



Followers of Christ

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

DATES TO REMEMBER

February

- 18th Year 7/8 Leadership Day
- 19th Room 4 Assembly - 2.00 pm
- 23rd Monthly BOT Meeting
- 24th Healthy Eating Magic Show - \$3.50 each
- 26th School Swimming Sports - 8-13 yr olds

March

- 3rd Jnr School Swimming Sports - 5-7 yr olds
- 6th Parish/School Mass

Learning Conversations

We are holding Learning Conversations on Monday, 7th March 3.30pm - 8.00pm and Tuesday, 8th March 3.30 - 6.00 pm

The purpose of these learning conversations is to support our students to understand their learning and help them take personal responsibility for their progress and achievement. These Learning Conversations are held between the teacher, the student and the parent. Parents are able to go online to book their appointment times at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/book. A letter with instructions on how to do this and the code, is attached with this newsletter.



PARISH/SCHOOL MASS

Sunday, 6th March 2016

Forward notice that the first Parish/School Mass for the year is on Sunday, 6th March at 8.30 am. Please mark your diaries.



Sunday, 13th March 2016

REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW!

If your child is in Year 3-8 and would like to join our 2km Schools Challenge team for the Remax Waipa Fun Run please register at the school office. The cost is \$5 per child. There are three sections Years 3 & 4; Year 5 & 6 and Year 7 & 8.

Please consider entering either the JSWAP 10 km run/walk, Smiths Sports Shoes 5 km run/walk, or organise a team of four friends and enter the Teams Challenge. Great prizes!

Can you help with our event? We need help on the day, and building up to the event. If you can spare us some time we would be very grateful! Please email myself or see Donna in the office.

Principal's Reflection

Tena Koutou Katoa - greetings to our community

Our school is a growing vibrant community striving to be the best we can be. Making our good school great, occurs by harnessing the potential within our school community. Utilising the interests and strengths of the members; staff, students, parents, families and parishioners. Our school community needs your contribution in order to develop and grow and reach our potential. How would you like to contribute to our school community?

- PTFA – Parent, Teachers, Friends Association this group meets monthly and co-ordinates a number of fundraising and community building events during the school year. The next meeting is Wednesday, 2nd March 2016 @ 7.00 pm in the school staffroom. We would love some new members.
- PTFA – second tier – We have a group of parents who are happy to be called on to support the PTFA with individual events during the year. For example: Remax Waipa Fun Run. This may be an area for your consideration rather than be a member of the committee.
- Friendly Faces Team – In recent years this team is an additional team that sits within the PTFA. This group of parents support the pastoral care within our community. Our pastoral care involves: a couple of times each term host afternoon tea from 2.30pm to provide a meeting place for all families along with supporting families in times of need with baking or a meal.
- Parish Masses – The first Sunday of each month the school hosts the cup of tea/coffee in the Parish Lounge after mass. This initiative was set up a number of years ago in response to the Hamilton Catholic Diocesan Plan to build "Communio" and strengthen Parish-school links within the Diocese. Please "come and be the smile behind the tea pot" (or coffee plunger!) and do the tidy up and dishes. Please consider sharing your time with our parish/school community.
- Children's Liturgy – Would you be interested in taking Children's Liturgy for children aged between 4-8 years old during Sunday Mass. You would be rostered on approximately once or twice a term.
- Liturgy of the Word - Would you be interested in reading at Mass on either a Saturday night or Sunday morning.
- Offeratory Gifts - We would like to offer the opportunity for families to participate in Sunday Mass by presenting the Offeratory Gifts.
- Classroom Help – Would you be interested in helping in the classrooms? Spelling testing, reading help etc
- Sports Coaches/Managers – We have a dedicated group of parents who enjoy supporting our school by working with our children in a sports team.



Please consider offering your time and support within an area in our school and parish. If you are interested in any of these areas, sheets of paper will be on the front desk to sign up.



A big welcome to Charlize McWatters & Katie Sandford who have both recently started at our school. We hope you enjoy your time at St Peter's Catholic School.

FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



FOCUS: GENEROSITY

During Lent we can practice resisting temptation to think that we need more than we have been given. Our Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving help us to correct our perceptions about the things we “need” and the things we “want”. They remind us of our dependence on God and they help us to remember that God gives us everything we need.

When we pray the Lord’s Prayer, we ask for God’s help to resist temptation in our lives. We say, “Lead us not into temptation.”

CHALLENGE: Challenge yourself this week to think about what you actually need, and what you want, and what you can do without. Can you keep your Lenten promise this week? Ask God to help you.

We Need Your Help Please? – Almsgiving during LENT.

During the six weeks of LENT the Young Vinnies have decided to put mission boxes in each classroom. A mission box is a little box that your child puts a donation in to help people in other countries who are not as lucky as we are. This box will sit on each classes’ Prayer table. At the end of each week the Vinnies will collect and count up the money, and the class with the most money each week, will have 10 minutes extra play before morning tea.



At the end of LENT the class that has collected the most money will have 20 minutes extra play at morning tea. The money raised this year will go to CARITAS Aotearoa New Zealand. Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is the Catholic Bishops’ agency for justice, peace and development. They are working for a world free of poverty and injustice through community development, advocacy, education, and emergency relief. See more information on their website, <http://www.caritas.org.nz>

Thank you for your support. – The Young Vinnies

NETBALL MEETING



We will be having a Netball Meeting for all interested players on Friday at morning tea time in the Library.

A notice will be handed out to seek parent permission to play, coaches and managers for school teams.

MISSING

A pair of black goggles went missing last Friday. If your child has come home with a pair that doesn’t belong to them, please return to the school office. Thank you.

Phone **827 6623** for absentees

SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS

On Friday, 26th February we are holding our School Swimming Sports for ages 8-13 year olds at the Cambridge town pool. We will require parent help as officials, walkers etc. Please see Mr L or Mrs Deeley if you can help. A letter will be emailed home in the next few days with more details.



The PTFA will be selling Healthy Hamburgers at our School Swimming Sports on Friday, 26th February. The cost of a hamburger only, will be \$3 and a hamburger and a juice box will cost \$5. Please place your order and money in an envelope and hand into the office no later than Wednesday, 24th February.

The Junior School Swimming Sports ages 5-7 will be held on Thursday, 3rd March in the school pool - 2.00 pm.

BE BRIGHT EAT RIGHT MAGIC SHOW

The magic show “Be Bright Eat Right” will perform at our school on Wednesday, 24th February. The two sessions will cater for the junior and senior school. The show teaches students to take control of their diets and create positive attitudes towards food behaviour. The show supports the New Zealand Curriculum and commits to educational value, while providing a hilarious magic show full of audience interaction. The show is one hour duration and costs \$3.50 per student.



Could the \$3.50 per student please be paid at the school office either by cash, EFTPOS or deposited in the school bank account Westpac 03 1568 0009985 00 Reference “Show”.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2015

The parish is new accepting enrolments for the 2016 Sacramental Programme. If you child is baptised Catholic and is 8 years old, or older, then please enrol him/her by completing an Enrolment Card that is available from the back of the Church. Completed cards need to be returned to the Parish Office by Friday, 26th February 2016. Any enquiries to the Parish Office on 827 5557 or st.peters.catholic@xtra.co.nz. The programme commencement date will be advised at a later date.



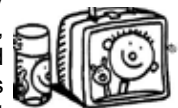
PTFA NEWS

Firewood For Sale - Hardwood (good quality wood) Cost - \$130 a load pickup or \$140 delivered (Cambridge only). Funds raised go to School Fundraising - Supply is limited so get in early. Call Lyn Lawrey on 027 607 1728 to arrange pickup or delivery.



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.



NOTICES

Te Miro MTB Club: Junior MTB Race - Sunday, 3rd April 2016. Ages 4-15, 3, 6, 10km course options. Enter online at www.temiroclub.co.nz

Secondhand Uniform for sale: 3 x boys shorts – Ages 9 to 12, 1x summer shirt Age 12, 3 x winter shirts Age 10 to 12, 2 x PE shirts Age 10 to 12, 2x Jumpers (one well worn). Must sell as a set \$50.00. Phone Sharon on 0274427366.

Young Engineers Club: after-school programme. Young Engineers teaches children about the basic principles of engineering and physics using motorised Lego! For children from Year 2-Year 8. To register www.youngengineers.nz or contact Ariana on 021-2424567.

Debra A White, **PRINCIPAL**



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LOCAVORE



**Have your vege box delivered to your school by pick up time and
fundraise at the same time!**

Locavore is an organic market garden on the outskirts of Cambridge. We do fabulous fortnightly vege boxes that contain a range of fruits and vegetables that we grow ourselves and source from other local organic and conventional farmers. Our produce is super-fresh and hand-picked to ensure quality.

We are all about keeping it local - we want to support our community in a reciprocal way so we've come up with this hair-brained, not-so-original idea of 'profit-sharing' with our local schools.

For every vege box that we deliver to your school every other Wednesday (next one this coming Wednesday) we will donate \$1. How easy is that?



**Where can I find more information
about what's in the boxes and
place an order?**

Simply visit our [website and online farm shop.](#)

We need a minimum of five vege boxes per school - so you'll need to collaborate amongst your school community before you order.