



Followers of Christ

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

DATES TO REMEMBER

May

- 16-20th Kawau Island Camp
- 23rd HPV Vaccination (Dose 2)
- 24th BOT monthly Meeting - 5.45 pm
- 25th Vision/Hearing checks NE/Yr 7 boys
- 26th Open Morning - 9 am-12.00 pm
- 26th Info Evening - New Entrants 7 pm
- 27th Friendly Faces Afternoon Tea - 2.30 pm
- 31st NSW Science

GIFTED STUDENTS

Mrs Heidi Osburn –Dunn and Mrs Denise Gordon are our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinators (SENCO). Working closely with me, they identify and develop all the Learning Support programmes within our school. A focus for the team this year is looking at our Gifted students and investigating learning opportunities for them. Currently Mrs Dunn is part of a research programme looking at Gifted Students in our school with Auckland University. This is an exciting opportunity for us and one that has been highlighted as an area we could improve on in our parent survey taken in November last year. The Writers Workshop for our most able writers is an example of the learning experiences we feel are important for these students.

How can you tell if a child is gifted?

All children have talents and gifts, many are clever and quick. But a gifted child is in another league. How can you tell if a child falls under the definition of a gifted child? This list of characteristics is a useful tool for identifying if a child is truly gifted.

Cognitive

- Very observant
- Flexible thinking
- Excellent problem-solving skills
- Excellent memory



Social and Emotional Traits

- Interested in philosophical and social issues
- A perfectionist
- Well-developed sense of humour

Language

- Extensive vocabulary
- Reads rapidly and widely
- Asks 'what if' questions



Asynchronous Development

In average children, intellectual, physical and emotional development progress at about the same rate - that is, in sync. In gifted children, the development of these areas is out of sync. They do not progress at the same rate. The higher a child's IQ, the more out of sync their development is likely to be.

Principal's Reflection

BLOKES BREAKFAST

Last Wednesday morning St Peter's Catholic School hosted a Bloses Breakfast. The early morning start didn't deter over sixty dads and their sons from attending this exciting school event. The purpose of the breakfast is to provide dads an opportunity to be a part of their sons' school and education.

Bacon, eggs, sausages and hash browns were cooked to perfection on the barbeque and enjoyed by all. The dads and their sons were entertained by Constable Elton talking about his experiences as a fireman and police constable. The audience enjoyed his work stories about his involvement in Search and Rescue and Disaster Victim Identification.

The next highlight was Nick Ross a top level V8 race car driver who had his car on display allowing both dads and sons to have a sit in the driver's seat. Alongside this was the opportunity for all the boys to have a go at knocking a soccer ball off the cone by the digger!



All in all an outstanding male bonding experience within an educational setting which celebrated the importance of having dreams and aspirations and working hard to achieve them.

Thank you to all the dads who supported this event. A HUGE THANK YOU to Brad Pierce, Phil Deason and Denise Gordon for their organisation and support of this event.

FRIENDLY FACES TEAM -

Our Pastoral Care group acting as the face of our school to our families.

I would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to Raewyn Risi for co-ordinating this vital group within our school. Due to growing commitments Raewyn has stood down from co-ordinator role. This group puts into action what we believe is important in our school community: reaching out in friendship and support to others in times of stress. We have a small number of mums who ensure there is baking and meals available when families may need them. These mums are always keen to increase their number so if you are available to help out with either baking or a meal for the freezer it would be most appreciated. Our new co-ordinator is Nicola Deason. Thank you Nicola for stepping into this role.



FRIENDLY FACES AFTERNOON TEA

The Friendly Faces afternoon tea is being held on Friday, 27th May at 2.30 pm. Please join us for a cup of tea or coffee. This initiative is not only to welcome new families to our school community, but to provide an opportunity for all families to mix and mingle.



PRINCIPAL/DRS CONFERENCE

On Thursday, 19th May through to Friday 20th May I will be attending the Catholic Diocese of Hamilton's Leaders of Religious Education Conference. The theme is "School of Mercy". This supports Pope Francis who has declared that the Universal Catholic Church will observe a Jubilee Year of Mercy from 8 December 2015 to 20 November 2016.

Unfortunately this conference coincides with our Kawau Island camp and therefore Mrs Susie McCreery our Director of Religious Studies is unable to attend. The conference programme outlines a stimulating and challenging range of speakers and workshops. I will share my learnings when I return. If you have any issues or concerns please contact Mrs Aoife Deeley who will be your point of contact in my absence.



THE BLOKE'S BREAKFAST



More SAUSAGES please? I scream out to the teachers who were giving out the food. I loved the sausages, there would be nothing better than those sausages that would give more joy to my mouth. The food was great but the eggs were a bit average, but to be honest it's hard to please people with eggs. The bacon was spot on. The hash browns were all right too. Finally, I don't care if the food was good or bad... it's just good the kids could spend some time with their dads.

(Ben Ambler)



Our Guest Speaker

Constable Elton also came to our school for the blokes breakfast. Constable Elton is a police officer. He has been a policeman for 10 years and has worked in Te Awamutu for 1 year and then came back to Cambridge and has worked here for 8 years. Constable Elton had also been a fireman for 3 years until he got tired of the same routines, which I don't blame him. Constable Elton has been a policeman for nearly 12 years and loves his job. And he also has saved many lives, from saving a lady from jumping off the bridge and saving a man from drowning on a stormy night. Constable Elton loves his job and I have a good feeling you will see him for a few more years to come.

(Josh Lawrey)



Some blokey toys

A man with a digger also came to our school, we had lots of fun, trying to knock the ball off the cone with the side of the scooper. Josh made it look easy. I tried, it was hard but I did it in the end.

(Hamish Durrant-Wolff)



FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



FOCUS: PATIENCE

Practising patience is accepting things you cannot control, like the way other people act, or even an illness or handicap you have to live with.

Patience is waiting without complaining. When you are patient, you show gentleness when you or others make mistakes. You set goals and persevere until your goals are won.

You picture the end in the beginning. You know that good things take time.



“Patience and diligence, like faith, remove mountains.”

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

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



Nominations close at noon this **FRIDAY, 20 MAY 2016** and need to be handed in to the school office by then.

SPORTS RESULTS

Our winter sporting codes are underway with some great first up results.

Rugby:

10th Grade: Won 50-0 POD Willem Groenendijk (7th May)

10th Grade: Lost 45-10 (14th May)

11th Grade: Rural Jaguars won 29-12 POD Kyle Finan

Netball:

Saints won 10-2 POD Niamh Brennan

There are still a number of netball and rugby subs that are outstanding. These need to be paid ASAP so that team subs can be paid to the respective Associations.

HOCKEY

Hockey gets underway this Friday night. More information for hockey players will be emailed directly to parents. The sub for hockey players is \$20 per player which can be paid to the school office either in cash or EFTPOS or internet banked into the school account 03 1568 0009985 00. Reference "Hockey".

Phone **827 6623** for absentees

WRITER'S WORKSHOP

On Wednesday 10th May a few year 6, 7 and 8s went to the Writer's Festival in Auckland.

The year 6s listened to Bob Kerr and Liz Pichon. Bob Kerr talked about his comic style New Zealand history book, Changing Times and the books that inspired him.

Liz Pichon showed us how to draw a monster and did some examples of how she illustrated her series, Tom Gates. Liz Pichon also read us her favourite piece from her latest Tom Gates book.



The year 7 and 8s had an awesome workshop with Ella West, the author of Night Vision and Tusiata Avia read them some of her poems
By Esme M and Lucy E.

MICHAEL MANGAN CONCERT



Michael Mangan, a well-known Australian composer and singer, performed for our students last week. Our children and teachers participated enthusiastically in this interactive and fun concert. Michael helped the students focus on the themes

& liturgical seasons behind the songs. He also taught us some new songs for Year of Mercy from his new album.

The cost of this concert was \$4.00 per student. If your child has not yet paid, please pay this to the office as soon as possible by Cash, EFTPOS or by internet banking Westpac 03 1568 0009985 00 Reference "Mangan". Thank you.

PTFA News

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

There are still the last few Entertainment books either due to be paid for or returned back to the school office please. Can these PLEASE be returned by the end of the week. Thank you.

KAWAU ISLAND CAMP - YEAR 7/8 STUDENTS

On Monday, our Year 7-8 students and teachers along with an outstanding group of parents set off to Sandspit, Warkworth to catch the Kawau Island Kat. The group will spend the week on the island experiencing; kayaking, sailing, raft building, abseiling, challenging confidence course, tramping, fishing, science experiments, touring Mansion House, and team building activities.



This camp is an absolute highlight for our senior students. Our prayers are with our students, teachers and parents for a safe, rewarding week away.

Before they left Mr L demonstrated how a sechi disc works. This measures water clarity and part of the science in our fishing rotations while at camp, will be to collect data and make observations, to see if the clarity of the water is related to the number of fish they catch.

The latest report from camp is that many fish are being caught and the campers and parent helpers are all well and happy.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

St John's College Hamilton: an information evening for prospective 2017 enrolments will be held in the College Gymnasium on Thursday, 19 May 2016 at 6:30 pm.

Debra A White, **PRINCIPAL**



FOLLOW US: www.facebook.com/stpeterscatholic