



Kia Ora Koutou,

Nau Mai, Haere Mai, Piki Mai ki Hato Petera

A very special welcome back to the school year, in particular welcome to the new students who have started and to the new families who have joined our school community. It is so nice to have the pupils back relaxed and ready to learn.

I welcome Miss Sarah Rust to the teaching staff, Sarah is in Room 4.

Our school is growing very quickly at the moment. We already have more students on day one than we had at the end of last year. This means that some of the classes are bigger than normal. If you have a child starting this year, or know of someone who has a child starting this year, can you please let the office know the details. We are in constant contact with the Ministry in regards to our classroom space and requirements moving forward, the more accurate information we have, the better prepared we are to put a case forward for new classrooms in the future.

BUILDING PROJECTS

Junior Learning Space:

The re-development of Rooms 1 and 2 has been delayed and a new completion date has been set for the middle of February. Once completed the big move will take place.

The sport changing sheds:

The plans were submitted to Council before Christmas but now require resource consent. This has delayed the project.

MINIBALL & BASKETBALL - Term 1

Miniball for Year 5 & 6 students commences Week 2 Term 1 (Friday, 9th February). If your child would like to play they can collect a form from the school office with more information. The cost is \$25.00 per player.

Basketball for Year 7 & 8 is played on a Wednesday night at the Cambridge High School Gymnasium commencing Wednesday, 14 February. If your child would like to play they can collect a form from the school office with more information. The cost is \$30.00 per player.

SUNSCREEN

The year has got off to a very hot start, with the sun being particularly strong around the middle of the day.

Please ensure that your children have sunscreen to stop them getting burnt. The PTFA have donated two sunscreen stations that are around the school. One is by the Buddy



bench, the other is in the pool area. It is also recommended that the children wear a rash top when swimming in the pool. This is another layer to help protect them from the sun.

NEW MURAL

The new mural has erected over the holidays to replace the old one that was beyond repair. I would like to thank Matteo and Harriet Di Maio for all their efforts on this project. Matteo designed the mural based on our school production of Noah the Musical. Check it out – it looks amazing.



BEGINNING OF YEAR SCHOOL MASS

Our first School Mass for the year is this Friday, 2 February at 9.15 am. All parents are warmly welcome to attend.

ACADEMIC 2018 MASS

There will be a Diocesan Academic Mass for the staff and parent groups of our Catholic schools on Thursday, 15 February at 6 pm at the Cathedral in Hamilton, this will be led by Bishop Steve. All parents are welcome to attend - students attending are to wear school uniform.

SAFETY REMINDERS

- The school grounds are open from 8.30 am, please do not drop children off earlier as their safety cannot be guaranteed. We do have a Before School Care Programme running at our school. Contact Tash Mataiti 021767505 or email nmataiti@kidsrock.net.nz for more information/bookings.
- All children are to be collected by 3.15 pm unless enrolled in the After School Care programme.
- The school sun hat is to be worn by children wishing to play in the sun this term.
- Bicycles are to be walked in and out of the grounds.
- Pupil absences are to be phoned or logged in to the school app in by 9 am. Messages may be left on the school answer phone. The Ministry of Education requires us to record the reason for the absence so please be specific.
- Parents are not to park or drop off their children on the yellow lines outside the school gates. Please ensure that your children exit the car on to the footpath.

PTFA

The PTFA (Parent Teacher and Friends Association) are having a social get together on Wednesday, 7 February at 7.30 pm at the Good Union (Victoria Street, Cambridge). The PTFA meet once a month to plan events that help build community. The PTFA needs willing supporters who are happy to work for the good of the whole school community. If you would like to know more about the PTFA, we would love you to come to our social gathering.

DAD'S ARMY

The Dad's Army is a new initiative starting this year with the following objectives;

1. To provide a workforce to get jobs done around the school and community.
2. To allow the men within the Cambridge community to get together and have a yarn over a drink.

If you are interested please send an email with your contact details to the Commanding Officer Chris Rothery:

c.rothery@stpeterscatholic.school.nz

POOL SPONSORSHIP

The school and community has worked hard to raise funds to upgrade the pool area and changing sheds. Work on this project is due to start shortly.

The next step is to install a heat pump system to heat the pool. This is so that the Cambridge Learn to Swim Programme can continue while the town pools are closed for the rebuild. This rebuild will take between 1-2 years. We are currently looking for sponsorship to help meet the cost of the heat pump.

If this is something that you are interested in and would like to learn more about please email principal@stpeterscatholic.school.nz and I will send out more information about the proposal outlining the various sponsorship packages available.

BUSES

To help our duty teachers ensure your child gets on the bus on the right day could you please email Mickey Bam mbam@stpeterscatholic.school.nz the days your child/children are catching the bus home.



Remember it is our policy that the children are on the bus unless there is a note from home or a phone call has been made to the school office. Many thanks for your support with this.

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.

SCHOOL APP

It is great to see so many families using the School App. This is a quick way for us to send alerts out to families for reminders or urgent messages. Many families are also saying how easy it is to use the Absentee notice on the App. If you haven't already downloaded the App go to <http://stpeterscatholic.apps.school.nz/share>





SUN 11 MARCH 2018
VICTORIA SQUARE | CAMBRIDGE | 9AM

ReMax Waipa Fun Run

The Remax Waipa Fun Run is fast approaching. With a lot of work going on behind the scenes. Signage will go up next week. You can keep up to date by following the Facebook feed: www.facebook.com/waipafunrun/

Associate Sponsorship packages are still available for \$250. If you are interested please make contact with Donna in the office office@stpeterscatholic.school.nz

If you would like to enter the Waipa Fun Run go to www.waipafunrun.co.nz to register. Our school will enter a team in the Year 3-4, Year 5-6 & Year 7-8 2km Schools Challenge. If you would like to enter please see Mrs Warwick in the office - the cost is \$5.00 per student for the 2 km Schools Challenge.

We would particularly like to continue to grow the 5 km Team Challenge this year. If your work place would like to be involved please contact the office for a flyer or go ahead and enter online. There are some fantastic prizes up for grabs including the honour of winning the Team Challenge trophy. Maybe challenge another work place/family group/friends etc - there is a minimum of three per team, with no maximum limit.

HELP NEEDED:

We look forward to continuing to grow a high quality, well organised community event for the seventh year on 11th March 2018, but we need your help to ensure the continued success of the REMAX Waipa Fun Run.

We are now on the lookout for volunteers to help on the day. We particularly need marshalls to help keep our competitors safe on the course. If you would like to know more about how you can help we would love to hear from you. Please contact Donna in the office.

BACKGROUND OF WAIPA FUN RUN:

For the past eleven years, St Peters Catholic School has been a Project Energize school under the guidance of Sport Waikato. We are committed to putting the "Healthy Bodies, Active Minds" philosophy into action. Organising the Waipa Fun Run and Walk was an opportunity to promote healthy pastimes to our students and their families, while showcasing the beautiful town of Cambridge.

The Waipa Fun Run started in 2012 and is a great community event. The Event covers a 10 km run and walk, 5 km run and walk, a 2 km School Challenge and a 5 km Team Challenge. Each of these events has a naming sponsor. In 2016 REMAX came on board as an overall naming sponsor. The event has grown each year,

attracting four hundred runners and walkers in the 5 and 10 km events and 350 children in the Schools Challenge. Over the last two years our Team Challenge has also continued to grow.

Many businesses from around the Cambridge area have come on board with sponsorship and prizes for this exciting event. In 2014 we took on Cambridge Lifeskills as a charity partner, and have proudly donated \$1 per entry to this wonderful organisation who helps so many Cambridge school aged children.

This event is a major fundraiser for our school and provides much needed funds towards our Outdoor Learning Environment projects and other necessary resources for our school. A massive \$17,500 was raised from this event in 2017. We are aiming for this year's event to be our biggest and best ever.

This year we are proud to be a finalist in the Brian Perry Waikato Sports Awards in the Innovation in Sport and Recreation section.

Kia manaaki te Atua koutou katoa

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Grant Stuart', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Grant Stuart
PRINCIPAL