

From Teresa

Here is a reflection about creation which some classes are focusing on during their God strand learning.



Take a moment to listen to the still small voice of God within the bustle of the day which has begun. Find a quiet place where you can enjoy precious moments of peace in God's presence. Sit quietly and listen to the sounds of the world around you, both outside and in the place where you are. Breathe slowly and rest in God's presence.....

Dear Whanau/Family

Taking time out to BREATHE slowly and rest in God's presence is something we all need to do in order to be Christ to others. It's not always easy and often we think we can't afford the time to do it, but you know what? You can't afford not to do it. Taking time out doesn't have to be a big drama. I haven't got it down to a fine art by any means, however when I know I need time alone with my Lord I close the door, light the candle in my Office, sit on the couch, close my eyes and BREATHE. Try it! The spin offs for maintaining positive relationships and continuing to be Christ to others, outweighs the excuses we conjure up in our minds not to do it, because we can't afford the time. Christ needed time out too. He often went off to be alone. To BREATHE. To pray! We couldn't ask for a greater role model.

Kapa Haka Whanaungatanga Performance

The whanau at Hato Hemi St James' wanted to support our kapa haka student's journey by sharing their talents with other local Catholic Schools last Friday night. An invite was sent to all the Catholic schools in our area inviting them to share their kapa haka talents with each other. This hui provided our school and faith communities with the opportunity to meet as



family/whanau under the umbrella of whanaungatanga.

The evening began with a powhiri, the karanga given by our two senior students, supported by our kuia Materoa. We welcomed whanau, their supporters, Fr Chris Martin, Principals and staff from Our Lady of Lourdes, Hato Paora and St Peter's College and of course Hato Hemi St James'.

It was the first time our kura had hosted a celebration of kapa haka whanaungatanga. It was an awesome opportunity for our students to see the talents of students from other schools. It was also wonderful for the parents of our kura to see the learning and performance progress of our students.



We were overwhelmed with the number of whanau who attended and how much they enjoyed it. The presence of the Holy Spirit was felt throughout the evening. The kai was up to it's usual high quality and we look forward to celebrating in this way much more regularly. A huge thank you Jude Wills who shared this dream of 22 years with us and to Katy Grant and the Whanau whose leadership in this area made it happen. Te pai hoki o to mahi! Your work is truly great!



Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to Stevie and Monet Trail who have both recently started their learning and faith journey at our school.



St Peters Parent Evening Last Night

Thank you to those of you who came along to listen to what the College has to offer you and your family. What a great turn out! The students who spoke to the group certainly spoke proudly of the many different ways the College has nurtured them to be well rounded Christian, contributing leaders and thinkers. If you were unable to attend last night and would like to know more please don't hesitate to contact Catherine Gunn at gunnc@stpeterspn.school or phone the College on 3544197.

Generation Game

Wondering what's happening re the Hall Stereo system which is what the proceeds of the Generation Game are going towards? I am finalising quotes and hope to have made a decision by the end of this week/early next week. You know good things take time!!!!

FROM THE DRS TEAM

Last week the special Character committee of the Board of trustees hosted an information evening about Baptism, for Catholic children who have not yet received this Sacrament. The evening was a chance for parents to find out about the Parish Baptismal programme, listen to Father Brian outline the lessons, and hear some other people's experiences. Valerie Margrain shared Tim's baptismal experience from two years ago and described what this had meant to Tim. As our children move through St James' school they experience the Catholic faith we have chosen for them in many ways. Receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist are a part of our Catholic journey and children love to participate in these. The Parish Baptismal programme is a chance to include our Catholic children on this journey.

If you were unable to come to this meeting and would like to know more about the Baptism programme starting in Term 3, please see Teresa Edwards or Christine Cosgrove -we would love to help you.



ENGAGING LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AT OUR SCHOOL

Book Look

Your children's books will be coming home Tomorrow, Friday 25th June. Please take the time to sit with your

child and talk about the learning and progress they have made this term. Please also take the time to fill the feed back form in the Connected Curriculum Book, telling your SUPER Achiever/s what you like about their learning and how they can improve. Books are due back on Monday 28th June please.



If your child's book is returned to school without your feed back/feed forward in the Connected Curriculum book they will bring it home again for you to do this. We would like every learner in our school to have the benefit of their parent's insights into their learning progress. Thank you for supporting our teachers and your children in this way.

St James - Got Talent Show

We were privileged to be an audience to a wonderful celebration of our SUPER Achievers gifts and talents on Tuesday. What a show! Our MC's Leo and Finn cleverly linked the items together and our resident dance expert Dean Mc Kerras aka Simon Cowell, gave competitors enthusiastic feed back and feed forward (unlike Simon Cowell). A huge thank you to Miss Warrington and her team for their inspiration and organisation of this event!!! Check out the photos on our school website in the photo gallery at the top of the web page. Places will be announced on Monday morning at Gathering.



Big Question Inquiry Celebration 5.30-7.30 30 June

Last year as part of our New Zealand Curriculum Community Consultation, you told us that you wanted to visit your child's classroom regularly so your child/ren could share their

learning with you. You told us during school time was really hard for you and you needed flexibility. Sooooo we are trialling something next Wednesday 30 June from 5.30-7.30pm.



By now you will have received an invitation either from your children or on behalf of them, to come along to their classrooms next Wednesday anytime between 5.30-7.30 so that they can share what they have been learning about:

Year 0-2 How the solar system affects us.

Year 3-4 How water affects our world.

Year 5-6 How planetary systems affect life.

It's important to take time to celebrate the great learning that happens right across our connected curriculum every term here at St James'. We practice our reading, writing and numeracy skills in our Big Question Inquiry learning. You won't be disappointed by the learning the children want to show you. No appointment necessary. See you there.

Winter Tournament

Next Tuesday our Year 5 and 6 students are off to Winter Tournament. Thank you if you have offered to help supervise. Well done Miss Paynter, Miss Gray and Mrs England for organising our teams.

The sports, times and venues are:

- NETBALL – Vautier Park – games commence at 11.30am
- SOCCER – Monrad Park – games commence at 12.30pm
- HOCKEY – Manawaroa Park – games commence at 12.30pm
- TOUCH RUGBY – Ongley Park – games commence at 12.30pm
- MINIBALL – Arena 2 & 4 – games commence at 12.00pm

There is no postponement date for this event.

St James Feast Day/Powhiri Monday 26 July

St James' feast day is fast approaching. On this day we will celebrate our schools patron saint, St James the Greater. We will begin the day here at school with a powhiri to welcome any families who have joined us during Term Two and those who will be joining us in Term Three. After the powhiri we will celebrate Mass in our school hall. During the day the children will be involved in a number of special activities including beginning their gala artwork. Class teachers will tell you all about this in the weeks ahead.

From the Information Hub

New books continue to be shown on displays in the library to entice the children into reading. One such book currently on display is Hannah Bandanna's "Hair" written by Nikki Slade Robinson. As the



children in Room 9 listened to this hilarious story about how a little girl battles with her hysterically hazardous hair, they were inspired to writing stories about their own bad hair days and we are looking forward to receiving their book of stories in the library very soon for everyone to read.

Your Fortnightly Parenting Tip

Bringing Back Books!

There are enormous benefits for our kids in being able to navigate technology, and with your guidance, some great learning can happen alongside the fun. There are so many engaging games available on the internet, though, that many parents are struggling with bringing kids back into the 'real world'.

If you're keen to make sure your children appreciate the unique value of books and reading, how about a simple guideline for your family; You're welcome to use computers/video games, for equal time that you've spent reading books that day. Keep a simple log book to avoid disputes!

FROM THE PTFA

Optional Clothing Orders

Orders for this term close tomorrow, Friday 25 June. All previous orders have been delivered and distributed except for the size 6 vests. Roberts Embroidery is still waiting for them from the suppliers. We hope to have them collected before the end of term. Thank you for being so patient. I know they would be useful on these chilly mornings.

FROM THE BOT

There is a BoT meeting this Monday evening at 6pm in the School Staffroom.

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Website photos

Take the time to check out the Talent Show and Kapa Haka Whanaungatanga photos that are now on our website.

GET A MOVE ON-SPORTS

Wheels Lunchtime Tomorrow

Tomorrow

Wheels day on Friday during lunch time. The children can bring anything with wheels! Please ensure you walk your wheels while in the school grounds.



Netball Draw Saturday 26 June			
Team	Playing	Time	Court
St James Magic	Awapuni Juniors	11 am	Ct 1
St James Flyers	Whakarongo School Magic	10 am	Ct 5
St James Pulse	Bye		
Please be at the court at least 20 min before the game starts.			

Hockey Draw Saturday 26 June			
Team	Playing	Time	Turf
St James Gold	CSNS A	10 am	10 A
St James 'Green	CSNS	9 am	4 A

starting Term 3. If you enrol now you will get a part in our end of year production. Places available: Studio Speech and Drama Classes for 8 years and older: Friday 12.45-1.45pm \$210 per term
Drama Starter for 6/7 year olds: Tuesday 12.45-1.30pm \$110 per term.
Phone 3542733, email office@tallpoppiesdrama.co.nz.

Tall Poppies Drama School Holiday Programme

We have a fantastic holiday programme opportunity for students aged 8 years and over in the July holidays. "FILM MAKING", participants get to work in a production crew to make a movie. They will use top of the line technology and methods. This is not just for actors but directors and technical crew too.

☉Join us for the week and be part of a production team

☉Learn all the tricks of the trade and make a movie

☉Have loads of fun

12-16th July 2010 8.30-4pm.

Visit www.tallpoppiesdrama.co.nz for the enrolment brochure or phone 3542733

Kidactive Holiday Activities

The holiday's are almost here and Kidactive has pulled together the coolest holiday activities around. Try something new and get active with Kidactive's adrenaline packed range of sports, horse riding courses, funky art projects, magic, lego, dance, cooking and many more. Check out our website: www.kidactive.co.nz. Kidactive; a world of fun activities and book straight away or if you would like to see our bright yellow booklet with all the options, Phone Helen Haggas -021 223 83 63 and she will deliver you one. I look forward to seeing you at Kidactive.



Starship Foundation - Cell Phone Recycling

One way to raise money for the Starship Foundation is to recycle old phones. Starship can raise anything between \$2 and \$20 per phone. You can support this by bringing your old cell phones into the School Office,

St Marys School Foxton Centenary

11-13th February 2011

Anyone interested in information please email info@stmarysfoxton.school.nz

Dates to Remember



Term 2	
Week 10	
24 June	Mass in Slow Motion 5:30-9pm
25 June	Book Look home
25 June	PTFA Lunch - Hamburgers
25 June	Book Look Home
Week 11	
28 June	Book Look Returned
28 June	BoT Meeting
29 June`	PNCSSC Winter Tournament
30 June	5:30-7:30 pm Big Question Sharing Evening
2 July	Term 2 Ends
Term 3	
Week 1	
19 July	Term 3 Begins
19 July	BoT Sub Committee Meeting
21 July	Gala Meeting
23 July	Mufti Day – Lucky Dip for Gala item
Week 2	
26 July	St James Feast Day / Powhiri
26 July	BoT Meeting 6pm Staffroom
29 July	Mass in Slow Motion – Session 4

Ma te tangata ano te tangata puta noa I te ao e manaaki.

May God protect and care for you all.

JM Edwards .

Teresa