



Followers of Christ

St Peter's Catholic School

TERM 1 – 13 March 2019

Principal's Reflection ...

Kia Ora Koutou,

Kotahi te hoe, ka ū te waka ki uta
Paddling in unison the waka will reach land

Today and tomorrow is an opportunity to come together in unison to share and talk about your child's learning. For students to be successful learners 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.

On Friday, 1st March we had the Senior Swimming Sports at the St Peter's Private School. It was a great day for the students, 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 lunchtime.

The Lugtons Waipa Fun Run held on Sunday was a great success. There were many helpers involved in making this event happen. I would like to pass on the school's sincere thanks to all the many members of the school community that helped out in so many ways. Special thanks to the following people for generously giving up their time over the last few months, in particular Lee & Andrew Powell for sorting out the marshalls and course, Nic Peacocke for looking after our social media, Marsha Sinclair for co-ordinating the many spot prizes received, and our wonderful PTFA for feeding the hoards on the day. A big shout out to Louie Cody and Tony Paine for answering the call as overnight security, and to Ger Sheehan for being our lead cyclist on the day, to the team that helped set up on Saturday and dismantle after it was all over on Sunday, our registration crew and the many other people who were involved. Thank you all.



A very special thank you to Donna and Lisa for their meticulous organisation of the day. The success of the day is a real testament to all the dedication and hard work that has been put in over the past few months. A huge thank you to you all.

Kia manaaki te Atua koutou katoa

Grant Stuart
PRINCIPAL

Paid Union Meeting

A reminder that the **NZEI Paid Union Meeting is on Tuesday 19 March 2019 at 1.30pm.**

The purpose of this meeting is to inform teachers and principals of the key proposals in the Government's Funding Review, and to determine a response.

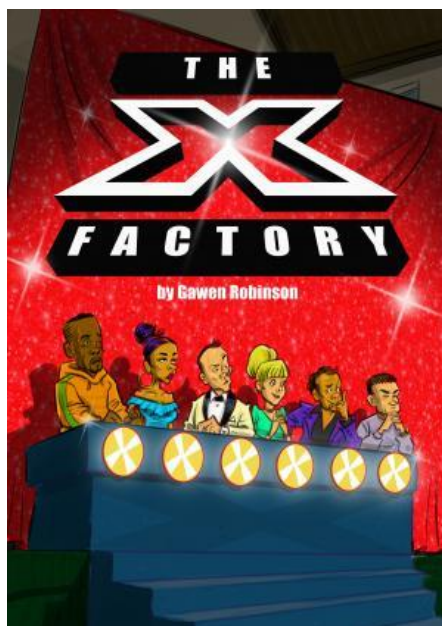
The Employment Relations Act requires our school to release teachers to attend this meeting. With a large number of staff attending this Paid Union Meeting we will not be able to run lessons on this afternoon.

Children are to be picked up at 12.30 pm on that day.

Supervision will be provided for those who cannot pick up their children until 3.00pm. The school apologises for any inconvenience this may cause.

NEWSFLASH!!

After MUCH deliberation, reading of scripts and discussion we have decided on our Musical Production for 2019!



YOU be the Judge...

The 'X Factory' features characters such as Simon Trowel, Cherri Cola, Will.I.Was and Craig Rebel-Cardboard, this spoof-titled show centres around a school that takes drastic measures in order to improve their recent, 'average' 'ERO' report. Can bright lights and fake tan fix everything? All we know is that this isn't your **Average** show!

It is a tradition at Saint Peter's Catholic School that every child in the school is involved in our biennial Musical production. We will need help with costumes, backdrops, properties, stage managing, make-up just to name a few, so if you are willing and able to help please let Mrs Hounsell or Mrs McCreery know as soon as possible.

Production dates are: Monday 1st to the 4th July 2019

Auditions will be held during Week 11 of this term. If your child is auditioning for a role in our production it is vital that they are present at school during Term 2, and not away on holiday during important rehearsal days.



UNIFORM JACKETS

If you would like to order a school jacket for the upcoming winter season, samples will be available for sizing at the school Uniform Shop tomorrow (Thursday, 8.30-9.30 am). Jackets are \$85.00. The order for jackets will be placed on Friday.

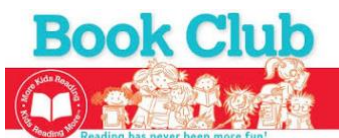
SCHOOL APP

The School App is a very effective way for quick communication messages. As a school, we are using this more and more to send out alerts or urgent messages.



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>



SCHOLASTIC LUCKY BOOK CLUB

Lucky Book Club booklets were sent home earlier this week. If you would like to place an order, please use the online Loop ordering system. There will not be any cash or cheque orders through the school. Orders must be completed by **Wednesday, 21st March**. If you would like your purchase to be collected rather than given to your child when the books arrive, please let Mrs. Hounsell know in advance - chounsell@stpeterscatholic.school.nz

VISION & HEARING TESTING

The Vision & Hearing Technician will be visiting our school tomorrow, Thursday, 14 March 2019. They will do routine checks on children who haven't already completed their checks. Please see leaflet at back of newsletter for more information.

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 Trustee Elections - Friday 7 June 2019

Every three years, state and state-integrated school communities elect their parent and staff trustees to help govern their schools. Right now boards around the country are preparing to hold their 2019 triennial school board of trustee elections. The election date is Friday, 7 June.

We will have four parent trustee spaces to fill. If you are interested in knowing more about what a School Board does, go to www.trustee-election.co.nz and select "Becoming a Trustee" or contact Phil Deason our current Board Chair on 021499658.

NETBALL REGISTRATIONS

If your child would like to play netball this year the link is now available for your to register. Registrations close at 6pm on Wednesday, 20th March. It is very important that if you intend to register you do it before registrations close, and the link disappears. Once teams have been sorted an email will be sent with coach/manager details and training days.



If your child is in Years 1-6 this is the link to register:

<https://enrolmy.com/st-peters-catholic-cambridge/book-now/4-NETBALL-YEAR-1-6>

If your child is in Year 7 & 8 this is the link to register:

<https://enrolmy.com/st-peters-catholic-cambridge/book-now/5-NETBALL-YEAR-7--8>

FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT FOCUS: LOVE



DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Saturday - 5.30 pm

Altar Servers: Hee Dutron & Kyle Chandrasekera

Sunday - 8.30 am

Altar Servers: George & Rose Kennedy

CAUGHT BEING CARING

Charlotte Sparrow, Katherine Lowe, Penny Boss, Sahara Taane, Tessa Paine

CLASS AWARDS:

ROOM 1: *Carrie Ham* – for her exceptional progress with her reading and writing.

Thomas Grady – for his awesome independent writing.

Alexis Ah-Ping – for the huge effort she is putting into sounding out her words during writing.

Ben Callender – for his awesome attitude to learning and giving everything a go.

ROOM 3: *Bristol Maugham* - for being a great self-manager.

Leo McFetridge - for persevering with challenging tasks and have a positive growth mindset.

Lizzy Mathers - for your wonderful creative writing and thoughtful contributions to class discussions.

Tru Cockburn – for making great connections and sharing her awesome ideas.

ROOM 4: *Rayeshi Peiris* - for having a great start at our school.

Eleanor Whittaker – for being a kind friend to everyone.

ROOM 5: *Jake Millen* – for his positive attitude towards his learning. He works hard and never gives up.

Phoebe Hagarty – for her commitment towards her learning this year. She is listening carefully and working hard.

Ruby Jack – for using her problem solving mind to solve challenging maths tasks. She actively listens during workshops and uses her learning to complete maths tasks.

ROOM 6: *Adam Pierce* - for his positive attitude and growth mindset in maths.

Sophia Jang – for the effort and hard work she puts in to all she does at school.

Zara Thompson – for the use of effective description in her 'Colour Poem'.

Tessa Morgan – for the effective description she contributed to our collaborative poem.

ROOM 7: *Katie Callender* - for showing dedication and commitment to her learning.

Luca Macrides - for his enthusiasm towards all his learning.

Maddy Peacocke – for always putting 100% into her learning – especially maths.

ROOM 8: *Thomas Hayde* - for huge improvement with his learning focus and reading strategies.

Oscar O'Brien - for showing lots of 'flair' in his writing and using full stops, capital letters and exclamation marks correctly.

Harper Schollum - for settling so well into Room 8, following instructions and using her awesome listening skills.

Petra Cody – for lots of extra homework learning with our 'Silver Hat' facts.



DATES COMING UP

MARCH:

- 14th Room 8 Class Mass – 9 am
- 14th Vision & Hearing Testing (for those not yet completed)
- 14th Learning Discussions – 3.30-6.15 pm
- 14th Room 8 Mass – 9 am
- 21st Room 5 Assembly – 2 pm
- 25th CIS Swimming – Year 7 & 8
- 28th Room 6/7 Mass – 9 am
- 26th BOT Meeting
- 29th WFP Swimming Year 7 & 8 (selected)



Information Sheet on Vision and Hearing Checks in School

Vision Hearing Technicians from Community and Southern Rural Health will be visiting our school. The objective of the test is to identify previously undetected vision and hearing defects.

Which children are routinely checked?

- Catch up screening for children who have not completed vision and hearing checks as part of their B4 School Check
- Children absent from previous visit, require retests or follow up
- New Immigrants
- All Year 7 student's vision only

If there is a genuine concern, parents and teachers may request a vision or hearing check NB; parents must consent to this

What tests are carried out?

Ears

- Audiometry (hearing test)
- Tympanometry – middle ear function test (only carried out when hearing test is not within a normal range)

Eyes

Long distance vision tests – not a complete visual examination, but a simple screening test

NB All of these checks are non-invasive, safe and should cause no discomfort.

The Vision Hearing Technician will:

- Notify parents of all test results
- Enter results on Ministry of Education database (Enrol)

The Vision Hearing Technician will obtain personal details from the school ie; names, date of birth.

If the technician needs to contact parents or caregivers following the visit, addresses and phone numbers will also be required.

Our Service may share this information with other health professionals involved in the children's care.

If any parents/caregivers **do not** want their child to be checked, or their child is currently under specialist care for a vision or hearing defect, they should let the school know.

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