

Week 8, Term 4, 2 December 2015

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Reports - National Standards

Reporting on National Standards for Years 1 & 2 this year is a little different from previous years. All data is being entered and collated in our Student Management Programme for the first time. For Year 1 and 0, if they started after March 1st, they will not be assessed until their birthday next year.

Some of the Year 2's who haven't been at school for 80 weeks (or close to it) will be assessed against the Year 1 Standard.

At the end of Year 3, all Year 3 children are assessed against the Year 3 Standard regardless of how long they have been at school.

For children in Year 2, a slip will come with your child's report telling you whether they have been assessed against the Year 1 or Year 2 Standards.

For Years 3-8, all students are assessed against their year level Standard.

All school reports, along with stationery lists, emergency forms and permission slips will go home on Friday 11 December.

Disco

The Parents & Friends Group would really like some help with the Disco on Friday. If you've got a child in Rooms 1, 2 or 3, a dad for the door, 6.30-7.00pm and a couple of mums to help with drinks.

If you've got a child in Rooms 5, 6 or 7, a dad for the door 7.00-8.00pm and a couple of mums to help with drinks.

If you've got a child in Rooms 8, 9 or 10, a dad for the door 8.00-9.00pm and some help at the end for a quick clean up. As they say '*many hands make light work!*'

Tickets are being sold by the Student Council at \$5.00 each.

If anyone has some clean, empty 3 ltr bottles to mix up drink, could you please drop them off at school.

Sacred Heart Cathedral School

Regional Athletics

Congratulations to those who competed at the Regional Athletics yesterday.

Amelia Burley was placed **3rd** in the *Year 8 Girls Long Jump*, **4th** in the *100m* and **5th** in the *High Jump*.

Esther Kozyniak was **4th** in the *Year 8 Girls 1000m*.

Edie Kozyniak was **1st** in the *Year 6 Girls 1000m*.

Junior Trip

If you're helping we ask that you be at school by 9.20am for a safety talk. Children need their lunch, a drink, a jacket, a sunhat and they do not need to wear their uniform. If it is raining, we won't be going, instead we'll be doing a wet day programme at school. Cancellation will be on NewsTalk ZB.

Thank You

Rooms 5, 6 and 7 would like to **thank** the parents who helped with their trip to the Home of Compassion. A **special thanks** to *Deirdre Hanlon*. The children had a very good day.

Seniors to ASB Centre

Rooms 8, 9 and 10 have their last day at the ASB Centre on Friday 4th. Come in sport mufti.

Father James

Next Tuesday, Pope Francis will open the Year of Mercy, a "Holy Year", during which he hopes for a deeper appreciation of God's merciful nature and the power within each person to transform the world through mercy. He writes, *Mercy will always be greater than any sin, and no one can place limits on the love of God who is ever ready to forgive.*

This wonderful approach especially challenges Christians to consider, personally and deeply, their relationship to God, to themselves, to others, and to the world around them. You and I can begin by asking, *who needs my forgiveness, my mercy? What prevents me from forgiving? How has mercy touched my own life? From whom do I need to seek forgiveness?*

December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. It is the day for the annual consecration of our Archdiocese to the protection of Mary. Cardinal John will honour this, together with the commencement of the Year of Mercy, by opening a new set of glass doors, linking the cathedral chapel with the main church. As "Doors of Mercy" they will stand as a symbol of God's welcoming, merciful love.

Code Club

Yesterday, the code club presentations played out. The three teams, CRC, TOO Coders and Learn Mango, showed their awesome games to the Code Club experts. A shared afternoon tea was produced afterwards. The coders wish to thank all those who helped them complete their games.

The TOO Coders: Tess, Oliver, Otis and Micole (who was away) made an educational game about Maths. You would be controlling a police car chasing a criminal, you would answer Maths questions while you try to defuse bombs set around the course. There was a lot of glitches but we got there in the end!

Learn Mango: Jack, Louise, Jodie and George made Learn Play & Plus. We had two games, English and Maths - we also had a lot of glitches too. Our Maths game worked but we ended up not finishing the English game.

CRC: Alex, Mihini, Anna and Gabrielle made a game called 'A day in the life of Steve'. We had to choose a theme, random items and a company name. Our game was based around doodle jump and at the end the mum would ask you three questions that you had to answer.

Music Evening

The orchestra, ukulele group and the ArtSplash Choir put on a concert for their parents last night. It was a really enjoyable evening. A *special thanks* to **Mrs Maresca** and **Mrs Walker** for organising it.

Lost

Zymone in Room 2 has lost his green vest that is named. Please check your child's.

Requests

Ms Scarlett is after 2 ltr icecream containers. If you can help please drop them off to Rm 6.

Year 7 Parents

Each year, the Year 7 parents run our End of Year BBQ after our last Mass. We need Year 7 parents/caregivers to set up, cook and serve the BBQ and cup of tea after the End of Year Mass on the 15th December (6pm). Please email mareebennett@paradise.net.nz so we can allocate tasks. Again - '*many hands make light work*'.

Boys Choir Recital - Tonight 7pm

This Wednesday 2 December our Boys' Choir and the Cathedral Choir will present a wonderful concert of Advent and Christmas music, featuring some well known carols and some not so! Entry by programme donation, suggested donation \$5/\$10.

End of Year

With only 2 1/2 weeks of the year to go and so much to do we start moving into '*Panic mode*'. We still have a lot of lost property especially really good jackets from Term 3.

Over the next two weeks classes will be clearing and taking all belongings home. Please remember to keep their sunhats as they are needed '*Day 1, Term 1, 2016*'. All library books need to be returned.

Our End of Year Mass is on Tuesday 15 December at 6.15pm in the Cathedral. All children sit with their class and come in uniform. The BBQ and cup of tea run by the Year 7 parents will be held after Mass. Our final day of school for 2015 is Thursday 17th December. We will finish at the normal time of 2.40pm.

The last day will be a mufti day (not in uniform), everyone will need a hat, either the school one or a sunhat of your choice. If for any reason you are leaving school before the 17th, please ensure all belongings go home.

No clothing, stationery or any other items will be kept after the 18th December as storage becomes an issue.

Raroa Music Centre Enrolments for 2016

Raroa Music Centre offers Saturday morning group music lessons for primary school children at low cost. Classes include choir, keyboard, recorder, drums, ukulele, guitar, violin, cello, clarinet, flute and trumpet.

To enrol for 2016 visit our website at www.raroamusic.org.nz and enrol online. Enrolments open in mid-January.

Maori Language: Nga Rerenga Korero

Kua mā katoa koe!	You are completely clean.
Kua ora katoa koe!	You are very well.
Kua pōuri katoa koe!	You're so sad.

ma = clean

Tō kakara hoki!	You smell lovely!
Tō tere hoki!	You're so fast!
Tō manawanui hoki!	You're so persistent!

kakara = smell

Bill Turley
Principal ☺☆