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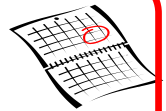
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Newsletter

30th November 2023



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Important Dates

DECEMBER

Tues 5th	School Production
Wed 6th	School Production Year 4 Camp
Fri 8th	Year 8 Retreat
Sun 10th	Weetbix Triathlon
Tues 12th	Junior Nativity Play – Church 10.30am AIMS Games Parent Meeting 7pm
Wed 13th	Year 8 Waiimarino
Thurs 14th	School Mass– Year 8 Leaving Ceremony 12.15 Yr 8 Prizegiving 1.30 Year 8 Social
Wed 20th	Last Day of the School Year. School Closes @ 12.30pm



We are urged to enter the Advent season with an awareness of our need for God and the peace and fellowship offered through Jesus Christ.

This week's Bible Quote

1st Sunday of Advent

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful!
Be alert! You do not know when the
time will come.

Mark 13:33-37



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 Production

SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Involves all students from Year 3 - 8 (excluding Year 4 due to Camp)

This year the School Production 'Our Christmas and Cultural Story' will be presented at the **Waikato University Performing Arts Centre, accessed from Knighton Road, Gate 1 or 2.**

Performances will be held:

Tuesday 5th December 7.30pm

Wednesday 6th December 7.30pm

Students need to be at the Performing Arts Centre no later than 7pm. on performance nights.

Parents are not allowed back stage.

Please note your child is required at both performances. It would be worthwhile considering car-pooling with someone else so you don't have to make 2 trips.

We expect the show will be finished by 8.45pm. and ask that you are on time to collect your child/ren.

Following the evening performances class groups will be released one at a time into the foyer area of the building.

As the students will be late to bed on performance nights' classes will start later the following morning (Wednesday and Thursday) at 10.00am. Those who arrive earlier will be supervised.

Tickets for the show are now on sale from the school office as from **Monday 27th November. \$10.00 per ticket.** The ticket price is minimal as the Board of Trustees have generously contributed to the costs as a Christmas gift to the community.

Students may bring board games, cards, sketching materials to play/use backstage while they wait for their performance. (No technology)

DRESS REHEARSAL

We have a **full dress rehearsal Monday 4th December** at the Performing Arts Centre. The students will travel by bus to the University. The students need to be **at school by 8.45am.** They are to wear their school uniform. They will need their school bag, morning tea, lunch, drink bottle. We should be back at school by 2.00pm.

COSTUMES

Each teacher has organised costuming for their own group. Costumes will be kept by the teacher and given out when the students arrive at the venue.

On performance night the students have been asked to wear plain black shorts and top as a base for their costumes (unless otherwise instructed).

Year 4 Camp

Wednesday 6th to Friday 8th December

The Year 4's head off to Waihi for their Annual Surf Life Saving Camp. We wish them an enjoyable and productive camp.



Year 8 Retreat

Friday 8th December

The Year 8 students will be participating in a day of reflection. It will be a time to step away from the ordinariness of their daily activities and spend time reflecting on what has been, and what may be coming.



Junior Nativity Play

Tuesday 12th December.

Rooms 3,4, 6, and 7 will be presenting the story of the birth of Jesus. It will be held in the church at 10.30am. Families are welcome to come and watch.



Year 8's Waimarino

Wednesday 13th December

The Year 8's are off to the Waimarino Adventure Water Park for the day. Waimarino is situated in the Bethlehem area of Tauranga. The students will be swimming, kayaking, and hydro-sliding among other fun activities. A notice outlining the organisation has been emailed to all families of the students involved.

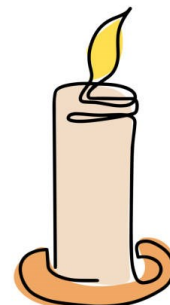


Year 8 Leavers Mass

Year 8 Leavers Mass followed by Candle Ceremony

Thursday 14th December

The students will attend 12.15pm Mass. Following the Mass, our traditional Candle Ceremony for the Year 8's will be held.



Year 8 Prizegiving

Friday 15th December

1.30pm.

This formal occasion will include speeches, senior prize giving and farewells to families of Year 8 students ending their time at the school. The ceremony will take approximately an hour.



Year 8 Social

Friday 15th December

The St Ignatius Building and its environs will be the venue for the Year 8 Social. The Social includes a supper and dance. The Year 8 students have received a newsletter, which outlines the arrangements.



Last Day of School Year

Wednesday 20th December

Last day of this school year

Final Assembly 11.30am. - 12.30pm.

School closes at 12.30pm.



Term Dates 2024

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Term 1

Wednesday 7th February - Friday 12th April

Easter Break - Good Friday 29th March
- Tuesday 2nd April (classes resume
Wed. 3rd)

Term 2

Monday 29th April - Friday 5th July
King's Birthday - Monday 3rd June
Matariki - Friday 28th June

Term 3

Monday 22nd July - Friday 27th September

Term 4

Monday 14th October - Friday 20th December
Labour Day - Monday 28th October

Mrs Connolly

Last Thursday morning our Deputy-Principal, Mrs Connolly, and her husband Matt, welcomed the early arrival of a gorgeous wee boy Xavier Paul Connolly, weighing 2.3kg.



Enrolments 2024

We have had a number of inquiries from people wanting to enrol their children for next year. If you are intending to move your child out of the school at the end of the year please advise the school office; admin@spc.ac.nz, so we can determine whether we have the space for new enrolments. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.



Classes 2024

Planning for next year is underway. If parents have any matters they wish to be considered when we place their child in a class for 2024 they are asked to put them in writing and give them to the Principal; nickq@spc.ac.nz. All correspondence is treated in confidence. Please understand as numbers and the way the school is organised we may not be able to accommodate every request. Class lists will be posted on the school's noticeboard and the school's website on Tuesday 30th January.

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North West Athletics

North West Primary Interschool Athletics

On Wednesday this week 35 of our Year 4 - 6 students participated in the North West Primary Interschool Athletics. We are so proud of all the students and we give a big congratulations to all who placed highly. The competition was tough and they certainly weren't there to lose. Although the day started late we still managed to fit in the 800 Meter Run, Cricket Ball Throw, Sprints, Long jump and High Jump. We missed out on the relay in the end, due to the event starting late, we had so much fun doing our favorite events.

Congratulations to the students who achieved a top 3 placing:

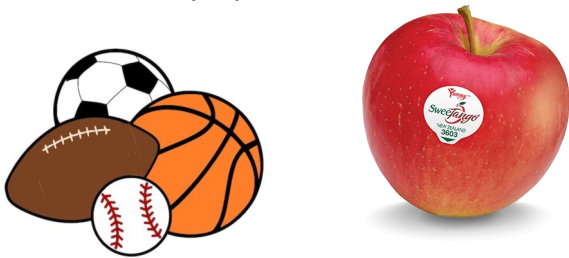
Ashlinn FitzPatrick	Cricket Ball Throw (3rd)
Sariya Elliot-Brown	100 Meter Sprint (3rd)
Jesse Jepson	800 Meter Run (3rd) 50 Meter Sprint (3rd) Cricket Ball (3rd)
Levi Richards	Cricket Ball Throw (3rd) 800 Meter Run (1st)
James Petersen	High Jump (2nd)
Heath Martin	800 Meter Run (2nd)
Ben Seward	High jump (2nd)
Pia Simoncelli-Olivera	High Jump (2nd)

August McFarlane and Heath Martin



Yummy Stickers

Thank you everyone:
Your dedication to collecting Yummy stickers and supporting sports in schools is truly appreciated. Together, we raised over \$700! The order for swimming toys and floaties, tennis balls, and a variety of other balls for the playground will make lunchtimes and PE lessons more enjoyable. Looking forward to the positive impact these additions will bring at the start of Term 1. Keep up the great work in collecting stickers throughout the year! You are welcome to come and get a sheet from me to collect stickers over the holidays.
Katrina Murphy



RATS Tests

The school has a surplus supply of Rapid Covid-19 Antigen Self-Test kits which are due to expire on the 31/12/23. Anyone interested in obtaining free testing kits can do so from the school office.



The Amazing Dinosaurs

THE AMAZING DINOSAUR DISCOVERY!
On at the Mills Street Field from 25th November to 17th December.
We have eleven Free Student Vouchers, and six Half-Price Vouchers available. Please contact the office if you would like a voucher. One voucher per family. First in, first served!



KIDS SPEAK OUT!



Want your kids to speak out confidently? Learn speeches?
AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES: Kids gain real life skills!
LEADERSHIP in HOLIDAYS: Awesome Fun & Life Skills – 4 days
RING Roz 027 248 2888
www.speak4success.co.nz

Sacramental Programme 2024

This programme is for children who are baptised and are aged 8 years and over. The programme prepares the students for their First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Provisionally classes will run for 5 weeks on a Tuesday evening from 6-7pm at St Joseph's Church, Fairfield commencing early February 2024. **Registration is online at: holycross.cdh.org.nz under Sacramental Preparation. The link is now live until 1 December (tomorrow Friday).** Please note you will be required to supply a copy of the child's baptism certificate before your registration is complete.

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,
3214 Ph: 07 855 6214
Email: parishhc@cdh.org.nz

Christmas Mass Timetable

December Mass Times

Saturday 23 December

St Peter Chanel 5.00pm

St Anthony's 5.30pm

Sunday 24 December

St Joseph's 9.00am

St Paul's 10.30am

Christmas Vigil

Sunday 24 December

St Joseph's 4.00pm

St Anthony's 5.30pm

St Peter Chanel 7.00pm

No Mass in the Parish on Christmas Day.

Weekday Masses after Christmas

Thursday 28 December St Peter Chanel
9.00am

Friday 29 December St Joseph's 9.00am

No weekday Masses in the first week of
January 2024.



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.



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.

www.lunchorders.co.nz

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Drum Tuition

Experienced drummer/tutor available for drum lessons during school hours. Lessons will be one-on-one for a half an hour one day a week.

Lessons cost \$25.00 per lessons and need to be paid at the time of the lesson. Pupils will be taught to read drum music and various styles will be taught such as rock, pop, blues and disco.

Students who wish to continue their tuition and any new students 8 years or older please contact Malcolm details below in late January or early February 2022

Phone or Text

Malcolm Boyd on

021-152-3747



SPORT

2023 St Peter Chanel Sports Club Newsletter Term 4 Week 8

SPORTS FEES NOW DUE

All our sports teams and players have had a great start to the spring season! Keep an eye on this newsletter to see their results and photos.

Sports fee invoices were emailed out in early November and were due for payment last week. Thank you to all who have paid their fees. If you have yet to pay, please do so as soon as possible. We have already paid all the team's Club fees so our balance sheet is in the red!

UPCOMING SPORTING EVENTS

- ✓ Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon: Hamilton, 10 December 2023
<https://tryathlon.co.nz>
- ✓ Rotorua Off-Road Trail Run/Walk: Rotorua, 3 March 2024
<https://eventpromotions.co.nz/rotorua-off-road-trail-run-walk/>
- ✓ Long Course Weekend NZ: Waikato, 12 - 14 April 2024
<https://www.lcwnewzealand.com/>
- ✓ Junior Tough Guy & Gal Challenge: Hamilton, 19 June 2024
<https://eventpromotions.co.nz/>
- ✓ AIMS Games: Tauranga, 7 - 13 September 2024
<https://www.nzaimsgames.co.nz/>

WEET-BIX KIDS TRYATHLON!

Join our school group! We are registered for the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon in Hamilton on Sunday 10th December.



To register your child, click on the link below, scroll down to *How to enter a TRYathlete* and read *C) Joining Your School Group*.

When you are ready, click on the ENTER NOW/CREATE A SCHOOL GROUP link on the right hand side of the page. **When you register you can select the option for your TRYathlete pack to be delivered to the school.**

<https://raceroster.com/events/2023/79102/hamilton-sanitarium-weet-bix-kids-tryathlon>

TOUCH

Our SPC Lions were under pressure in their game last week! We were proud to see their determination, resilience, and them backing each other as a team.

Player of the Day last week went to Arlo Kane for a huge skills improvement and some epic defensive skills. *Go Lions!*



BASKETBALL

Our SPC PlumberMan Jordan's have been training hard! This team shows amazing sportsmanship by making sure everyone gets a touch on the ball.

A very even game this week, we were unlucky losing by a basket in the final seconds. *Go Jordans!*



This week was our the final week for our basketball skills sessions, run by ex-SPC student Arama Te Rangi. Thank you to Arama for taking the time to help develop these keen kids and trying to pass on the gift of teamwork and encourage using your team - not playing just one-kid-style sport. We appreciated your patience passing on the knowledge of a sport it's obvious you love. Watch this space as we grow basketball within our kura!



SPC SPORTS SPONSORS

A massive *THANK YOU* to all of our wonderful sports sponsors! Your kindness and generosity mean so much to us and we truly appreciate you all. Thank you for helping make SPC sport outstanding!

