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# ST PETER'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### November

- 11<sup>th</sup> G-Wizz Show
- 11<sup>th</sup> Choir down town - 12.45 pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> Year 7/8 Catholic Interschool Athletics
- 16<sup>th</sup> Grandparents Day
- 18<sup>th</sup> School Gala
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Monthly BOT Meeting - 6.45 pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> Road Safety Puppet Show
- 27<sup>th</sup> First Holy Communion

**Check out the school calendar on our school website for more events.**

### CHOIR

This Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> November, our school choir will be singing down town outside Paper-Plus at approx 12.45 pm. Please join us.



### YEAR 7 & 8 ATHLETICS

On Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> November our Year 7 & 8 students will be competing at the Year 7 & 8 Catholic Interschool Athletics. They will be leaving school at 8.20 am on this day and returning by 3.00 pm. Parents, please keep your eye out for the notice that is being sent home today.

### GRANDPARENTS DAY Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> November

Starting at 9.15 am with Mass. This will be followed by Morning Tea and our Performing Arts at 10.15 am. At 10.50 am our classrooms will be open for our grandparents to visit.



### 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.



### CALENDAR ART

Orders have now closed for all calendar art. Thank you to all families who have supported this fundraiser and ordered items. We will be in touch once diaries etc have arrived.

### GALA

Don't forget to fill your purple bags with good quality used items for our White Elephant stall. These can be dropped off in Room 9. We also need your pre-loved teddies!



See flyer over the page for more info.



## Principal's Reflection

*Me haere tahi tātou me Te Ariki*  
We walk as one with Christ

*"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire." Catherine of Sienna*

### CONGRATULATIONS TO JESSICA GOSLING

We are thrilled to hear that Jessica is going to be Head Girl of Cambridge High School for 2017. Jessica was an outstanding role model and active leader during her years in our school. We are so proud of our past student and wish Jessica all the very best for her exciting year ahead.

The staff were also very proud to hear of the number of our past students who performed exceedingly well and were acknowledged for their high achievements at Cambridge High School's recent senior prizegiving. It is pleasing to follow our students as they move into various High Schools and we have noted over the years how well our students achieve as a result of the sound foundation they develop during their years in our school.

### BOYS LITERACY PROJECT

#### Congratulations to our awesome teachers!

After eighteen months, our Boys Literacy Project is coming to an end. I would like to acknowledge the extremely high level of commitment and the consequent development our teaching staff have accomplished during this time.



On Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> November we presented our learning to the schools in our Cambridge Cluster. We hosted twenty eight teachers for the afternoon and presented our learning on the importance of feedback in writing, the power of an authentic audience and how we incorporated technologies into the teaching and learning of writing.

We were delighted with how our presentation was received by the visiting teachers. I will be travelling to Wellington on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November to co-present with Dr Bronwen Cowie (University of Waikato) at the New Zealand Association for Research in Education conference on our Boys Literacy Project. Sharing our learning as a result of the project is an important component of this Ministry funded project.

### HPV

The Ministry of Health has extended the criteria for those entitled to the HPV vaccine. Boys will now be covered for free vaccines. Please see information attached to this newsletter.

### ENROLMENTS for 2017

#### Calling for all younger siblings names and DOB

If you have a pre-schooler could you please check that we have their name and DOB on our prospective enrolment list. This helps us predict our Year 1-2 classes for the up coming years.



### SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Congratulations to all our young athletes who competed so well at our whole school Athletics Day on Friday. A big thank you to parents/grandparents and staff who were able to help out on the day either with transport, supervision or helping on an event. Special thanks to Mr L & Mrs Gordon for their superb organisation of the day.



A big welcome to Ruby Paine who started at our school in Room 1 this week. We hope you enjoy your time with us at St Peter's Catholic School.



# GALA NEWS

**FRIDAY 18 NOV**  
**From 5:00pm - 7:30pm**

**9 SLEEPS TO GO!**

**We appreciate all your support with this BIG school event, please can you all check that you received the following items last week...**

The PTFA sent home a no. of items last week which we require your help with please.

- 1) PURPLE BAG** – please can you place all your good quality BRIC A BRAC items in this and drop it into room 9 at school.
- 2) SOFT TOYS** – We urgently need soft toys for a SUPER FUN stall we are holding at the gala!!
- 3) CAKE STALL** – Please can you kindly place your beautiful baking into the cake box provided and place in the hall on the morning of Friday 18th GALA DAY - we are also holding a competition for the **BEST DRESSED CAKE BOX** – so let your child go to town and show off their artistic talents!

- 4) A BOTTLE** – Should you wish to donate a bottle or raffle prize we would very much welcome any items for our tombola.
- 5) HELPERS** – We still require some helpers to set up on the day / help on a stall etc... no matter what time you have available we would appreciate your help . There is a form at reception for volunteers.
- 6) GAZEBO / TABLES** – We would appreciate if anyone has a gazebo or trestle table we could kindly borrow for the event
- 7) SPREAD THE WORD** – Finally please spread the word... hand out your posters to friends and neighbours and come along with your family and friends to enjoy a fun packed gala night

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE GALA, PLEASE CONTACT LYN LAWREY ON 027 607 1728.**

## FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



## FOCUS: FAITHFULNESS

Our faith tells us that when we die our life is changed, but it is not ended. This is good news because we know that we will continue to share a relationship with God even after our death.

Lord Jesus, our Redeemer, You willingly gave Yourself up to death so that all people might be saved and pass from death into a new life.

Listen to our prayers; look with love on Your people who mourn and pray for our beloved dead family members. By Your glorious power give them light, joy, and peace in heaven where You live for ever and ever. Amen



### CHALLENGE FOR THE WEEK:

Our challenge this week is to remember and pray for those who have died.

### SUNDAY MASS TIMES:

Saturday - 5.30 pm Sunday - 8.30 am

### ANDREW CHINN



What a wonderful time we had with Andrew Chinn visiting our school last Tuesday. He inspired the children with his workshops during the day and introduced many new songs from his latest CD's.



The concert was amazing and very interactive with the students. We're all

still 'humming away.' Could you please check that you have paid the \$4.00 charge for the workshops.

### STREP THROAT - INFORMING OUR PARENTS

Strep throat continues to be in the Cambridge community. Strep A is highly contagious, and can be shared by airborne particles on close contact and through sharing drink bottles etc. Strep A can lead to Rheumatic fever if left untreated.

If your child is complaining of a sore throat and you can see white pus or discolouration (white patches) on their throat seek the opinion of your GP. Drinking plenty of water can help to flush the bugs.



### G-Wizz is coming back to school!!

Many of you will remember we had a visit from G-Wizz from the University of Montana, 2 years ago. He performed two shows full of very interesting science experiments. Well, he is returning to our school on Friday, 11th November for two more shows. This will be a fantastic end to our wonderful year of investigating Science in our school.



## Congratulations

### Science Celebration of Learning

Last Wednesday our Year 5-8 students held a Celebration of their Science learning in the form of a mini science fair. The students shared their science fair projects in our school hall. I was most impressed with the range of interesting topics our students had decided to explore. These included:

Packaged Versus Scooped Ice cream. Which Propellor is Most Effective? Where Did the Good Grass Go? Eveready Gold versus Eveready Superduty Long Lasting Batteries. How Volcanoes Erupt? Crystals, Whiteboard Markers, How the Mass of the Driver Affects the Speed of a Grass Kart, Ripening Avocados, Potato Battery, Ice bucket Challenge, Insulation versus Non Insulation, Handcream, Animal's Sense of Smell, Doggy Dinner, Testing Tea, Lets talk Plastic Bags, How Salt Water Affects Plant Growth, Rocket Balloons, Tissues, Leaf Chromotology, Which of these Liquid Substances Affect Heart Rate the Most? Soccer Ball Magic, Are you Buying the Right Pens? Cloudy with the Chance of Clear Days, Which Bottle is Best to Recycle?



The students developed their understanding of what scientists do and how they think. We were very pleased to observe the '5 Science Capabilities' during science sessions building up to this celebration. Most students displayed the thinking process involved in scientific research.

### 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.



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

Cambridge A & P Show, 26 November 2016 being held at the Cambridge Trotting Club, Cnr Taylor and Victoria Street. We are trying something new to encourage Town meets country and get a more community family event for this year. The Kelly Bros Circus will be at the show. The A & P Association are greatly subsidising the entry which is normally \$20 per seat. Now \$5. There is no gate entry free show day. The public can come and see a high standard of exhibitors in Equestrian, cattle and goats. Also many trade stands and food vendors. The ANZ Bank Children's Section starts at 9.30 am. All children are welcome to entwer their calves. Junior and senior classes for rearing, leading and Type.

Debra A White, PRINCIPAL

Phone 827 6623 for absentees



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# CAMBRIDGE SWIMMING CLUB

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The Cambridge Swimming Club is located at the Cambridge Town Pool, Williamson Street, Cambridge.

Our aim is to promote a healthy and fun swimming environment for our swimmers and their families.

Our Learn to Swim Programme is fully booked for this term but we are still accepting registrations for:

## **JUNIOR SQUAD SWIMMING**

If you can swim 50 metres in freestyle and backstroke come down for a **FREE TRIAL** at one of our sessions:

● Monday & Wednesday 5.00pm-6.00pm

● Tuesday & Thursday 7.15am-8.15am

Our swimming coach is dedicated to improving each swimmer's fitness and stroke proficiency. Our session groups are small allowing for more individual attention.

## **CLUB RACE NIGHT \*\*All welcome\*\***



Our first club race night of the season is on Thursday, 10 November and then every fortnight. Race distances are 25 metres and 50 metres in all strokes and sometimes a 100 or 200 metre race. If you are a non-member of the Club the cost is \$2.00 to swim in any of the eight events we have on our programme.

- Come down to the pool at 5.45pm on the night and enter.
- All races are timed.
- Learn all about race procedures.
- Get prepared now for next year's school swimming sports and interschool sports.

**NEED MORE INFORMATION? CALL SARAH @ 0278908670 or DIANA @ 0277136786**

**OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE: <http://www.sportsground.co.nz/cambridgeswimclub>**