

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."

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

The costs listed above are **not** additional to the school related expenses sent home with the stationery list last year (enclosed with the end of year report). If you are unsure of what is owed please contact Cathy in the office. Thank you to all parents who have already paid.

Catholic Schools Day

"It is through your Catholic hearts, authentic witness and willingness to see farther than others, that each child comes to know the unconditional love of God and grow in relationship with Jesus. In doing so they become the change we work for, the beacons of hope for others in the world."

Cardinal John Dew

We celebrated Catholic Schools' day on Monday with an open morning and hosting a morning tea for the Cathedral Parish staff and the Sisters of Mercy. The Sisters of Mercy who founded our school built a reputation of excellence through the care and development of the whole child.

Head Lice

We have had ongoing issues of head lice and would appreciate it if you could please check your child's hair on a regular basis and treat when necessary.

Lunchtime activities- Special thanks to all our wonderful adults who provide stimulating experiences for our children. We are very appreciative of this.

Monday Liturgy Choir (At the Cathedral)	Tuesday Art splash choir (library)	Wednesday Culture club (Room 1)	Thursday Year 5,6,7,8 Netball (St Mary's)
Drama (Room 4)			

Congratulations to all our children who started the netball season last weekend and to our basketballers participating in a league at ASB. See results below.

Many thanks for all your ongoing support.

Have a great week.

Arohanui

Bernadette Murfitt
Principal

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Moore on the birth of her son David Luke Moore. All is going well with the latest addition to their family.

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

Coming Events

Friday 20 May

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

Tuesday 24 May

* KiwiSport 10.40-11.20am Snr Syn @ St Mary's

* Mid Syn trip to Te Papa

Wednesday 25 May

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

* Board of Trustees meeting 7.30pm start.

Friday 27 May

* Technicraft begins for Snr Syn 8.45am-12.45pm @ Karori West Normal School

Sunday 29 May-Saturday 4 June

* Samoan Language week

Tuesday 31 May

* KiwiSport 10.40-11.20am Snr Syn @ St Mary's

* St Catherine's College Open Day 10.40-11.20am, 7.30-8.30pm.



Kete – created by Yasha Rm 3

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to **Rohan** Room 1 who started at our school yesterday.

Entertainment Book

Thank you to all the parents who have either purchased or returned the entertainment book. There are still a few outstanding books. Please either return it buy it online here:

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

2016 Board of Trustees Elections

Time is running out if you would like to be on our Board of Trustees. Please note that **nominations close at noon THIS FRIDAY 20 May 2016** and may be accompanied by signed candidates' statements.

Netball

Yr 5 Lightning played Ridgway School and lost 7-15.

Yr 6 played Lyall Bay School and lost 4-24. Players of the day were **Allexia** and **Esther**.

Yr 7/8 Jade played Clyde Quay School and lost 5-23. The player of the day was **Anna**.

Yr 7/8 Emeralds played EBIS and lost 9-30.

Yr 7/8 Ferns played Swifts and lost 7-16. Player of the day was **Emily**.

Basketball

The Sacred Heart **Titans** played Te Aro School and won 36-32. Player of the day was **Samson**, who scored 12 points in the game.

Lost

Renee from Room 1 has lost her school green raincoat – it may have her sister's name, Riona, on it. Please check your child's jacket if s/he has the green school raincoat.

A Sample of Descriptive Writing

Eating Toffee Pop

A flower-shaped delight. A mouth-watering treat. As I bite through the toffee pop, I can hear the crunchy, crumbly, biscuit break apart beneath my teeth. The toffee pop smells like milk chocolate cocoa beans just picked from the cocoa bean tree, all ground up, fresh and ready to go. The taste is scrumptious, sickly sweet but delicious. Soon it feels like my whole body is smiling. I lick my fingers gleefully not wanting to get rid of that joyful taste from heaven.

Written by Abbie Rm 6

Quiz Evening - Thursday 16 June

School yourself up on some general knowledge and join us for a really fun night in mid June. You can organise your own team (which is around 6) or come along and join a team. It's always a fun night and it's a great little school to support.

Shepherds Arms, Tinakori Road, Thorndon
Thursday, 16 June 7pm for 7.30pm start Cost \$10 per person



Discovery time in the Junior School

From Father James

Last week I started to unpack Pope Francis' recent document on the family. Titled, The Joy of Love (Amoris Laetitia), a section of its 264 pages explores St Paul's famous definition of love. Found in 1 Corinthians, 13, this passage is often chosen as a reading for weddings. It lists the qualities that should be found in a love that is genuine. Pope Francis helps our understanding of this:

Love is kind – Pope Francis points out that St Paul places this word next to **patience**, to stress that *love is more than a mere feeling. Paul wants to make it clear that "patience" is not a completely passive attitude, but one accompanied by activity, by a dynamic and creative interaction with others. The word indicates that love benefits and helps others. For this reason it is translated as "kind"; love is ever ready to be of assistance.....*

(Love) shows its fruitfulness and allows us to experience the happiness of giving, the nobility and grandeur of spending ourselves unstintingly, without asking to be repaid, purely for the pleasure of giving and serving. [par 93-94]