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Newsletter

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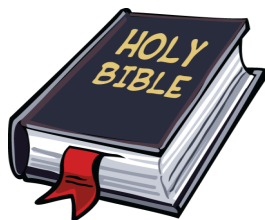
When Our Lord Jesus Christ is the first priority in our life, all other things--family, neighbours, jobs, possessions, etc.--fall into their rightful place; and we are at peace with the world.

This week's Bible Quote

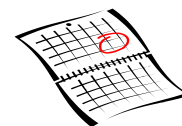
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

'None of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

Luke 14: 33



Important Dates



September

Sun 7th	Term 4 Sports Registration CLOSE
Tues 9th	Waikato Full Primary Speech Finals Ohaupo School
Thurs 11th	Baptism Mass Waikato Full-Primary Cross Country
Sat 13th	PTFA Quiz Night
Thurs 18th	Visitors to SPC from Hastings School
Fri 19th	Last day Term 3

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

Living our School Values

At Saint Peter Chanel, we pride ourselves on fostering a community built on strong values — **Love of God, love of self and others, respect, tolerance, integrity, honesty, and responsibility** to name a few. These values should be the foundation of how we treat one another each day.

Recently, we've noticed an increase in **roasting** (to criticise someone severely with an intention to mock or hurt) and **name-calling** among students. While some may see this as "just joking," or a game, it's important to recognise that these behaviours can be deeply hurtful and **do not align with our school culture**. Even when intended to be funny, words can damage friendships, self-esteem, and the overall atmosphere of our classrooms and playground.

We want students to be living our school values and to be thinking carefully about the words they use and the impact they may have on others. We expect them to be accepting of others' differences, not turning them into the subject of jokes. We expect them to be upstanders, not bystanders, even when it might be unpopular. We are working on this at school; however, we need parents to continue these conversations at home.

Students who continue to 'roast' will find themselves being removed from the playground as a consequence and parents will be contacted. At the same time, we are working with students to understand another important lesson: **we do not have to give power to unkind words**. Often, students who say mean things are doing so to get a reaction. By choosing not to let these comments affect us, we take away their power. This, too, is an act of self-respect and strength. We ask you to encourage your children to respond calmly, or not at all, and tell a teacher as soon as it happens, so it can be followed up.

As parents, carers, and as a school, we share the responsibility to model and reinforce our values and expected behaviour. Please have conversations with your children about their social interactions, in and out of the classroom, and how they are living our school values every day.



Deacon Leon Finn Visit

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On Monday 25th August the Year 5/6 students had a guest speaker from the Hamilton Catholic Diocese visit. Some students wrote about the experience.

Deacon Leon Finn, an archivist for the Hamilton Catholic Diocese, came and visited our school on Monday the 25th of August. When we walked in, we saw a very large Bible used back in the olden times. Surprisingly, he had an old book of baptism and communion names. Listening to what he spoke about, I heard lots about marriage, deaths, and baptism records. Deacon Leon Finn is an archivist who preserves the past, he said it is important to remember Catholic and family history. He showed us old vestments (priest robes) from Bishop Edward Gaines. Thank you Deacon Leon Finn for visiting.

By Tilly

The Year 5 and 6 students were in the hall from 10:00am till 10:30am, listening to Deacon Leon Finn from the Hamilton Catholic Diocese archives. He taught us about our school— rich in history— and the nuns and priests that worked there. Interestingly, he gave us a pop quiz about who the first New Zealand bishop was. It was Bishop Pompallier. The Hamilton archives keep marriage, deaths, and baptism files to remember people in our Catholic community. In the end, we learnt a lot about our history and will definitely be learning more in class!

By Emmerson



Daffodil Day

Last Friday, Saint Peter Chanel held a mufti day to support Daffodil Day. Students were encouraged to wear yellow clothes or accessories to show their support, and bring a gold coin donation. The school raised a total of \$480.00 which will be donated to the Cancer Society.



Junior Poetry Competition

On Monday we held our Junior Poetry Competition in the hall. Participants were from Year 0-2.

They all did very well and we are so proud of them for having the courage to stand up and speak in front of an audience.

Our winners were:

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| 1st | Bodhi Heaton |
| 2nd = | Demi Cornille &
Elsie Richards |
| 3rd | Calixto 111 Luchavez |

Regional Speech Competition

Last night, before a packed-out audience, the Year 7/8 Regional Speech Competition involving 11 schools was held at St Peter Chanel Catholic School. One of our students gained a placing in the top three of their category. Summer Hall placed 1st in the Yr 7 Girls Speeches and will compete in the Waikato Full Primary School Speech Finals at Ohaupo School next week. All of our students who participated represented SPC so well. We wish Summer success for next week's finals.

A big thank you to Mrs Daniella Connolly for organising the well-run event. Thank you also to the judges (many of our staff members) for their support. Thank you to the Year 7 & 8 students and staff who did a wonderful job hosting the evening. The evening showcased our wonderful school.

Interschools Cross Country

On Tuesday, a small group of 25 middle and senior school students proudly represented St Peter Chanel Catholic School at the Hamilton North West Interschool Cross Country. The weather held and we gave it our all. Special thanks to Aberdeen School for organising, and the SPC parents that helped to transport, supervise, and cheer on the runners. Congratulations to Caleb Jepson, 3rd in 8 year old boys and Levi Richards who placed 3rd in the 11 Year old boys.

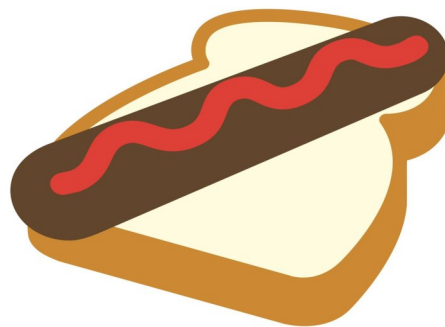


Sausage Sizzle

Friday 5th September

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



Ice Packs Needed!

Help! We have run out of disposable ice packs! If you have any spare that you are happy to donate to school, please deliver them to the school office. Our walking wounded thank you!



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.



BOT Elections

3 September 2025

2025 Board of Trustees Election



HAVE YOU VOTED YET?

CHOOSE WHO YOU WANT ON THE BOARD!

ONLY 1 WEEK TO GO!

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 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 a week today 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.

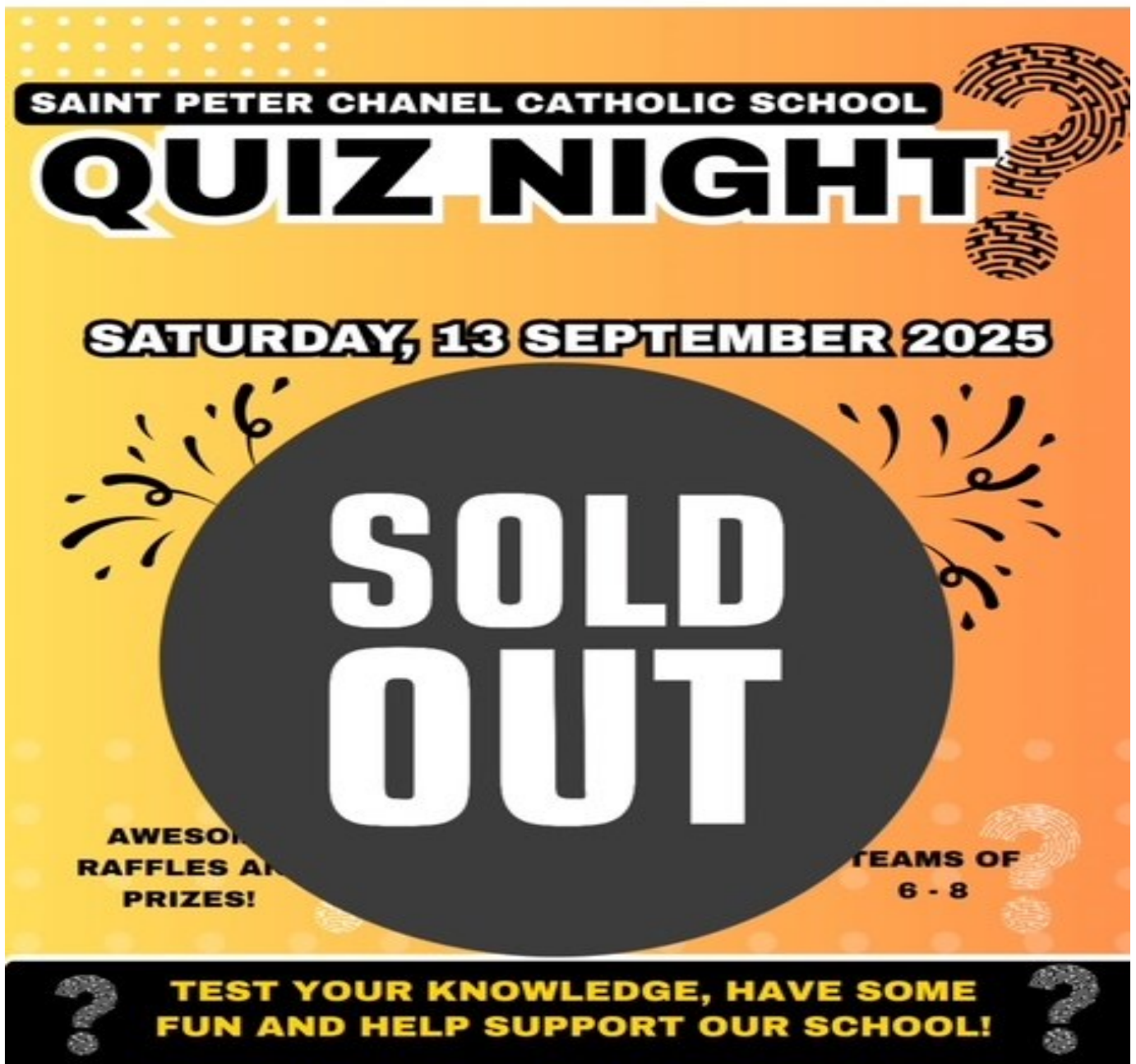


PTFA Quiz Night

The SPC PTFA quiz committee would like to thank everyone for their support. Our quiz night is now Sold out.

Help needed 🚗🚗

The Quiz committee is needing some help we are looking for 2 superstar ✨ volunteers to be school van taxi drivers to get our quiz participants home at the end of the night on Saturday 13th September. If you are keen to help or would like more info, please email spcptfa@gmail.com



SCOTS MAINLY SOCIAL FOR SENIORS IN THE COMMUNITY

Wednesday 3rd September at 1.00pm

*With Guest Speaker from
Age Concern*

\$3 entry fee, there will be a Sales Table and Afternoon Tea is provided.

Come on your own or bring a friend.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

For more information contact
Scots Office
32 Vardon Rd, 849-2685



ANIMAL BLESSING SERVICE



**Scots Presbyterian Church
32 Vardon Road**

Sunday 5th October at 9.30am

Bring your pets and the animals to be blessed.

**Cats, Dogs, Birds, Fish, Horse, Cow, Sheep, Goat, Mice,
Lizard, Turtle or whatever other animal you own...They
are all welcome at this special service.**

For more information, phone 849-2685

SPORT

2025 St Peter Chanel Sports Club Newsletter Term 3 Week 8

TERM 4 SPORTS REGISTRATIONS CLOSE THIS SUNDAY!!!

Don't miss out! Read the information on the next page in this newsletter.

NEW ZEALAND KARATE CHAMPION!

Last weekend the New Zealand National Karate Championships were held at Cowles Stadium in Christchurch with all of New Zealand's top Karateka competing.

Following up from her success at the Kirikiriroa Open last month, Saskia went one better to win the National Championship - making her New Zealand Champion!

This sets her up for selection for the New Zealand team heading to the Junior World Championships in Morocco and the Commonwealth Championships in Glasgow next year. (Where she hopes to better her Bronze medal from Birmingham in 2022). Well done Saskia!



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 close this Sunday 7th Sept.

FUTSAL

If your Yr 7 child wants to be on next year's futsal AIMS Games team you need to register them now with Saints United for next Term.

Futsal Term 4 - Registrations close 1 October

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

Yr 7/8 SPORTS REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

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->

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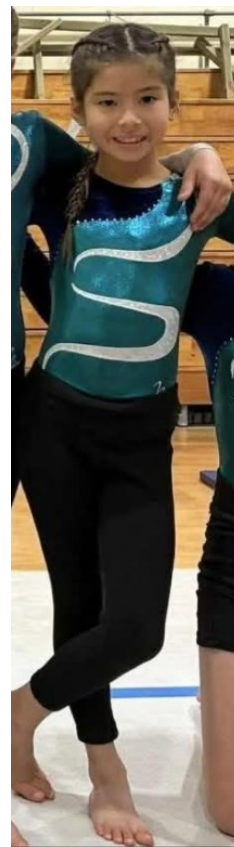
For more info contact: Philippa, saints@stjosephs.school.nz

GYMNASTICS

Aleigha and Ruby participated in the Waikato School Gym Sports Competitive Competition last week.

Ruby participated with an amazing result of coming 7th in the step 2 division. Aleigha came 3rd overall, 2nd on beam, 2nd on vault, and 3rd on floor in the step 5 division.

They were proud to represent the school.



WEET-BIX KIDS TRYATHLON!

Join our school group! We are registered for the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon in Cambridge on **Sunday 7th December**.

To register your child, click on the link below, scroll down to *How to enter a TRYathlete* and read *C) Joining Your School Group*.

When you are ready, click on the **ENTER NOW/CREATE A SCHOOL GROUP** link on the right hand side of the page.

When you register you can select the option for your TRYathlete pack to be delivered to the school. [Click HERE to register](#)



Distances are approximate and are as follows;

- 6 year olds 50m swim / 1.5km run
- 7 year olds 50m swim / 4km cycle / 1.5km run
- 8 – 10 year olds 75 – 100m swim / 4km cycle / 1.5km run
- 11 – 15 year olds 150 – 200m swim / 8km cycle / 1.5 km run

Get your friends together & join our St Peter Chanel team now!

AIMS GAMES - NETBALL



What a great start to our week at Netball for AIMS Games. After going down in our 1st grading games to top 10 placed teams from last year, we have managed 2 wins and 1 loss in our first pool play cross overs.

Our netballers will now be playing in C grade and are playing for 81st-96th placed. Huge improvement from last years 127th already!!!! Always a vibe these girls who are so resilient and determined to keep on improving every game!!! CCW
#culturecreateswinners



ZESPRI™ AIMS GAMES 2025



AIMS GAMES - TRAMPOLINE AND SWIMMING

A big congratulations to Ewan who placed 2nd overall earning himself a Silver Medal. First place was only 0.1 of a mark higher than him!

Aleigha had an amazing result too with 5th overall. Well done!

Ava Chaimontree smashed out 4 personal bests in 100m breast-stroke, butterfly, freestyle and medley. Nicole Ladur also claimed a personal best in her 50m butterfly event. What a great start to the 2025 AIMS Games!



AIMS GAMES - GYMNASTICS

Aleigha is having a blast at AIMS Games. She came 13th overall in the gymnastics. She accomplished 2 PB's on floor and bar. She placed 9th on bar. She has had an amazing experience representing the school in a very competitive AIMS Games.



AIMS GAMES - GOLF

Harrison had his AIMS Games debut playing golf at Otumoetai Golf course.



AIMS GAMES - FUTSAL AND NETBALL



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

Open Day

Sunday 7th September

68 Maeroa Road



Come on down to learn about the club and what we offer for members and casual players.

Talk with Pete Hoyland and the team from Kiwi Tennis about coaching options.

Free fun for the family and equipment provided.

Plus

+ New member specials +

+ BBQ +

+ Join in on our fun tennis sessions +

11:00 am: Primary School Age

11:30 am: Primary School Age

12:00 pm: Intermediate Age

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1:00 pm: High School + Adults

1:30 pm: High School + Adults

