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# ST PETER'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### SEPTEMBER

- 8<sup>th</sup> Town Schools Cross Country
- 9<sup>th</sup> Spelling Bee
- 13<sup>th</sup> Netball Prizegiving - 12.30 pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> Junior Jive/Senior Social
- 15<sup>th</sup> Assembly - Room 3 @ 2.00 pm

## "Painting" Party 29<sup>th</sup> October 2017

We are re-vamping the Music Suite above the hall and WE NEED YOU!! This will take place on Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> October from 9 am-finish. Barbecue and refreshments will be supplied. Many hands make light work! Please phone Monica Williams on 0273462074 to volunteer your assistance.



BYO roller & ladder.

## JUNIOR JIVE

On Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> September we are hosting a Junior Jive and a Senior Social. The Junior Jive will be held at the St Peter's Catholic Community Hall from 4-5.30 pm. Entry fee for the Junior Jive is \$4.00 which includes popcorn, drink and fruit kebab.



**Theme for both Junior Jive & Senior Social:** First letter of your name. eg Jane dress up as a Jaguar!

## SENIOR SOCIAL

The Senior Social (Years 5-8) will also be held on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> September from 7-9.00 pm. The entry fee is \$6.00 with food and drinks for sale.

## 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 Ora Koutou,

Last night our Kapa Haka group performed at Cambridge High along with a number of other local schools. This is only the second year that our school has attended this night. Matua Rawiri Henare has been working with the Kapa Haka group over the last seven weeks. Over this time I have seen the group grow in Mana. The children performed with passion and did a great job. Sitting in the audience I was really proud of their efforts. There were a number of positive comments received after their performance.

The Young Engineer programme concluded today with a team challenge build. This has been a great opportunity for the children to learn simple mechanics.

The School features in the last week's 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. Attached is a copy of the article.

Last Sunday was the School/Parish Mass. It was great to see so many children attend with their parents. The students that were involved in the Liturgy and music did an amazing job. It was also nice to have a shared morning tea afterwards with the parishioners.

Our School is in the process of modernising Rooms 1 and 2. There will be information meetings on Today (Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup>) at 2.00 pm and on Thursday, 14 September at 4.00 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 for all the parents that helped make our School Cross Country a success. It was great to see so many people here to support the children, which helped motivate them to do their best. A number of children achieved personal goals which was fantastic. The interschools are this Friday for the Year 4-6 students who qualified. Any feedback about the Cross Country please send an email to: [feedback@stpeterscatholic.school.nz](mailto:feedback@stpeterscatholic.school.nz)

Kia manaaki te Atua koutou katoa

Grant Stuart  
PRINCIPAL

## Waikato Spelling Bee

This Saturday, The Great Waikato Spelling Bee will take place at Sacred Heart Girls' College in Hamilton. For the first time St Peter's Catholic School will be represented by Mrs Dunn and the following eight students: Charlie Wallace & Katy Sandford (Year 5); Hamish Durran-Wolff & Joshua Lawrey (Year 6); Noah Cody & Lucy Eastwood (Year 7); Danny de Jong & Jenna Durran-Wolff (Year 8).



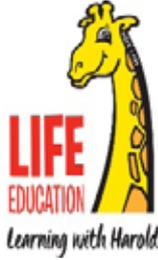
We wish them all the best in this event.



## LIFE EDUCATION TRUST VISIT

The Life Education Trust Mobile Caravan, along with Harold and Nicky Wise will be at our school on Friday, 8th September through to Thursday, 14th September. The focus for all classes will be 'Relationships.'

The students will explore the qualities of friendship, and what being a friend means, for themselves, and others. The students will also learn about Digital Citizenship and how it applies to them in today's society. The senior students, Year 7 and 8 will also look at the effect of drugs and alcohol on the brain and body.



Although the Life Education Trust is a non-profit organisation, to help cover the costs of their visit and resources the students receive, the cost per child is \$5.00. Could this please be paid to the school office on or before Friday, 8th September or online at school bank account 03 1568 0009985 00 Reference 'LifeEd'

## CHURCH CUSTODIAN

The parish is looking to employ someone to act as custodian of the Church.

This involves cleaning, care of the grounds and odd jobs.



The position is for 10 hours per week. A job description/application package is available from the parish office. Applications close 14<sup>th</sup> September. This may well suit a semi-retired person.

## HALL CLEANER

We are looking for a Cleaner to clean our hall for two hours per week commencing at the start of Term 4. Cleaning materials are provided. This is a paid position. We would like to thank Donna Glasson our present hall cleaner who has done a fantastic job over the last 6-7 years.



# PTFA INFORMATION

## TERM 3 PTFA FUNDRAISER

### A Night at the Movies

### THE BIG SICK – Wednesday, 13th September



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!

A VERY IMPORTANT FUNDRAISER FOR OUR NEW ASTRO TURF COURT!

Please contact Lyn Lawrey on 027 607 1728 for tickets

We still have a few tickets available, please come along with friends and family to support our school Fundraiser next Wednesday (13th September), at Tivoli theatre.

Tickets are \$20, includes nibbles (movie starts at 8 pm). Raffle prizes to be won too.

Please contact Lyn Lawrey for tickets on 0276071728.

(If you would like to donate something small, ie chocolates etc towards raffle prizes all donations would be gratefully received.)

## NOAH THE MUSICAL PHOTOS

The PTFA have had a selection of photos on display from our school production Noah. If you are still keen to purchase please do so ASAP as orders close this Friday, 8th September.

## MILO

Milo has now finished for the year. A BIG THANK YOU goes to all the wonderful mother helpers that have made this such a success over the cold winter months: Chrissie Kavanagh, Lee Powell, Karen Lowe, Blythe Cody, Jordan Martens & Maria Chubb.



# FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



## FOCUS: KINDNESS

Sunday's Gospel continues the story that began in last week's Gospel. Simon Peter was called the "rock" upon which Jesus would build his Church, and yet Peter continues to show the limitations of his understanding of Jesus' identity. Now that the disciples have acknowledged that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he must suffer and die in Jerusalem to be raised on the third day. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely, calling him "Satan." In opposing this aspect of Jesus' mission, Peter shows that he is no longer speaking based on the revelation from God but as a human being. Jesus then teaches all of the disciples about the difficult path of discipleship: to be Christ's disciple is to follow in his way of the cross. Jesus is beginning to teach his disciples that he would be the Messiah in a different way.



### CHALLENGE FOR THE WEEK:

Try to serve others just as Jesus did.

### SUNDAY MASS TIMES:

Saturday - 5.30 pm Sunday - 8.30 am

### "Caught Being Caring"

Alex Van Veldhoven, Bristol Maungham, Charlotte Sparrow, Leo McFetridge, Itinta Rereiti, Ella Thompson, Katherine Lowe, Sophie Sinclair

### NETBALL PRIZEGIVING

On Wednesday, 13th September we are holding our annual Netball Prizegiving at 12.30 pm in the school hall. All players will receive a certificate.

Could all netball families please provide a plate of food suitable for a shared lunch.

Parents are most welcome to attend.

### Netball Uniforms

The final weekend of netball is this Saturday. Could all netball players please return their washed netball uniforms to the school office next week, in a named plastic bag. Please also wash the netball jackets in cold water before being returned.

### Daffodil Day

A big thank you for the wonderful donations received for Daffodil Day. We were able to donate a whopping \$395.20 to the Cancer Society.

Congratulations to Alistair Stokes, Olivia Sinclair & Bella Peacocke on winning the "Yellow" dress up prizes for their respective year groups.



# CLASS AWARDS

**ROOM 1: Ruby Paine** - for showing the Fruit of Gentleness and caring for her class mates.

**Eli Ah-Ping** - for always being helpful and using his initiative.

**Keesha Rereiti** - for working hard to learn her alphabet letters and sounds.

**Jacob Gall** - for working hard with his writing to include commas, exclamation marks and ellipses.

**ROOM 2: Nico van Veldhoven** - for working hard at hand writing neatly and independently.

**Charlotte Ross** - for showing a real commitment to class duties and displaying the Fruits of the Holy Spirit.

**Luke Powell** - for having a positive attitude to all his learning and working hard.

**Oscar O'Brien** - for his outstanding effort in reading and always showing the Fruits of the Holy Spirit by being a kind friend and showing God's love.

**ROOM 3: Rose Kennedy** - for an absolutely beautiful presentation in all her work.

**Matthew Sommerville** - for designing an amazing contraption at home and bringing it to school to let others see and try it.

**Chloe Banner-Dryland** - for working diligently on a special piece of writing, and trying her best with reading and maths.

**Ella Thompson** - for designing a fabulous contraption at home and bringing it to school for the class to try.

**Valentina Di Maio** - for designing an original contraption and sharing it with the class.

**ROOM 4: Jessica Kaur-Gill** - for excellent partitioning and showing working when adding 2 and 3 digit numbers.

**Robert Powers** - for fantastic adding of 3 digit numbers, using partitioning and rounding.

**Patrick Joblin** - for fantastic effort in completing writing tasks independently.

**ROOM 5: Jessica Vanderpyl** - for being so conscientious in the way she approaches her school work.

**Courtney Ngoro** - for her heartfelt prayers during morning prayer sessions.

**Caitlin Kavanagh** - for reading with expression and feeling at our Class Mass.

**George Kennedy** - for the great effort he is making with all his literacy tasks.

**ROOM 6: Clodagh Bartlett** - for excellent progress and effort in all areas of the curriculum.

**Joban Bassi** - for excellent progress in maths.

**Jujhar Singh** - for showing leadership at kapa haka.

**Lachlan Kerr** - for very pleasing progress in maths and spelling.

**Stephen Sha** - for excellent progress in maths.

**Daniel Plant** - for showing leadership at kapa haka.

**ROOM 7: Kyle Chandrasekera** - for being an awesome sportsperson and always encouraging others.

**Eily-May Lawes** - for being responsible and getting prayer ready each morning.

**Hamish Durrant-Wolff** - for being a 'maths wizz' and zooming ahead in all areas.

**Abel Joseph** - for excelling in kapa haka and helping to lead others.

### AGRICULTURE DAY

Are there any more students wanting to prepare a lamb, calf or goat for Agriculture Day at Roto-o-rangi School? It is important that you collect a registration form from our school office, and have it returned by Thursday, 14th September.



### FAMILY FUN

Do you want to get to know other like-minded families in your parish/school community?

Koru Passionist family Group meet the 3rd weekend of the month to connect in a fun and family-friendly way. Please phone Bernadette on 021-487812 or email [lyon-manning@clear.net.nz](mailto:lyon-manning@clear.net.nz) for more details.

Phone **827 6623** for absentees



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## Practise what you teach

Schools could be doing better at getting across healthy food messages.

Schools have a long way to go to put what they're teaching children about health and physical education into action, according to the Ministry of Education's first chief education health and nutrition adviser, Grant Schofield.

"It's hard to imagine other parts of the curriculum where there would be that much hypocrisy," says Schofield, who laments that schools, of all elements of society, set a bad example of healthy eating. "It's an emperor's-garment situation, because it's not close to being okay."

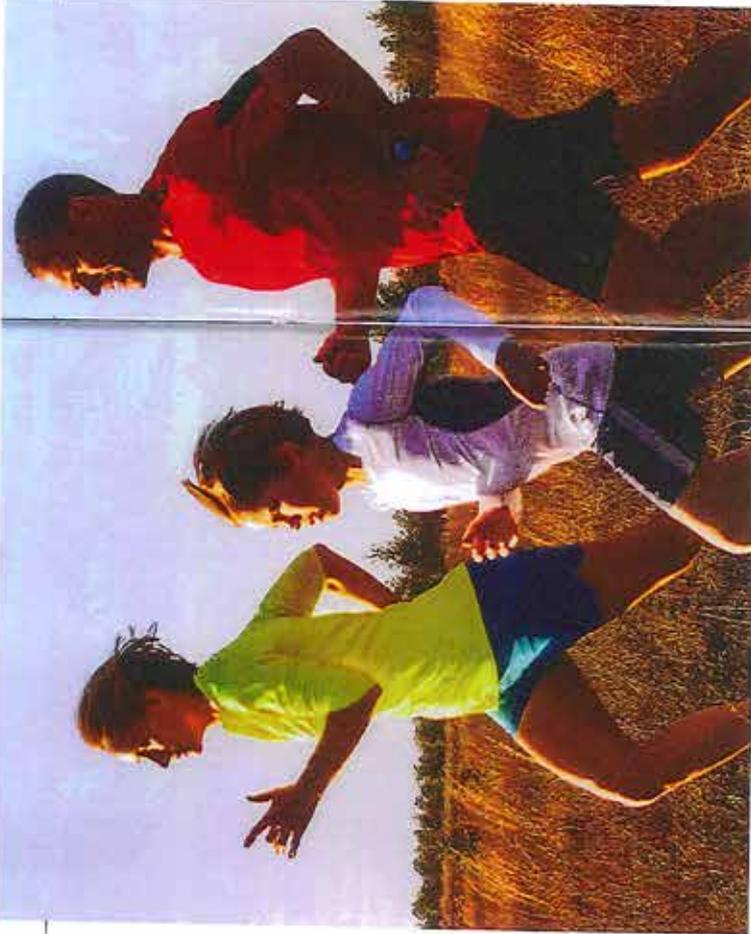
Ubiquitous food-based school fundraisers exemplify the unhealthy message. According to a School Food Environment Review and Support Tool (School-Fest) national study last year, 82% of primary schools used sales of food and drinks for fundraising activities, and of those schools, 90% reported using "occasional" or unhealthy items.

Selling chocolate bars is popular but frowned on by Schofield. Although he acknowledges removing confectionery from school fundraisers won't at stroke solve children's weight and dental problems, it's a start. "We've really got to begin making progress here, because despite a lot of talk about this over the past couple of decades, the problem has got worse."

If he imagined Minister of Health Jonathan Coleman would get behind such a ban, he'd be wrong. When

Schofield mooted the idea in April, Coleman tweeted,

Grant Schofield chocolate fundraisers need to stop.



there's a birthday with cakes or lollies and lollypops."

Instead of lavishing sugary stuff on their child's classmates, families are being encouraged to mark birthdays by donating a book to the school library. "A little inset says 'this book was presented on the birthday of' whoever. It's a good way for the library to stock up and better for students who aren't being filled up with all those treats," says Warwick.

There are many ways for schools to raise funds that don't harm health, says Battersby. Some have chosen the EcoStore Good Soap for a Good Cause fundraiser. Others are staging discos, concerts, roadshows and multi days, selling the Entertainment Book, plant seedlings, student artworks and calendars, donated fruit and vegetables

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and clothes pegs or raffia travel vouchers.

"Fundraising can be an opportunity to involve children in thinking creatively and learning marketing skills,"

says Battersby. Project Energize worked with one school that ran a car wash one day a week at lunchtime, for example. "The thing the principal didn't anticipate was the benefits to students from the teamwork, organisation and planning involved, which added value to school life."

Much more so than any box of chocolate bars. ■

Email your nutrition questions to nutrition@lifestyle.co.nz

## Orini Kaipara

The *Native Affairs* presenter has vivid memories of childhood meals, including collecting pipi and cockles in Tutukaka as a six-year-old with her grandparents and enjoying family meals of boil-up pork bones in West Auckland.

Do the Maori Television team share meals? Ae, Kai is an important part of Maori culture and it's that way with us at Maori TV. We love our kai, but given the nature of our make/work, we don't always get time to sit down together and share a meal. We eat on the fly. But on special broadcasts, we're treated to catering. The Hanga Shop is a regular – its steamed pudding is superb.

When you're filming, do you eat certain meals or at particular times? I try not to eat big meals an hour before we film *Native Affairs* because I get fatigued. One time last year, I ate four large pieces of pizza right before the show. I hadn't eaten all day. The pizza was okay, but I felt really gross and struggled through my read. I learnt my lesson and haven't done that again. But a must either before or after the show is chocolate.

How would you describe your diet and lifestyle? Terrible. On a good day I'll eat lunch and dinner.

I have a late breakfast because my appetite doesn't wake up until mid-morning. I start the day with coffee.

Most days I eat when I'm hungry and whatever is in sight. Most days I'll grab sushi or sandwiches from across the road. On days when I'm snowed under, I forget to eat. I'll realise at the end of the day when I'm tired and feel like crap that I haven't eaten.

What's your favourite evening meal? Boil-up – pork bones with watercress and kumara.

Do you snack, and if so, what on? Not often enough. I'll have a couple of pieces of fruit, a couple of muesli bars, chicken potato chips and, of course, a chocolate bar throughout the day.

What topics do you want to see on New Zealand's political agenda? Suicide is our nation's biggest shame. The statistics are alarming, disturbing and appalling – just like our mental health system, which needs a serious work. Whānau are in desperate need of help and support yet our political priorities are out of touch with reality.

Election Antaresa, *Maori Television*, Tuesdays, 8.00pm.



trying to achieve. "We had to find a better way of fundraising that would embrace our healthy mind, healthy body philosophy, and from that came the idea of the Waipa fun run."

Six years after its inception, the run is now an annual event on Cambridge's social calendar. In March, more than 650 people, including 200 children, ran or walked a school with a roll of 170, says Warwick, the number of participants and the \$17,500 raised were impressive and proof that there are healthy alternatives to the standard chocolate fundraisers.

St Peter's hasn't stopped there. The Parent Teachers Association has children's birthday cakes in its sights. "When it was someone's birthday, parents were bringing in a cake or cupcakes or whatever for the whole class," says Warwick. "If you have, say, an average of 26 kids in a class, over the school year, in most weeks