



# St Peter Chanel Catholic School

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## Newsletter

1st May 2025



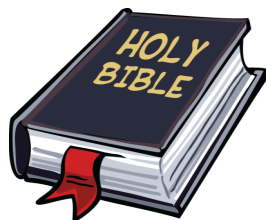
Jesus asked Peter three times if he loved him. This highlights the importance of affirming our love for Jesus and the call to show it through our actions.

### This week's Bible Quote

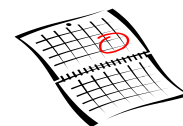
#### 3rd Sunday of Easter

Jesus appeared to his disciples, guiding them to a miraculous catch. He shared breakfast and asked Peter 3 times if he loved him.

John 21:1-19



### Important Dates



#### May 2025

Mon 5th	Sports Club Meeting 7pm
Sat 10th	Parish/School Mass
Mon 12th	Change date for Winter Uniform
	PTFA Meeting
	Teachers from St Jospeh's Morrinsville visiting our classes during the week
Tues 13th	Year 8 Boys meet with St John's delegation @ SPC 1.30pm
Mon 19th	Teacher Only Day (School Closed) Staff joining other Catholic Schools to learn more about 'new' Maths Curriculum
Mon 26th	Samoan Language Week
Wed 28th	Catholic Schools Day SPC reps attending 10am Mass at Cathedral

#### June

Mon 2nd	Kings Birthday (school Closed)
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### 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,

## Welcome Back

Welcome back for another activity-filled school term. A special welcome to the new students who have joined us.

— WELCOME —  
**BACK TO SCHOOL**

## Pope Francis

We join the faithful around the world in mourning the loss of Pope Francis, and giving thanks for his leadership, humility, compassion, and service. He lived the spirit of mercy and inclusivity - championing the poor, caring for creation, and being a bridge-builder in a divided world. His words and presence reminded us to care for the vulnerable, to act justly, and to walk humbly with God. He was a true follower of Christ.



## PTFA Meeting

Tuesday 12th May  
7.00 pm in the staffroom  
All welcome.



## Teacher Only Day Monday 19th May

The Minister of Education has advised that schools may have 2 teacher-only days to address the new maths and literacy programmes. SPC staff are joining other Catholic schools on Monday, 19th May and Friday, 15th August. The days will be facilitated by advisers from the Ministry of Educa-



## Parish/School Mass

Parish/School Mass  
Saturday 10th May  
5.00 pm.

The school is responsible for leading the 5.00 pm Mass. Many of our students will be in ministry roles. We ask all families to join us for this celebration.



## Kapahaka Group

The Kapahaka Performance Group began their practices on Tuesday. They will be practising every Tuesday from 2.45 pm - 3.30 pm.



## Winter Uniform

From the beginning of Term 2, students may wear their winter uniform. The official changeover for all students to their winter uniform is Monday, 12th May.

Our uniform shop has most winter uniform items in stock, and we have a stock of 2nd hand uniforms. The school would welcome donations of any surplus uniform items to boost our pre-loved stock. Many families appreciate the opportunity to obtain good used clothing.

## Sausage Sizzle this Friday

### Friday 2nd May

The Friday Sausage Sizzle is back for 2025. Funds raised will go towards purchasing the new school van, due to be delivered in May, and to the playground refurbishment.

\$3.00 a sausage or 2 for \$5.00



## St Peter Chanel Feast Day

On Monday, the school celebrated St Peter Chanel's Feast Day. The students heard the story of his life at a school assembly. And yes, it is true: the SPC church has an authenticated relic: a small piece of bone from St Peter Chanel's finger.

Father Peter Chanel was the first Christian martyr of the South Pacific. Peter Chanel was born in 1803 at Clet in the diocese of Belley, France. He was the 5th child in a family of eight. He lived on a small farm two hours' walk from the nearest town. At the age of 12 he began his education under the tutelage of the local priest, Father Trompier. At the age of 16, Peter entered the diocesan Seminary. After his ordination, he found himself in a rundown country parish and completely revitalised it in the three years that he remained there. However, his mind was set on missionary work; so, in 1831, he joined the newly formed Society of Mary (Marists), which concentrated on missionary work at home and abroad. To his dismay, he was appointed to teach at the seminary at Belley and remained there for the next five years, diligently performing his duties.

In 1836, the Society was given the New Hebrides in the Pacific as a field for evangelisation, and the jubilant Father Peter was appointed Superior of a little band of missionaries sent to proclaim the Faith to its inhabitants. On reaching their destination after an arduous ten-month journey by sailing ship, the band split up, and St. Peter went to the Island of Futuna accompanied by a lay brother and an English layman, Thomas Boog. They were at first well received by the 'pagans' and their king Niuliki, who had only recently forbidden cannibalism. However, the king's jealousy and fear were aroused when the missionaries learned the language and gained the people's confidence; he realised the adoption of the Christian Faith would lead to the abolition of some of the prerogatives he enjoyed as both high priest and sovereign.

Finally, when his own son expressed a desire to be baptised, the king's hatred erupted, and he dispatched a group of his warriors to set upon Father Peter Chanel. On April 28, 1841, three years after his arrival, Father Peter Chanel was seized and clubbed to death by those he had come to save. And his death brought his work to completion - within five months the entire island was converted to Christianity. He was canonised as a saint in 1954, the same year our school was being built.





# Times Tables

## -- Times Tables

This term we are continuing on our mission to have all our Year 3 - 8 students learn and know the timetables. Many students can find learning their times tables challenging; it requires a high level of both patience and dedication. Parents can assist at home by teaching and coaching their children.

There are a number of positives for children in learning and knowing the timetables:

- It is a form of daily mental training that can considerably improve cognitive functions
- It enhances the ability to fully understand multiplication, have fluency, and instant recall which boosts your children's confidence in the subject
- Students become aware of the patterns of maths
- Multiplication is fundamental for enabling your child to succeed in what can often be considered a daunting subject
- It can also boost communication skills, improve memory and make rehearsals of speeches or scripts easier, help gain analytical and numerical skills

As a student becomes faster at recalling multiplications of 2 -10, they will be able to solve more complex maths in much less time.

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## Triathlon Results

The results of the Year 3 - 8 Triathlon are below:

### Year 3/4

#### Individual

Caleb Jepson 1st

Mason Seward 2nd

Lachlan Coulshed 3rd

#### Teams

Darcy Cole, Carlo Laurence, Alvey Burkhart 1st

Junior Riannaba, Aaron Horton, Avery Savage 2nd

Theo Watson, Nathan Jay-Bennett, Tabea Veamatahau 3rd

### Year 5/6

#### Individual

Jesse Jepson 1st

Levi Richards 2nd

Tate Cornille 3rd

#### Teams

Lucy Chaimontree, Ashlinn FitzPatrick, Charli Kane 1st

Myles Cole, Marco Laurence, Jake McPherson 2nd

Sariyah Elliott-Brown, Lily Evelyn, Tiare Henderson 3rd

### Year 7/8

#### Teams

Ben Seward, Cole Myburgh, Heath Martin 1st

Ewan Burrough, Cooper Siverton, Bax Simmonds 2nd

Ava Chaimontree, Makaia Rumney, Indi Simmonds 3rd

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the event. Your determination and enthusiasm were on show for all the spectators to see. Thank you to the SPC Sports Leaders who assisted with the organisation - your support contributed to the success of the event.



## Mass Times

### St Peter Chanel

Tuesday 10.15am

Thursday 10.15am

Saturday 5.00pm

### St Joseph's

Wednesday 10.15 am

Friday 10.15am

Saturday 9.00am

Sunday 9.00am

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

Parish Priest: Fr Raj

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86 Clarkin Rd Hamilton, 3214

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

Website: [holycross.cdh.org.nz](http://holycross.cdh.org.nz)

Office: St Joseph's 86 Clarkin Rd

Hours:

Wednesday 9.00-12.00

Thursday 9.00-4.00

Friday 2.00-4.00



## School Dates 2025

Term 2 – 28th April—27th June

Term 3 – 14th July—19th September

Term 4 – 6th October– 19th December

Easter Friday 18th April (School Holidays)

**Teacher Only Day 19th May**

Public Holidays – school closed

King's Birthday– 2nd June

Matariki – 20th June

(during term break)

**Teacher Only Day Friday 15th August**

Labour Day – Mon. 27th October



## Absences

If your child is away it is vital you contact the school office and let them know.

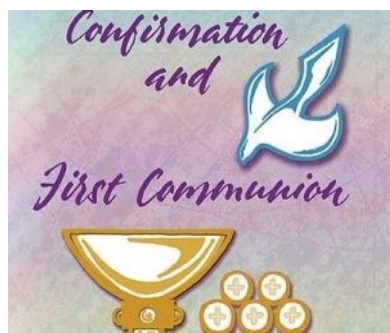
Email: [admin@spc.ac.nz](mailto:admin@spc.ac.nz) or text: 022 156 6171 or Ph. (07) 849 3734 and leave a message. Please give the reason for the absence as the Ministry of Education collects this data everyday.



## Sacramental Programme

The original dates have been altered due to Bishop Richard's availability.

Monday	Session
28th April	1
5th May	2
12th May	3
19th May	4
26th May	5
2nd June	Public Holiday
9th June	6
16th June	7
30th June	School Holidays
7th July	School Holidays
14th July	Reconciliation
20th July	Confirmation
	Communion



## Emergency Contact Details

It is essential for contact tracing purposes that we have all families current contact details (including at least one emergency contact). If there are any changes from last year please email the school office to update contact details. Also if you have a child starting school this year and you have not yet enrolled them please contract the school office for enrolment contracts: [admin@spc.ac.nz](mailto:admin@spc.ac.nz)



## Yummy Stickers

### Yummy stickers

Our school is collecting yummy stickers from the apples or bags. Once you have got them, bring them to Room 8 or the office. If you give the Yummy stickers to Mrs Murphy we will have credit to buy sport gear for our school.

By Nathan Rowse





St John's enrolments open online on Tuesday 8 April this year, and close on Wednesday 2 July. All enrolment information is on St John's website



**St John's College** **INFORMATION EVENING**  
Thursday 22 May 2025

**All Parents and Prospective Students Welcome**

- Meet Principal, Staff and Current Students
- Tour School Facilities

**St John's College:**

- + Values-based education
- + Academic excellence
- + Caring community
- + Individual attention

Please register at: [www.stjohns-hamilton.school.nz](http://www.stjohns-hamilton.school.nz)

6pm to 8.15pm  
Marcellin Gymnasium  
85 Hillcrest Road, Hamilton

PREPARING YOUNG MEN FOR LIFE

### Sustainability Workshops St Andrews Library

Sustainability-based workshops are held every Monday at Waiwherowhero St Andrews. Some of the activities offered include making your own reusable bag, building a wind turbine model, and composting in a bottle. All materials and equipment are provided, and most have been repurposed and or up-cycled. Please note children under 14 must always be accompanied by a caregiver in our libraries. More information available by clicking on the link below.

[Sustainability Workshops – Hamilton Libraries](#)





# What's on at Saint Peter Chanel?

Term 2, 2025

Monday 28th April	First Day of Term 2 - Saint Peter Chanel Day
Monday 5th May	Sports Club Meeting - 7.00 pm
Saturday 10th May	Parish/School Mass - 5.00 pm
Monday 12th May	Winter Uniform Changeover PTFA Meeting - 7.00 pm
Friday 16th May	Pink Shirt Day
Monday 19th May	Teacher Only Day
Tuesday 20th May	Board Meeting
Wednesday 28th May	Catholic Schools Day
Monday 2nd June	King's Birthday - School Closed
Tuesday 3rd June	Jumping June Begins
Saturday 7th June	SPC Hall Fundraiser Quiz Night
Monday 9th June	School Photo Day
Thursday 12th June	Philippines Independence Day
Friday 20th June	Matariki - School Closed
Thursday 26th June	Kiribati Independence Day celebration for July 12th
Friday 27th June	Mufti Day - Last Day of Term 2
Monday 30th June	Teacher Call-Back Day