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ST PETER'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

DATES TO REMEMBER

May

- 9th Parent Camp Helpers Meeting - 5.30 pm
- 10th Writers' Workshop (some students)
- 11th Michael Mangan Concert - \$4.00
- 11th Blokes Breakfast - 7.15 am
- 16th Kawau Island Camp

PARISH/SCHOOL SUNDAY MASS



Term 2's whole school/ parish Mass is this Sunday, 8th May at 8.30 am which is Mothers' Day. Come and

celebrate Mass and Mothers, together as a parish/school community. Our students will be responsible for many of the ministries at this Mass. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea and stay after Mass for a cuppa. What a special way to start your Mother's Day celebrations.

FAREWELL AND BEST WISHES TO MRS LOCKLEY

Mrs Sue Lockley – our Parish Secretary has resigned from her position and is working at Cambridge Office Products.



On behalf of our school community I would like to thank Sue for the contribution she has played over the years as our Parish Secretary. Sue is a past parent of our school and was an active PTFA member prior to beginning the role of Parish Secretary. Sue played a key role between school and parish and helped to foster our wonderful parish school community. We wish you all the best Mrs Sue Lockley in your new position.

UNIFORM CHANGEOVER

I have noticed that many of our students are wearing a mixture of summer and winter uniforms. Students are to wear either their full summer uniform or their full winter uniform.



Can I please ask your support in ensuring there is no nail polish, no jewellery (apart from a watch, religious token or plain gold or silver studs or sleepers). Hair longer than collar length must be tied up with either red, blue or black hair ties, or uniform headbands/scrunchies which are available from our Uniform Shop. Boys' hair must be above the collar and out of their eyes. Our Uniform Guidelines are attached for your information.

Winter uniform may be worn, with it becoming compulsory after Queen's Birthday Weekend. The Uniform Shop is open every Thursday morning (term time only) from 8.30-9.30 am.

Principal's Reflection



Welcome back to Term Two and a special welcome to Nyla Mayne and Caitlin & Issie Kavanagh who have joined our school this term.

With the unusually warm weather we had for our recent holidays I am sure you had lots of pleasant outdoor family activities which help to recharge us all for the busy term ahead. We are looking forward to an action packed term which includes; Mother's Day Parish-School Mass, Michael Mangan Concert, Writers Workshop in Auckland for selected students, a Boys Breakfast for Years 5-8 students, Kawau Island Camp for our Year 7-8 students, winter sports, Catholic Character Review, and St Peters Feast Day celebrations.

I found this article in a recent Principal Digest Magazine which I thought made some interesting points:

CONTRIBUTING TO CHILDREN'S ANXIETY

Twenty-first century living is taking its toll, and many children are finding it hard to cope. Some parenting practices can make things worse. As in all parts of our lives, finding the right balance is always the best, if sometimes the most difficult, goal.

Sharing too much. When your child comes home from school with tales of mean girls, aggressive boys and insensitive teachers, remember that children feed off our emotions and can get more distressed when we're distressed. We need to try to keep our own anxiety in check while sympathising with theirs. We have to be the emotional rock: the person who understands and supports.

Advocating too hard. We all want to stand up for our children, but our eagerness to advocate can sometimes actually raise anxiety levels. If your child shares a school problem with you, your first instinct is often to march into the school and try to resolve it. This tells your children that you don't have faith in them to fix their own problems. Your first priority should be to help them find a solution they can implement without your help, every time.

Compensating for weaknesses. Most of us get our confidence not from compensating for weaknesses, but on playing to our strengths. Children can't always avoid their weak areas, but by focusing on strengths we build self-efficacy and confidence.

Overplaying strengths. Positive affirmation can easily turn to pressure. Compliment children when they excel, but don't make their excellence a reason to expect even more from them.

Having great values. Sometimes children make poor choices, and the thought of family finding out can seem like a fate worse than death. Let your children know that while values are important, you understand the realities and temptations they face. Don't create a culture where your children are too anxious to come to you and admit they messed up.

Hiding your troubles. If we're struggling financially or fighting with our spouse, we think our children are better off not knowing. But they suspect and if they don't know the whole story, they can blow it out of all proportion. Should we pile our own troubles on our child's shoulders? No, but it doesn't hurt to be honest about what our concerns are and, more importantly, what we're doing about it. By sharing what makes us anxious and how we deal with it, we're modelling practical ways to resolve anxiety.

KAWAU ISLAND IMPORTANT MEETING

There is an important meeting for those parents joining us on camp to Kawau Island, next Monday evening (9th May) at 5.30 pm in Room 6. If by any chance, you are not able to attend, please let either Susie McCreery or Denise Gordon know. There will also be a brief meeting for the boat owners straight after this meeting.



ANZAC DAY 2016

On the 25th of April 2016 Gabby and I represented Saint Peter's Catholic School at the Anzac Day Service. We arrived at 8:30am on Alpha Street ready to march with the marching band and other community groups and schools.

When the town bell struck 9:00 am we marched to the town hall where the service was held. As we walked into the town hall we saw rows and rows of people standing up and a large choir on the stage. The bagpipes were still playing as we got directed to sit in the side room of the hall. The service started with everybody standing singing the national anthems of New Zealand and Australia. The service was rather long with quite a few speeches from many leaders in our town. After the service everybody that was laying a wreath, including us, stood behind their wreath and one by one got called up to lay it on the cenotaph.

Our school's wreath was specially made by Mrs Di Maio with help from some of the senior students from our school.

The Last Post was played and all men were asked to take off their hats. The ceremony finished with three gun shots that gave everybody a bit of a fright. Overall we enjoyed representing our school and it was a great opportunity to be involved in. It made us think about how lucky we are that our older brothers and sisters are not going off to war today.

By Ashleigh and Gabby



FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



FOCUS: PATIENCE

Patience is quiet hope and trust, expecting things to turn out all right. Patience is being calm and tolerant when difficult things happen. It means showing acceptance when you or others make mistakes.

Patience is doing something now so that later it will bear fruit, like planting a seed and waiting for it to grow. Patience is a commitment to the future.



Why Practice Patience?

Without patience people want everything NOW. They complain when unpleasant things cannot be helped. They act mad when things don't go their way. When people practice patience, they can wait without complaining. They forgive others and themselves for mistakes. They make the world a kinder, gentler place.

SUNDAY MASS TIMES:

Saturday - 5.30 pm Sunday - 8.30 am

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.



St Peter's Catholic School BOARD OF TRUSTEES' ELECTION

Nominations are invited for the election of four parent representatives to the board of trustees.

A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations will be posted to all eligible voters.



You can nominate another person to stand as a candidate, or you can nominate yourself (make sure you sign both parts of the form). Additional

nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on FRIDAY, 20 MAY 2016 and may be accompanied by signed candidates' statements.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours. There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

Voting closes at noon on FRIDAY, 3 JUNE 2016.

Diana Carter

Returning Officer

Phone **827 6623** for absentees

BOYS BREAKFAST WEDNESDAY, 11th MAY - 7.15 am

Each boy in Years 5-8 is invited to attend a Blokes Breakfast with their dad, older brother, grandad, uncle or family friend or any significant male in their life.



Dads are very busy people, often with inflexible work commitments which makes school events difficult to attend. We are holding a breakfast event at the beginning of the day to fit in with busy work schedules.

Guest Speaker: Constable Alton Tremel from the Cambridge Police.

Time: Breakfast will be served at 7.15 am

Cost: \$15 per couple (ie \$7.50 per male)

Tickets are on sale at the School Office until Monday, 9th May 2016. Payments may be made in cash, EFTPOS or can be deposited into the school bank account Westpac 03 1568 0009985 00 reference "Blokes".

MICHAEL MANGAN CONCERT

Michael Mangan will entertain live in Concert Next Wednesday, 11th May at 1.45 pm in our school hall. Michael is a well-known Australian composer and singer. We sing many of his songs at school and he is coming to celebrate our 'Catholic Identity' in song with our students. The cost for this concert is \$4.00 per student. Please pay this to the office as soon as possible by Cash, EFTPOS or by internet banking Westpac 03 1568 0009985 00 Reference "Mangan".

PTFA News

The PTFA's next meeting is on Wednesday, 11th May in the school staffroom @ 7pm. If you would like to come along to find out a little of what exciting things the PTFA are doing to support our school community, you are very welcome to join us.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Entertainment books are now either due to be paid for or returned back to the school office please. Thank you to those families who have already done so.



Payment for Entertainment Books is due by the end of this week please. You may also prefer to purchase the Entertainment book as an APP for your phone. Please pay online at: www.entbook.co.nz/1541y53 Payment may also be made by cash or cheque, to be returned to school ASAP. Entertainment Books are an excellent fundraiser for our school, with each book sold contributing \$12. If you have any queries please contact Felicity Mehrtens on 0275427826

Thank you again for your support - PTFA

COMMUNITY NOTICES

DYNAMIC SPEECH CLASSES: SPEAK OUT - gain confidence, stress-handling and public speaking skills. Wednesday weekly – during/ after school, group classes. Give your child the most invaluable life skills ever! Roz 027 248 2888 or email roz@speak4success.co.nz www.speak4success.co.nz

The Comedy Hypnotist Show: A great night's entertainment. Friday, 13th May 2016. Karapiro School's major fundraiser. Nibbles provided and cash bar with music and dancing after the show. Tickets \$30. Phone or txt Jenny 0272517681 to have your tickets delivered.

Sacred Heart Girls College Open Day: Wednesday, 18th May. Enrolments close Monday, 27th June 2016. Enrolments packs www.shgcham.school.nz available from Thursday, 12th May.

Debra A White, **PRINCIPAL**



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