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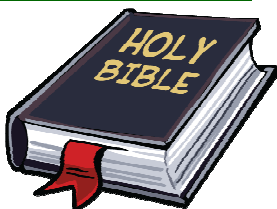


Jesus is our King—
he is the ruler of our
life, he is our role
model.

This week's Bible Quote

Palm Sunday

'Hosanna!' "Blessed is he
who comes in the name of
the Lord!"
Mark 11:9



**This week's altar
servers are:**
Finlay Bayne &
Emily Ivins

FEBRUARY



Important Dates

March

Fri 23rd	Waikato Full Primary Swimming Yr 4—6 Solidarity Day
Mon 26th	Parent Interviews 3-6pm
Tues 27th	Parent Interviews
Thurs 29th	Easter Liturgy
Fri 30th	Good Friday School closed for Easter

April

Tues 3rd	School Closed Easter Tuesday
Wed 4th	School Closed Teacher Only 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

Easter Break

The school will be closed from Good Friday 30th March. Easter Monday 2nd April, Easter Tuesday 3rd April and Easter Wednesday 4th April.

Teacher Only Day

Wednesday 4th April

The school will **NOT** be open for classes on Wednesday 4th April (Easter Wednesday). The staff of the 13 Catholic Schools in our Community of Learning (COL) will be meeting at Marian School to learn more about the vision, the intentions, the strategic goals and the intended operation of our Kaahui Ako.

Teachers Union Meeting

The school has been advised by the NZEI Te Riu Roa that it is holding Paid Union Meeting for teachers during March. To minimise disruption to the school, some staff will attend a meeting on :

Thurs 22nd March	9.00am
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Thurs 27th March	9.00am
Thurs 27th March	1.00pm

While teachers are away, their classes will be divided and join other classes in the school. The meetings are part of a national initiative to seek feedback from teachers about their employment agreement and to discuss aspects of the job that are particularly challenging.

Religious Education

Chrism Mass:

This will be held on Tuesday 27th March at 6.00pm at the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Stations of the Cross:

Stations are being held every Friday evening at 7.00pm during Lent.

Easter Mass Times

St Peter Chanel Parish

Holy Thursday	7.30pm
Good Friday	
Passion of the Lord	3.00pm
Easter Vigil	5.30pm

St Joseph's Parish

Holy Thursday	7.30pm
Good Friday	
Passion of the Lord	3.00pm
Easter Vigil	7.30pm
Easter Sunday	10.00am



Information Sheets

Can you please make sure you fill out the 2018 forms. We have to ensure we have all the correct information on file. If your child/children are new to our school, in 2018 you have probably completed one. You will not need to complete another, if this is the case.

Please return the completed forms to school office as soon as possible.



PTFA Entertainment Books

Don't forget to order your Entertainment Books on –line or fill out form and drop it into the school office.



House to Rent

A family from our school community are looking for a house to rent for a family of four. If anyone can help with this please contact the school office. Thank you



Something to think about.....

Using technology as a “Free babysitting service” is, in fact, not free at all. The payment is waiting for you just around the corner. We pay with our kids’ nervous systems, with their attention, and with their ability for delayed gratification. Compared to virtual reality, everyday life is boring. When kids come to the classroom, they are exposed to human voices and adequate visual stimulation as opposed to being bombarded with the graphic explosions and special effects that they are used to seeing on the screens. After hours of virtual reality, processing information in a classroom becomes increasingly challenging for our kids because their brains are getting used to the high levels of stimulation that video games provide. The inability to process lower levels of stimulation leaves kids vulnerable to academic challenges. Technology also disconnects us emotionally from our children and our families.

Parental emotional availability is the main nutrient for a child’s brain. Unfortunately, we are gradually depriving our children of that nutrient.

School Triathlon Team

Last Tuesday,
Our school triathlon team competed in an inter-school event at Ashurst Park /Te Rapa School. The team returned to school very excited. St Peter Chanel placed 2nd overall—a wonderful achievement. Congratulations to the team and thank you to the parents for your invaluable support.



Senior EOTC Camp Adair

This year the Senior classes (Year 7 & 8) will be attending Camp Adair in the Hunua Ranges. Camp Adair is a fully catered and instructed camp where students will be challenged in a range of new experiences. The camp will be in **Term Two from Tuesday May 15 - Friday May 18**. If you are keen to support Rooms One and Two as camp parent or with transport please let the office know by emailing admin@spc.ac.nz. The cost of the camp for students is \$230. You can start making payments through internet banking, through the school office or set up a regular payment plan. There will be notices coming home later in the term regarding gear requirements and medical forms.

Year 4—6 N/W Swimming

Our school did so well. Out of 9 schools our small school came 1st place.

Notable students - everyone!! and excellent behaviour and team support.

In the finals our school won both medley races, as well as placing in each.

We won all three relay races, the 8 year, the 9 year and the open relay. Our students won/and or placed in a large majority of the final races. Once the individual results have been received we will put them in the newsletter.



Police Vetting School Camp

In accordance with the Vulnerable Children Act 2014 and recommended Ministry of Education best practice, the Board of Trustees has adopted a procedure whereby only adults (all persons 18 years of age and over) who have undertaken a police vet with acceptable results can be selected to attend school overnight camps.

Should you think you might like to volunteer in 2018 as a camp parent please go to the school website to 'police vetting' and complete the form as per the instructions. Please note a police vet remains current for three years after the date of issue by the police.

To download the Police Vetting Form please go to our website www.spc.ac.nz under Parent Tab you will find the Police Vetting Form.

Scheduled School Camps.

Year 7/8	Tues 15th May –Fri 18th May Camp Adair
Year 5/6	Tues 4th Sept –Fri 7th Sept Finlay Park
Year 4	Mon 10th Dec –Wed 12th Dec Surf Safety Waihi

Applying for Police Vet

Please print and complete all sections on pages 1, 3 + 4 of the attached form containing the official St Peter Chanel Catholic School police vet application form. In addition to the completed form, we must also receive copies of two forms of identification for you – the choices of forms are drivers licence, passport, original birth certificate, firearms licence or community services card – please note at least one of these must contain a photo – for further explanations please see page 2 of the application form.

Once you have all of these requirements, please write your child's name and your email address on the back of the form and bring all of these in to the school office to enable us to complete a visual verification.

The application will then be made online to the NZ Police and may take one or two months for a result to be received. We will endeavour to contact you when a result from this application has been received by the school. All applicants with satisfactory vet results will then be posted on a school document accessible to teachers and management to assist them in preparing for school camps. Should a police vet produce a result that is cause for concern the applicant will be notified, in confidence, by the principal. Only the principal and the designated person in the school office will be aware of any police vets that are of concern. Please note that 'of concern' would be information contained in a police vet that would indicate any form of risk to children.

Board of Trustees

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Casual Vacancy for an elected trustee

Following John Roche's resignation due to work commitments and Angela Smith moving across town, two casual vacancies have occurred on the board of trustees for elected parent representatives.

The board has resolved under section 105 of the Education Act 1989 to fill the vacancies by selection as there will be an election next year.

If ten percent or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the board to hold a by-election should write to:

Chairperson

Board of Trustees

St Peter Chanel Catholic School

5 Vardon Road

Hamilton

by: 11th April 2018

Walk for Lent - Friday 23rd March

Why do we walk for Lent?

The 'Walk for Lent' is something our school has done for years. It has become a tradition. The walk takes us away from our ordinary school day and gives us time to focus on the plight of millions of less fortunate people than ourselves. We think about those who have to flee their homes because of famine, war and natural disasters, often having to walk great distances looking for help or safety.

Parents are invited to join their children and participate in the walk.

As part of our 'Walk for Lent' contribution, each child is asked to bring along food items for the foodbank. We would appreciate any contributions you can make.

Timetable:

9.00am Whole school Mass

11.40 am Liturgy in the Church

12.00pm Whole school sets off on walk around the block—Vardon Road, Cunningham Rd, Vercoe Rd, Beerescourt Road, Vardon Rd.

It is intended to take the children out of their comfort zone. Children will **not** require morning tea or lunch on this day. A rice meal will be supplied by the school at lunch time 1pm on their return to school. Child will need a empty lunchbox to hold their rice, a spoon, water bottle and suitable footwear for the walk. The children wear their school uniform and hat.

Parent Help is required for:

1. Supervision on the walk
2. Assisting with the cooking of the rice
3. Supplying a rice cooker



Please fill in the reply slip to give us permission to take your child on the walk. Please indicate if you are able to accompany your child and return the slip to the school office by **Monday 19th March.**

Child's Name:

Room No:

I am able to accompany my child on the 'Walk for Lent'

Name:

Signed:

I won't be walking but I am available to cook rice

Name:

Signed:

I have an rice cooker which the school can use and I will bring it to school

Name:

Signed: