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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 March 2018 Week 6 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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Staffing

Congratulations to Angel Moore who is expecting a baby in August of this year. Angel will take leave for one year commencing at the start of Term 3. We wish ngel all the very best as she prepares for the arrival of her baby.

"May strong arms hold you, caring hearts tend you, and may love await you at every step." Irish Baby Blessing

Goal setting: Tonight 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.

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.

School Swimming sports Years 4-8: are tomorrow Thursday 8 March for **Years 4-8 students**. The children will travel to and from Karori Pool by bus. This will be a **house colours mufti day for ALL children (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 remember winter uniform orders need to be in to Robyn by **Friday 23 March.**

Dance In Schools: We had a fantastic celebration session on Friday with families. Starting the year with two intensive weeks of dance lessons has really set the children up for an extremely positive start. Learning to dance requires so many skills like listening, following instructions and directional skills. This kinaesthetic form of learning really encourages students to have confidence in their own ability. As a staff, we were amazed at the complexity of what the children were able to process and put into action. Participation in this programme has been paid for by your generous school donation.



Parents were invited to join in at the end of the dance performance!

Touch results: Sacred Heart Warriors (Yr 5/6) played Berhampore Smash and won 11-1. **Sacred Heart Flyers** (Yr 7/8) played Te Aro Pick n Mix and won 8-3.

Senior syndicate pool party: The Parents and Friends Committee invite all senior students and their 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.

Coming Events

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

Student Corner: "The Pop-Up science lab was really cool & interesting. We got to learn about using microscopes and about 'mini beasts' which we caught outside!"



Dance was a good experience – we got to outside our comfort zone which was challenging at first, but after practising we really enjoyed participating in the performance. Mark was a great teacher because he encouraged and challenged us!"

Gabrielle Rm 8 & Adrian Rm 9



Pop-Up Science in a box – Parliament. "It was fun and it got people into Science." Declan Rm6 "It was cool, especially the explosion experiment!" Blair Rm 7

Ordination of Bishop Paul - An insight from Talikha Rm 10

"I travelled to Christchurch on Friday as Father Paul Martin was going to be ordained as Bishop Paul for the Christchurch Diocese on Saturday. Father Paul used to be the Rector of St Patrick's College. It was a special day for everyone especially my family as Bishop Paul is a close friend of our family."

Netball trials for Years 7 and 8: Sacred Heart plays netball run by Motu Kairangi at Evans Bay Intermediate. The Year 7 and 8 players play in mixed teams in the one grade. Next Wednesday 14 March, Wgtn Netball will hold trials for us to make up our teams. All year 7 and 8 players will take part so need to bring their PE gear. Please email your child's name, year group, age and netball position/s they would like to play in, to netball@sacred-heart.school.nz



Oceans 18-Under 14 National Surf Lifesaving Championships: Congratulations to *Maisie* Rm 9 and *Annabelle* Rm 10, who both won medals at the championships held at Orewa Beach last week, representing Lyall Bay Surf Club. *Annabelle* won Bronze in the U11 individual Board race; *Maisie* won Bronze in the 2km mixed team relay; *Both* girls were part of a 3 person team to take out Silver in the U12 Board relay race. **Awesome effort from our girls!**

Cyber safety: <https://www.netsafe.org.nz/youth-factsheet-2018> This is a fantastic report that has just been published and is available on the netsafe website. This report gives an insight directly from young New Zealanders about what they believe will keep them safe online

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.

School Holiday and After School Computer Classes for ages 5 – 15: *New class; Stop Motion Animation. Also Minecraft, Learn to Code in Scratch, Python or Java, Create 3D Games, Web Design, Video Editing, Build a PC and if young, the Discovery Computer Class.* For further information call 499 2211 or visit www.grandtraining.co.nz.

Wellington City Venue: [2 Woodward St](#) cnr Lambton Quay and Woodward St.

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.

Junior Hockey Registrations Open

The Harbour City Junior Hockey club is gearing up for the 2018 hockey season. If your child in year's 3-8 is interested in playing hockey then please visit our website www.hcjh.org.nz for registration and all season info. We have a fun 'Open Afternoon' at the National Hockey Stadium on March 11th 2.30-4pm for all new and returning players.

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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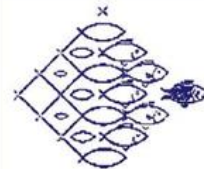
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