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Newsletter

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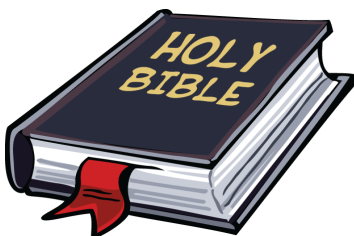
Jesus gave himself in
love to us.

This week's Bible Quote

The Holy Body and Blood of Christ – Sunday

“This is my blood of the covenant”.
“Take, it; this is my body”.

Mark 14:23-25



Important Dates

Fri. 31st

Teacher Only Day -
Science Focus
School Closed

JUNE

Mon 3rd

King's Birthday
School Closed

Fri 7th

St John's Te Ao Maori-
Kapahaka

Mon 10th

International Language
Week

Tues 11th
Hall

Gymnastics Practice
1—1.30
Shine Group Parish
Morning Tea

Wed 12th

Filipino Independence
Day

Thurs 13th

Kapahaka Group bus to
St John's College 9.30-
11.30am

Wed 19th

Tough Guy & Gal
Challenge

Thurs 20th

Yr 7/8 Catholic Schools
Winter Tournament

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

After School Pick-Up

Traffic management - After School Pick-Up

There is a one-way traffic lane for cars through the school car park, with a pick-up and drop-off zone by the hall. Staff are stationed at the pick-up and drop-off zone to manage student movement.

Some reminders:

- Avoid using the car park if possible
- It is one-way - enter from Vardon Road (not Te Rapa Straight)
- If the traffic is backed up to Vardon Road please do not tag on to the end of the queue as it stops the traffic flow on Vardon Road
- Collect your child/ren at 3.10pm and avoid the congestion
- In the interests of safety, please be very careful when driving around the school car park at busy times. Little people don't always look before they run.
- Students are not permitted to walk through the carpark without adult supervision.
- Parallel parking is permitted behind the staff cars from 2.50 - 3.10pm

School Closed

Teacher Only Day Tomorrow
Friday 31st May



King's Birthday Monday June
3rd



Lunch Orders

We have been notified by the Lunch Ordering Company that runs our school lunches, that they will no longer be able to offer this service to the school. They have given us 30 days notice, so our last lunch ordering will be Friday 21st June. At this stage we have no other alternatives to offer the students.



Catholic Character Term 2

Tena koutou whanau, tamariki and kaiako in our kura and our hapori.

Term 2 is already upon us and I am back in action. Thank you to all the caring families and children who have asked how I am doing. My new hip is mending slowly but surely. I am pleased to be back to almost normal.

Firstly I would like to acknowledge those students who took part in the Eucharistic programme last term. I was told the children were fabulous and the Mass was amazing. I was so sorry that I could not be there but you were in my thoughts and prayers. 35 students received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion. Congratulations to you all.

This term our curriculum focus is on the Holy Spirit Strand. This past week we have focused on Trinity Sunday which is a hard concept for some of the students to get their heads around. The Father, being God in heaven, The Son is part of God as Jesus who came to earth, and the Holy Spirit is part of God whom he sent us at Pentecost. These are three parts in one. As Father said at Mass last Thursday, this is a very hard concept for children and even some adults to understand.

Our Ascension/Mother's Day Mass on the Saturday of week two was so well attended. It was a beautiful Mass which I felt was uplifting and spiritual. The SHINE students helped Linda Richards and some other parishioners to make corsages for all the mothers which were beautiful and thanks to all those who helped out to make this Mass memorable.

The following Thursday we had our Pentecost Mass which we celebrated with cake for the whole school afterwards. Thanks to all those who helped. After the Sunday Pentecost Mass, there was a potluck dinner for the school and parish. This was also very well attended by many parents, children, and parishioners. All were thrilled with the attendance, the connections made and the new relationships formed between the people of our parish and school community.

On the 7th of May, we had our group of years 5 and 6 SHINE students help out with the morning tea after 10:15 am Mass. The parishioners enjoyed mixing, mingling, and being served by our students. Our next parish, school morning tea is on the 11th of June after 10:15 Mass. This will be attended by our Year 5 and 6 SHINE students again. Parents are also more than welcome. A great chance to meet some of our senior parishioners.

On the 25th of June, some of our SHINE group will be visiting Awatere Rest Home at 9:40 am. They will talk to the residents about life experiences and hear some of their stories. They will stay and have morning tea with them and sing a few songs. The aged residents love this and it's great to see and hear some of the stories shared between our elderly and the younger generation. Please let me know if you can help out with transport. The students will be sent home with a permission slip to be signed in a couple of weeks.

Some of our staff in Years 1 - 4 are trying out the new Religious Education Curriculum. The Senior levels of the curriculum are still in the process of being written. The Junior teachers are very happy with the level of resources and also each area is very well explained for staff and students. Recently I visited the Hamilton Diocese with the two primary RE advisors for some more insight on how this new curriculum works and is put together. I was impressed with the structure and content. Learning about the new curriculum is ongoing in our school but is not yet ready for implementation in the senior school. The diocese has said that Years 5 and 6 should be ready sometime next year and the Years 7 and 8 will be completed around 2027.

The church has just moved into ordinary time on our liturgical year calendar. We have just finished the Easter season. Ordinary time will now go on till the end of November. However, there are several important feast days between now and then. This Sunday is the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Some other important feast days coming up this year are:

31 May - The visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (This feast day is where our founder Eupharise Barbier is acknowledged)

7 June - The most Sacred of Heart of Jesus

26 July - Feast of Saint Joachim and Anne (Mary's parents and Jesus' grandparents)

6 August - The Transfiguration

15 August - The Assumption of Mary into Heaven

20 October - Mission Sunday

1 November - All Saints

2 November - All Souls

24 November - Feast of Christ the King. This is the last day of our liturgical year.

1 December - 1st Sunday of Advent. This is the beginning of the new catholic church year.

On the 25th of July which is the first week back for Term 3, we are having grandparents' day. This will link to the feast day of Joachim and Anne. For those grandparents that need to travel now would be a good time to let them know. This has not been celebrated since before covid so we are looking forward to meeting our children's grandparents. If they don't have a grandparent but they have a special older support person in their lives, they are also more than welcome. Grandparents Day will commence with Mass which will be celebrated at 10:15 am. The finer details will be in a newsletter later this term.

Please encourage your children to pray each day so they grow in their relationship with Jesus. Whether it be before school, before bed, and/or at meal times. Keep warm and keep well. I wish you all a great rest of this term.

God bless

Natalie Steens

DRS (Director of Religious Studies)

St Peter Chanel Catholic School Te Rapa

THURSDAY 27 JUNE

MATARIKI DISCO

SPC SCHOOL HALL

YEAR 0 - 2 : 5.30PM - 6.30PM

YEAR 3 - 6 : 6.30PM - 7.30PM

\$2.00 Entry

Food and drink will be
available for purchase

St Peter Chanel Disco

Matariki Diso

All students Year 0 – Year 6 are invited to join us on THURSDAY 27 June for a star themed Disco!

The PTFA is looking for helpers for before, during, and after the event, if you can assist please register by filling out this quick form:

<https://forms.gle/G7zUjauYXxBVejmn8>

We are also looking for a DJ contact / DJ equipment / lights/decorations / BBQ trailer for the night! Please let us know on the above form if you can assist!

Thanks
PTFA



School Spirit Cup

This week the School Spirit Cup was awarded to Arlo Kane. Arlo volunteered to give up his break times to sweep bark and leaves off the concrete areas around the school. We appreciate his service and initiative.



Mass Times

St Peter Chanel

Tuesday 10.15am Thursday 10.15am
Saturday 5.00pm

St Joseph's

Wednesday 10.15am Friday 10.15am
Sunday 9.00am

St Columba

Tuesday to Saturday 9.00am
Sunday 8.00am 10.00am

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Contact office

Parish Priest: Fr Stuart Young
Office & Residence: 86 Clarkin Rd
Hamilton, 3214 Ph: 07 855 6214
Email: parishhc@cdh.org.nz



Parish Office Hours

Wednesday 9.00am to 12.00am
Thursday 9.00am to 4.00pm
Friday 1.00pm to 4.00pm



2024 Term Dates

Term 2 – Monday 29th April – Fri 5th July

School closed:

Friday 31st May - Teachers Only Day

Monday 3rd June - King's Birthday

Friday 28th June - Matariki

Term 3 – Monday 22nd July – Fri. 27th Sept.

Term 4 – Monday 14th Oct - Fri 20th December



Emergency Contact Details

It is essential for contact parents/caregivers that we have all families current contact details (including at least one emergency contact). If there are any changes from last year please email the school office to update contact details. Also if you have a child starting school this year and you have not yet enrolled them please contact the school office for enrolment contracts: admin@spc.ac.nz



EMERGENCY CONTACTS

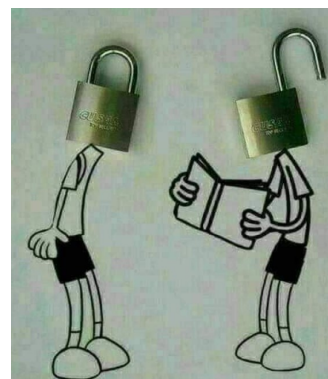
Covid

Covid is still circulating. If anyone in your household has covid, as a courtesy, please contact the school office. Covid is highly contagious, therefore, we will be asking household contacts to wear a mask at school. We need to protect the teachers and students as we can't afford to have covid spreading amongst our staff.



Picture Books Resource.

Anne Mackey, a leader within our Kahui Ako, has collated this resource for our Waikato Catholic Schools to use. It includes 75 picture books that can be read, including audio and weblinks. Each picture book includes a blurb about the story. The books are categorized into different topics for ease. Generously, she is happy for us to share the resource with you so that you can read with your children at home. These can be accessed through our web page under the Newsletter Tab. Picture Books.



Absences

If your child is away 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.



Yummy Stickers

A big thank you for collecting those yummy apple stickers! Your support has been amazing, and we're grateful for your efforts. Please keep bringing them to Mrs. Murphy in Room 7—we're making great progress thanks to you. Thank you for being such a wonderful community!



Closing date for 2025 Enrolments
Friday 5th July, 2024

We are experiencing overwhelming interest!
APPLY ONLINE TODAY!

www.shgcham.school.nz

Newsletter

A newsletter will be produced every THURSDAY.

Newsletters can be viewed on our website in the following location:

www.spc.ac.nz/parents/newsletters

The newsletter will be emailed to all caregivers and a link will be posted on our Facebook page once the newsletter is uploaded.

Urgent notices or forms for completion will be uploaded to our website in the following location:

www.spc.ac.nz/parents/notices

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Notice returns can be handed into the office or scanned and emailed to our office email:

admin@spc.ac.nz

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SPORT

2024 St Peter Chanel Sports Club Newsletter Term 2 Week 5

NETBALL

We had a sensational win against Te Rapa last week. Guided by a professional netballer on hand, we practised some moves and tactics, aiding us to dominate with ease.

I asked Hazel which position she really does not like playing and she responded "none, she likes them all". Every position she plays she puts in 100% and that gained her the Player of the Day award. Special shout out to Lucy in defence, our silent assassin isn't letting anyone out of her sight!



Our Year 3/4 Stars played a great game last week and came away with an 18-5 win. We always say the score is not important, it's about how we played.

Player of the Day went to Charli who played a great defensive game as well as showing patience when shooting her goals in attack. Achievement Award went to Indie who is continuing to show

improvement and development in the game of netball every week. Thanks to our umpire Aleigha, you're a super star.

This week our Stars had the later game time slot which was quite chilly but our girls were on fire. They had a lot of energy and enthusiasm against Whatawhata Flyers. We unfortunately came away with a loss by one point 7-8.



Player of the Day was awarded to Ashlinn for her amazing defensive skills and chasing all the loose balls. She also scored numerous goals.

Achievement Award went to Juvana for her second game of the season.

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!



BASKETBALL

Our Year 7/8 SPC Shaq team played against the Maeroa Lakers. That team included some tall, skilled players. We took the challenge and, at one point, the score was tied. Despite everyone's best efforts, the team came up short 34-25. Player of the Day went to Eumz Salmasan.

TERM 2 SPORTS FEES OUT NOW

Thank you to everyone who is playing and supporting sport at SPC this Term. Sports fees for Term 2 have been emailed to you.

If you haven't yet paid your Term 1 fees, please do so now. Thanks.

TEAM LISTS & WEEKLY GAME DRAWS

Team lists and weekly game draws are on our school website [here](#), on the notice board on the field-side of the staffroom, and on the wall in the school office. Draws will be updated weekly.

INLINE HOCKEY

The Buffalo's did some amazing team work in last night's game. The final score was Cardinals St Pius 4, Buffalo's 2. The team did amazingly well and we couldn't be more proud of them. The game finished with everyone quite sweaty!

In this week's game our scores were made by Jayden (17) and Dominic (96), but this couldn't have been done without Maddy, Dakota, Miesha and Rene. Keep it up Team! This week's practice was balancing with balloons and we had a blast! *Go Buffalo's!!*



UPCOMING SPORTING EVENTS

- ✓ Junior Tough Guy & Gal Challenge: Hamilton, 19 June 2024
<https://juniortggc2024.events.mygameday.app/>
- ✓ Hamilton Gymsport Schools Festival: Hamilton, 27 June 2024
<https://www.spc.ac.nz/1203/pages/108-gymnastics>
- ✓ Waikato Gymsport Schools Festival: Hamilton, 22 August 2024
<https://www.spc.ac.nz/1203/pages/108-gymnastics>
- ✓ AIMS Games: Tauranga, 7 - 13 September 2024
<https://www.nzaimsgames.co.nz/>
- ✓ LYSAGHT Karapiro 100K Flyer: Karapiro, 12 October 2024
<https://www.eventpromotions.co.nz/>
- ✓ Mitre 10 Mega City to Surf: Tauranga, 10 November 2024
<https://www.eventpromotions.co.nz/>

SPORT PARENT LEADS

AIMS Games - Miha Brown, spcsecretary2020@gmail.com
Basketball - Miha Brown, spcsecretary2020@gmail.com
Gymnastics - Sandra Elliott-Brown, spcsecretary2020@gmail.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@xtra.co.nz

KIWIVOLLEY LEAGUE TERM 2

The Kiwivolley League will be starting back up in a few weeks. Please find the registration link on our [WEBSITE](#).

Playing dates:

Week 1: Wednesday 12th June

Week 3: Wednesday 26th June

Week 2: Wednesday 19th June

Week 4: Wednesday 3rd July

Venue: The Peak. 60 Kimbrae Drive

Cost: \$100 per team

Format: Each team will get 2 games and 1 duty per night. Games start at 4pm and will go for around 20mins each. Games are 4-aside but we recommend a few extra players to make up the team.