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# ST PETER'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### NOVEMBER

- 15<sup>th</sup> Rooms 4 & 5 Assembly - 2.00 pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> BOT Meeting - 5.45 pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Room 6 Mass - 9 am
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Cultural Day
- 29<sup>th</sup> Room 4 Mass - 9 am
- 29<sup>th</sup> Room 7 Assembly - 2 pm
- 29<sup>th</sup> Vision & Hearing Testing
- 30<sup>th</sup> School Gala - 5.00-7.30 pm

### DECEMBER

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Parish/School Mass - 8.30 am

### UNIFORM REMINDERS

Just a reminder with the warmer weather that the children should now be wearing summer uniform. This includes the school hat. Hats must be worn during break times and PE lessons. If your child needs a new school hat, this can be purchased through the uniform shop on a Thursday morning between 8.30-9.30 am.

### SCHOOL PARKING



A big thank you to Karen May at Kaz Design for donating her time to design the new road safety signs. They look great and are already changing driving habits!

### ENROLMENTS FOR 2019

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 upcoming years.

### CLASSES FOR 2019

Over the next couple of weeks the teachers will start the task of sorting the classes for 2019. If you have any information we may need, please do not hesitate to email me: [principal@stpeterscatholic.school.nz](mailto:principal@stpeterscatholic.school.nz)

### 2019 SCHOOL COUNCILLORS

Congratulations to the following current Year 7 students who have been selected to be our first four School Councillors for 2019: Tessa Paine, Miki Harrison, William Greentree and Hamish Durran-Wolff.



More councillors will be selected next year.

### FEEDBACK

If you have any feedback, please email your thoughts to:  
[feedback@stpeterscatholic.school.nz](mailto:feedback@stpeterscatholic.school.nz)

## Principal's Reflection

Kia Ora Koutou

Kia mau koe ki nga kupu o ou tupuna  
Hold fast to the words of your ancestors

Today is Grandparents Day. It is always a wonderful occasion to have the Grandparents come and visit the school. Grandparents provide us with links to our ancestors and they are charged with passing the many stories down the generations. The students were excited to show their grandparents around the school and explain what they have been learning. A big thank you to Mrs Hounsell for organising the day's activities. I hope the grandparents enjoyed their big day at school.

### Athletics

Last Friday was the Annual School Athletics at Athletic Park in Vogel Street. The weather held and the students had great fun in competing in a range of events. Congratulations to all the students who won their events. My thanks goes to Mrs Toohey for organising the days events, to the teachers for their support, and the parents for ensuring the events ran smoothly. Unfortunately the teachers did not win the last relay. Training has already begun for 2019.

### Classes for 2019

Next year we will have a change to the 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. This has caused growing pains and has meant some high numbers in the junior rooms. The new structure will allow for growth and avoid the situation that we have at present.

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](mailto:principal@stpeterscatholic.school.nz)

Room	Teacher	Year Level
Junior Hub	Mrs Bam	Year 1/2
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
Room Eight	Mrs Kneebone	Year 3/4



### NZEI Strike Tuesday, 13 November

Yesterday was the second strike by the Teachers Union. The media and the Minister seem to be making the sticking point about pay. The real issue is about the terms and conditions, teachers are looking for more release time, smaller class sizes, better support for students with learning needs and for the teaching shortage to be addressed. At the moment the Ministry of Education haven't addressed these issues to the satisfaction of the union members. A big thank you for your support and understanding as we try and get the best deal for our students.

### Blokes Breakfast

The Blokes Breakfast was held on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November. This was a great chance for the boys to spend some extra time with the important male role models in their lives. We were lucky to hear some stories from the local Fire Chief Don Gerrand. A fire truck and a couple of race cars were also on show, proving a big hit with the boys. The breakfast was a great success. A special thank you to Brad Pierce for organising the morning.

Kia manaaki te Atua koutou katoa

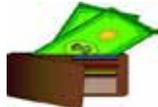
Grant Stuart  
PRINCIPAL

## FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



### FOCUS: PATIENCE

The Bible says that one day, Jesus went to the temple and sat down near the place where the offerings were placed.



He sat and watched the people as they came by and put in their offerings. Many rich people, dressed in fine robes, came by and put in a lot of money. Then, a poor widow came by and put in two small copper coins that weren't even worth a penny.

Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "This woman has given more than anyone. The others gave out of their wealth, but this woman gave all that she had." You see, Jesus is more interested in what is in the heart of the giver than he is in the size of their gift.

**CHALLENGE:** Help us to remember that we should give back with a cheerful heart.

#### ALTAR SERVERS/SUNDAY MASS TIMES:

Saturday - 5.30 pm - Abel Joseph & Hayden Rhoda

Sunday - 8.30 am - George & Hugh Kennedy

**"Caught Being Caring"**  
Jacob Gall, Kaycee Combrinck, Ava Kerr, Alice Cho,  
Dongho Kang, Lilly Bell

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION



This Saturday, a number of our students will be receiving the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation for the first time. This will be a special day for them that they will remember for the rest of their lives.

Congratulations and many blessings to you all.

#### 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.



#### AG DAY



Two of our students, Grace Purdie & Mya Ellis attended Roto-o-rangi School's Agriculture Day in October. The girls really enjoyed their day, and did a great job training and caring for their lambs.

## Cultural Day Celebrations

Thursday, 22nd November 2018

On Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November we will be having a Cultural Day to celebrate the wonderful diverse cultures represented in our school. For the last two terms the children have been delving into our Inquiry: Tenei au, Tenei ma - This is me, This is us, and learning about different countries, including New Zealand. The children have enjoyed learning about other cultures and sharing their own. Now it's time to celebrate!



#### FOOD

As part of this cultural Day we are going to have a shared lunch. We are asking each family to bring a plate of food to share which represents your culture.

#### DRESS

Children who choose to, can also dress up in clothes from other countries. This is not compulsory. Children need not dress up if they choose not to. We will be having a 'dress parade' at morning tea on the day.



Thank you for your continued support in making this a memorable day for our children.

#### VISION & HEARING TESTING

The Vision & Hearing Testing Technician will be at school on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

**Yr 8 Leavers Dinner** - 6<sup>th</sup> December - 6.00 pm  
**Jam Session** - Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December - 12.30 pm (parents welcome)  
**Prizegiving** - Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> December - 6.00 pm  
**Final Thanksgiving Mass** - Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> December



#### FOUND

A maroon and black 'Bodyglove' wetsuit (size Womens NZ16) was left in Room 6 after Kawau Island Camp and still hasn't been claimed. Please claim it from lost property if it belongs to your child.

A fitbit watch found in junior playground last term still hasn't been claimed. This can be claimed from the school office if it belongs to you.

#### 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 - only 8 left  
Lane Sponsorship: \$1,000 - one lane left  
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.

#### KIDS ROCK AFTER SCHOOL CARE

After school care will be available on the following days before Christmas: Monday-Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December-20<sup>th</sup> December 2018 from 7.30 am-5.30 pm. Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> December 7.30 am-12.30 pm.

Phone 827 6623 for absentees



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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.



St Peter's Catholic School

**TWILIGHT**

**GALA**

**Friday 30 November** From 5:00pm - 7:30pm

St Peter's Catholic School, 22 Anzac Street, Cambridge

QUALITY  
2ND HAND  
GOODS  
ART &  
CRAFTS

FUN  
ACTIVITIES

EFTPOS  
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BAKING  
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AND MORE!

FOOD  
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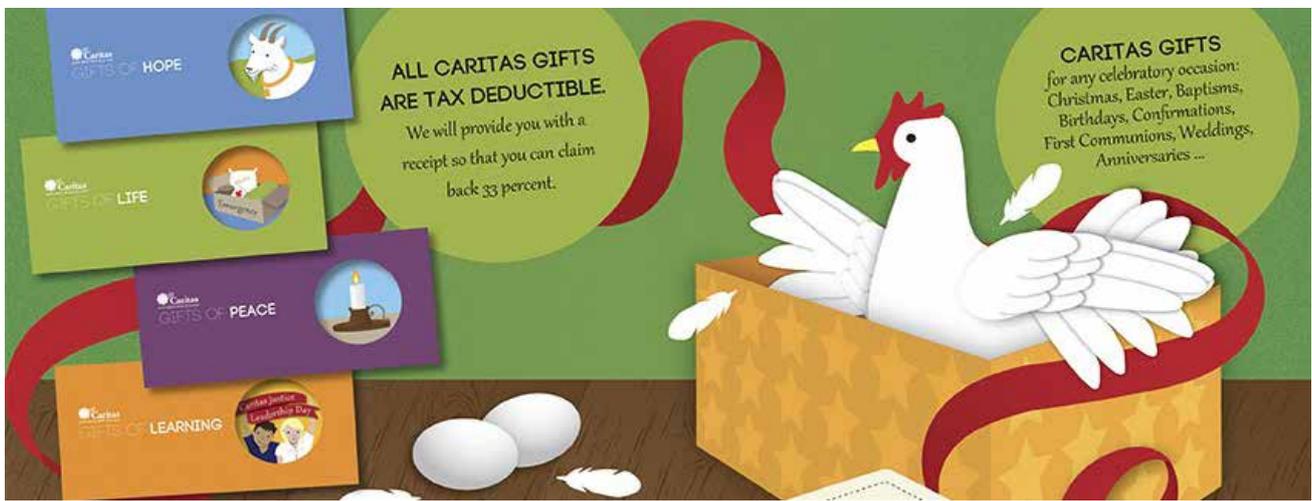
**GALA**  
**NEWS**



**WE NEED HELPERS!**

We are still needing helpers on the night or on the day to help with set up. There is a form at the office or please get in touch with Mr. Stuart,  
E: [principal@stpeterscatholic.school.nz](mailto:principal@stpeterscatholic.school.nz)

*Thank you*



## CARITAS GIFTS 2018

Firstly, we would like to offer a very warm thank you to all our supporters that have helped us in various ways throughout the year. Our work would not be possible without your generous support, help and encouragement.

We would also like to remind you that Christmas is just around the corner!

Caritas Gifts are a perfect way to show your friends and loved ones that you are thinking of them this year, while also making an important contribution on their behalf. Every single Caritas Gift purchased, also allows us to offer vital assistance and support where it is needed most.

The range of Caritas Gift options are split across four specific areas;

Hope Fund - supports our development work

Life Fund - sustains emergency support

Peace Fund - promotes healthcare, human rights and justice

Learning Fund - supports education and environmental care

Each one provides vital funds, supporting a variety of Caritas programmes. All are focused towards creating positive and long-lasting changes in the lives of some of the most vulnerable communities relying upon our help.

For example, if you buy the gift of an Emergency kit from the Life Fund, the money you pay goes into that fund and is used to support emergency work where it is needed most.

Or by purchasing a chicken or a goat gift, you will be supporting a community, helping to provide sustainable food options.

When you purchase a gift from one of these funds the money you spend supports that area of Caritas' work.

Even the smallest gifts make an incredible difference to those in need, whether it is \$10 or \$1000. Every Caritas Gift makes for a wonderful present to give family and friends while also helping to support the dignity of our brothers and sisters, both here in Aotearoa New Zealand and across the world.

Caritas gifts can be ordered now by calling us directly on 0800 22 10 22 or by visiting the Caritas website: [www.caritas.org.nz/caritas-gifts](http://www.caritas.org.nz/caritas-gifts). Please ensure to place your order by Monday, 10 December to ensure that your Caritas Gift is received in time for Christmas.

Wishing you joy and blessings.

Julianne Hickey  
Director, Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand