



# St Peter Chanel Catholic School

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# Newsletter

12th December 2024



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John the Baptist testifies that Jesus is the true Light who brings divine truth and life.

## This week's Bible Quote

### 3rd Sunday of Advent

I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,' as Isaiah the prophet said.

John 1:23

## Important Dates

### December

Fri 13th	Year 8 Retreat Year 8 Social
Wed 18th	Junior Christmas Liturgy 10.30am
Thurs 19th	School Mass 10am Year 8 Leaving Ceremony Year 8 Prizegiving 1.30pm
Fri 20th	School Disco 5-7pm School closes for 2024 @ 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

## Year 8 Retreat

**Friday 13th 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.



## Year 8 Social

**Friday 13th 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.



## Junior Nativity

**Wednesday 18th 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 Leavers Mass

**Year 8 Leavers Mass followed by Candle Ceremony**

**Thursday 19th December**

The students will attend 10.00am Mass. Following the Mass, our traditional Candle Ceremony for the Year 8's will be held.



## Year 8 Prizegiving

**Thursday 19th 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.



## Last Day

**Friday 20th December**

**Last day of this school year**

Final Assembly 11.30am. - 12.30pm.  
School closes at 12.30pm.



# Year 8 Trip

## Waimarino

### Wednesday 11th December

The Year 8's visited Waimarino Adventure Water Park for the day. Waimarino is situated in the Bethlehem area of Tauranga. The students were involved in swimming, kayaking, hydro-sliding and other water-based activities. It was a great day for the students to enjoy being together before moving to the various secondary schools next year.





## Class Lists 2025

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

Note: parent requests for class placement has closed.



## School Office Opening Hours

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

The office will re-open on:

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

Wednesday 5th February 10pm—  
2pm (Uniform Shop will be open)

Friday 7th February - normal school  
hours



## School Stationery lists

The school stationery lists can be accessed on the school website [spc.ac.nz](http://spc.ac.nz). Also on the Officemax Myschool website.

<https://www.myschool.co.nz/stpccs>

New Entrants and Year 1&2 stationery will be provided by the school and parents/caregivers will be invoiced in 2025.



## Community Survey

A community survey will be emailed out Monday 16th December. We want to ascertain the level of parents satisfaction with the school as we plan for the next school year. Your feedback will be appreciated.



## Board of Trustees

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The Board are holding their last meeting of the year on Tuesday 17th December at 7.00 pm in the staff-room.

## Christmas Times

### Tuesday 24th December:

St Peter Chanel – 5.00 pm Carols, followed by Mass at 5.30 pm.

St Joseph's - 5.00 pm Carols, followed by Mass at 5.30 pm

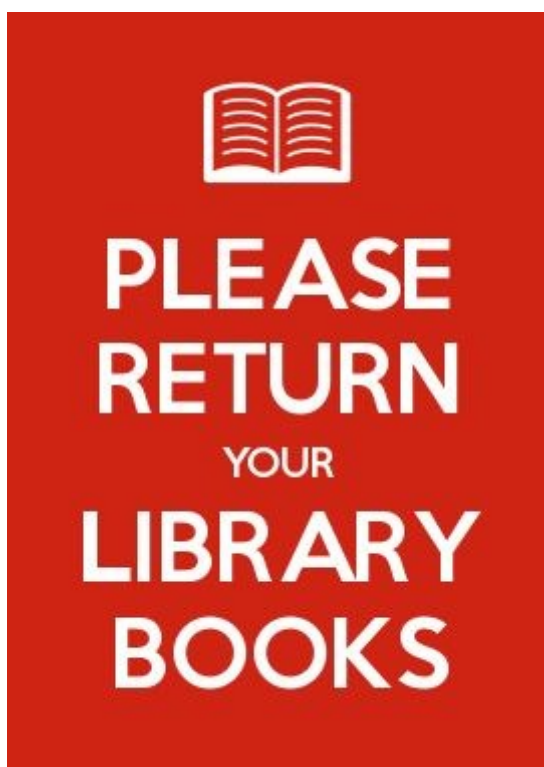
### Wednesday 25th December

St Joseph's - 9.00 am Christmas Day Mass



## Library Books Returned

Could you please make sure your children's library books are returned to the school library ASAP, so the stock take can begin. Thank you.



## School Spirit Cup

This week the School Spirit Cup is awarded to Maeve van de Engel, Cormac Curtin, Lena Robinson, Alex Reetz, Mikey Sifleet, and Kaziah Larianova.

Earlier last week this group of students set a goal to clean the school grounds in the hope they would receive the School Spirit Cup. Every break they spent their time collecting rubbish. They were committed to the goal and achieved their intention. Well done.



## School Kit

School Kit is a business that makes teaching resources for schools. They have arranged 50 Nestle fundraiser boxes for schools, and we were lucky enough to be chosen as a recipient.

The box is packed full of well-known brands including Maggi, Cheerios, Milo, Nescafe, TUX and even all the ingredients for the classic Kiwi Dip. Note: there is no chocolate.

Raffle tickets are on sale at the school office - \$2.00 a ticket. Funds will go towards the purchase of the new school van.



## SPC School Disco

### SAINT PETER CHANEL – CHRISTMAS DISCO

All students Year 0 – Year 8 are invited to join us on THURSDAY 19 December for a Christmas themed Disco!

We are holding the disco at DFX (Above Spotlight). Held from 5pm – 7 pm, we have two disco rooms Year 0 – Year 4 and Year 5 – Year 8.

\$2.00 entry with glow products and snacks available for purchase.

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:

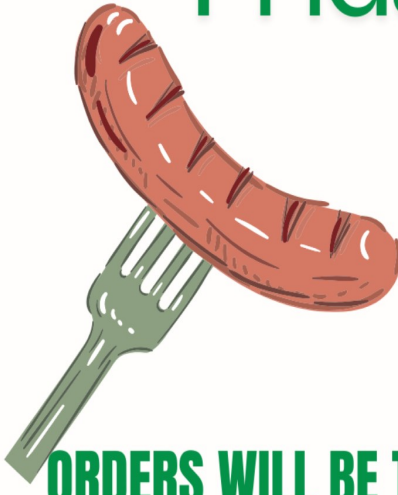
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**Sausage Sizzle**

**Final for 2024!**

**Sausage Sizzle  
Friday!**



**\$3 each  
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2 for \$5**

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ON FRIDAY MORNING**

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Please contact Fiona from the PTFA if you'd like to sponsor a Friday Sausage Sizzle  
fiona\_54@hotmail.com



## 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

Donations to Parish of the Holy Cross:

One off Donations: Foyer envelope or

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matic Payments:

Contact office

Parish Priest:

Office & Residence: 86 Clarkin Rd

Hamilton, 3214 Ph: 07 855 6214

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

## Term Dates 2025

### Term 1

Friday 7th February - Friday 11th April  
Easter & Anzac Day fall in the School  
Holidays

Good Friday 18th April

Easter Sunday 20th April

Easter Monday 21st April

Anzac Day Friday 25th April

### Term 2

Monday 28th April– Friday 27th June

Monday 3rd June Kings Birthday

Friday 20th June Matariki

### Term 3

Monday 14th July-Friday 19th

September

### Term 4

Monday 6th October-Friday 19th

December

Monday 27th October Labour Day





## Drum Tuition 2025

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 \$30.00 per lesson 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.

**Phone or Text**

**Malcolm Boyd on**

**021-152-3747**



## Absences

If your child is away 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.**



## 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](http://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](http://www.spc.ac.nz/parents/notices)

Or posted on our Facebook page.

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

[admin@spc.ac.nz](mailto:admin@spc.ac.nz)



# SPORT

2024 St Peter Chanel Sports Club Newsletter Term 4 Week 9

## SPORT REGISTRATIONS FOR TERM 1 ARE CLOSED

Term 4 teams automatically roll over into Term 1, except Yr 8's. Your team coach will be in touch before the start of Term 1 2025.

## SPORT PARENT LEADS

AIMS Games - Miha Brown, [spcsecretary2020@gmail.com](mailto:spcsecretary2020@gmail.com)

Basketball - Miha Brown, [spcsecretary2020@gmail.com](mailto:spcsecretary2020@gmail.com)

Futsal - Stephanie Martin, [sparry@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:sparry@hotmail.co.nz)

Gymnastics - Sandra Elliott-Brown, [spcsecretary2020@gmail.com](mailto:spcsecretary2020@gmail.com)

Netball - Melissa Evelyn, [melissa.wards@gmail.com](mailto:melissa.wards@gmail.com)

Splash Polo - Sandra Elliott-Brown, [spcsecretary2020@gmail.com](mailto:spcsecretary2020@gmail.com)

Touch - Miha Brown, [spcsecretary2020@gmail.com](mailto:spcsecretary2020@gmail.com)

Water Polo - Sarah Quinn, [quinnlandscaping@xtra.co.nz](mailto:quinnlandscaping@xtra.co.nz)

For more information please contact Sarie, [sports@spc.ac.nz](mailto:sports@spc.ac.nz)

## THANK YOU TO ALL OUR 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!



## TERM 4 SPORTS FEES ARE DUE BEFORE 20 DECEMBER

Thank you to everyone who is playing and supporting sport at SPC this Term. All sports fees for Term 4, except water polo, were emailed during October and are overdue for payment.

Please pay your sports fees before the end of this Term so your child is eligible to play sports next year. Thanks. *Go sports!!!*

## BASKETBALL

Our Yr 1 Jordan basketballers had a terrific end-of-Term game last Thursday. Everyone was giving it their all, streaking down the court and sinking baskets. Elliot even played with a sprained ankle! Now that's dedication!



In the second half we were down to only 5 players due to an on-court injury, so no one got a break. For the last 3 minutes of the game the score didn't change, despite lots of to and fro ball handovers. We were delighted to come away with a win 18-17!



Thank you so much to all the parents, grandparents and caregivers for getting our players to and from games and practices.

And thank you to our wonderful little players who have worked so hard and learnt so much over this Term. Our team (including coaches!) has gone from complete newbies in our first game, to brilliant, skilled basketballers at the end!

Well done Cormac, Jack, Monty, Elliot, Evie, Mikey, Jimmy and Ivy. Every single player on our team was awarded Player of the Day!  
*Coach & Mr Coach*



Friday 6th Dec our Year 5/6 Bryant played against St Columbas in the finals. SPC came to play! It was an amazing way to end the season with our SPC superstars winning 42 - 11 and coming first in their pool! We are



so incredibly proud of this team! They have played absolutely amazing and their growth and development in each and every game is evident! Well done Team!!

Massive thank you to Coach Quintin Henderson - you have done an amazing job with this team!



## TIME TO RETURN ALL SPORTS UNIFORMS

If your child has a school sports singlet or netball dress, please wash and return it to the school office before the end of next week when we close for the holidays. Thanks!

## TRY WATER POLO THIS SUNDAY FOR FREE!



**splash**  
waikato

**Polo**

Intro to Water Polo Sessions

Sunday 15th December  
SESSION TIMES: 1Pm, 2Pm & 3Pm

Contact Teri on [fliPaballhamilton@gmail.com](mailto:fliPaballhamilton@gmail.com) / 02108195130 to register

## JUNIOR TOUGH GUY & GAL CHALLENGE 2025!

Do you love mud? Then this one's for you! The Junior Tough Guy & Gal is an extreme off-road running event.

We have booked **40** slots for our school team in Hamilton on **Wednesday, 11 June 2025**. To find out more information, go to <https://eventpromotions.co.nz/junior-tough-guy-and-gal-challenge/>

If you would like to join our school team, click on the following link [JTGG Registration](#) or visit our SPC website and select *Parents / SPC Sports / Junior Tough Guy & Gal*, and complete the form. First in, first served!

We are also looking for **parents to be in charge on the day**, just to put up the gazebo and hand out running bibs. If you can help, please check the box on the registration form. Thanks!

