

DATES TO REMEMBER

September

- 22nd BOT Meeting - 5.45 pm
- 22nd Speech Finals - 11 am in hall
- 23rd Term 3 ends - 3 pm

October

- 10th Term 4 commences
- 11th Leadership Retreat Year 7/8
- 14th Science Celebration of Learning

NEW SOUTH WALES COMPETITION

Congratulations to these students who have performed well in the following New South Wales tests.

Science:

Merit - Luke de Jong & Daniel Plant
Credit - Lucy Eastwood, Ben Ambler & Willem Groenendijk
High Distinction - Esme & Angus MacGillivray

Spelling:

Merit - Ben Ambler & Willem Groenendijk
Credit - Lucy Eastwood

Writing:

Credit - Hugh Kennedy

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr and Mrs Deeley have a beautiful new daughter. Ciara Jane Deeley was born on Monday. We wish Aoife and Ryan all the best as their family grows.



PASTORAL CARE

We ask for your continued prayers for Mrs Ivory.

We ask for your prayers for three staff members who are supporting their much loved mothers (and grandmothers) as they recover from winter illnesses and a fall. Our prayers are with Mrs Warwick, Mrs Williams and Mrs Bam.

ABSENTEES

Parents/caregivers if your child is going to be absent from or late to school for any reason, please telephone the school office by 9 am. This saves on a lot of follow up calls. For your convenience we have an answerphone that messages can be left on at any time.



A big welcome to Oscar O'Brien who has started at our school in Room 2. We hope you enjoy your time with us at St Peter's Catholic School.

Principal's Reflection

CHILDREN NEED TO PLAY OUTSIDE

We can't expect children to sit for hours on end, interspersed with little movement breaks and not expect consequences to their development. Some experts believe children need at least three hours of outdoor play on a daily basis in order to foster healthy sensory and motor development. They need opportunities to climb trees, run as fast as they can, use their imagination, test their strength, roll, climb, balance and even spin in circles. All of these activities use their brain, activate their muscles both big and small and engage the senses. This lays the foundation for being able to pay attention, listen and learn in a classroom setting.

So the next time you pick your children up from school, take them to a park and let them run around for a while. On the weekends spend the day at the beach, even if it's not sunny and warm - there are benefits in being outside in all kinds of weather. Encourage them to ride their bikes to friends' houses. Get to know your neighbours and create a community that watches out for the children so that they can play outdoors whether you live in an urban or a rural setting.



Studies indicate that when children switch from spending hours primarily indoors and sitting at a desk to one where the child is free to move and play throughout the day, the results can be far-reaching. Problems of poor attention all but disappear and children become attentive and active learners. Time spent playing outdoors fosters a joy of learning and confidence in one's abilities - two critical elements in the classroom and in life. All it takes is some time and a place to play outside.

As a society we're making great strides toward obesity prevention. While we are working to keep our children at healthy weights, we must also strive to ensure healthy behaviours, attitudes, sensory function, strength and co-ordination. This is true health, and to get it, our children should be introduced to a lot more outdoor play time with their peers.

Acknowledgement: Valerie Strauss, Washington Post, 7 June 2016

Welcome to Miss Suzanne D'Cruz

Miss D'Cruz is teaching in Room 4 while Mrs Deeley is on parental leave. We welcome Miss D'Cruz from St Joseph's School, Te Aroha where she had a parental leave position that finished the Friday before Mrs Deeley's position commenced. We were truly blessed with the timing!

Miss D'Cruz has settled brilliantly into Room 4 and a new school. Here is a little bio from Miss D'Cruz ...

Hello St Peter's Catholic School community!

My name is Suzanne D'Cruz and I am so excited to have the opportunity to introduce myself to you all. I was born in India and moved to New Zealand at the age of 9, along with my parents and 2 sisters. I did my schooling in Tauranga, at St Mary's Catholic School and Aquinas College; and even did my teaching degree at the small University of Waikato campus in Tauranga. I finished my degree in 2012, and have had the privilege to teach in the UK and around New Zealand.



It has been such a great past 3 weeks in Room 4, and already feel very much a part of the amazing St Peter's Catholic family! I look forward to my time at St Peter's Catholic, and meeting all of you too!

NETBALL UNIFORMS

If you have not already returned your netball uniform, could they please be returned to school in a named plastic bag before the end of term. Thank you.

Operation Christmas Child

This year our school is supporting Cambridge High School's 'Operation Christmas Child'. Each class will be given four shoeboxes to fill with small gifts. There will be more available if needed.

Below is a link that explains how this works. We are asking each child to contribute a small gift that will be added to the boxes in each classroom. The teachers will give you more details in class newsletters. Below is a list of ideas and also a list of prohibited items.

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org.au/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

Gift ideas

- Something to wear: clothes, hat, shoes, etc
- Something to love: teddy bear, doll, etc
- Some things for school: exercise books, pens, erasers etc
- Something to play with: tennis ball, skipping rope, finger puppets etc
- Something for personal hygiene: toothbrush, hairbrush, hair - clips etc

Prohibited items

- Items that leak or melt: toothpaste, bubbles, batteries, etc
- Food or lollies of any kind: including vitamins of medicine
- Any used or broken items: old clothes, toys, etc
- Items that are breakable: glasses, mirror, etc
- Any item that can scare or harm a child: knives, war related toys, toy guns, etc
- Any gambling related items: play money, deck of cards, dominoes, etc
- Anything of a religious, racial or political nature: It is very important that the conditions above are followed in order to comply with various overseas government and customs constraints and to protect the content of the shoe boxes.



Every shoebox you pack enables us to reach a child with good news and great joy and knowledge that they are loved and not forgotten.

We will run a Mufti Day early next term to help pay for the delivery of these boxes.

Thank you for your support.

The Young Vinnies (written by Natalie Espin & Holly Hunt)

YEAR 7 & 8 INFORMATION

Can parents please send back money and forms for the Yr 7/8 'Regeneration Retreat' that were sent home last week. This can be paid for at the school office either with cash or EFTPOS or directly into our school bank account 03 1568 0009985 00 Reference "Retreat".

A reminder also that a parent Information booklet went home last week to all Yr 7/8 parents regarding the Positive Puberty unit that will be taught early next term. If you haven't see the booklet yet please check your child's bag. If anyone has any queries about the programme please see Mrs McCreery or Mrs White.



Christmas Gala 2016 - FRIDAY, 18th NOVEMBER

Please can you all put this date into your diaries to come along and support this wonderful event. The gala is a fabulous evening of fun and games for the whole family to enjoy and help fundraise for our school. In order to run this event WE NEED

YOUR HELP PLEASE. Many hands make light work and there are lots of ways you can support this event to help make it the biggest and best gala yet!. We would appreciate hearing from you if you can help as without our community support we simply cannot run the event

There are many different ways you can help, ie whether you could help on the Gala Committee, help a classroom with making their items to sell at the gala or you can gift an hour of your time to help run a stall at the event we would love to hear from you. There is a Gala Volunteer form at reception

Over the school holidays if you are having a spring clean please remember that we need good quality Bric-a-brac donations – ie good quality second hand items for our white elephant stall. Books, games, toys and kitchen items. Every offer of help or donation, no matter how small, makes a huge difference and benefits the education of our children. For more information on the gala, please contact Lyn Lawrey on 027 607 1728.

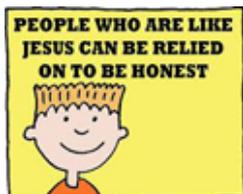
NEXT PTFA MEETING – WEDNESDAY, 12th OCTOBER, ALL WELCOME

FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



FOCUS: GENTLENESS

As we grow up, our parents and teachers give us greater responsibilities. However, in order to continue to mature toward independence, we must show ourselves to be trustworthy in these responsibilities.



Jesus reminds his disciples that we show what we value most by our actions. If we are honest people, then we will be honest in all the things we do, large and small. Christians are challenged to act always in ways that demonstrate that we

put God first in our lives.

CHALLENGE FOR THE WEEK:

Be honest in everything you do, even when you think no one is watching.

SUNDAY MASS TIMES:

Saturday - 5.30 pm Sunday - 8.30 am

"Caught Being Caring"
Josh Flower, Sophie Sinclair, Pippa Peacocke

SPEECH FINALS

Our school speech finals are being held tomorrow (Thursday, 22nd September) at 11 am in the **school hall**. Please note the change of venue. Parents/caregivers are more than welcome to attend.

SCIENCE CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

A Science Celebration of Learning will be held in the hall on Friday, 14th October from 1:30-3pm.



Senior students will showcase their science investigations and results.

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.



SUMMER UNIFORM CHANGEOVER

Summer uniform can be worn from the beginning of Term 4, with it becoming compulsory after Labour Weekend. Please note that students must not wear a combination of summer & winter uniform. Our School Uniform Shop is open on Thursday mornings from 8.30-9.30 am during



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Phone **827 6623** for absentees

HEALTH AND SAFETY

A HUGE THANK YOU to the Catholic Schools Office who has funded the following projects to address Health and Safety needs within our school.

We are thrilled with the new concrete which has been laid just inside our school gates. This area has been identified as a tripping hazard due to the broken concrete and uneven paving stones. Thank you to both Mr Brad Pierce and Mr Nick Ross who removed all the old broken concrete and paving stones. Thank you to Mr Chris Rowe (a past parent) who laid the new concrete. Thank you to Mr Phil Deason, Mr Chris Rothery and Mr Peter Groenendijk for re-laying the paving stones along the edge of the new concrete. The concrete will be cured enough after the holidays for cars to drive over.



HOWEVER, we need to ask that there are NO CARS driven into the school grounds while we have children on site. We are finding with our Before and After School Care there are children using our playground and therefore we cannot have cars driving into our school grounds.

New carpet has been installed on our decks and steps where slipping hazards have been identified in wet weather. It is reassuring to know the Health and Safety of our children and their families is such a priority.

CLASS AWARDS

ROOM 1: *Zoe Deason* - for making good choices and being caring towards others.

Alistair Stokes - for settling into new routines and making new friends.

Petra Cody - for writing stories very independently using caterpillar words.

ROOM 2: *Oscar O'Brien* - welcome to St Peter's Catholic School.

You have made a wonderful start and already making new friends.

Luke Powell - welcome to St Peter's Catholic School and our Room 2 family.

Rory Brock - welcome to St Peter's Catholic School. You have made a wonderful start and already making new friends.

ROOM 3: *Jasmeen Kaur Gill* - for amazing ideas in her writing and following her plan

Phoebe Hagarty - for showing diligence and perseverance when approaching her work.

Rory Harrison - for super spelling and fantastic fluency in his reading.

ROOM 4: *Millie Balsom* - for writing a super speech independently.

Lucy Ambler - for being a very generous class mate and being a super helper in Room 4.

ROOM 5: *Ayda Turnbull* - for showing a renewed commitment to learning her maths basic facts.

ROOM 6: *James Knowles* - for his huge efforts in Kapa Haka, being an excellent role model to all.

Natalie Espin - for her consistent learning of spelling words each week.

Holly Hunt - for being able to 'hook' her readers and effective description in her writing.

The Kapa Haka Group who performed at the Cambridge Hapa Haka Festival - for rocking it on stage at the festival and making us all so very very proud.

Josh Mellor - for a big improvement in his understanding in maths.

ROOM 7: *Ella Rothery* - for working hard at her maths, never giving up and having success with decimals.

Amelia Hounsell - for working with determination to achieve her maths goals.

Ryan Branje - for being an awesome helper and showing kindness to others.

Debra A White, **PRINCIPAL**



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Kids Rock Out of School - Term 3 Holiday Programme

<p>Monday, 26th Sep</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet & greet • Rules of the programme • Free play day <p>3.30 – 5.30 winding down time.</p>	<p>Tuesday, 27th Sep</p>  <p>Extreme Edge indoor rock climbing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leaving Cambridge 9.30 am • Lunch at Porana Park • Returning 3 pm <p>3.30 – 5.30 winding down time.</p>	<p>Wednesday, 28th Sep</p> <p>Cambridge Library Arts & Crafts Depart @ 10.00 Lunch @ 12.30 down by the river Return @ 1.30</p> <p>3.30 – 5.30 winding down time.</p>	<p>Thursday, 29th Oct</p>  <p>Water World in Hamilton Leaving @ 10.30 Returning 3pm</p> <p>3.30 – 5.30 winding down time.</p>	<p>Friday, 30th Sep</p> <p>Movies</p>
<p>Monday, 3rd October</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog wise Kiwi Kids visits with BARK NZ <p>3.30 – 5.30 winding down time.</p>	<p>Tuesday, 4th Oct</p>  <p>Water World in Hamilton Depart @ 10.30 Return @ 3.00</p> <p>3.30 – 5.30 winding down time.</p>	<p>Wednesday, 5th Oct</p> <p>Cambridge Library Depart @ 10.00 Lunch @ 12.30 down by the river Return @ 1.30</p> <p>3.30 – 5.30 winding down time.</p>	<p>Thursday, 6th Oct</p>  <p>Hamilton Gardens Discovery Trails Depart @ 9.30 Return @ 3.00</p> <p>3.30 – 5.30 winding down time.</p>	<p>Friday, 7th Oct</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bouncy Castle • Bikes YES • Homemade PIZZA's • Indoor activities planned

A BASIC ITENARY OF How THE PROGRAMME WILL RUN EVERY DAY FROM 26th Sept – 7th Oct

Kids Rock Out of School Programmes will be at St Peters Catholic School, 22 Anzac St, Cambridge.




KIDS ROCK
Early Learning Centre, Before School,
After School & Holiday Programme

KIDS ROCK SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

- 26th Sep – 7th Oct 2016
- St Peters Catholic School Hall
- Ages 5 – 12
- 7 am – 5.30 pm, Monday to Friday
- We don't do less than 5 hours a day.
- OSCAR approved programme
- WINZ subsidy approved for qualifying families
- Freshly baked goodies daily.

FEES:
\$5.50 an hour
Discounts for families that don't qualify for the WINZ Subsidy with more than 1 child.

Activities:
Each day will be different: Organised sport/indoor & outdoor activities, swimming, baking, arts & crafts, messy play and much more.

Trips are organised for 2 days a week.

For more information, please contact:
Moe – Programme Manager: 0210787316 or email: outofschool@kidsrock.net.nz

Cambridge Junior Cricket



***Come along and enjoy
local cricket with
your mates!***

2016 Term 4 Friday Night

8-a-side Cricket

5.30-7.00pm starting Friday, 28th October

Year 3-4 @ Victoria Square

Year 5-6 @ Cambridge Middle School

\$25 per term

Also available for all Primary/Intermediate boys and girls:

Years 1 & 2 After School cricket programme held at St Peters Catholic

Thursdays 3.15-4.30pm

Fun skill-based training and great introduction to cricket with free gear.

\$10 per term

Years 5 - 8 Saturday morning junior cricket for experienced players against teams from across the Waikato.

\$50 per term

Fun and healthy ♦ Excellent family environment

Parents encouraged to participate ♦ No experience necessary

All gear fully supplied • Food and drinks available

**To register call Steve Carter 021 821820 or
email cambridgejuniorcricket@gmail.com**