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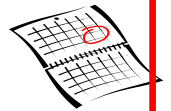
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Newsletter

31st August 2023



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Important Dates

AUGUST

Thurs 31st

Catholic Character
Evaluation

School Mass 12.15pm

SEPTEMBER

Mon 4th

Tongan Language
Week

Tues 5th

NW Interschool Cross
Country Yr 4-6

Thurs 7th

Mass 12.15pm

Fri 8th

NW Rippa Rugby

Mon 11th

Māori Language Week
Keeping Ourselves Safe
Police Visits

Tues 12th

SHINE Group visit
Awatere Retirement
Home

Wed 13th

Waikato Full Primary
Speech Finals

Fri 15th

R.E. Māori Spirituality
Course for Teachers



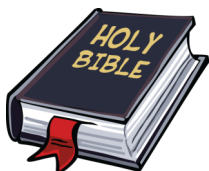
Following Jesus means
giving up self and making
sacrifices

This week's Bible Quote

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Whoever wishes to come after me
must deny himself, take up his cross,
and follow me”

Matthew 16:24



Mission Statement

The students at
St Peter Chanel School
will receive a comprehensive education
with a special emphasis on
their Catholic faith development.

School Vision

Whole Education. Whole Person.
We want our students to be:
Followers of Christ, Thinkers,
Contributors, Communicators,
Self Managers

School Spirit Cup

This week the School Spirit Cup was awarded to Aaron Horton, Mason Seward, and Connor Greene. As a group the boys discussed ways they could earn the School Spirit Cup and concluded that cleaning up the school environment was going to be their mission. It took the boys weeks of work before they were 'noticed'. As a result the school grounds always looked litter free. They are to be congratulated for their team work, their persistence, and application to the task. The school benefitted from their service. We hope they continue doing the clean-ups on a regular basis.



Dress-Up Items

Rooms 3 & 4 (junior classes) are looking for any 'dress up' clothes or items they can use in their classrooms. Costumes, dresses, necklaces old shoes and handbags, or anything that children can use to dress up and play in. If you have anything you think can be used could you please drop it to the school office. Thank you.



Regional Speech Competition

Last night, the Year 7/8 Regional Speech Competition involving 11 schools was held at St Peter Chanel Catholic School before a packed out audience. Two of our students gained a placing in the top two of their category. The top two out of each year group will compete in the Waikato Full Primary School Speech Competition at Ohaupo School next week. Finn Beagley, Year 8, placed 1st. Ben Beagley, Year 7, placed 2nd. Well done to you both, and to all the other students who represented SPC so well. We wish Finn and Ben success for next week's finals.

A big thank you to Mrs Daniella Connolly for organising the well run event. Thank you also to the judges for their support. Thank you to the Year 7 & 8 students and staff who did a wonderful job hosting the evening. It was a great event because of all who contributed, and it showcased our wonderful school.



Catholic Character Review

The review team have completed their work in the school. A report will be completed with recommendations and these will be used as we plan for the coming years. Thank you to all the parents who supported the process by attending the parent meeting or completing the on-line survey.

Cultural Groups

Te Hui Ahurea - Waikato Catholic School Cultural Festival

Last Friday SPC took part in the Te Hui Ahurea - Waikato Catholic School Cultural Festival at Sacred Heart Girls' College. We took 67 students from our Pasifika, Kapa Haka and Filipino groups to represent our school community, each having 5 minutes to showcase their culture and talents. All groups performed so well in front of a packed crowd who enjoyed each of the performances. Students also got to enjoy other Catholic schools' performances which was a real treat. We thank all the whanau and teacher support we had for this event, there were many extras who supported us leading up and on the day. A special thanks to our Kapa Haka tutor Miha, Pasifika tutors Georgina and Vao, and Elaine for organising the Filipino dance.



School-Wide Voice Collection

School-wide Voice Collection

As part of our school-wide review and consultation process, SPC conducted a collection of voices from different groups during Term Two 2023. The collection of voices was facilitated by Cognition Education, an external provider, who interviewed parents/whanau, students, teachers and the leadership team.

We really value the time taken by those who supported us with this process. It has provided us with some key themes to focus on and consider as we plan for 2024 and beyond.

Key themes:

- There is a strong sense of belonging and community here at Saint Peter Chanel and there are positive relationships seen at all levels of the school.
- Knowing students holistically continues to be a focus (Whole Education, Whole Person) and teachers continue to learn and understand what it means to be culturally responsive to learners in their classrooms.
- Ensuring learning continues to be relevant to our students lives and providing them with a range of learning opportunities is important.
- Professional learning for staff development has been valuable, and relevant, and has encouraged collaboration and collegiality.
- Communication to whanau - we have been looking into what works best for most.
- SPC has developed some key learning programmes that have supported teacher knowledge and student learning and enabled us to have a shared language and common understanding of literacy. We continue to work on sustaining these and keeping the fidelity of these programmes (staying true to their intended purpose and function).

Key Actions so far...

- Planning for more science learning opportunities - a hit with students! Term 3 Inquiry focus . We also had a professional learning afternoon with Anne Barker from the University of Waikato on the teaching of science and she will be returning in 2024!
- Communication - sending out the Thursday Newsletter via email to ensure that all whanau are receiving it in their email inbox and using the announcement function on our website for short-notice changes to school events.
- Professional Learning - upskilling staff as coaches to sustain our Writer's Toolbox professional learning and development.
- We continue to hold high expectations for our learners and their progress and achievement - we have set learning targets that teachers and learners are striving to achieve e.g., all learners can recall their times tables to 10 by Year 3 in less than 8 minutes.

School History

The Parish was established by Bishop Liston in January, 1954. The first Mass was held in the Beerescourt Hall. In that same year building began on the Church School.

Prior to the Church School being built, in 1951 Monsignor Buxton contacted Laurie Vercoe and asked him to drive him around the area to look for a suitable site for a church and school. They saw nothing suitable until they saw Frank Woodhall's house at the end of Vardon Road. 'That's the property,' said Monsignor Buxton. Frank had 7 acres of land. A bit more than was needed. Ray Corby, assistant coach for Waikato Rugby, was a land agent. Frank Woodhall wasn't too well disposed to Catholics, so Ray said he would do a bit of wrangling. Frank said he would sell the property for 7,500 pounds cash. So the purchase was completed. Frank got in terrible trouble from his friends." Oh you sold to the Catholics!" The sections on the road frontages were sold and almost covered the total cost of the property.



Bishop Liston

Winter Illness

There are a lot of colds and flu bugs around at present, to keep our students and staff safe, please keep your children home if they are unwell.



Absences

If your child is away or is going to be late, it is vital you contact the school office and let them know.

Email: admin@spc.ac.nz or text: 022 156 6171 or Ph. (07) 849 3734 and leave a message. Please give the reason for the absence as the Ministry of Education collects this data.



School Offering

The students in our school are very fortunate to be able to attend a weekly Mass. As the school uses the church so frequently, at no cost, we have decided to have a gold coin collection at the first Mass of each month. The collection will be given to the parish as a contribution towards the cost of heating, lighting and cleaning. We are teaching our children to recognise there is a cost to everything and we have a responsibility as community members to contribute.

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Newsletter

The newsletter is available every Thursday to view on our website. A link is also on our Facebook page, and as from this week every parent will be also emailed a copy of the weekly newsletter. Can you please contact the school office if you have changed your email address, so we can update it on our system. We will no longer be distributing paper copies of the newsletter, but there will be some paper copies available in the school office.



Reading at Home

How much time do your children spend reading when they are away from school?

We encourage parents to listen to, or read to, their children every night. A good time might be when they are relaxed and snuggled up in bed. Research shows spending time discussing the story and the new vocabulary, improves children's listening skills, their cognitive and language development, their attention span, creativity and understanding of life.



School Dates 2023

Term 3 – Monday 17th July – Fri. 22nd Sept.

Term 4 – Monday 9th Oct - Wed. 20th December

Teacher Only Day Monday 24th April

Labour Day – Mon. 23rd October

Lunch Orders

Our school works with local company who provide lunch orders to over 30 schools in Hamilton. **Lunches are available Friday only at St Peter Chanel.**

Lunch orders are back again for another year with more menu options and continued focus on selling healthy school lunch food at reasonable prices.

Check our website for more information on how it works and what's on offer this year.



HPV Immunisation

The Public Health Nurses will be at school on **November 1st 2023** to provide dose 2 of the HPV immunisation for the Year 8 students who parents/caregivers consented earlier in the year. If your child is absent there will be a catch up planned within 3 weeks.

If parents have any queries or changes contact the **PHN Amy Grace 021315648**, amy.grace@waikatodhb.health.nz.

School Banking

There have been changes made to joining First Credit Union. If you wish your child to join the First Credit Union, application forms can be collected from the school office. Once you have completed the forms you will need to go into the First Credit Union in Collingwood Street, to complete your School Banking application. The bank books will be cleared from the green box every Wednesday morning.



Mass Times

St Peter Chanel

Tuesday 9.00am

Thursday 9.00am Liturgy with Communion

Thursday 12.15pm. - School Mass
Parent & caregivers are welcome to attend.

Saturday 5.00pm

St Joseph's

Wednesday 9.00am Liturgy with Communion

Friday 9.00am Sunday 9.00am

Donations to Parish of the Holy Cross:
One off Donations: Foyer envelope. Or bank: 02-0454-0000400-000 Automatic Payments: Contact office

Parish Priest: Fr Stuart Young Office & Residence: 86 Clarkin Rd Hamilton,

Yummy Stickers

Mrs Murphy Room 7 teacher is collecting yummy stickers for the school. Please collect your stickers and either take them to Mrs Murphy in Room 7 or drop them to the school office.

EAT YUMMY APPLES FOR NEW SPORTS GEAR FOR YOUR SCHOOL!

Collect the stickers from Yummy Apples and cut-outs from 1.5kg bags of Yummy Apples for your school's share of sports gear worth

\$200,000

RUNS THROUGH TO END OF TERM 3

EATING HEALTHY FOR COOL SPORTS GEAR SINCE 1998...

Yummy Apples at
NEW WORLD
PAKRSAVE

Ambrasia, SARDUM 5101, FUJI 5125, Yummy 4138, Lemonade 2001, 4194, NEW ZEALAND RED CROSS 4122, RED DELICIOUS 4015, ROYAL GALA 5173, SweetTango 3503



WHEN: 8th - 9:30am-4:30pm, 9th - 10am - 4pm, 10th - 10am - 3pm. September, 2023

WHERE: Te Rapa Race course
Ken Browne Drive, Hamilton

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RIPEKA WHERO AOTEAROA

Book Club

Te Karapu Pukapuka

Orders due back by:
5th September



SCHOLASTIC

SPORT

2023 St Peter Chanel Sports Club Newsletter Term 3 Week 7

ONLY ONE WEEK LEFT!

Registrations for Term 4 sports will be open for *only one more week!*

We are offering:

NEW! Basketball Yr 1-8

Water Polo Yr 7-8 only

Inline Hockey Yr 3-8 only

Touch Yr 1-8

Spring Netball Yr 3-8 only

Splash Polo Yr 3-6 only

NEW! Hockey at Marian School Yr 1-6 only (register on our SPC website)

Go to <https://www.spc.ac.nz/471/pages/102-sports-at-spc>

Sports registrations close on Friday 8 September.

TOUCH MUSTER - TUESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER!

Our touch muster is *this coming Tuesday 5 September* after school.

Come to the school turf at 3pm for a 15 minute briefing about touch in Term 4. *Everyone is welcome!*

SPORT PARENT LEADS

NEW! Basketball - Miha Brown, spcsecretary2020@gmail.com

Gymnastics - Cat Seward, catherine.seward@hotmail.com

Inline Hockey - Sasha & Eli, eli.sasha.wilson@gmail.com

Netball - Miha Brown, spcsecretary2020@gmail.com

Splash Polo - Nicole Bradbury, nicole.bradbury@hcc.govt.nz

Touch - Miha Brown, spcsecretary2020@gmail.com

Water Polo - Sarah Quinn, quinnlandscaping@extra.co.nz

UPCOMING SPORTING EVENTS

✓ Karapiro 100K Flyer, 14 October 2023
<https://eventpromotions.co.nz/events-karapiro-100k-flyer/>

✓ City to Surf: Tauranga-Mt Maunganui, 5 November 2023
<https://citytosurf2023.eventdesq.com/>

✓ Weetbix Kids TRYathlon: Hamilton, 10 December 2023
<https://tryathlon.co.nz>

INLINE HOCKEY

Our Buffalos played against Tuna last night and the score was a tie of 2-2. It was a very intense game but our Buffalos held on and gave it their all. Jayden scored the first goal, and Rene did a massive shot of more than half the rink and got it in!

Good job team! Everybody did amazing! This week's captain was Dakota, choosing subs and defence. Now we are playing for one of the top three places! Go Buffalos!





Saints United



New Sport for Term 4



Lacrosse



- Year 7 & 8 Girls only
 - Games played on a Saturday afternoon at Tamahere Park, Hamilton.
 - Fee per child is \$35 to play (TBC)
 - Sticks provided by Saints United. If you want goggles, you will need to purchase your own (not compulsory at this age)
 - Games are 6 aside. Maximum of 10 players in a team.
 - Register your interest via the following link <https://enrolmy.com/saints-united/book-now/12-Girls-Lacrosse>
 - **Registrations close Wednesday 20th September.**
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EVERYONE WELCOME

FREE EVENT

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& PARTICIPATING CLUBS NATIONWIDE
10 SEPT 10AM-4PM



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