



Followers of Christ

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

DATES TO REMEMBER

March

- 28th Wine & Cheese Meet & Greet - 7 pm
29th Town Schools Swimming Sports
30th Good Friday - no school

April

- 2nd Easter Monday - no school
3rd Easter Tuesday - no school
5th Year 7/8 Parent Camp Meeting -
5.30-6.30 pm

MUFTI DAY

Tomorrow, Thursday, 29th March

Payment is by way of a non-perishable food item that will be donated to the Food Bank. Thanks for your support.

From the Young Vinnies



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The whole school will be participating in the 'Stations of the Cross' in the hall tomorrow, Thursday (Holy Thursday) at 1.45pm. We would like to invite all parents to join us during this very important time of year on our church calendar.

Students may go home with their parents at the conclusion of the service but please let their teachers know.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

The PTFA will soon be selling 2017/18 Entertainment Books. The Entertainment™ Book is a local restaurant and activity guide which provides hundreds of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers from the finest restaurants, cafes, attractions, activities, retailers and hotel accommodation. Another option you may consider purchasing is The Entertainment™ Digital Membership which puts all of the value of the Entertainment™ Book into the customer's smartphone.



Books will be sent home with your eldest child in the next 2 weeks

Should you not wish to buy the book we ask you to return it in perfect condition back to school. (If you would prefer NOT to have the book sent home, please email the PTFA at stpecsptfa@gmail.com).

This is a wonderful fundraiser for our school and a great way for you to save money.

A copy of the Entertainment Book will soon be on display at the school office, or click on the following link www.entbook.co.nz/1541y53

Principal's Reflection

"Poipoa te kakano, Kia puawai"
Nurture the seed and it will blossom

Kia Ora

Easter Dates

Please note that the school is closed on Good Friday 30th March, Easter Monday 2nd April and Easter Tuesday 3rd April.

This week we celebrate Easter. For Christians Easter is much more than chocolate eggs and hot cross buns; Jesus is the reason for Easter. We hear the story of Jesus' betrayal, passion and death. We can imagine the grief and confusion of the apostles as Jesus was taken from the garden of Gethsemane, to be whipped and beaten, crowned with thorns, and made to carry His cross for His own execution. The apostles were asked to walk that road of suffering with Jesus - and so are we.



Easter Mass Times:

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30 pm
Good Friday - Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Death 3.00 pm
Easter Saturday - Vigil Mass 7.00 pm
Easter Sunday - Mass 8.30 am

Lenten Appeal



A big thank you to the children of our school for their donations over Lent for Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand. Over the course of Lent the children have raised in excess of \$800. This is such a great effort! All the money will go towards Caritas projects around the Pacific.

Outdoor Learning Environment

Work has started on Stage One of the Outdoor Learning Environment with the Sports Changing shed being upgraded. Demolition will be happening over the next two weeks. Plans are also being sorted for the Sports Shed to be moved too. Thanks to the Parents that are helping out with this. Also a big thank you to the PTFA who have worked hard over the years to secure the funding required for this project.

Planning is well underway for Stage Two of this Project which is an all weather sports turf.

Kia manaaki te Atua koutou katoa

Grant Stuart
PRINCIPAL

POOL SPONSORSHIP

The school and community has worked hard to raise funds to upgrade the pool area and changing sheds.

The next step is to install a heat pump system to heat the pool. This is so that the Cambridge Learn to Swim Programme can continue while the town pools are closed for the rebuild. This rebuild will take between 1-2 years. We are currently looking for sponsorship to help meet the cost of the heat pump.



If this is something that you are interested in and would like to learn more about please email principal@stpeterscatholic.school.nz and I will send out more information about the proposal outlining the various sponsorship packages available.

FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



FOCUS: GENEROSITY

Easter Sunday marks Jesus' resurrection.

After Jesus was crucified on the Friday (now known as Good Friday), his body was taken down from the cross, and buried in a cave tomb. The tomb was guarded by Roman Soldiers and an enormous stone was put over the entrance, so that no-one could steal the body.



On the Sunday, Mary Magdalene, followed later by some of Jesus' disciples visited the tomb and found that the stone had been moved, and that Jesus' body had gone.

Jesus himself was seen that day by Mary and the disciples, and for forty days afterwards by many people. His followers realised that God had raised Jesus from the dead. Christians call this the Resurrection.

The week leading up to Easter is called Holy Week.

CHALLENGE THIS WEEK: Reach out to those who may be suffering.

EASTER SUNDAY MASS TIMES:

Saturday - 7.00 pm Sunday - 8.30 am

"Caught Being Caring"

Josh Allen, Kaycee Combrinck, Carrie Sheehan, Riley Martinovich, Tessa Paine, Sahara Taane & Ryan Fisher

AUTISM FACEBOOK PAGE

To the strong, courageous, beautiful mothers of Cambridge raising a child with autism, I want to meet you and do life with you!

My son was diagnosed at the age of two and what a journey it has been. He is now 5 years old and attends Leamington primary school. Being his mother will be the hardest job I will ever do, but I also feel it will be the most rewarding. My goal is to create a group of women (the strongest women I will ever know) and partner with them in this life with our quirky, fun, often challenging kids. There is something special that happens in me when I meet another mother raising a child with autism. I have an instant respect and awe of her! What an amazing women she must be, I want to know her!

So if you feel the same way and want to meet with other women living this life and fighting this fight for her child join the "Courageous Mothers of Cambridge" Facebook page and let's connect and do life together.

Cath Hudson

UNIFORM SALES

The Uniform Shop is open from 8.30-9.30 am every Thursday morning during term time. If you are unable to get to the Uniform Shop, orders can be left at the school office and will be filled on a Thursday morning for you. Orders can then be collected and paid for later that day.



A reminder that winter uniform can be worn after Easter with it becoming compulsory after Queen's Birthday weekend. Children are not to wear a combination of summer and winter uniforms.

CLASS AWARDS

ROOM 1: *Ruby-Faith Sauni* - for being so helpful and kind towards other students and always sharing her lovely smile.
Piper McQuarters - for her wonderful, inspiring fluent reading.
Penny Boss - for being so focussed with her learning and keeping on task.

ROOM 2: *Anton Joseph* - for working super hard in writing and for always putting in a huge effort when doing basic facts homework.
Thomas Hayde - for having a positive attitude to his learning.
Charlotte Sparrow - for showing great leadership skills, having a positive attitude, always being on task and following instructions.

ROOM 3: *Kieran Anderson* - for connecting ideas, awareness of the world around him and showing his initiative.

William Hayde - for amazing knowledge of Religious Education and Bible stories.

Ava Kerr - for amazing work in reading, writing and maths.

Pippa Owsley - for excellent questions and thoughtful answers during class discussions.

ROOM 4: *Aden Joseph* - for taking care in all your work and for developing time management skills.

Lily Cai - for developing her independence in her work.

Regan Hounsell - for working diligently on her reading assignment.

ROOM 5: *Maddy Peacocke* - for her determination and strength to keep working even when things are tough.

Phoebe Hagarty - for having the confidence to ask questions when she needs clarification in maths.

Bianka Ross - for being a quietly determined worker who gives her best effort in all she does.

Chris van Veldhoven - for being a caring class member who is always willing to help his class mates.

ROOM 7: *Tessa Paine* - for always having a positive attitude towards her learning.

William Greentree - for his positive attitude towards his writing and maths.

Hannah Jordan - for her determination to learn new ways to solve maths problems.

Amara Casey - for always displaying the Fruits of Generosity and Kindness.

ROOM 6: *Kendall Muir* - for displaying the Fruits of the Holy Spirit by being thoughtful and willing to help others.

Regan Mellar - for being a focused learner with a positive attitude.

Liam Fisher - for displaying a growth mindset and a positive attitude towards his learning.

Lucy Eastwood - for excellent maths results and also for helping others.

Hunter Bodle - for displaying a growth mindset towards his learning and for being an excellent role model to others.

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.



Phone **827 6623** for absentees



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