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Kia ora Koutou

Kids' Can

We have been asked to participate in a research project through the Department of Public Health at the University of Otago.

The research team is currently working on a research project that aims to understand the world children live in, their environment and how it impacts on them. They are trying to involve a cross-section of Year 8 children in the Wellington region.

Briefly the project involves Year 8 children (6), each participating for four days (two week days and two weekend days). The project uses a novel and relatively new method of data collection. Rather than gather information from adults (parents, teachers etc.) about the environment children live in and see every day, they ask the children to wear a camera that takes pictures of their environment every ten seconds. By using this method they see the environment from the children's perspective. The children are the first to see the photos taken and can delete any they would not want the researchers to see. There are strict guidelines around who can see the pictures. As the children would wear the camera on a Thursday and Friday, school activities would be included. If anyone seriously objects to our students wearing these cameras at school please contact me. If your child is in Year 8 and is willing to participate in this project please return the slip that has been given to all Year 8's.


Early Children

An incident on Monday before school has brought to our attention again the safety of children and staff who arrive very early. Some teachers, including myself arrive early and leave doors to rooms open behind them. On Monday we had an unusual man in the playground who entered the building just before I arrived. When confronted by me he left. The safety of staff means that I've asked all staff arriving early to lock doors behind them until at least 7.45am. If your child is one of the ones who arrive before this time please be aware that the school will remain locked, no toilets will be available until 7.45am or later. All classrooms are open at 8.10am when teachers are in them.

Father James

Love is a many splendored thing – so the song tells us, and it's right. The many

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“splendors” of love cascade over our lives from “cradle to grave” but so many of them go unnoticed. If we recognise that love is much more than a feeling but is also a way of speaking and thinking that comes from knowing how loved we are by God, then everything changes. Believing that I am lovable because the Creator of the world loves me, transforms everything about me into an expression of love. If that seems too fanciful, consider this: in any situation, we all have a sense of what is the loving thing to do. There’s a hint there that love is at the core of human life. Hold on to that and every day will shine. You can even turn the song into a prayer, thanking God whose “fingers touched my silent heart and taught it how to sing. Yes, true love is a many splendored thing.”

Fr James

Junior Wheels Night

Friday 13th 5.30-7.00pm.

Bring your takeaways and join the families from Rooms 1, 2 and 3. There will be no cars in the playground but the carparks around the Catholic Centre should be available at this time and there is also parking on Hill Street. Bring your scooters, bikes, skateboards etc. plus your helmet. Remember helmets are compulsory.

Middle Syndicate Wheels Evening

The Parents and Friends are organizing a Wheels Night for Rooms 5, 6 and 7 on Friday 20th March. Bring your takeaways along and join the other Middle School families from 5.30-7.00pm. Bring your bikes, skateboards, scooters etc. plus a helmet. Helmets are compulsory. A separate notice on this has been given to the children in the middle syndicate.

Junior Parent Assembly

The Junior Parent Assembly to highlight some of the children’s learning will be held on Thursday 26 March at 1.15pm. You will be able to park in the playground after 1pm.

Joseph's Feast Day Mass

All parents and caregivers, friends and relations are welcome to join us at 1.30pm on Thursday 19th in the Cathedral for a Mass celebrating the Feast of St Joseph. You will be able to park in the playground after 1pm.

Summer Soccer

Due to the rain last Friday Summer Soccer was cancelled. Good luck this Friday.

Vehicles in the Playground

We are now into our second year of having no vehicles in the playground before or

after school. The before school time is going well. The after school time is good most days but there are still cars entering at 3pm which are still an issue as there are children in the playground. The children should not have to worry about cars until the parents of the ASC arrive from 4pm onwards. The picking up of St Mary's girls can be done at St Mary's.

Life Flight Open Day

The Life Flight Open Day is on Sunday 22 March from 10am until 2pm. Twelve lucky people will win a flight on the Westpac Rescue Helicopter; Interislander are also giving away four fantastic family travel vouchers. Adult entry is a suggested \$5 donation and children are free.

Event venue: **Life Flight Air Rescue Centre, 17 George Bolt St, Rongotai, Wellington.**

Entertainment Books \$60

We are once again selling the Entertainment Book. Pre-orders are being taken, you receive \$150 of Early Bird Offers with it. The school makes \$12 for each book sold.

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Wednesday Word

The Wednesday Word will go home today with the children from Rooms 2 and 3.

6 Week Report

These will go home on Friday for Rooms 2-10 and Room 1's will go home tomorrow, Thursday. Please make a comment on how you think your child has started and answer any of the other questions that you can. Could all reports be sent back by **Friday 20th**. We do need all returned. They are kept by the teacher and you can get a copy if required or copy it before sending it back.

Board Meeting Report

For the first of our board of trustees' meeting reports I thought it useful to explain how we view our role. That will help you understand what things we address and what things we do not.

By law your board of trustees is responsible for the governance and the control of the management of the school. But we have considerable flexibility as to how we control the management of the school.

As a board we made a conscious decision many years ago, and subsequent boards have re confirmed, that our role is one of governance. That means we focus on the ends-what goals we want the school to achieve, and delegate to Bill Turley as principal the way the school goes about achieving those goals. Through monthly reports to the board we monitor how the school is progressing towards those goals. And what are those things we want to achieve? Well that nicely takes us to the report of our board meetings of 4 February and 25 February- as both these meetings have been focused on finalising the school charter for 2015, which sets out our core strategic goals. You will soon be able to access a copy of the charter on the school website.

Following each board meeting we will provide a brief summary in the newsletter of the key matters we covered (subject only to the rare circumstance, where we have to consider a matter in strict confidence). You will see as you glance over the summary of the meeting, that many of the practical aspects of school life (car parking issues, homework matters, the pros and cons of mufti days etc) are not matters we consider as a board, as these matters will generally fall under the definition of management and are matters the board has delegated to Bill Turley as principal to address.

If any parent wants to discuss any aspect of our newsletter report-you are most welcome to ring me (generally weekends are better for getting me) ph: (04)3856335.

Frank McLaughlin
Chairman

Bill Turley
Principal ☺☆