



St. Peter Chanel School

*Opening doors for children to be
confident, active, successful and inquiring learners
who are followers of Jesus*

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Kia Ora Koutou,

Thought of the Week

Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible;
and suddenly you are doing the impossible.

Welcome back everyone! It is great to see everyone back after the long holiday break, fit and ready for the new year. The children have settled quickly into their new classrooms and seem to really enjoy being back at school.

2012 Organisation

Room 1 Year 1/2 & Deputy Principal

Room 2 Year 2

Room 3 Year 3/4 & DRS

Room 4 Year 5/6

Reading Recovery / Teacher Release

Teacher Aide/Headstart

Teacher Aide/Librarian

Secretary (mornings only)

Mrs Lesley Johnston

Mrs Alison Holden

Mrs Bridget Russell

Mr Chris Burgess

Debbie Waldron

Mary-Lee Rolleston-King

Maureen Murphy

Ursula McEntyre

This year Alison will be taking Room 2 until lunchtime and Lesley will have Room's 1 and 2 for the afternoons. I will be teaching in each classroom providing Teacher Release as well as doing Reading Recovery.

From time to time issues may arise that need attention and we believe that the sooner these are dealt with the less likely they are to develop into serious problems. The first point of contact for any issue should be your child's classroom teacher. Our procedures for issues/homework etc are displayed on the office noticeboard.

Shared Prayer

Room 3 will lead us for Shared Prayer tomorrow in Room 6 at 9.00am. Parents and caregivers are welcome to join with us.

Start of Year Mass

Our opening school Mass for the year will be held on the 19th of February. Further details will be advised closer to the time but please keep this date free.

Smart Lunches

These will be available again from next Tuesday, 7th February. The cost is \$3.50 for a regular lunch and \$4.50 for a larger one. Lunches are made up of a sandwich or bun, a piece of baking, fruit and a milk or jelly pudding. Orders must be left in the payment box at the office by 9.00am.

Welcome

This year we welcome Chris Burgess as the new teacher in Room 4. We also have student teachers – Ms Tubbs in Room 3, Ms Maguire in Room 2 and Ms Sundor in Room 1. A special welcome also to our new students this year. We are thrilled to welcome back Ari Huisman to Room 4. We also have Oliver Tily and Lily-Rose Parsons-King joining Room 3, and Jayden Sutherland (AJ's brother) has started in Room 1. We wish you all happy schooldays with us.



Lily-Rose



Ari



Oliver



Jayden

Invoices

Invoices have been sent home with all the children and are made up of four components:

Stationery: This covers books, pens, etc that the children are given in class. A detailed breakdown of this is provided on the back of the account.

RE: This cost covers the Religious Education Digital Resource that is purchased by the school.

Activities: This part of your account is a donation and is therefore voluntary. We use this income to provide shows, trips etc for the children, which complement their classroom work. Examples of such costs for last year are: buses to Orokonui - \$600, buses to Kavanagh College for production rehearsals - \$200, Jay Juggler and Filipa Fairy show - \$295, Kahurangi Show - \$400. Without support from parents through the activities donation, many of these trips and shows would not be possible.

Swimming: Toward the end of this year we will once again employ instructors from a professional swim school to run a week of swimming tuition with the children. The \$25 fee will go toward tuition, pool entry and bus transport.

Please note that we do not have Eftpos facilities at school, but payments can be made by cash, cheque or internet banking. Our account number is shown on the invoice – please use your child's name as your reference. We are more than happy for parents to set up a regular automatic payment to the school to cover these costs.

Secondhand Uniform

We have a supply of secondhand uniform items that will be displayed next week in the office area. Come and have a look and perhaps pick up some spare items for the coming colder months. Purchase of these items is by donation to our Parents and Friends committee.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

We will be having interviews with parents on the 20th and 21st of February. The purpose of these will be to meet teachers and set goals for your children's learning in 2012. Appointment forms and further details will be sent home with children next week.

Reminders

Lunches: children may bring hot lunches to be heated in the pie warmer only (not microwave) but please ensure that these are wrapped in foil or other suitable material – NOT clingwrap. Pies should be thawed as they will not be heated enough otherwise. Hot drinks or noodles may be brought to school in a thermos only.

Uniform: All children should be wearing correct summer uniform, including their sunhats, this term. Non-regulation items of clothing are not permitted to be worn at school. We have secondhand uniform items available and please remember to check lost property regularly. All uniform items should be **clearly named**.

Wish List

- Are you green-fingered? We have lovely gardens and planter boxes at our school, but we do rely on help from parents to keep them looking good. If you are able to come along anytime and pull out a few weeds or trim back an overgrown plant, please do so.

- Does anyone have a small bar fridge or similar that we could use in our pie warmer room as we would like to keep pies, pizzas etc in a fridge rather than in the classroom.

Parents and Friends

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 8th February at 7pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome.

TBall

Tball games will resume next Saturday, 11th Feb. Teams are the same as last term, but may be re-graded. Check the draw next week to ensure you have the correct field.

Newsletters

As technology races ahead, the way people receive their mail, including newsletters, has changed. We would like to email our newsletter to as many families as possible. This should avoid lost newsletters and will reduce our printing expenses. Please let Ursula know if you would like to receive your newsletter this way.

Altar Servers for Sunday: Kyra McEntyre & Jack Saville

Date	EVENT	Date	EVENT
6 th Feb	Waitangi Day	10 th Feb	Room 1&2 Assembly
17 th Feb	Room 4 Shared Prayer	19 th Feb	Opening Mass
20/21 Feb	Parent/Teacher Conferences	22 nd Feb	Year 5/6 First Aid
24 th Feb	Room 3 Assembly	27 th Feb	Walk'n'Wheel week
5 th March	Year 5/6 Camp	16 th March	Room 4 Assembly
23 rd March	Room 3 Shared Prayer	26 th March	Otago Anniversary
5 th April	End of Term 1	6 th April	Good Friday

God Bless

Debbie Waldron

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