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# ST PETER'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### March

- 1<sup>st</sup> Year 5-8 Beach Ed Day
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Junior School Swimming Sports
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Energize Leadership Day
- 8<sup>th</sup> CIS Swimming Sports Yr 4-6
- 8<sup>th</sup> Mass Room 3 - 9.15 am
- 8<sup>th</sup> Room 2 Assembly - 2 pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> REMAX Waipa Fun Run
- 12<sup>th</sup> Learning Conversations 3.30-6.30 pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> Learning Conversations 1.00-5.30 pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> Mass Rooms 4 & 5 - 9.15 am

### DAD'S ARMY

The platoon have completed their first assignment by installing the new audio and visual equipment in Rooms 3-7. They have done a great job! The planning has begun on their next mission.

If you are interested please send an email with your contact details to the Commanding Officer Chris Rothery: [c.rothery@stpeterscatholic.school.nz](mailto:c.rothery@stpeterscatholic.school.nz)



### YEAR 7 & 8 HOCKEY

We are calling for expressions of interest from Year 7 & 8 students who would like to play hockey in the Waikato wide Hockey Competition this season.

This is full field hockey that is played on a Friday night either in Hamilton & Matamata. The cost for the season is approximately \$130 per player (to be confirmed).

Please register your interest at the School Office ASAP.

### 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,*

*Nā tō rourou nā taku rourou - ka ora ai te iwi.*

*With your food basket and my food basket the people will thrive*

This whakatauki is perfect this week as we are planning our Learning Discussions. For our students to thrive in their learning it is important that we work together, school and home sharing what each knows about the child and their learning. This is reinforced by "Parents and whanau play a critical role in supporting their children's learning right from the start. Evidence shows that learning outcomes are enhanced when parental involvement in school is sustained and focused on learning activities." (Ka Hikitia, p.28) Ka Hikitia is a well respected Ministry of Education New Zealand document.

The Learning Discussions are a formal opportunity to enhance the three way partnership: student, teacher and parents, to form learning goals and set priority areas for development.

I encourage you to make these discussions a priority and demonstrate their importance to your child by your attendance.

Last Friday we had the Senior Swimming Sports at the Cambridge Town Pools. It was a great day for the children, with some fast times set in the different events. I would like to thank the senior team of teachers for organising the event and the parents that took time out to assist with timing and recording. I also want to thank the PTFA for their efforts on the day supplying the food at lunch time.

On Sunday was our first School/Parish Mass for the year. The Mass was celebrated by Bishop Steve. Bishop thanked the children for bringing along their parents to help him celebrate the Mass. There was also a special presentation to Julian O'Sullivan for all her service to the Catholic Church. Julian was presented the Benemerenti Medal from Pope Francis.



Tomorrow is the Year 5-8 Beach Education Trip to Mount Maunganui. This day is run by Surf Life Saving New Zealand. It is a wonderful opportunity for the children to gain the knowledge needed to be safe at a surf beach. Hopefully the weather will be kind to them, please pray to St Joseph for a nice day.

Kia manaaki te Atua koutou katoa

Grant Stuart  
PRINCIPAL

### LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

Monday, 12th March 3.30pm – 6.30 pm and Tuesday, 13th March 1.00-5.30pm

We will be using our online booking system:

Log onto: [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)

Type in password code:3t9n9

Select your teacher and times. The Learning discussions will run from 1.00 pm on the Tuesday. Children are to be picked up at 12.30 on that day. Supervision will be provided for those who can not pick up their children until 3.00pm.



Mrs Dunn is also available during these times if parents want to meet and discuss their child's Learning support programmes.

Please book your Learning Discussion time now. If you do not have access to a computer either ring Donna at the school or call into the office and we can help you.

# FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



## FOCUS: LOVE

Love is putting yourself in someone else's shoes and caring about what they feel. It is accepting them, loving them just as they are. You can even be loving to people you don't know, just by caring about what happens to them and sending loving thoughts. Sharing is a way to show love. Share your belongings, your time and yourself. Love is thinking about how you want to be treated and treating others the same way.



**CHALLENGE THIS WEEK:** Take good care of the things you love.

### SUNDAY MASS TIMES:

Saturday - 5.30 pm Sunday - 8.30 am

**"Caught Being Caring"**  
**Stella Hubbard, Nick Toohey, Kingston Keijzer, Ayda Turbull, Aura Askey, Monavale Maugham**

## PARISH NEWS

**Children's Choir:** It is hoped to have a children's choir this year. Ideally these children would sing as a group at Mass once a month. If interested register your child's name at the School Office.

**First Communion:** Classes of preparation for this Sacrament will begin after the Easter break. Children must have turned 8 years of age on or before 30 April 2018. Registration forms are available at the School Office or from the Church.



**Baptism Preparation:** A short course of preparation for parents is a pre-requisite for parents wishing baptism for their child/children. These courses are for one and a half hours duration over two consecutive weeks. The next baptism course is beginning on Wednesday, 7th March at 7.30 pm in the Parish Lounge. Expectant parents are also welcome. To register contact the Parish Office on 827 5557 ASAP.

### 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](mailto:principal@stpeterscatholic.school.nz) and I will send out more information about the proposal outlining the various sponsorship packages available.

## UNIFORM SALES

The next school jacket order will be placed this week. Purchase of jackets will be on a **pre-order basis only**. If you would like to pre-order a jacket you are welcome to try on a jacket. Samples are hanging in the foyer. Jackets are \$85 each.



Boys' shirts are still in production with an estimated time of delivery being late next week. Fingers crossed!

The Uniform Shop is open from 8.30-9.30 am every Thursday morning during term time. If you are unable to get to the Uniform Shop, orders can be left at the school office and will be filled on a Thursday morning for you. Orders can then be collected and paid for later that day.

## CLASS AWARDS

**ROOM 1:** *Aura Askey* - for being a fantastic listener and settling into school well.

*Jot Gill* - for settling in well to school routines and making new friends.

*Monavale Maugham* - for being very independent and settling in so well to school.

*Carrie Sheehan* - for being very independent and settling in so well to school.

**ROOM 2:** *Thomas Hayde* - a warm welcome to Room 2 and St Peter's Catholic School. You have made a great start.

*Ethan Lovett* - for making an awesome start at St Peter's Catholic School.

*Lilly Bell* - for making an awesome start at St Peter's Catholic School.

*Max Bell* - a warm welcome to Room 2 and St Peter's Catholic School. You have made a great start.

*Caleb Gerring* - a warm welcome to Room 2 and St Peter's Catholic School. You have made a great start.

**ROOM 4:** *Paetin Ogle* - for being a very helpful member of Room 4 and making a great start at St Peter's Catholic School.

*Nico Gall* - for developing his growth mindset during swimming.

*Courtney Ndoro* - for demonstrating perseverance while practising her freestyle and backstroke.

**ROOM 5:** *Kahu Keehan* - for settling in well to his new school. We love having you in Room 5.

*Grace Purdie* - for settling in well to her new school. We love having you in Room 5.

*Ruby Jack* - for settling in well to her new school. We love having you in Room 5.

*Mya Ellis* - for settling in well to her new school. We love having you in Room 5.

**ROOM 6:** *Jarik Ogle* - for his positive start to his 2018 learning. Welcome to St Peter's Catholic School.

*Sam Townsend* - for his friendly approach with new students and his focused start to 2018.

*Kerryn Baker* - for her focused start to her 2018 learning.

**ROOM 7:** *Riley Martinovich* - for having a 'positive' mindset and attitude towards her learning.

*Lucy Callender* - for being a positive member of Room 7. Welcome to St Peter's Catholic School.

*Murray Dacomb* - for settling into St Peter's quickly and being a positive role model to others.

*Nick Toohey* - for having a focused start to the year - a real 'positive' mindset.

## NOTICES

### DYNAMIC SPEECH CLASSES:

**SPEAK OUT** - For confidence - stress-handling - public speaking skills. At school - during/after.

Give your child the most valuable life skills ever!  
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Phone **827 6623** for absentees



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## Sunday, 11th March 2018

Please mark this date on your calendars. The Remax Waipa Fun Run is one of our school's major fundraisers. Why not consider entering either the JSWAP 10 km run/walk, Smiths Sports Shoes 5 km run/walk, or organise a team of three friends and enter the Cambridge New World Teams Challenge. Register online at [www.waipafunrun.co.nz](http://www.waipafunrun.co.nz) NB: **The early bird rate finishes today - 28th February.**

If your Year 3-8 child would like to register for our school team in the 2km Schools Challenge, please register at the school office - \$5.00 per child.

### HELP, HELP, HELP!

Thank you those who have volunteered their help. It is a great way for parents that normally have work commitments during the week to be able to contribute to the school. If you can help us we would be very grateful. We particularly need:

- marshalls on the day
- set up/pack up crew
- over night security on 10th March

If you can help please fill in the form on the front office counter or email/contact Donna at the school office [office@stpeterscatholic.school.nz](mailto:office@stpeterscatholic.school.nz)

