



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

7 February 2018 Week 2 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."

Father James led the school in a beautiful Liturgy in the Cathedral to mark the way individual classes want to work together throughout the 2018 school year. We also had a beautiful powhiri to welcome new families to Sacred Heart Cathedral School. This was a fantastic opportunity for our families to meet each other. Special thanks to our students who participated in leadership roles throughout the powhiri. As a staff we look forward to providing rich learning experiences throughout the 2018 school year.



'Signing the treaty.'



'Fr James training new altar servers.'

Condolences to John Grevatt and his family with the passing of his Grandfather over the weekend. Rest in Peace

Altar Servers: Father James is in the process of training our new altar servers for the 2018 school year. These students give their time to serve at the weekday Mass in the Cathedral and our school Masses.

Some of these students already serve in their Parishes while for some it is a whole new leadership experience.

Stewardship in action from a very young age.

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

We are hoping we will be blessed with another beautiful Wellington Day this 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. The next sessions are:

Middles: Please note **CHANGED** from 8 Feb in Rm 6 to **Wed 21 Feb** at 5 pm due to Mr Grevatt being away at a family funeral.

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

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:

Coming Events

7 February BOT meeting 7.30 pm.

8 February Middle School Curriculum Information session time **POSTPONED** to **Wed 21 February.**

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

16 February Junior and Middles Wheels Night 5 pm – 7 pm.

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

9 March -Senior Syndicate Pool Party at Thorndon Pool 5-7pm.

Tennis Lessons: Tennis starts up for Term 1 on Friday, 9 February at lunchtime at school. The fee is \$135 payable to Westpac 030584 0186127 00.

Let me know your availability asap.

All the best,
Tony Naughton
Ph 384 5233



Senior Syndicate visited the Home of Compassion today



The senior syndicate started the day with a beautiful liturgy in the chapel, at the Home of Compassion.

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- 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

Congratulations to: *Sophie Rm 8* who competed at the Manawatu Age Groups Swimming Champs in Palmerston North over the weekend and won 6 medals (2 gold, 2 silver and 2 bronze). *Well done Sophie!*

A request from a parent: We need helpers at the Family mass, 10:30am at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 4 March. We're looking for readers, collectors and a couple of children to help with the offertory. If you're interested, please contact Amanda Gregan at 027 9399 575 or amandagregan@hotmail.com

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.

Community Nights:

1: Junior and Middle Wheels Night The Parents and Friends Committee invite all Junior and middle students and Parents/caregivers to wheels night on Friday 16 February 5-7 on the court here at school. Bring scooters, bikes, rollerblades for a fun night.

2: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.

Have a fantastic week!

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

KELLY SPORTS TERM 1 2018 – Starts Tues 13th Feb 2018!

Kelly Sports will be back in Term 1 with their fun and exciting classes.

“Back to School Sports” (Yrs 1-4) – Tuesday 2.45pm – 3.45pm; Come and try **Football, Cricket, Turbo Touch and Dodgeball.** Try 2 weeks each of these sports. We use games & drills to teach game sense and team play.

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The logo for Fr James features the text 'Fr James' in a stylized, multi-colored font. The 'F' is purple, 'r' is pink, 'J' is orange, 'a' is yellow, 'm' is green, and 'e' is blue. The letters are outlined in white and set against a light green background with a white dashed border.

My Christmas homily gave way to a beautiful Irish Blessing as sung by Roma Downey. Let me offer it here, still close to the new beginning of our togetherness:

May the blessing of light be upon you, light on the outside, light on the inside. With God's bright light shining on you, may your heart glow with warmth like a turf fire that welcomes friends and strangers alike. May the light of the Lord shine from your eyes like a candle in the window, welcoming the weary traveller. May the blessing of God's soft rain be on you, falling gently on your head, refreshing your soul with the sweetness of little flowers newly blooming.

May the strength of the winds of heaven bless you, carrying the rain to was your spirit clean, sparkling after in the sunlight. May the blessing of God's earth be on you, and as you walk the road may you always have a kind word for those you meet.

May you understand the strength and power of God in a thunderstorm in winter, in the quiet beauty of creation, in the calm of a summer sunset. And may you come to realise that, insignificant as you may seem in this great universe, you are an important part of God's plan. May he watch over you and keep you safe from harm.

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