



Sacred Heart School Petone

Te Kura o Ngākau Tapu ki Pito-One

NEWSLETTER

DATES TO NOTE

Wed 24 Feb

- BoT Meeting 7pm

Fri 26 Feb

- School Swimming Sports – Stokes Valley Pool, 10 – 12 noon

Mon 1 Mar

- Movin' March begins

Wed 3 Mar

- Last day for RISE CHALLENGE participation
- Early Risers session 3

Fri 5 Mar

- Assembly 2pm

Wed 10 – 12 Mar

- Year 7 & 8 Camp

Wed 10 Mar

- Early Risers session 4

Wed 17 Mar

- Early Risers session 5

Fri 19 Mar

- Boostrix & Gardisal vaccinations Y7 & 8 9am

Please make sure we have your correct phone numbers, email addresses and addresses!

Are your emergency contacts up to date with correct contact numbers?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Grace Wright

Toby Atkins

Iohefo Lui

Benjamin Sonneman

Chivan Wijeyeratne

Aaron Mathew

Polito-Siaki Leafa

Zion Lui

Jaqueline Hannaford

Totia Vaka

Number 2

Wednesday 24 February 2021

Malo ni Parents and friends,

Last week we began our Lenten Journey. Ash Wednesday was not what we are used to, but many parishes adapted and Ashes were distributed on the 1st Sunday of Lent.

The theme for Lent 2021 "A New Way Forward" is inspired by Pope Francis' words in Laudato Si' highlighting God's infinite presence throughout both the highs and lows of our life on earth. Throughout our lives, we face obstacles and challenges that change our world and lead us to adapt in unexpected ways. Most notably over the past year, we have all been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic which has swept the globe, touching the lives of every person and compelling us to shift our ways of living and interacting with each other. Through these seasons, God's love constantly impels us to find new ways forward.

Actions for Lent:

- Donate an item of food to a local food bank to help families in your community.
- Do something nice for someone as a random act of kindness.
- Give thanks for all the good things in your life.

We offer our prayers and sympathy to Hamish Stenhouse and Cathy Smith and family, on the recent death of Hamish's mother. Our thoughts are with you at this time.

Thanks to Kate Wasson and the FOSH team for organising the Pool Party. This was a great opportunity for our community to gather, meet the teachers and each other and the children to have a fun swim.

Thanks to Janet & Michael Whalen, Mike and Edward Gendall, Cathy Criscillo and Kate Wasson for all their help with the car parking at Petone Fair last Saturday. Over \$650.00 was made.

Thank you to all the parents who supported the Junior School trip to the Botanical Gardens yesterday. We really value your help.

Swimming Sports: Our school swimming sports will be held this Friday 26th February at Stokes Valley Pool. Please ensure that if your child is not participating you send a note to their teacher explaining why they are not swimming. Everyone may wear PE uniform to school on this day.

School Uniform: Please note no jewellery is to be worn with school uniform except plain stud earrings and a watch or Fitbit. No necklaces (except a small cross and chain or small cultural necklace) are to be worn either please.

Sacramental Programme: Last week a registration form for this year's Sacramental programme was sent home to eligible students. This form is due back by this **Friday 26th February**. It is important that you enrol by this date as we need numbers so we can organize dates and times for the programme. **Please do not pay the \$25 into the school account. This is a Parish programme and the payment should be given to me. I will collect it and pass it on to the parish.**

Touch Fees: These are now overdue and need to be paid before this Friday's game please. \$23.00 per player. Thanks to everyone who has paid these fees.

Movin' March: This begins next Monday 1st March. We have some great prizes this year for everyone who participates. The first 15 students to complete a card will receive a bag.

A big **thank you** to all the wonderful helpers we had on the Junior trip to the Botanical Gardens yesterday.



Emergency Packs: Please ensure that your children have brought an Emergency Pack to school. A reminder notice was sent home last week.

RISE Challenge: If your child/ children would like to participate in our RISE Challenge programme this year, the return slip is due back by **Wednesday 3rd March**. Please send a 20-page clearfile to school so I can set up their folder for this year.

Netball: A sign up form for Netball- (Years 3-8) will be sent home next week. Please return it by the due date as we need to organise and register our teams shortly.

Communications from school:

We send out messages on HERO and our school app. Please make sure that you can access both platforms. Each week the teacher sends out an email with an update of what's happening the next week in their class. If you are having problems accessing either of these platforms please contact either your child's teacher, Janet or myself. All notices which are sent out on the school app will automatically be put on the website. www.sacredheartpetone.school.nz

The first HERO comment for this term will be published on Friday 5th March.

2021 School Activity Contributions and School Donations:

This year we have opted into the Government Donations scheme again so you will not be invoiced for an activity contribution or school donation. You will have received a request for the Religious Education contribution, stationery and Tech (Year 7/8). Thank you to everyone who has paid this money. Camp invoices have been sent out to Year 7 & 8 students.

Thought for the Week

"If the music of the Gospel ceases to sound in our homes, our public squares, our workplaces, our political and financial life, then we will no longer hear the strains that challenge us to defend the dignity of every man and woman" **(Pope Francis Fratelli Tutti)**

Ke manuia koutou uma I te Alofa o te Atua
God bless
Liz

Community Notices

- ◆ Award winning **Arts a Go Go!** Performing Arts School for Kids Upper Hutt has limited spaces in our after-school drama classes for 6-18 year olds and in our creative writing class for 11-18 year olds. Please note our brand-new option "Out of the Box Drama" designed especially for students on the autism spectrum. For more details, and to see a list of all our classes in dance, drama and singing, please see www.artsagogo.co.nz or email rachel@artsagogo.co.nz
- ◆ **Wellington Brick Show** (Amazing Lego creations!) 13 – 14 March, 9 – 5pm. Lower Hutt Events Centre. \$30 family pass - 2 adults + 3 children, Under 3's free, \$10 per person.

PLEASE don't forget to scan if you come to our school!



School Notices

- ◆ **CAR PARKING** – Thanks so much to the A team! Mike Gendall, Mike Whalen, Cathy Criscillo and Kate Wasson, what an awesome job on Saturday morning! Thanks also to Edward Gendall, our only student to help us. We raised **\$670.60!**
- ◆ **STATIONERY** – we would like all outstanding stationery invoices to be paid please. Part payment (even \$5 a fortnight) would be appreciated if you wish to pay the amount off.
- ◆ **ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS** can be purchased at any time, and the 12 or 24 months starts from the activation date. Your membership can be activated 3 months after the purchase. There are some great deals out at present so you can eat, and play. www.entertainmentbook.co.nz
- ◆ Please note our new **UNIFORM SHOP** days and hours. Tuesdays 2.45 – 3.15 and Wednesdays 8.45 – 9.15. Thanks so much to Louise for taking over the shop for us this year.
- ◆ **Evacuation Plan** If an immediate emergency occurred and we had to evacuate the school, our destination is Maungaraki hill. Please see the map and procedures on the back page.

Celebrating Our Students



Welcome At our school assembly we welcomed Shiv and his whanau to our Sacred Heart Petone school community. This week we also welcomed Jess Bazalo as a student teacher to Sacred Heart and Tui class.



This week we had a big surprise when we were given planks and boxes to make bridges, made by Richard Howat. We would like to say a **big thank you to Richard** for taking the time and making this fabulous playground equipment. "We had fun making an obstacle course" Jack Mannix and Toby Atkins "I had so much fun" Archie Wright



Servant Leaders in Catholic Schools Workshop

On Friday our Year 8's in Kakapo class got the opportunity to go to Sts Peter and Paul and have a leadership workshop. We were based first in the Saint Peter and Paul church room then

moved on to the main church and had a mini liturgy. We were with other Year 6, 7, and 8 students from Sts Peter and Paul and St Joseph's from Upper Hutt. Together we did some team building exercises and we learnt about different parts of the Mass.

We broke up into groups for different parts and acts for the Mass. There were Drama, Prayers of the Faithful, Liturgical Movement and the gospel reading.



This workshop was a good chance for us as Year 8 leaders to boost our confidence with planning and joining a liturgy and Mass.

Written by your School Leaders: Amelia, Marisah and Andrés

**Uniform Shop
2021
new opening days**

Tuesdays

2.45 – 3.15 pm

Wednesdays

8.45 – 9.15am

Uniform must be paid for at the time of purchase, or within 2 days if making an online payment



Have your child/ren brought their Emergency Packs at school?

NEWSLETTER

Please speak to Janet, email, text or ring if you wish to have a hard copy of the newsletter.

The newsletters are posted on the school APP, Hero and the school website, and can be emailed to you by request.
Thank you

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Get ready for Movin' March

Passports and stamps will be available from Monday March 1st



Passport Challenge

Collect your passport from the office. Each day we will stamp the walk or wheel trips to school. All entries go in the draw to win one of 12 x \$400 My Ride vouchers (that's more than double the prizes from last year!). Let's get stamping!

Movin'March Parent Photo Comp

Snap a photo of your family's journey to school during Movin'March and win! It might highlight a small adventure or wonder discovered along the way, or simply capture a moment in your journey. Post your photo publicly on Facebook or Instagram with #movinmarch. All entries will go in the daily draw to win a family pass to a fun destination in the Wellington region.

Park and Stride and Walking Pou

Walking or scooting from a Park & Stride or Walking Pou location gives our tamariki a little independence and fresh air before school as well as reducing congestion around the school gate. To get a feel for it, you could trial dropping your kids a little further from school.



School Emergency Evacuation Procedures



**Sacred Heart School Petone
Evacuation Procedures**

In the event of a major Civil Defence Emergency (tsunami, flooding etc), and we need to evacuate the school, the following procedures will occur.

- Classes will evacuate the school and walk to higher ground in Maungaraki. A map of the route is attached.
- Teachers will make the call to evacuate immediately in a severe earthquake.
- If time permits the older children will be buddied up with younger children. All extra staff and parents at school will also be assisting younger children.
- Our initial meeting place will be opposite the playground on the corner of Magnolia Grove and Dowse Drive. There is a large driveway or grass berm area where we will meet (this will save crossing the busy road).
- If necessary we will then move further up the hill to Maungaraki School/Community Centre.
- Each class/principal/office manager has an emergency 'grab bag' which will be taken. This contains all emergency contact details and medical information, along with other CD requirements.
- Children will ONLY be permitted to leave the evacuation site with an adult identified as the child's Emergency Civil Defence Contact. Children will not be permitted to travel home without an accompanying adult.
- Internet/Mobile network permitting we will notify you that we have evacuated the school.
- Evacuation signs will be posted on the school door.



We have a new addition to Lunchonline!

On **Thursdays** we will have deliveries from **Chubby Baker.** (no pies or cakes) Starting Thursday 4th March.

- Wednesday – Subway (last Wednesday of the month)
- Thursday – Chubby Baker
- Friday – Sushi

