

St Paul's Catholic School

Newsletter 7, Term 2, 2020

Thursday 28th May, 2020

Vision: At St Paul's we know, love and serve God.

Mission: To provide a collaborative, holistic learning environment founded on Catholic ideals.

Kia ora koutou,

I hope your week is going well and that the array of loose ends that we have been dealt during these unprecedented times are starting to fall into place for you all. To let you know, there is financial support available from the Diocesan Office for parents who may be struggling financially to pay attendance dues due to the impact of COVID-19. Please come and see me in confidence if you'd like to know more.

Following is an update of the work we are doing in regards to our behaviour management review. We welcome any feedback.

BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT PART 3

At the beginning of the year, you will remember I undertook a survey of the parent community's perception of Behaviour at St Paul's Catholic School. In March, I also surveyed the students. Their feedback has led to many positive changes. They told us that being rewarded for doing the right thing was important to them. They also gave us feedback around feeling unsafe in the playground and, as a result, we now have at least two staff members on duty at lunchtime. They also said they would like other activities to do during the break times, like an Art class and organised sport.

The overwhelming feedback we received from parents and caregivers was that you wanted open, transparent communication with staff around incidents that occur at school.

We are in the midst of developing a Four Tier Behaviour System, which, once completed, will be shared with you. It will take on board many of the aspects you shared with us around Behaviour Management.

A process we are currently considering is as follows:

- **Tier 1** are minor behaviours such as misunderstandings, not listening, swearing, not wearing the school uniform correctly, or having a disagreement. These are dealt with quickly and easily.
- **Tier 2** Behaviours are around Safety, Disobedience and recurring behaviours from Tier 1.
- **Tier 3** is physically or emotionally hurting another person and behaviours such as bullying or being confrontational.
- **Tier 4** is Premeditated Physical or Emotional abuse of any person.

In response to the parent survey, Tier 2-4 behaviours will include some form of communication, generally a phone call from the class teacher, (or the person who dealt with the incident). The phone call will be to both sets of parents. The conversation will sound something like this: *'Something has happened at school today and we know that you would like us to follow up, and so we are contacting you to let you know.'*

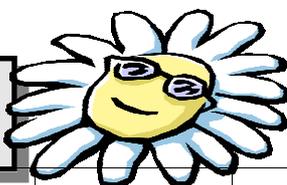
The purpose of this conversation is not to blame anyone. We will be trying our hardest to work with all parties to find positive solutions that reinforce our Catholic Faith, such as being restorative and merciful, as Christ is.

Pat Jackson

May the blessings of the risen Lord be with you.

Shaun Emms

St Paul's Catholic School Ngaruawahia
CALENDAR TERM 1, 2020



Singing Lessons
 Guitar/Ukulele Lessons - Mondays
 Lunches
 Drama -

| Week | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun |
|-----------|---------------------------------|--|---|--|---------------------------|-----|-----|
| | JUNE 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | Queen's Birthday Holiday | | | | | | |
| | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 9 | | | | Manual | | | |
| | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 10 | | | | | Easter Raffle Draw | | |
| | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 11 | | | Birth of St John the Baptist Written Reports go Home | Manual Parent Interviews Parents & Students 3-6pm | | | |
| | 29 | 30 | JULY 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 12 | St Peter and Paul | SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 12PM Parent Interviews Parents & Students 1-6pm | | | | | |

From the Board:

Welcome back everyone! I know that things are very different at school now compared to three months ago, but it is a welcome relief for many to be able to see familiar faces again and lead a semi-normal life. Many of us are cherishing a little peace while the kids are at school! I thank you for your patience throughout Alert Levels 4 and 3, and recognise that it was a difficult and stressful time for many families. Thank you also to our teachers who went to great lengths to provide support and learning opportunities for our children from a distance. While the school is now operational again, things will be a bit different for a long time. The priority is the safety and wellbeing of our children, our staff and our community. We appreciate your cooperation during this time, even if you find some things to be inconvenient or frustrating. On a personal note, I will be moving out of the area next week after purchasing a small dairy farm near Morrinsville. While this is exciting, it is sad to say goodbye to such a lovely school and community. We feel so lucky to have had opportunity to come to St Paul's Catholic School and meet such great people. Thanks for all the love, wisdom, inspiration and support, it will be missed. I will continue to lead the Board until the end of this year, and will keep regular contact with what's going on. You can't get rid of me that easily! Take care everyone and enjoy this wonderful life!
 God bless,
 John Assen - BoT Chairman

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 25-31 May 2020
 Ascension Sunday

Dear friends,

During this week between Ascension and Pentecost Sundays, the Christian churches make a special effort to pray for Christian unity. The theme for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian unity is "They showed us unusual kindness" (Acts 28.2), which refers to the reception given to Paul and companions when they were shipwrecked on the island of Malta.

There is much to reflect upon in this theme in the light of our experience of the last few weeks with COVID-19. We have been urged to "Be kind" and to "Stay united". The pandemic has been the equivalent of a shipwreck for many people, and "unusual kindness" is needed as never before.

Over centuries, the Christian churches have moved from hostility and aggression towards one another to working together on the many things we have in common, especially our assistance for those who are most vulnerable. Kindness can unite us as Christians. We have already seen how it can unite us as Kiwis.

Please take part in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in some way. If gathering is not possible or risky, then use the Eight Days of Prayer for Christian Unity leaflet which is available on www.catholic.org.nz or your diocesan website.

Everything you do towards Christian unity counts.

John A Cardinal Dew Archbishop of Wellington

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