

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

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

Last Thursday the school started Kapa Haka tuition. This is provided by Challenge 2000 and our tutor's name is Te Poiakina Hohua. The children were very enthusiastic and Te Po was able to utilise the singing strength that our school has.

Attendance- Our school uses an electronic attendance register to record student absences as required by the Ministry of Education. Please let us know either by email or phone the reason why your child is absent as we have to record this. Many thanks for your attention to this matter.

Mother's day Liturgy

We had a beautiful liturgy on Monday to celebrate Mother's Day. Thanks to all the Mums, grandmothers, aunts and godmothers who attended. It was very special to hear the children reflect and talk about the enormous influence of a Mum. A **big thank you** also to **Maree Bennett** and her helpers, **Linda Woodhouse, Kevin Lampen-Smith** and **Phil Hickey** for organising the afternoon tea after our liturgy.

Dear God, please bless my Mother. Thank you for the life she gave to me. For the ways she helped me and made me strong. I give thanks. For the ways she loves me no matter what I rejoice. For the ways she has paved the road that leads me here I am grateful.

Catholic Schools Day Monday 16 May

To celebrate the uniqueness of our wonderful education system we will be having an Open morning from 9-12 on Monday. Please feel free to come and see what learning looks like at our school.

"First and foremost every Catholic educational institution is a place to encounter the living God who in Jesus Christ reveals his transforming love and truth." - an exert from The Catholic Education of School- Age Children

Many thanks for all your ongoing support.
Have a great week.
Arohanui

Bernadette Murfitt
Principal

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

Coming Events

Friday 13 May

1.30pm Catherine Ryan Principal St Mary's to speak to Year 8 girls.

Sunday 15 May

Pentecost Sunday

Monday 16 May

Catholic Schools' Day Open Day 9.00-12.00noon – all welcome.

Tuesday 17 May

Kiwi Sport 10.40-11.20am Snr Syn

1pm Neal Swindells – Rector St Patrick's College to speak to Year 8 boys

Friday 20 May

11.30am Mary Curran Principal St Catherine's to speak to Year 8 girls

Wednesday 25 May

Evening out for all Junior Syndicate Mums at the Thistle Inn, 7.30pm



A picture drawn by James in Rm 1

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to **Julianne** Room 7 who started at our school last Thursday and to **Ava** Room 1 who started on Monday.

Entertainment Book

We would like to wrap this up as soon as possible. A note will be sent home this afternoon with children who have not yet returned the Entertainment Book, which was sent home on the last Monday of last term. If you would like to purchase it, please either send \$60 cash or cheque to Cathy in the office or buy it online here:

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/10428y2>

Or if you do not wish to purchase it, please return the book to Cathy as soon as possible. If you have already purchased the book or returned it and you receive a note, please give Cathy a call in the office so she can correct her records. Thank you for your co-operation.

2016 Board of Trustees Elections

A reminder that nominations are invited for the election of five parent representatives to the board of trustees. Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office. **Nominations close at noon on 20 May 2016** and may be accompanied by signed candidates' statements.

St Patrick's College Wellington Open Day

St Patrick's College Wellington is holding an open day on Sunday 12 June from 1.30-4 pm. Prospective students, parents and friends are very welcome to tour the college during the afternoon. If you wish to enrol your son at St Patrick's College for Year 9 in 2017 please submit his enrolment application by Friday 29 July 2016. When enrolling you need to complete an Enrolment Application Form, and provide the college with either a copy of your son's birth certificate or passport as well as a signed preference certificate from your local parish priest. Please contact Mrs Parkinson at St Patrick's College on 9393070 ext 231

St Mary's Open Day

St Mary's Open Day will be held on Wednesday 25 May 2016, from 8.30-10.00am or 10.45-12.20pm. All Year 8 girls and their parents are welcome to attend. Catherine Ryan, St Mary's Principal, will be come to the school to speak to our Year 8 girls this Friday at 1.30pm.

St Catherine's Open Day

St Catherine's Open Day will be held on Tuesday 31 May 2016 from 11.30am-1.00pm or 6.30-7.30pm. All Year 8 girls and their parents are welcome to attend.

Kids Cross Country Series - come along and have some fun

Athletics Wellington is again running the **Kids Cross Country Series** in partnership with Les Mills and the Shoe Clinic over the winter months at various venues around the Wellington region. First up is Karori Park on Sunday 15 May. Other venues are Upper Hutt, Petone, Tawa and Mt Victoria. Races for pre schoolers though to year 8s. This event has grown in the past few years with up to 600 kids taking part, so come along and have some fun. For more information or to enter go to <https://www.athleticshub.co.nz/our-programmes#kidsxcountry>

Springboard & Platform Diving at Kilbirnie Pool

Wellington Diving Club has a range of diving classes for kids aged 5 years and up. Why not try something new this year? Visit our website and come along for a free trial! We have many after-school sessions on most days and cater for kids of any level from beginners to competitive. We are also running our fun casual sessions on Sundays. For more information, please visit our website www.wellingtondiving.org.nz or call/text Barbara on 027-485-8888.

Junior syndicate mothers drinks, Wednesday 25 May at Thistle Inn, 7.30pm

Join us for a drink and meet at the Thistle Inn, 3 Mulgrave St on the 25th of this month.

Great opportunity to meet other mums of children in Room 1, 2 and 3

Look forward to seeing you there any time from 7.30pm.

Nicola, Suzanne and Amanda

From Father James

The Joy of Love is the title of Pope Francis' letter on family life published last month. It is the outcome of two synods held in Rome (2014 and 2015) and is an outstanding testimony to the importance and majesty of the family in human society. One section explores St Paul's definition of love (1 Cor. 13) and over the next few weeks this column will share some of the Pope's insights.

Love is patient – the Greek word refers to the quality of one who does not act on impulse and avoids giving offence. The Pope writes: *Being patient does not mean letting ourselves be constantly mistreated, tolerating physical aggression or allowing other people to use us. We encounter problems whenever we think that relationships or people ought to be perfect, or when we put ourselves at the centre and expect things to turn out our way. Then everything makes us impatient, everything makes us react aggressively.*

Unless we cultivate patience we will always find excuses for responding angrily. We will end up incapable of living together, antisocial, unable to control our impulses, and our families will become battlegrounds.

...Love always has an aspect of deep compassion that leads to accepting the other person as part of this world, even when he or she acts differently than I would like. [par. 91-92]