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Newsletter

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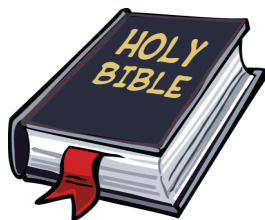
The Gospel reading reminds us to look beyond material wealth and focus on what is eternal.

This week's Bible Quote

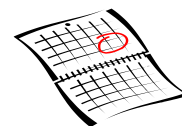
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?

Luke 12:20



Important Dates



August

Tues 5th	AIMS Meeting 6.30pm followed by SPC Sports Meeting
Thurs 7th	Year 3/4 Te Awamutu Museum Trip
Tues 12th	Year 5/6 SHINE Group Host Parish Morning Tea
Wed 13th	Maths No Problem for teachers -SPC hosting other schools
Fri 15th	Year 3 Speech Final
Mon 18th	SPC Speech Finals Yr 4-8 Tongan Language Week
Tues 19th	BOT Meeting
Wed 20th	Junior Cross Country Vardon Park 9.30am
Thurs 21st	Waikato Gym Festival Novice
Fri 22nd	Cultural Festival Kahui Ako @ St John's College
Mon 25th	SPC Cross Country Yr 4-8

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

Hall Opening

The hall was officially opened on Wednesday, 30th July.

The occasion was a real celebration and thanksgiving for this wonderful new space. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the ceremony. Thank you to every one of our guests who responded to our invitation.



Grandparents Day

We had a wonderful turnout for Grandparents Day. The church and the hall were overflowing. Please pass on our thanks to your child/rens grandparents for taking the time to join us for the morning, I know the children really enjoyed hosting them.



Baptism

This is for students who are under 8 years of age by the 11th of September. Baptism classes will be held for students and their parents on Tuesday the **26th and Wednesday the 27th of August**. This is week 7 of our school Term.

- **The students** will need to stay after school from **3:00pm to 4:00pm** both on Tuesday and Wednesday
- **The Parents** are required to come on the same Tuesday and Wednesday from **6:00pm to 7:00pm**

The Baptism date will be on the **11th of September at Mass which will begin at 10:00am**. Parents, Godparents and child will need to be at St Peter Chanel Catholic Church in the foyer at 9:30am.

Each child will need no more than 2 Godparents (one must be a baptised Catholic).

If your child is 8 years or older they will need to do the RCICA programme.

If you are interested in your child being baptised, you will need to complete an enrolment form which is available at the school office. Please return the form to the office no later than the 19th of August.

God Bless
Natalie Steens
Director of Religious Studies
St Peter Chanel Catholic School
Hamilton



📌 Oxford Pie Fundraiser – Update & Delivery Info!

A huge thank you to all the families who placed orders in our Oxford Pie Fundraiser – your support has made a real difference!

We've crunched the numbers and they're looking fantastic:

- **1,347 items** sold by **45** awesome families
- 📌 **Top fundraisers:** Tilly and Cooper Silverton – selling over **\$3,600** worth of goodies!

📌 **Special Mentions** – a big shout-out to these whanau who each sold **over \$500** worth of pies: Morgan Family, Cornille Family, Sanft Family, Conaghan Family, Lahman Family, de Souza/Ireton Family, Monahan Family, Myburgh Family, and the Evelyn Family

Thanks to everyone's efforts, we've raised just over **\$2,000** towards fitting out our new school hall!

📌 Pie Delivery – Friday 1 August

We're expecting the delivery to arrive at school **mid-morning**. If you've placed an order, here's what you need to know:

- **Pick-up time:** Please collect your pies from the SPC Hall between 2.30pm and 3.30pm on Friday.
- If you'd like the pies to go home with your child, please make sure they know to collect them from the hall at the end of the day.
- Pies arrive cool (not frozen), so getting them home promptly to distribute to your customers will be important.

This is our first time managing pie distribution, so thank you in advance for your patience. If we're able to package orders earlier than expected, we'll text the number on your order form and you're welcome to collect sooner if it suits.

📌 Helping Hands

To everyone who's offered to help with distribution – thank you! We'll meet at the SPC Hall from 10am to get everything sorted.

Parish/School Mass

Thank you to all the students who under took a ministry role in the Mass. Thank you to all the families who supported us by attending.



James Wenceslao (Past Student)

Congratulations James!! James has been called up by NZ Football to join the NZ Under-16 squad to compete in the Oceania Championship. The team will be contesting for a spot in the 2026 World Cup. His selection is a testament to his dedication to the game and his determination to keep improving his skills. We will be watching out for James and the team as they enter this contest.



Writer's Toolbox Workshop

This lovely group of students helped at a writing workshop on Thursday last week, sharing with the junior school teachers how they use the Writer's Toolbox trains. Here is their piece of writing that they wanted to share with you.

We love St Peter Chanel School because we love our teachers. The teachers at St Peter Chanel School help us to learn writing. Happily, our teachers are kind to everyone. In Rooms 10 and 4, our teachers tell funny jokes that make us laugh.

By: Lena, Maeve, Sulli, Kaziah, Alex



BOT Elections

2025 Board of Trustees Election

Reminder - nominations close 12 noon next Wednesday, 6th August.

Nominations are open for the election of 5 parent representatives to the school board. All eligible voters were emailed a nomination form on Wednesday, 9th July. Use this form to nominate yourself or someone in your community. You also received in the same email an information cover letter calling for nominations and information on who is not eligible to be a board member. If you need more nomination forms, please contact the school office.

Nominees are to provide a candidate statement of no more than 100 words and a photograph with their nomination.

As nominations are received, there will be a list of candidates' names kept at the school up until Election Day for you to view. Election Day is Wednesday, 10th September.

Sarie Gilbertson
Returning Officer





Calling ex-pupils of SPC...we need you!

This term we are compiling stories, photos and artefacts of our Saint Peter Chanel history. Each class will be learning the skills of questioning, interviewing and recording information.

We would like to interview past students about their time at SPC. You may be asked about learning, play, activities, uniforms, the environment etc.

If you have any artefacts (photos or items) from your time here that you would be happy to share that would be appreciated.

If you think you would be a great person to interview, please email the classroom teacher or the Deputy Principal daniellac@spc.ac.nz and we can arrange for this.



SUPPORT OUR QUIZ NIGHT

SAINT PETER CHANEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2025

7.00 PM - LATE

**HELD IN OUR
BRAND-NEW SCHOOL HALL**

\$30 PER PERSON

**Includes a free drink on arrival &
nibbles throughout the night.
Drinks available for purchase**

**AWESOME
RAFFLES AND
PRIZES!**

**PRIZE FOR
BEST DRESSED
TEAM!**

**TEAMS OF
6 - 8**

**TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE, HAVE SOME
FUN AND HELP SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!**

**SECURE YOUR QUIZ
NIGHT PLACE
TODAY**

**SCAN HERE TO
REGISTER:**



TICKETS ARE LIMITED!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

DONATE QUIZ NIGHT PRIZES

We're on the hunt for awesome raffle prizes for our upcoming quiz night! Think:

- Bottles of unopened alcohol or gourmet goodies
- Unopened toys or gift sets
- Or even a weekend at a family bach - anything goes!

If you have something to donate, please drop items to the School Office or get in touch: spcptfa@gmail.com

CORPORATE SPONSORS WANTED

Do you own, work for, or know a business that might be in a position to support our school? We'd love to chat about sponsorship opportunities.

Please email: spcptfa@gmail.com

**THANKS IN ADVANCE
FOR YOUR SUPPORT**



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

Office & Residence:

86 Clarkin Rd Hamilton, 3214

Ph: 07 855 6214

Email: parishhc@cdh.org.nz

Website: 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 3 – 14th July—19th September

Term 4 – 6th October– 19th December

Easter Friday 18th April (School Holidays)

Public Holidays – school closed

King's Birthday– 2nd June

Matariki – 20th June

(during term break)

Teacher Only Day Monday 14th July

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 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.



SPORT

2025 St Peter Chanel Sports Club Newsletter Term 3 Week 3

NETBALL

Another Beautiful Saturday, Another Convincing Win!

Last Saturday saw our Saints United Sapphire girls hit the court full of energy and confidence - and it paid off with a strong, convincing win. The team is really starting to find their rhythm, with clearer communication, stronger connections, and smart play coming through across all positions.

You might also notice the girls were looking extra sharp - they played in their AIMS Games dresses for the first time this season, since they were up against our sister school *Marian*. It was a great chance for a sneak peek at just how amazing they'll look on court come tournament time!

Player of the Day went to *Makaia*, who stepped up when pushed out of her comfort zone and delivered a standout performance with composure and grit.

Most Improved went to *Lucy*, who continues to work hard and grow, showing great improvement in both skill and confidence.

The team's development has been incredible to watch - bring on next Saturday!

Go Sapphire!



TERM 3 SPORTS INVOICES DUE OUT THIS WEEK

Thank you to everyone who is supporting sport at SPC this Term! Sports fee invoices were emailed out on Tuesday 30th July and are due for payment in 7 days. Please pay promptly. Thanks!

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SPC SPORTS SPONSORS!

A massive *THANK YOU* to all of our wonderful sports sponsors! Your kindness and generosity mean so much to us and we truly appreciate you all. Thank you for helping make SPC sport outstanding!



SPORT PARENT LEADS

AIMS Games - Miha Brown, spcaimsgames@gmail.com

Basketball - Andre Rumney, andre.rumney@gmail.com

Gymnastics - Sandra Elliott-Brown, spcsecretary2020@gmail.com

Netball - Miha Brown, spcsecretary2020@gmail.com

Splash Polo - Sandra Elliott-Brown, spcsecretary2020@gmail.com

Touch - Jo McLaren, jo.mclaren@hotmail.co.nz

Water Polo - Sarah Quinn, quinnlandscaping@xtra.co.nz

For more information please contact Sarie, sports@spc.ac.nz