

Special points of interest:

- Holy Week
- Fund Raising
- Classroom Snapshot Folders



A warm hello to all of you from a very happy school on the brink of "a bit of less routine" time ahead!

Parents often comment to me that they really enjoy holidays because of the "less rushed" feel about them; no homework and no packed lunches. But, by the end of the two weeks, are very keen to get back into the routine that families get into during term time. I must say I am really looking forward to lounging around in my PJ's while I have my cup of coffee in the morning, instead of glugging it down between loading washing and grabbing stuff that I need to take to school. I really love the Easter term break. Not only because it is getting colder and I don't have to get up as early as usual, but because of what it means. Our church has a very rich tradition, and the Easter celebrations are the most important of all in the Catholic Church. Because of the way the holidays fall this year, HOLY WEEK is in the first week. This week starts on Sunday when we celebrate Palm (Passion) Sunday. This is a Mass where children get to see, hear, smell and feel the richness of the Catholic tradition through all the things that happen. Processing to the church, waving palms and singing makes things a little more interesting for children. The next important day is Thursday at 7pm. This is when the Last Supper is remembered and is also the "Washing of the feet" part. On Good Friday at 3pm, is the next part of Holy Week. At this time we venerate the Cross. It is at this time that we recognise that Jesus died. On Holy Saturday there is a Vigil Mass at 7pm. Here the Passion is read and remembered. Then there is the most important celebration of the year—Easter Sunday, celebrating Jesus' Resurrection at 9am on Sunday morning. This also falls on the 4th Sunday of the month which is Pompallier Community's turn for morning tea. We ask that those families who are in town could please bring morning tea as there are usually a few out of town guests over Easter. Also as Pukekeo whanau showed us at the last Mass, it is really great when there are a number of helping hands on these occasions. If Piwakawaka and Kea whanau could lend a hand serving morning tea and cleaning up for this Mass it would be really great (we could offer mini eggs as a bribe!!)

Classroom Snapshot Folders

On Friday your children will bring their term 1

Classroom Snapshot Folders home. These are the "revised version" of Learning Folders from 2010. Included in the Folder with the great work samples from your children is a questionnaire for you and your children to fill in. Please return this in your child's folder within the first week of Term 2. As always there are house points up for grabs! 50 for the first day back and 10 less every day after. The challenge is on! Our teachers have spent a lot of time and effort in the preparation of these snapshots of learning with your children. The aim is that you are able to get a clear picture of where your child is at in their learning. This is one of the ways that we will be reporting to you about your child's learning throughout the year. We hope that you value the Classroom Snapshot Folders as much as we do at school.

Changes for Term 2

As you know we are saying goodbye to the wonderful Mrs Hammon who has been teaching and learning in Kakapo with the Year 6 and 7 students. She agreed to help us out full time for the first term while we looked for a permanent Catholic teacher for this class. We are very thankful for all she has done while at PCS, and the way she has made Kakapo a place where the students feel proud and happy to be a part of. We have now found a permanent teacher who will be starting at PCS after Queen's Birthday weekend. Her name is Miss Cross and she is from Tauranga. Until Miss Cross arrives, Mrs Robinson, who the students are familiar with, will be teaching in Kakapo. We are really sad to say goodbye to Mrs Hammon, but wish her all the best and thank her for the great job she has done as a reliever at our school. We are also very thankful to have Mrs Robinson's experience to draw upon while we wait for Miss Cross. I know the transition will be smooth as Mrs Hammon and Mrs Robinson have already discussed how that is going to work; it is a privilege to work with professionals who think of what is going to be the best for their students.

Production 2011

Mrs Robinson would like to extend a big thank you to all the parents who have attended the two Production meetings that she has held so far. The team has asked if you could help out with any of the following:

Donations of old

- Plain sheets or table cloths
- Fam shirts
- Trousers
- Long "flowing" skirts

If you are able to help out with any of these items, please could you drop them off to the meeting room in the administration block by the first week of Term 2. Thank you for your help. These items will be used in the making of the costumes needed for "**Joseph and his Colourful Coat**". We are getting really excited about our big production, and will be sending more information home as the term progresses.



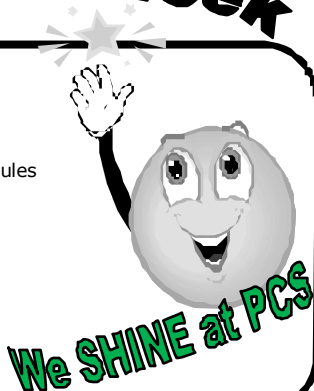
We would love to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome our new students and their families !

Blake Wintraecken Kiwi

We would also like to WELCOME **Mrs Penny Cutler** to our school. The "new" Mrs Cutler has been with us for a couple of weeks (just after our last newsletter) and will be here next term for 6 weeks. Mrs Cutler is a student teacher and is very lucky to be placed with our fantastic Te Kahu class and is learning alongside Mrs Carey. She has settled into PCS really well and is already a well established member of our team (who also gives us great treats!)

Star of the Week

Kiwi	Ashton Kimber
Pukeko	Maia Subritzky Tyler Haines
Piwakawaka	Tainui Kingi-Samules Cailee Doak
Kea	Danny Greenall Zoe Attwood
Tui	Payge Beatson Callum Greenall
Kakapo	Ashley Ujdur Tomislav Baker
Te Kahu	Camryn Stewart Bailey Hansford
SUPERSTAR	Mrs Hammon



CAMP Y5-8



As always we will be taking our Y5-Y8 students on a camp at the end of the year. Mrs Carey sent out a letter this week to start the ball rolling, as we would like to start

getting ideas and funds together for this awesome annual event. If everyone bands together to do small bits of fundraising, it will help lower the financial strain on everyone. We do realise that times are tough financially, so please come and see us if you think you may have any difficulty. We want this opportunity to be available to all our students and certainly do not want anyone to miss out because of financial strain. If we don't know—we can't help, so please feel free to come in and chat. Our students get so excited about going on camp, and it becomes a big part of everyday discussion in the senior part of the school, so we would love everyone to feel involved and a part of getting it all together for all of us. Please see Mrs Carey or Mrs Mill if you have any questions or issues.

TIME TO RELAX.....

I wish everyone a Spiritual Holy week and a very Blessed Easter, have a wonderful family break !!
God bless, Michele Mill

Special Character Column

An incredibly busy term is coming to an end this week with yet another celebration in our liturgical year. We will also be farewelling Father Rodney who has made himself readily available whenever we have needed him.

This weekend Holy Week will begin on Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday) and lead us up to Easter. The RE lessons this week will focus on the significance of Holy week and Easter lessons will be taught after the break.

On Thursday every class will act out a part of the Easter play which depicts the last week of Jesus' life beginning with his entrance into Jerusalem - Palm Sunday through to his death and resurrection. The re-enactment will begin at 11:30 just after morning tea. This will begin with the children giving a few words of thanks to Father Rodney for his amazing contribution to our school over the past term. Everyone is invited to join us in the quad for this event.



Blessings on your path,
Jonathan McDonald

A group of children were Baptised after having received instruction from Gemma Sinnott and Helen Payne this term under the guidance of Father Rodney.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES :

- Blake Wintraecken, Christopher Wintraecken
- Danielle Wintraecken
- Jae Waipouri (& little sister Caleb-Rose)
- Holly Schrafft (little sister of Jayden)
- Tainui Kingi-Samules (& little brother Matthayus)
- Connor Maskell, Bailey Vinac (& little brother Blake Maskell)
- Kobie Scutt
- Maia Subritzky
- Tynan May
- Jake Aspin, Ryan Aspin
- McVay Lloyd (& little brother Cohen)
- Chloe Olsen

NOTICE BOARD



"Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way when you criticize them, you are a mile away from them and you have their shoes."
Jack Handey

Kaimānga:
Food for
thought

REMINDER WINTER UNIFORM

Term 2 and Term 3 are the terms when we wear our winter uniform.

The options are strictly as follows:

- * Closed PLAIN black shoes, no patterns or writing
- * All shoes are to have heels no higher than 2cm
- * Grey school socks for boys
- * White socks for girls
- * Black or green tights for girls
- * Green school sweatshirt for juniors
- * Green school jackets for Year 7 and 8's
- * No extra colourful jackets, scarves or gloves

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING..

Please ensure your child has the required hairstyle when they return to school in Term 2. The staff and I will be taking a no tolerance stance to uniforms in Term 2. We have repeatedly asked students and parents to adhere to our rules. It is not fair that some do and some choose not to. Please do not be offended if your child brings home a note or you receive a phonecall about the uniform expectations. This will be the same for every student (and there are very few) who does not comply with our expectations.



We are still waiting to hear stories from past students to help with celebrations for Mrs Paton's farewell on 15th July 2011

Thank you !

Toy and Book Fair

The Special Character Team would like to say a big thank you for the support they received from everyone for their Toy and Book Fair. It was awesome to see everyone dressed up and great fun choosing the winners. **\$209.10** was raised and the money will go towards sandpit toys and other lunchtime fun sports equipment.

Winners of the dress up were:

Kiwi:	Jessie-Lee Beatson, Leyton Tracey
Pukeko:	Mia-Lee Samuela, Jayden Scrafft
Piwakawaka:	Jack Phillip, Rylee Windleborne
Kea:	Caprice Tewake, Danny Greenall
Tui:	Ryan Aspin / Cole Carey , Leah Jones
Kakapo:	Teagan Davis, Caleb Ujdur
Te Kahu:	Greer Carey, Jake Aspin



Netball for years 7 & 8
to start netball training
in Term 2

Thursdays at 3pm

INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER is a free issue of **Bishop Pat's CARINGNEWS** Newspaper.

We hope you enjoy the reading and information about the Catholic Caring Foundation.

******HOUSE POINTS COMPETITION Term 1 Week 11******

(All answers are in this newsletter)

(50 points per student for every correct answer handed in by Friday 3pm)

What is the Month of May ?

ANSWER: _____

NAME: _____

HOUSE GROUP: _____

PTFA / PARISH *****HANGI*****

Thank you to the incredible group of parents and parishioners who worked themselves to the bone preparing our Hangi, packing, cooking and then giving out around 550 hangis last week! All accounts I have heard and what I sampled myself—was one word—delicious! Tino Pai Bill! To the people who stayed to the bitter end—THANKYOU !! You are all amazing!



March 2011

April 2011

June 2011

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
11	12	13 Newsletter	14 Passion Play 11.30am Farewell Father Rodney	15 Whole school Mass 9am Father Pat returns	16 School Holidays	17 PALM SUNDAY
18 Holy Week Begins	19	20	21 Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday)	22 GOOD FRIDAY	23 Holy Saturday	24 EASTER SUNDAY
25 Anzac Day Easter Monday	26	27	28 St Peter Chanel	29	30	1 MAY THE MONTH OF MARY
2 TERM 2 BEGINS	3	4 Chanel "Green" Day	5	6 "Young Mary" Play \$3	7	8 Mother's Day
9	10 RE Advisor's Visit	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Y7/8 Rippa Y4-8 Netball	21	22 FAMILY MASS
23 Y7 Boosterix Duffy Show 2pm	24 Maria "Red" Day	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1 JUNE	2	3	4	5

As always we try to keep you informed well in advance of what's happening around school—I hope this little calendar helps us all to remember what is happening at our busy school. We usually send out a flyer, when appropriate, as a gentle reminder, and sometimes this is 24 hours before. Please note the days that support your child's faith journey and help them to attend celebrations that are not necessarily during school hours.

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A Message from Father Rodney

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH, KAITAIA

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday and concludes with the Paschal Triduum, the Easter Three Days, beginning with Holy Thursday evening, continuing through Good Friday and Holy Saturday, and ending with Easter Sunday. It is the central celebration of the whole year. We celebrate both the death and resurrection of Jesus, and also who we are as his disciples, the Body of Christ.

St Paul, in his letter to the Galatians 6:14, expresses the focus of these days:

We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and resurrection, through him we are saved and made free.

TIMETABLE FOR THE TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday:	Mass of the Lord's Supper	7 pm
Good Friday:	Liturgy of the Passion	3 pm
Holy Saturday:	Easter Vigil	7 pm
Easter Sunday Mass:		9 am

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence from meat. It is recommended that a fast or simplicity in food be continued through Holy Saturday.

The one Liturgy of the Triduum includes a number of elements that do not happen at any other point during the year. There is the washing of the feet, the veneration of the cross, the service of light and the Baptism of adults.

In the liturgy of the Triduum, we remember the Passion, death and Resurrection of the Lord. But although these liturgies are full of drama and a powerful sense of history, liturgical remembering is not about the past; it is about the present. When the Church remembers, something happens in the here and now. The riches of the Lord's power and merits are opened to us so that these are in some way made present in every age in order for us to lay hold on them and be filled with saving grace. In other words, the Triduum is *sacramental*; for the Resurrection is not just remembered, as great events in history are remembered. The Resurrection becomes a living reality and draws us into the life of the risen Lord.

BACKGROUND NOTES

- The Easter Triduum is the culmination of the entire liturgical year.
- The three celebrations of the Triduum are distinct but closely related liturgies that form a single unit.
- The mood of these liturgies is solemn but not sombre.
- The Triduum is not a re-enactment of historical events. The purpose of these days is our participation in the paschal mystery through sacramental signs.

The Easter Season comes to an end with Pentecost Sunday.

PALM SUNDAY

There is a double focus for this celebration: the procession with palms and the reading of the passion. While remembering the Lord's entry into Jerusalem, the procession becomes for us a powerful symbol of the pilgrim Church as we enter the church in procession for the beginning of Holy Week.

The Passion this year comes from Matthew's Gospel. Matthew gives us a crowded canvas, full of characters and incidents. No one seems to behave as one would expect. The Twelve are scattered; Judas betrays Jesus, while Peter denies him. Pilate protests his innocence but hands Jesus over to death; and Pilate's wife pleads for Jesus' life. The Roman centurion who is keeping guard at the cross is the first to acknowledge what has happened – that the man who has been crucified was truly the Son of God.

HOLY THURSDAY 7 pm

The evening Mass of the Lord's Supper begins in the usual way but ends in silence after the procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the altar of repose. No blessing and dismissal, no final hymn. The Gospel is John's account of the washing of the feet of the disciples at the last supper. Then follows our own ritual foot washing, celebration of the Eucharist and transfer of the Eucharist to the place of prayer and adoration which extends into the night. This is the beginning of the Three Days. As disciples we are people both of the Eucharist and of service.

GOOD FRIDAY 3 pm

The celebration of the Passion of the Lord begins and ends in silence. The key elements for Good Friday are the proclamation of the Passion from John, the General Intercessions in which we remember the needs of all people in the world, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion. The colour of the vestments is red, the same as for Palm Sunday. We do not try to re-enact the crucifixion of Jesus. We gather to celebrate the mystery of the cross. The cross is a symbol both of human torture and suffering, and also of Jesus' fidelity and surrender to his Father even unto death. The cross is a symbol of the conflict between good and evil and in this conflict the final word is found in God's word: goodness overcoming evil and life overcoming death. As disciples we are a people signed with the cross, for the cross is a central symbol of Christian faith.

HOLY SATURDAY 7 pm

The Easter Vigil is the climax of the Triduum. It has four parts. It begins with the lighting of the fire and Easter candle and the proclamation of the Easter message, the Exsultet. There is an extended Liturgy of the Word with several readings from the Old Testament. The Baptism Liturgy is central with the blessing of the Easter water and the baptism of adults together with the renewal of baptismal vows of all present. The Eucharist is then celebrated. The strong focus on baptism reminds us that we are plunged into the death and resurrection of Jesus at baptism, and here at Easter we renew our identity as being a baptised people.

EASTER SUNDAY MASS 9 AM

With renewal of baptismal promises.

HAPPY EASTER. ALLELUIA.

THANK YOU

Thank you Father Rodney for the way you have become part of our community. Thank you for the time you have spent talking to and teaching our students. Thank you for the time you have shared with us as a staff. Thank you for the way you have supported our DRS and Principal. Thank you for your sense of humour and wit. Thank you for sharing your pearls of Wisdom with us. Thank you for your patience. Thank you for your prayers. God bless you wherever you go next, we wish you all the best and hope to see you again as you travel around.