



Followers of Christ

# ST PETER'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## NOVEMBER

30<sup>th</sup> Thank You Morning Tea

## DECEMBER

1<sup>st</sup> Town Schools Athletics

1<sup>st</sup> Rotary Speech Competition

3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Parade

5<sup>th</sup> Road Patrollers Fun Day

7<sup>th</sup> Yr 8 Retreat & Leader's Dinner

7<sup>th</sup> Cakes for Netball Stall due

8<sup>th</sup> Carols in the Playground - 5.30 pm

12<sup>th</sup> Prizegiving

13<sup>th</sup> X-Factor

14<sup>th</sup> Yr 5-8 Pool Party

15<sup>th</sup> Final School Mass - 12.05 pm

### CUP CAKE & MUFTI DAY

WoW!! What a fantastic response to the Young Vinnies Fundraiser for The Saint Vincent de Paul committee in our parish. Your generosity

is sure to make someone in need, smile this Christmas.



A huge thank you to the Young Vinnies for organising this and

a special thank you to Mrs Casey and Mrs Jackson for supervising our Wonderful Vinnies in action.

A total of \$561 was raised. What a fabulous result.

### GRANDPARENT'S DAY

A huge thanks to the many wonderful grandparents who came along to school last week for our annual special Grandparents morning. The students enjoyed having you along at school and sharing in their learning. It was so lovely to see some of our own parents stepping into the role of grandparents and acting as 'surrogate grandparents' to students who could not have a grandparent there. We are also very grateful to our parents who provided and helped with the morning tea.



### 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,

As the end of year gets closer there are a number of key events coming up. Please read the newsletter for the different dates and times of these events.

### Grandparents Day

Last Tuesday was Grandparents Day here at School. We had a large number of grandparents attend the day's events. I was lucky enough to have my own grandmother come along for the day. This day is an important day on the school calendar as grandparents play a special part in children's lives. The children really enjoyed showing their grandparents their classrooms.

### First Communion

On Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> November, 19 children received their First Holy Communion and Confirmation. This is a special day for those children receiving the two sacraments. It was a wonderful service lead by Bishop Steve. The children even got an onion as a gift from the Bishop. Thank you to all those people who attended Mass to show their support of these students. Congratulations to the following children who received their first communion and confirmation: Lucy Ambler, Niamh Brennan, Diyala Chandrasekera, Aimee Dutron, Samuel Fernie, Ryan Fisher, Phoebe Hagarty, Grace Hodgson, Regan Hounsell, Caitlin Kavanagh, Isabelle Plant, Robert Powers, Sophie Risi, Bianka Ross, Sasha Toohey and Emily-Faye Wellbeloved



### Brian Perry Waikato Regional Sports Awards

We are thrilled to have received an email notifying us that the REMAX Waipa Fun Run is a finalist in the Brian Perry Waikato Regional Sports Award in the category of **Innovation in Sport and Recreation**.

The REMAX Waipa Fun Run illustrates the School's commitment to Project Engerize goals.

### Building Update

The re-development of Rooms 1 and 2 is progressing well and is on schedule. Over the next two weeks the exterior cladding will be put up and the aluminum joinery will be installed. A copy of the floor plan is in the office if you wish to have a look.



A special welcome to Ruby Jack who recently started in Room 4. We hope you enjoy your time at St Peter's Catholic School.

Kia manaaki te Atua koutou katoa

Grant Stuart  
**PRINCIPAL**

### BIBLES FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS



At the end of the year the school PTFA presents each of our Year 8 students with a bible. This year we have twelve Year 8 students to farewell. Each bible costs \$17.50.

If any families are able to sponsor the cost of a bible to help with the overall cost to the PTFA, please contact the school office.

### 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, 8<sup>th</sup> 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, 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

# FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



## FOCUS: JOY

'I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink'...Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?...'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

**Matthew 25:35, 37, 40**

We have a lot to be thankful for. The question is, are we willing to share it with those who are not so fortunate? Will you share what you have with those who are in need? Remember, it is the same as doing it for Jesus!



### CHALLENGE FOR THE WEEK:

See if you can share something with others in need this week.

### SUNDAY MASS TIMES:

Saturday - 5.30 pm Sunday - 8.30 am

## "Caught Being Caring"

**Cillian Punch, Petra Cody, Daniel Plant, Kaycee Combrinck, Bristol Maugham, Kieran Anderson, Ben Davies**

### PRIZEGIVING AND YR 8 LEAVERS' LITURGY

**Tuesday, 12th December at 6.00 pm**

You are warmly invited to our Prizegiving & Year 8 Leavers' Liturgy. All students are to arrive at school by 5.45 pm and assemble in front of Room 4. The students will process over to the hall in their classes. Students are asked to wear their school uniform.



After the prizegiving there will be a supper in the hall for the Year 8 students and their families. We have a lovely tradition where the families of the Year 7 students provide a small plate for supper. Could these plates be delivered to the hall kitchen as you arrive please.

### CAROLS IN THE PLAYGROUND

**FRIDAY, 8th DECEMBER**

A warm invitation is extended to all our families and our Parish family to join us for carols in the playground on Friday, 8th December at 5.30 pm. This is intended to be a relaxed family evening. The classes will be performing an informal item between lots of Christmas carols.



A Sausage sizzle \$2.00 each, will be available on the night. Bring a rug or deck chair and enjoy the company of our school and parish families.

### FINAL WHOLE SCHOOL MASS FOR 2017

Our final whole school Mass for 2017 will be held on Friday, 15th December (last day of Term 4) at 12.05 pm. All families are invited to celebrate this Thanksgiving Mass and your children will be allowed to go home with you after Mass.



The St Vincent de Paul shop in Tokoroa is in need of children's clothes and toys. If anyone would like to donate their pre-loved clothes or toys they can be given to Amelia Todd at school, or dropped to the Nappy Heaven store on Carter's Flat, and she will ensure they get to Tokoroa.

## PTFA NEWS

### PTFA FUNDRAISER - CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

A big thank you to Louise Allen for all her efforts in making the wonderful Christmas cake that is third prize in the Christmas raffle. Check it out on the front office desk!

Can all raffle tickets be returned with money to the box in reception by Friday, 1st December please. We are running a competition for the 3 top families who sell the most tickets....so there is still time to get more tickets from the office. Thank you for your support with this fundraiser.



### Frozen juices

Now the sunshine has arrived!!...We are selling lemonade and tropical frozen juices every Friday afternoon at school for \$2.

### CHRISTMAS PARADE

**Sunday, 3 December at 2.00 pm**



If your child would like to be in our Christmas Parade float on Sunday, please be at the Cricket Pavilion at 1.30 pm. Children are to arrive dressed as an angel or shepherd (unless they have been given something different at school). See you there!

## CLASS AWARDS

**ROOM 1: Ruby-Faith Sauni** - for lovely neat handwriting and clever fluent reading.

**William Underwood** - for being such a kind friend and showing the Fruit of Patience.

**Charlie Thompson** - for settling into routines at school and being such a good listener.

**Georgie Chubb** - for settling in so well to school and making lots of new friends.

**Benji Fernie** - for being a super-duper speller and such an independent writer.

**ROOM 2: Diamond Por** - for working hard at writing neatly and independently.

**Carter McNab** - for starting to put a huge effort into his basic facts homework.

**Petra Cody** - for always showing a fantastic work ethic in all subjects and producing a very high standard.

**Rory Brock** - for his amazing reasoning in maths.

**ROOM 3: Logan Boss** - for his focus and self-discipline.

**Eleanor Whittaker** - for being well-organised, showing initiative and giving her best to everything she does.

**Kieran Anderson** - for his amazing enthusiasm and positive approach to all he does.

**Ryan Vanderpyl** - for showing the Fruits of the Holy Spirit, especially the Fruit of Patience.

**ROOM 4: Ryan Fisher** - for being a considerate citizen in Room 4.

**Oliver Lawrey** - for making excellent progress in spelling.

**Sophia Huang** - for consistently demonstrating good work habits.

**Lily Cai** - for beaming more independent in reading, and always having a go at new experiences.

**ROOM 5: Maddy Peacocke** - for demonstrating the Fruits of the Holy Spirit every day at school.

**Mila Keijzer-Kinniburgh** - for being a thoughtful member of Room 5 who is willing to help everybody.

**Luke Underwood** - for being more confident to tackle challenging Maths problems with a "can do" attitude.

**Hee Dutron** - for striving hard to complete all his work to the best of his ability.

**Jack Harris** - for being super organised and remembering all his equipment for our contraption making in Term 3.

**ROOM 6: Bella Peacocke** - for thinking of others and also for her good work ethic.

**Ryan Fitzsimons** - for excellent progress in maths and reading.

**Matthew Jordan** - for excellent progress in reading and comprehension.

**Max Banner** - for being a responsible PE Monitor.

**Charmaine Bourner** - for working hard and being self motivated.

**Danny de Jong** - for fantastic writing and work ethic.

**ROOM 7: Christian Sauni** - for consistently displaying the "Fruits of the Holy Spirit" in school and showing different strategies.

**Maddox McMeekan** - for working hard at his maths throughout the year.

**Luca Kerkof** - for his great display of skills on Athletics Day.

**Ella Rothery** - for putting time and effort into her maths.



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