



# 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 March 2018 Week 8 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."*

**Paid Union Meeting 15 March: Your support was very much appreciated – Thank You**

**Special welcome:** to Elisabeth Jones from Victoria University who will be joining Room 6 over the next few weeks. Elisabeth is completing her Graduate Diploma in Primary Education and has a teaching placement at our school.

**Donations** – thank you for your donations that you have made to our school. Some of these may be eligible for a tax credit. The form to use is an IR526 this can be downloaded from the IRD website. It is very straightforward. If you need a copy of your receipt of donations you have paid please email [cathy@sacred-heart.school.nz](mailto:cathy@sacred-heart.school.nz)

**Seniors waiting for the bus  
To take them to Forest Lakes**

**Arrived! Briefing at Forest Lakes.**



**Camp** – We have been truly blessed with the weather. Our children who are currently up at Forest Lakes Camp are having a wonderful time participating in a range of activities. This incredible outdoor experience will create lasting childhood memories as skills are developed in building confidence, connecting with nature, strengthening relationships, problem solving and promoting independence.

**School Stations of the Cross:** Thursday 29 March 1.10pm in the Cathedral. Parents/Caregivers are invited to join us.

**Winter Uniform orders:** Please remember winter uniform orders need to be in to Robyn by **Friday 23 March**.

**Touch results:** Yr5/6 SHCS Warriors played Newtown Kahu and won 9-1. Yr 7/8 SHCS Flyers played St Anne's and lost 1-5.

**Superhero Day:** On **April 11th** the **Junior Syndicate** will be having a Superhero Day. The children are asked to come to school dressed as a superhero or as someone they admire with superhero properties. We will be having a day of creating and making to explore this theme.

**Children fundraised money for 'Greyhounds as Pets kennels' near Levin**



When Talikha's new pet a retired racing greyhound Django, visited school last year, some friends were keen to fundraise for the GAP kennels in Levin. Last Thursday, Aine, Cara, Sophia and Talikha gave their \$310 donation to Larissa at the kennels and also got to walk some of the greyhounds who are in need of homes. The money was raised by lunchtime stalls selling slime and baking etc. A big thanks to Ms Scarlett for her support and for all the students who bought goods last year and helped out.

**Parent catch up – Staffroom Friday 23 March 8.15-8.45am:** It's time again for the Parents & Friends parent catch up, this Friday in the staffroom. All parents welcome to drop in for a cup of tea/coffee and a chat.

This year I am completing a paper through International School Leadership and the Ontario Principals' Council. This week I am completing the first module –

## Coming Events

**Mon 19-22 Mar:** Senior Syndicate Camp – Forest Lakes, Otaki.

**Wed 21 Mar:** Jnr Syn swimming 11.30-1.30pm

**Fri 23 Mar:** - Last day for winter uniform orders.

- Parents catch up – 8.15-8.45am in the staffroom.

**Wed 28 Mar:** Jnr Syn swimming 11.30-1.30pm

**Thu 29 Mar:** - School Stations of the cross in the Cathedral, 1.10pm. Parents/caregivers are invited to join us.

**Fri 30 March -Tue 3 April (inclusive)** School closed for Easter. School re-opens Wed 4 April.

**Wed 11 Apr:** Junior Syndicate Superhero dress up day.

## Horse riding at Forest Lakes Camp



## 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:

*Sienna Rm 5 and Therese Rm 5*

*"We went into the Bee Healthy Van to get our teeth checked. We had x rays taken of our teeth. Air was then sprayed into our mouth and then then we had special paste called fluoride put on our teeth. It didn't taste nice. It is fantastic being able to get our teeth checked at school."*

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Leadership for school improvement and characteristics of effective schools and systems. I am learning so much and look forward to sharing this new knowledge with my colleagues.

Have a great week. Thank you for the very special way you support our school.

Arohanui –  
Bernadette Murfitt, Principal

**A visit to Rome:** “Last week I met the pope when I went to Rome with my mum. It was an amazing experience seeing the pope, and I was the only child in the room which was the Sala Clementina (Clementine hall). Pope Francis gave me his blessing twice and it makes me feel special. I am very happy I got to go.”  
**Katherine Rm 7**



**CodeCamp - April Holidays** Dates & Venues: *Samuel Marsden School:* April 16th – 19th & 23rd – 27th April (Excluding 25th Apr – Anzac day), *Maranui SLSC, Lyall Bay:* April 16th – 19th, *Thorndon Primary School:* April 16th – 19th & 23rd – 27th April (Excluding 25th Apr – Anzac day) CodeCamp allows boys & girls from the ages of 7-12 to develop 21st century skills in a fun and action packed environment. Develop confidence & initiative through design, creativity, solving problems & collaboration. Create games, apps & work with robots and electronic building blocks. Book Now at <http://codecamp.co.nz/holiday-codecamp/>  
**MSP Junior Rugby – Forming Western Suburbs teams.** At MSP Junior Rugby is about children enjoying their sport and developing their skills in a fun, safe and family oriented environment. We are currently focussed on forming MSP teams **based in the Western suburbs** where possible! Register online at [www.msprugby.co.nz](http://www.msprugby.co.nz) or come to a registration event we are holding at St benedict's School library at 5.30pm on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. New players to MSP only \$20 for the season. Free rugby ball and mouth-guard for registered players!

#### More photos from Forest Lakes Camp



Kayaking



Confidence course



Dinner time



Fr James' visit

## Fr James

**How's your Lent going?** We are close to Palm Sunday and the climax of these sacred 40 days. If you have been following the journey of Jesus towards Calvary, you will have found some action to bind you closer to him; if you haven't made much of a start, there is still time to let Lent work for you.

The Second Reading for Palm Sunday Mass is Philippians 2:6-11. Read this passage slowly, several times. Think about the enormity of what is taught here: Jesus stepping out of his divinity to become one of us; not stopping there but going further – gifting his life for us. He conquers death and restores life!

Can you take this teaching seriously, or is it too much to believe? Read it again and consider how it might speak to your life, and to the life of your family. How could this claim survive if it was without truth? It is the heart of the Lenten season with so much to offer those who can say, *Yes, I believe.*

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