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ST PETER'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

DECEMBER

- 14th Yr 5-8 Pool Party
- 15th Final School Mass - 12.05 pm
- 15th End of Term 4

JANUARY 2018

- 30th Term 1 commences

SCHOOL BUSES

Please note that the last day that the school buses will run is on Thursday, 14th December. (tomorrow). Buses will recommence on 31 January 2018.



CHRISTMAS PARADE

A huge thank you to Harriet & Giovanni Di Maio and Monica Williams for organising our amazing Christmas Parade float. We were very excited to be awarded the best school float this year.



A big thank you also to all the students who turned up to take part in the parade - you all looked amazing in your costumes.

CLASS PLACEMENT/STATIONERY LISTS

Tomorrow your child's Stationery List/Class placement and report will come home with your child in their Portfolio.

This year stationery can be purchased online at www.myschool.co.nz. No stationery will be available to purchase from school. A letter explaining 'MySchool' is at the back of this newsletter.

Please note that a couple of requirements for the junior rooms can be purchased at The Warehouse cheaper (brag book and over the head headphones).

BIBLES FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS



A big thank you to the families who donated the bibles for our Year 8 Leavers this year.

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,

2017 has been busy year with a number of rich learning experiences for the children. On top of Reading Writing and Mathematics there have been a number of other learning contexts these include the Production - Noah the Musical, Kapa Haka, Performing Arts and Young Engineers.

Education is going through big changes at the moment - something that the sector hasn't seen in over a 150 years. With the advancements in technology and an ever changing job market, the education that children receive must help prepare them for a future that will look different. Next year we open the new junior teaching space. This space will help the new learners make the transition from Early Childhood Education to School smoother.

Children at St Peter's continue to perform well academically. This was supported by the outstanding Education Review Office report received earlier in Term 3. These results reflect the top quality teaching that continues to be delivered throughout our school. We congratulate two of our Year 8 students, Matteo Di Maio and Danny De Jong, who have won scholarships to Cambridge High for 2018. The on-going success of all our students is something as a community, that we can all be proud of.

I'd like to thank and acknowledge these people who have played an important part in our students' learning achievements throughout this year:

- Thank you to the Board of Trustees for the commitment they invest in our school and for all their support throughout the year working alongside us to achieve the many learning opportunities for our Learners like Young Engineers, Kapa Haka and the Performing Arts.
- A special thanks to our hard working parents on the PTFA for their many contributions which we value immensely – their support helps create wonderful learning facilities, opportunities and possibilities – their work enables us to create rich learning experiences for your children.
- To all of the St Peter's staff – thank you ALL, for your dedication, drive, fortitude and desire to achieve the very best for our Learners. I hope that you have a well-deserved and wonderful holiday. To Miss D'Cruz, I wish you all the best for the next step in your teaching journey at Marian. I know that the Staff and Community there will warmly welcome you.
- We farewell our 2017 Year 8 leavers – this group is an astute, confident & savvy bunch. This Friday they will be leaving St Peter's well equipped to achieve success as learners. We wish them great accomplishments in all their endeavours.

Finally, on behalf of all of the staff, I wish all our students and families a very happy and holy Christmas, and a wonderful 2018-year ahead.

Kia manaaki te Atua koutou katoa

Grant Stuart
PRINCIPAL



A special welcome to Claire & Caleb Gerring who started in Room 4. We hope you enjoy your time at St Peter's Catholic School.

FINAL WHOLE SCHOOL MASS FOR 2017

Our final whole school Mass for 2017 will be held on Friday, 15th December (last day of Term 4) at 12.05 pm. All families are invited to celebrate this Thanksgiving Mass, and your children will be allowed to go home with you after Mass.



FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



FOCUS: JOY

Second Sunday of Advent

At this time of year, we see lots of advertising trying to get our attention and influence our shopping habits. These messages can have a powerful influence on us, especially as we get ready for Christmas. The Gospels we hear at Mass during Advent call us to pay attention to a different message as we prepare to welcome Christ into our hearts.



During Advent, we "prepare the way of the lord" in our own lives. We seek forgiveness for our sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and look for ways in which we can be better followers of Jesus.

CHALLENGE THIS WEEK:

How can we "prepare the way of the lord" in the world today?

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

24th December

Cambridge Midnight Mass preceded by Carols at 11.30 pm

25th December - Christmas Day

Cambridge: 8.30 am

Matamata: 9.30 am

"Caught Being Caring"

Rory Harrison, Grace Hodgson, Pippa Owsley, Ben Deason, Georgie Chubb, Nyla Mayne, Maddy Peacocke



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to two of our Year 8 students who won scholarships for Cambridge High School next year.

Danny de Jong won an academic scholarship in Social Studies and Matteo Di Maio won three academic scholarships in English, Science and Art plus the 'Jack South' scholarship for overall academic excellence.

Well done Danny and Matteo. We are very proud of you both.

UNIFORM SALES/SCHOOL LUNCHES

Last day for uniform sales and school lunches is tomorrow (Thursday, 14th December). The Uniform Shop will be open from 8.45-9.45 am.

The Uniform Shop will also be open on Wednesday, 25th January 2018 from 10 am-12 noon for sales prior to school starting.

KIDS ROCK HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Kids Rock Holiday Programme will be open for full days from the 18th-21st December – 7.30am-5.30pm. With the exception of Friday, 22nd December which will be half a day. Opening normal 7.30am and closing at 1pm. The holiday programme we will be opening on 8th January 2018

Please note: Term 1 commences, 30th January 2018. We will be having a Teacher Only Day on Monday, 5th February 2018.

Phone **827 6623** for absentees

PTFA NEWS

PTFA FUNDRAISER - CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

There are still a number of raffle books that have not been returned. In order to draw the raffle on Friday, all tickets need to be accounted for. Can you please therefore ensure that raffle books (sold or unsold) are returned to the school office **URGENTLY**.

Thank you.



CLASS AWARDS

ROOM 1: *Charlotte Sparrow* - for showing the Fruit of Joy and sharing it with others.

Audrey Ndoro - for being such a good listener and settling in well to school.

Leo McFetridge - for being much more independent with what he does and making good choices.

Stella Hubbard - for being very independent with writing her words in her stories.

ROOM 2: *Ben Davies* - for having a positive attitude to his learning.

Charlize McWatters - for taking great strides in working independently and working hard in writing.

Alistair Stokes - for becoming a powerful writer.

ROOM 3: *Connor Sparrow* - for having a positive mindset, working hard and always being prepared to help others.

Elijah Cahayon - for excellent progress in Reading and Maths.

Yulia Turcu - for always thinking of others, showing kindness and bringing joy to Room 3.

Oliver Plant - for working hard and making good choices.

ROOM 4: *Chris van Veldhoven* - for really practising his play and using excellent expression and drama skills.

Diyala Chandrasekera - for actively displaying the fruits of the Holy Spirit - especially Joy.

Grace Hodgson - for using excellent expression and drama skills at act out a play.

Samuel Fernie - for displaying the Fruit of Patience this week.

Izzy Burrows - for always being ready and willing to challenge herself, and ready to try new things.

ROOM 5: *Isabelle Plant* - for her improved confidence in maths.

Aoife Fitzsimons - for the conscientious way she approaches all of her work.

William Groenendijk - for embracing our Inquiry project with enthusiasm and commitment.

ROOM 6: *Daniel Plant* - for showing excellent collaboration and teamwork during his Passion Project.

Lachlan Kerr - for displaying a 'Growth Mindset' towards his learning this term.

Joban Bassi - for displaying a growth mindset in all he does at our school.

Itinta Rereiti - for improvement in working independently and completing work.

Lucy Eastwood - for excellent academic results in all areas of the curriculum.

ROOM 7: *Danaya Mayne* - for her tactical skills throughout the 1500m - 4th in Catholic Interschools.

Josh Allen - for his outstanding high jump skills - 4th in the Waikato.

Joshua Lawrey - for an overall outstanding years' work.

LEARN TO SAIL SUMMER CAMP

Hamilton Yacht Club - 18th-22nd December. Join them for a fun and challenging week on the water. 9 am-5 pm, Ages 8 and up. \$250 including boat hire. Email coachHYC@gmail.com to secure

**A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and Happy New Year!**



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St. Peter's Catholic School

Cambridge

11 December 2018

Dear Parent / Guardian,



Back to School Requirements for 2018

We've teamed up with OfficeMax to make Back to School easy!

All your child's school stationery list requirements are uploaded online at myschool.co.nz to make it easy for you to purchase your child's back to school requirements. Simply search for our school, select your child's class and/or subject lists and follow the instructions on the website.

PLEASE NOTE: Mini photo album approx \$1.00 (new entrants) and over the head headphones approx \$10.00 for Rooms 1-3 are available at The Warehouse.

Buying through OfficeMax MySchool also earns School Rewards[^] for our school which we can redeem for much needed educational supplies and equipment for our classrooms.

OfficeMax MySchool makes Back to School easy for you with these great benefits:

- **Shop Your Way** - online at myschool.co.nz, freephone 0800 724 440 or in your local OfficeMax store.
- **Price Match Promise** - find a lower price and OfficeMax will match it[^].
- **Free Delivery** - for orders over \$46[^]. Choose delivery to home or work at a time that suits you.
- **Save valuable holiday time** - avoid busy shopping malls and traffic queues by shopping online from the comfort of your home so your child starts the year with the correct stationery supplies.
- **Multiple Payment Options** - including secure internet banking, credit/debit card and cash in your local OfficeMax store.

[^] Conditions apply, see myschool.co.nz for details.

If you have any questions about OfficeMax MySchool please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely

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