



Followers of Christ

# ST PETER'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### April

13<sup>th</sup> Term 1 finishes

30<sup>th</sup> Term 2 commences

### May

4<sup>th</sup> Friendly Faces Afternoon Tea - 2.30 pm

15<sup>th</sup> PTFA AGM - 7.00 pm in Staff Room

### ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

The PTFA will soon be selling 2017/18 Entertainment Books. The Entertainment™ Book is a local restaurant and activity guide which provides hundreds of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers from the finest restaurants, cafes, attractions, activities, retailers and hotel accommodation. Another option you may consider purchasing is The Entertainment™ Digital Membership which puts all of the value of the Entertainment™ Book into the customer's smartphone.

Books will be sent home with your eldest child on Friday, 13th April. Should you not wish to buy the book we ask you to return it in perfect condition back to school on Monday, 30th April. (If you would prefer NOT to have the book sent home, please email the PTFA at [stpecsptfa@gmail.com](mailto:stpecsptfa@gmail.com)).

This is a wonderful fundraiser for our school and a great way for you to save money.

A copy of the Entertainment Book will soon be on display at the school office, or click on the following link [www.entbook.co.nz/1541y53](http://www.entbook.co.nz/1541y53)

### POOL SPONSORSHIP

The school and community has worked hard to raise funds to upgrade the pool area and changing sheds. Work on this project has started this week.

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.

## Principal's Reflection

*Ngā mihi o te Aranga*

Easter greetings to you

On Holy Thursday the school gathered for our Easter Liturgy. This year the students took us through a moving liturgy focusing on the Stations of the Cross. The prayers helped us to focus on Jesus and see how we need to treat others in our lives. The students read these prayers beautifully. Thank you to Mrs McCreery and Mrs Gordon for all the hard work putting our school liturgy together and working with the teachers and students.

From Easter Sunday and during the liturgical season of Easter, a special candle is lit called the 'Paschal Candle'. It reminds us that Jesus has destroyed death and is alive. The Paschal candle is a symbol of new life and that Jesus is the 'Light of the World'.



Easter eggs are also a symbol of new life. Just like the chick has to break free from the shell to begin a new life, Jesus had to break free from death in the tomb. He invites us to share in the new life which God has promised to us all.

I trust you had a lovely Holy Easter – with glorious weather and many family filled moments.



This term has been a long 11 week term with a number of events. From Swimming Sports to Beach Education trips, most of these events have required parent help. I would like to thank the parents for your support this term and wish that the children have a restful holiday break.

*Kia manaaki te Atua koutou katoa*

Grant Stuart  
PRINCIPAL

### OUTDOOR LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

With demolition now completed, work has begun on the PE Shed. A big thank you to Nick Ross and the team at C&R Developments Ltd for digging out the soil ready for the foundations.

### DRAWER WANTED

We are currently after an old drawer like the one in the picture, that we can convert into a sound desk for our sound equipment.

The minimum measurement requirements are 55cm (H) x 40cm (W) x 30cm (D)

If you have one that you no longer need please email [principal@stpeterscatholic.school.nz](mailto:principal@stpeterscatholic.school.nz)



### PTFA NEWS

#### WINE & CHEESE EVENING

A big thank you to all those who attended the PTFA Wine & Cheese Evening. It was a lovely relaxed evening and great to meet so many new people enjoying themselves with other families.

#### PTFA AGM

The Parents, Teachers and Friends Association are having their Annual General Meeting the second Tuesday of next term on the 15th of May with a start time of 7pm. Please consider coming along and supporting our PTFA.

## FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



### FOCUS: GENEROSITY

Second Sunday of Easter - Year B

Thomas was not with the disciples when Jesus appeared to them. When the disciples told Thomas that they had seen Jesus and that He was alive, Thomas said, "I won't believe it until I see it with my own eyes. I want to put my finger in the nail-prints and place my hand where the spear went into His side. A week later, Thomas saw Jesus. Jesus invited Thomas to touch His hands where the nails had been. He told Thomas to put his hand in His wound. Then Thomas believed! Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."



A lot of people today won't believe that Jesus really rose from the dead because they haven't seen Him with their own two eyes. You and I have never seen Jesus visibly. We can only accept Him through faith.

Focus for the Week: It is hard to believe when you have not seen.

#### ALTAR SERVERS/SUNDAY MASS TIMES:

Saturday - 5.30 pm - Kyle & Diyala Chandrasekera

Sunday - 8.30 am - Patricia & Therese Dungca

**"Caught Being Caring"**  
**Patrick Joblin, Isabelle Sinclair, Kendall Muir,**  
**Courtney Ndoro**

#### A HUGE THANKS TO EVERYONE

Thank you to everyone who contributed money towards the Caritas Aotearoa money boxes in our classrooms during LENT. It was a huge success. The overall total was \$913.45, and the winning class was Room 6 raising \$256.30.

The donations will go towards helping people in the Pacific Islands. This year's Lenten theme was "Let us go together" and that is exactly what we have all done to help those in need.

Thanks again to everyone who contributed towards Caritas Aotearoa.

*The Young Vinnies*

#### ANZAC WREATH

A huge thank you to Mrs Di Maio for coming in and working with some of our student councillors to make our school wreath. Some of our students will present this wreath on behalf of our school at the ANZAC Service at 9am on 25<sup>th</sup> April.



#### UNIFORM SALES

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.



A reminder that winter uniform can be worn from now, becoming compulsory after Queen's Birthday weekend. Children are not to wear a combination of summer and winter uniforms.

#### MAORI MOKO COMPETITION

Matua, our Kapa Haka instructor ran a competition over the last few weeks. Students had to draw a moko design on a face template. The winners received a free pass the Regional Kapa Haka Festival in Hamilton on Saturday, 14th April.



Congratulations to the winners:  
Regan Mellar and Danaya Mayne.

#### FRIENDLY FACES AFTERNOON TEA

The next Friendly Faces afternoon tea is being held on Friday, 4th May 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.



#### 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.



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**St John's College Information Evening:** 2019 Enrolments to be held in the College Gymnasium on Tuesday, 15th May 2018 at 6.00 pm.

Parents and prospective students are invited to attend the Information Evening for new enrolments for 2019. There will be an opportunity to view the school facilities and meet with the principal and staff.

**New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL) - Beginner Classes** for 8 weeks in Term 2, 2018

Level 1a - Tuesday, 8 May - 26 June 2018

Level 1b - Wednesday, 9 May - 27 June 2018

(You need to have done the 1a course with certificate before you can do 1b)

Level 1d - Thursday, 10 May - 28 June 2018

(These are for those who have already done 1a & 1b with certificates)

Time: 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Venue: Cambridge High School, Cambridge

Cost: \$80.00 per person.

For more information and to apply please contact:

Kelly Quirke, NZ Sign Language Tutor

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