



Followers of Christ

St Peter's Catholic School

TERM 3 – 14 August 2019

Kia Ora Koutou

Ko waiata ki Maria, hine i whakaae Whakameatia mai
I sing to Mary our Mother, the one who heard God's call



Tomorrow the school gathers to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. The Feast of the Assumption is when Mary assumed into heaven. It is the day that the Church recognises the special part Mary played in the church's history. Mary is often referred to as the first disciple, as she said yes to God. Mary has been given the honour of being the mother of the Catholic Church and is the patron saint of New Zealand. There will be a full school mass at 9.15am.

Two weeks ago Student Led Conferences took 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.

Last week, the group of eight students that were here from China went home. During their stay the students learnt English and the New Zealand way of life. The students and their families have enjoyed their stay, and being a part of the Cambridge community.

TEACHER ONLY DAY – MONDAY, 19th AUGUST

A reminder that on **MONDAY**, 19th August, all Waikato Catholic Schools are gathering for their combined Teacher Only Day. Please be aware that school will be closed for instruction on this day.

WELCOME

Welcome to Mr Bruce Ridden who has been appointed as the new Caretaker. When you see Bruce around don't forget to say hello.



MUFTI MANIA

Thank you for your donations on Mufti Mania Day. We were pleased to be able to donate \$200 to Doputz Primary School in Papua New Guinea to help them to get their new school up and running.

Kia manaaki te Atua koutou katoa

Grant Stuart
PRINCIPAL

Feedback

If you have any feedback particularly on Student Led Conferences, Production or Cross Country, please email your thoughts to: feedback@stpeterscatholic.school.nz
The feedback helps us when planning for events next time.



ABSENCES

With the winter bugs still around it is important to remember to ensure that your child is fully recovered before sending back to school so as to curb the spread of bugs.

If your child is going to be absent for any reason, please use the school app to record an absence (or leave a message on the phone) before 9.00 am. This saves on a lot of follow-up phone calls.



WHOLE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

On Friday, 23 August we are holding our whole school cross country at Lake Te Ko Utu. Year 1-4 students will travel to the Lake in cars, and the Year 5-8 students will walk down to the Lake. Students are to wear clothing that is in their house colours and suitable for running in. A letter was emailed home with further details and approximate times of races yesterday.

If you are able to help in any way please email nataliet@stpeterscatholic.school.nz by Friday, 16th August.

CAN YOU HELP US?

Recycling Bins

If you no longer have any use for your old blue recycling bins, we would love to take them off your hands. Please leave on the deck outside the Staff room.

Old Barrels

We are on the hunt for plastic barrels that would be suitable to store PE equipment.

BIKE RACK

With an increase of students biking to school we now need another bike rack like the one below. If you know of someone that could help make a bike rack please email:
principal@stpeterscatholic.school.nz



MAIN ENTRANCE

Thank you for using the main entrance into the school grounds. A new permanent fence between the Convent and the school will be installed in the near future.



Cars must not park on yellow lines to drop off/pick up students - while this is illegal, it is also endangering our students' lives, and recently there have been some near misses.

Please pass the road crossing/parking rules on to anyone who is picking up your children.

Thank you for your support with this.

YEAR 7/8 2020 INFORMATION EVENING

An Information Evening for 2020 Year 7 & 8 students is being held at 5.45 pm in Room 7 tonight (14 August). The evening will focus on giving students and parents a taste of the opportunities St Peter's Catholic School will provide your child in 2020.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS



Uniform sales take place on a Thursday morning between 8.30-9.30 am. If you can't make it in on a Thursday morning please use our online Uniform Shop which is on our website <http://www.stpeterscatholic.school.nz>

Orders left before Wednesday afternoon will be filled on Uniform Shop day and left at the school office for payment, and pick up. If you order on/after Thursday, orders will be available the following week.

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 12.30pm in the office foyer. A lunch menu is on the school website.



Installing the St Peters Catholic School App

1. First, [visit the store](#) to download the SchoolAppsNZ app...



2. Once installed, you can access the app from this icon on your phone's homescreen...



3. Simply open the app and search "St Peters Catholic School".



OPEN MORNING

We are holding an Open Morning on Friday, 16th August from 9.00 am-12.00 pm for any families interested in our school (Year 1-8). Please spread the word about this day, and let any families you know who are considering school options for their children, to come along and visit our school.

YUMMY STICKERS

Our school is registered to be part of the Yummy Fruit Company School Sticker promo again this year. Collect the individual Yummy apple stickers or cut out labels from bags of apples when purchasing apples from New World, Pak'n Save and participating Four Square stores. This promo runs until 20th September. Please ask friends and family to collect the stickers for you as well. The more we collect, the more free sports gear we receive. There are 10 house points up for grabs for every sticker collected, or 50 for the yummy bag cut out.



Download a sticker collection sheet from www.yummyfruit.co.nz or collect a copy from the school office.

<h2>FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT</h2> <h3>FOCUS: SELF CONTROL</h3>	
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Jesus makes a strong statement to the disciples about the use of time, and about priorities.

Some of it must have been puzzling for the disciples, who at that stage did not know about the events which would later unfold in Jerusalem. But the point Jesus was making about being ready and about priorities was unmistakable.

Time is a gift, with each of us having that gift in an unknown measure. Procrastination is like a thief who erodes that gift, wasting it by leading us to do nothing, or to do what is easy rather than what should be a priority.

It is difficult to use time wisely if there are no clear priorities. The greater the number of demands being made, the more important it is to establish what matters most. And Jesus is very clear that what matters most is being ready for the day when we will meet him in death. As a prioritising principle, the knowledge that we will die one day and that we don't know when is a powerful organising force. It is also not easy to think about, but procrastination is not an option in the context of discipleship.



Procrastination conjures up ideas of idleness, but it can actually be hidden by vigorous activity. Being in a state of permanent activity does not mean that we are doing what really matters. If we allow activity to push the harder spiritual stuff off our agenda then we are procrastinating on what should be a priority.

CAUGHT BEING CARING:

Diyala Chandrasekera, Charlotte Ross, Nico Gall, Issac Shen, Ruby Paine, Issie Kavanagh & Harjot Singh Gill

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Saturday: 5.30 pm
Altar Servers: Isabelle Plant & Regan Hounsell

Sunday: 8.30 am
Altar Servers: Rose & George Kennedy

CLASS AWARDS:

- JUNIOR HUB:** *Andi Bondoc* – welcome to St Peter's Catholic School. We love having you in the Hub with us.
- Rory McFetridge* - welcome to St Peter's Catholic School. It is wonderful having you in the Hub.
- Eva Brock* - welcome to St Peter's Catholic School. We are so lucky to have you join us.
- Leo O'Brien* - welcome to St Peter's Catholic School. We love having you in the Hub.
- Pippa Bailey* - welcome to St Peter's Catholic School. We are so glad you have come to join us.
- Annabelle Watson* - welcome to St Peter's Catholic School. We are so lucky to have you in the Hub.
- ROOM 3:** *Elijah Cahayon* - for being a fantastic role model for his peers.
- Piper McQuarters* - for showing the Fruits of the Holy Spirit, bringing 'Peace' to Room 3 and the playground.
- Kaycee Combrinck* - for working hard in his writing and always contributing during Maths discussions.



Luke Powell - showing initiative, thinking of ways to help and always giving his best to everything he does.

ROOM 4: *Jemma Watson* - for settling into Room 4 so well. Welcome to St Peter's Catholic School.

Kendra Gray - for settling so well into Room 4. Welcome to St Peter's Catholic School.

ROOM 5: *Ryan Fisher* - for taking more care in the presentation of his work.

Anne Cho - for the incredible progress she has made in her learning over the last two terms.

Isabel Burrows - for being more committed to her learning by listening attentively and not being distracted.

Leo Shi - for settling in well to his new class. We love having you at St Peter's Catholic School.

Ella Chatterjee – for settling in well to St Peter's Catholic School. We love having you in Room 5.

ROOM 8: *Carter McNabb* - for working so hard with all his learning.

Matthew Sommerville - for a huge inspiring effort with all his mini-inquiries.

Ryan Vanderpyl - for showing more awareness with correct spelling.

Chloe Banner-Dryland - for being such a great helper in Room 8.

The X-Factory Certificates:

The Junior Hub Boys for 'X-celence' in being the students who shone the brightest!

The Junior Hub Girls for 'X-celence' in being the most angelic dancers on stage!

Year 3 & 4 Students for 'X-celence' in performing the best moves on stage – better than Michael Jackson!

Room 4 & 5 Boys for 'X-celence' in having the wackiest hairdo's and make-up on stage!

Room 4 & 5 Girls for 'X-celence' in having the best overall costumes and synchronised dance moves – sleek and stylish!

Mila Keijzer-Kinniburgh for 'X-celence' in being a 'rising star' who got up out of her bed while sick to perform on stage – showing courage.

Isaac Shen for 'X-celence' in moving on an off the stage in complete darkness with all the props.

Jack Harris for 'X-celence' in moving on an off the stage in complete darkness with all the props.

William Huang for 'X-celence' in working his magic in the sound box confidently bringing in all 67 cues!

Zara Thompson for 'X-celence' in applying her two times tables by doubling her role and stepping in at late notice just like a professional.

Fletcher Kerr for 'X-celence' showing bravery and commitment by performing on stage for all three performances while he was unwell.

Mrs Hagarty for 'X-celence' in being the lady with so many different talents, filling in for sick actors, actresses, dancers and rappers.

Mrs Hounsell for 'X-celence' for during our production wearing so many hats, she held us altogether and stopped us singing flat.

Dates Coming Up

AUGUST

14th Year 7/8 2020 Information Evening – 5.45 pm

15th School Mass for The Assumption – 9.15 am

15th Junior Hub Assembly – 2.00 pm

16th Open Morning – 9 am-12 noon

19th Teacher Only Day – school closed

20th BOT Monthly Meeting 5.45 pm

23rd Whole School Cross Country

29th Rooms 3 & 8 Class Mass – 9.15 am

29th Rooms 4 & 5 Assembly – 2.00 pm



Community News

WAIKIDS Free Ear Clinic for Children: Tuesday, 23 July & Wednesday, 4 September at Leamington Primary School from 9am-2.30 pm.