



St. Peter's School
BECKENHAM, CHRISTCHURCH

Week 2 5 February 2019 Term 1

Principal's Update

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope that you have all had an enjoyable break and are ready to embrace the opportunities that 2019 presents.

It has been lovely meeting so many of you over the past few days and to reconnect with a few familiar faces. Thank you for the warm welcome I received from the whole school community, it has made my first few days here very enjoyable. I want to make special mention of the senior students who stepped up and performed the St. Peter's school haka for me. It speaks volumes about the leadership qualities within this Year 7 & 8 group and I look forward to watching them grow further this year.

The school community should be very proud of the staff and students at St Peter's school, who featured in this month's issue of the New Zealand Catholic Education Office newsletter, 'Lighting New Fires'. This issue included an article titled 'Meditation in Schools', which was written by Rev Kelvin Wright after he visited the school last year. He was so impressed with what he observed, that he shared his experience in a recent Anglican Schools Office newsletter. I encourage you to read the article <https://nzceo.schoolzineplus.com/newsletter/article/172?skin=1>. It is a testament to the wonderful work that is happening in the school.

In order for you to learn more about your child's homebase and the programmes within the junior and senior teams, we will be holding a 'Meet the Teacher' night on Monday 11th February. The evening will begin with a family picnic from 5.30 - 6.00pm, where you will have an opportunity to meet and catch up with other families. The Matau team (Yr 1- 3) will talk about their programme from 6 - 6.30pm, followed by the Tangaroa team (Yrs 4 - 8) from 6.30 - 7.00pm. The Tangaroa team will also be sharing some important information about the upcoming Year 5 & 6 camp to Living Springs and the Year 7 & 8 camp to Arthurs Pass.

I encourage you to come along, as this is a great opportunity to hear more about how each programme runs and what you can do to support your child's learning.

We are currently in the process of reinstating the library, which over the past two years has been used as an additional teaching space. We would really value your input and would love to hear any ideas you have about how we could design this space. There is a suggestion box in the office for you to contribute your ideas.

A huge congratulations to Tracey Burgess who at the end of last year was awarded her Bachelor of Education, with a graduate certificate in teaching English to students of other languages. Tracey completed this while on study leave and it was the culmination of a lot of hard work and extra study over the past few years. Well done.

Once again, thank you for making my first few days at St Peter's so enjoyable and for warmly welcoming both myself and my family into your community.

As this is the first newsletter for the year I thought that it was important to send it out via email. Future newsletters will be sent out through skool loop and will also be uploaded to our school facebook page. Newsletters will continue to come out fortnightly on a Wednesday. Please make sure that you take the time to read the newsletter, as it contains important dates and information.

Ngā mihi
Stephanie Kitto

*He aha te mea nui o te ao?
He tāngata, he tāngata, he tāngata.*

*What is the most important thing in the world?
It is people, it is people, it is people.*



Upcoming Events

UPCOMING EVENTS

6 Feb	Waitangi Day
8 Feb	Prayer service to commemorate Waitangi day 9am in the Parish centre (replaces assembly for this week)
11 Feb	Meet the teacher night. 5.30 - 7pm
13 Feb	PTA AGM—in staffroom at 6.45pm—all welcome
13 Feb	'Little Red Riding Wolf' - Hagley production. Whole school 1.30pm
20 Feb	BoT meeting, 6pm all welcome
20 - 22 Feb	Year 7 & 8 camp at Arthurs Pass
21 & 22 Feb	Year 6 Cycle Safety
27 Feb- 1 March	Year 5 & 6 camp at Living Springs
5 March	Shrove Tuesday - Pancake races at 12pm
6 March	Ash Wednesday mass - 9am
10 March	School mass, "New Beginning", first Sunday in Lent, <u>compulsary attendance</u> 9.30am children to be in uniform
14 March	Physical activities leadership training (PAL's) - Lincoln 10 - 2.30
14, 21, 28 March	Hockey skills
27 March	Matau trip to Orana Park (details to come)
28 March	Year 7 & 8 Leadership day
4 April	Hockey skills
8 -12 April	Holy Week Commemorations

Term Dates 2019

Term 1 — 31 Jan—12 April

Term 2 —29 April—5 July

Term 3 —22 July—27 Sept

Term 4 —14 Oct—17 Dec

Special Character

Wednesday 6 February is Waitangi Day, the day which marks Aotearoa's foundation as a bicultural nation. It commemorates the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi between the Maori chiefs of New Zealand with the British Crown on February 6th 1840. The Catholic faith was brought to New Zealand by Jean Baptiste Pompallier SM, a bishop from Lyons, France in 1838, before the treaty was signed. Pompallier celebrated the first Mass in New Zealand on 13 January 1838 at the home of Thomas and Mary Poynton at Totara Point. Bishop Pompallier was appointed the first Bishop of Auckland in 1848, a post which he held until 1869. He died in Puteaux, France in 1871. In 2002 his remains were returned to New Zealand and buried under the altar of St Mary's Church, Motuti.

"For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy."
(St Therese of Lisieux - Manuscripts, C 25r)

St Therese of Lisieux
Carmelite nun.
1873 - 1897



 Email DRS—Sandra

Office Update and Reminders

School Student accounts

The accounts will be emailed out this term approximately week 5. All accounts have been rolled over, credits on accounts and debts for consumables recognised, and all 2018 donation components removed from them. If you would like to set up a direct credit for 2019 please reference your CHILDS last name and use the St Peter's school account number 123151 0173682 00

When the student account is fully paid I send home via your child a paper receipt for tax claim purposes. Please ensure this is stored with your accounts.

A reminder that **Sancta Maria Parish** will also send you an invoice for attendance dues.

[Attendance dues 2019](#) link to the Bishop's letter. This is not collected by the school and will have a bank account for direct credits on the bottom of the invoice. *Please take care to ensure you use the correct accounts when internet banking.*

Health and personal information forms— Return these forms to the office please.

(excluding Inaka as this has been completed on enrolment)

Permission, personal & emergency information and health forms for 2019 will arrive home in paper form shortly. I will alert you through school loop on the day these have been given to homebase teachers to hand out.

- Please check all address, phone and email details are correct so our student management system can be updated.
- Please ensure ALL permissions have been circled YES or NO to **all** questions indicated.
- Ensure the Health section is fully completed and please include the expiry date of each medicine and inhaler you are listing. By listing medicines on this form you are giving permission for us to administer these at school.

Cyber safety forms

At the same time you will receive the *2019 cyber safety forms* from homebase teachers to discuss and complete with your child, then **return the signed copy to your homebase teacher**. Please retain the coloured copy for your reference.

 Email office

REMINDERS:

Sun safety—We are a sun smart school. Children will need to have their school sunhat every day in order to play outside. Anyone without a school sunhat will stay under the shade umbrellas at break times. The school office has hats available for \$12.50.

School access—Children access the school either by walking along the path from Fisher Avenue at the side of the church (**NOT the driveway**) or through the gate on Beckenham Street. Please DO NOT drive down the driveway to the carpark between 8.30am and 9.15am or 2.45pm and 3.30pm. This is for the safety of all children at St Peter’s School as the driveway is a shared driveway with the parish and parish-ioners use the driveway throughout the day, as do service vehicles and staff members.

Parking— We appreciate the difficulties we are experiencing at the moment with the roadworks. This however does not give you the freedom to park over driveways, on dotted yellow lines, or in any illegal park such as disabled mobility specified parks. Please have consideration for our neighbours and each other and as the weather is beautiful please consider walking a little further to avoid traffic congestion.

CASPA—Before and after school care

This service is on offer in the Parish centre. We will have information packs available from the office information stand shortly.

Ezlunch at St Peter’s School

<http://www.ezlunch.co.nz/>

The ezlunch service is a great convenient way to order healthy lunch options for your children. Ezlunch orders are made online through a myKindo account. One account for the whole family! Families simply login before 9am and place their order and payment online. The order is automatically generated from the food supplier, labelled with your child’s name on every item and delivery is made to the school in time for our lunch break.



St Peter's Children's Liturgy Volunteer

If you were able to lead children's liturgy approximately 4 times a year please email Maria from the parish at madamski123@gmail.com. Resources are available on line and the parish office can do any photocopying you may require. It would be great to have a few people offer, that way we can have children's liturgy each week which makes the mass more relevant and enjoyable for the children



Senior School Jackets

Fill in this form and hand into the office by Friday 15th February.
Sizing – please have your child try on other classmates senior jackets to check the size you require. I have the ‘small mens’ and size 13-14 available in the office for size check.

Sizes	Price	Childs name
Kids 9-10— half chest 52cm,length 61cm	\$80	
Kids 11-12 half chest 54cm, length 63cm	\$80	
Kids 13-14 half chest 57cm, length 65cm	\$80	
Small Men’s - half chest 58cm, length 70cm Sleeves are about 15cm longer than the kids large size	\$90	

I authorise the purchase of this jacket for my child in the size indicated above.

I will make a payment now into the school account -123151 0173682 00 ref: snr jacket and ref code: child's last name.

Parent Signed:.....

For all direct payments to the school: 123151 0173682 00
Please put your child's name as a reference

Matau Team Update

Discovery Fridays are wonderful sessions which our junior children greatly enjoy. We include activities such as arts and crafts, ball handling, cosmic yoga, dressups, board games. We even have the privilege of a group of elderly who visit each fortnight to share knitting, crochet and games .

The local preschool sends groups of youngsters over to join in the fun during each term too. We are looking for more folk to assist with the program as helpers (grandparents are especially welcome).

You DO NOT NEED TO HAVE A CHILD IN THE JUNIOR SCHOOL, everyone is welcome.

The program runs from 10 to 11.am each Friday. The first Discovery day of 2019 is planned for 22nd February.

If you are keen to come along and assist us we would love to have you "on-board". Please email me at: sandra@saintpeters.school.nz



@ [Email Matau Team Leader](mailto:sandra@saintpeters.school.nz)

Tangaroa Team Update

It's fantastic to have the children back and settling into class life. We are all excited about setting up learning spaces and sharing expectations for the year. Our focus is on new beginnings and our understanding of the key competences and our values. The children are sharing their ideas and creating displays in every room. Rights, roles and responsibilities are being shared out and it has been great to see people stepping up.

We are looking forward to running the Christchurch City Council Cycle Safe programme for the year 6 students on **Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd February. Permission slips have been sent home and must be back to school by Friday 7th Feb.** The children will need their bikes and helmets at school for these two days. They do have bikes and helmets should any students need to borrow them so please let Moira know in advance so no one misses out.

AND THEN there is CAMP! The year 4 children will be involved in a programme based here at school (no sleepover) while the other groups visit Living Springs and Arthur's Pass. More information will be shared at our school's information night (11th Feb).

@ [Email Tangaroa Team Leader](mailto:sandra@saintpeters.school.nz)

PE and Sports

Upcoming events

South Zone swimming sports - Thursday 14 March

Hockey Lessons - Thursday 14, 21, 28 March and 4 April

Cross Country 2019 - Tuesday 7 May (Zone Cross Country - Wednesday 15 May)

Winter sports 2019 - Thursday 16 May - Thursday 15 August

In Tangaroa there are 61 Year 5 - 8 students wanting to play football or netball in this year's winter sports tournament, which will be held on Thursday afternoons from 1:15 pm to 2:30pm at Hagley Park.

In order for all 61 students to participate we will need parent assistance to manage teams and to help with umpiring/refereeing. It would be ideal to have two adults per team.

Miss Burgess and Mr Shaw will accompany the group and will manage one team each. Mrs Chisholm will be organising sports for the Year 4 students who will remain at school.

Please contact the office or Miss Burgess if you would be available to manage a team each Thursday afternoon, for the duration of the winter sport season. The number of teams we enter will be determined by the number of adults we have to assist with the teams.

The sport seasons will conclude with the Primary Schools winter tournament on Thursday 22 August at Hagley Park. Games start 11.00am. (Postponement dates 27 or 29 August). The teams will also compete in the Catholic Schools winter tournament. The date for this is yet to be confirmed.

@ [Email Sport Coordinator](mailto:sandra@saintpeters.school.nz)

Board of Trustees Update

Happy New Year and welcome back to St Peter's School

We trust you all had a lovely summer holiday and have been taking advantage of the warm weather. We would like to extend a big welcome to our new principal Stephanie Kitto who started with us in the New Year. Also another welcome to Angela Duncan who has returned and is covering Megan Sauni's maternity leave for terms 1-3 this year.

The New Zealand School Trustees Association are currently preparing for this year's Board of Trustees elections. They are working very hard to encourage parent and whanau participation on school boards in order to help shape and support the education of their children. They will be rolling out the Korari Programme for anyone interested in finding out about standing for the school board elections and having a say in the education of their children.

1. **Korari form:** NZSTA will support anyone who advises us they are interested in becoming a trustee, by way of the workshops but also providing access to our Learning Management System where online modules re. school governance, student achievement etc. can be completed. Attached is a form on the last page of this newsletter for completion which should be emailed to korari@nzsta.org.nz Click on this link: [Korari form](#)

2. **Community member guide to the role of the board of trustees:** This explains a lot of commonly asked questions and information about becoming a trustee. Click on this link: [Community member guide to the role of the board of trustees](#)

In the next few newsletters we will highlight some commonly asked questions;

What is a School Board of Trustees – School Boards are responsible for the school/kura's performance and ensuring that all legal requirements are met. The board of trustees is a crown entity – an organisation that is part of the New Zealand public sector.

Our next board meeting is

Wednesday 20th February at 6pm in the staffroom

everyone is welcome to attend.



[Email Board Secretary](#)



[Email Board Chair](#)

Our board members are: John Abbott (chair), Pip Toomey, Nicole Bailey, Glenn Matheson, Father Barry Malone, Paul Arthurs, Paul Hulse, Rebecca Young, John Fenton, Tracey Burgess (staff rep) and Stephanie Kitto (Principal).

PTA Update

Happy New Year and a warm welcome to new families that have joined St. Peter's.

The **PTA AGM is scheduled for next Wednesday, 13th February, at 6.45pm** in the school staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend, so if you have been thinking about joining or want some more information, please do come along.

We are pleased to have Maxine Gill as our teacher representative this year.

Nominations and allocation of the Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary roles will also be completed at this meeting. We hope to see you there.

@ [Email PTA](#)

Music in School

Guitar, Bass and Ukulele Tuition St Peters School 2019

Beginner Guitar, Bass and ukulele lessons, both group and some individual are available during school time beginning February 2018.

Roger Hamilton has been teaching these instruments for between 6 and 12 years and has done so in 2 other South West Christchurch schools as well.

If you would like your child to enroll in learning an instrument, either call or email Roger Hamilton directly on the contacts below or fill out this page and return the tear off section to the Office by start of term. All payments are made directly to Roger.

email: rbhamilt@gmail.com

cell: 027 3070466 / 9424619

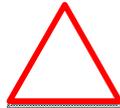
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Note: Children can learn Ukulele from Year 3 up. To learn Guitar, you need to be at least Year 5. And bass learning is from year 6 up. The reason for these limits is the physicality of learning the instruments. Many of my students start on Ukulele and go onto Guitar, they learn a lot of the skills for the guitar on the ukulele by that, plus they know how to play 2 instruments. The ukulele is becoming more and more popular amongst adults as well as children. I recently saw a virtuoso player from Canada on Ukulele play the 'Jumping Flea', which is the English translation of 'Ukulele'. He is known as one of the best players in the world. If you are curious, go to YouTube and search "James Hill. Ukulele"

My child would like to learn the following instrument(s): (tick the shape)

Guitar



Ukulele



Bass Guitar



Child's name: _____

Signed (Parent/caregiver): _____

Date: _____

Community Notices



Children's Day **SUNDAY**
03 March
11AM-3PM
CROWN OWNED LAND
152 New Brighton Rd

FREE

AT&T 12:20 PM 74%

CLARRIE LIGHT

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CASPA Before School Care Opening at St Peter's in Term 1, 2019

Opening time is 7.15am to 8.30am
Bookings are open via our website and
the aimyPlus Parent Portal



Subsidies Apply

Phone: 03 349 9260
Email: info@caspa.org.nz

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Community Notices

Sydenham Rugby Club

Junior Registration Dates 2019:

Junior registrations (U6 – U18) will be held at the Cashmere Club in the Sydenham Lounge on:

Wed, 13th Feb, 5pm to 7pm

Sun, 17th Feb, 10am – 12pm

To register / purchase shorts and socks / measure for uniform size

Birth certificates / passport, are required for all new members.

Fees:

\$80 subscription per player - (2 siblings \$120) (3 siblings \$140) (4 siblings \$180)

Shorts \$25, socks \$20 will be available to purchase at each registration day with eftpos available

Register Online:

www.sydenhamrugby.co.nz/sydenham-rc/registration



ONLINE REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW

Visit our website at:

<http://www.sydenhamrugby.co.nz>

Go to Registrations 2019

Choose the form required (Junior, Senior, Coach, Volunteer).

Note: all U14-U18 players will be playing through Cashmere Rugby so register with them.

Please register and pay online by 1 April - please have your credit card ready.

Under 6 - Under 13: you can still come down to the Sydenham Lounge to be fitted for Sydenham team jerseys and jackets, purchase shorts/socks etc, on:

Wednesday 13 February, 5-7pm OR Sunday 17 February, 10am-12pm

Please share with friends and family