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ST PETER'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST

- 23rd Year 7/8 Information Evening - 7 pm
- 24th Room 4/5 Mass - 9.15 am
- 25th School Cross Country
- 29th Daffodil Mufti Day
- 31st Room 3 Mass - 9.15 am

SEPTEMBER

- 2nd Room 2 Assembly - 2.15 am
- 3rd Parish/School Mass - 8.30 am
- 5th Kapahaka Schools Competition
- 6th Young Engineers Challenge
- 8th Town Schools Cross Country

Daffodil Day



Next Tuesday, the 29th of August our whole school will be celebrating DAFFODIL DAY. We have had to change the date due to our Cross Country being on this Friday.

There is going to be a competition on who wears the most yellow. This mufti is a gold coin donation. There will be a prize for Yr 1-3, Yr 4-6 and Yr 7-8, so dress up from top to tail in anything YELLOW!!

There will also be face painting and balloons for a coin donation, as well as daffodils for sale, so please also bring you loose change.



All the money that the school raises will be going to the Cancer Society. This is a joint Young Vinnies and Student Council event.

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

Kia manaaki te Atua koutou katoa

There is quite a buzz around school on Wednesday's this term, and that's because of the Young Engineers Programme. This programme and the School Inquiry on contraptions have complemented each other beautifully. Students have grasped the concepts and terminology of the simple machines very quickly and have learnt to identify them in their everyday life.

The School also features in the latest edition of the Listener magazine with an article on 'Practise what you teach'. The article is on how our school is leading the way with our healthy food choices and healthy fundraising. It is well worth reading it.

Congratulations to the students that competed at the Waimaths Competition in Hamilton last week. Our Year 7 team was the best on the night and placed 4th in that grade. Our Year 8 team also put in a great team effort.



The Education Review Office (ERO) visited the school in Week 3 of the Term. they are now synthesising their findings and constructing the report. This will be due towards the end of October. Thank you to the Teachers who put in a lot of extra time and hard work. Also a thank you to the parents that meet with the ERO Team and sharing their thoughts.

Our School is in the process of modernising Rooms 1 and 2. There will be information meetings on Wednesday, 6th September at 2.15 pm and on Thursday, 14th September at 4 pm. In this meeting the plans and teaching practice will be shared. Work on site is planned for later in the year with dates to be confirmed.

Thank you to the parents who provided feedback on the Student Led Conferences over the last two weeks. This will help form our internal review of the Conferences.

Kia manaaki te Atua koutou katoa

Grant Stuart
Principal

Young Engineers Update

Young Engineers and the school inquiry on contraptions have complimented each other beautifully. Students have grasped the concepts and terminology of simple machines very quickly and have learnt to identify them in everyday life. They have been introduced to the history and inventors of simple machines.

Students have been challenged by tasks/rotations and have taken it a step further by challenging themselves. Wednesday, Week 7 will see all students in Year 5-8 be issued with a team challenge build during their Young Engineers session, related to a particular scenario. Parents are invited along to come and observe.

Young Engineers has also provided a platform particularly for girls who would not normally experience, or chose to work with the mechanics of simple machines.



PEACE WEEK 2017

With the help of Hunter Paine and his drone, our students were able to make a giant peace sign; all linking hands as a symbol of how we can all join together to make the world a better place; in fact, some of our school's foreign exchange students from China joined in as well.

The making of a giant peace symbol on the school's field, helped all the students to understand some part of the true meaning of peace, everyone joining together to make the world a better place, and how we can all be peacemakers.

The students didn't stop there though, Peace Week in St Peter's Catholic also included the making of a 'Peace Tree' which students hung prayers onto the branches, a colouring competition, a writing competition and even a peace themed movie session.

All in all, Peace Week was a successful venture with our students raising \$249.00 for the Peace Foundation. Thank you all for your support towards our world being a peaceful place.



Results of the Peace Week Competitions

Colouring Competition:

Yr 1-3: 1st Nyla Mayne, 2nd, Isabelle Whittaker, 3rd Keesha Rereiti, HC Carter McNab

Yr 4-6: 1st Bianka Ross, 2nd Tessa Paine, 3rd Katie Millen, HC Jessica

Yr 7-8: 1st Clodagh Bartlett, 2nd Bella Peacocke, 3rd Daniel Plant, HC Aoife Brennan

Writing Competition:

Yr 3/4 - 1st Emily Faith Wellbeloved, 2nd Regan Hounsell

Yr 5/6: 1st Millie Balsom

Yr 7/8: 1st Lucy Eastwood

The winning entries are up on display in the school library.

The Young Vinnies thanks everyone for their support.

WANTED

We are in need of some large drums for the PE shed to put our school sports ball in. If you have any drums that you no longer use and are able to donate to our school we would be very grateful.



CLASS AWARDS

ROOM 1: *Leo McFetridge* - for working so hard to use a quiet voice and to be a super-duper listener.

Leo Surrey - for being so organised and settling in so well to school.

Oliver Chubb - for working so hard with this learning at home.

Stella Hubbard - for caring so well for others and showing the Fruit of Gentleness.

Ruby-Faith Sauni - for settling in so well to Room 1 and being such a great listener.

ROOM 2: *Charlize McWatters* - for working hard at learning the alphabet and caterpillar works.

Carter McNab - for working hard at learning the alphabet and caterpillar works.

Ben Davies - for amazing reasoning in Room 2's 'Maths Monsters' group.

Petra Cody - for her excellent contributions and thought provoking observations in our Inquiry and for fantastic progress in maths.

Alistair Stokes - for his excellent contributions and thought provoking observations in our Inquiry and for fantastic progress in maths.

ROOM 3: *Harlem Curran* - for an amazing piece of writing. You worked so hard on your story, be proud!

Isaiah Sauni - for settling so well into Room 3 and quickly adjusting to routines.

Campbell Durran-Wolff - for fantastic work in maths, especially with money.

Shae Cockburn - for making connections, sharing thoughtful ideas and thinking like a scientist.

ROOM 4: *Sophia Huang* - for excellent complex sentences in her amazing stories.

Harper Taane - for a great effort in practising for our cross country.

Grace Hodgson - for amazing progress overall in maths and reading.

ROOM 5: *Sophie Millen* - for always trying to complete her best work, especially in reading tasks.

Winnie Sha - for being an outstanding student in class.

Liam Fisher - for his positive attitude to all areas of his learning.

Isaac Shen - for his positive attitude to all areas of his learning.

ROOM 6: *Aoife Brennan* - for working hard in all areas, particularly in maths and spelling.

Riley Martinovich - for helping a class mate.

Neo Dutron - for outstanding handwriting technique.

Bruno Hare - for settling into life at St Peter's Catholic School quickly, and his positive attitude and outstanding manners.

Kerryn Baker - for her positive approach and effort in all she does in class.

ROOM 7: *Josh Allen* - for stepping out of his comfort zone and shining in our performing arts.

Sahara Taane - for showing the gifts of kindness and gentleness, in and around the classroom.

Ben Ambler - for having a dedicated attitude towards 'all' his learning.

Noah Cody - for showing interest and having a determination to succeed during 'Young Engineers'.

AGRICULTURE DAY

If any students are wanting to prepare a lamb, calf or goat for Agriculture Day, we have again been invited to join with Roto-o-rangi School. Their Agriculture Day is on Friday, 20th October. It is important that you collect a registration form from our school office, and have it returned by Thursday, 14th September.



Information Evening

Tonight, Wednesday, 23 August 2017

Parents and students are invited to an Information Evening for 2018 Year 7 & 8 students. This will be held in the hall.

If you know any families that are interested in attending our school, please let them know about our Information Evening.

FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



FOCUS: GENTLENESS

We are sometimes encouraged to “give until it hurts” to help those in need. In Sunday’s Gospel the Canaanite woman provides a different perspective on generosity. We have so many things that we can give others which cost us almost nothing, and yet may be everything to them - praise for person anxious about their work; a hug for a scared child; our presence at an event; support for a grieving person; engaging in conversation with a newly arrived migrant.

Going past our prejudices and suspicions to give a coin to a person with a homeless sign on our streets can be a personal “generosity test” for New Zealanders. We are not used to people begging, and they are now appearing in our cities with increasing frequency. Are they the Canaanite women of our times, seeking something which is not much to us but everything to them?



CHALLENGE FOR THE WEEK:

Keep an eye out for someone who may be struggling, and needs your help.

SUNDAY MASS TIMES:

Saturday - 5.30 pm Sunday - 8.30 am

“Caught Being Caring”

Charlotte Sparrow, Bristol Maungham, Zara Thompson, Carter McNab, Kendall Muir,

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Volunteers are required to help serve the cup of tea after the 8.30 am Sunday Mass on the first Sunday of each month. Volunteers will be paired up, and may only be required to do this once a year. If you can help, please phone Sinead on 021827544.

ABSENCES

If your child is going to be absent from or late to school for any reason, it is important that you let the school office know before 9 am to save a follow up phone call. For your convenience you can leave a message on the school phone, email or use our school App to notify an absence. If you haven’t already downloaded the App go to <http://stpeterscatholic.apps.school.nz/> share



School/Parish Mass

Sunday, 3 September

Next Sunday, 3 September, is our Term 3 School/Parish Sunday Mass. Mass starts at 8.30 am. Our students and families will be taking responsibility for many of the duties at this Mass. and we ask that all families please bring a plate of food to share for morning tea. This is an excellent opportunity for us to gather and socialise with our parishioners and a lovely way to start off Fathers Day.



SEE YOU THERE!

PTFA INFORMATION

TERM 3 PTFA FUNDRAISER – A Night at the Movies THE BIG SICK – Wednesday, 13th September

Come along for a fun night with friends and family to watch the soon to be released Romantic Comedy the “BIG SICK”.

Tickets are \$20, includes nibbles (movie starts at 8 pm). Tickets are selling fast, so if you and your friends/family are keen to come along get in quick!

We are also going to be having a raffle on the night, if you could help by donating a raffle prize we would be very grateful. Please contact Lyn Lawrey for tickets on 0276071728.



Please note tickets will also be available from the PTFA stand at the cross country. A flyer is attached.

Cross Country

The PTFA will be offering tea/coffee/cold drinks and cakes at the Cross Country to be held at school this Friday.

FRIENDLY FACES AFTERNOON TEA

The next Friendly Faces afternoon tea is being held on Friday, 1st September 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.



NOAH THE MUSICAL PHOTOS

The PTFA have a selection of photos available for sale of the recent school production. These will be on display in a folder in the office foyer Please take the opportunity to look through and place your orders on the sheet provided. All photos are \$2 each. Please put your order form and cash/cheque in an envelope, and place in the order box in the foyer. Orders close on Friday, 8th September.

MILO

As the weather warms up this term, Milo will only be offered for the next two Fridays.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Work Farm Workshop - Saturday, 2nd September. Come along on Saturday 2nd of September to a hands on session and learn about how to set up and look after your worm farm. At the end of the day, you will take home a vermihut worm farm, compost and your new family of composting tiger worms. You can pay at Council offices or online at eventfinda.co.nz. A great chance to get a worm farm kit (value of \$180) for the ticket value of \$30. Parents can book one ticket and bring children along for free.

Phone 827 6623 for absentees



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**ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
FUNDRAISER NIGHT!**

DATE: Wed 13th September, 2017

WHERE: Tivoli Theatre

Please join us for nibbles in the foyer
from 7.15pm. Movie starts: 8pm

\$20 a ticket, includes nibbles.

SOME GREAT RAFFLES TO BE WON TOO!

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A VERY IMPORTANT FUNDRAISER FOR OUR NEW ASTRO TURF COURT!
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Please contact Lyn Lawrey on 027 607 1728 for tickets