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Newsletter

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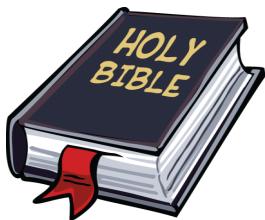
It is important where
we place our trust
and heart.

This week's Bible Quote

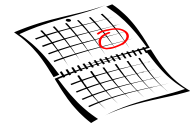
6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

'Blessed are you who are poor, for the
Kingdom of God is yours'

Luke 6:20



Important Dates February 2025



Fri 7th	First day Term 1 2025
Sat 15th	School leads Parish Mass. Parish Picnic
Mon 17th	MEET THE TEACHERS Yr 7/8 Waterworld
Tues 18th	Yr 5/6 Waterworld BOT Meeting
Wed 19th	Yr 7/8 Waterworld
Thurs 20th	Yr 5/6 Waterworld
Fri 21st	Yr 7/8 Rangiaowhia Commemoration Super Smash Cricket Lessons
Mon 24th	Yr 7/8 Waterworld
Tues 25th	Yr 5/6 Waterworld
Wed 26th	Yr 7/8 Waterworld Road Patrol Refresher
Thurs 27th	Yr 5/6 Waterworld
Fri 28th	Crazy Hair Day

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

Welcome to 2025 School Year

It was lovely to stand at the gate last Friday morning, welcoming parents and children back to school and being met with smiles and greetings from children and parents alike. I hope you have all had a great summer break and are refreshed and ready for whatever 2025 brings.

Our teachers have put a lot of time and effort ensuring that their programmes are planned, and your children's classrooms were ready for day one. I hope that your children enjoyed their first days at school. We look forward to another good year at SPC.

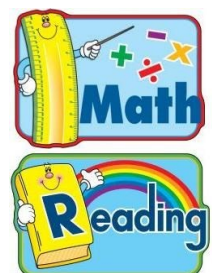
The first few weeks of the school year are vitally important as the children settle into their new classrooms and routines, and get to know their teachers and renew friendships.

It is important teachers and parents work together to support our children's learning and well-being. Teachers will be sending out regular class notices informing parents of organisational matters.



Maths & Literacy Curriculum

This year there is a new Maths and Literacy curriculum for all New Zealand schools. We will be delivering The Maths Curriculum using The "Maths No Problem," approach. This delivery method has received a lot of positive attention in the media recently and comes highly recommended. It has evolved out of the very successful Singapore Maths programme. Our school has received the teaching resources and the teachers participated in workshops during the Christmas break. A parent information sheet is attached. Please read this and keep yourself informed so that you are better able to discuss your child's learning with them. We will keep you updated and seek your feedback as the year progresses. Future newsletter will provide updates on the new Maths and Literacy development in our school.



Meet the Teachers

Monday 17th February 5.00pm-5.30pm

Repeated session 5.30pm-6.00pm

With all the children now settled back into school life we would like to welcome you back for the 2025 school year with an informative 30 minute 'meet the teacher' meeting that will equip you to support your child's learning throughout the academic year.

The meeting will consist of a presentation by the class teacher and will inform you not only of the curriculum, but also expectations of their age group.

It is a fact that when parents work alongside the school, their child's learning benefits. We wish to ensure that your child achieves the highest success as a learner, therefore, we do urge you to make every effort to attend this meeting.



Parish/School Mass

This Saturday 15th February 5.00pm.

We encourage all our students and their families to attend. It is a great way to start the new year.

Following Mass the parish is operating a sausage sizzle. Everyone is invited. Please bring a plate of food to share, and enjoy the company.

Celebrating Community

A warm invitation is extended to our whole parish community to stay after the 5pm mass for a shared meal this Saturday.

Please bring a dish of food to share. The parish is supplying sausages & bread & a fruit punch.

There will be some games for children on the church front lawn. Families can bring suitable games too.

Fr Raj is extending a special invitation to all our faithful seniors and to new families.

Here is a chance to share in God's love and joy.

Any queries to Linda ph 0272500018 .



Classes/Staff 2025

Classes

Room 1A Maree Campbell Years 7/8

Room 1B Clare Dutton Years 7/8

Room 2 Tara Orme Years 7/8

T/A Tracey Blake & Sue Farrell

Room 4 Jackie Webber Year 1/2

Jane Roche T/A

Room 5 Carol Flower Years 5/6

Room 6 Candice Wiggill NE Year 1

Lorena Olivera-Latapie T/A

Room 7 Henna Shareef Year 1

Dee Aitken T/A

Room 8 Katrina Murphy Year 5/6

Room 9 Amy McChesney Years 3/4

Room 10 Claudia Andrew Years 1/2

Frances Hallberg T/A

Room 11 Jessica Van Der Mee Years 3/4

Room 12 Judith White Years 3/4



School Dates 2025

Term 1 – 7th February—11th April

Term 2 – 28th April—27th June

Term 3 – 14th July—19th September

Term 4 – 6th October– 19th December

Easter Friday 18th April (School Holidays)

Public Holidays – school closed

King's Birthday– 2nd June

Matariki – 20th June

(during term break)

Labour Day – Mon. 27th October



Emergency Contact Details

It is essential for contact tracing purposes 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

BOT Meeting

The first Board of Trustees Meeting for 2025 is to be held in the staffroom on Tuesday 18th February at 7.00pm.

School Standards

The school staff endeavour to maintain high standards of behaviour and action amongst themselves and students.

We ask parents to read through our school standards of behaviour and discuss them with their children.

1. Students will address teachers and other adults with courtesy and respect, greeting them politely, and not interrupting adult conversation. Respect for adults will be shown at all times.
2. Students are expected to show care and respect for each other. Bullying behaviour is not tolerated.
3. Fighting (including play fighting and playing with sticks), tormenting or teasing will not be tolerated.
4. Students must respect the rights of others to learn in the classroom. Arrive at class on time and be prepared to apply themselves to learning.
5. When a student is given a duty to do, it will be completed to the best of their ability.
6. School and others' property must be respected. No touching other students bags, items, scooters or bikes.
7. No sweets at school, which includes gum.
8. No visiting shops, to and from school, without parental supervision. (Only exception is with Principal's permission).
9. The use of inappropriate language is not accepted.
10. Students are to hand in their phones at the Office each morning for safe-keeping.
11. Chromebooks must be used for learning.
12. No kicking footballs or rugby balls on the courts due to close proximity to neighbouring properties.
13. Native bush, caretakers sheds, behind courts, and behind the library and Room 9 is out of bounds
14. Students will wear their full uniform to and from school.
 - Hair is expected to be tidy and of natural colour. Shoulder length hair must be tied back. Any hair ties must be appropriate colour (red, green, white).
 - Nail polish and make-up are not to be worn.
 - The following are permitted: - one pair of stud earrings, watch, cross and chain, or a culturally significant symbol.

Failure to keep the standards will be dealt with in a variety of ways from full discussions with students through to the withdrawal of a student from class. Detentions will be an option.

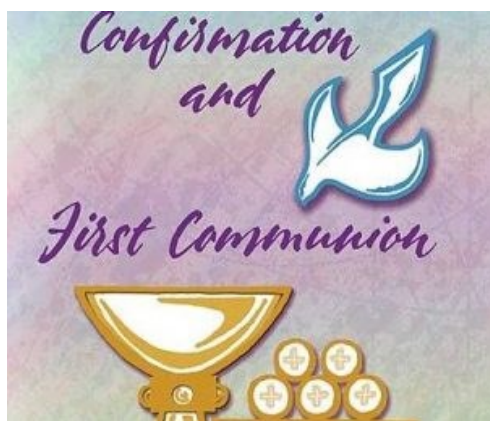
However, our emphasis is not on punishment rather, encouraging the student to accept responsibility for their actions and behaviours and exercising age-appropriate self-discipline.

Parents will be always be advised of any serious or continuing behavioural problems and will be involved in assisting the school with resolving them. If a student is sent from a classroom for misbehaviour their parents will be contacted.

Sacramental Programme

The original dates have been altered due to Bishop Richard's availability.

Monday	Session
28th April	1
5th May	2
12th May	3
19th May	4
26th May	5
2nd June	Public Holiday
9th June	6
16th June	7
30th June	School Holidays
7th July	School Holidays
14th July	Reconciliation
20th July	Confirmation Communion



Lost Property

Please name ALL clothing, shoes, hats, drink bottles and lunch boxes. This year the Lost Property Bins are located on the classroom decks. Named items usually find their way back to their rightful owner.



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 caregiver 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

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

Hats

School Sun Hats are compulsory for this Term. All students are required to wear a sunhat during break times and when involved in out-of-class activities. New hats are available for purchase from the school office at the cost for \$15.00.



Mass Times

St Peter Chanel

Tuesday 10.15am

Thursday 10.15am

Saturday 5.00pm

St Joseph's

Wednesday 10.15 am

Friday 10.15am

Saturday 9.00am

Sunday 9.00am

Donations to Parish of the Holy Cross:
One off Donations: Foyer envelope. Or
bank: 02-0454-0000400-000 Auto-
matic Payments: Contact office

Parish Priest: Fr Raj

Office & Residence:

86 Clarkin Rd Hamilton, 3214

Ph: 07 855 6214

Email: parishhc@cdh.org.nz

Website: holycross.cdh.org.nz

Office: St Joseph's 86 Clarkin Rd

Hours:

Wednesday 9.00-12.00

Thursday 9.00-4.00

Friday 2.00-4.00



Uniforms

The uniform shop is open every day. However, please expect delays at busy times of the day such as before and after school. For your convenience purchases from the Uniform Shop can also be made online through our website. We can fit and deliver uniform items to your child during the course of the day.

All uniform items stocked in our shop are sold to the parents at cost to keep costs to a minimum.

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 everyday.



Safe Zone Magazine

Hamilton Safe Zone magazine is a publication that is aimed at primary aged Tamariki and we thank Safekids Aotearoa (Starship Digital and Community Engagement) for editorial.

Our shared vision is that every child in Hamilton Region and Aotearoa New Zealand enjoys a childhood free from traumatic, unintentional injury

To access magazine on your PC go to:

<https://communitysafety.co.nz/magazine.php?m=269>

For FREE ACCESS just scan the below QR Code (This is only for Mobile devices)



Drum Lessons 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.

Phone or Text

Malcolm Boyd on

021-152-3747





Join our school's Crazy Hair Day

Bring a donation and get creative with your hair



Bring a donation to support Shave for a Cure

Location Saint Peter Chanel School

Date Friday 28th February 2025



SPORT

2025 St Peter Chanel Sports Club Newsletter Term 1 Week 2

TERM 1 SPORTS ARE READY TO GO!

If you haven't heard from your coach, please contact the parent lead for your sport on the emails below. *Go sports!!!*

SPORT PARENT LEADS

AIMS Games - Miha Brown, spcsecretary2020@gmail.com

Basketball - Miha Brown, spcsecretary2020@gmail.com

Futsal - Stephanie Martin, sparry@gmail.com

Gymnastics - Sandra Elliott-Brown, spcsecretary2020@gmail.com

Netball - Melissa Evelyn, melissa.wards@gmail.com

Splash Polo - Sandra Elliott-Brown, spcsecretary2020@gmail.com

Touch - Miha Brown, spcsecretary2020@gmail.com

Water Polo - Sarah Quinn, quinnlandscaping@xtra.co.nz

For more information please contact Sarie, sports@spc.ac.nz

SPORTS FEES

Thank you to everyone who is playing and supporting sport at SPC this Term. Invoices will come out shortly. Please pay promptly. Thanks!

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!



BASKETBALL

If you have not yet accessed the Waikato Basketball website to pay the \$5 levy and register your child, you still have time. Waikato Basketball emailed you 5th/6th Feb with instructions. If you cannot find that email please check your spam folder.



All players have been asked to collect a singlet from the office during lunchtime this week. If you still have a singlet from last year please have it ready for game-day. If you end up with 2 singlets please return one to the office.

You can download the Gameday APP from the Google App store, create an account and then you'll be able to see your child's game schedule.

TOUCH

All players have been asked to collect a singlet from the office during lunchtime this week. If you still have a singlet from last year please have it ready for game-day. If you end up with 2 singlets please return one to the office.



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!

