

Dear Parents/Caregivers

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



"To be the Best Catholic Primary School that we can be.

Book Launch: *"There is a time for...A Family Companion for Every Season'* We had a beautiful evening of celebration to launch this prayer book compiled and edited by Fr James Lyons. Copies can be purchased from the Parish office at \$25.00 per copy.

Cultural afternoon: My sincere thanks to the **Mrs Geraghty** and the **student council** who organised a superb afternoon of cultural learning for our students. **Special thanks to: Michael van Es, Seavi'i Kelly (Jarrad's granddad), Annie Cheung and Joy Nagrampa** for preparing and supplying an amazing dish from their culture to share with the children.

"I liked tasting the food and I learnt to count in Filipino and French."

Chanelle Rm 2

"I liked tasting the food and I learnt how to count to five in French."

Joshua Rm 2

Congratulations to the following Year 8 students - thank you for all you have done for our school: **Amma, Erinn, Jason, Louise, Henry, Jessica, Kieran, Millie, Caelum, Anastasia, Ciara, Elijah, Alice, Margaret, Tess, Courtney, Amy, Atawhai, Sabine, Mya, Eilish, Daniel, Matthew, Jarrad, Therese, Cynthia, Mitchell, Trent, Darius, Emily Grace, Emily, Micole, Caitlin, Nicole, Caleb, Gianluca, Helena, Mareta, Eleanor, Harriet, Angelica, Ryken, Katarina, Annie, Tobi, Harrison.**

Best wishes for College.

Year 8 Awards:

Special Character: presented to **Amma** and **Micole**, for willingly giving up their own time to lead the Liturgy Group. This involved organising school Masses and fundraisers.

Altar Serving: **Helena** and **Angelica** organised altar servers and readers for the parish lunchtime Masses. They have shown genuine commitment to their faith through their action.

Academic: **Angelica** is highly self-motivated in all areas of the curriculum. She is organised and thorough in everything she does. Her success is a tribute to her work habits and her attitude to learning.

Sport: **Millie** is a natural athlete and a well-deserved recipient of this award – she is multi-talented in a wide range of sports.

Thanks to all our wonderful helpers who organised the sausage sizzle after Mass last night. It was a great team effort.

Farewell and thank you to **Lisa Stratford** Rm 5 teacher and **Di Cao** (our Mandarin Language Assistant) - thank you for the wonderful contributions you have made over the past two years. We hope you have enjoyed your time at our school.

As this will be the last Newsletter for the year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our families who are leaving Sacred Heart Cathedral School, for your time and generosity over the years and for the legacy you leave us. To all our families thank you for the wonderful way you have served our school in so many ways over the year. On behalf of all the staff we wish you and your family a very holy and happy Christmas. Travel safely and we look forward to seeing you all again next year. And finally, to our students who are leaving Sacred Heart Cathedral School - best wishes for your future learning and thank you for all your contributions.

Arohanui – Have a well-earned summer break.

Bernadette Murfitt, Principal

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

Coming Events

16 Dec – Last day of school – 1.00pm finish time.

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24-31 Jan: Uniform open 2.00-2.30pm

Wed 1 Feb – school starts at usual time of 8.40am.

Children singing carols before End of Year Mass



End of year Mass



Sausage sizzle after End of Year Mass



Touch Results:

Warriors lost 6-3
MVP: **Annabelle** Rm 6.
Rookie of the year: **Marcus** Rm 7.

Knights lost 5-3
MVP: **Eden** Rm 7.
Rookie of the year: **Carlos** Rm 3.

Lions lost 6-2
MVP: **Samson** Rm 10.
Rookie of the year: **Roman** Rm 8

Eagles lost 7-3, **runners-up Yr 7/8 boys' comp.**
MVP: **Trent** Rm 10.
Rookie of the Year: **Harrison** Rm 8.

Green Machine won 4-2, **winners of Yr 7/8 girls' comp.**
MVP: **Nicole** Rm 9.
Rookie of the Year: **Erinn** Rm 10.



Mass photos – **thanks** to our photographer **Frances Galan**.

Year 8's singing.



Meri Kirihimete



Fr James

Suddenly it's all over! Another school year gets filed away; another group of Year 8 students graduate and prepare for the transition to college; another Christmas is only a few sleeps away! But before we rush headlong into the future it is important to give ourselves time to look back and give thanks.

Despite mistakes and disappointments – and there are probably lots of those – there have been many gifts, many things that have gone well, many friends that have helped out, much to be thankful for.

My personal thanks are for all connected with Sacred Heart Cathedral School; for the support and friendship you give me; for trusting me; for encouraging my own faith by the way you live yours. I feel honoured to be so closely a part of school life, and privileged to have been able to follow so many of our students through their years here, seeing their growth as persons and as young Christians. I wish you great joy and safety through this Christmas season and the blessing of the Christ child to bring you a fulfilled life.