



# Sacred Heart Cathedral School

*Te Kura Ahurewa o te Ngākau Tapu*

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## NEWSLETTER

To educate our children within a Catholic environment to achieve their full spiritual, academic and personal potential.

Dear Parents/Caregivers

31 January 2018 Week 01 Term 1

Hello, Kia Ora, Talofa lava, Namaste, Mabuhay, Ciao, Kia Orana, Ahalan, Kon-nichiwa, Ni hao, Salam, Xin chao, Bonjour, Bula, Dzień/dobry, Nee how, Shalom, Dia duit, Mauri, Halo, Privet/Zdravstvuite.



**"To be the Best Catholic Primary School that we can be."**

A very special warm welcome back to 2018. What amazing weather we have had. I hope you have had a well-earned restful break over summer. I would like to extend a warm welcome to the following students who have joined the Sacred Heart Cathedral School. Community. We hope you and your family enjoy your time with us.

Room 1: *Mataniu, Uriah, Jaiden and Roisin.*

Room 3: *Matthew.*

Room 5: *Levi, Toaiva and Lily.*

Room 6: *Iliana, Bianca and Lonasei.*

Room 7: *Olipilisi and Lila*

Room 8: *Toby, Kirillos and Belle.*

Room 9: *Noah, William, Cooper, Ava, Janelle, Maia, Fatima, Eden and Letia.*

Room 10: *Luke, Sada, Danielle, Amelia, Daniel and Aifili.*

#### Staffing organisation for 2018:

Bernadette Murfitt	Principal
Christine Geraghty	Deputy Principal Room 8
Sue Cranney	Assistant Principal Room 1
Jane Regan	Director of Religious Studies Room 9
Eli Scarlett	Senior Teacher Room 6
Sarah Maresca	Room 2
Ann Stephen	Room 10
Angel Moore	Room 3
Clare Smyth	Room 5
John Grevatt	Room 7
Penny Walker	Classroom Release Teacher
Kate Woodbury	Literacy Intervention Teacher
Leanne Stewart	Classroom Release teacher
Liz Birkett	Classroom release teacher
Alison Jones	Teacher Aide
Rachel Sheldon	Teacher Aide
Natalie Tay	Teacher Aide
Frances Galan	Teacher Aide/Office Assistant
Adrienne Wood	Reading Recovery Teacher and Release Teacher
Cathy Lee	Office Manager
Robyn Jones	ASC Supervisor/Uniform co-ordinator
Robyn Lovell	Librarian
Yi He	Mandarin Language Assistant

The teaching staff have been participating in professional development around pedagogy which will strengthen classroom teaching programmes.

#### Annual Beach Day 9 February- Parents are welcome to join us.

We are hoping we will be blessed with another beautiful Wellington Day next Friday as we head to Oriental Bay for our full school annual beach day. The Junior School will be bussed to and from the beach leaving school at 9.25am and returning at 1.30pm. The rest of the school will walk to and from the beach leaving at about 9.15 and returning to school at about 1.30. Children will wear mufti with sensible walking shoes and sunhat. Please ensure your child has sunblock, a good lunch and a water bottle. **There will be no purchasing of food for children at the local shops.** Children can bring plastic buckets and spades to play with at the water's edge. There will be an opportunity for children to swim in a supervised area at the beach. The children will use toilets and changing rooms - these will be supervised by staff.

The team at Sacred Heart Cathedral School are looking forward to supporting your child throughout the 2018 year. We will be holding **Curriculum Information Sessions to strengthen the partnership between home and school.**

This year we will be holding overview sessions for each syndicate as to how the New Zealand Curriculum will be delivered throughout 2018

These will be on:

Juniors - 1 February in Room 2 at 5pm

Middles 8 February in Room 6 at 5 pm

Seniors 15 February in Room 9 at 5 pm - this is also a camp information session as well.

## Coming Events

- 1 February - Junior Curriculum Information session time 5pm Room 2
- 5 February Powhiri to welcome New Families to our school time 1.15 Conolly Hall
- 6 February Waitangi Day  
*We pray to the Lord and give thanks for his unification of us as one family in Aotearoa.*
- 8 February Middle School Curriculum Information session time starts at 5 pm in Room 6
- 9 February Beach Day - Oriental Bay, all welcome.
- 14 February Ash Wednesday 9 am
- 15 February Senior Curriculum Information session starts at 5 pm in Room 9



Check out the new artificial turf laid over the holidays!



#### Waitangi Day Tuesday 6 Feb

Public holiday on this day so please note school will be closed next Tuesday.

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Towards the end of 2017 Minister Chris Hipkins has said he will announce a replacement system for National Standards at the end of this year 2018

Schools will now be required to continue to use good quality assessment and provide plain language progress and achievement reports to parents twice a year, across the NZ Curriculum .

**Congratulations** to *Ava* who has been selected as a child extra to perform in the Royal New Zealand Ballet production of *The Piano*. Only 10 were selected out of over 105 children so well done Ava!

**Lost:** *Blair* Rm 7 lost his 'Black caps' black cap on the last day of school last year. If found please return to Blair in Rm 7. *Leon* Rm 2 lost his drink bottle last year. If found please return to Leon.

**Do you know a boy who loves to sing?** With the beginning of a new year we are looking for prospective boys to join the Archdiocesan Boys' Choir. There is no requirement for previous experience of singing in choirs or prior musical training. We look for boys who are happy and friendly, can sing in tune and enjoy music. If that sounds like your son, or someone you know, then encourage them to audition.

Over their time in the choir, boys will learn sound vocal technique, music theory, life-skills, teamwork, as well as grow in confidence and discipline. Teachers and parents see the boys' language skills, reading comprehension skills, maths skills and confidence improve greatly by being a part of the choir. The life of chorister provides the ability to develop spiritual, as well as musical, intellectual and personal gifts.

We are holding **auditions** for 2018 on **Thursday 1 February 4:00pm-5:30pm** at the **Cathedral on Hill Street**, Thorndon, Wellington. If you can't make this time, please get in touch below to arrange another time that suits.

For more information and to register your interest please contact Michael Fletcher, Director of Music, Metropolitan Cathedral or email [m.fletcher@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:m.fletcher@wn.catholic.org.nz) or phone 04 496 1780.

Please ensure your child has a school sunhat and a water bottle at school each day

Arohanui -  
Bernadette Murfitt, Principal

#### **Term Dates for 2018:**

Term 1: Wednesday 31 January - Friday 13 April

Term 2: Monday 30 April - Friday 6 July

Term 3: Monday 23 July - Friday 28 September

Term 4: Monday 15 October - Friday 14 December

**Sanitarium TRYathlon:** The Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon will be held at Kilbirnie Park on **18 March 2018**. It is designed for Kiwi kids aged 7-15 years to help them stay active and healthy through a programme of participation. Participants get to swim, cycle, and run their way around age appropriate courses, either as an individual or as part of a team of two. This year we had almost 20 Sacred Heart children participate so, for 2018, we have registered Sacred Heart Cathedral School. By registering as a school you receive a discount when registering and you go in the draw to win prizes for our school. If you are planning on registering your child for the 2018 TRYathlon, please register via our school group link using my details as the school coordinator (Suzanne Adair, [suzanneadair@hotmail.com](mailto:suzanneadair@hotmail.com)): <https://registration.tryathlon.co.nz/Home/Event/29/Package/0/Wave/0/Sequence/0/School/d8ac34e7-d7c6-4ae8-9f2f-934b2687b1ba>

The logo for Fr James features the text 'Fr James' in a colorful, stylized font. 'Fr' is in purple and pink, and 'James' is in a rainbow gradient. The text is set against a green background with a white outline.

**Here we go again!** Another school year begins. But even in this first week, "forward planning", with goal settings, bookings and arrangements for off-site activities, already lights up the end of Term! While encouraging and exciting, it only accelerates what is already fast moving. Before we start blinking, and then wondering what happened to all the time we had, let the Term start with a few quiet moments at home each evening.

Use these quiet moments to think about the day almost over; identify something you are grateful for, perhaps also something you regret or that disappointed you in your own behaviour. If you are able, share these reflections with others at home, maybe around the table. Above all, give thanks for this day of living, and ask a blessing that you might live well and safely through the day ahead. Don't let any day just disappear!

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