

Saint Peter Chanel.

St. Peter Chanel Primary School has been named after St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr (Feast day - April 28).

St. Peter Chanel was born in 1803 at Clet, France. In 1831, he joined the newly formed Society of Mary (Marists) which concentrated on missionary work at home and abroad.

In 1836, the Society was given the New Hebrides in the Pacific as a field for evangelization. St. Peter was sent to the Island of Futuna.

He was at first well received however, the king's jealousy and fear were aroused when the missionary learned the language and gained the people's confidence. The king's hatred erupted and he dispatched a group of his warriors to kill St. Peter.

On April 28, 1841, three years after his arrival, St. Peter was seized and clubbed to death by those he had come to save. And his death brought his work to completion - within five months the entire island was converted to Christianity.