



Sacred Heart Cathedral School

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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

21 February 2018 Week 4 Term 1

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



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

Goal setting session with child and teacher:

Monday 5 March 3.00-5.00pm, 5.50-7.00pm.

Wednesday 7 March 3.00-5.00pm.

Please go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz to book a time for a goal setting session with your child's teacher – password is 252j9. If you have any questions about this please contact Cathy at the school office on 4724047.

Parents catch up: The Parents & Friends group have organised an informal catch up for parents in the staffroom, at 8.20am, once a month on the final Friday of each month. The first gathering will take place on Friday 23 February in the staffroom. All parents/caregivers are welcome.

Two of our students competed at the **NZ Junior swimming festival** over the weekend.

Congratulations to **Sophie** Rm 8 who picked up a **silver medal** in the **200m breaststroke** and **bronze medal** in the **100m breaststroke**. Well done **Sophie**. **Congratulations** also to **Maisie** Rm 9 who got a **bronze medal** for **200 freestyle** and **50 metre butterfly** and a **silver** for the **relay** as well as a number of top ten placings. Well done **Maisie**.

Yummy Stickers – Please save your Yummy stickers as we can get sports equipment for our school. Each class will have a poster for students to put the stickers on.

Paid Union Meeting 15 March: Teaching staff will be attending a Paid Union Meeting on the 15 March to discuss upcoming collective agreement negotiations. We would appreciate it if children could be picked up at 1 o'clock. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

Sacramental Programme: Enrolments are now open for the Sacramental Programme 2018 and will close on February 25. The **first session will start on February 28th**.

Enrolment forms are available at the Cathedral foyer, the Parish Office or the school secretary. Or you can contact Angela at 021 1836409 or email her at angela.nzet@outlook.com

Conditions for application:

- 1] child must be 8+years before 1 Nov 2018
- 2] child must be baptized and provide a copy of baptismal certificate
- 3] parents commit to the programme schedule.

Wheels Night for Junior & Middle Syndicates:

We had a fantastic turnout for wheels night. The children certainly had a lot of fun and it was a great opportunity for families to catch up with each other. Special thanks to Parents and Friends who made the cups of tea and coffee for us and put together a playlist of songs that created an upbeat atmosphere.



Senior syndicate pool party: The Parents and Friends Committee invite all senior students and parents/caregivers to a pool party at Thorndon pool on **Friday 9 March** from 5-7pm. This will be a great opportunity to welcome new faces to the senior syndicate and catch up on what will hopefully be a warm Wellington evening. Pay your own pool entry (children \$3.70, adults \$6, spectators free) and we will provide a sausage sizzle. BYO water/soft drinks. RSVP for catering purposes to Suzanne on 021 039 7558 or suzanneadair@hotmail.com (stating name of child and numbers attending). We look forward to seeing you on 9 March. Please note that each child attending must have a parent/caregiver present.

Curriculum Information sessions- so far we have had two events (Juniors and Seniors) These have been well attended and have given our families an overview of what they can expect from our school throughout the year. Our final session will be **tonight** the focus will be on middle syndicate classroom instruction.

Congratulations to **Eli Scarlett** and **Sarah Maresca** who were acknowledged by Cardinal John at a Commissioning Mass last night, for Professional Development in Religious Education at the classroom level.

Coming Events

Wed 21 February Middle School Curriculum information session starts at 5pm in Rm 6.

Fri 23 Feb: 8.20am Parents catch up – tea & coffee in the staffroom

Fri 2 Mar – 2 pm Dance sharing session – All welcome.

Mon 5 Mar: **Goal setting session with child and teacher** - 3.00-5.00pm, 5.50-7.00pm.

Wed 7 Mar: **Goal setting session with child and teacher** - 3.00-5.00pm.

Fri 9 Mar: Senior Syndicate Pool Party at Thorndon Pool 5-7pm.

Thu 15 Mar: – Paid Union meeting – If possible please pick your child up at 1 o'clock.

Term Dates for 2018:

Term 1: Wed 31 Jan – Fri 13 Apr

Term 2: Mon 30 Apr – Fri 6 Jul

Term 3: Mon 23 Jul – Fri 28 Sep

Term 4: Mon 15 Oct – Fri 14 Dec

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Student Corner:

Our roving student reporters **Elizabeth and Francis** will share what has been happening in our school this week.

“ We had an Ash Wednesday Liturgy down in the Cathedral. We have many ideas as to how we can be better people.

The seniors started technicraft on Friday up at Karori West Normal School. Options are woodwork, cooking, sewing, electronics and soft materials.

The Juniors started their swimming lessons over at the Aquatic Centre.

Wheels night looked like it was a lot of fun for Juniors and Middles.

The whole school will be learning lots of different dance moves as we have Mark from “Dance in Schools.” We are pretty good at Hip Hop and Salsa already after a few lessons.”

Clare Smyth in Room 5 who recently announced her engagement while visiting her family in Ireland. We wish Clare and Johnny all the very best as they prepare for their upcoming marriage.

As a school, we like to acknowledge achievements that occur outside of school regarding our students. Please let us know so we can celebrate in the success.

Have a fantastic week!
Arohanui –
Bernadette Murfitt, Principal

Kids Go Free at Staglands on Children's Day:

Staglands Wildlife Reserve will be celebrating Children's Day on Sunday 4th March by offering FREE ENTRY into The Reserve for ALL CHILDREN. In addition to their usual attractions visitors can enjoy free off-road tractor-trailer rides. So if you are looking for a fun Children's day outing for the whole family; meet at Staglands and Connect with Nature on Sunday 4th March. ***Offer is not available with any other offer. Children (0-16 years) must be accompanied by paying adult.** For more information visit www.staglands.co.nz



The Fonterra Milk for Schools programme is turning 5! To mark the big occasion Richie McCaw is helping Fonterra and its farmers make a special milk delivery to four lucky primary schools, by helicopter.

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Mark from DANCE IN SCHOOLS working with all children for the next fortnight, culminating in a performance on Friday 2nd March 2.00-2.40pm. All Parents/caregivers are welcome to attend.



2018 Liturgy leaders in training with Alan Grant RE advisor



Congratulations to Lily Rm 7, who won a gold medal for her achievement in Mathematics

The Parish of Wellington South invites students and families who live in Wellington South, and parishioners, to join in a Parish Day on Sunday 25 Feb, at Our Lady's Home of Compassion, [2 Rhine Street Island Bay](http://www.wellingtonsouthcatholic.org). Masses are at 9am, 11am and 4pm. Hospitality will follow Masses with a picnic, games, zumba and other activities the afternoon. Tours of the Home and opportunities to learn more about the life and work of Suzanne Aubert and the Sisters of Compassion will also be offered. For more information, go to www.wellingtonsouthcatholic.org or visit our Facebook page – Catholic Parish of Wellington South.



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Fr James

My knowledge or appreciation of classical music is not vast, but I do have affection for the work of Bach. Johann Sabastian Bach. In particular, his six Brandenburg Concertos. They appeal for their “gentleness” – the generally quiet way they tell their stories, leading the ear to welcome their sound and create images for rest or meditation.

I'm not able to study or read well with background music. I know many for whom the opposite is true. But I can relax with music. There is something about the harmony, the cooperation of the various instruments and the way music fills the space around me – much like a cocoon – that eases me into a reflective mood. There is motion and there is stillness. There is light and shade. There is procession as the piece unfolds. And there is ending that is invariably satisfying, even while it may leave you wanting more.

There are innumerable quotes about the power and vitality of music but, for me, the Greek philosopher, Plato, beats them all: *Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and life to everything.*

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