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ST PETER'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

DATES TO REMEMBER

August

- 22nd Mobile Dental Van for next 2 weeks
- 26th Whole school cross country

September

- 2nd Town Schools cross country
- 4th Parish/School Mass - 8.30 am
- 5th HPV Vaccination - 3rd dose
- 6th Kapa Haka Festival - 6 pm
- 7th Year 7/8 Waikato Cross Country
- 7th Year 6 Information Evening - 7 pm

PRAYERS FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY

Last Friday Mrs Ivory fell at school and has broken her shoulder. She will be off work while she recovers for many weeks. We ask for your prayers and well wishes for Mrs Ivory for a speedy recovery, and return to work.



In her absence we have rostered each class on to a gardening or rubbish duty. The students have embraced this extra responsibility for their school. I would like to introduce a "FOOD BIN" for food scraps. Would any parents like to collect the food scraps for their animals? Would there be any parents who could help out with larger jobs around the school? These would include: water blasting deck areas, general odd jobs, pool, mowing lawns.

Please let me know if you can help us out. Many thanks.

TERM 3 SCHOOL/PARISH MASS

Our School/Parish Sunday Mass for Term 3 will be on Father's Day (4th September) at the 8.30am Mass. All of our school families are encouraged to attend this parish/school celebration. Our students and families will be carrying out many of the duties at this Mass.



Everyone is invited to stay for a chat and cup of tea afterwards in the Parish Lounge. Could all families please provide a plate of food for morning tea? SEE YOU THERE!

CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

Our Celebration of Learning Liturgy for the Communion Of Saints Strand in RE is tomorrow (Thursday, 25th August) in the church at 1.45pm. All parents and caregivers are warmly welcome to join us for this liturgy.



Our students will be sharing a snapshot of the learning in RE, over the past 6 weeks. You may take your child home after it but please inform their teacher if you do.

Principal's Reflection

Me haere tahi tatou me Te Ariki

We walk as one with Christ

FIGHTING TO RETAIN QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ALL OUR STUDENTS RE: Government's proposed "global budget" for education

Our priority is to ensure all students receive the best possible educational opportunities to support them to achieve their potential. What is best for our students' learning must be at the core of our decision making and not be over shadowed by complicated under funded financial systems for schools.

We are concerned that the Government's proposed "global budget" for education will be a far more complex system of funding schools than the present system and will create more financial strain for principals and Boards of Trustees. The disappearance of maximum class numbers and the staffing schedule leads to the possibility of fewer teachers and larger class sizes, less job security for teachers and fewer hours for support staff. This will affect the programmes we can offer our students.



We ask for your support as we meet to show our concerns to government for this flawed proposal. The PPTA (Secondary Schools) and NZEI Te Riu Roa (Primary Schools) and School Caretakers/Cleaners are holding joint paid union meetings all over the country to decide how we'll fight this. Our meeting is on: Monday, 12th September at 9.00 am at Claudelands Event Centre Hamilton. We will be returning to school to start classes by 11.00 am.

There will be no regular classes between 9.00 am-11.00 am. We are asking parents to keep their children at home, or organise alternative arrangements for them. For parents who are have no other option but to send children to school, there will be a skeleton staff who will provide playground supervision only.

WE NEED TO KNOW IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE AT SCHOOL. Please notify your class teacher if your child will be at school during 9.00-11.00 am on Monday, 12th September. There will be a paper copy of a notice coming home with your child today, please ensure that the bottom return slip is filled in and returned to your child's classroom teacher.

Welcome back to Father Danvers who has returned from a holiday in Boston. It will be lovely to have you back visiting our classrooms. We look forward to seeing you tomorrow at our Celebration of Learning.

CATHOLIC CHARACTER REVIEW

Last term we had our triannual Catholic Character Review. We have received our final report. CONGRATULATIONS to our staff, students and families. We can all feel proud of this report.



I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our Director of Religious Studies (DRS) Mrs Susie McCreery for leading this very important part of our school, our Catholic Character. Assisting Mrs McCreery is a dedicated professional team of staff who are all fine role models within our school community. Fully supporting our staff is a wonderful team of parents – our PTFA and Friendly Faces Team who are putting our school values into action by their pastoral care within our school community.

Thank you all for the wonderful job you do making our school the best it can be for all our students and their families.

MARAE TRIP

There are still a few of Year 5-8 students who haven't paid the \$12.00 for the Turangawaewae Marae visit last week. Can this please be sent to the school office ASAP. Payments can be made in cash, EFTPOS or online into the school bank account Westpac 03 1568 0009985 00 Reference "Marae". Thank you.

FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



FOCUS: PEACE

In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus emphasises the importance of being on time and not missing opportunities.

We are all invited to share eternal life with God forever in heaven, but Jesus is warning us that we cannot take that invitation for granted. We need to pay attention, to stay focused, and to take advantage of the opportunities we have to grow closer to our Lord. When we pray the Lord's Prayer, we ask that we pray to be delivered from temptation - those things that distract us from keeping focused on opportunities to grow closer to God.



CHALLENGE FOR THE WEEK:

To pray the Our Father every day this week, asking God to help us to be focused on opportunities to grow closer to God.

SUNDAY MASS TIMES:

Saturday - 5.30 pm Sunday - 8.30 am

"Caught Being Caring"
Lucy Ambler, Robert Powers, Bella Peacocke, & Tru Cockburn

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.



FOUND

An adult sized "Esker Lodge" black puffer vest was found at school. If this belongs to you, it can be claimed from the school office.

PTFA NEWS

Our next PTFA Fundraising event is a Spring Soiree being held on 11th September at 2.00 pm in the St Peter's Catholic Community Hall. This is a High Tea event which focuses on women's wellbeing. There will be guest speakers along with some fantastic spot prizes and a silent auction. Tickets are \$25 and available from www.eventbrite.co.nz



Part of the event is a pre-loved frock sale (girls and ladies). If you have any frocks in good condition that you no longer wear, please donate it to the basket in the school office. At the end of the event there will be a pre-loved Frock Sale. Any unsold frocks will be donated to Dress for Success in Hamilton.

Phone **827 6623** for absentees

INFORMATION EVENING FOR OUR YEAR 6 STUDENTS

On Wednesday, 7th September we are holding an Information Evening at 7.00 pm in Room 6 for all our Year 6 students and their parents.

The evening focuses on giving students a taste of what next year will bring and making sure the transition experience is a positive one. The presentation will outline the excellent programmes of work, events, leadership opportunities and activities the Year 7 students are involved in.



Book Club



Lucky Book Club booklets will be sent home today. There is a new option for orders and payment 'Book Club Loop' which can be done online if parents wish to. If you have any queries, please see Mrs Hounsell.

Book Club orders should be returned in a sealed envelope to the order box kept at the office. Orders need to be in by Friday, 2nd September. No cash payments please.

CLASS AWARDS

ROOM 1: Kingston Keijzer - for trying to stretch out hard words in his writing.

Alistair Stokes - for settling into school and making lots of new friends
Tru Cockburn - for being a special helper and friend in Room 1.

ROOM 2: Elijah Cahayon - welcome to St Peter's Catholic School.

Fionn Fitzsimons - for showing a fantastic work ethic in class and putting in a superb effort in story writing and giving his peers feedback.
Pippa Peacocke - for working hard at her writing. She can express her ideas and thoughts through the use of imagery and can independently edit and correct her writing.

ROOM 3: Olivia Wood - for thoughtful and detailed answers in reading.
Robert Powers - for amazing ideas in science and sharing knowledge with his peers.

Mila Keijzer-Kinniburgh - for thoughtful and detailed answers in reading.

Jessica Vanderpyl - for fabulous problem solving in maths.

Sophie Risi - for being a great self-manager and working diligently in all areas.

ROOM 4: Izzy Burrows - for being a great contributor during group and class discussion.

Isabelle Plant - for an amazing effort in mathematics, especially basic facts and place value knowledge.

ROOM 5: Ben Ambler - for a 100% effort in all class activities.

Niamh Brennan - for being a living example of the Fruit of Peace.

Hee Dutron - for being a well-mannered, hard working, and peaceful member of the Room 5 team.

ROOM 6: Aoife Brennan - for showing initiative and asking for help in maths.

Jujhar Singh - for being an excellent senior role model in our school.

Cayla Cameron - for her positive approach and effort in all her work at school.

Alex Macrides - for including descriptive language in his writing.

ROOM 7: Matteo di Maio - for an awesome effort and dedication to the Waimaths Problem Solving Group.

Josh Flower - for being on hand to fix any problems with the computers and ipads.

Joban Bassi - for thinking through maths problems to arrive at an answer - never giving up.

Danny de Jong - for an awesome effort in the Waimaths competition.



A big welcome to Luke Powell and Noah & Petra Cody who started at our school last week. We hope you enjoy your time with us at St Peter's Catholic School.

Debra A White, **PRINCIPAL**



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