



Kia Ora Koutou

Meri Kirihimete
Merry Christmas

As the year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe holiday. It is important to take time out this Advent and remember the reason for the season. Pope Francis reminds us to “prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus like we joyfully prepare our homes for a visit from a family member or friend during Advent”. I also invite you to participate in the Christmas Celebrations at the Church.

The times are as follows:

24th December - Midnight Mass (Carols from 11.30pm)

25th December - Christmas Day Mass 8.30am

For other Mass times around the Diocese please go to:
www.proudtobecatholic.org.nz



2019 has been a busy year. Along with the three R's, the students have been involved in a wide range of rich learning experiences including Mission Day, Young Engineers, Performing Arts, Kapa Haka and the School Production 'The X-Factory'.

Children at St Peter's continue to perform well academically. These results reflect the top quality teaching that continues to be delivered throughout our school. The ongoing success of all our students is something as a community we can all be proud of.

I'd like to thank and acknowledge these people who have played an important part in our students' learning achievements throughout this year:

- To all of the St Peter's staff – thank you ALL, for your dedication, drive, fortitude and desire to achieve the very best for our learners. I hope that you have a well deserved and wonderful holiday.
- Thank you to the Board of Trustees for the commitment they invest in our school and for all their support throughout the year working alongside us to achieve the many learning opportunities for our learners like Kapa Haka, Young Engineers and the Performing Arts.
- A special thanks to our hard working parents on the PTFA for their many contributions which we value immensely – their support helps create wonderful learning facilities, opportunities and possibilities – their work enables us to create rich learning experiences for your children.
- We farewell our 2019 Year 8 leavers – this group is a confident group of young people who will go on to do great things. They will be leaving St Peter's well equipped to achieve success as learners. We wish them great accomplishments in all their endeavours.

I would like to wish all our St Peter's Catholic School students, parents and friends a safe happy and Holy Christmas holiday break.

Kia manaaki te Atua koutou katoa

Grant Stuart
PRINCIPAL



FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

FOCUS: JOY
Strand: Advent



Waiting and Watching



There are plenty of signs that Christmas is coming, but 2000 years ago when Jesus was born, there were no big signs to announce that it was going to happen. There were no ads on the radio or TV saying "Coming soon! A Savior will be born in a stable near you!" When Jesus was born, many people were surprised! But as word of his birth spread, some people remembered that prophets had told them that God was going to send a Savior. They knew that this baby, born in a stable, was God keeping His promise.

Christmas is a not only a wonderful time to celebrate the birth of Jesus. It is also a time to remember that Jesus promised that he would come again. We don't read much about that in the newspapers and we don't hear much talk about it on the radio or television, but Jesus told us to be prepared and to watch for his return. As we look forward to Christmas day, we also look forward to the day when Jesus will come again. Today we light the candle of hope on our advent wreath. Just as the people of Israel found hope in the promises of God, we find hope in Jesus' promise that he will come again.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for keeping your promise to send a Savior. We also thank you for the promise that he will return again to take us to our home in heaven. Amen.

CAUGHT BEING CARING:

Lacey-Jane Sauni, Jacob Gall, William Underwood, Harper Taane, Ruby-Faith Sauni, Alexis Ah Ping & Anton Joseph

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Saturday: 5.30 pm

Sunday: 8.30 am

SPECIAL WELCOME

Congratulations to 4 of our students, Eleanor & Isabelle Whittaker, Maddox Johnson and Ruby Jack, who have been baptised into the Catholic Faith this year. We welcome them into our Catholic family and may God bless them on their journey.



CHRISTMAS PARADE



This year our Christmas Parade float embraced the "Christmas around the World Theme" set by the organisers. Our students represented the many cultures within our school. We also incorporated the meaning of Christmas with signs, and of course a traditional nativity scene leading the way.

A huge thank you to Monica Williams and Nerina Sommerville for all the effort they put into organising our float, and to all the students involved in the parade. You did our school proud!



SCHOOL UNIFORM/HATS

A reminder that children are to be wearing their full summer uniform including the school hat, and sandals.

The school hat must be worn during

break times and PE lessons. Uniform sales take place on a Thursday morning between 8.30-9.30 am during term time. The Uniform Shop will be open on **Thursday, 30th January 2020 from 10 am-12 noon** for any last minute requirements you may need.

END OF TERM & TERM 1 2020

Our school will finish the 2019 school year at 12.30 pm on Wednesday, 18th December and will start back on Monday, 3 February 2020. **Please note**

Waitangi Day is Thursday, 6th February and we are holding a Teacher Only Day on Friday, 7th February, which will make a long weekend.



KIDS ROCK BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Kids Rock will be open on Thursday, 19th December from 7.30 am-5.30 pm and again on Friday, 20th December from 7.30 am-3.00 pm for anyone looking for holiday care. Contact Tash on 02102797384 to book.

SCHOOL BUSES

The last day for school buses this year is Tuesday, 17th December. The bus runs will commence again on 31 January 2020.

CAROLS IN THE PLAYGROUND

Friday, 6th December from 5-8 pm

Come along enjoy a night of Christmas entertainment. This year, as well as our class items, we will have past students performing.

Bring a picnic, or purchase dinner from the food trucks which will be on site from 5pm. Sit back, relax and enjoy the company of our school community.



PRIZE GIVING & YEAR 8 LEAVERS' LITURGY Monday, 16th December

You are warmly invited to our Prize giving and Year 8 Leavers' Liturgy. All students are to arrive at school by 5.45 pm and assemble in front of Room 4. The



students will process over to the hall in their classes. Students are asked to wear their school uniform.

After the prize giving there will be a supper in the hall for the Year 8 students and their families. We have a lovely tradition where families of the Year 7 students provide a plate for supper. Could these plates be delivered to the hall kitchen as you arrive please.

YEAR 8 LEAVERS' DINNER

The Year 8 Leavers' Dinner is being held on Thursday, 12th December. The \$30 payment can be either made in cash or EFTPOS at the school office, or by internet banking into our school bank account:

03-1568-0009985-00 Reference: "Dinner"

Final Thanksgiving Mass

17th December – 9.15 am

The final school Mass for the year is on Tuesday, 17th December at 9.15 am.

All parents/whanau are very welcome to attend.



STATIONERY LISTS

Stationery/Class placement for 2020 will go home with the students in their portfolios along with their final school report on Tuesday, 17th December. Please see back of newsletter on how to order stationery online.

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. 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.

Community News

The Ministry of Education are looking at running an Incredible Years Parent programme in the early half of 2020 (January to June) based in Te Awamutu.

A little bit about the programme:

- The programme is for parents with children aged between 3-8 years who are experiencing behavioural difficulties
- Each session is 2.5 hours long and runs for 15 weeks
- There is an expectation that parents will attend all sessions but there are some catch up sessions available
- It is free to attend and all resources are provided
- Light refreshments are provided

If you would like an expression of interest form, please contact the school office.

Dates Coming Up

DECEMBER

- 6 Carols in the Playground
- 6 Open Morning – 9 am-12 noon
- 6 Performing Arts – Town Hall
- 10 Junior Choir – Town Hall
- 10 St Peter's Got Talent – 1.30 pm
- 11 Thank You Morning Tea
- 11 Road Patrollers Fun Day
- 12 2020 Year 7/8 Leadership Day
- 12 Year 8 Retreat/Leavers Dinner
- 16 Prize giving
- 17 End of Year Mass – 9.15 am
- 18 School finishes for 2019 at 12.30



FEBRUARY 2020:

- 3rd Term 1 2020 commences
- 6th Waitangi Day
- 7th Teacher Only Day

The majority of our alerts/reminders are posted directly to our school app. Please follow the instructions to download.



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".

A poster for a Christmas carol event. The background is black with a golden, glowing Christmas tree on the right side, decorated with stars and lights. The text is in white and gold.

carols in the PLAYGROUND

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS IN UNDER THE STARS WITH FOOD STALLS AND LIVE MUSIC

FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER
ST PETER'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

FROM 5PM



St. Peter's Catholic School

Cambridge



4 December 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

BACK TO SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS FOR 2020

We've teamed up with OfficeMax to make back to school easy!

You'll find your child's school stationery list online at myschool.co.nz.

Simply search for our school, select your child's class and/or subject lists and follow the instructions on the website.

You can also earn School Rewards* for our school if you buy through OfficeMax MySchool. We can use these rewards to purchase extra resources.

OfficeMax MySchool makes back to school easy for you with these great benefits:

- **Order the easy way** - online at myschool.co.nz, phone 0800 724 440 or in your local OfficeMax [store](#).
- **Price match promise** - find a lower price and OfficeMax will match it*.
- **Free Delivery** - for orders over \$46*. Choose delivery to home or work at a time that suits you.
- **Save valuable holiday time** - avoid busy shopping malls and traffic queues by shopping online from the comfort of your home so your child starts the year with the correct stationery supplies.
- **Multiple payment options** - including secure internet banking, credit/debit card and cash in your local OfficeMax store.

* Conditions apply, see myschool.co.nz for details.

If you have any enquiries about OfficeMax MySchool please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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