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**ST PETER'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### AUGUST

- 9<sup>th</sup> Room 1 Assembly - 2 pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> Mufti Day
- 14<sup>th</sup> Class/individual photos
- 14<sup>th</sup> NSW Maths - 1.30 pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> Teachers on Strike
- 16<sup>th</sup> Room 6 Assembly - 2 pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> Open Morning 9 am-12 noon
- 17<sup>th</sup> Kapa Haka Festival (Year 5-8)
- 21<sup>st</sup> BOT Meeting - 5.30 pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup> PTFA Movie Night
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Kids for Kids Concert
- 24<sup>th</sup> Schoolwide Cross Country

## MUFTI DAY

**Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> August**

Friday, 10th August is a Mufti Day to raise money to make more meals for our Friendly

Faces freezer. At St Peter's we love to be able to give a meal to our families in times of need. However, the freezer is bare!



Please send a small monetary donation with your child on this Mufti Day so our Friendly Faces Team can whip up more meals and fill our freezer again. Thank you for your support.

### ABSENCES

Just a reminder that if your child is going to be late for school or is away for any reason, please let the school office know by 9 am. This will avoid a follow-up call.

### CLASS/INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS

On Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> August Masterpiece Photographers will be at school taking class and individual photos. Photo ordering envelopes were sent home with every child earlier this week. These need to be returned to the School Office by Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> August please.



### KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL

Our Year 5-8 students are performing at the Cambridge Schools Kapa Haka Festival at the Don Rowlands Centre on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> August. The students will be going by bus which is \$4.00 per student. Payment can be made at the School Office or via internet banking 03 1568 0009985 00 Reference "Kapa Haka".



We will be performing at 10 am. Parents are welcome to come along to watch. Gold coin entry.

# Principal's Reflection

Kia Ora Koutou

*Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi Engari, he toa takitini*

My successes are not mine alone, they are the greatest successes we will have are from working together.

Over the last two evenings the Student Led Conferences have taken place. A big thank you to all those who attended. It was a wonderful opportunity for the students to showcase the great things they are doing with their learning. Celebrating the successes is a big part of the learning journey and helps the students to gain confidence.



The purpose of student led conferences is for students to display learner agency (ownership of their learning) and to help them take personal responsibility for their progress. It is a chance for them to share their learning journey with whanau (family) and friends. If you require an opportunity to have a Learning Discussion with the teacher, please book an appointment with the teacher at a time that suits.

If you have any feedback on Student Led Conferences or Portfolios please email your thoughts to: [feedback@stpeterscatholic.school.nz](mailto:feedback@stpeterscatholic.school.nz)

### Wiki te rangimarie - Peace Week

This week is Peace week and the students that are members of Young Vinnies have a number of activities for the rest of the school to be involved in. This includes a colouring in competition that runs through to Friday.

### Strike Action Next Wednesday , 15th August



Next Wednesday the NZEI Teachers Union is planning to strike over the current contract negotiations. The Board of Trustees have decided that the school will not be open for instruction but will provide supervision if required.

### Gardening Group

A big thank you to the newly formed gardening group for their work around the school. The groups consists of Year 4-6 students, Mrs Toohey and Mrs Warwick. Recently they have been re-planting the vegetable garden, planting the front office garden and yesterday the students planted *Stachys byzantina* (Lambs Ears) in the garden by the hall.

Kia manaaki te Atua koutou katoa

Grant Stuart  
PRINCIPAL

### TOPSOIL FOR SALE

The school currently has topsoil for sale from the earthworks from the pool re-development. The cost is \$20 per trailer load. If you are interested in purchasing a

### POOL SPONSORSHIP

A big thank you to the families/business who have taken up the opportunity to secure a pool lane, or brick for our pool wall. We are nearly there!

Brick on the sponsors wall: \$500  
Lane Sponsorship: \$1,000  
Naming Rights to the Pool for 5 years: \$5,000



If this is something that you are interested in and would like to learn more about please email [principal@stpeterscatholic.school.nz](mailto: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: PEACE

Jesus wasn't just concerned about empty stomachs - he was even more concerned about empty hearts. One day, after filling the empty stomachs of over 5,000 people, Jesus said to them, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever." Jesus was telling them that he came to give his life so that they could have everlasting life - if they would believe and trust in him.



Jesus wants us to be concerned about empty stomachs, but he also wants us to be concerned about empty hearts. As we share our bread with the hungry, let us also share the story of Jesus, the Bread of Life, so that they may eat and never die.

Dear Father, we thank you for sending Jesus, the Bread of Life, so that we may eat and never die. Help us to share the story of Jesus with others. Amen.

#### ALTAR SERVERS/SUNDAY MASS TIMES:

Saturday - 5.30 pm - Esme & Angus MacGillivray  
Sunday - 8.30 am - George & Hugh Kennedy

**"Caught Being Caring"**  
Joban Bassi, Hunter Bodle, Georgie Chubb, Liam Fisher, Charlie Thompson, Bristol Maungham

## PTFA NEWS

### MAMA MIA 2

#### WEDNESDAY, 22 AUGUST

Tickets are selling fast - don't miss out on our school fundraiser at Tivoli Theatre on Wednesday, 22nd August. Grab your friends and order your tickets at the table in the office foyer.



#### 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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## PRAYING FOR PEACE

This week is International Peace Week. At Guardian Angel time this week we each wrote 'Peace Prayers' on paper doves and they are all displayed on our PEACE WALL in the library. Please keep up your prayers this week for peace.



We are also running a Peace Week Colouring Competition this week with nice prizes to be won. Make sure you get your entries in to Room 6 by 9 am this Friday.

*From the Young Vinnies.*

### THE MAGICAL WORLD OF CRAZY SCIENCE

From ping pong balls and hair dryers, to elephant's toothpaste, the Magical World of Crazy Science show was an incredible and fun learning experience for St Peter's Catholic School's students last week.

First, Richard showed us a series of magic tricks with a somehow ever multiplying red ball. Everyone oohed and aahed and laughed at his antics.

Next he poured red, blue and yellow Powerade into a bucket, swirled it around and then poured the liquid out - One by one, not mixed together. Red, yellow and blue. All the same clean colours that had gone in. Everyone shouted in amazement and wonder.



Leaving the Powerade, he told us that the Auckland Zoo had run out of toothpaste for their elephants. He tipped several mysterious ingredients into a tall beaker and suddenly, a blue streaked fountain of fluff erupted into the air. A chemical reaction. The kids jumped and laughed.

After clearing up the fluff, Richard pulled out a hairdryer and a ping pong ball. He turned it on and placed the ball in the stream of air. It stayed there, hovering. "Should we go bigger?" he asked. The students roared back an excited YES! Then he pulled out something big, and something loud, Very loud. A leaf blower.

A ferocious noise sounded through the hall and everyone covered their ears. Richard grabbed a huge beach ball and threw it in the air, directing the machine toward it. The ball danced over the wind to the cries of excitement.

The whole school thoroughly enjoyed the show, from the 5 year olds to the teachers.

*Written by Lucy Eastwood*



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Term 3 Waikids Free Ear Clinics:** Monday, 20 August, Cambridge Primary School, & Monday, 10th September 9am-2.30 pm; Leamington Primary School. No appointment necessary. Phone 838 3565 if more info required.