



Followers of Christ

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

DATES TO REMEMBER

March

30th Mass - Rm 6, 9.15 am

31st Town Schools Swimming Sports

APRIL

6th Mass - Room 7, 9.15 am

7th Year 7/8 Work Day

13th Holy Thursday - End of Term 3 pm

MAY

1st Term 2 commences

HOCKEY

We have had an overwhelming response from students wishing to play hockey this season.

We have two Year 5/6 teams full already. Our Year 3/4 team is also full, but if there are any more Year 3/4 players please let me know ASAP as we may be able to field a second team there as well.

We now require parents to help out with coaching. If you are able to help, please let Donna know as soon as possible.



HEADLICE

There have been several cases of head lice reported in our school lately. We have been very fortunate to have one of our parents supply a number of boxes of **Thursday Plantation Tea Tree Head Lice Kits** to our school. This product is effective in the treatment of head lice. If you would like a box of this treatment free of charge, which includes a comb and head lice gel, please see Donna in the school office.



CARITAS RAFFLE

Max Banner, Matthew Jordan and Sam Townsend, (Room 6) have come up with an idea that we should organise a mini raffle to raise money for CARITAS. The prize will be a \$30 Sports World voucher and will be drawn on the last day of term (13 April). The tickets will be \$1 for 1 ticket. Please bring money in for CARITAS. Thank you.



Max, Matthew & Sam

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.



Principal's Reflection

This term is rapidly coming to an end and as usual we have had a very busy term of exciting learning.

A term that is used more and more in education these days is student agency. This term is used to describe learners being much more involved in their learning, and for those at a more mature level, perhaps even designing that learning themselves. If children are more involved in their learning then it makes the learning more real, more contextual and more purposeful. It can also, very importantly, make it more fun.

I say this because this year the teachers along with teachers from schools in and around Cambridge are looking at student agency, and other matters, as part of their professional learning and reflection.

Through an inquiry process they will be looking at different ways that the children can become more involved in their learning and how they as teachers can facilitate this. Skills such as self-management and knowing what it is they are learning are both important prerequisites for the children to have for this to happen.



This is one of a number of aspects of children's learning that the Community of schools set up in Cambridge will be looking at over the next few years. Referred to as a C.O.L. (Community of Learning) this government initiative has been set up so that schools rather than competing against each other are working together collaboratively to enhance student achievement across all schools. This group is made up of the High school, the Middle school and local Primary schools.

Mrs Gordon and I have attended a number of C.O. L. meetings this term and we have been impressed with the way the schools have all come together and are working for the sole purpose of enhancing student achievement and engagement. Although I will not be involved as the group moves forward I have every confidence that the teachers and children will benefit a great deal from this initiative.

Enjoy the rest of the week. Go the Chiefs!!!

Yours in learning
John Cubitt

SMART WATER STARTS WITH YOU!

Last week our senior classes designed stickers with a message about saving water. Some of these stickers will be put up around the school and we encourage you to put them up at home also as a good reminder to us all about saving this precious gift that we are blessed with in New Zealand.



SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Our school uniform shop is open every Thursday morning from 8.30-9.30 am. Winter uniform can be worn after the April school holidays, with it becoming compulsory after Queen's Birthday weekend.

FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



FOCUS: GENEROSITY

Sunday's Gospel told the story of how Jesus healed a man who had been blind from birth. It was truly a great gift when Jesus healed the man's blindness, but it was an even greater gift when Jesus revealed himself as the Son of Man, the Messiah.



In Baptism, Jesus reveals himself to us, and we're called to be like the man in today's Gospel, accepting the gift from Jesus so that we may truly see Jesus as our Lord and worship him.

CHALLENGE THIS WEEK: How can we accept Jesus into our lives this week? How can we change our hearts during Lent to show we want to follow in his footsteps and be more like him?

SUNDAY MASS TIMES:

Saturday - 5.30 pm Sunday - 8.30 am

"Caught Being Caring"

Aimee Dutron, Oliver Lawrey, Liam Fisher, Nicole Jackson, Oliver Chubb, Bianka Ross, & Carter McNab

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Parents wishing to present their child for First Reconciliation/Communion this year, are asked to complete an Enrolment Form available from the School or Parish Office. The classes will commence in May (Term 2).



Children wishing to be prepared for these Sacraments must have turned 8 years of age on or before 30th April 2017.

Registration forms need to be returned to the School or Parish Office no later than 23 April 2017.

EASTER MASS TIMETABLE

Holy Thursday: 7:30pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration.

Good Friday: 3:00pm - Solemn Commemoration of the Passion & Death of Jesus.

Holy Saturday: 7:00pm - Vigil and Light and Blessing of Candle and Mass.

Easter Sunday: 8:30am - Mass of Easter Day

The Warehouse

Bags for Good Neighbour Programme

Our school's Outdoor Learning Environment Project has been accepted as one of the Warehouse charities from February to July.

When you shop at [The Warehouse Cambridge](#), remember to vote for us by placing a token in our box. The more votes we receive increases the percentage of funds that we will receive.

CLASS AWARDS

ROOM 1: *Oliver Chubb* - for working so hard to write his own stories using 'caterpillar words'.

Jacob Gall - for showing the Fruit of Generosity to his class mates.

William Underwood - for working so hard to learn her alphabet names and sounds.

ROOM 2: *Alistair Stokes* - for working hard to improve his comprehension and re-tell in reading and developing independent work skills.

Ben Davies - for beginning to take risks with writing tricky words.

Petra Cody - for being a very helpful, responsible and fully involved learner in Room 2.

ROOM 3: *Yulia Turcu* - for always showing the Fruits of 'Kindness', 'Generosity' and 'Patience'.

Kieran Anderson - for his incredible 'Haka' and knowing the words and actions so well.

Matthew Sommerville - for sharing his knowledge, ideas and enthusiasm with the class.

ROOM 4: *Sasha Toohey* - for 'can do', 'positive' attitude when faced with new challenging maths problems.

Phoebe Hagarty - for her perseverance in achieving her Math goals.

Bianka Ross - for being a kind and generous class member who is always ready to help others.

Jasmeen Kaur Gill - for her outstanding writing about her bubble experience.

ROOM 5: *Liam Fisher* - for his positive attitude to learning - especially in writing.

Winnie Sha - celebrating her excellent contribution through visual art.

Kendall Muir - for her caring nature in school. Always ready to help others in a friendly and supportive manner.

ROOM 6: *Matteo Di Maio* - for winning a national writing competition.

Ben Deason - for demonstrating outstanding skills and teamwork during the 'Plumbing Challenge'.

Amara Casey - for representing our school at the Year 7/8 Full Primary Waikato Swimming Sports.

Itinta Rereiti - for including interesting detail in his letter to his critical friend.

Sam Townsend - for representing our school at the Waikato Year 7/8 Full Primary Swimming Sports.

ROOM 7: *Zara Thompson* - for displaying the gifts of kindness and patience in the classroom.

Amelia Hounsell - for showing determination and commitment towards her spelling learning.

William Greentree - for putting 100% effort into his maths and using multiple strategies to solve problems.

LEAVING GIFT THANK YOU



I want to THANK YOU all for your contribution towards my new sewing machine. I am thrilled with it. I will be spending time over Easter checking it all out. All the best to you all for the rest of the term.

God's blessings on each one of you, all the students and their families.

Debra White

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Second hand school jackets for sale: 2 x Size 10 school jackets for sale or happy to swap one for a Size 12. \$30.00 each. Phone Tracey Mellar on 0212570554.

Phone **827 6623** for absentees



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PTFA NEWS

Parent Representatives a little curious???

The role of the Parent Rep is:

- welcome new parents into the classroom
- create a supportive network within the class by organising informal social gatherings eg. coffee catch-up, class picnic
- to communicate with the class teacher on a regular basis to help arrange parent help for classroom activities, excursions etc.
- encourage parents within the class to get involved in school events (School Gala, Waipa Fun Run etc).
- We require two parent Reps per room. Please place your name on the forms outside your child's classroom.



Should you wish to find out a little more regarding the Parents Reps please contact Nat Toohey 021 707928.

*Parental involvement in schooling "is associated with higher student achievement outcomes." It can also be a lot of fun!
Harvard Graduate School of Education*

Meals for Families

The Friendly Faces Team, led by Nic Deason is a small group of parents whom very kindly support our community in times of stress, death or illness by offering kind words and meals . If you could kindly support this group by offering to cook a meal or do some baking it would be VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.



Another option of support is if you could kindly offer grocery items which can be used to make meals.

The ingredients needed are: lasagne pasta sheets, mince, onions, cans of tomatoes, milk, cheese, veggies.

A basket will be placed in the office reception area for any grocery items.

If you can help or have any queries please contact Nic Deason 021 2777 182

Entertainment books

The PTFA will soon be selling 2017/18 Entertainment Books. The Entertainment™ Book is a local restaurant and activity guide which provides hundreds of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers from the finest restaurants, cafes, attractions, activities, retailers and hotel accommodation. Another option you may consider purchasing is The Entertainment™ Digital Membership which puts all of the value of the Entertainment™ Book into the customer's smartphone.



This is a wonderful fundraiser for our school and a great way for you to save money. The week after the Easter school holidays, books will be sent home with your oldest child for you to peruse. If you/friends/family/neighbours are interested you can purchase this book or the online app. Should you not wish to buy the book we ask you to return it in perfect condition back to school. (If you would prefer NOT to have the book sent home, please contact Lyn Lawrey on 027 607 1728).

A copy of the Entertainment Book and info is also on display at the school office, or click on the following link www.entbook.co.nz/1541y53

Friday Ice Blocks!

The juicy ice blocks have been going down a real treat with our children!. This Friday at 3pm the PTFA will be selling them for \$2 each at the front of the school.



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Time: 6.30-8.30pm

6 April - Cambridge Primary School
Room 12, Cnr Wilson & Duke Streets
Cambridge

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\$25

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