

Dear Parents/Caregivers

*Hello, Kia Ora, Talofa lava, Namaste, Mabuhay, Ciao, Kia Orana, Ahalan, Kon-nichiwa, Ni hao, Selam, Xin chao, Bonjour, Bula, Dzien/dobry, Nee how, Shalom, Dia duit, Mauri, Halo*



**“To be the Best Catholic Primary School that we can be.”**

**Additional activities and events for 2016 that will enhance the teaching and delivery of the New Zealand Curriculum**

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|----------------------|---------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Trips (Jnrs):        | \$60.00 | Technicraft (Snr):        | \$50.00             |
| Trips (Mid/Snrs):    | \$65.00 | Read-It (Jnrs & R5)       | \$5.00              |
| ASB Sports:          | \$20.00 | Tissues (R1 only)         | \$4.00              |
| RE Digital Learning: | \$5.00  | R1 Stationery             | \$43.70             |
| Photocopying:        | \$10.00 | <u>Voluntary</u> Donation | \$100.00 per child  |
| Technicraft (Mid):   | \$20.00 | <u>Voluntary</u> Donation | \$200.00 per family |

For your convenience you can pay directly into our Bank Account –  
ASB 12-3140-0325505-00

Welcome back to term three. I hope all families are energized and ready for another action packed term.

The teaching staff completed a Theology paper in the holidays with two other Catholic Primary Schools. This paper ensures staff are teaching according to Catholic Theology.

We have been so lucky with the wonderful weather. The children have been enjoying playing games on the updated playground markings.

**Chrome Books** – Each class in the Middle and Senior Syndicate now have 2 chrome books in each class. Chromebooks are an inexpensive way to enable our students to access the google platform for their learning.

“I think the chrome books will really help me with my learning.” Jarrad

“They seem to be faster than the tablets.” Wilson

“I am looking forward to doing more research with the new chrome books.” Ben

**School Photos this Friday-** Please ensure your child is in full winter uniform. Netball girls need to bring their netball gear. Coaches who would like to be in the netball photos please be at the school around 10.50am. Payment of photos need to be into the school office by Friday – if you would like to pay online please go to [www.lcscott.co.nz](http://www.lcscott.co.nz) and select Order Online. Follow the order instructions & pay using internet banking (POLi) or credit/debit card. If paying online you do not need to return the photo envelope.

**Staffing** – A special welcome to Frances Galan who will be providing teacher aide support to the students in Room 1 until the end of the year.

**2017 Term Dates** - The Board of Trustees have confirmed the following term dates for 2017

Term 1: Includes Waitangi Day and Good Friday

Wednesday 1 February – Thursday 13 April

Term 2: Includes Queens Birthday

Monday 1 May – Friday 7 July

Term 3: 100 half days

Monday 24 July – Friday 29 September

Term 4: Includes Labour Day

Monday 16 October – Friday 15 December

**Junior Syndicate no subways on ASB Sports days:** There will be no subway orders for the Junior School while ASB sports sessions are on 10 August, 24 August, 7 September, 21 September.

To educate our children within a Catholic environment to achieve their full spiritual, academic and personal potential.

### Coming Events

#### July

27 July BOT meeting – all welcome  
29 July School Photos

#### August

1-5 Aug Cook Island Language week  
3-10 Aug: Life Education  
2 Aug: ICAS English  
8 Aug: 9.15 School Mass

#### September

2 September 9 am Father's Day  
Liturgy at the Cathedral

Our newly painted playground markings



Artwork by some senior students



### Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to Cara in Room 7, Emily, Alex and Enzo in Room 1 who started at our school on Monday. We hope you enjoy your time here.

If you have any issues around the progress your child is making with their learning please don't hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher.

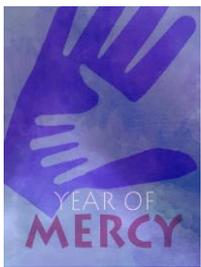
Have a great week.  
Arohanui

Bernadette Murfitt  
Principal

**St Patricks College** enrolments for 2017 close this Friday 29 July.

**GREASE musical:** St Patrick's College Wellington, St Catherine's College, St Mary's College, Wellington East Girls College, and Chilton St James School will present Grease- Monday 1 August to Thursday 4 August. Tickets can be bought from St Patrick's College office or online through the college website.

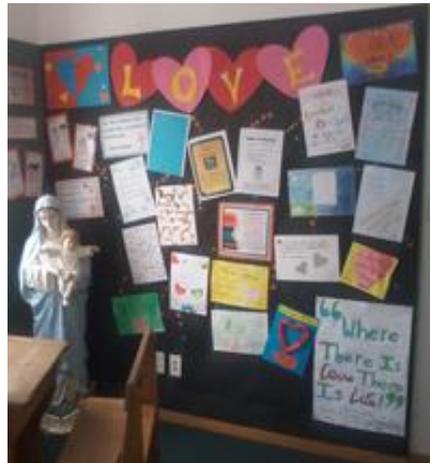
**Lost:** Chanelle from Rm 2 lost her named jersey last term – please check your child's jersey.



**Please Mark your Diaries!**

Sr Sue Cosgrove DOLM, from the Home of Compassion will be leading our First seminar in this reflection on the Year of Mercy.  
8<sup>th</sup> of August, 7-9pm at the Connolly Hall  
Topic on "Mercy An Act of Love for our Neighbour"  
Koha is gratefully appreciated on the night of the seminar.

We have many talented artists at our school



## From Father James

To gaze in wonder is to marvel at beauty finely crafted or delicately woven and to imagine, with gratefulness, the creative skill that brought it into being. As we begin a new Term it is good to "gaze in wonder" at the way our children are growing and how their world is expanding through their experiences both at home and at school.

Last Term the school took part in composing prayers for possible publication. Here are some thoughts for thanksgiving prayers that may help your family focus on gratitude for the wonder of life:

- For the wonder of our being: our ability to think and to plan; to laugh and to weep; to link arms and to live apart; and for the gift to know our Creator – we give thanks and praise.
- For the wonder of teaching: the skills to impart knowledge; the privilege of guiding the young towards adulthood; the delight of discovery and the warm glow of success – we give thanks and praise.
- For the wonder of learning: the insights of authors; the endless fountain of knowledge; the development of personality; the learning that comes from mistakes and from forgiveness – we give thanks and praise.