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Newsletter

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Sent by God, John the Baptist testified to the coming Light.

This week's Bible Quote

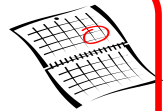
3rd Sunday of Advent

John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie."

John 1:27



Important Dates



DECEMBER

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 Last Day of the School Year. School Closes @ 12.30pm

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

Thank You!

Our school is a great school because so many contribute and provide their support and expertise.

Thank you to the Board of Trustees who serve as the parents voice in the direction of the school.

Thank you to our Parish Priest, Father Stuart Young who ministers to us and leads the Sacramental Programme.

Thank you to all the parents who helped coach and organize the different sports and cultural groups. And all those who assisted by attending school camp, class trips, working bees, sports events, cultural events, productions and nativity plays, student conferences, and all those who made sure their children were prepared and ready for school each day.

Thank you to our teachers and support staff. They do an amazing job, happily 'going the extra mile' for our children. We thank them for the long hours and commitment to the school.

Thank you to our awesome children who are really great to work with, always eager to learn and always so polite and friendly. They make coming to school each day a wonderful experience.

We wish you all a very Holy Christmas and a Happy New Year

(Te Reo)

Kia harikoa, kia harikoa te wa Kirihimete ki a koe me to whanau. Meri Kirihimete ki a koutou katoa.

(Portuguese)

Que a época do Natal traga felicidade e alegria para você e sua família. Feliz Natal para todos vocês.

(Kiribati)

Ara kantaninga bwa te Kiritimati aio ena mwaiti uotana te kakabwaia ao te kakukurei nakoimi ma ami utu. Kamna bane ni mauri ao n tekeraoi n te Kiritimati.

(Russian)

Пусть рождественский сезон принесет счастье и радость вам и вашей семье. Счастливого Рождества всем вам.

(Tongan)

'Ofa ke 'omi 'e he Fa'ahita'u Kilisimasí ha fiefia mo ha nēkeneka kiate kimoutolu mo homou fāmilí. Kilisimasi fiefia kiate kimoutolu kotoa.

(Tagalog)

Sana ang inyong pasko ay makadala ng kasayahan at kaligayahan sa iyo at sa mga ating kapwang tao. Maligayang Pasko sa inyong lahat.

(Spanish)

Que la temporada navideña traiga felicidad y alegría para ustedes y sus familias. Feliz Navidad a todos vosotros.

(Samoan)

Ia aumaia e le vaitau o le Kerisimasi le fiafia ma le olioli ia te oe ma lou aiga. Manuia le Kerisimasi ia te outou uma.

(English)

May the Christmas Season bring happiness and joy to you and your family. Merry Christmas to you all.

Congratulation Mrs Andrew

Miss M is now Mrs Andrew. Claudia married Leighton last Saturday. We congratulate them both and wish them married bliss and happiness as they navigate life together.



School Office Hours

The school office will be closed as of Wednesday 20th December at 12.45pm.

The office will re-open on:

Wednesday 31st January 10pm—2.00pm (Uniform Shop will be open)

Friday 2nd February 10pm—2pm (Uniform Shop will be open)

Wednesday 7th February - normal school hours



Class Lists

Class lists will be posted on the school's web page and on the school's noticeboard on Wednesday 31st January.

Note: parent requests for class placement has closed.



School Stationery Lists

The school stationery lists can be accessed on the school website spc.ac.nz.

New Entrants and Year 1&2 stationery will be provided by the school and parents/caregivers will be invoiced in 2024.



School Readers

We have just completed a stocktake of the junior school readers and are missing number of them. Please look around at home and if any are discovered please return them to the school office.



Support the Foodbank

There are many families struggling financially, particularly around this time of Christmas. We are asking for food donations for St Vincent de Paul Foodbank. If you would like to contribute please send your donation to the school office.



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

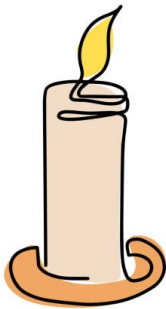
Monday 14th October - Friday 20th December
Labour Day - Monday 28th October
Teacher Only Day - Tuesday 29th October

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.



Community Survey

Tomorrow, we will be emailing a survey out to all families. Our intention is to gather feedback as we progress with our strategic plan for 2024. Your input would be appreciated.

COMMUNITY SURVEY



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.
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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
Website: holycross.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.



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.

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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



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SPORT

2023 St Peter Chanel Sports Club Newsletter Term 4 Week 10

SPORTS REGISTRATIONS 2024 CLOSE NEXT WEEK!

There is only one week left to register your child to play sport 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 close on the last day of this Term, Wednesday, 20th Dec.

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/>

TIME TO RETURN ALL SPORTS UNIFORM

Please wash and return your netball dresses, touch and basketball singlets to the office before the end of Term, *next Wednesday*. Once teams are confirmed for next year, all players will be reissued with sports uniform.

SPORTS FEES NOW OVERDUE

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!

WATER POLO

What a blast of a season! We came out on top - winning our whole division this Term. As well as placing 1st in our division, Henry Aguilar and Kaea Rameka were awarded MVP (Most Valuable Player). Amazingly, they were selected out of everyone in the entire division.

One of the key highlights of this season definitely has to be our 15-0 win against F.I.S (Fairfield Intermediate school.) This was probably one of our best games, but the best highlight has to be winning the division.

St Peter Chanel's water polo team has continued to grow over the 3 seasons we have played. From 2nd place last year, to 1st this year, we have all had so much fun and made new friends with people from Saint Joseph's Fairfield, as we train with them. If anyone wants to continue our legacy of amazing water polo, we strongly encourage you to join a team and enjoy playing an amazing summer sport known as water polo.

By Kaea Rameka & Noah Savage

Congratulations to Kaea Rameka, Henry Aguilar, Noah Savage, Ben Beagley, Joey Murphy, Finn Beagley, Summah Simmonds (absent from photo), and also Olivia Moore, Noah Furnando, and Stella Hapuku from St Joseph's Catholic School.

From the coach...

What an amazing team, their hard work certainly paid off this season. If there was an award for top team sportsmanship - this team would win hands down. I have been so impressed by the energy, team spirit and positivity that they all exhibit. As coach, I couldn't be prouder of them.

I wish every player a good holiday and the best of luck to our year 8's moving on to secondary school next year. I have no doubt that they will all do well over the next few years. For those that are returning as seniors next year- I hope to see you back poolside!

Any year 6 or 7 student that would like to give water polo a go just let the office know and email me - I'm happy to answer any questions you may have.

Biggest thank you to the generous parents that support this team, we could not do it without you, it is a big family commitment.

Sarah Q



WEET-BIX KIDS TRYATHLON!



Last Sunday twelve students from St Peter Chanel represented us, proudly displaying determination and perseverance, to become finishers of the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon and 'Splash and Dash' races. Here are Jake McPherson and Isaac Horton (left), and Isaac, Jonty Oehley, Nathan Rowse and Adelaide Oehley (below). Well done everyone!



SPONSORS

We would like to say a massive thank you to all of our wonderful sports sponsors. Through your generosity, our parent sports leaders were able to purchase new team uniforms and upgrade our sports equipment. We felt proud of our appearance and our school as we participated in our sports. We felt like real serious players. Your generosity and kindness means so much to us players. Thank you for making SPC teams look outstanding!

By Ben and Nayr



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