



Followers of Christ

St Peter's Catholic School

TERM 3 – 11 September 2019

Kia Ora Koutou

Ko te pai e taea e tatou!
Being the best we can be!

Here at St Peter's we provide a number of different opportunities for the students to be the best they can be. These opportunities range from educational initiatives like the Young Engineers programme, physical challenges like the Interschool Cross Country and culturally enriching events like the Andrew Chinn Concert. On Thursday afternoon at 2.00 pm we will recognise those students who have been their best in the Winter Sports Prize Giving Assembly. Parents and Whanau are welcome to attend.

Last Friday, we sent a team of Year 7-8 students to the Catholic Inter School Cross Country at Te Awamutu. Well done to William Greentree for placing 3rd in the Year 8 boys race.

On Sunday we had a team compete at the annual AIMS Games in Tauranga. The team did very well in trying conditions. There were over 800 runners from all over New Zealand. Well done to Sahara Taane and Isabelle Plant for their awesome efforts on Sunday.

Yesterday, we were entertained by the Year 4-8 students in the School Speech Finals. We thank Ms Renee Hutchinson from St John's College for being our judge. It was great to hear her feedback on the standard of speeches. I was also impressed with the finalists. The confidence that the students showed in their delivery is to be commended. Special congratulations to Olivia Bodle and Ryan Fisher who go on to represent our school at the Rotary Speech contest next week.

Today, we have a group of students off to Waikato Full Primary Cross Country at Te Aroha.

Next Tuesday, Australian religious songwriter and singer will be doing workshops with our students in the morning before being involved in his concert in the afternoon. Andrew has composed a number of songs that we use during school masses and liturgies. The concert starts at 1.30 pm in the hall. Parents are very welcome to attend.

Next Tuesday and Wednesday, we have our annual Catholic Character Review. As a school we look forward to the visit from the Diocese representatives. It will be a chance to celebrate the wonderful things that we do to uphold the special character of our school. There is an opportunity for parents to meet the review team and share their stories about the school. This will be next Tuesday in the staffroom after the Andrew Chinn Concert. Please consider coming along.

Kia manaaki te Atua koutou katoa

Grant Stuart
PRINCIPAL

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.

Bishop Takuiria Mariu Leadership Award



Bishop Takuiria Mariu was one of Maoridom's most prominent religious leaders and the first Maori Bishop in the Catholic Church. Takuiria was treasured for his spirit of humility, his enthusiasm and humour, and his wonderful rapport with the people. Bishop Takuiria spent his later years residing here in Cambridge, and lived across the road from the school. It is fitting to name our school Leadership award after Bishop Takuiria.

ANDREW CHINN CONCERT

On Tuesday, 17 September, Australian religious songwriter and singer, Andrew Chinn, will be visiting our school to share his songs with our children. Andrew's songs, such as "These Hands", "Rainbow", "An African Blessing" and "Rise Up!" are used in classrooms and liturgies around Australia, New Zealand, USA and Canada.

All students will work with Andrew on Tuesday morning in preparation for a concert at 1.30 pm that afternoon. The cost for each child is \$4.00. If this could be paid to the school office by either cash or EFTPOS, or by internet banking to 03 1568 0009985 00 Reference "Concert" by Tuesday, it would be appreciated. There is no cost for adults. Please come and join us for a fun afternoon in the St Peter's Community Hall.



CANS 4 CHRISTMAS



Young Vinnies say a HUGE THANK YOU! Thank you everyone for your generous donations to the 'Cans for Christmas' collection last week. We collected a grand total of 184 cans!! These will be distributed around our community as well as the greater Waikato. Thank you for your support.

From the Young Vinnies

SPEECH FINALS

Year 4:

1st Valentina Di Maio, 2nd Nyla Mayne, 3rd Petra Cody

Year 5:

1st= Pippa Peacocke & Eleanor Whittaker, 3rd Ella Thompson

Year 6:

1st Ryan Fisher, 2nd Lucy Ambler, 3rd Phoebe Hagarty

Year 7:

1st Olivia Bodle, 2nd Luca Macrides, 3rd Grace Purdie

Year 8:

1st Josh Lawrey, 2nd Liam Fisher, 3rd William Greentree

Congratulations to our finalists, and all the Year 4-8 students who prepared a speech. The students selected to represent our school at the Rotary Speech Competition are Ryan Fisher & Olivia Bodle.

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.

DAFFODIL DAY

A huge thank you for the generous donations on Daffodil Day. An amazing \$464.20 was donated to the Cancer Society.

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.

BOOK CHARACTER & GRAND PARENTS DAY:

On **Wednesday, 25th September** we are holding a Book Character Day where students will dress up as their favourite book character. There will be a Scholastic Book Fair after school in the library also on this day.

Thursday, 26th September is Grandparents Day. This will commence with a Liturgy in the hall at 10.00 am, followed by morning tea, Performing Arts and class visits. Could all families please bring a plate for morning tea.

Please see the fliers at the back of this newsletter for further details.

JUNIOR JIVE/SENIOR SOCIAL:

The Student Council are holding a Junior Jive and Senior Social, on Wednesday, 25 September 2019.

Junior Jive (Years 1-4) 4.00-5.30 pm

Entry Fee \$4.00 which includes popcorn and drink.



Senior Social (Years 5-8) 7.15-8.45 pm

The entry fee is \$6. Food and drinks for sale

YUMMY STICKERS – LAST FEW WEEKS

Last few weeks to collect the 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, so please have stickers in by then. 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

WINTER SPORTS ASSEMBLY – TOMORROW, 12th SEPTEMBER

This year we are having a Winter Sports Assembly for all winter sports teams that students have registered through our school. We will celebrate these players at a special Sports Assembly on Thursday, 12th September at 2.00 pm in the School Hall. Parents/coaches are very welcome to attend

FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

FOCUS: GENTLENESS



Counting the Cost



Jesus told the people that wanted to be his disciples and follow him, they had to count the cost. He said they had to be willing to take up their cross daily and follow him. To follow him, they might have to be willing to give up their family and friends. Jesus also said that people might make fun of them and call them names and that some people might even want to hurt them. They had to count the cost and make sure they were willing to pay the price.

A lot of people today say that they want to follow Jesus. They join the church and for a while you will see them every week, but when they find out how much it is going to cost, they fall away. Being a true follower of Jesus is not always easy, but it is always worth it, if you are willing to pay the price.

Heavenly Father, it is easy to say that we want to follow Jesus, but it isn't always easy to do. Help us to follow him, whatever the cost. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

CAUGHT BEING CARING:

Cillian Punch, Regan Hounsell, Lizzy Mathers, Katherine Lowe, Rayeshi Pieris, Sasha Toohey, & Ruby-Faith Sauni

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Saturday: 5.30 pm

Altar Servers: Patricia & Theresa Dungca

Sunday: 8.30 am

Altar Servers: Isabelle & Sophie Sinclair

Dates Coming Up

SEPTEMBER

- 12th School class/individual photos
- 12th ICAS Spelling
- 12th Winter Sports Prize Giving Assembly - 2 pm
- 13th Town Schools Cross Country
- 13th Open Morning 9am-12 pm
- 16th ICAS Spelling
- 17th Monthly BOT Meeting
- 17th Andrew Chinn Concert
- 17-18th Catholic Character Review
- 18th ICAS English
- 19th ICAS Maths
- 25th Book Character Day
- 25th Junior Jive & Senior Social
- 26th Grandparents Day

St. Peter's Catholic School Book Character Day

Book Character Dress Up Day!



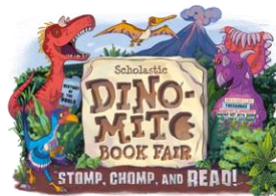
Wednesday 25th September

All children are invited to dress as
their favourite book character

Parade @ 10.15am

Book Sale - after school

'Scholastic Book Fair' book sale in the library



Keep your costume on and join us at
the Junior Jive or Senior Social
after school





St. Peter's Catholic School
Grandparents' Day

Thursday, 26th
September
10.00am - 12:30pm

Liturgy in the
hall
10:00am



Morning Tea

*Families please provide a plate for
morning tea*

In the hall @ 10.30am
Followed by Performing Arts



11:30am
Class Visits
and
Book Sale

Grandparents are invited to visit the classrooms and the
'Scholastic Book Fair' book sale in the library.