



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

28 February 2018 Week 5 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.



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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. We encourage you to bring your child along to be a part of this process. If you have any questions about this please contact Cathy at the school office on 4724047.

Special thanks to all our parents who have volunteered to go to the Forest Lakes Camp. We really appreciate you taking time off work and giving your time so generously to support the learning of our students.

Congratulations to Te Po our Kapa Haka tutor on the birth of his daughter last week.

Curriculum Information sessions: Special thanks to our staff who put in a great deal of thought ensuring you received quality information about how the class/ syndicate will operate for the year. We believe students are off to a flying start and we really value your input, questions and feedback.



Curriculum Evening

Congratulations to: Annabelle Rm 10 who was awarded a silver medal in the Capital Coast Junior Surf Lifesaving Championship series (under 11 yrs section) which has taken place over 4 surf carnivals during the season. What a great achievement – wishing you all the best for the Nationals.

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.

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.



Kapa Haka



Maths in Rm 1

Coming Events

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.

Thu 8 Mar: Yr 4-8 school swimming sports.

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 Phoebe and Sam will share what has been happening in our school this week.

We have loved learning new moves with Mark our Dance Instructor. Hip Hop was really popular and we enjoyed the music we danced to.- Bruno Mars got us all moving like Bart Simpson. Today we are heading over to parliament for a science pop up show.

In assembly Room 6 shared some amazing artwork.



Futsal: Last Friday, as part of 'Girls and Women's Football Week', our school entered three teams (Year 3-6) into the Capital Football Futsal Festival at the ASB Arena. The festival's aim was to introduce new players to the game.

The girls showed great determination as they learned new skills and their team spirit and support for each other was really special to watch. **Well done** to **Veronica** (R3), **Cairo, Sienna, Toaiva, Tammy, Skyla, Alex** and **Therese** (all R5); **Harmony, Lonasei, Victoria, Iliana, Sasha, Tifa, Annie, Lynda, Angelina** and **Patrina** (all R6); **Maia, Claudia, Oli, Lily, Anika, Taylah, Alice** and **Charlize** (all R7).

Touch results: Touch has started up again. **Sacred Heart Warriors** (Yr 5/6) played Kilbirnie Blues and lost 3-10. **Sacred Heart Flyers** (Yr 7/8) played SWIS Miki and lost 2-8.

School Swimming sports Years 4-8: are on Thursday 8 March for **Years 4-8 students**. The children will travel to and from Karori Pool by bus. An email has been sent out with more details. This will be a house colours mufti day (including Juniors who will be doing some special activities at school). Please come dressed in your house colours – *Piwakawaka Fantail* – **Blue**, *Kereru Woodpigeon* – **Green**, *Kotare Kingfisher* – **Red**, *Kotuku White Heron* – **Yellow**.

Winter Uniform orders: Please find attached a winter uniform order sheet. If your child requires any winter uniform items please make sure you get an order form in to Robyn by **Friday 23 March**. Robyn does not hold a lot of stock and as we do not place large orders, the manufacturers need quite a lot of notice before they can fill the order.

The **Dance Programme** that has been running for the past two weeks has been successful we are hoping the weather will be kind to us this Friday at 2 pm as we share our new moves and actions with you. We will keep you posted as to if we have to re-schedule this event as we would like to perform on the court.

Arohanui –
Bernadette Murfitt, Principal

Give it a Go – Girls Rugby: Western Suburbs Junior Rugby Club is running free introduction to rugby sessions for year 5-8 girls at Ian Galloway Park, Sunday March 11 and 18 at 3pm. Learn the basics with other girls, and see if you like it. For more details visit <http://www.wests-junior-rugby.org.nz/>, contact Kirsty on 021 429 212, Stu on 027 471 6787, or just turn up on the day.

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

Life Flight Open Day: Join Life Flight for their Open Day on the 18th March. It will be an exciting day bursting with interactive displays, emergency services' demonstrations, entertainment, yummy food, prizes and even Police puppies! The day offers a whole range of activities and makes an awesome family day out. We hope to see you there.

Fr James

One of my Christmas gifts was a pack of "Quirky Quotes" cards, 24 of them, each with a "wise" one-liner. Some are funny, others thought-provoking. One that jumped out at me was an expression I remember my mother saying: *A helping hand is no farther than at the end of your sleeve!*

I can't recall the context, but she was obviously pointing me in the direction of being useful, giving a hand with something. She probably heard the expression from her own mother, my grandmother, good, sensible, home-spun wisdom passed down through the generations. That's how we learn about life and relationships best of all – from those who love and care for us. They are the people who want to see us succeed, grow with dignity and not make fools of ourselves.

Mum had many other expressions and the family used to joke with her about them, but they made more and more sense as the years went by. I am sure this is the experience of most if not all of us. What are the "wise sayings" you remember from your parents? Do let me know! Maybe we could create our own set of "Quirkies"!

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