



Sacred Heart School Petone

Te Kura o Ngākau Tapu ki Pito-One

NEWSLETTER

DATES TO NOTE

Tues 24 Nov

- Interzone Athletics (pp26th)

Wed 25 Nov

- Early Risers Session 4 2pm
- BoT Meeting 7pm

Fri 27 Nov

- Assembly
- Petone Christmas Parade

Mon 30 Nov

- Loving for Life (Yr 7/8 girls)

Tues 1 Dec

- Loving for Life (Yr 7/8 boys)
- Regional Athletics (pp 3rd)

Wed 2 Dec

- Yr 7/8 Retreat Home of Compassion

Fri 4 Dec

- Touch finishes

Sat 5 Dec

- Future Ferns Y1/2 finishes

Tues 8 Dec

- TTT Day whole school

Wed 9 Dec

- Road Patrol Pool Party

Thurs 10 Dec

- End of Year Mass 9.30am
- School Picnic 11am

Sun 13 Dec

- Leavers Dinner Y8s and parents

Mon 14 Dec

- Christmas Newsletter
- Prizegiving Liturgy 6.30pm

Tues 15 Dec

- Last day of Term 4. School finishes at **1pm**



Wed 3 Feb 2021

- 2021 Start Date

Number 16

Wednesday 18 November 2020

Dear Parents and friends

Well it's hard to believe we are nearly at the end of November! We have 3 weeks and 2 days left of school for the year.

Congratulations to Danika Bloxham and her fiancé Sam on the safe arrival of their new son, Bodhi last week.

Congratulations to all those students who represented us at SWZ Athletics last week. It was great to finally be able to attend a sports event in this crazy year! Thanks to the parents who helped on the day and to Whaea Katy for her organisation of our team. Good luck to everyone who has made it through to Interzone Athletics next week.

Last Wednesday I attended the St Bernard's College Senior Academic Awards, and it was very pleasing to see several of our ex-students winning prizes for their academic achievements this year.

Thank you for your support of the Mission Appeal last Friday. We raised \$130.00 for the Mission Sisters work in Kenya and Bangladesh.

We have several end of year activities which are coming up, so we encourage you to read all the notices and alerts we send home please. Coming home today will be the notice about the Petone Christmas Parade. If you are intending to participate with us this year, then please read the notice and send back the return slip. This enables us to keep track of our numbers for the parade.

Late arrival at school: We have recently noticed that more and more children are coming late to school. A reminder that school starts at 9am and everyone should be here by 9am unless they have an appointment. If your child is continually late, they miss out on the important information which is given out at the start of the day. It also puts them on the backfoot for their learning.

Absence Notification: Once the roll is called at 9am, we then begin the process of checking children with unknown absences. Please use the school app or ring and leave a message if your child/ children will be away. The process of ringing to find out where children are takes up a lot of time and it is important as a safety issue. We must know where your child is, and we must give a reason if they are away. At present the Ministry of Education is checking school attendance data weekly. If we don't know where your child is, they will be marked Truant.

Please note there is NO TOUCH this Friday. Thanks to all the coaches / managers working with our teams this season. We are incredibly grateful for your support.

Book Club: The final Lucky Book Club for the year went home on Monday and

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

Carlos Abad
Angelina Criscillo
Samantha Griffiths
Sam Howat
Van Lysaght
Briana Lysaght
Harrison Bartholomew
Vitolia Koloi
Hendrix-Ana Lui



Congratulations to our
very own
Jacqui Pennington!
Jacqui was a finalist for
"Volunteer of the Year"
for College Sport
Wellington.



closes on Friday 27th November.

Thought for the Week

"He who relies on himself is lost; he who relies on God can accomplish all things."

Alphonsus Liguori

God bless

Liz

School Notices

- ◆ REMINDER – Our Year 7 girls next year will need a skirt instead of the tunic next year. The top of the tunic can be taken off, or you can get a new one. We do have a couple of second-hand ones available. This is worn with a shirt and tie.

◆ FOSH

Sacred Heart Holiday Programme:

Just a reminder to register your children for the Sacred Heart Holiday Programme 16-18 December 8.30am - 3.30pm. Email Madeline on masandjared@gmail.com or text/phone Kate on 021 374335 to register. We will have Christmas craft activities, Christmas movies, Christmas baking and a walk to Santa's grotto in Jackson Street. Be sure to register by 11 December. Cost - 1 child \$30 per day, 2 children \$50 per day, 3 children plus \$70 per day.

Sacred Heart Art Auction evening - 3 December:

Don't forget to send along your artwork to school for the Sacred Heart Art Auction evening. We can keep this locked away safe in Pohutukawa. Encourage extended family, neighbours etc to come along!

Community Notices

- ◆ GKRKarate – Karate classes in Petone for all. We have a dedicated Kids Class starting next Wednesday 4.00 - 4.45pm. Children and adults can also all train together at other class times. Tel Neil Boddington 021741119
- ◆ If anyone would like assistance preparing a CV for a job application or talk to us about career options come and talk to us at the Petone Library. One hour, free consultation offered by the Tertiary Education Commission. Everyone eligible – just come and get help to get on the job ladder! www.careers.govt.nz/careers-advice

Celebrating Our Students

Nanogirl came to Sacred Heart on Wednesday. She talked to us about science. She wore a white coat and safety goggles and gloves to do experiments. She had a superpower. It was fire. She did a science experiment. She put her hand in soapy water. I learned something new about fire! **Brody, Kererū**



Kererū class are participating in a virtual challenge for all classes in the LHPSSA schools. The challenge is to get the kids moving at school and record that movement online to race along the length of NZ through the Te Araroa Trail. There are 'bonus' challenges along the way.

Here we are learning a new game, Haka Riki, for a bonus 150km. We are halfway down the South Island now - nearly there!

Amaris and Winter-Rose marched at Petone Rec at the weekend and were lucky enough to have friends from school, Lily and Esther-Rose, to watch and support them.



We had a fantastic visit from Project Jonah. It was a fantastic learning experience with important discussions on looking after our oceans and whales.



On Monday we welcomed Hendrix-Ana to our school community. She is so lucky to have two big brothers and other whanau all here to look after her.

NO TOUCH THIS FRIDAY!
.... come to the school Disco!
Have you got your ticket yet?



Our amazing group of Athletes attending the South Western Zone Athletics day!

.. and our staff

Congratulations to Miss Bloxham and Sam!
A big welcome to our Sacred Heart community Bodhi. You are adorable!



Thank you all so much for the wonderful day of celebration you gave me. Janet



HEADS UP!

Note these dates on your calendar!

- * **Art Evening –**
Thursday 3 December
- * **End of Year Mass –**
Thursday 10 December
9.30am. All welcome.
- * **School Picnic –**
Thursday 10 December
11am. Students travel by bus.
- * **School PrizeGiving Liturgy –** Monday 14 December 6.30pm.
All students expected to attend in school uniform.
- * **Last day of Term –**
Tuesday 15 December
Please note early finish - **1.00pm.**

Search 'Schoolapps NZ' and download the free app -

'Sacred Heart Petone'

An easy way to send absentee messages straight to admin, view newsletters and notices, and urgent school 'alerts'.

PLEASE NOTE – this is different from the HERO App!

Uniform Shop

Mondays 2.45 – 3.15 pm
Tuesdays 8.45 – 9.15am
Uniform must be paid for at the time of purchase, or within 2 days if making an online payment.

Contact Us

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Sacred Heart Petone's (FAMOUS) **Art Auction** Thursday 3rd December Sacred Heart School hall

5pm - 6.30pm – parent art viewing, silent art auction, wine & cheese, \$5 entry incl. glass of wine and your child's beautiful artwork to keep
(FOSH thank you in advance for donations of unwanted framed art that can be auctioned on the night, or wine to be used for the evening event, both currently being accepted at the school office)

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It has come to the attention of the Junior school teachers that a new online RPG game called Among Us has become a popular game for our children and in some cases the children are playing this game in their play at school (not online but in dramatic play). Our concern is that this game can be joined by unknown people when played on the online platform and contains violence and deception. Age restrictions for this game range from 7+ - 16 years



Play online or over local WiFi with 4-10 players as you attempt to prep your spaceship for departure, but beware as one will be an impostor bent on killing everyone! **Crew mates** can win by completing all tasks or discovering and voting the impostor off the ship. **The Impostor** can use sabotage to cause chaos, making for easier kills and better alibis.

Among Us collects data (driven by Google) in order to serve up ads when you're on the free version. Here's the disclaimer you see when setting up the app.

Among Us allows players to connect with other players from anywhere. This of course brings the inherent stranger risk that any online game has.

The game also has in-game chatting, which you can see in the image below. BONUS – you can select a "Censor Chat" in settings and it does a decent job "****-ing" out swear words. It did well with the standard naughty words, but it let "fricken" through. But again, there's always greater risks when chatting with online strangers. Also, **note that usernames from other players can be mature.** You just can't control that. For more information on social media advice go to:

<https://www.netsafe.org.nz/social-media-parents/>

