



Followers of Christ

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

NOVEMBER

- 17th Mufti & Cup Cake Day
- 17th Assembly Room - Room 5 & 6
- 19th First Communion
- 20th Catholic Inter-School Athletics Yr 7/8
- 21st Grandparents Day
- 24th Vision & Hearing Testing
- 29th WFFA Athletics

CUP CAKE & MUFTI DAY

Friday, 17th November

Tomorrow, Friday 17th November, is St Peter's Catholic School's Cupcake Day.

The Young Vinnies are making cupcakes and selling them for \$2 each. For your \$2 you not only get a lovely fresh tasty cupcake, but you also get to wear MUFTI that day!

People are allowed to bring more money and spend it once everyone has had a cupcake. Money raised will go to the Saint Vincent de Paul Committee in our Parish. This group supports our school and community in many ways throughout the year, so this is our school's way of supporting them.



Thank you for supporting this.

The Young Vinnies

Grandparents Day
Tuesday, 21 November
See flyer next page

SKORTS

We are still having on-going issues with Bromleywear being able to supply our school skorts. At present we are totally out of size 6, 8 & 10 skorts.

Meantime, if anyone has second hand skorts that their child has grown out of, and would like to pass on to us, we would be very grateful. We are working hard trying to find a solution to the continued supply of skorts.

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

Kia Ora Koutou,

Grandparents Day

Next Tuesday, 21st November, is Grandparents Day, this is a lovely opportunity for our grandparents to come and visit their grandchildren at school and check in with their learning. The children are very excited and are busy preparing for the day.

Classes for 2018

Next year we will have a different class structure from the one we have had this year. Our predicted numbers indicate that the school will continue to grow. This year we have enrolled a number of new students throughout the year levels. As the roll grows so does our funding for extra teaching time.

We are also excited about the new teaching space that is opening in the old Room 1 and 2. This environment will allow the junior team to continue to cross group for different curriculum areas ensuring that the learners needs are met.

As we are confirming classes for next year, if you have any information we may need, please do not hesitate to email me: principal@stpeterscatholic.school.nz

Room One	Mrs Kneebone	Year 1/2
Room Two	Mrs Bam	Year 2/3
Room Three	Mrs Hounsell	Year 3/4
Room Four	Miss Marneth Rust	Year 5/6
Room Five	Mrs Toohey	Year 5/6
Room Six	Mrs McCreery	Year 7/8
Room Seven	Mrs Gordon	Year 7/8

Building Update

The re-development of Room 1 and 2 is progressing well and is on schedule. At the moment the structural work on the inside is being completed and work on the new front deck will start this week. A copy of the floor plan is in the office if you wish to have a look.

Congratulations

We congratulate Miss Suzanne D'Cruz on winning a teaching position at Marian Catholic School in Hamilton. I would like to thank Miss D'Cruz for her contribution to St Peter's during her time here and wish her all the best in her teaching journey.



A special welcome to Charlie Thompson & Georgie Chubb who recently started in Room 1. We hope you enjoy your time at St Peter's Catholic School.

Kia manaaki te Atua koutou katoa

Grant Stuart
PRINCIPAL

ST PETER'S NETBALL CLUB CAKE STALL

The annual Cake Stall for St Peter's Netball Club is being held outside the ANZ Bank on Friday, 8th December. Every netball family is asked to supply an item of home baking eg slice, muffins, cakes, sweets etc. Can these please be brought to the school office before 3.00 pm on Thursday, 7th December.



As this is St Peter's Netball Club's only fundraiser this year, it is very important that the netball families support it with home baking.



St. Peter's Catholic School

Grandparents' Day

Tuesday 21st November

10.00- 12.00am

Liturgy in the hall

10:00am



Morning Tea

Families please provide a plate for morning tea

In the hall @ 10.30am

Followed by Performing Arts and Choir



Class Visits

11:30am

**Grandparents are invited to
visit the classrooms**

FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



FOCUS: PATIENCE

Jesus tells a story about ten people who are waiting at a wedding for the bridegroom to arrive. It is dark and so they all have lamps with them to light the way. But what did five of them have that the other five didn't?

Five of them were sensible and took extra oil with them, so that if the bridegroom was late they would still be able to light his way. They were prepared. What happened next?

The bridegroom was very late. It was after midnight before the ten people were asked to go out and meet him and five of them no longer had enough oil for their lamps. They were not prepared and ended up being left outside the wedding.

Sometimes things happen that we don't expect. And we realise that we are not ready for them. Can you think of a time when this has happened to you? What happened? How did you feel?

CHALLENGE FOR THE WEEK:

What are some things we should be doing to stay prepared? To be the best we can be and to follow in God's footsteps?

SUNDAY MASS TIMES:

Saturday - 5.30 pm Sunday - 8.30 am

"Caught Being Caring"

Charlotte Sparrow, Max Banner, Oliver Chubb, Ruby Paine, Willaim Underwood, Ben Deason, Kendall Muir

VISION & HEARING TESTING

The Vision & Hearing Testing Technician will be at school on Friday, 24th November. She will be testing New Entrants who have not completed their before school checks, new immigrants and Year 7 students. See information flyer next page for more information on these checks.

SPEECH & DRAMA ACHIEVEMENTS

NEW ZEALAND SPEECH EXAMS – St Peters Catholic School

Speak4success congratulates the following students on their achievements at the recent Oral Exams. Involved: Giving speech, performing with expression, reading aloud with eye contact, conversational skills

Lucy Eastwood	- Distinction
Olivia Sinclair	- Distinction
William Greentree	- Distinction
George Kennedy	- Highly Commended
Chris van Veldhoven	- Distinction
Isabel Burrows	- Commended
Isabelle Sinclair	- Highly Commended
Caitlin Kavanagh	- Distinction

END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

Yr 8 Leavers Dinner - 7th December
Carols in the Playground - 8th December
Prizegiving - 12 December
Final Thanksgiving Mass - 15 December



Phone **827 6623** for absentees

PTFA NEWS

Calendar art orders closed last Friday. Thank you for your orders

PTFA FUNDRAISER - CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

The Christmas hampers are looking awesome this year, a big thank you for all the items you recently sent in. Next week a book of raffle tickets will be sent home with your oldest child to sell to neighbours/family and friends.



We will be holding a competition to the top three families who sell the most tickets. We appreciate your support in making this such a great annual fundraiser for our school.

FRIENDLY FACES AFTERNOON TEA

The next Friendly Faces afternoon tea is being held on Friday, 24th November at 2.30 pm. Please join us for a cup of tea or coffee. This initiative is not only to welcome new families to our school community, but to provide an opportunity for all families to mix and mingle.



FROZEN JUICIES

The sun has started to finally come out .. yeah .. so it's time to sell our \$2 frozen juicies. These will be on sale every Friday afternoon at close of school - 3pm until the end of term.

Thank you for your support.

CHRISTMAS HIGH TEA

Let's kickstart some Christmas cheer in our St Peter's community over High Tea! Enjoy scrummy cakes, a cuppa and a chat along with some light entertainment for all ages, hosted by the our Passionist Family Groups.

Where: St Peters Community hall
When: Sunday, 26th November - 3pm
What to bring: your Christmas spirit!



We hope you can come and join our Christmas celebration - everyone welcome!

Please phone Bernadette 823 5030 if you need any further details.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

KIDS Speak Up! For confidence – self-esteem - public speaking skills. Fun Classes at School. Cope with Speeches, Challenges etc. Ring Roz 027 248 2888 roz@speak4success.co.nz
www.speak4success.co.nz



Kids Christmas Craft & Gift Workshop: come and make your own Christmas decorations, crafts and gifts for your family. All materials provided. Cost: \$46. Ages 5+. Saturday, 9 December at Bridges Church, Duke Street, Cambridge. Phone Pam Uttinger to register 027 544 3867, email hollowhouses1@gmail.com

Good Union Kids Night - last one of the Year! Sunday, 3 December from 5pm. The Theme is THE POLAR EXPRESS PJ CHRISTMAS PARTY. Come and let your kids be looked after by our friendly team so parents can sit back and relax!

Cambridge BMX Club: If you have never ridden BMX before, come along on Monday nights from 5-6 pm for a free introductory session on how to ride the track and race like a pro. Aimed at 4-10 year olds who can ride a bike. Bike and helmets available. Club training for more experienced riders is on Tuesdays 5-6 pm. For more info email cambridgebmx@hotmail.com and a committee member will be in contact.



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Information Sheet on Vision and Hearing Checks in School

Vision Hearing Technicians from Community and Southern Rural Health will be visiting our school. The objective of the test is to identify previously undetected vision and hearing defects.

Which children are routinely checked?

- Catch up screening for children who have not completed vision and hearing checks as part of their B4 School Check
- Children absent from previous visit, require retests or follow up
- New Immigrants
- All Year 7 student's vision only

If there is a genuine concern, parents and teachers may request a vision or hearing check NB; parents must consent to this

What tests are carried out?

Ears

- Audiometry (hearing test)
- Tympanometry – middle ear function test (only carried out when hearing test is not within a normal range)

Eyes

Long distance vision tests – not a complete visual examination, but a simple screening test

NB All of these checks are non-invasive, safe and should cause no discomfort.

The Vision Hearing Technician will:

- Notify parents of all test results
- Enter results on Ministry of Education database (Enrol)

The Vision Hearing Technician will obtain personal details from the school ie; names, date of birth.

If the technician needs to contact parents or caregivers following the visit, addresses and phone numbers will also be required.

Our Service may share this information with other health professionals involved in the children's care.

If any parents/caregivers **do not** want their child to be checked, or their child is currently under specialist care for a vision or hearing defect, they should let the school know.