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Newsletter

14th August 2025



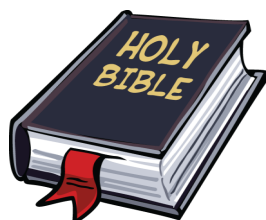
The Gospel tells us that following Jesus is not always easy. His message brings truth, but not everyone wants to hear it. Some will push back. Even families may feel tension when one person chooses to follow Christ fully.

This week's Bible Quote

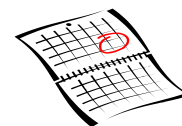
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

'Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth?
No, I tell you, but rather division.'

Luke:12 : 51



Important Dates



August

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
Thurs 28th	Gym Festival Competitive
Fri 29th	Scholastic Book Club Orders Close

September

Mon 1st	AIMS Games Week Starts
Tues 2nd	NW Interschool Cross Country
	Junior Poetry Competition
Wed 3rd	Regional Speech Competition
	SPC Hosting
Thurs 4th	NW Cross Country
	Postponement Date
Sun 7th	Term 4 Sports Registration CLOSE

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.



Paid Union Meetings

The teachers' union, the NZEI, are calling teachers to 'paid union meetings' over the next couple of weeks. Our teachers will be attending a meeting next Tuesday, 19th August. Some will attend in the morning, and others will attend in the afternoon. The school will remain open as remaining staff members will cover during their absence. PUMs are both a statutory entitlement, under section 26 of the Employment Relations Act 2000, and a contractual one in the collective agreement.



Cross Country Timetable

Junior Cross Country

Time: 9.30 am - 11.00 am.

Wednesday 20th August

@ Vardon Park

Involves all 5, 6 and 7 year olds

Order of races starting at 9:30 am.

- 6 year old boys (1 ½ laps of the park)
- 6 year old girls (1 ½ laps of the park)
- 5 year old boys (1 lap of the park)
- 5 year old girls (1 lap of the park)
- 7 year old boys (2 laps of the park)
- 7 year old girls (2 laps of the park)

Competitors will need:

- Suitable shorts and shirt
- Running shoes
- Drink bottle

SPC 8 -13 Years Cross Country

1.00 pm start

Monday 25th August - (Monday, due to clashes for future dates)

@ Minogue Park

ORDER OF RACES

- 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

Competitors will need:

- Suitable shorts and shirt
- Running shoes
- Drink bottle
- Warm jersey/jacket



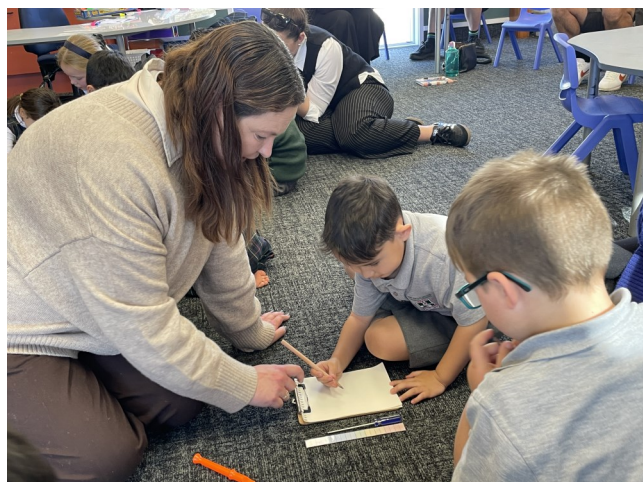
Math No Problem Teacher Open Day

On Wednesday 13 August, we welcomed back Maths No Problem specialist Tash to our school. She was joined by about 20 enthusiastic teachers from across the Waikato, who came to see our maths lessons in action and learn more about using bar models.

In the Saint Ignatius Block, Tash modelled an engaging maths lesson for our class, while the visiting teachers observed and joined in the learning. We enjoyed working alongside them and sharing how we solve problems using bar models.

Tash also spent time in the Middle and Junior areas, helping students and teachers explore new strategies. It was a fun and inspiring day for everyone involved.

by Benjamin, Tyler, Ryan.



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.

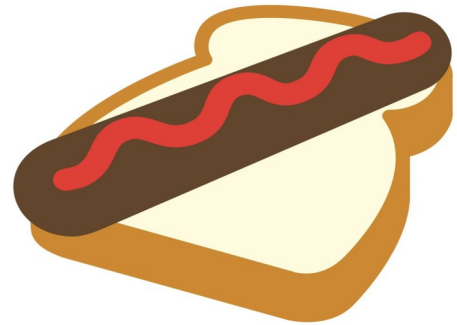
God Bless
Natalie Steens
Director of Religious Studies
St Peter Chanel Catholic School
Hamilton



Red Cross Collection

God Bless

Natalie Steens



BOT Elections

14 August 2025

2025 Board of Trustees Election

Voting is now OPEN.

We have received 11 nominations for the 5 Parent Representative seats on the Board, so we will now have 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 is now open:

- Election forms were posted to you on Monday, 11 August.
- There is a secure Voting Box located in the school office for all votes to be hand-delivered.
- Voting closes at 4pm on Wednesday, 10 September.
- Votes will be counted after school on Tuesday, 16 September, to allow for postal votes to arrive.

The new Board will take office from Wednesday, 17 September 2025.

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.



PTFA Quiz Night

We still have tables available for our SPC PTFA QUIZ night ! ??

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**

**SECURE YOUR QUIZ
NIGHT PLACE
TODAY**

**SCAN HERE TO
REGISTER:**



TICKETS ARE LIMITED!

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

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

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 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 5

BASKETBALL

SPC Bryant has had an awesome 3 weeks of basketball with two wins. Shout out to Marco, Phoenix and Noah who were our Players of the Day.



The team are really growing in their understanding of basketball and connecting as a team.

TERM 4 SPORTS REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

If your child played for SPC in Term 1 then they are already registered to play in Term 4 - you don't need to do anything! Your coach will be in contact to confirm with you.

(Except Yr 7/8 basketball, futsal and water polo who will play for Saints United).

If you want to withdraw your child from the team, please email sports@spc.ac.nz before 7th September or you will be liable for Term 4 fees.



If your child did not play in Term 1 you may now register them for Term 4. We are offering basketball Yrs 1-6, splash polo Yrs 3-6, spring/summer netball Yrs 3-8 & touch Yrs 1-8.

Details for each sport are on our website [here](#). To register your child for a sport click on the following link [Sports Registration](#) or visit our SPC website and select Parents / SPC Sports / Sports Registration, and complete the form. When you register your child for sport you are committing to pay the registration fee.

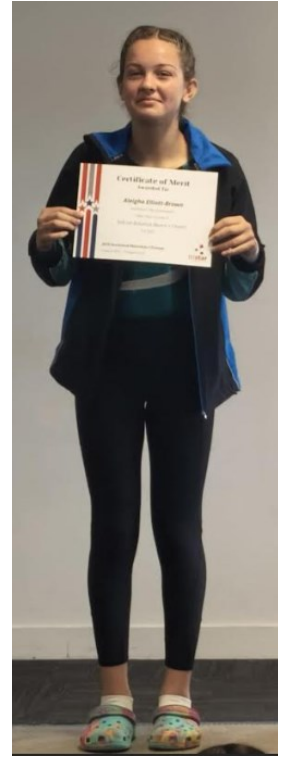
Registrations are open for 3 weeks. **Registrations close Sunday 7th Sept.**

GYMNASTICS

Aleigha participated in the Auckland Manukau Championships for senior artistic gymnastics.

She had a solid routine on beam and achieved 3rd place overall.

Her team also came 3rd overall.



Yr 7/8 SPORTS REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

Here are the links for upcoming sports with Saints:

Volleyball Term 3 - registrations close 17 August

<https://enrolmy.com/saints-united/book-now/27-Saints-United-Volleyball---Term-3-2025>

Basketball Term 4 - Registrations close 30 September

<https://enrolmy.com/saints-united/book-now/28-Saints-United-Basketball---Term-4-2025>

Water Polo Term 4 - Registrations close 1 October

<https://enrolmy.com/saints-united/book-now/29-Saints-United-Waterpolo---Term-4-2025->

Futsal Term 4 - Registrations close 1 October

<https://enrolmy.com/saints-united/book-now/30-Saints-United-Futsal-Term-4-2025>

Please note that Water Polo will only be confirmed if we have the numbers, if not then we wont be able to put teams in.

For more info please contact:

Philippa, Saints United Coordinator, saints@stjosephs.school.nz



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



Intro Sessions

Is your child moving up a year level next season and feeling unsure about the next netball format?

Our *Intro Sessions* are designed to give them the skills, knowledge, and confidence to hit the court ready for the year ahead!

Whether your child is brand new to netball or already has a couple of seasons under their belt, these sessions are the perfect chance to grow their understanding of the game. All abilities are welcome, and every player will be supported to learn and succeed.

Coaches welcome!

Are you a parent coaching next year? Come along **free of charge** and learn alongside your child. The perfect way to grow your own skills while supporting theirs.

Dates: Wednesdays for 4 weeks – 27 August to 10 September 2025

Venue: Hamilton City Netball Centre

Cost: \$40 [Players may purchase merchandise sold separately]

Session Times:

- *Intro to 5v5* – Year 2 moving to Year 3: **4:00–5:00pm**
- *Intro to 6v6* – Year 4 moving to Year 5: **4:00–5:00pm**
- *Intro to 7v7* – Year 6 moving to Year 7: **5:30–6:30pm**

Help your child step up with confidence — register today!

For more information contact Aoife: (07) 8474007 or junior@netballhamilton.org.nz