



Followers of Christ

# ST PETER'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### October

- 12<sup>th</sup> PTFA Meeting - 7 pm in Staffroom
- 18-21 Port Waikato Camp - Yr 5 & 6
- 19<sup>th</sup> Reuben Road Safety Bear - Rms 1 & 2
- 20<sup>th</sup> Year 3/4 EOTC Day
- 20<sup>th</sup> Year 1 & 2 attend Mass - 9.15 am
- 25<sup>th</sup> Monthly BOT Meeting 5.45 pm

### ANDREW CHINN CONCERT

On 1<sup>st</sup> November, Australian religious songwriter and singer, Andrew Chinn, will be visiting our school to share his songs with our children. He will hold workshops with the students during the day then hold a concert in the evening for families/parishioners. More details/cost will be available soon.

### KIDS FOR KIDS CONCERT

Our choir has been practising for the Kids for Kids Concert which is being held on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> October at the Activate Church in Hamilton. There is a rehearsal during the day they will attend, and then the concert will be held that evening at 7.30 pm.

Tickets for the concert can be purchased through Eventfinda. Visit [kidsforkids.org.nz](http://kidsforkids.org.nz) for more information.

### BUDDY BENCH GARDEN

A HUGE THANK YOU to Mr and Mrs Williams and Mr and Mrs Pierce for planning and laying the paved area and developing the garden around the paving. A HUGE THANK YOU to Mr Shane Durran for making our Buddy Benches. The students are certainly enjoying this new space.



A big welcome to Anton Joseph who has started at our school in Room 2 this term. We hope you enjoy your time with us at St Peter's Catholic School.

## Principal's Reflection

*Me haere tahi tātou me Te Ariki*

We walk as one with Christ

## WELCOME TO TERM FOUR

### CELEBRATING OUR KAPA HAKA

We have been working with Matua Rawiri as our kapa haka tutor for the past year and we have been thrilled to see the growth in confidence, interest and passion in our students.

Last term we had a number of very proud moments with our Kapa Haka group.

Performing at Turangawaewae Marae for King Tuheitia's 10th Anniversary was both a privilege and an honour for our school. Our students performed exceptionally well and proved excellent ambassadors for our school.

### COMBINED CAMBRIDGE SCHOOLS KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL

This is an annual event for our Cambridge schools. This year was the first year we were in a position to be part of this festival. Our school exceeded all our expectations. They were amazing and performed with such polish and flair. We were all so proud of them.



Our kapa haka group is part of the development plan we have for Te Reo and Tikanga Maori in our school.

Our staff have just completed a Maori Spirituality paper which has built beautifully on our He Papa Tikanga through the Te Wananga Aotearoa programme we did as a staff in 2015. This paper highlighted the importance of acknowledging Maori spirituality and seeing the many links and similarities with our Catholic faith.

*As you rightly treasure your culture, let the Gospel of Christ continue to penetrate and permeate it, confirming your sense of identity as a unique part of God's household. It is as Maori that the Lord calls you, it is as Maori that you belong to the Church, the one Body of Christ.*

Pope John Paul II

### ABSENTEES



Parents/caregivers if your child is going to be absent from or late to school for any reason, please telephone the school office by 9 am. This saves on a lot of follow up calls. For your convenience we have an answerphone that messages can be left on at any time.

### TOUCH RUGBY

We have had a large response of students wanting to play Touch this term. If your child is in Year 3-6 and hasn't sent their form back or paid, and still want to register, please contact Mrs Warwick urgently. We are hoping to be able to enter two teams in each grade to ease the numbers in each team.



### NETBALL UNIFORMS

If you have not already returned your netball uniform, could they please be returned to school in a named plastic bag ASAP. Could coaches also please return all gear bags/trophies etc. Thank you.

# Operation Christmas Child

This year our school is supporting Cambridge High School's 'Operation Christmas Child'. Each class will be given four shoeboxes to fill with small gifts. There will be more available if needed. **The closing date for items is Friday, 21st October.**

Below is a link that explains how this works. We are asking each child to contribute a small gift that will be added to the boxes in each classroom. The teachers will give you more details in class newsletters. Below is a list of ideas and also a list of prohibited items.

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org.au/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

## Gift ideas

Something to wear: clothes, hat, shoes, etc  
Something to love: teddy bear, doll, etc  
Some things for school: exercise books, pens, erasers etc  
Something to play with: tennis ball, skipping rope, finger puppets etc  
Something for personal hygiene: toothbrush, hairbrush, hair - clips etc

## Prohibited items

Items that leak or melt: toothpaste, bubbles, batteries, etc  
Food or lollies of any kind: including vitamins or medicine  
Any used or broken items: old clothes, toys, etc  
Items that are breakable: glasses, mirror, etc  
Any item that can scare or harm a child: knives, war related toys, toy guns, etc  
Any gambling related items: play money, deck of cards, dominoes, etc  
Anything of a religious, racial or political nature: It is very important that the conditions above are followed in order to comply with various overseas government and customs constraints and to protect the content of the shoe boxes.



Every shoebox you pack enables us to reach a child with good news and great joy and knowledge that they are loved and not forgotten.

We will run a Mufti Day early next term to help pay for the delivery of these boxes.

Thank you for your support.

The Young Vinnies (written by Natalie Espin & Holly Hunt)



## Christmas Gala 2016 - Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> November



Please can you all put this date into your diaries to come along and support this wonderful event. The gala is a fabulous evening of fun and games for the whole family to enjoy and help fundraise for our school. In order to run this event **WE NEED YOUR HELP PLEASE**. Many hands make light work and there are lots of ways you can support this event to help make it the biggest and best gala yet! We would appreciate hearing from you if you can help as without our community support we simply cannot run the event.

There are many different ways you can help, ie whether you could help on the Gala Committee, help a classroom with making their items to sell at the gala or you can gift an hour of your time to help run a stall at the event we would love to hear from you. There is a Gala Volunteer form at reception

Over the coming weeks we will be updating you with you regards to the Gala and the various ways we would appreciate your support i.e. Bottles for the Tombola, cakes to sell, and donations of good quality Bric-a-brac– i.e. good quality second hand items for our white elephant stall. Books, games, toys and kitchen items. Every offer of help or donation, no matter how small, makes a huge difference and benefits the education of our children. For more information on the gala, please contact Lyn Lawrey on 027 607 1728.

**PTFA MEETING 7 PM TONIGHT IN THE STAFF ROOM (WEDNESDAY, 12<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER), ALL WELCOME**

## FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



## FOCUS: FAITHFULNESS

In the Gospel this week, Jesus gave a most precious gift to 10 people. He healed them of a terrible skin disease, and only one of them remembered to say thank you. God does not want us to be like the nine who forgot the gift Jesus gave them. By saying thank you to God, we show our love and respect for him.

We can thank God by praying but also by attending Mass, community/family involvement and acting in a kind and respectful way.

### CHALLENGE FOR THE WEEK:

Say a prayer of thanks each day for all the gifts you have been given by God.

### SUNDAY MASS TIMES:

Saturday - 5.30 pm Sunday - 8.30 am

### STREP THROAT - INFORMING OUR PARENTS

It has been brought to our attention that last term a few children were diagnosed with Strep throat. Strep A is highly contagious, and can be shared by airborne particles on close contact and through sharing drink bottles etc. Strep A can lead to Rheumatic fever if left untreated. It is recommended that sore throats are swabbed by your GP and their instructions followed, regarding antibiotics and recovery time.



### SCIENCE CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

The Science Celebration of Learning scheduled for the 14th October has now been postponed until Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November.



### 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.



### SUMMER UNIFORM CHANGEOVER

Summer uniform can be worn this term, with it becoming compulsory after Labour Weekend. Please note that students must not wear a combination of summer & winter uniform. Our School Uniform Shop is open on Thursday mornings from 8.30-9.30 am during term time.



Phone **827 6623** for absentees

## WELCOME MRS McKEOWN

In week 3 we welcome Mrs Vania McKeown to our school as a student teacher. She will be working in Room 6 for 6 weeks. Below is an introduction from Mrs McKeown. We hope she enjoys her time in Room 6.

Tēnā koutou katoa

Dear Parents/Caregivers

I am currently training to be a primary teacher at Waikato University and I have been given the privilege of being on a placement at St Peter's Catholic School for most of Term 4. Like you, I have three children of my own, two who are in Primary and know what it is like to juggle and care for our dear ones!



I have taught secondary many years ago but plan to refresh, recalibrate and get creative with teaching at this precious age where they are so enthusiastic to learn. I will hopefully integrate my skills into Mrs McCreery's already wonderful regime, bringing some music, physical education and possibly dance into the mix.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. I am only too happy to work with you if you have any concerns.

Ngā Mihi Nui,

Vania McKeown.

### SPEECH FINALS

Our school Year 4-8 speech finals were held at the end of Term 3. The judge commented on the very high quality of all the speeches this year, as did many parents. Congratulations to you all.



#### Year 4

1st - Angus MacGillivray, 2nd - Millie Balsom, 3rd - Nick Rothery

#### Year 5

1st - Liam Fisher, 2nd - Ben Ambler, 3rd - Joshua Lawrey

#### Year 6

1st - Daniel Plant, 2nd - Nicole Jackson, 3rd - Esme MacGillivray

#### Year 7

1st - Matteo Di Maio, 2nd - Holly Hunt, 3rd - Danny de Jong

#### Year 8

1st - Elsie Williams, 2nd - Patrick Fisher, 3rd - Aluna Alvarez

A reminder speech cups need to be returned for engraving before the end of the week please.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**WaiKids Free Ear Clinic Service for Children:** Monday, 17th October Leamington Primary, Lamb Street, and Monday, 7th November at Cambridge Primary, Wilson Street from 8.15 am-2.00 pm (closed for lunch 12-1 pm).

**Light Party 2016 – Around the World!** This year we are having an international themed party. There will be food and games from different countries. A gold coin entry will allow you food from different stalls. There will also be other food for sale, including a sausage sizzle. A fun night for the whole family. Monday, 31st October 5.30-7.30pm, at RSCC (Raleigh Street Christian Centre – behind the Leamington Medical Centre).

Debra A White, **PRINCIPAL**



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# WAIKATO girls golf academy

**Wednesday's 4pm-5pm**

**Dates: Oct 26<sup>th</sup>, Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Cost: \$60**

**Venue: Cambridge Golf Club**

**Hosted by Waikato Golf, in association with top  
NZ professional women golfer Marnie McGuire**

**For all Girls aged 10-14**

## **Coaches:**

Marnie McGuire (Former USA and Japan Tour Professional)  
Melissa Shea (Waikato Golf)

**To register contact: Melissa Shea  
Waikato Golf Association  
PH: 07 849 1328  
E: [melissa@waikatogolf.co.nz](mailto:melissa@waikatogolf.co.nz)**





## **TE MIRO MOUNTAIN BIKE CLUB FAMILY** **FUN RIDES**

WANT TO HAVE SOME FUN WITH YOUR KIDS IN THE GREAT  
OUTDOORS?

- Family fun rides will run on Saturday mornings starting on the 15th of October and ending on the 10<sup>th</sup> December
- Recommended ages are from 8 to 15 years. Under 8's are more than welcome but they must be accompanied by a riding/walking/running adult
- Ride briefings will be at 9:45am with the riders leaving at 10am and finishing at approx 12pm (depending on the skill level of each group)
- Meet at the main car park, Waterworks Road
- Bikes must be suitable for off road and be in good working order
- Helmets are compulsory – no helmet, no ride, no exceptions
- These rides are run by volunteers. If you can help please put your name forward
- There is no charge for these rides but we will gladly accept donations or new club members!
- Cold drinks will be available after the ride (cash only)
- Please txt your interest to the number below

If you have any queries ph or txt Linley on  
027 236 3778

***THIS IS MOUNTAIN BIKING***  
***RIDES WILL RUN RAIN, HAIL OR SNOW!***