



Followers of Christ

# ST PETER'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### February

- 9<sup>th</sup> Academic Mass - Cathedral
- 10<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday Mass - 9.15 am
- 10<sup>th</sup> PTFA Meeting - 7 pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> Meet the Teacher/Pool Party
- 12<sup>th</sup> Vaccination Education - Years 7 & 8
- 18<sup>th</sup> Year 7/8 Leadership Day

### EOTC FORMS

Yellow EOTC forms have been sent home with every child for parents to sign and return to school (one for each child). Can you please ensure that these are returned to the school office as they give permission for students to leave the school grounds on school trips, school sports events etc.

### 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 in on a Thursday, orders/money can be left at the school office for our Uniform Co-ordinator.

School sunglasses are also for sale at \$10.00 per pair. School hats are \$10.50.



**Sunday, 13th March 2016**

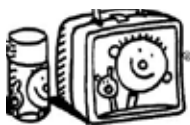
### REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW!

Please mark this date on your calendars. This is one of our school's major fundraisers. Consider entering either the JSWAP 10 km run/walk, Smiths Sports Shoes 5 km run/walk, or organise a team of four friends and enter the Teams Challenge.

Can you help with our event? We need help on the day, and building up to the event. If you can spare us some time we would be very grateful! Please email myself or see Donna in the office.

### 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

*Tena koutou katoa  
He aha te mea nui o te ao?  
He tangata! He tangata! He tangata!*

What is the most important thing in the world?  
It is people! It is people! It is people!

### WELCOME TO 2016



I would like to welcome all our students and their families to 2016 at St Peter's Catholic School. We have had a fantastic start to 2016 with the school buzzing as our wonderful students returned to school and re-connected with friends eagerly sharing their holiday adventures.

We welcome 8 new families and 17 new students to our school community: Carter McNab, Harlem Curran, Oliver Plant, Campbell Durran-Wolff, Courtney Ngoro, O'Neil Roeti, Grace Hodgson, Julie & Benjamin Davies, Riley Martinovich, Alex Macrides, Blake, Ella & Kirsten Treloar and Hugh, George & Rose Kennedy. We wish you all an enjoyable and fruitful time in our school.

### FAREWELL TO FR SEEGO

It is with sadness that we are losing Fr Seego this weekend. Fr Seego is moving to St Joseph's Parish Fairfield where he will spend six months and then continue his study. We have enjoyed getting to know Fr Seego and have enjoyed his weekly class visits. All our prayers and thoughts are with Fr Seego for a pleasant move.



### HAMILTON CATHOLIC DIOCESE Reach out in mercy

### COMMISSIONING MASS

School, staff, BOT, students and families, clergy and friends are invited to attend a special mass as one diocesan family.

**VENUE:** Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**DATE:** Tuesday, 9th February 2016 at 6.00pm

### BUILDING OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Thursday, 11th February we are having a Meet the Teacher and PTFA Pool Party. The classrooms will be open from 5-5.30pm for families to visit their child's classroom and for the parents who have not had a chance yet, to meet your child's teacher. Following the open classrooms, the pool party will run from 5.30-7.00 pm. Please come along and meet some school families. Bring along a picnic tea and a rug and join us under the shade tent while the children swim. This is a great opportunity to meet families new to our school and catch up with friends. I would like to thank our Parent Teachers Friends Association (PTFA) for hosting the pool party.



### PrEP PAYMENT TO PTFA



During Terms 3 and 4 of 2015 the students were involved in Primary Enterprise Project (PrEP) where the students formed businesses and produced goods. A very successful Market Day was held and a profit of \$500.00 was made over all the business ventures. The students decided to gift the money to the PTFA to go towards our Outdoor Learning Environment.

## FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



## FOCUS: GENEROSITY

As we gather as a school community, together again, we give thanks for the blessings we received during our summer holidays and to ask the Lord's continuing blessing on this new school year. We welcome all our new pupils and families who have joined us here at St Peter's Catholic School.



We pray for ourselves and each other, that we may support and help each other in the months ahead. As we begin this time of prayer, let's take a few moments to think about our hopes for the coming year.

Lord, we ask you to bless our new school year. May we be happy and learn new, interesting things. We ask you to bless all our teachers and students, especially the first years, and all who are new to our school. Lord, bless our efforts and grant us your success.

Lord Hear us

### PASTORAL CARE:

Our prayers and thoughts are with the Tukuītoga on the death of Leмона's father.

### HEALTH & SAFETY REMINDERS

As we start the new school year there are a few reminders that will help keep our students safe:



- If your child is going to be absent/late to school, please let the school office know before 9 am. This will save follow-up phone calls.
- Parents/caregivers are asked to refrain from parking on the yellow lines outside the school or over the church driveways, and in the disabled car parks.
- Please use the patrolled kea crossings after school, following road patrollers instructions.
- The playgrounds are out of bounds after school.
- Before 8.30 am there is no playground supervision. We encourage children to arrive at school after 8.30 am. The Big Backyard offers a before and after school programme. They will drop the children at school as part of their service. Phone Rachel 827 0975.
- Hats are required to be worn by all students during the summer months. Please ensure your child has their school hat. No hat no play!

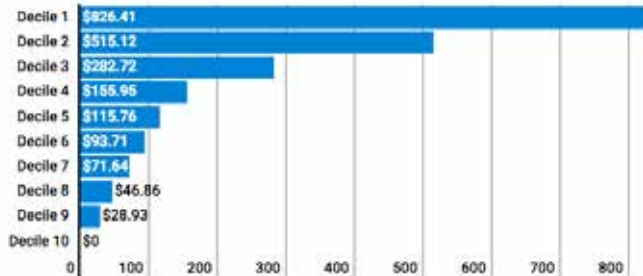
Phone **827 6623** for absentees

## SCHOOL DONATION

A recent article in [www.stuff.co.nz](http://www.stuff.co.nz) clearly illustrated the challenge higher decile schools have in funding.

### Decile funding per student 2015

Per student funding for deciles 1-4 is an average of the three sub-levels within each of these deciles



Source: Ministry of Education

Under the decile system, schools are given a score between 1 and 10 based on the socio-economic background of the students. Decile 10 schools are the 10 per cent which have the lowest proportion of students from the lowest socio-economic households, while decile 1 schools are the 10 per cent which have the highest proportion of these students.

The above table helps to explain why the voluntary parent donation is so important if we are to provide the level of learning opportunity our students deserve.

The BOT has set our school donation for 2016 with no increase. Each family will receive a letter this week which details how we intend to use the school donation for our students this year.

## NOTICES

**MINIBALL YEARS 5 & 6:** forms will be given out to those interested in playing miniball this term (or can be picked up from the school office). The league starts 12th February so we need to get a team registered by Friday. The cost is \$25.00 per player. Please return forms to the school office by Friday, 5th February so that we don't miss out.



**BASKETBALL YEARS 7 & 8:** starts Wednesday, 17th February. Letters will be sent home shortly.

**Free Ear Clinic Service for Children** - Wednesday, 17 February, Cambridge Primary School and Tuesday, 8 March, Leamington School. Both days 9.15 am-2.00 pm

### DYNAMIC SPEECH CLASSES

**SPEAK OUT** - gain confidence, stress-handling and public speaking skills. Wednesday weekly, during school, group classes. Give your child the most invaluable life skills ever! CHATTERBOX - Roslyn 027 248 2888 or email [info@chatterbox.net.nz](mailto:info@chatterbox.net.nz) [www.chatterbox.net.nz](http://www.chatterbox.net.nz)



**XRACE:** is coming to Cambridge on Sunday, 3 April. Brand-new exciting challenges planned along with just a few of our old favourites. Family teams of two. For more info go to [www.xrace.co.nz](http://www.xrace.co.nz)

Debra A White, **PRINCIPAL**



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