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*Kia ora Koutou*

### *Jubilee*

A **big thanks** to all those who in some way supported the Jubilee over Labour Weekend. It was good to see so many families at the mid-day Mass on Sunday. A **special thanks** to our **Parents & Friends** group who ran the Friday evening Wine & Cheese, a very successful evening. To all who helped or participated in any way, thank you.

### *Touch*

For some reason we are having real difficulties in organising teams for this term. A number of children have brought back notices indicating they wish to play only to pull out in the last few days.

We have entered teams according to the numbers of forms returned only to find that we are now struggling to fill those teams.

If any others are unable to play, please let me know as soon as possible.

The draw for the next five weeks is on the Total Touch website.

### *All Souls Mass*

A reminder that we are having an All Souls Mass on Monday 2nd November at 9.15am in the Cathedral. Please join us if you are able to. There will be parking in the playground. Please enter after 8.40am.

### *Father James*

In our **Catholic tradition**, November is the month we reserve as a time of prayer for loved ones who have died. Called the "Month of the Holy Souls", these next four weeks invite each of us to celebrate the memory of the people who have been special in our life, such as parents and grandparents, deceased family members and all who have touched us with their love or care.

We should also pray for those who have no one to remember them – people who died alone, without friends, or without faith. We are linked with everyone as part of God's amazing creation, and we know that death does not end life. So, our prayers enable us to reach one another and continue to rejoice together.

Personally, I usually begin the month thanking God for the people who came into my life and accepted me into theirs. Then I ask God to forgive them any faults and to bless them with his great love. Finally, I ask them to keep reminding me why they loved me, so that I can remain faithful and continue to love others as I have been loved. May they rest in peace.

### *Special Character Review*

Sacred Heart is having a Special Character Review starting on Monday 2nd November. The two doing the review are Hellen Johnston and Maureen Phillips who will be with us Monday to Wednesday of next week.

### *Keeping Ourselves Safe*

A reminder that the 'Keeping Ourselves Safe' programme is running across the school. This could bring up some good topics for family discussions.

### *Grandparents' Liturgy*

A reminder that we are holding a **Grandparents' Liturgy** on **Friday 27 November** at **1.15pm**.

### *Lost*

Sam Wells in Room 6 has **lost 3 named jerseys**. Please check your child's jersey to see that they have the correct one. There is quite a bit of lost property in the basket at present, please check it if you have lost anything.

### *Absentees*

Thank you to the families who ring and let us know when your child is absent. Can we please ask that when you leave a message you tell us why your child is away. The Ministry system requires us to give a reason why your child is away, otherwise the absence is coded as 'unjustified'.

### *'BreakThrough' Marriage Workshop*

All couples go through periods where their relationship is strained. Stress, sleep-deprivation, demands from family and work can starve your marriage of the positive energy it needs and deserves. Soon, you find yourselves arguing more often, making up with less enthusiasm and becoming someone even you yourself don't like.

If this sounds like you, or someone you love, it's time to do something about it!

The BreakThrough Workshop is a practical, solution-focused event for all stages of marriage. This workshop will arm you with skills and insights to transform your relationship into the thriving, joy-filled encounter that it is meant to be.

**Please Note:** There is no couple or group work in this workshop – all activities are individually based and your privacy and confidentiality is strictly respected. You can come with your spouse or on your own.

Venue: Catholic Centre. Date: 11 November. Time: 6pm-9pm

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