



# St Peter Chanel Catholic School

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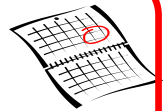
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## Newsletter

7th December 2023



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### Important Dates

#### DECEMBER

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 Waimarino
Thurs 14th	School Mass– Year 8 Leaving Ceremony 12.15
Fri 15th	Yr 8 Prizegiving 1.30 Year 8 Social
Wed 20th	Term 1 2024 Sports Registrations Close <b>Last Day of the School Year. School Closes @ 12.30pm</b>



The prophets Isaiah and Malachi, indicated that John the Baptist's ministry is a fulfillment of prophecy.

### This week's Bible Quote

#### 2nd Sunday of Advent

It is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,' "

Mark 1:1



### 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

Our school production was a wonderful example of a whole team effort. All the staff and a number of parents and whanua contributed so much in the organisation and preparation for the show. Such an endeavour is challenging, particularly at this time of the year, however we wanted to provide an opportunity for our tamariki to prepare and showcase their talent.

A massive THANK YOU to everyone who contributed, there were so many of you. THANK YOU to our students who spent hours learning and rehearsing. Your efforts, enthusiasm and participation resulted in an outstanding show.

THANK YOU to all the parents for supporting us as audience members, uber drivers, and supporters of your children. You gave your time at this busy time of the year and we appreciate your continued support.



## After School Care

SKIDS will be finishing as the school's after school care provider at the end of this school year. They will keep operating at Vardon School and will be providing a Holiday Programme during the Christmas Break and they welcome any St Peter Chanel students wishing to enrol.

We thank SKIDS for their service over the years.

**In 2024, a past school family will provide our after school care.**

**WELCOME**

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**AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**  
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mobile: 022 125 6579

## 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.

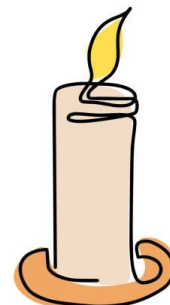


## Year 8 Leavers Mass

**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  
Teacher Only Day - Friday 31st May  
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  
Teacher Only Day - Tuesday 29th October

## 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](mailto:admin@spc.ac.nz), so we can determine whether we have the space for new enrolments. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.



## Shine Group Invitation

A special invitation is extended to all parishioners to attend the 9am Mass on Tuesday 12th at St Peter Chanel Church and to the Christmas morning tea following. Our school shine Group of senior students will be hosting this and will perform a repertoire of cheery Christmas Carols. So come along and support these children who step out in faith.



## 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](mailto: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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## 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

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Parish Priest: Fr Stuart Young Office & Residence: 86 Clarkin Rd Hamilton, 3214 Ph: 07 855 6214

Email: [parishhc@cdh.org.nz](mailto:parishhc@cdh.org.nz)

Website: [holycross.cdh.org.nz](http://holycross.cdh.org.nz)

## 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.



## 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](mailto: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](http://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



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# SPORT

2023 St Peter Chanel Sports Club Newsletter Term 4 Week 9

## SPORTS REGISTRATIONS FOR 2024 ARE NOW OPEN!

We've had a fantastic year of sport! Thank you to all our parents, caregivers, supporters, players, coaches, and managers for an excellent season. Well done everyone!

Now it's time to think about what sport your child would like to play in Term 1 next year! Term 1 sports teams need to be registered in the first week back at school, hence why you are receiving this information now.

We are offering:

- Basketball
- Splash Polo
- Water Polo
- Inline Hockey
- Summer/Spring Netball
- Touch

Details for each sport are on our website.

To register your child for a sport/sports, click on the following link [Sports Registration](#) or visit our SPC website and select *Parents / SPC Sports / Sports Registration*, and complete the form.

*Registrations are open for only 2 more weeks. Registrations will close on the last day of this Term, Wednesday, 20th December 2023.*

We are looking forward to another great year of sports!

## SPORTS FEES NOW DUE

Sports fee invoices were emailed out in early November and were due for payment late November. 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

- ✓ 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/>

# TOUCH

Our SPC Lions finished off the touch module with a win! Brave play and moving forward more and lots of strength in defence. We are super proud of this team's progress and thank our awesome families for their support. We have had fabulous attendance and dedication.

Our Player of the Day was Wiremu Rowse (right) who is a very aware defender and has also improved in passing skills. Shot Wiremu!



Until next year, kids. Looking forward to seeing new and returning players in 2024!



Remember to go online now and register for touch next Term. *Go Lions!*



# 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!



