



# St Peter Chanel Catholic School

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## Newsletter

7th August 2025



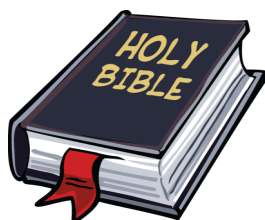
Following Jesus in the  
way we live

### This week's Bible Quote

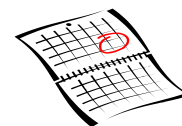
#### 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

You also must be prepared, for at an  
hour you do not expect, the Son of  
Man will come.

Luke 12:32-48



### Important Dates



#### August

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
Thurs 14th	Term 4 Sports Registrations OPEN
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

#### September

Sun 7th	Term 4 Sports Registration CLOSE
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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,  
Self Managers

## Cross Country

The children have begun their preparation for the school Cross Country, which is scheduled for: **Juniors - Wednesday 20th August**, and **Seniors - Monday 25th August**.

Cross-Country is one of those events children either love, endure or hate. We spend the build-up time before the cross-country event encouraging children to train to build up their endurance and strength, develop perseverance, overcome physical discomfort and face the challenge with determination and a good attitude. Parents can assist by:

- Encouraging talk
- Join in the training - (go for walks or runs with your child)



## Do more 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 love of language, listening skills, cognitive and language development, their attention span, creativity and understanding of life.

## Cultural Festival

The St Peter Chanel Catholic School Kapahaka, Pasifika and Filipino Cultural Groups will be performing on Friday, 22nd August at St John's College. Our school's performance begins at 9.40 am. Cultural groups from other Catholic schools around Hamilton and the surrounding towns will join our students.

The students are travelling by school van and private transport.



## Speech & Bible Reading

Our annual Speech and Bible Reading Finals will be held on Monday, 18th August.

11.30 – 12.50 pm

Year level finalist to compete Years 5-8  
Adjudicators are from 'Power Talk'.

There will be some space in the hall for parents who wish to attend.



## Baptism

This is for students who are under 8 years of age as of 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**

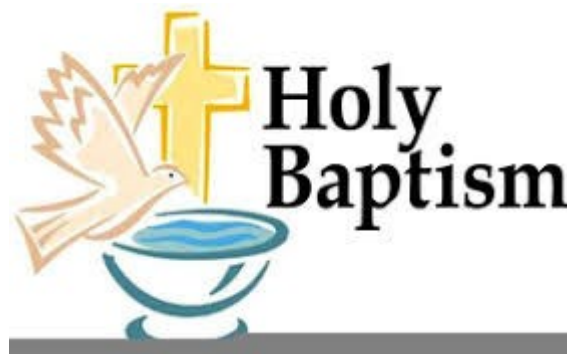
The Baptism date will be on the **11th of September at Mass which will begin at 10:00am**. Parents, Godparents and child will need to be at St Peter Chanel Catholic Church in the foyer at 9:30am.

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



## Catholic Character Newsletter Term 3, 2025

Well it's certainly been a busy year so far. There is so much going on. This term some year levels are still focused on the Church Strand and then will move onto the God Strand later in the Term. The God Strand focus for each level are listed below:

### For years 0, 1 and 2

- Our understanding of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- Creation
- Our friend Jesus
- Our spiritual Journey

### For years 3 and 4

- Trinity
- Fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit
- Relationships with God
- Our gifts and talents

### For years 5, 6, 7 and 8

- Jesus our model, Disciples, Apostles
- Mary our Mother
- People of Justice and Truth

We have had many events and celebrations in the last two terms:

### Term 2

- We started off the Term celebrating St Peter Chanel Day
- Classes completed the Christian Family Life Programme
- Week 2 - Parish, school Mass 5:30pm Saturday
- Week 3 - SHINE parish, school morning tea
- Week 3 - SHINE Awatere Rest Home visit
- Week 5 - Catholic Schools Day
- Week 7 - Filipino Independence Day celebrated at 10:15 Mass
- Week 9 - Kiribati Day celebrated at 10:15 Mass

### Term 3

- Week 1 - 20 of our students received the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation with some children from St Joseph's School, the two combined parishes being the Parish of the Holy Cross
- Week 2 - Parish, school Mass 5:30pm Saturday
- Week 3 - The opening of our new school hall
- Week 3 - Grandparents Day - celebrated at our 10:15am Mass and then morning tea, afterwards Grandparents visited classrooms

### Events to come in Term 3

- Week 5 - SHINE parish, school morning tea
- Week 5 - Feast of the Assumption on 15 Aug which we will celebrate during Mass this Thursday 14 August at 10:15am
- Week 6 - Mrs Steens - Director of Religious Studies Conference in Tauranga
- Week 7 - Baptism lessons Tues 26 Aug and Wed 27 Aug for Children 3:00pm in the staffroom and parents 6:00pm in the staffroom. (Forms are at the office)
- Week 9 - Baptism Mass at 10:00 am combined with our full school Mass.

Thank you to everyone who was involved in all the events above.

**A big thank you to the senior children** who volunteer in the SHINE group.

**Full School Masses** continue to be every Thursday at **10:15am** and you are always welcome to attend any of these Masses. Once a Term there is a school parish Mass on Saturday at 5:00pm., usually the second Saturday of the Term.

Lastly, we thank Father Raj for his support and we welcome Father Sandeep. He will be assisting Fr Raj at the Parish of the Holy Cross.

We hope you all continue to have a great term and may God Bless you and give you hope and compassion for all of life's challenges during the rest of this school year.

God Bless

Natalie Steens,

Director of Religious Studies

## Red Cross Collection

This Monday 11 August till 15 August there will be a collection for the Refugees that come to live in NZ. We are collecting bathroom and laundry items that are new. There will be posters around the school stating what sort of things you can bring. Please give generously to those less fortunate than ourselves.

God Bless

Natalie Steens

Director of Religious Studies

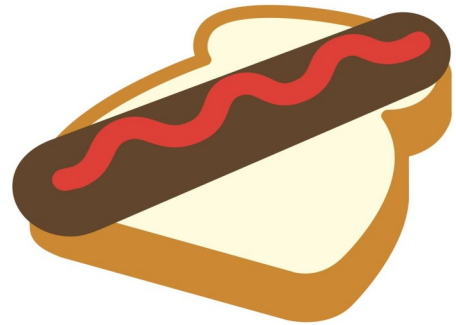


## Sausage Sizzle

### Friday 8th August

The Friday Sausage Sizzle continues. Funds raised will go towards the playground refurbishment and new school hall furnishing and equipment.

\$3.00 a sausage or 2 for \$5.00



# BOT Elections

7 August 2025

## 2025 Board of Trustees Election

### Nominations Have Now Closed.

We have received 11 nominations for the 5 Parent Representative seats on the Board, so we will therefore require an election to determine who will take their place on the Board.

The candidate's names are as follows:

Miha Brown  
Derek Burrough  
Melissa Evelyn  
Marcus Hall  
Bec Larianova  
Phil Monahan

Joel Rowse  
Andre Rumney  
Bec Silverton  
Ben Sutton  
Eva Taylor

### VOTING

- Election forms will be posted to you by Wednesday, 13 August.
- There will be a secure Voting Box located in the school office for these votes to be hand-delivered.
- The closing date for voting will be at **4pm on Wednesday, 10 September.**
- The votes will be counted on Tuesday, 16 September to allow for any postal votes to arrive.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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 3 – 14th July—19th September

Term 4 – 6th October– 19th December

Public Holidays – school closed  
(during term break)

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.





# SPORT

2025 St Peter Chanel Sports Club Newsletter Term 3 Week 4

## PAYMENT FOR TERM 3 SPORTS INVOICES DUE NOW

Thank you to everyone who is supporting sport at SPC this Term! Sports fee invoices were emailed out last Tuesday, and are **due for payment TODAY**. Please pay promptly. Thanks!

### NETBALL

Another win on the board - and what a game it was!

The Saints United girls stepped onto the court with focus, fire, and full team energy. Right from the warm-up, you could feel the determination - and it absolutely showed in their performance.

The defence was outstanding across the board - tight, and totally in sync. Every player stepped up, putting pressure on the opposition and creating turnovers that led to scoring opportunities. It was a full team effort from the first whistle to the last.

As we edge closer to the business end of the season and the AIMS Games, the team is building beautifully - strong connections, smart play, and a real hunger to finish well.

This week's shout outs go to:

Player of the Day - Indi: Calm, composed, and razor-sharp on defence. She controlled her space and lifted the whole team.

Most Improved - Aleigha: Playing through injury, Aleigha showed grit, heart, and serious determination. She's been growing week after week, and it's not going unnoticed!

With performances like this, the momentum is real - and we're so proud of how far these girls have come. Keep bringing the heat, Saints!

Let's go, girls - AIMS, we're coming for you! *Go Sapphire!*



## KIRIKIROA OPEN KARATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Last weekend the Kirikiriroa Open Karate Championships (formerly the Central North Island Championships) were held at Hamilton Boys' High School, with competitors attending from across New Zealand.

Saskia won the Female 12/13 Years division, beating 8 competitors. This is her first step towards being selected for the New Zealand team to compete at the Junior World Championships in Morocco in 2026.

Well done Saskia!



## 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](mailto:spcaimsgames@gmail.com)

Basketball - Andre Rumney, [andre.rumney@gmail.com](mailto:andre.rumney@gmail.com)

Gymnastics - Sandra Elliott-Brown, [spcsecretary2020@gmail.com](mailto:spcsecretary2020@gmail.com)

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

Splash Polo - Sandra Elliott-Brown, [spcsecretary2020@gmail.com](mailto:spcsecretary2020@gmail.com)

Touch - Jo McLaren, [jo.mclaren@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:jo.mclaren@hotmail.co.nz)

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

For more information please contact Sarie, [sports@spc.ac.nz](mailto:sports@spc.ac.nz)

# WAIKATO U13 OPEN

**AUGUST 23TH-24TH**

Eastlink Badminton Stadium,  
Hamilton



For more details click  
[here](#).

## Badminton New Zealand Tier 12 Event

**Address:** Eastlink Badminton Stadium, 60 Old Farm Road, Hamilton East, Hamilton.

**Online Entry only,** via: [www.badminton.org.nz](http://www.badminton.org.nz) and [www.waikatobadminton.co.nz](http://www.waikatobadminton.co.nz)

**Entries close:** Wednesday 13th August 11.59pm

**Entry fees:** One event - \$50

Two events - \$80

Three events - \$110

**Tournament Organiser:**

**Waikato Badminton Association**

**p** +64 7 856 3049

**e** [events@waikatobadminton.co.nz](mailto:events@waikatobadminton.co.nz) | [www.waikatobadminton.co.nz](http://www.waikatobadminton.co.nz)





**Marist Suburbs Cricket Club**

# Join Our Junior Cricket Programme

**Does your child love cricket or want to give it a try?**

Marist Suburbs Cricket Club is recruiting for our Junior Cricket program. If your child is in Years 2-8, loves sports, or wants to give cricket a try, we've got the perfect opportunity for them.

**Details:**

**When:** Years 2-5, Softball, Friday nights, | Years 6-8, Hardball, Saturday Mornings

**Cost:** From \$45.00

**Who:** Boys and girls in Years 2-8



Contact us at  
[juniors@maristsuburbs.com](mailto:juniors@maristsuburbs.com)  
to sign up or for more information.

**Junior Muster –**

Join us at our upcoming Junior Muster: 4:30 PM on Friday, 15 August 2025 at Hamilton Marist Rugby Club.

It's the perfect chance to meet the team, ask questions, and give cricket a go. We look forward to seeing you there!