



Term 1 Week 2

Kia Ora Koutou,

Nau Mai, Haere Mai, Piki Mai ki Hato Petera

Welcome, welcome, welcome to St Peter's

Welcome back to school. I hope everyone had a restful break with their families. It has been wonderful to see how well our children have settled back into school. A very special welcome to those families who are new to our school. We know your time at St Peter's Catholic School will be very special.

This morning Fr Leonard celebrated the Opening School Mass. There was a wonderful message and challenge for us to be Christ like in all that we do. It is great to see the school and community worshipping together. A big thank you to all the parents that were able to attend.

Last week the country experienced a heat wave with temperatures above 30 degrees. The weather this week has been in the late 20's, we are so fortunate to have our swimming pool and lovely air conditioned classrooms. With the hot weather set to continue throughout February we encourage the students to drink throughout the school day - please ensure they have a water bottle, and very importantly a hat!

We welcome Mrs Gordon back from her Science sabbatical. I'm sure the students will look forward to some exciting science experiments!

We also welcome back Mrs Chubb on a part time basis. She will be working with Mrs Bam in the Junior Hub.

COMMUNICATION

Make sure you keep up to date by checking out our school app and website, in particular, the calendar, as this will have all the latest information.

School App

If you have not already downloaded it, download free from Google Play Store: **St Peter's Catholic School Cambridge**. The app allows you to send absentee notifications to school, receive alerts from school, gives staff email contacts, read the school newsletter and any other notices that may have gone home with the children. Simple and easy to use - download it today at <http://stpeterscatholic.apps.school.nz/share>



ENROLMENTS FOR 2019

If you have a child starting this school this year at St Peter's Catholic, or know of someone who has a child starting this year, can you please let the office know the details. This will allow the school to plan effectively for the increase in numbers.

BUILDING PROJECTS

A big thank you to Phil McCreery, Chris Stuart and Brad Pierce for their help in laying the new concrete path around the sports changing sheds. The work was completed during the holiday period and we appreciate their time given to complete the project. This looks great and will help with use in the winter months.

BASKETBALL - YEAR 7 & 8

Basketball for Year 7 & 8 students has been moved to Terms 2 & 3 this year. The Cambridge Basketball Association made this change.

SUNSMART

The year has started off very hot, 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 school has two sunscreen stations, one is by the Buddy bench, the other is in the pool area.

This term we are encouraging the children to wear rash tops for swimming, with the view to them becoming compulsory. This adds another layer of protection from the sun.



ACADEMIC SCHOOL MASS

There will be a Diocesan Academic Mass for the staff and parent groups of our Catholic schools on Wednesday, 27 February at 6 pm in the Cathedral, 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 Margaret Chapman on 02102797384 or email mchapman@kidsrock.net.nz for more information/bookings
- All children are to be collected by 3.30 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.
- Cell phones are not permitted at school however, they can be left at the school office and then collected at the end of the day if they are required for before/after school activities.

PTFA

The PTFA (Parent Teacher and Friends Association) first meeting is to be held on Wednesday, 13 February at 7.00 pm in the staff room. The PTFA meet once a month to plan events that help build community. The PTFA needs willing workers 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 along to this meeting.

DAD'S ARMY

The Dad's Army is an initiative 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 talk (preferably over a couple of lemonades!!)

If you are interested please send an email with your contact details to the Principal:

principal@stpeterscatholic.school.nz

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.

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.

SCIENCE SUPPLIES NEEDED

Room 4 & 5 are on the lookout for any of the following items to assist us with our science learning this term. Plastic container, plastic bowl, glass jars, 2L plastic bottles, paper cups, straws, paper bag, ice cube tray, little saucers

If you have any of these items lying around at home that you are no longer needing please send them into Rooms 4 or 5.



POOL PARTY FRIDAY!

Join us this Friday from 3pm-5pm for
a DIP in the pool and a Juicie!

Swim \$1 & \$2 Juicie



PARENTS TO
BE PRESENT
PLEASE

Lugtons Waipa FUN RUN

ORGANISED BY ST PETER'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Lugtons Waipa Fun Run

The Lugtons 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 teams in the Year 3-4 Year 5-6 & Year 7-8 2km Schools Challenge. If you would like to enter see Mrs Warwick in the office - the cost is \$7.00 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 trophy. Maybe challenge another work place/family group/friends etc - there is a minimum of three per team, with no maximum limit.

BACKGROUND OF WAIPA FUN RUN:

For the past twelve 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 as a school fundraiser and is now a much awaited event on the community calendar. 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. Lugtons has come on board as an overall naming sponsor this year. The event has grown each year, attracting three hundred runners and walkers in the 5 and 10 km events and 350 children in the Schools Challenge. Over the last few 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 \$15,500 was raised from this event in 2018. We are aiming for this year's event to be our biggest and best ever.

We look forward to continuing to grow a high quality, well organised community event for the eighth year on 10th March 2019, but we need your help to ensure the continued success of the Lugtons Waipa Fun Run.

Waipa Fun Run Marshalls Needed

We are seeking 40 volunteer marshalls to help on the day. Your job will be to stand at a set point on the course and point runners in the right direction and cheer them on.

This year significant improvements have been made to the course to make it safer and easier to marshall, we are also planning a marshalls meeting during the week leading up to the fun run to give you more information (so it's not so hurried on the day).

Anyone can volunteer: parents, caregivers, high school aged siblings, aunts uncles and grandparents. If you would like to volunteer please email Lee and Andrew Powell at leeandrew@xtra.co.nz or text Lee on 0275353625.

We will also require volunteers on the finish line, first aiders, sourcing spot prizes, setting up/packing down, over-night security at Victoria Square etc. 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 or put your name down on the sheet on the front desk. Many hands make light work!

Kia manaaki te Atua koutou katoa

Grant Stuart
PRINCIPAL

COMMUNITY NOTICES



XTRACE CAMBRIDGE

DATE: FRIDAY, 15 FEBRUARY 2019

START TIME: 6:00PM

FINISH TIME: 8:00PM (+/-15MINS)

VENUE: TE KOUTU RESERVE, ALBERT ST



For more details visit <http://www.xtrace.co.nz/cambridge#cambridge-event>

New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL):

BEGINNER CLASSES for 8 weeks in Term 1, 2019; Level 1a Tuesdays 19 February – 9 April 2019

The beginner's course is suitable for those with no prior knowledge of an Introduction to NZSL & Deaf Culture.

Level 1b Wednesdays 20 February – 10 April 2019 (you need to have done the 1a course with certificate before you can do 1b)

Time: 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Venue: Cambridge High School, Cambridge

Cost: \$95.00 per person.

For more information and to apply & if interested, please contact

Kelly Quirke, Qualified NZ Sign Language Tutor

Mobile Txt only: 0275377779 or Email: kellyquirke8@gmail.com

Spaces limited to 16. Payment required to secure a place.

Dynamix Dance School

Jazz from 5 years, Hip Hop from 7 years, Contemporary from 9 years. Classes commence from 11 February.

To enrol or for further details please contact Carmel on 024054600 or carmel@dynamixdance.co.nz

Do you want to make new friends in 2019?

Join one of our Passionist Family Groups to have fun – picnics, BBQs, games nights, walks, outings and pot-luck dinners - with a group of like-minded individuals and families in the St Peter's Catholic School/church community. For further details please ring or text Bernadette on 8275030 or 021-487812 or email her at lyon-manning@outlook.co.nz