP continued ..

WaxWraps are handmade in Te Pahu. There will be a display set up in the foyer with an order sheet. WaxWraps are \$8.50. From every wrap sold \$1 donation will be made to school.



Also available are WaxWraps without the button device. Prices are:
18cm x 18 cm - \$5 (cover small bowls etc)
27cm x 27cm - \$7.50 (cover medium dishes/bowls)
33cm x 33cm - \$10 (cover salad bowls, larger dishes)
33cm x 40cm - \$12.00 (fits 1Kg block of cheese)

CLASS AWARDS

- ROOM 1:** *Issie Kavanagh* - for settling in well to school routines and following instructions.
Matthew Sommerville - for working hard with new reading strategies and reading independently.
Tadiwa Mukuruva - for showing the Fruit of Patience and being an awesome listener.
- ROOM 2:** *Nyla Mayne* - welcome to St Peter's Catholic School. You have made a wonderful start.
Kieran Anderson - for working hard to improve his comprehension and retell in reading.
Ella Thompson - for being a very helpful, responsible and fully involved learner in Room 2.
- ROOM 3:** *Aoife Fitzsimons* - for showing great initiative, bringing new ideas to class and being a leader in class.
Robert Powers - for being a patient, kind and gentle member of Room 3.
Sasha Toohey - for "Super Reading". She is reading with lovely expression and using lots of strategies.
- ROOM 4:** *Charlie Wallace* - for having a positive and focused attitude in the classroom towards his learning.
Tessa Morgan - for writing a thoughtful poem about her mum that expressed her gratitude for all the things she does.
Katy Sandford - for being a motivated learner who always strives to give her best, especially in writing.
- ROOM 5:** *Zara Thompson* - for being an absolute model student in class - always on task and following instructions.
Jamie Owsley - for showing a positive attitude in all subject areas, particularly maths.
Luke Underwood - for consistently being a model student in class - working hard to achieve his goals.

SPORTS RESULTS/NEWS

Rugby:

10th Grade: Lost 25-20 POD Liam Fisher

Netball subs are now overdue. Please ensure that these are paid by the end of the week.



HOCKEY

No hockey this week due to it being Queen's Birthday Weekend. Subs are also due (\$22) which can be paid to the school office either in cash or EFTPOS or internet banked into the school account 03 1568 0009985 00. Reference "Hockey".

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Cambridge East School is having an 80's Night at the Town Hall on Saturday 18th June from 7 pm-midnight. Live band "The Monroes". \$60 per ticket (includes gourmet supper). Break out your fluro and lycra and get ready for a night of fun, great music, dancing, auctions and prizes. Tickets can be purchased online via the Cambridge East school website or from the school office. Payment can be made via cash, cheque or Eftpos.

Debra A White, **PRINCIPAL**

Phone **827 6623** for absentees



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