



# St Peter Chanel Catholic School

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# Newsletter

17th August 2023



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God's compassion extends  
to everyone

## This week's Bible Quote

**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
'I was sent only to the lost sheep'

Matthew 15:24



## Important Dates



### AUGUST

Thurs 17th	Mass 12.15pm
Fri 18th	SPC Speech Finals
Mon 21st	CIS Cross County Yr 7/8
Wed 23rd	SPC Cross Country
Thurs 24th	Waikato Regional Gymnastics Comp
	Mass 12.15pm
Fri 25th	Combine Catholic Schools Cultural Festival
Wed 30th	Catholic Character Evaluation
	WFP Regional Speech SPC Hosting
Thurs 31st	Catholic Character Evaluation

## 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

## School Cross Country

Our Annual SPC Cross Country is to be held on **Wednesday 23rd August**.

### Junior Cross Country

5 – 7 year olds event at Vardon Park.

#### 9.30 am. start time

Wear T-shirt, shorts, sports shoes/ sneakers (suitable footwear for running)

Programme:

- 6 year old Boys
- 6 year old Girls
- 5 year old Boys
- 5 year old Girls
- 7 year old Boys
- 7 year old Girls

### Senior Cross Country

8-13 year olds event at **Minogue Park**

#### 1.00pm : Start time

2.30pm : Anticipated finishing time

Wear red school sports top, black shorts, suitable footwear

Drink bottle and warm jacket

Programme:

- 10 year olds                      2 1/2 laps
- 11 year olds (Yr 6 only) 3 laps
- Year 7                                3 laps
- Year 8                                3 laps 3rd lap extended
- 8 year olds                        1 1/2 laps
- 9 year olds                         2 laps



## Cultural Groups

The St Peter Chanel Catholic School Kapahaka, Pasifika and Filipino Cultural Groups will be performing on **Friday 25th August at Sacred Heart Girls College**. The performance begins at 9.30 am. Our students will be joined by other Catholic schools cultural groups, from Hamilton and outlining towns. The students are travelling by bus.



## Speech & Bible Reading Finals

Our annual Speech and Bible Reading Finals will be held on:

Friday 18th August.

11.30 –12.50pm

Year level finalist to compete Years 3-8

Adjudicators are from 'Power Talk'.

Unfortunately, due to a lack of space in our venue parents are unable to attend.



WAIKATO CATHOLIC KĀHUI AKO

# TE HUI AHUREA

COME AND CELEBRATE OUR MĀORI, PASIFIKA & INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AS WE HIGHLIGHT OUR CULTURES THROUGH A DAY OF SONG AND DANCE

THERE IS NO CHARGE TO ATTEND, SO BRING YOUR WHĀNAU AND AIGA.

CAFE' TYPE FACILITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE FOOD AND DRINK.



AUGUST 25TH 2023

9:30AM - 2:00PM

SACRED HEART GIRLS' COLLEGE

## Board of Trustees Report

The Board of Trustees held their monthly meeting on Tuesday. Business discussed included:

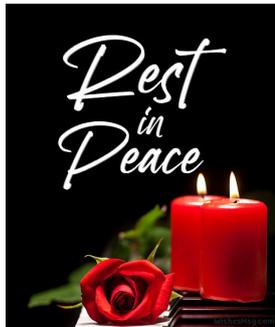
- The Principal's and Finance Committee Reports
- DRS Report
- Catholic Character Review
- Additional Assistance and ESOL Reports
- Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme
- Property and Maintenance - work will begin shortly on the replacement of the fluorescent light fittings and aging switch boards throughout the school. The work is funded by the Diocesan Office
- Architectural drawings and specs are currently being completed for the planned multi-purpose room and modernation of Rooms 6,7 and 8. The internal decks linked to these rooms are to be converted to teaching spaces
- School Planning Process and Documentation - The Ministry of Education requires changes to the way schools prepare their strategic and annual plans. The Board has begun work in preparation for 2024.
- SPC's ERO School Profile discussed as it will be included in the strategic planning
- The Board farewelled Bill Kornman. Bill, a proprietor's appointee, has served on the Board for 9 years. Bill's children attended SPC many years ago. As a SPC parishioner and retired businessman he brought a wealth of knowledge and experience to the role. We really appreciate his commitment and interest in the school.

Board members: Philip Monahan (Presiding Chair), Derek Burrough, Marcus Hall, Bec Silverton, Joel Rowse, Father Joseph, Bill Kornman, Jackie Rozario, Daniella Connolly, Nick Quinn

## Warwick Michie

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Michie Family. Warrick Michie, a past parent, and grandfather of Brooke and Maddison Young, died last week. Warrick had a long association with St Peter Chanel School going back to the 1970's. Warrick and his wife Jeanette were very active in the school, serving on the school committee, PTFA and assisting at many school camps when their five children attended SPC.

Warrick's funeral will be held this Saturday at St Joseph's, Fairfield. 10.30am.



## Reading at Home

How much time do your children spend reading when they are away from school?

We encourage parents to listen to, or read to, their children every night. A good time might be when they are relaxed and snuggled up in bed. Research shows spending time discussing the story and the new vocabulary, improves children's listening skills, their cognitive and language development, their attention span, creativity and understanding of life.



## Catholic Character Evaluation

Wed. 30th and Thurs. 31 August  
Three reviewers from the Catholic Diocese of Hamilton will be in school working alongside the staff and Board of Trustees reviewing the elements of our school's Catholic Character. The reviewers want to meet with **parents/whanau**. Those interested in supporting us in the process are asked to meet in the **staffroom at 2.30pm on Wednesday 30th**. The meeting will conclude at 3.00pm.



## Dress-Up Items

Rooms 3 & 4 (junior classes) are looking for any 'dress up' clothes or items they can use in their classrooms. Costumes, dresses, necklaces old shoes and handbags, or anything that children can use to dress up and play in. If you have anything you think can be used could you please drop it to the school office.

Thank you.



## School History

In 1907 a farm along Great South Road (Te Rapa Straight) was subdivided into 3 acre units and sold as small rural lots.

Land for the St Andrew's Golf Club was bought by a private citizen, Mr H.T. Gillies in 1912. The land was a wasteland of gorse, blackberry and bracken and Mr Gillies set about clearing it and developing the golf course.

The roads around the golf course were named after famous golfers - Sandwich, Vardon, Braid, and Taylor.

Mr G.W. Vercoe purchased the land for the Te Rapa racecourse in the 1920's.

A number of stables were established along Vardon Road.

The northwest part of Hamilton remained largely rural until the 1950's.



## Winter Illness

There are a lot of colds and flu bugs around at present, to keep our students and staff safe, please keep your children home if they are unwell.



## Absences

If your child is away or is going to be late, it is vital you contact the school office and let them know.

Email: [admin@spc.ac.nz](mailto: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.



## School Offering

The students in our school are very fortunate to be able to attend a weekly Mass. As the school uses the church so frequently, at no cost, we have decided to have a gold coin collection at the first Mass of each month. The collection will be given to the parish as a contribution towards the cost of heating, lighting and cleaning. We are teaching our children to recognise there is a cost to everything and we have a responsibility as community members to contribute.

## Newsletter

The newsletter is available every Thursday to view on our website. A link is also on our Facebook page, and as from this week every parent will be also emailed a copy of the weekly newsletter. Can you please contact the school office if you have changed your email address, so we can update it on our system. We will no longer be distributing paper copies of the newsletter, but there will be some paper copies available in the school office.



## School Dates 2023

Term 3 – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Fri. 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept.

Term 4 – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Oct - Wed. 20<sup>th</sup> December

**Teacher Only Day Monday 24th April**

Labour Day – Mon. 23<sup>rd</sup> October

## Lunch Orders

Our school works with local company who provide lunch orders to over 30 schools in Hamilton. **Lunches are available Friday only at St Peter Chanel.**

Lunch orders are back again for another year with more menu options and continued focus on selling healthy school lunch food at reasonable prices.

Check our website for more information on how it works and what's on offer this year.



## HPV Immunisation

The Public Health Nurses will be at school on **November 1<sup>st</sup> 2023** to provide dose 2 of the HPV immunisation for the Year 8 students who parents/caregivers consented earlier in the year. If your child is absent there will be a catch up planned within 3 weeks.

If parents have any queries or changes contact the **PHN Amy Grace 021315648**, [amy.grace@waikatodhb.health.nz](mailto:amy.grace@waikatodhb.health.nz).

## School Banking

There have been changes made to joining First Credit Union. If you wish your child to join the First Credit Union, application forms can be collected from the school office. Once you have completed the forms you will need to go into the First Credit Union in Collingwood Street, to complete your School Banking application. The bank books will be cleared from the green box every Wednesday morning.



## Mass Times

### St Peter Chanel

Tuesday 9.00am

Thursday 9.00am Liturgy with Communion

Thursday 12.15pm. - School Mass

Saturday 5.00pm

### St Joseph's

Wednesday 9.00am Liturgy with Communion

Friday 9.00am Sunday 9.00am

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

Parish Priest: Fr Stuart Young Office & Residence: 86 Clarkin Rd Hamilton, 3214 Ph: 07 855 6214

Email: [parishhc@cdh.org.nz](mailto:parishhc@cdh.org.nz)

# Yummy Stickers

Mrs Murphy Room 7 teacher is collecting yummy stickers for the school. Please collect your stickers and either take them to Mrs Murphy in Room 7 or drop them to the school office.

**EAT YUMMY APPLES FOR NEW SPORTS GEAR FOR YOUR SCHOOL!**

Collect the stickers from Yummy Apples and cut-outs from 1.5kg bags of Yummy Apples for your school's share of sports gear worth **\$200,000**

**RUNS THROUGH TO END OF TERM 3**  
EATING HEALTHY FOR COOL SPORTS GEAR SINCE 1998...

Yummy Apples at:  
NEW WORLD  
PAKSAVE

Yummy Apples available at various retailers including: Ambrasia, SARDUM 5101, FUJI 5125, Yummy 4138, Lemonade 2001, 4194, NEW ZEALAND RED CROSS 4122, RED DELICIOUS 4015, ROYAL GALA 5173, and SweetTango 3503.



**WHEN:** 8th - 9:30am - 4:30pm, 9th - 10am - 4pm, 10th - 10am - 3pm. September, 2023

**WHERE:** Te Rapa Race course  
Ken Browne Drive, Hamilton

All proceeds go to New Zealand Red Cross in their mission to help improve the vulnerable lives of people here in New Zealand, and overseas.

 [redcross.org.nz](http://redcross.org.nz)

 (0800) RED CROSS

 **NEW ZEALAND RED CROSS**  
RIPEKA WHERO AOTEAROA

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ORDERS DUE BACK BY:

5 SEPT

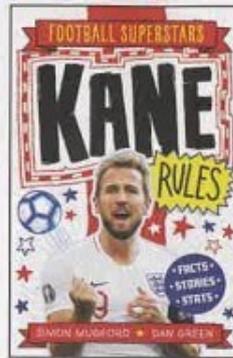
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Te Karapu Pukapuka

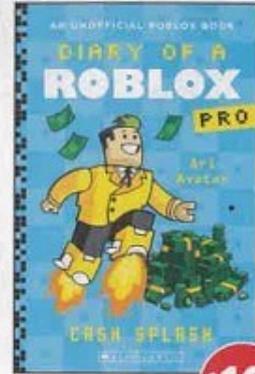


INCLUDES 32-PP BOOK, FOLDING BINOCULARS, VOICE RECORDER, SPY EAR, DECODER WHEEL, MESSENGER BAG

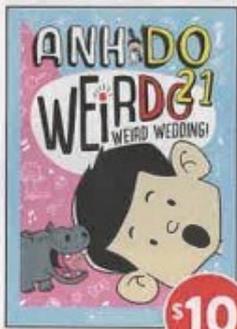
**001**  
**Ultimate Spy Mission Kit**  
Become the ultimate spy with this awesome kit!  
AGES 6+  
~~\$29.99~~ **\$25.00**



**002**  
**NEW! Kane Rules**  
Learn all about the living legend who never gave up.  
128 pp. AGES 7+ ~~\$14.99~~ **\$12.00**



**003**  
**NEW! Cash Splash**  
Ari has found a parallel universe where he is a millionaire!  
128 pp. AGES 8+ ~~\$11.99~~ **\$10**

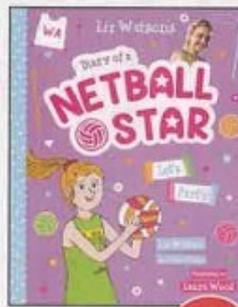


**004**  
**NEW! Weird Wedding!**  
Weir and Bella have a very important job. Will it be a CAKE-TASTROPHE?  
160 pp. AGES 7+ ~~\$16.99~~ **\$10**

INCLUDES DRAGON NECKLACE



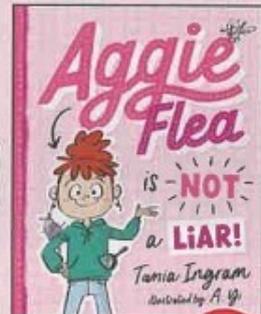
**005**  
**NEW! Ruby's Sparkling Surprise**  
Ruby and Lulu stumble upon a mysterious castle. 64 pp.  
AGES 6+ ~~\$19.98~~ **\$9**



**006**  
**NEW! Let's Party**  
Liz's team members think she stole her friend's bracelet.  
144 pp. AGES 7+ ~~\$16.99~~ **\$10**



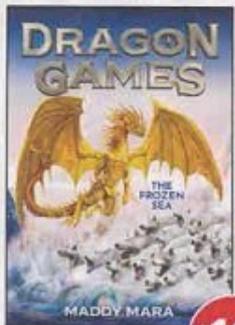
INCLUDES BEAR BUBBLE TEA SQUISHY



**007**  
**NEW! Aggie Flea is Not a Liar!**  
Aggie is convinced her new neighbour is a vampire!  
192 pp. AGES 7+ ~~\$26.99~~ **SAVE 63% \$10**

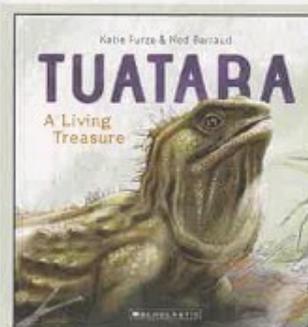


**008**  
**NEW! A Guide to the Dragon World**  
Brings to life the history, mythology, and folklore of the Wings of Fire world.  
272-pp hardcover. AGES 10+  
~~\$39.99~~ **\$25.00**

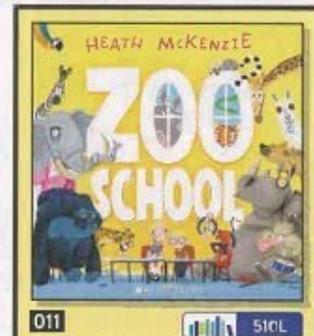


**009**  
**NEW! The Frozen Sea**  
Team Dragon must outrun a hungry snow monster to return the second Thunder Egg.  
144 pp. AGES 7+ ~~\$25.99~~ **\$10**

INCLUDES DRAGON SQUISHY



**010**  
**NEW! Tuatara, A Living Treasure**  
Meet Tuatara, ancient wonder, wildlife treasure ... and survivor!  
32 pp. AGES 6+  
~~\$21.99~~ **\$15.00**



**011**  
**Zoo School**  
What would you do if your school was A ZOO?!32 pp. AGES 3+ ~~\$21.99~~ **\$15.00**

**EVERY CHILD DESERVES A BOOK \$3.50**

# SPORT

2023 St Peter Chanel Sports Club Newsletter Term 3 Week 5

## REGISTER FOR TERM 4 SPORTS NOW!

Registrations for Term 4 sport are now **OPEN** and will be open for **3 weeks only**, so have a chat with your child/ren and see which sport they want to join.

We will be offering:

Inline Hockey Yr 3-8 only      Water Polo Yr 7-8 only  
Spring Netball Yr 3-8 only      Touch Yr 1-8  
Splash Polo (formerly Flippa Ball) Yr 3-6 only

Check out our sport offerings on our school website <https://www.spc.ac.nz/471/pages/102-sports-at-spc>

Sport is an excellent way for your child to build and strengthen friendships with school mates. Playing in a team gives them a wonderful sense of belonging and working towards a common goal.

Being involved in a team helps children build their own self confidence and resilience, strengthening their positive sense of self. *Give your child the gift of sport!*

**Sports registrations will close on Friday 8 September.**

Keep an eye on this Sports Newsletter for further details.



## SPORT PARENT LEADS

Gymnastics - Cat Seward, [catherine.seward@hotmail.com](mailto:catherine.seward@hotmail.com)

Inline Hockey - Sasha & Eli, [eli.sasha.wilson@gmail.com](mailto:eli.sasha.wilson@gmail.com)

Netball - Miha Brown, [spcsecretary2020@gmail.com](mailto:spcsecretary2020@gmail.com)

Splash Polo - Nicole Bradbury, [nicole.bradbury@hcc.govt.nz](mailto:nicole.bradbury@hcc.govt.nz)

Touch - Miha Brown, [spcsecretary2020@gmail.com](mailto:spcsecretary2020@gmail.com)

Water Polo - Sarah Quinn, [quinnlandscaping@xtra.co.nz](mailto:quinnlandscaping@xtra.co.nz)

If you have any questions or queries about a specific sport, please contact our knowledgeable and helpful sport parent leads.

For general queries about sport, or if you would like to be a Parent Lead for any sport not currently on offer, please contact Sarie on [sports@spc.ac.nz](mailto:sports@spc.ac.nz), phone 07 849 3734, cell 022 1566171. *Go sport!*

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## GET READY FOR TERM 4 TOUCH!

Kia Ora Fams! We are starting to plan for Touch season 2023/2024 which starts in Term 4 of this year. The following grades are available:

Year 1/2 Mixed

Year 1/2 Boys or Girls

Year 3/4 Mixed

Year 3/4 Boys or Girls

Year 5/6 Mixed

Year 5/6 Boys or Girls

Year 7/8 Mixed

Year 7/8 Boys or Girls

Year 1-6 are all played on Thursday afternoons between 4pm and 6pm at Swarbrick Park.

Year 7/8 are played on Monday afternoons between 4pm and 6pm at Swarbrick Park.

Last year we had a Yr 1/2 and Yr 3/4 team who both did very well. Our Yr 3/4 team lost only one game all season.

If your child wants to return, or is interested in playing, we will be starting lunchtime skill sessions from week 6 on Thursdays. These sessions will run up until the season starts which is usually week 3 or 4 in Term 4.

The idea around these sessions is to give each child the basic knowledge and skill-set that touch requires, to then give them the ability to play the game with some knowledge. This will allow them to have the most enjoyable time out on the field every week.

I'm also going to be looking for coaches for every team and am more than willing to help in this department to give you basic drills that will help the kids develop.

Please fill out an Expression of Interest form in the office and we will be in contact with details of the skills sessions.

Nga Mihi Kia A Koe,

Miha - Touch Parent Lead



## NEW SPORTS SHIRTS AVAILABLE

The new sports shirt replaces the old red PE shirt. As children grow out of their red PE shirt, parents can purchase either a second-hand sports shirt for \$10, or a new sports shirt for \$40, both are available from the Uniform Shop.

Children can continue to wear their red PE shirt at school and borrow a second-hand sports shirt for a \$10 refundable bond to wear when they are representing the school in off-site sport.



## INLINE HOCKEY

This week the SPC Buffalos played against Berkley and won 2-0, with Rene and Dominic scoring a goal each.

Miesha was captain this week and did an amazing job choosing subs and defence.

Maddie was amazing at defending, all whilst in her new skates which is hard to get used to as they are different!

Good job team! Great passing and defending!



## UPCOMING SPORTING EVENTS

- ✓ Waikato Regional Schools Gymsports Festival, 24 August 2023  
<https://hamcitygym.co.nz/schoolsecesssports-groups>
- ✓ AIMS Games, 2-8 September 2023  
<https://www.nzaimsgames.co.nz/>
- ✓ Karapiro 100K Flyer, 14 October 2023  
<https://eventpromotions.co.nz/events-karapiro-100k-flyer/>
- ✓ City to Surf: Tauranga-Mt Maunganui, 5 November 2023  
<https://citytosurf2023.eventdesq.com/>
- ✓ Weetbix Kids TRYathlon: Hamilton, 10 December 2023  
[No webpage yet](#)
- ✓ Rotorua Off-Road Trail Run/Walk: Rotorua, 3 March 2024  
<https://eventpromotions.co.nz/rotorua-off-road-trail-run-walk/>
- ✓ Long Course Weekend NZ: Waikato, 12 - 14 April 2024  
<https://www.lcwnewzealand.com/>



# Splash Polo

Waikato

Waikato Water Polo  
is excited to present

## Splash Polo

- Do you love being in the water?
- Do you enjoy making new friends?
- Do you like ball sports and want to try something in the water?
- Want to try something new?



Playing in the water is FUN and splash polo gives the players a great stepping stone to Water Polo.

Splash Polo is an easy way for all children to be active while trying something new.



It's a great sport for building water confidence, learning new ball skills, learning to swim and be safe around the water all while in a shallow pool.

[www.waikatowaterpolo.co.nz](http://www.waikatowaterpolo.co.nz)  
[www.waikatowaterpolo.co.nz](http://www.waikatowaterpolo.co.nz)



The game is for primary aged children from Years 3 - 6

## Splash Polo

Is a beginners version of water polo for young kids wanting to get in the pool and have some fun, learning new skills and making new friends.

### SOUND LIKE FUN?

See your teacher now to register!



We offer this sport in Terms 1 and 4! Check it out on our school website <https://www.spc.ac.nz/471/pages/102-sports-at-spc>

## Fast Five Friday for \$5

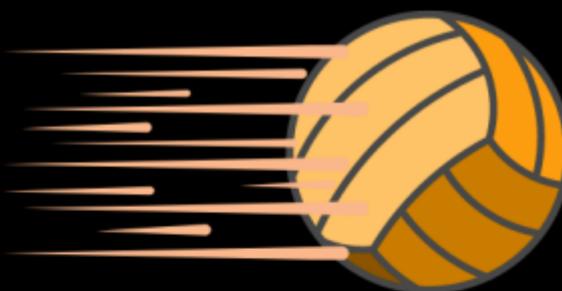
Everyone is welcome to come on down to Waterworld on Friday night and have a game. Teams will be picked on the night from those that turn up.

The clock won't stop - you have 10mins (5min halves 1min half break). If you win the half you get one point.

Minimum in the pool at any one time is a team of 3 + GK. Maximum team numbers 8. As the clock won't stop next team needs to jump in and start 1min after the final whistle.

Dependent on numbers will determine how many games you get - but what we can guarantee is some fun!

# FAST FIVE FRIDAY



**11th August - \$5 to play**  
**Session one 4-5pm (meet 3.45)**  
**Session two 5-6pm (meet 4.45)**  
**@ Waterworld**

**You can be 5 yrs, you can be 50yrs,  
come as a family, come alone, come as a team,  
bring your mates - this is  
community water polo for everyone!**

